

Hello District 10 Auxiliary Members!

My name is Leila Ptacek, and I was recently elected President of District 10. I have been an Auxiliary member for 34 years. I joined under my father, who is a World War II and Korean War veteran. I am excited to see what this position entails and what I can do to improve membership numbers. The current goal is 60% membership by November 10th.

Our District meeting was held on October 4th in Hankinson. I want to thank members of the Hankinson Unit for preparing and serving a delicious meal. We were honored to have Department President Candace Berg in attendance, along with Sandy Smith, Department President Elect & Membership Co-Chairperson, and Carol Wolf, Poppy & VA&R Chairperson.

President Candace encouraged units to put any information or unit events on the new Facebook page, "ND American Legion Auxiliary - www.facebook.com/ndamericanlegionauxiliary/". Her President's projects are the Honor Flight Network for Eastern/Western North Dakota and NDSU Bison Strides Equine Therapy for Veterans. Both are excellent choices to help our veterans. Think of what your unit can do when you donate to these worthy veterans' groups. Ask around for ideas.

The 2026 Winter Conference is scheduled to be held in Mandan on January 23-25 and the 2026 Department Convention will be June 26-28 in Fargo. Fargo is close to District 10 units, so please make plans now to attend.

I have a lot to learn but I am willing and will do my best to help keep your units thriving. If you are on Facebook, take note of who is posting about their veterans on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, military birthdays, etc. Send them a letter inviting them to be a member and brag your unit up on what your events and activities are. Be sure to include a membership application with a benefits flyer. Do not forget to sign up potential Junior members too!

I would love to visit with members of all District 10 units, so if you are planning a meeting or unit event, please send me an invitation. I am looking forward to meeting and visiting you.

Leila Ptacek
District 10 President