

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of North Dakota
Historian Report

2025-2026

This year has been a busy year the American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota from the beginning to current time. It looks like it will be through to the 105th North Dakota Department State Convention.

It started with the election of officers at the 104th North Dakota Department State Convention. Then it progressed to the initiation of officers at the same conventions. The as usual, these officers along with the 10 District presidents, Program Chairman, and Unit officers all hit the ground running.

July had the big event of the 4th of July which held parades all around the state for which all units in the vicinity of the parade were involved. If not in a parade, units helped put up flags to honor the 4th, held picnics, fireworks, for others. Also, the International Music Camp hosts a Legion Remembrance Day in July thanking them for the donations given to them for the students. The ND State Fair Parade is held the first Saturday of the running of the State Fair and the Auxiliary and Legion are always in attendance at this parade also.

August is time for the National Convention, and the Department of North Dakota was well attended in Tampa, FL. Innovative ideas, programs, policies, and procedures were brought back to the state for all chairman, district presidents, and unit officers. The annual yearly membership drive was started.

September was giving to the schools, and many units assisted the teachers and parents by providing school supplies to the local schools.

October was spent working the programs, collecting time and reports from the members. Memberships were being collected and turned in. Fall district meetings were being held.

November was education month for which one Auxiliary unit gave treats to all employees at their local school. They also deliver meals to single veterans in their area. On Veterans Day, many units have meals for their local veterans. Some send cards. On Thanksgiving, some were given Thanksgiving food boxes for a meal to the local veterans.

December brings another holiday where veterans who have lost their lives are honored with the laying of the wreaths on many cemetery graves of veterans. One unit makes goodie trays for all veterans in their area. Gift cards have been given to veterans for meals at Christmas time.

January veterans and auxiliary members that may be shut in due to the wintry weather are remembered, called upon, and visited with and brought goodies too.

February brings on Valentines and more cards, visiting, parties to include the veterans, auxiliary members, legion families, and friends.

March brought the start of Spring District meetings. Hours are being collected and reports are being sent in. Membership is still being collected. The push is 100% in all units.

April talking to schools to get scholarships and applications in for Girls State and International Music Camp. In April, we had a first: American Legion Family Day to include the Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons in York, ND, hosted by York Unit and Post. It had food, music, fellowship, awards, and requests to do it again. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

May is getting ready for graduation scholarships, poppy day, poppy posters contests, Memorial Day programs and parades, and flags in towns and cemeteries honoring the following heroes.

That brings us back to the beginning. The registration and planning of the 106th North Dakota Department State Convention. It has been a busy, eventful, wonderful, fantastic, year and we are looking forward to another one, like the last one!

Thank you.

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