

2026 Annual Report: Submitted by Carma Hanson, North Dakota Department Legislative Chairperson

This year, I had the honor of stepping into a role with the North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary at the request of our Department President, Candace Berg. While I have been a lifelong member of the organization, and have been involved to some extent due to my parent's (Curt and Judy Twete) commitment to the ALA and Legion, I had not yet served in an official capacity. My passion and experience for legislative activity within my work profession, aligned well with this position President Berg asked me to assume. While North Dakota's legislature only meets every other year in odd number years, there was still work to be done in the legislative space and I was eager to step up to the plate and serve this organization as the Legislative Chairperson.

Last October, I was in Washington, DC and had the opportunity to visit with our state's lone Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak. We discussed issues important to veterans and military personnel from our state and around our great country. Congresswoman Fedorchak and I discussed an upcoming community forum she was hosting in honor of Veteran's Day, and I was honored to be able to share information on that event with the Department and district leaders.



Information regarding the Fedorchak Forum was shared on social media and via email, promoting the event. I also shared information on how to reach the Congresswoman and her staff for support on military and veteran's issues all throughout the year.

As the Congresswoman has hosted additional Forums or constituent meetings in communities around the state, this information has been shared via social media.



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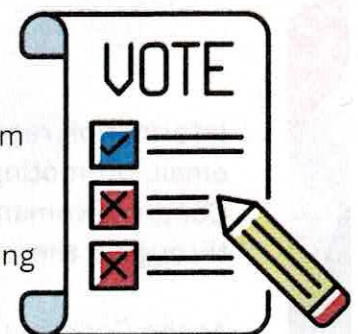


Information has also been distributed to American Legion Auxiliary members about how to reach out to our entire federal delegation, both in their Washington, DC office and here in North Dakota. This was shared via social media, via the ALA newsletter and at the mid-winter conference.

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Based on the District reports that I have received, many of our Units are reaching out to our federal delegate to encourage support for the 2026 American Legion Legislative Priorities.

While this is not a legislative year in the state of North Dakota, reminders have been provided to Districts about the importance of getting involved with recruitment of candidates for our state's legislature, visiting with them about veteran and military issues of importance, and helping get quality candidates endorsed and supported in the primary. Several of the Districts have indicated that they are helping with rides to the polls for the upcoming primary election taking place in our state.



While the North Dakota state legislature is in an off year, it seemed like the opportune time to provide basic advocacy training. Over the years, I have found that many people are unaware of how impactful their voice can be, or how to begin to advocate for issue that are important to them or their organization. Therefore, I provided a virtual one-hour advocacy training for the North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary membership. This training took place in February and covered topics to include:

- How to write a letter to the editor
- How to reach out to an elected official
- The process of how a bill becomes a law
- How you can make a difference for veterans' issues with your voice and actions

The presentation was followed by the opportunity for participants to ask questions and was recorded so those Units not able to participate at the time it was offered, could watch it at a later date. A copy of the training can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/407pksRqb5I> This link was also shared in a recent newsletter for our organization.

Additionally, I have been asked to provide this training as a session at the 2026 North Dakota Girls' State assembly.

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What You'll Learn

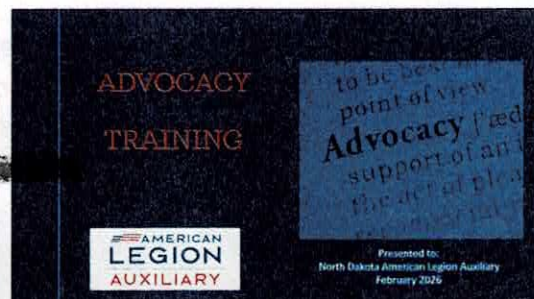
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Meeting Details

- February 17, 2026
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- On-line (training will be recorded for those that cannot attend live)

Contact Us

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for the link to the virtual training





Another wonderful adventure that I was able to participate in this year, was chairing a District Convention in neighboring Minnesota. The current chair was running for re-election and was opposed. I was asked by the Minnesota Senator Minority Leader if I would fill that role as a neutral position. I graciously accepted and while at the podium and awaiting the vote count, I used some time to thank the military and veterans in the audience, and also encourage people to get out and vote, get involved with their candidate selection and fundraising, and offer support to those stepping up to serve in the many roles required in our governmental process.



Whether I was attending the ALA Mid-Winter Conference, participating in statewide virtual meetings or catching up with ALA members throughout the year, this has been a rewarding experience and I thank President Berg for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

This annual report is respectfully submitted by:
Carma Hanson - 2026 North Dakota American Legion
Auxiliary Legislative Chairman

