

**10th District Fall Meeting – October 4, 2025**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**

The 10th District fall meeting was held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in Hankinson, North Dakota, at the Hankinson Community Center. The meal was served by the Hankinson Auxiliary followed by the Joint Meeting. While in the joint meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble were recited. The Hankinson Legion Chaplain gave an opening prayer. Several introductions of State Officers were made prior to the Auxiliary convening in an adjoining room.

The Auxiliary opened its session with a Call to Order by District 10 President Lou Ann Lee. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. An opening prayer was given by Hankinson Auxiliary member Joan Meyer. Hankinson Auxiliary member Donna Berg welcomed those in attendance. President Lou Ann introduced the following guests: Candace Berg, North Dakota Auxiliary State President; Sandy Smith, Department President Elect and Membership Co-Chairperson; and Carol Wolf, Poppy & VA&R chairman. Gigi Moore made a motion to dispense of the reading of the spring minutes.

A roll call of units registered was read by Hankinson Auxiliary member Bev Bovosky. There were five units in attendance and three guests. The following units were represented: Hankinson 8, Mooreton 2, Oakes 2, Wahpeton 2, and Wyndmere 1, for a total of 15 members and three guests.

Candace Berg told the group her vision for her year as president. She said units should put any information or events they hold on the new Facebook page, ND American Legion Auxiliary. There is a form where awards are given to members who recruit 10 new members or re-enlist a former member. Another award is given if you recruit 3 Auxiliary members, 3 SAL, and 3 Legion members. The State Life membership fund is low on money. National may possibly pay the fund. Candace told about her project – the ND/MN Honor Flights and NDSU Equine Therapy for veterans. Her homecoming supper is in Ray, ND, on October 25. Winter conference is January 23-25, 2026, in Mandan and June 25-28, 2026, is State Convention in Fargo. She is thinking of having a Chinese raffle at winter conference. She would like to take the Auxiliary back to the basics and build each other up. Watch the newsletter for several awards that units can qualify for as a unit, individual, or district. Poppy posters are due no later May 15. All poppy orders are to be in by November 1. There was an update by Gigi Moore on the National Poppy poster winner from western North Dakota. Sandy Smith reported on members and the next goal is November 10, 2025, for 60%. The goals are decided by National Office.

New Business: Lou Ann called for an election of officers since Lou Ann had not been officially voted in as President after the resignation of the previous president and was acting officially only as Vice President. Lou Ann stated she did not want the President position. Leila Ptacek from Wyndmere was elected as President. Lou Ann will remain as Vice President for now.

Lou Ann asked the members in attendance to share ideas with the group of the events that they held in their units. Awards were given to the Wyndmere unit in attendance who had received the 100% membership award. There was a drawing for the door prizes that had been brought by the units. A closing prayer was read by Hankinson member Joan Meyer. President Lou Ann thanked everyone for giving up time on a Saturday and coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Lou Ann Lee, District 10 President pro tem