

Distinguished Service Award

Nominated by Bismarck Loyd Spetz American Legion Post #1, Vernon Fetch has been selected for the North Dakota American Legion 2022 Distinguished Service Award. Vernon is an active member of Post #1 in Bismarck and the community.

Fetch graduated from St. Mary's High School in Bismarck and attended Bismarck Junior College. He enlisted in the ND Army National Guard in 1953 and entered active duty (Army) in 1954. Was released from active duty in February of 1956 and re-enlisted in the National Guard in 1957. Serving in various combat engineer units with duty assignments in the US, Germany and Honduras. Fetch was discharged from the ND Army National Guard in 1995 in the grade of Colonel O-6.

Vernon has been a member of the American Legion for 48 years. He served as Post #1 Commander, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and Post #1 Oratorical Chairman. He served as the Fifth District Commander and 24 years as the Department Oratorical Chairman. Chairman of the National Oratorical Department Committee Chairman for 11 years. Served as the Grande Chef de Gare du North Dakota and is currently the Correspondant Voiture 291 in Bismarck.

Fetch is an active member of Post #1's Open Your Heart Committee which is a committee that collects donations of money and food products for distribution to needy families in Bismarck and Burleigh County. Volunteer member of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program. Serves on the Adjutant General's Retiree Advisory Board and is current President of the 164th Infantry Association and has been a member of the Association for 54 years.

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented on Saturday, June 25 to Vernon Fetch, during the annual Department Convention on June 24-26, 2022, in Dickinson at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Nominated by Edgar M. Boyd American Legion Post #37 of Williston, ND, Danielle Hendricks has been selected for the 2021 Ray Atol Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, by the North Dakota American Legion.

Danielle began her law enforcement career in 2012 with the Williston Police Department as a radio dispatcher. She decided to become a police officer and put herself through the police academy in Minot, ND. After completing the program, she returned to the Williston Police Department where she was hired as a police officer. She became a school resource officer and was stationed in the high school. She was offered a position as the Community Awareness Detective. She established many new outreach programs which many are still used today. Danielle became a full-time detective where she began to specialize in crimes against persons and especially child abuse/child death investigations. She then accepted a promotion to Sergeant and still serves in the detective division.

Danielle has two daughters and is busy following their teams to various sporting events. She loves working on her home and does small craft type projects as well as major home improvement projects.

Congratulations to Danielle for being recognized as a leader within the Law Enforcement family. She will be recognized during the Department of North Dakota American Legion's Annual Convention held this June 24-26, 2022, in Dickinson at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel.



Vernon Fetch

Firefighter of the Year Selected

Nominated by the Kindred American Legion Post #117, Richard Schock of the Kindred Fire Department, was selected for the North Dakota American Legion 2021 Firefighter of the Year by the ND American Legion.

Richard grew up on his family's dairy farm near Forbes, ND, and continued working for farmers through high school and after graduation.

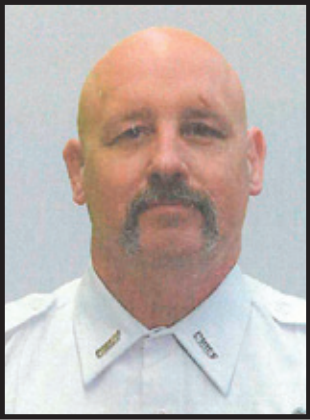
Schock has been a part of the Kindred Fire Department for 18 years and was elected Fire Chief in 2019. Since becoming Chief, the active membership has more than doubled. The morale within the department has greatly improved. Attendance and participation in meetings, department training and participation in local and regional fire schools, as well as attendance to Fire and Rescue calls all have improved dramatically since becoming Chief.

Richard is Captain of the Sheyenne Valley Technical Rescue Team, a response team specializing in grain bin rescue. Richard is currently in the process of his Instructor 1 Certification and has attended several regional schools and classes.

Richard currently serves as the church council President for the Kindred Lutheran Church. He is a journeyman plumber and has many years of heavy equipment operating experience specializing in infrastructure. Since 2017, Richard has been the City of Kindred's Public Works Superintendent and takes great pride in his work and position for the city.

Richard is a proud resident of Kindred and has lived there for over 20 years with his wife and two daughters.

Richard Schock will be recognized during the Annual Firefighter Convention on June 2-4, 2022, in Casselton.



Richard Schock

Legionnaire of the Year

Nominated by Bismarck Loyd Spetz Post #1, Arnold (Ar) Havelka has been selected for the 2021 recipient of the Legionnaire of the Year Award by the ND American Legion. Arnold has 22 continuous years of membership with Post #1 and is a Paid-up-For- Life member.

Arnold was born in Dickinson and attended Catholic school from grade level through high school graduation. Upon graduation, he went on to attend Dickinson State University. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and retired with 23 years, 1 month and 23 days. His Air Force career consisted of Munitions Explosive Maintenance, United States Air Force recruiter starting with recruiting enlisted and then recruiting officers. He retired as a First Sergeant.

Havelka is the Post #1 membership chairman. He is very active in renewals, recruiting new members and transfers many members from Post #500 to Post #1. Arnold contacts members on the phone for the Buddy Check and also visits veterans living in senior homes. Arnold also held the position of the 5th District Commander for the Department.

Post #1 selected Arnold to be Legionnaire of the Year based on service to the Legion and community. Arnold preplans an annual picnic to honor and highlight the 50 plus years of membership in the Legion. He started the Flag program with a small inventory of flags that are available to family and the local community. Arnold is the contact person for the ND American Legion Posts for the new program Injured Military Wildlife Project of ND and Theodore Roosevelt National Park and distributes the frozen meat throughout the state. He is also involved and assists in a new program "The Wall of Honor". This program honors past and present veterans as well as firefighters and police officers.

Arnold will be recognized on Saturday, June 25 during the American Legion's Department Convention on June 24-26, 2022, in Dickinson, ND, at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel.



Arnold Havelka

Press Association Award

During the American Legion's Winter Conference each year, the Legion Press Association recognizes a member, organization or individual who have stepped up to support veterans or the ND American Legion in activities that benefit the veterans in our community or state. The American Legion Clarence Larson Post #23 in Rugby, ND, nominated Editor Sue Sitter of the Pierce County Tribune in Rugby to receive this year's Press Association Award.

Sue has been very active in raising awareness of Veteran and American Legion issues. She has personally covered Veteran related events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances, Oratorical Contests and published articles covering numerous other post programs and events.

The Press Association and The American Legion Department of North Dakota were proud to present the 2022 Press Association Award to Editor Sue Sitter of the Pierce County Tribune at the Winter Conference in Bismarck.



Dept Cmdr Anderson, Editor Sue Sitter, Dept Aux Pres Sharon White Bear and Sven Mickels, Press Assc Pres

2022 SPRING MEETINGS BEGIN IN MARCH

The 2022 North Dakota American Legion Spring Meetings will be held March 15&19, March 22-26 and March 30&April 2.

Department Commander Steve Anderson would like all posts to be represented at their respective District Meeting and take an active part in the selection of the District Commander and District Vice Commander.

Each District will have the opportunity to confirm the appointment of their Vice Commander to represent them as District Commander for the upcoming Legion year. Each District will also select an individual to fill the District vice Commander position. This individual will serve one year as the Vice Commander and with hopes of being confirmed as District Commander the following year.

In addition to election of new officers, reports will be given on the recently concluded Oratorical Contest and the upcoming Boys State Session and American Legion Baseball season.

10th District March 15 – Hankinson 7:00 PM

6th & 9th District March 19 – Minot 2:00 PM

5th District March 22 – Bismarck 7:00 PM

Hosted by Turtle Lake

7th District March 23 – Hazen 7:30 PM

4th District March 24 – Jamestown 7:00 PM

3rd District March 25 – Langdon 7:00 PM

2nd District March 26 – Park River 3:00 PM

1st District March 30 – Nome 7:00 PM

8th District April 2 – Bowman 3:00 PM MST

Hosted by Scranton

ND American Legion Oratorical Contest

Ella Weinmann of Abercrombie, a sophomore of Richland 44 High School sponsored by Galchutt Post #282, was named the North Dakota American Legion Oratorical Champion following the 2022 State Contest on January 29th at the Ramkota in Bismarck.

The purpose of The American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

State Champion Weinmann received a \$250 cash scholarship provided by the ND American Legion, a \$175 Cash Scholarship Award from the Sam Tolchinsky Endowment Fund, administered by the ND Community Foundation, and the C.W. Leifur Traveling Trophy, which will remain with her until next year's contest. She had previously won a \$300 Cash Award from the ND American Legion and a desk set as the 1st Place Eastern Division Champion along with a \$300 Cash Award from the Chuck Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Fund for winning the 10th District Contest.

Ella moves on to the National Contest, which will be held in Indianapolis, IN, April 22-24, 2022. Top winners from all states will come together at one site for competition. Ella will receive a \$2,000 Scholarship for competing in the first round of the National Contest. If she wins the first round, she will advance to and participate in the second round and will receive an additional \$2,000 Scholarship if eliminated or if she advances to the National Finals, she will win either \$25,000 - \$22,500 or \$20,000 in scholarships. Ella is a Junior Auxiliary member out of the Hankinson Unit #88 and the daughter of Robert and Kaaryn Weinmann.

Second Place went to Eva Rykowsky of Mandan, daughter of Jon and Kellie Rykowsky, who won the 5th District Contest, sponsored by Bismarck Post #1, and finished First in the West Division. Eva is a Junior at St. Mary's Central High School in Bismarck. She will receive \$200 from the ND American Legion and \$125 from the Sam Tolchinsky Endowment Fund for Second Place to go along with the \$300 Cash Award from the Chuck Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Fund for winning the 5th District Contest and \$300 Cash Award and a desk pen set for First Place in the West Division.



