

## **North Dakota Community Service Report 2025-26**

### **District 1**

### **District 2**

#### **Treumann-Webb-Phelps Unit 6, Grand Forks, ND**

We had about twenty members participate, donating about 900 hours and 80 canned goods and macaroni products to the Food Pantry. We help at our churches with funerals, food banks, recycling, and donating blood as often as possible. We donated \$1000 to the fundraiser for the working dog statue at the new Veterans Park. We made a special donation to the Senior Center Silver Campaign.

#### **Lavern J. Thompson Unit #11, Cavalier, ND**

Unit 11 Auxiliary hosted its annual blood drive on October 27, 2025, at the American Legion in Cavalier. Thirty-five potential blood donors registered for the drive resulting in thirty-three successful donations. Seven Auxiliary members participated by registering donors and providing juice and bars. Four of ALA Unit 11's members volunteer weekly at the Cavalier Thrift Store. This non-profit organization donated over \$100,000 in 2025 to local charities. Unit 11 received a \$500 donation from the Thrift Store in support of the "Taste of Home" project.

#### **American Legion Auxiliary Ole Semling Unit 135, McVile, ND**

Our Unit gives to the local Nelson County Health Service's Foundation during the Christmas season when they have a fundraising event, The Tree of Remembrance. We give in honor of our living and departed veterans. We donate again in February when a Match Raising event is Giving Hearts Day. A health system in a small town is always grateful for the much-needed donations. The Health Service's included the Clinic, the Hospital, the Care Center, and the Assisted Living. To help area residents suffering from food insecurities, our unit members donated groceries to two local food pantries during the holiday seasons, through their church affiliation. Funds were donated to the local Ambulance Squad at Christmas time.

#### **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 201, Minto, ND**

Thursday Night Cookouts- Auxiliary served 140, 11 members helped cooking, serving & clean up. Members donated 2 Salads and a watermelon. Christmas Party- 5 members helped with the set up (2 hours each) seven members brought food and helped clean up. Guests of honor were District 2 President & Vice President. One-member donated door prizes. Bars were donated to 2 Fire Department fundraisers, Legion Steak Fry, and Purse Bingo, proceeds donated to two local animal shelters also one member also worked at the fundraiser. Donations were made to Walsh County Food Pantry, Life Skills & Transitions for the clients' Christmas gifts.

Several members donate their time to their churches by reading, choir, and teaching.

### **District 3**

#### **Fred C Wagner American Legion Auxiliary Unit 235 Rolla, ND**

Our unit sponsored two huge rummage sale with donations from the community. One member again donated three beautiful quilts for us to raffle! Members organized another beautiful Rolla day. An estimated 150 volunteer community service hours goes to members who volunteered. When Rolla's North Forty Restaurant was closed on a Sunday in November the Auxiliary was asked to serve a buffet

breakfast, funds helped to support our programs. Members prepared Christmas cards for residents at Cando and Rolette nursing homes and Rolla's assisted living. Rolla's Chamber and organized our stop on the Coffee Crawl.

### **American Legion Auxiliary Unit #268 York, North Dakota**

The small town of York, North Dakota, population seventeen, held their first American Legion Family Day on April 25, 2026. American Legion Auxiliary Department President Candace Berg, a 49-year member of the York American Legion Auxiliary, was encouraged to host an American Legion Family Day at her unit after seeing national encouragement to 'open the doors' to the community for the National Day of Recognition. After watching the American Legion Family Day (ALA Academy) webinar, which provided a lot of ideas and guidance, she reached out to her family, the York American Legion Post and Auxiliary, and the planning began.

A Facebook event was created on Facebook, a news release sent out, and an ad put together and sent to the newspapers. In addition, while President Berg was attending her winter conference in January and district meetings across the state this spring, she invited all attendees to the York American Legion Family Day.

Hosting the First American Legion Family Day in York by opening the doors to the communities on behalf of the American Legion Family was a day to show support for and recognize American legion Family members amongst others at the event.

