

February 2026 – Unit Mail to – Unit Presidents, Department Officers, and Chairs

It was nice to see all of you who braved the wintry weather to attend the 2026 Winter Conference. Although some materials in this packet were presented at the conference most of them are new information and should be shared with all unit members.

Deadline Reminders: Forms and instructions are available on www.ndala.org

- ❖ **March 1, 2026 – Americanism Essay Contest** – Due to units by March 1, 2026
- ❖ **March 15, 2026 – Unit Winners – Americanism Essay** must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2026, and sent to: *Arliss Koski, Department Americanism Chair, 249 353rd Street NE., Wing, ND 58494-9755* – or email to: americanism@ndala.org

- ❖ **April 1, 2026 – Year-end (Members) Impact Report** are due to Unit Presidents.
- ❖ **April 15, 2026 – Year-end (Unit Presidents) Impact Report** are due to District Presidents and Department Chairs. (addresses were sent in an earlier 2025, unit mail packet).

- ❖ **May 1, 2026 – Unit Member of the Year Nomination** – send your unit’s nomination to: *Alicia Randall, Department Leadership Chair – 805 16th Ave SW., Minot, ND 58701-6236*
- ❖ * *Email: leadership@ndala.org*

- ❖ **May 15, 2026 – Unit Poppy Poster Contest Winners** must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2026, and sent to: *American Legion Auxiliary, Attn: Carol Wolf, Dept. Poppy Chair, 1801 23rd Ave N., Room 113, Fargo, ND 58102-1047.*

Strategic Planning – Judy Twete, NEC encourages all North Dakota units to construct a strategic plan.

Newsletter from National President, Pam Ray

Celebrate America’s 250th Birthday – Units and members are encouraged to celebrate America’s 250th Birthday in your own community. Unit 2 Fargo invites members of the American Legion Family to enter an ‘Art Project’ at the 2026 Department Convention.

Patriotic Holidays and Recognition Days Flyer

Wall of Honor – Submission Form – honor a veteran on the digital billboards.

Americanism – Arliss Koski, Department Americanism Chair – encourages unit sponsorship of the Americanism Essay Contest.

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Community Service – Shelley Schuster, Department Community Service Chair

Education and Scholarships – Lynn Tomlinson, Department Education Chair

Legislative Program – Carma Hanson, Department Legislative Chair

Junior Activities Program – National Newsletter

Membership – 2026 Membership Goals – Sandy Smith, Membership Chair – currently North Dakota’s membership is at 75%. Thank you to unit chairs for your dedicated work with membership. Continue to bring in those dues and recruiting new and former members back to the auxiliary.

National Security Program – LoAnn Dick, National Security Chair

Proposed Revisions to the Department Governing Documents – The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has worked diligently to complete revisions for member review before the 2026 Department Convention where the changes (shown in ‘red’) will be voted on by the assembly of delegates. Please review these documents with members of your unit and if you wish to propose further changes, please contact **Diane Kraemer at (701) 741-5369** or send her an email at constitutionbylaws@ndala.org along with a copy of your proposed amendments.