Pictured from left to right: National Commander Paul Dillard, 1st Place Ella Weinmann, Abercrombie, 2nd Place Eva Rykowsky, Mandan, 3rd Place Bailee Pierce, Scranton and 4th McKenna Wilke, Cando, Department Commander Steve Anderson and Department Oratorical Contest Chairman Mike Weyrauch.

Bailee Pierce, a Senior from Scranton High School, will receive a \$150 cash scholarship from the North Dakota American Legion and \$50 from the Kennelly Scholarship Award for finishing Third at State. As the 8th District winner, she received a \$300 Cash Award from the Chuck Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Fund. Bailee finished Second in the Western Division Contest and earned a \$200 Cash Award from the ND American Legion and a desk pen set. Bailee is the daughter of Kelly and Danelle Pierce.

McKenna Wilke, a Junior from Cando High School, finished in Fourth Place at the State Contest and she will take home a \$100 Cash Award from the ND American Legion. McKenna won the 3rd District Contest and a \$300 Cash Award from the Chuck Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Fund. She finished Second in the Eastern Division Contest and earned a \$200 Cash Award from the ND American Legion and a desk pen set. McKenna is the daughter of Elizabeth Lee-Wilke.

The North Dakota American Legion provides for the Cash Awards earned at the Divisional Contests. Cash won at the District level contests come from the Chuck Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Contest Fund now administered by the ND American Legion. District winners receive Cash Awards of \$300 for First, \$200 for Second and \$100 for Third. This year \$4,850 in Cash Awards was earned by the winners of The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest in North Dakota.

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| 1st District | No Contestants |
| 2nd District | No Contestants |
| 3rd District | 1 st Place McKenna Wilke, Cando - Junior
2 nd Place Katelyn Duchscher, Rugby - Senior |
| 4th District | No Contestants |
| 5th District | 1 st Place Eva Rykowsky, Mandan,
Bismarck #1 sponsor - Junior
2 nd Place Nicholas Meyers, Bismarck,
Garrison Post #49 sponsor - Senior
3 rd Place William Bianco, Bismarck,
Linton Post #54 sponsor - Freshman |
| 6th District | No Contestants |
| 7th District | 1 st Place Samantha Ellison, Lemmon, SD,
New Leipzig Post #211 sponsor - Senior
2 nd Place Peighton Wait, New Salem,
Almont Post #261 sponsor - Senior
3 rd Place Kathryn Dziuk, Glen Ullin - Senior |
| 8th District | 1 st Place Bailee Pierce, Scranton - Senior
2 nd Place Irish Morris, Scranton,
Dickinson Post #3 sponsor - Senior |
| 9th District | 1 st Place David Crain, Williston - Senior |
| 10th District | 1 st Place Ella Weinman, Abercrombie,
Galchutt Post #282 sponsor - Sophomore |

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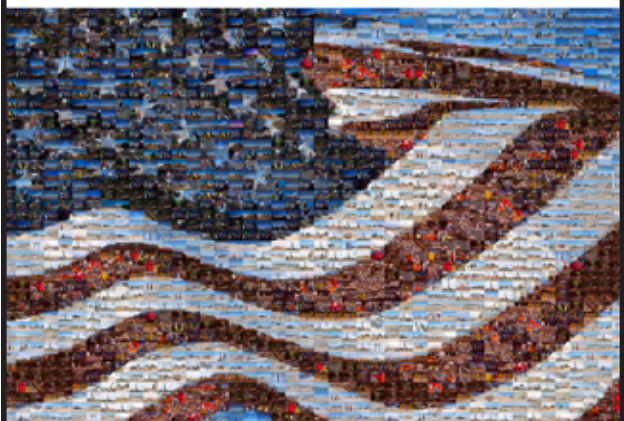
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COMMANDER COMMENTS

STEVE ANDERSON - DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Greetings Everyone!

It's an honor and a privilege to continue to serve as your Department Commander. The North Dakota American Legion is in pretty good shape. Perfect. no, but I feel we are getting stronger and better as we go forward.

Membership is something that is always the topic of conversation, and it should be. Without strong members in this organization, we will no longer exist. We continue to lose our Veterans through attrition, suicide, accidents, etc. We must continue working hard to bring younger Veterans into our ranks. Thanks to the hard work of Todd Rikke and our membership team we are in pretty good shape and driving forward to reach the goal of 100%. With the exception of one reporting period, we have been in 1st place Nationally.

Another important aspect is CPR's. Consolidated Post Reports. These numbers are very important from every Post as it is a report used by National to report to Congress on all the great things The American Legion is doing. It is The American Legion report card. All Regional Vice Commanders and District Commanders know that my goal this year is 100% CPR reporting.

I continue to work with your Commander Elect Dan Brown to ensure the information which is needed will be in place for his tenure in office. I am thankful for the guidance and support from those that have come before me. Thanks to them I will continue to do my very best for this great

organization.

Winter Conference is behind us. What a great time it was. I've had many come to me and say it was one of the best Winter Conferences they had been to. That's fantastic. Thanks to our Department Staff we did things a little different this year and it seems to have worked. That being said, June Convention is going to be a little different also. Plans are being made to do some things in the Dickinson / Medora area. Stayed tuned for things to come. I'm excited to see if we can make things happened at Convention.

The Spring District meetings schedule is set and beginning in March. See schedule in this issue.

I wish to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our Department staff for all their hard work and dedication. They are extremely knowledgeable in what they do for us. Thanks to them, this Department is in good hands going forward. Thank you, Ron, Teri and Sarah!!

When it comes to the future of the North Dakota American Legion, there are 3 kinds of people; those who let it happen, those who make it happen and those who wonder what the heck happened. My belief is that all of us are a part of "those who make it happen." Know that despite our challenges, we are all making a difference.

Today, we should be proud. Proud of ourselves, proud of our accomplishments and, "Proud of the North Dakota American Legion."



Greetings,

The good news is that spring is just around the corner. I'm sure everyone is eager to enjoy warmer weather and family get-togethers.

I was unable to attend the Winter American Legion Conference in Bismarck on January 28, 29, and 30 due to

Covid-19 exposure.

I want to acknowledge the District and Posts in the West Region for a "job well done" on the recruitment and retention efforts during 2021. Keep up the good work in 2022.

As Region Vice Commander, I continue to make Buddy Checks throughout the West Region. While doing this, it has become apparent that our members are interested in expanding family activities such as curling, bowling, shooting sports, girls softball programs, archery clubs, etc. I encourage all members

to keep making their Buddy Checks for both mental and physical health reasons.

The Spring Meeting for Posts 6 and 9 will be consolidated again and hosted by Minot Post 26 on March 19, 2022. The 7th District will be hosted by Hazen Post 189 on March 23, 2022, at 7:30 PM CST and District 8 meeting will be hosted by Scranton Post 151 held in Bowman on April 2, 2022.

The ND American Legion Convention will be held in Dickinson on June 24, 25, and 26, 2022, at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel.

Post Commanders and Adjutants are reminded to have the Consolidated Post Reports sent to the Department Headquarters on time. Be sure they are accurate and up to date.

Make sure that posts call for nominations and elections for new officers and district candidates before the District Spring Meeting elections.

Tom Ryan

Western Region Vice Commander



This letter comes to you fresh off the heels of the 2022 Winter Conference in Bismarck. If you missed this year's Winter Conference, you really missed a good one. It was so exciting to see everyone eager to work supporting The Four Pillars of Service of The American Legion: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, Children & Youth. Maybe it's that we're coming out of the pandemic and volunteers are serving with a renewed vigor and passion. Regardless, it was great to see so many people working toward one common goal again.

As we get ready for Spring District meetings, make some notes and bring your good ideas to your District Commanders. Many posts are doing great things that we can all benefit from. Come and brag about how your post is serving your community.

As always, continue to look for veterans in your community to become members of our great organization. Remind them that their service doesn't end with military service and that "professionals belong to professional organizations". Then follow up with them, invite them to meetings, get them involved in your local post, and perhaps the most important; Love on them and make them feel welcome. We MUST attract the next generation of Veterans to fulfill The American Legion mission!

Lastly, I had the opportunity Saturday morning at Winter Conference to announce my bid to become your next North Dakota Commander-Elect. I would humbly request your prayers, and support in electing me YOUR next Commander-Elect. Until we meet again.

Clarence Carroll III

Eastern Region Vice Commander



The Winter Conference was held in Bismarck 28-30 January 2022. The Oratorical contest was one of the highlights of the conference. It was quite fun to watch those young kids give their speeches.

I enjoy seeing how other Posts run their meeting and seeing what they are doing in their communities. With that being said, I would like to apologize for not being able to travel as much as I would have liked to. I have had some invitations to attend a Veterans Day ceremony along with the oratorical contest. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend all of them as there were schedule conflicts. Please continue to let me know when you are having an event and I will try to make it. Saturdays and Sundays seem to work the best for my schedule as I work fulltime.

Keep up with your Posts and make sure your Memberships are being turned in. Central Region is leading the way but there are a few Posts that could use an extra hand to get their Posts to 100%. I know this can be done with the right help from Leadership.

Speaking of the Spring District meeting we will need your CPR (Consolidated Post Report) turned in. Last year the Central Region had 100% turned in. The Central Region will have 100%! Let's keep it up!!!!

Troy Reemtsma

Central Region Vice Commander

Have You Paid Your 2022 Membership Dues?

North Dakota Boys State Session

By Neil Litton, Boys State Director

The North Dakota Boys State Program will educate and inspire young future leaders from around the state in June. The program runs from June 12-17, 2022, for students currently in their junior year of high school. Again, this year, Boys State will be held on the campus of North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

Each year, Legion members across the state work carefully to select junior high school boys from their community to participate in the program. We encouraged the Posts to make contact with their local high school to talk with the junior boys about attending. They most likely will never know about the program unless a member of the Post takes the time to arrange for a meeting.

