

**Department Of North Dakota Children and Youth**

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**\* Unit 12 -Washburn ND**

**Donated \$150 to the Washburn school lunch program. Sponsored 2 young ladies to Girls State. Area students made Valentines for the Veterans in Lisbon. Donations were also made to Special Olympics, Children and Youth and the Teen Alternative Group for their post prom party.**

**\* Unit 151- Scranton ND**

**Donated \$200 to each cause: AHOY-after prom party, Boys/Girls State, Home on the Range and the giving tree to help needy families. Helping young people is very important. They are our future.**

**\* Unit 127-Bowbells ND**

**Donations were given to the after-prom party and to the city to plant flowers around town. This unit collected Kleenex boxes and cleaning wipes to give to the teachers for their classrooms. The local 4<sup>th</sup> graders made Valentines for the Veterans.**

**\* Unit 6-Grand Forks ND**

**This unit encouraged teachers to get the kids entered in the Americanism Essay contest. Military Veteran's children were encouraged to apply for all scholarships that are available. Donations were given to support Children's Miracle Network and to Angel Tree for children of deployed parents. This unit also helps with rides to enable these children to get to doctor's appointments.**

**\* Unit 201- Minto ND**

This unit donated \$1,000 TO THE Allen Sitzer Scholarship, \$500 to a youth needing help with baseball fees for travel, \$500 to the Julie Kennedy Scholarship and gave \$100 to the after-prom party. Two members made 9 lovey blankets for the U of M Cranial Facial Department for new babies born with cleft lip and palates. \$100 for the FCCLA for their National Convention. This unit assembled 25 busy bags to donate to the VA. Poppy coloring books were presented to local 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Puppies and bears were given to the Minto Quick Response team. These stuffed animals are to comfort children during stressful situations.

**\* Unit 235- Rolla ND**

An auxiliary member distributed 10 comfort stuffed animals for the Children and Youth program. A few of the junior members took part in the 6 cemetery ceremonies. Educational scholarships were given to 2 junior members. An auxiliary member donates \$5 to books weekly. Three juniors were also given money for educational benefits. For National Education Week, \$150 was given to Mt. Pleasant school in Rolla for school supplies. Rolla had a fundraiser for a junior member who is traveling to Europe for a choir program. Comfort Stuffed animals were distributed where needed. A \$100 donation was given to International Music Camp and \$500 was donated to the Rolla school playground. A Good Deed award was presented as a nomination for Maggie Neameyer for her role in organizing and collecting pop tabs for recycling. Her plans are to donate the money to the auxiliary through her "Pull for a Purpose" project. Good luck, Maggie!

**\* Unit 135-McVillie ND**

Close to 65 puppies and bears were presented to the Nelson County Health System and the McVillie Ambulance to comfort children. A generous donation was presented to the Department of Children and Youth Fund. After Treats were handed out after local students helped create cards for Veterans-on-Veterans Day, Christmas and Valentines Day. The cards were sent to Fargo VAMC, Lisbon and the local health care system. This unit pays for the registration for local girls attending Girls State. The auxiliary also promoted Purple Up for Military Children by passing out suckers to elementary through high school students that have a serving military parent.

**\* Unit 49- Garrison ND**

Poppy coloring books were brought to elementary school. An auxiliary member was mentoring a young woman for 6 weeks. A pre-Thanksgiving meal was served to 60 kids.

**\* Unit 72-Napoleon Nd**

Members spoke at the local school about Poppy Day and April being the Month of the Military Child. Greetings were sent to the units Adopt-a-child. On Poppy Day, their Miss Poppy helped distribute poppies around town. Donations were given to the local school in support of Give 10 to Education program. Poppy coloring sheets were given to all grades!

**\* Unit 133- Turtle Lake ND**

This auxiliary volunteered with many community activities such as Turtle Days, Halloween party, Children's Christmas store and Bike Fest. Members also visited with junior girls about attending Girls State.

**\* Unit 11-Cavalier ND**

Auxiliary members visited Cavalier High School to speak with junior girls about attending Girls State. Children and Youth puppies and bears were delivered to the Pembina Hospital in Cavalier, the police station and the Cavalier Ambulance for children in need of comfort.

**\* Unit 147-Park River ND**

This unit donated to the after-prom party. Two local students were each presented with \$250 educational scholarships.

**\* Unit 180-Richardton ND**

This unit sponsored a burger night with the proceeds going to help send local students to the International Music Camp. Donations were made to Camp Recreation, RTHS after prom party, R-T Elementary PAWS organization for santa bags, as well as, a

donation to the International Music Camp. A poppy coloring contest was also held at the elementary school with prizes given out for each grade winner.

**\* Unit 144-Belfield ND**

This unit donated milk for snack break for 4 schools in a 40-mile area for 8 days!! Posters were designed and letters were sent out to explain their donation. In return, members were invited to the schools during snack break. Puppies and bears were distributed to local ambulance and police stations. These stuffed animals are for children in crisis. Members also supported Angel Trees of their choice. One member also oversees the local church puppet show. The teens also travel to local groups and present a biblical story.

**\* Unit 36-Oakes ND**

This unit handed out candy to kids at their Halloween parade. In December, the unit had their 4<sup>th</sup> annual kids Christmas Carnival. Around 150 children attended to play games and win prizes.

**\* Unit 29-Watford City ND**

This unit helps over a dozen local students attend the International Music Camp. Comfort puppies and bears have been delivered to the local hospital. Local 2<sup>nd</sup> graders took a field trip to the legion post to learn about flag folding. Treats were shared and a flag pin was given to all kids in attendance. All 1<sup>st</sup> graders were given a poppy and poppy coloring book in May. The units Miss Poppy handed out poppies and accepted donations at the rodeo on Poppy Day. Donations were also made to the local Eagles club for their Christmas party to help children in need. Various donations were given to local children's sports, as well.

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JILL CARSTENS, CHAIRMAN



**ROLLA UNIT 235 COLLECTS  
POP-TOPS FOR VETERANS  
PROGRAMS**



## Cavalier Legion Donates To Children and Youth Program

Pictured are members of the local American Legion and Pembina County Memorial Hospital staff with stuffed bears and puppies, provided to PCMH by the North Dakota American Legion family through donations to the Children and Youth program. They were delivered by representatives

from the local Lavern J. Thompson American Legion Auxiliary.

Pictured from left: Joe Cook, Legion Commander; Re-Sapa, Dawn Falk, PCMH DON, Carol Dietrich, Patty Best and Christina Cook.

**AMERICAN LEGION LAVERN J. THOMPSON POST AND UNIT 11 CAVALIER DELIVER STUFFED BEARS AND PUPPIES TO PEMBINA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL STAFF.**