This year is a year of many celebrations, including the York American Legion celebrating 80 years, the York Auxiliary celebrating 75 years, and American celebrating 250 years! One hundred people walked through the doors to celebrate American Legion Family Day in York. It was a day to remember for years to come.

According to North Dakota Commander, Mike Weyrauch, "It was a great day for our American Legion Family." And President Berg said, "Today, the communities showed up in a huge way! The day was full of laughter, smiles, fun and inspiration, as well as tears for our veterans no longer with us. Everyone who attended was there with the right intentions, to support our American Legion Family. I look forward to having this annual event in the years to come."

Judy's Funtime Band, from Minot ND, donated their time and music to the festivities. The program consisted of the POW-MIA Table Presentation, American Flag folding presentation, presentation of the North Dakota Vietnam 'Welcome Home' coins to ten Vietnam Era Veterans, Thank you for your service coins to all veterans in attendance, Be the One presentation and continuous years of service certificates were presented to Unit 268 Auxiliary members by President, Candace Berg.

There were youth activities, American Legion Family Resources were available, donation of fifty-five raffle items to buy tickets for a chance to win, and a free meal for all in attendance. Funds from the raffle will be donated to Berg's president projects, the Eastern/Western Honor Flights and the NDSU Equine Therapy for veterans and their families. An American Legion Family Day Proclamation was put together and signed by Department Commander Michael Weyrauch and President Candace Berg and was on

display at the event. Many Legion and Auxiliary members from across the state were present as well as Department, District, and Unit officer positions, Past Commanders, and Past Presidents.

York looks forward to hosting an annual American Legion Family Day in the coming years. Next year, the consensus was to have BINGO added to the day's activities.

#### **District 4**

##### **GACKLE LEGION AUXILIARY BINGO**

The Gackle Mayer-Morlock Legion Auxiliary Unit #250 hosted a BINGO event on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Gackle Legion Hall. The event was held in conjunction with "American Legion Family Day," which takes place on the last Saturday in April. The event featured not only BINGO games but also offered attendees the opportunity to buy tickets for a variety of Bag Drawings. Sloppy Joes, chips, bars, and beverages were available for sale. The community support was outstanding and very much appreciated. The proceeds from the event are being distributed to sponsor local students attending the International Music Camp and to contribute donations to the Western North Dakota Honor Flight. The Gackle Mayer-Morlock Legion Auxiliary Unit #250 extends its gratitude to everyone who attended, took part, and contributed to making the event such a tremendous success.

#### **District 5**

##### **Victor B. Wallin Unit #12, Washburn, ND**

We have made donations to Special Olympics. At our December Christmas social, we collected canned gravy, stuffing, ketchup, toilet paper, box salads, canned fruit, and pie filling for the McLean County Resource Center. In February, the Auxiliary served seventy-four at the Emergency Services Banquet. Nineteen (19) members worked approximately 50 hours total. The banquet is a fundraiser for us as the Emergency Services Committee guarantees payment per plate ordered. We collect loose change at monthly meetings to use in the future for dues for a new member, a member in need, or an elderly member.

Our Auxiliary served spaghetti supper for the McLean County Resource Center event on stalking and abuse that was open to the public. Church Volunteerism – assisting with the monthly newsletter, replenishing communion registration cards/pencils in the pews, general cleaning, communion assistance, choir, bell choir, serving funerals, ushering, reading, Altar Guild, Evangelism Committee/carnival, serving on church board/council, potlucks, serving Lenten meals, church women's group treasurer/secretary, serving coffee hour, mission quilts, and Outreach Committee. Members delivered meals on wheels, contributed to the bake sale for the meals on wheels program, preparing/serving a monthly community meal, serving at the Masonic Banquet, Helping Hands Program, decorating for Christmas social, blood donation program, work at homeless kitchen, food pantry, cheer plates, chaperone youth, Easter Egg Hunt, make supper for Lions group and volunteer for other Lions events, design Facebook, party plans, home care, career fair, serves as treasurer of condo board, and Halloween Trunk or Treat. Volunteered at Symphony and Art Gallery, Salvation Army, Humane Society, Library, Optimist Club, Open Your Heart, Dakota Zoo, Bismarck Marathon, Heavens Helpers, Camp of the Cross Ministries, McLean County Resource Center, St. Jude's, YMCA, Rotary, Closet 701, Santa Breakfast, Lions Club Box Packing, Thanksgiving Day community dinner, Chamber of Commerce, and Foster Care Clothing Closet. Made comfort quilts to be given to those going through challenging times with illness, injury, etc.