Applications for Boys State can be completed on-line by visiting www.ndboysstate.org. On-line applications are emailed to Department Headquarters first and then are fed back to the local Post for their follow up with the respective student. If you haven't visited our website yet, we encourage you to do so. Brochures and other registration materials were mailed out to all posts, high school counselors and high school principals earlier this year. A reminder to the Post the registration fee has been raised to \$300.

Once selected, the delegates enter a weeklong program that teaches them the form, function and responsibilities of state government. This is done by having the boys run their own simulated state government.

The delegates form political parties, campaign for elected office, and write and publish a newspaper of each day's events. On Tuesday, they elect a governor who presides over the session. They also elect other state and local governmental positions. This "learn by doing" method is the backbone of all Boys State programs.

Among the highlights of the week is the emergency management exercise that places delegates in the role of leaders facing a string of simulated disasters to which they must respond. The disaster management exercise is conducted in real time, using telephones and a computer network to deliver news and updates to the delegate-run command centers.

Outstanding delegates, cities and counties are recognized at an awards ceremony at the end of the week. The delegates compete for the following awards during the week:

- The Leroy Pease Memorial Award – Boys Nation
- The M.B. Zimmerman Award – Boys Nation
- Arve Dahlen-Milt Rue Award
- Harold Piper Award
- A.D. Mckinnon Award
- Harry Edblom Award
- John K. Kennelly Memorial Award
- The Jack Williams Trophy
- The Pancratz-Morris Award
- The Marcus L. McDonald Award
- Kirk Smith Award
- Emergency Management Award (Pod Award)
- The David Wolf Memorial Award
- Director's Award for Excellence

Again this year, we are able to provide a half credit for civics education for a delegate's high school graduation. Also, we are expanding the opportunity to assist with the delegate's high school requirements. The NDAL Boys State and Girls State will both be administrating the ND High School Civics test which is required before graduation.

More than 31,000 young men have graduated from North Dakota Boys State and many have gone on to become leaders and role models. These include North Dakota Senator John Hoeven, Judge Kirk Smith, retired North Dakota Justice Ralph Erickstad, basketball coach Phil Jackson, and Past National American Legion Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke. Nationally, the program boasts numerous impressive alumni, including former President Bill Clinton.

At the end of the week, Boys State staff members select two outstanding Juniors from each state to participate in Boys Nation, a national program that parallels Boys State. Boys Nation takes place in Washington DC in July.

Know someone that should go? If you have a potential delegate you would like to nominate or have additional questions, please contact Garrett Anderson, Deputy Director in charge of Recruiting, at 701-799-0306 or garrett.anderson@ndboysstate.org (**student must currently be in their junior year of high school**).

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung Endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion in 1996. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the principal amount. There are now ten \$10,000 scholarships (2 from each region), ten \$5,000 scholarships (2 from each region) and eighty Department finalists \$1,250 scholarships awarded guaranteed.

Scholarships are restricted to high school juniors who complete either a Boys State or Girls State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates

for American Legion membership.

Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community activities, community service and financial need. Applicants who are direct descendants of Korean War veterans receive special consideration. One winner is chosen during the week of Boys State and awarded a \$500 scholarship and entered as a finalist in the national pool. A few years ago, North Dakota had a finalist that received a \$20,000 scholarship.

Support ND Boys State

North Dakota Boys State, a non-profit organization of the North Dakota American Legion, is facing ever-increasing costs the week at the North Dakota State College of Science and the preparation activities that go into making it a success.

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Clarence L Carroll III

announces his run for 2022-2023 North Dakota Commander Elect

Clarence Carroll is a member of The American Legion Ted Valerius Post #97 in Larimore, ND. Clarence has served as Post 6 (Grand Forks) Vice Commander, District 2 Vice Commander, and District 2 Commander, as well as other committees and projects at Post, District, and Department level. Most notably, Clarence is a 2017 graduate of The National American Legion College. He currently serves as your East Region Vice Commander, is a member on the National Security Council and the Fargo VA Medical Center VAVS Representative.

Clarence retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from The United States Army in April of 2017 after 32 years of service. He enlisted in April of 1985 and before attending Officer Candidate School in 1992 had served in numerous leadership positions up to and including Platoon Sergeant. Clarence is a combat Veteran of Panama, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan. His assignments are too many to mention, but a detailed resume of his military service is available upon request.

Clarence is married to the former Jennifer Ann Gore of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Together they have 5 children and 7 Grandchildren (so far). Clarence owns a Registered Investment Advisor Firm and is passionate about helping investors realize their American Dream through prudent investing. Jenn is the Project Manager for The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora.

Clarence whole-heartedly believes that "Service doesn't end after military service" and looks forward to continuing his service to The American Legion Family. He humbly requests your endorsement and support for your Department Commander-Elect. Clarence can be contacted directly at abnavnltc@yahoo.com or 910-584-8773



George Petermann
2022 Candidate for West Region Vice Commander

Experience

In 1969 I enlisted in the Navy, received boot camp training at Recruit Depot San Diego, California, attended Communications Technicians A School Pensacola, Florida, reported NAVSECGRUACT Station Sidi Yahya Morocco, North Africa, then transferred to NAVSECGRUACT Station Winter Harbor, Maine, honorably discharged 1973, enlisted in Coast Guard 1974, reported to Ordnance A School Governors Island, New York, reported for duty Coast Guard Station Mobile, Alabama, served aboard Coast Guard Buoy Tender Salvia as gunners mate, ship security and crew training, 1976 transferred to Coast Guard Station New Orleans, Louisiana, port security and Captain of the Port duties, Honorably Discharged 1978.

American Legion

My Current Post Is Matthew Brew Post 003 Dickinson ND, my previous post was in Williston, ND. I am a 36 year PUFL member and have served in all Post 003 Officer Positions. My last position was as Post Historian. I have served as 8th District Vice Commander (2x) and as 8th District Commander (5x). I have been awarded the American Legion Distinguished Service Award and have served on the National Americanism Committee. My candidacy is endorsed by Dickinson Post 003. I am a graduate of the American Legion Basic Training course. As Post Commander I organized a welcome home parade for our returning Desert Storm soldiers. I am a PUFL member of the 40et8.

Activities

I am a member of the Knights of Columbus at my local Church as well as an usher. I am a founding board member of the Stark County Veteran's Memorial Association. I have been a truck driver for Halliburton, Getter Trucking, Black Hills Trucking, Anderson Trucking and Dickinson Ready Mix. I am married to my lovely wife, Sandra, for 42 amazing years.

If you elect me, it will be my honor to represent The West Region.



Dan Brown
2022 Candidate for Department Commander

As I have previously announced I am running for Commander Department of North Dakota. I am married to my beautiful bride Penny, we have five children and nine grandchildren. All of them spread out through the state. My military service started right out of high school when I joined the Army at a ripe old age of 17. I retired as a SFC after 21 years of proud service to this Nation. I am a two-tour veteran of OIF with the 565th Engineer Battalion 130th Engineer Brigade and 2/14th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division in Iraq. Now I am continuing my service as a life member of the American Legion as well as the VFW, DAV, AMVETS and IAVA. I am currently serving as your Commander Elect, fifth term as Post 37 Adjutant, chairman of the House and Membership Committees, I serve on the Gaming Committee, a member of the ACOVA from the DAV advocating for all veterans in ND and an active member of the All Veteran's Honor Guard in Williston. My past positions have been two terms as West Region Vice Comander, District 9 Commander and Vice Commander, two terms as Post 37 Commander and the Commander of DAV Chapter 9 plus numerous chairs that lead me to running for the Commander position. I am a graduate of the American Legion Institute and The American Legion College. You can be assured if I am elected your Commander for the Department of North Dakota I will serve you with dignity and honor as I advocate for all of us.



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

TODD RIKKE - MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



March is finally here! Although we are approaching the first day of Spring, we here in the north country know that it's only a date on the calendar. The good news is that the season of rebirth is not far away. After another winter, I'm sure we're all looking forward to, once again, getting out and enjoying the outdoors.

In the American Legion this time of year has special meaning. For one thing it marks the home stretch of our membership target dates. Next month we are expected to be at 100% of our 2022 goal. Since the beginning of our membership drive last summer, we have maintained a torrid pace and have consistently led the nation in our efforts. We are so close to the finish line, and it would be a shame to have done so well throughout this year to only end up short of our goal.

We, on the Membership Committee, want to congratulate

each and every one of you for your efforts so far, but we are not finished yet! Now, more than ever, it is vital that we continue the hard work needed to not only reach but exceed our target membership number. I know we can do it!

This month we celebrate the American Legion's 103rd birthday. As in past years, this celebration offers an excellent opportunity to open up your Post and invite the public in to help us recognize and honor what the American Legion does for our veterans and communities.

With the warmer days coming, it's important that we get out there and show everyone that the American Legion is still here and making a difference. I recently was involved in some conversations that I found distressing. Apparently, our image as an organization, that is not welcoming and accommodating to our younger veterans, is still out there, and that all we are is a bar for the old men to hang out at. We MUST change

that perception immediately! The only way to do this is to reach out and show our younger veterans that they (and their families) do matter and that we do care and are concerned about their needs.

I would like to challenge each member in this Department to identify a veteran in your area who could benefit from being a member of the American Legion. We have many resources to help convey the message. The easiest place to start is to take the online Basic Training course on www.legion.org. It's easy and best of all, it's FREE. Please take some time and learn about our organization and take that information to pass along to prospective members.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Spring District Meetings. Feel free to ask how we can help you to energize your Posts and attract new members. Until then, FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

Foundation Donations and Memorials June 2021 to March 2022

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

KENNY WIEDERHOLT - CHAIRMAN



DEC Meeting Bismarck Ramkota

January 28, 2022, 10:30 AM

Meeting was called to order at 1030 hrs. The Financial reports were reviewed and acknowledged.

Curt Twete spoke on the Law Enforcement Cadet Program that other departments currently have.

