

Hello Auxiliary Members.

As your Department Membership Co-Chairman, I would like to thank you for paying your 2026 dues. As I write this article, the Unit Goals indicate we are currently at nearly 77%, with over 17 units already achieving 100% or greater membership goals. Even with this much success, we still have a way to go to be a 100% Department. I would love to see the last 23% of members continue to honor our veterans by paying your dues.

The current dues year began on January 1 and if you have not yet paid your 2026 dues you are not a member until your dues are paid. National Headquarters sent out second reminders during the first week of February. So, open that reminder and send your dues to your unit membership chairman.

Remember, many Auxiliary members joined your units several years ago. I encourage units to remember to honor those long-time members for their continuous years of membership whether 25, 30, 40, or 50 or more years. Certificates and pins can be ordered from American Legion Emblem Sales.

As your President-Elect, I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming Spring District Meetings. It would be great to see about 75% of our units represented at District Meetings. The Legion is at about that goal so perhaps asking your post members to share rides would be a wonderful way to come and meet everyone and to share your views. We cannot make it to all the units, so this is a wonderful way to hear from all of you.

Sandy Smith,
President-Elect and Membership Co-Chairman