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Unit Presidents, Department Officers and Chairmen

Attached are Program Plans for Americanism, Membership, and VA&R prepared for you by the Department Chairman for those programs.

Please review the materials, take any necessary action, and share the information with your unit members. Best wishes for another successful year as you continue to support veterans, their families, and local communities.

- **Wreaths Across America Flyer**
- **Americanism Action Plan – Madonna Azure, Dept Americanism Chair /** Madonna has included information about the **2027 Americanism Essay Contest**. Please share this information with your unit members and local schools, and encourage students in your community to enter the contest.
- **Membership – Shelley Schuster, Dept Membership Chair /** Please review the new “Official Language” regarding changes to eligibility for Auxiliary membership. These changes could help increase your unit’s membership.
- **VA&R – Carol Wolf, Dept VA&R Chair /** Carol has included several colorful flyers.
- **Legislative – Marcy Schmidt, Interim Dept Legislative Chair /** Carma Hanson has stepped away from serving as this year’s chair, and I will do my best to fill her very capable shoes.
 - I want to remind you that two important issues will appear on the ballot in North Dakota’s general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Study both issues carefully, make your decision, and vote on whether you believe the North Dakota Constitution should be changed.
 - North Dakota’s Legislative Assembly will convene in January 2027. It is important to follow the Legislature’s work so you can stay informed about what is happening across the state.
- **Poppy Art Project -** Sandra Petermann, NEC, is working on a “Poppy Art Project” and is collecting old or used CDs. If you have CDs you no longer need, please box them up and bring them to the Winter Conference for Sandra.