He was appointed to investigate the logistics of starting a program in North Dakota.

Committee Reports from Children & Youth looking to expand the program.

Boys State reported that the advertising donations have come in strong, and busses were secured for the upcoming year.

SAL Commander reported that we will have the National Commander of the SAL at winter conference. Legion Riders will have four scholarships this year. DSO reported on the statistics of the number of veterans helped this year.

East Region Vice Cdr Carroll reported on the financial analysis of the investment accounts.

Commander Anderson invited National Commander Paul Dillard to speak.

Commander Dillard discussed the Law Enforcement Cadet Program and reviewed the Department of North Dakota's membership numbers.

Bids from the Convention and Visitors Bureaus and posts were presented for the 2025 and 2026 Conferences

and Conventions.

2025 Winter Conference – Minot Grand Hotel Post 26

2025 Summer Convention - Dickinson Post 3

2026 Winter Conference – Bismarck Ramkota

2026 Summer Convention – Fargo Ramada Post 2

ACOVA applications were submitted, and the names of Glenn Wahus and George Petermann were selected to appoint to the Governor for his appointment.

Post closures were discussed and approved.

Todd Otto reported on the Injured Military Wildlife Project.

The next DEC meeting will be held in March during the spring district meetings.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

KAREN HUTCHINS - DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



HOPE FOR NOW... AND THEN

If you were at the Winter Conference in Bismarck, I hope you don't mind a refresher. I believe the Lord wants me to share this message with all of you. Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. That was written 600 years before Christ, in Judah, where our Judeo-Christian values came from. King Josiah was holding the line while his enemies (Assyria, Babylon, and Egypt) tried to invade Judah. When Josiah died, his three sons and one grandson succeeded the throne, but they didn't follow God, as Josiah had. The Prophet Jeremiah saw the folly of the political policies of these kings, and he warned them of God's plan for Judah, but none listened. Assyria took thousands of Israelites captive to Assyria. The Assyrians were wicked, cruel and vicious. The Israelites longed for hope to replace their fear -- a word from God during such a time of turmoil. Jeremiah supplied that word; not through his own person, but he presented to them the hope of the words of God. Jeremiah 29:14 - I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I caused you to be carried away captive.

Romans 5:5 - Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. The apostle Paul wrote the book of Romans to a church in Rome that he had never been to. Yet the book of Romans is considered the greatest exposition of Christian doctrine anywhere in Scripture. It too, was written during a time of turmoil. The Emperor Claudius had expelled all Jews from Rome, and his successor Nero wielded cruel treatment of Christians in Rome. The people longed for hope - a word from God in time of turmoil, and the apostle Paul supplied that word. Paul himself didn't presume to deliver that hope himself, just as Jeremiah hadn't, but he presented

to them the hope of the world, then and now, in the person of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:25-26 - For David says concerning Jesus: I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26, therefore, my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover, my flesh also will rest in hope. I will not be shaken - that's hope - it means our hope is unshakable when we place our hope in Christ Jesus. My flesh also will rest in hope - that means we don't need to tremble in fear when we share God's Words of hope.

But hope does not mean we bury our heads in the sand. The New Testament definition of hope: to anticipate, usually with pleasure; expectation or confidence - looking forward - if not with anticipated pleasure, at least with no fear. The Holy Spirit was given to the church through Peter on the day of Pentecost. If we are part of that church the Holy Spirit lives in us, and therefore hope lives in us. A lot of things have changed since then, but the Holy Spirit hasn't - Jesus hasn't. Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus will never change. He will always be our hope.

The phrase "fear not" is in Scripture over 700 times. And it's almost always followed by a promise from God: "fear not, I am with you," "fear not, I have gone before you."

He is still our hope. He was our hope in the beginning, through the Old Testament and new, through early church times, through present-day, and on through the end times. In my humble opinion, I believe we're close. But read 1 Peter 1:13-21 when you have a moment. They will fill you with hope - hope for now and for then - always Jesus. Titus 2:11-13 - For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. Hutchinskaren35@gmail.com

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McVile Unit 135 Recognizes Membership

Laura Stutrud and her father Gerald Stutrud, a Korean War veteran, are proud of the fact that they received citations for 50 and 70 years of continuous membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion, respectively. They were honored by Ole Semling Unit and Post 135 at a Veterans Day event held at the McVile Legion Cafe.

This was the first time a father and daughter team were honored at the same time. Laura's mother, Loy, was honored with a 50-year continuous membership citation two years ago. Laura's two daughters are members of Ole Semling Unit 135 and daughter, Claire, assists with unit projects whenever possible.

The McVile unit and the Department of North Dakota congratulate Laura and Gerald for their many years of service to both the Post and Unit.

Article submitted by Judy Twete, Past NW Division Vice President and current Unit President.



Gackle Unit 250 Donates Books

Mayer-Morlock Unit 250 of Gackle donated \$823.50 to the Gackle-Streeter school to be applied toward the monthly Scholastic book order. This donation placed a personal book into the hands of each elementary school student.

Scholastic book club magazines have been going home for years. Many times, kids are unable to order books because of limited funds. The Auxiliary donation provides each elementary student the ability to receive a book every month during the school year. This has allowed teachers to purchase books and send them home with the kids to share, read with their family, and keep as their own.

Students will be showcasing their reading skills once a month at "Coffee with The Kids" at the Gackle-Streeter school. The first "Coffee with The Kids" was held November 10, 2021, during which a formal presentation was made from the Auxiliary to the school.

The Gackle Auxiliary also donated funds for monthly scholastic books to the Lincoln School kindergarten class in Jamestown.

Pictured below are Auxiliary members Carol Muller, Elaine Ackerman, Peggy Schroeder, and Jane Schoonover with Gackle-Streeter elementary school students and teachers.



Cookies for Community



On Veterans Day, members of Vernon V. Isaacs Unit 78 of Stanton baked and distributed cookies to veterans living in the community of Stanton. Front (l-r): De-lores Berger, Carol Kessler, and Trudy Platz. Back (l-r): Department Chaplain Rose Laning, Past Department President Lualice Stockert, Deb Folk, and Wanda Knutson. Photo submitted by Lualice Stockert

Butte Unit 270 Bakes Up a Storm



Auxiliary members of Lawrence E. Meidl Unit 270 of Butte baked and packaged 47 pounds of holiday cookies. The baked goods were delivered and distributed for the holiday enjoyment of residents of the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon. 2021 was the 8th year that unit members gathered to bake and package home-made cookies for this special project. The residents of the North Dakota Veterans Home have enjoyed many home-made goodies over the years since this project was implemented.

Sadly, this is our last year as officials of the North Dakota Veterans Home have indicated that they can no longer accept home-made baked goods effective January 2022. Items baked and packaged by a bakery or a grocer, however, will still be accepted and are most welcome.

Lawrence E. Meidl Unit 270 wants to thank everyone who donated cookies, candies, and postage funds to assist with our annual holiday project.

Dickinson Unit 3 Honors Veterans

Members of Matthew Brew Unit 3 in Dickinson hosted a noon luncheon honoring local veterans on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2021. The event was held at the Veterans Pavilion in Dickinson. Food was provided and served by the Auxiliary members and sandwiches were furnished by the local Jimmy John's restaurant. The camaraderie among the veterans on hand was genuine and warm. The event was an opportunity for the attendees to gather, visit, and reminisce. Attendees were presented with snack bags and left-over sandwiches to enjoy at home. Members of Matthew Brew Unit 3 thank all our veterans for their service and send our gratitude to those still serving.

Article submitted by Cheryl Evenson



Unit 3 Auxiliary members (l-r): Department President-Elect Sandra Petermann, Shirley Herbel, Cheryl Evenson, and Cathy Logosz



Guests at the Pearl Harbor Day luncheon

2022 Spring District Meetings

District 10 - March 15 - Hankinson
7:00 PM

District 6 and 9 - March 19- Minot
2:00 PM

Meeting will be held at the Minot Moose Lodge

District 5 - March 22 - Bismarck
Time - TBA

District 7 - March 23 - Hazen
7:30 PM

District 4 - March 24 - Jamestown
Time - TBA

District 3 - March 25 - Langdon
Time - TBA

District 2 - March 26- Park River
3:00 PM

District 1 - March 30- Nome
Social Hour - 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM

District 8 - April 2- Bowman
Social Hour - 2:00 PM (MT)
Meeting - 3:00 PM (MT)

*Meetings subject to change without notice. Look for updates at www.ndala.org/2022-spring-district-meetings-2/ *

Department President-Elect

Greetings to all members of the American Legion Family, It does not seem like it should already be March. It was good to see so many of you at the 2022 Winter Conference held in Bismarck. A huge thank you to everyone who brought items for our silent auction event, as well as those who supported us by bidding during the auction. This would never have been possible without our American Legion Family working together. You are all amazing!

I enjoy receiving American Legion Family articles through Facebook from across the state of North Dakota and elsewhere. Everyone has so much to offer as we continue to learn through each other. One important thing we can all benefit from is to learn to work together and support each other. We must first take care of ourselves.

We have all experienced misunderstandings, been hurt, or felt unappreciated. The first thing is to open a line of communication with the other person. If one does not understand, one cannot fix what needs to be fixed. Your actions do affect other people. Be careful what you say and do; it is not just about you. We cannot control what others do. We will continue to move forward without a glance over our shoulders to see who is with us, for the ones who matter will be walking beside us.

It took me a long time to understand what it means to forgive someone. I always wondered how I could forgive someone who chose to hurt me. After some soul searching, I realized that forgiveness is not about accepting or excusing their behavior, it is about letting go and preventing their behavior from destroying my heart. Forgiveness does not free the other person from his/her ethical and moral obligations, but it will free you. Forgiveness is for your benefit, not the other person's. If you cannot forgive, the enemy gets a foothold in your life and will assume valuable real estate in your mind and emotions. Please do not let that happen.

