

Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America: to maintain law and order: to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism: to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars: to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation: to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses: to make right the master of might: to promote peace and goodwill on earth: to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy: to participate in and contribute to the accomplishments of the aims and purposes of The American Legion: to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Mission Statement

In the spirit of 'Service, Not Self,' the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace, and security.

Message from Department President

Thank you to everyone who attended the 105 Department of North Dakota Convention. Your presence helped make this gathering meaningful and memorable. A sincere 'thank you' is extended to the members of Gilbert C. Grafton Post and Unit 2, Fargo and Richard E. Nelson Post and Unit 297, Harwood, for your gracious hospitality and for serving as our 2026 Convention hosts. I hope each of you enjoyed your time in Fargo and had the opportunity to reconnect with old friends while making new ones. I look forward to seeing many of you in Louisville, Kentucky, in August. Until we meet again, I wish each of you a safe journey home and a wonderful summer.

Candace Berg, Department President 2025-2026.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of North Dakota

2026 Department Convention



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"TO SERVE AND PROTECT, YOU ANSWERED THE CALL.

SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS, WE HONOR YOU ALL."

June 26-28, 2026

Ramada by Wyndham – Fargo, ND

**105th Department Convention
June 27-29, 2025**

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 (Birch Room)

- 1:00 -5:00 PM** **Auxiliary Registration Opens (registration closes at 5:00 PM)**
1:00 PM **Auxiliary Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting**
Candace Berg, Department President
- 2:00 PM** **Meet and Greet - Incoming District Officers (District Commanders and Presidents) with incoming Department Commander and Department President.**
- 3:00 PM** **Legion VA&R Committee Meeting / Auxiliary members welcome**
- 3:00 PM** **District Commanders and District Presidents - Flag/Banner rehearsal for Joint Session**
- 4:00 PM** **Auxiliary Installation Rehearsal / Department officers, and District Presidents**
- 4:30 PM** **Department Officers Pictures - Incoming Department Officers and Chairmen**
- 4:30 PM** **District Presidents and Department Chairmen - Incoming and Outgoing - Exchange Duty Books and Flags (Meet with Candace Berg and Sandy Smith)**
- 5:00 PM** **No-Host Dinner - (dinner on your own)**
- 6:00 PM** **Joint Opening Session**
- 7:00 PM** **Teri Bryant's Retirement Party**

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 (Birch Room)

- 8:00 AM-12:00 PM** **Auxiliary Registration resumes (*registration closes at noon*)**
- 8:30 AM** **Auxiliary Opening Session**
- **Call to Processional** - Marge Gourde, President Unit 297 Harwood
 - **Call to Order** - Candace Berg, Department President
 - **Invocation** - Virginia Satrom, Department Chaplain
 - **Pledge of Allegiance** - All
 - **Placement of POW-MIA Flag**
 - **Welcome** - Carol Wolf, President Unit 2 Fargo
 - **Response**
 - **Call to Convention** - Marcy Schmidt, Dept Secretary
 - **Introduction of Past Department Presidents**
 - **Introduction of Department Officers**
 - **Ratify Department Parliamentarian**
 - **Guest Speaker, (Audrey Beauchesne, VAMC, Fargo) - Intro by: Marcy Schmidt, Department Secretary**

- **Guest Speaker, (Candace Berg Projects) - Intro by: C Berg, Dept President**
- **Resolutions Committee Report**
- **Revisions to Constitution, Bylaws & SRs/Diane Kraemer, Dept CBSR Chair**
- **Chairmen Reports and Awards**
- **First Report of the Registration & Credentials Committees**
- **Recess**

12:00 PM **Past Presidents Parley Luncheon (Walnut Room)**

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 (Birch Room) - Session Resumes

- 1:30 PM** **Auxiliary Session Resumes (Candace Berg, Dept President)**
- **Introduction of Registration Committee - Marge Gourde**
 - **Secretary Report (DEC) - Marcy Schmidt, Dept Secretary**
- 2:00 PM** **Final Report of the Registration and Credentials Committee**
Report of the Rules Committee
Vote on Disbandment of Units
Vote on Constitution Bylaws and SRs revisions
Nomination and Election of Department Officers
Caucus for Nominations - Department Officers, District Presidents, & Vice Presidents, Department Vice President
Department Chairmen Reports
- 4:00 PM** **2026 National Convention Meeting (Auxiliary Delegates)**
- 5:30 PM** **Banquet Social**
- 6:30 PM** **Department Convention Banquet**
Post Convention Banquet Activity (American Legion Band)

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

- 7:00 AM** **Catholic Mass**
- 9:00 AM** **Joint Worship Service**
Joint Session
Auxiliary Session Resumes
- **2024-2025 Department President's Report - Candace Berg**
 - **Installation of Department Officers (2026-2027)**
 - **Close of 2026 Department Convention (Candace Berg)**
 - **Organization Meeting of (2026-2027 DEC) Department Officers and District Presidents - Sandy Smith, Department President (2026-2027)**