### **Hugh P Minehan Unit #49 Garrison, North Dakota**

Church Activities include serving funerals, suppers, counting the offering and driving folks to appointments either to Minot or Bismarck. The unit got together to clean the Legion building. All goes well with pizza.

Another member helped work on the Legion float. Another member volunteers at the city food pantry each week.

### **Barry Hoof Unit #72, Napoleon, ND**

Three members attended a salad luncheon at a neighboring Auxiliary Unit. We donated bars for the American Legion Polka Party and had a bake sale for our Auxiliary. We also played a few Bingo games during intermission. Our unit participated in the Community Day parade, handing out lots of flags and other red, white, and blue items. We made monetary donations to five local cemeteries.

### **Lawrence Stephenson Unit #133, Turtle Lake, North Dakota**

Several members volunteer at the Senior Center that serves all in the community and meets weekly.

Hours: 80

Chamber Progress meetings Auxiliary members provide many volunteer hours for their church sponsored activities, local hospital, and ambulance services. Auxiliary members quilted during the months of January and February. The quilting is done for World Relief and others in need. Auxiliary members volunteered at the Community Health Fair.

### **District 6**

### **District 7**

### **District 8**

### **William C Blair Unit #144 Belfield, ND**

One member leads an exercise class at the Senior Center. Secretary/event planner for Senior Center Members Volunteering at local churches: baking, teaching, fundraising. Teach Hunter Safety Classes. Unit members donate food/money to local Food pantry.

### **Theodore R Zech Unit #180, Richardton, ND**

Our unit spends a lot of time on community service. Our unit members have donated many hours to the events we hold in our clubroom. Donation to the American Legion for carpet cleaning in the clubroom, repair of lights at the Veterans Memorial. Purchased new deep freezer for the Legion Clubroom. Donation of time for the Red Trail Rummage Sale fundraising project. Donation of time and cooking for the Dakota Community Bank Insurance luncheon, Dakota Community Bank Customer Appreciation meal, Cenex luncheon, Fireman's Ladies Night, Greff Reunion, Class of '75 Reunion, Annual Flieschkuechle Dinner at Little Opry Land Days, Lions Christmas Party, Frederick's Christmas Party, Tessier Funeral., Annual Texas Hold'Em event. Participation at Auxiliary Christmas Potluck Supper with Bingo and gift exchange.

Donation of time at funeral, memorial services, visiting Richardton Health Center, church board, helping with music, ushering, and serving communion in church. Sending get well, sympathy and Christmas cards.

### District 9

### District 10



American Legion Auxiliary  
Sidney Britsch Unit 268 York, ND  
Presents significant years of service awards.  
April 25, 2026



Department President, Candace  
Berg and Department  
Commander Mike Weyrauch  
signing the "Proclamation" at  
York's American Legion Family  
Day, April 25, 2026



Flag Folding Demonstration at  
York, ND



Vietnam Ward veterans receiving  
the 'Welcome Home' Coin.  
York, ND



Community 'BINGO' at Gackle, ND  
Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Mayer-  
Morlock unit 250 Gackle, ND



ALA Mayer-Morlock Unit 250  
Gackle, ND – Thank you to the  
community of Gackle for  
supporting the unit and post's  
community programs.