I was honored to have been invited by William G. Carroll Unit 26 of Minot to participate in their Gold Star Mothers Banquet held on November 11 at the Moose Lodge. The Gold Star 'Mother of the Year' was Adi Reis, mother to Kenneth Hendrickson who was killed in action January 2004. Kenneth was a staff sergeant in the National Guard and was deployed overseas in Iraq. I was especially honored to pin the Gold Star American Legion Auxiliary pin on Adi. Linda Siewert, Unit 26 President, and members of the unit hosted the event. The Moose Lodge provided a free meal to every veteran in attendance as their way of saying thank you for their service. The Moose Lodge Auxiliary also provided a beautiful, delicious cake.

The colors were posted and retired by the Minot Post 26 Honor Guard. Family and friends of both Adi and Kenneth gathered to be part of the award ceremony. Stories were shared during the evening. There was live music, folding of the American Flag, and playing of taps to complete the evening events. It was a most heartwarming and memorable evening.

How is your unit doing updating your Constitution & Bylaws? If you need help or have questions, please reach out to Diane Kraemer, our Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairman. Have you mailed a copy of your updated Constitution and Bylaws to Diane? Diane will share your document with the Department Office, so you only need to send it to her.

God Bless our troops and all veterans.

Sandra Petermann



Sandra Petermann

Department Vice President

North Dakota Auxiliary Members,

I recently attended the 2022 Winter Conference in Bismarck and was able to enjoy the hospitality of the Bismarck Post and Auxiliary. It is always nice to visit with friends and meet new ones. We had 31 units with 60 members registered for winter conference. It was nice to see the numbers going up. Tioga Unit 139 was the winner of the \$100 door prize. Congratulations to Tioga. They had 5 members present with 3 first timers in attendance from their group. Thank you to Sharon White Bear and the staff at the Department Office for all your hard work to organize the 2022 Winter Conference events.

Membership is the backbone of our organization. Without new members we will not survive. We lost over 200 members last year to death. Deceased members were honored at a ceremony held during the conference. Their knowledge and willingness to pave the way for us to continue our mission was noted.

Each year, the Department loses members when units choose to disband. We have two to five units on the disbandment list each year. This movement is taking a toll on membership. If your unit has 10 current paid members, you can maintain your charter. If your unit is struggling to remain a unit, please reach out to your District President for assistance and please consider reorganizing so you can stay viable. Most Auxiliary members are loyal to their home unit, so do whatever you can to keep your unit intact. Before a unit decides to disband, look at the options available. There are a number of

policies and procedures that are required to be completed before a unit can be disbanded by the Department Executive Committee and the National organization. The Department Office can explain the procedures if your unit is considering disbanding, but please consider reorganizing your unit before the drastic and final step of disbandment is taken.

We had an 80% membership goal by February 1, 2022. We made the goal by 80.6%. Good job units!!

Our membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31 each year. If dues are not paid before December 31, the member is no longer in good standing until their dues are paid. I encourage all units to set a goal of 90% dues paid by December 20 each year to keep your members' dues current. Dues need to be recorded at the National office to be considered paid.

We have 23 units that are at 100% or higher on membership. Kudos for a job well done!!

I encourage everyone to utilize American Legion Auxiliary resources to make your lives easier: www.ndala.org and www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Remember, always be kind,
Gloria Covert



Gloria Covert

Department Secretary

Greetings North Dakota Auxiliary Members,

The 2022 Winter Conference was a success and now we are already working toward completing Girls State, Year-End reporting, Spring District Meetings, National Poppy Day, Department Convention, and so much more.

From the number of articles and pictures received in the Department Office, it appears that despite the restrictions and health scares of the past two years, unit members across the state of North Dakota have been busy indeed. The mission of the Auxiliary to support veterans, active military, and their families has certainly been accomplished in the past year. I encourage all members to report your volunteer hours and resources spent. Complete your units year-end impact report by the due dates, which can be found in a 'call-out' box in this publication.

Congratulations Membership Chairmen. You have done an amazing job! The Department of North Dakota is sitting at 80.66% paid members for 2022 as I draft this article. Let us have every member work to push North Dakota to the 100% goal line by 2022 Department Convention which is slated for June 24-26, 2022, in Dickinson. What a wonderful milestone and huge honor it would be for Sharon White Bear,

our Department President, to be able to claim 100% membership in 2022! North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary's 100th year!

Girls State materials have been mailed to unit Girls State Chairmen and to North Dakota schools as well. Encourage young women from your community to apply. This year's event will be held on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks on June 12-17.

The American Legion has shared a tentative schedule for 2022 Spring District Meetings. See the 'call-out' box found in this publication. As more information comes out, District Presidents and Unit presidents will be notified. Schedules will also be available at www.ndala.org/2022springdistrictmeetings/ Plan to attend your District's 2022 Spring Meeting. It is a great chance to meet new people and visit with old friends as well.

Keep our veterans, service members, and their families in your prayers. Remember "Freedom is Never Free."

Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

Department Treasurer

The "Butterfly Effect."

Are you familiar with it? The "butterfly effect" describes a mysterious phenomenon of the interconnection between people and our larger world. A small, seemingly unimportant action or decision that leads to a larger, unexpected outcome.

Your fall unit contributions, sent in to benefit a myriad of programs, are not "mysterious" or "unexpected" because we know where our money is going and how those programs benefit our veterans. Then again, do we really know the benefit? What we do not see is the emotional or sometimes physical impact these contributions have on others. I contemplated on this as I wrote out checks to many programs in January - money received from YOU. I am humbled by your generosity for our veterans and the programs that are there to benefit them and their families. I wondered which programs received these funds "at the perfect time", just when they really needed it. What connection will take place because of those donations? I imagine it will come full circle in some "mysterious and unexpected" way and time.

Are contributions "done" for the year? No. You can make contributions to these programs all year long! Consider sponsoring a fundraiser for a favorite project or program during the year. I encourage you to do things for your local veterans and then include something that branches out to benefit a Department program as well.

Never underestimate the power of the dollar you give, the smile you share, or even the seemingly insignificant handwritten card you send. It will lead to something bigger and leave you with gratitude in your heart.

What small action did YOU take that you later realized had a "butterfly effect", one that turned into something much more important?

Blessings to you all!

Sonnie Otto



Sonnie Otto

Department Chaplain

I love winter. Well, I should add that I love winter when I can sit at my dining table, cup of coffee in hand, and stare out the window watching the birds flutter back and forth to the feeder. It is a peaceful time. The rush of the holidays is over and although there are always things to do, I am enjoying this time of quiet.

I have read my morning devotional and now I sit here, reflecting on the wonderful world I am living in. I am so thankful for the warm house, plenty of food, the love of family, and living in the greatest country in the world. How could I not be thankful? I am praising God from the top of the world, and then I am reminded of Job, who in his despair said, "Where then is my hope? Can anyone find it?" (Job 17:15)

I asked myself if my hope lies in all my husband and I have accomplished. Are we taking credit for how things have turned out for us? Are we trusting God with our whole lives and especially with the uncertainty of tomorrow?

It is easy to praise God when things are going how we want them to be. However, what if the stock market crashed? What if our country entered another war? What if our health failed and now is not aligning with our retirement plans? What are God's plans for us?

Our hope is not in the US government or the smart guys on Wall Street. Our hope is in the Lord who controls our future.

We all need to take time to sit back and reflect on our lives. We need that quiet time - when God can speak to us. Where does God stand in your life? Are you walking with Him daily, telling Him you love Him, and thanking Him for the gift of His Son, Jesus? It is during these quiet times when God gives us His peace. It is when He tells us, "Fear not, for I am with you."

"Heavenly Father, in this world of uncertainty, please remind us that our hope is truly in You and not in anything we have accomplished during our short time on this earth. Help us to set aside quiet times so we can hear Your voice. Speak to us in our silence."

I would also like to ask every unit or unit member to submit a favorite prayer, story, song, or picture that will be compiled for a Department Prayer book. The more submissions, the better the book. I would love to hear from you.

Rose Laning



Rose Laning

Girls State Program

American Legion Auxiliary Flickertail Girls State will be held June 12-17, 2022, on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks. Information has been sent to all North Dakota units and schools. Registration is \$300 and is due by May 15th. Visit NDGirlsState.org or call Director Dana Thoreson at 701-314-2460 for more information and applications.

District 4

We have found a very capable and willing new president. Jane Schoonover from Mayer-Morlock Unit 250 of Gackle has consented to serve as your District 4 President for the 2022-2024 term. Thank you, Jane, for saying "yes." Your two years as District President will begin with your endorsement and election at the 2022 Spring District Meeting. The official installation will take place at the 2022 Department Convention to be held June 24-26 in Dickinson.



Currently, we have twelve units in District 4. However, Frank Proisl Unit 33 of Fessenden has applied for disbandment in 2022. It is the District President's job to collaborate with struggling units to maintain their charters. However, when all avenues have been exhausted, Presidents refer those units to the Department Office for disbandment review and referral from the Department Executive Committee (DEC). When serving as a District President, you also become a voting member of the DEC, the legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Many hours of work have gone into preparing the District Presidents Handbook, an invaluable tool to all current and future District Presidents of the Department of North Dakota. This resource will alleviate much of the anxiety that comes with accepting the offices of District President or District Vice President. This handbook is available online at www.ndala.org/districtpages/

I find the quickest way to assess the strength and needs of your units is at District Meetings. By recording the number of attendees from each unit, you can make the necessary phone calls or visits to help with their concerns.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Spring District Meeting. Please join me in the endorsement of Jane Schoonover as your new District 4 President.

"THEIR SACRIFICE, OUR FREEDOM!"

Marlene Boyer
District 4 President

District 5

We just finished an enjoyable Winter Conference. A few highlights are listed in the following paragraphs. We were reminded of the ALA Mission:

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and 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.

Another topic at the conference was about getting to know the County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) to help learn about veterans' benefits and programs.

In your revision of Unit Constitutions and Standing Rules, it is best to list a statement regarding a quorum for meetings. If nothing is listed in the Standing Rules, the quorum is 1 more than ½ the unit's membership.

On a more local level, Unit Presidents are reminded that "Unit Year-End Impact Number Reports" with the volunteer hours and expenses listed, are due no later than April 15, 2022, to the District President. You may think you have not done much, but report what you have accomplished. Many units reporting a few hours tallies up when looking at the big picture! Forms and information are available online at www.ndala.org/reporting/

See the front page of this issue for information on the Spring District Meetings. As of this writing, the District 5 Spring Meeting will be on March 22 in Bismarck. I am looking forward to a good turnout!

Peggy Moran
District 5 President

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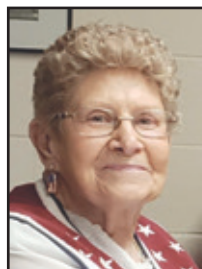
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District 7

Greetings District 7 Auxiliary Members.

I just returned from the 2022 Winter Conference held in Bismarck. We always seem to learn something new at our Winter Conference events. Make a point to attend the next one. Department President, Sharon White Bear, did an excellent job conducting the meetings and had a terrific lineup of presenters.



Dee Dee Buckley, Northwestern Division Vice President from Minnesota, was our guest and is an excellent spokesperson. She had so much good information and had us laughing for much of her presentation. She relayed her information in such an interesting way; you just could not help but enjoy her. Her presentation included new information as well as things I had forgotten and needed to hear again.

Spring District Meetings are coming up very quickly. The District 7 meeting will be March 23 in Hazen. More information is available on the front page of this issue. Make plans now to attend.

If your unit has updated your Constitution and Bylaws, please remember to send a copy to Diane Kraemer, Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairman. If you have not already updated your constitution, do so now.

Membership is coming in at about the same pace it was last year. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Unit Presidents and Membership Chairmen, enlist other unit members to make calls to remind unpaid members to pay their dues. Perhaps sponsor an event like a coffee hour at a local café or offer to collect dues in person. I challenge ALL District 7 units to hit 100% membership by Friday, May 27, 2022, which also happens to be National Poppy Day. I know you can do it!

I would like to see 100% year-end reporting in District 7. I am calling on all unit members to let your Unit President know by April 1, 2022, how many volunteer hours and total amount of resources you have spent. Showcase your support of communities, children and youth, veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Unit Presidents, send your unit reports to me no later than April 15, 2022.

District 7 is still in need of a Vice President. If you would like to step up as a leader in our organization, please contact me or nominate someone who is willing to be a leader at the Spring District meeting.

God Bless America, our veterans, and our troops.

Lualice Stockert
District 7 President

We Remember

At the Winter Conference on Saturday, January 29, the Department of North Dakota held a Memorial Service for 215 Auxiliary members who passed away in 2021.

"We shall strive to pattern our lives after their zeal for patriotism and their devotion to duty, and we rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work which their hands began."

Article and photo submitted by Department Chaplain Rose Laning



District 9

Greetings Auxiliary Members of District 9!

It is March and spring is right around the corner! Springtime is busy and the adrenaline surges as farmers plant their crops and gardeners plant soon-to-be bountiful gardens and beautiful flowerbeds. Children begin to play outside again, while families plan graduations, weddings, reunions, and other big events. It is also a busy time for the American Legion Auxiliary! What is busy about springtime for the ALA you ask?



Have you talked with your high school Junior girls about Girls State? If you have not already done so, begin your plans now to do this. Girls State will be held June 12-17 on the UND campus in Grand Forks. Your unit's Girls State chairman should already have received detailed information from the Department Office.

Member 'Year-End Impact and Narrative Reports' are due to your unit president by April 1st. Prepare your reports early and plan to submit them on time.

National Poppy Day is Friday, May 27, 2022. Your unit's poppy distribution day needs proper planning to be successful and enjoyable for all involved. Did you place your 2022 poppy order?

Memorial Day programs: lining up a speaker, flag carriers, musical talents, children involvement, meal preparations, decorations, etc. require your unit to be on top of your game. Begin planning early.

Will your unit be participating in a parade this summer? Begin planning now!

Is your unit planning a membership drive? If not, please plan to do so!

The words "plan or planning" have been used several times in the above list of "things to do." Our district members that attended the Winter Conference in Bismarck on January 28-30 had the distinct privilege of hearing from Northwestern Division Vice President Dee Dee Buckley from MN. She shared tremendous information with us from both herself and from National President Kathy Daudistel. One phrase she used was to practice the 6 (six) P's: Proper prior planning prevents poor performance! This one simple sentence really stands out because is it not all about the planning: whether your planned event turns out well, that the meals get made and served without a hitch, that we work together for the benefit of our veterans, unit members, and communities?

I challenge each unit in District 9 to plan at least one event or project (two or three are better!), whether they be big or small, for this spring and summer. Take lots of pictures and relay them, along with the information, to myself at district9@ndala.org. The information will be shared with other District 9 units in my planned monthly newsletter. The unit presidents, in turn, will share the information with you. It will be fun to see what each unit produces. Do not think small, think mighty! We can do this together!! Our American Legion Family is the best!

Any unit with members attending the Saturday sessions of the Winter Conference had one chance per unit to win the door prize of \$100. Unit 139 of Tioga was very well represented at the conference and won the door prize. Congratulations, Jan Herfindahl, Unit President, and members of Tioga Unit 139! We also learned that our district does not have a unit with 100% membership yet. We can do better.....let us plan to aim for 100% or higher in membership!

Proud to be an American Legion Auxiliary member.

Brenda Ekness
District 9 President

Upcoming Dates

Education and Parley Scholarships – Due April 1

Americanism Essay Contest – Due April 1

Poppy Poster Contest – Due May 1

Unit Member of the Year – Due May 15

ALA Flickertail Girls State Applications – Due May 15

ALA Flickertail Girls State Program – June 12-17

Department Convention in Dickinson – June 24-26

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Unit 253 White Shield Presentation to NWSDVP



Members of Young Hawk-Bear Unit 253 of White Shield presented a handmade quilt to Dee Dee Buckley, Northwestern Division Vice President at the 2022 Winter Conference held in Bismarck. Pictured are L-R: Department President Sharon White Bear, Danile Henry, NW Division Vice President Dee Dee Buckley, Cheryl Danks, and Priscilla (Shelly) Deane.

2022 Year End Reports Deadlines for Reporting

Unit Members – Deadline April 1

Report volunteer hours and resources to your Unit President

Unit President – Deadline April 15

Compile and report unit members volunteer hours and resources to your District President

District Presidents – Deadline May 1

Compile your unit presidents' reports and send copies to the Department Office and each Department Chairman

Department Chairmen – Deadline May 15

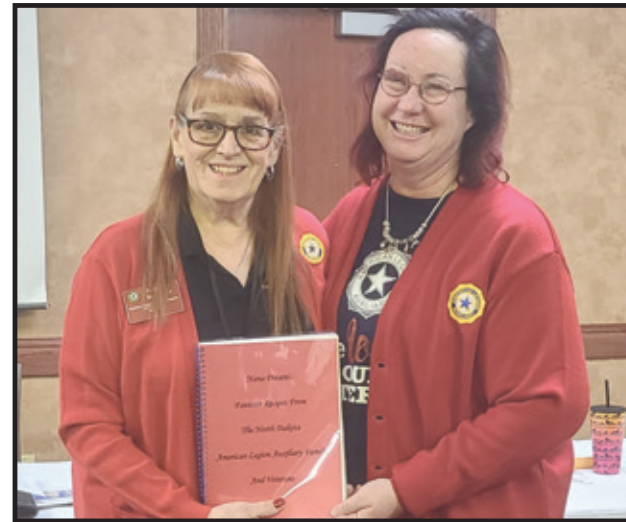
Submit your Year-End narrative 'REPORT' to your respective Northwestern Division Chairman and send a copy to the Department Office

Unit Member of the Year Nominations – Deadline May 15

Send nominations to:
Mary Anseth, Department Leadership Chairman
PO Box 222
Turtle Lake, ND 58575-0222

Forms and information available online at
www.ndala.org/reporting/

Unit 2 Fargo Cookbook Presentation



Carol Wolf (right), author of the cookbook compilation "Nana Presents Favorite Recipes from the North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Family and Veterans," presents a copy to Dee Dee Buckley, Northwestern Division Vice President. Donations made for the cookbook have been distributed to the Fargo VA Medical Center and the Lisbon Veterans Home. Carol is a dual member of Gilbert C. Grafton Post/Unit 2 in Fargo and is the current Department Office Assistant.

In Memoriam

District 1

Bonnie Johnson, Fargo
Mary M Wadnizak, Fargo
Laverne Wilcox, Buffalo
Marian A Kasowski, Buffalo

District 2

Darlene P Storey, Grand Forks
Marlys G Brown, Cavalier
Lennae A. Kosmatka, Grafton
Rose M Crotty, Pembina
Gene Warner, Pembina
Hetty Walker, SLM, Pembina
Marsha A Williamson, Larimore
Patricia J Enstad, McVile
Alma A. Johnson, SLM, McVile
Margaret R Woods, Forest River

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Dorothy Bjornstad, Cando
Ardith Krom, Langdon
Alvina J Engstrom, York

District 4

Margaret Sam, Medina
Colette Eissinger, Gackle

District 5

Jeanne E Wulf, SLM, Garrison
Eva P Braun, Wilton

District 6

Mildred Aipperspach, SLM, Minot
Mabel Falck, Lignite
Florence E Hieggelke, Velva
Helen Thompson, Velva
Coleen Kinzley, Mohall

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Isabelle Mahrer, Flasher
Charmaine Jaeger, Hebron
Phyllis Roth, Elgin

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Peg Donner, Reeder
Pauline Gaab, Richardton
Beverly L Haas, Richardton

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Inez B Smith, Powers Lake
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Sally J Rice, Tioga
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Sara L. Zantow, Oakes
Wilma Raugutt, Ellendale
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Avelon Ulmer, Ellendale

We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information.

Key: HLM - Honorary Unit Member; SLM - State Life Member; VIM - Life Member/PUFL



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District Reports



Dennis Kubischta
1st District Cmdr

Greetings from District 1,

Soon it will be time for the district meeting. It will be held in Nome at the Nome School, there has been an expensive revival/remodeling of the old school and among other uses it is an event center with full staff support available to make meetings and large gatherings comfortable and pleasant. We have a beautiful venue for our district meeting. At the Winter Conference in Bismarck, I had a chance to do planning for this important spring First District Meeting.

The East Region Vice Commander Clarence Carroll, First District Vice Commander Jon Veile and I had an opportunity to discuss what we would like to do to put on a district meeting that is actually worthwhile to attend. Some of the matters we discussed

Turnout at district meetings is dismal at best. And talking to other district commanders I have found that it is common in most districts. We three said we need to do something to put on a meeting people need to attend. We will hold an actual business meeting at Nome, the vice commander will take notes that will be read and open to corrections and revisions before approval at our next business meeting.

On the agenda will be any item of American Legion business you wish to discuss, I will contact every Post Commander before our First District to see if there is anything you want added to agenda. Also, any other item of business brought up from the floor will be addressed. Anyone who wishes to speak will be allowed there right to discuss what they feel needs to be addressed.

We also have on the agenda the election of officers for the next term, a new district commander and vice commander will be chosen. The nomination committee has found enthusiastic and willing members who have said they will take these jobs if the members choose to elect them. You will have the opportunity to speak one on one with your district officers.

We also have on the agenda ideas/plans to move forward for increasing our membership in the American legion that will be open to every post in our district.

There is one new SAL (Sons of the American Legion) post being chartered, another post that is working on the paperwork and is close to submitting their paperwork asking for a charter.

SAL members will be part of this business meeting in Nome and I am contacting the SAL squadron officers in our district to attend as well.

We will discuss what Vice commander Veile and I have found is going on in this district as we have traveled as a team many times in this past year. We have found we basically have two types of posts in the first district.

They are declining posts and dying posts and have suggestions and help to turn this around. Those posts who attend will have the plans presented to them to change the direction their post is heading. A three- year plan will be presented in regard, to be voted on for this district. After it is presented, it will be available to be added to or amended from the floor, it will be the guide to the actual change needed to halt our membership slide. At the business meeting every year it will be reviewed and if necessary revised but will always be discussed so the general membership can see what was accomplished in the past year.

This meeting will be unlike any other district meeting you have attended. It is a pivotal meeting In The 102-year history of our District and we need a good turnout.

It will be guided by your district officers and east region vice commander with support of the Department of ND.

The day to begin the end of the membership slide and post slide in the first district is March 30 in Nome, ND. The American Legion needs our officers and members to attend this vital meeting. Step up and do your best to attend.

You have willing and enthusiastic district officers, join them in turning the decline around.



Tony Phillips
3rd District Cmdr

Greetings from District 3,

I hope all is well and everyone is keeping warm.

The Winter Conference was a success, and it was great seeing those of you that could make it. There was a lot of good information, and I would encourage members to attend future events as they are well worth the time.

The 3rd District Meeting will be held on March 25th in Langdon. Social hour will be at 4:30 pm and a meal at 5:30 pm followed with a meeting.

I hope to see many of you there!



Douglas Wittmier
4th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 4,

I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy since the New Year. I imagine a few of you, like myself, is getting a little cabin fever by the long, cold winter and the rising of Covid cases. But they tell me spring is coming next month. It will be nice to see the green grass and hear the birds sing again.

We just had our winter conference in Bismarck the end of January. After two years without any meetings, it was good times to visit with old friends and to make new friends. There was a one man band that entertained us after the banquet. He kept the crowd entertained by singing Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley. Now the Department Convention will be in Dickinson on June 24-26. Hope to see you there.

Our District 4 spring meeting will be in Jamestown at the VETS Club on March 24, 2022. My position as District 4 Commander will be expiring in June so we will be looking for a District 4 Commander and Vice Commander. I encourage everyone to attend for election of officers, plus good fellowship, because your vote is important.

Our membership is doing very well. Keep up the good work.

My visitation has not been happening due to many clubs not meeting during the winter and plus with the Covid situation. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Last November the Melvin E. Bender Post #265 lost a very strong legionnaire, Harold (Bud) Goldsmith. He was our Post #265 Past Commander, District 4 Past Commander, Past DEC member and also our Past State Commander. Bud is the one that got me more involved in the Legion, which I thank him for, and now I also have a Legion Family. Bud, you will be missed. I now understand what it means to have a Legion Family.

Around Christmastime we had a young family passing through Streeter that had a flat tire. This young man was trying to change a tire in below zero temperatures and nobody would stop to help him. A neighbor of mine and myself stopped to check things out. Here it was a family with a wife and two little children. I called on my other Legionnaire Mark Dockter for some help. We got the tire fixed and fed this poor family, who had no money, and sent them on their way. It was a very humbling feeling and this is what Legion is all about. Helping others!

With that being said, I hope to see everyone in March at Jamestown at our Spring District Meeting.



Brad Huber
5th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 5,

Hello Legionnaires, Happy New Year, hope the year has been going great so far. One great way to start the year for me was attending the Winter Conference in Bismarck. A great learning experience for me and great time hanging out with Veterans. For those in attendance, it was a pleasure seeing everyone and hope to see again in the Spring.

Our next event is our Spring District Meeting. It's currently scheduled for March 22 in Bismarck. Turtle Lake American Legion Post 133, will host the meeting. Let's speak to all our members and invite them to attend. Going to my first District Meeting is what convinced me to become more involved with the American Legion.

Another item to think about is electing a District Vice Commander. We really need someone to step up and fill in that position, it's also the difference between a very long meeting or short meeting. Surely, we have someone ready to take the next step in District 5. Let's also get our Post consolidation Reports in, Post Commander/Adjutants take action and get those submitted ASAP. If your post needs assistance don't hesitate to give me a call.

The last item I'd like to talk about is membership, let's all get out and say hello to any and all veterans, maybe we can convince one of those Patriots to join our ranks. We won't know unless we ask or say hello. It's a good thing to see our Department grow in numbers.

Thank you, veterans, for what you all have done and are doing now, Thank you, Turtle Lake, for hosting our Spring Meeting. Hope to see you all in March.



Allan Magnuson
6th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 6,

I enjoyed meeting all of the members at the Winter Conference in January.

For all of the 6th and 9th Districts members, our joint Spring District Meeting will be held at the Moose Lodge in Minot on the 19th of March at 2 pm. I am looking forward to meeting with everyone that will be attending. I would like to receive confirmation from everyone that will be attending prior to the 4th of March in order to let the Moose Lodge know how many attendees will be there.

I am hoping some of you members will consider attending the Memorial Day service in Sherwood this year for our 85th consecutive year of exchanging colors with our Canadian legionnaires.

My contact information is (701) 818-4788. My email address is magnusonallan@yahoo.com.



G. Reichenberg
7th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 7,

It has been a different kind of winter, there has been more ice than snow. With the bad road conditions and problems driving at night, I have not visited the posts in District 7. Our Hazen Post #189 Sergeant-at-Arms Bobby Neuberger passed away. Bobby was our Sergeant-at-Arms for 30 years and a member of our Honor Guard for 47 years. In Honor of Bobby, we will have our District 7 Spring Meeting at Hazen's Clark Grosz

American Legion Post #189 on March 23, 2022, at 7.30 p.m. I will contact all the District 7 posts to let them know if we will provide a supper.



Jason Anderson
8th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 8,

I know most of us are still dealing with COVID-19 restrictions or are at least trying to not get the illness (again) so it's still difficult to really see life like it used to be. It may just be that this will be the new normal. I know most of us have been around long enough to adapt with change and overcome if we are able, however, it certainly comes with a cost. Mental Health issues continue to be a major problem amongst Veterans and our families. Department Commander Anderson and National Commander Dillard have also made it their focus for their time as our leaders "No Veterans Left Behind"!! We must all strive to be our very best and watch out for one another.

I attended the 2022 Department Winter Conference in Bismarck the last weekend in January and lots of great information was shared with the members in attendance. Legion National Commander Paul Dillard was in attendance all weekend and was the keynote speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening. It was great to hear him speak and he gave us his take on how to respond when someone thanks us for our service. "You were worth it" is now going to be added to my honored response should I hear the phrase again.

Membership also continues to be a challenge, but the Department is still doing very well overall. I cannot stress enough for Post Commanders and Adjutants to contact me or Vice Commander Fehr if you are having any problems with renewing or getting your post CPRs completed.

District 8, Spring meeting is set for Saturday, April 2, 2022, with social hour at 2 pm with meeting to start at 3 pm at the Bowman Lodge, Bowman, ND and hosted by Scranton Post 151. Coffee and water will be provided with dessert type accompaniment. We are not planning a full meal since this will be a midafternoon meeting and social. I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it. Praying for warm weather and spring showers for our farmers and ranchers.



Tim Deneke
9th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 9,

Membership campaign was another success story for the 9th District.

New Town won an award from the Department Headquarters for being over 100% in renewals.

Tioga is working on forming a Legion Riders Chapter.

Watford City is making a new Post building a reality.

Nothing but good things are happening in the Gunsmoke District.

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Fargo – Post #2		
Schwinden, Donald A.		10/16/2021
Hillsboro – Post #4		
Lien, Clarence		11/28/2020
Ashland, James	.....	01/05/2022
Beach – Post #5		
Rink, Kermit	.....	Unknown DOD
Rojic, Walter	.....	Unknown DOD
Scherman, Charles	.....	Unknown DOD
Stedman, Duane	.....	Unknown DOD
Westrum, Kenneth	.....	Unknown DOD
Lassell, Harold	.....	Unknown DOD
Nunberg, Thaddeus	.....	Unknown DOD
Sarsland, Billy	.....	Unknown DOD
Peterson, Dan	.....	01/24/2022
Grand Forks – Post #6		
Krenznel, Anthony	.....	06/08/2021
Mayville – Post #8		
Jorgensen, Laurel	.....	Unknown DOD
Moen, Stewart	.....	Unknown DOD
Buffalo – Post #10		
Larson, Vincent	.....	Unknown DOD
Pommerer, Roger	.....	Unknown DOD
Cavalier – Post #11		
Farrow, Luella	.....	Unknown DOD
Thompson, Lowell	.....	Unknown DOD
Washburn – Post #12		
Hager, Foster	.....	Unknown DOD
Jamestown – Post #14		
Hanson, Louis	.....	11/29/2020
Vollrath, Gary	.....	06/13/2021
Hope – Post #18		
Bounds, Richard	.....	01/19/2022
Huschka, Ferdinand	.....	Unknown DOD
Hope – Squadron #18		
Lemley, Brian	.....	Unknown DOD
Wahpeton – Post #20		
Kiefer, Thomas	.....	11/21/2021
Marquardt, Leonard	.....	02/17/2021
Vondal, Roger	.....	01/16/2022
Rugby – Post #23		
Gustafson, John	.....	01/14/2022
Johnson, Robert	.....	11/10/2021
Minot – Post #26		
Mueller, Donald	.....	12/03/2021
Harvey – Post #28		
Faul, Ken	.....	07/02/2021
Seefeld, Leon	.....	11/26/2021
Drake – Post #32		
Vinton, Mike	.....	01/16/2022
Fessenden – Post #33		
Nutz, Donald	.....	01/30/2022
Lignite – Post #35		
Olson, Rodney	.....	Unknown DOD
Williston – Post #37		
Boussard, Robert	.....	09/07/2021
Lynch, Arthur	.....	Unknown DOD
Mandan – Post #40		
Schroeder, William	.....	07/27/2021
Haugen, Ordean, Jr.	.....	12/26/2021
Grafton – Post #41		
Nelson, Rodney	.....	11/15/2021

Bottineau – Post #42		
Kihle, Kenneth	.....	Unknown DOD
Thompson, Lyle	.....	Unknown DOD
Hunter – Post #44		
Lien, Earle	.....	Unknown DOD
Bowman – Post #48		
Hanson, LeRoy	.....	11/17/2021
Goodrich – Post #56		
Konschak, Kenneth	.....	Unknown DOD
Sauter, Jerome	.....	Unknown DOD
Valley City – Post #60		
Anundson, Arlie	.....	Unknown DOD
Kane, Milton	.....	12/24/2021
Kenmare – Post #64		
Froseth, Marlyn	.....	Unknown DOD
Crosby – Post #75		
Engberg, Kenneth	.....	Unknown DOD
Owens, Loren	.....	Unknown DOD
Peterman, Harvey	.....	Unknown DOD
Peterson, Paul	.....	Unknown DOD
Throntveit, Curtis	.....	Unknown DOD
Forman – Post #82		
Corliss, Rex	.....	12/07/2021
Lidgerwood – Post #84		
Krause, Bruce	.....	10/11/2021
Wishek – Post #87		
Sayler, Daniel	.....	Unknown DOD
Center – Post #90		
McCauley, John	.....	Unknown DOD
Northwood – Post #92		
Larson, Mark	.....	Unknown DOD
Langdon – Post #98		
Cuffe, Richard	.....	10/18/2021
Lothspeich, Lyle	.....	11/22/2021
Havana – Post #108		
Larson, Joel	.....	11/25/2021
Hannaford – Post #113		
Doremus, William	.....	11/19/2021
Hettinger – Post #115		
Jacobson, Gene	.....	12/30/2021
Parshall – Post #121		
Woessner, Kenneth	.....	Unknown DOD
Maddock – Post #123		
Nelson, Lonnie	.....	11/30/2021
Togstad, Harris	.....	02/01/2022
Hazelton – Post #126		
Opp, Darwin	.....	12/05/2021
Ohlhauser, Ricky	.....	01/20/2022
Turtle Lake – Post #133		
Hanson, Ralph	.....	11/19/2021
Stanley – Post #134		
Anderson, Richard	.....	11/11/2020
Anderson, Lowell J.	.....	10/28/2021
Ellendale – Post #137		
Bauder, Albert	.....	08/09/2021
Belfield – Post #144		
Zarak, George	.....	11/30/2021
Park River – Post #147		
Hudson, Dennis	.....	05/29/2021
Larson, Dennis	.....	11/10/2021

Milnor – Post #148		
Odegard, Curtis	.....	04/24/2021
Olson, Gary	.....	11/03/2021
Robbins, “Jim” James	.....	11/14/2021
Rall, Ellery	.....	12/26/2021
Wyndmere – Post #153		
Haberman, Richard	.....	02/01/2022
Verona – Post #178		
Holub, Lewis	.....	11/24/2021
Hagen, Dennis	.....	10/14/2021
Richardton – Post #180		
Amann, Raphael	.....	01/23/2022
Pekin – Post #182		
Bjorlie, Elmer	.....	Unknown DOD
Olson, Willard	.....	Unknown DOD
Hazen – Post #189		
Neuberger, Robert	.....	12/01/2021
Sjostrand, Dewayne	.....	01/12/2022
Gwinner – Post #191		
Erickson, Darwin	.....	12/06/2021
Edmore – Post #193		
Stevens, Richard	.....	12/2021
New Leipzig – Post #211		
Roth, Brian	.....	Unknown DOD
Rolla – Post #235		
Huovinen, Charles	.....	Unknown DOD
Turner, Kenard	.....	Unknown DOD
Adams – Post #237		
Bjerke, Harlynn	.....	01/03/2022
Michigan – Post #238		
Daws, Richard	.....	11/06/2021
Neché – Post #242		
McDonald, James	.....	Unknown DOD
Noonan – Post #243		
Heuer, Arlan	.....	Unknown DOD
Elgin – Post #246		
Vetter, Raymond	.....	Unknown DOD
Herbel, Elroy	.....	Unknown DOD
York – Post #268		
Berg, Harland	.....	01/16/2022
Butte – Post #270		
Steig, Leonard	.....	11/06/2021
Mandaree – Post #271		
Demaray, Allan	.....	Unknown DOD
Gunderson, Tomas	.....	Unknown DOD
Young-Bear, Frank	.....	Unknown DOD
Mooreton – Post #283		
Stone, James	.....	Unknown DOD
New Town – Post #290		
Hasby, Kenneth	.....	01/21/2022
Harwood – Post #297		
Ellenson, Donald	.....	Unknown DOD
Engel, Darrold	.....	11/29/2021
Oberg, Curtis	.....	11/17/2021
Sahr, Robert	.....	11/08/2021
Manvel – Post #299		
McGoven, Robert	.....	07/09/2021
Berntson, Douglas		08/30/2021
Bry, Duane		11/20/2021
Montgomery, Robert		11/28/2021



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SAL National Commander's Visit

I want to thank all of you for your outstanding work thus far this year. Let's not lose this momentum and keep strong for the remainder of the membership year.

The Winter Conference was held in Bismarck, January 28-30 and I want to thank all Squadrons who sent membership in at the event. I especially want to thank National Commander Michael Fox for attending the event and for the Department for all their help in making Commander Fox's visit possible. Members enjoyed a meet and greet social with him on Saturday and he also delivered brief remarks to the Joint Opening Session on Friday and was present at our business meeting Sunday morning.

National Commander Fox, Detachment National Executive Committeeman Mike Miska, and I went over to the ND Veterans Cemetery to place a dozen flags as part of his Flying Flags for Heroes project. This project aims to place one million American flags on veterans' graves by the end of the National Convention on September 2. North Dakota's quota for this program is 2,500 flags. You place the flags, note how many were placed, take some pictures, and upload them to the website www.flyingflagsforheroes.com and our state will get the credit.

Members attending our business meeting were encouraged to share what they are doing in their communities. Two areas we are looking for are Detachment representatives for Commander Fox's project, as well as to the Veterans Employment and Education (VE&E) Committee. If this is something you are passionate about, please let me know, as it mainly involves participating in virtual conference calls every month.

On membership, we are doing awesome. The most



National Commander Paul Dillard, Detachment Adj Joe Casima, SAL National Commander Michael Fox, and Detachment Cmdr Daniel Sauerwein.

current membership report our Detachment is at 764 members, or 83.41% of goal with a renewal rate of 82.19% and sits at fifth in the entire nation. Remember, a goal for the Detachment is for us to win the Triple Nickel Award at National Convention this year, which would be a huge honor, as it will be our 50th National Convention. It's in Milwaukee and I would love to have a strong showing of members from the Detachment at it.

I want to encourage you all to come to Dickinson in June for Convention and let the Detachment officers know what you would like to have for activities there and how we can make it engaging for you. If there is enough interest, we are willing to look at having a family space to provide things for younger members and members in general to do.

International Music Camp

The International Music Camp is excited to announce that it will be returning to in person programming at the International Peace Garden for the summer of 2022. Following two years of alternate programming due to COVID-related limitations, the camp will be celebrating its 66th season of serving the youth of North America and the world.

Since 1956, the International Music Camp has served over 148,000 young people from around the world. It is proud of its mission to enrich lives through artistic expression and personal growth and is thankful for long term partners like the ND American Legion and Legion Auxiliary who have supported it since its inception. Alumni have gone on to be cultural leaders in North Dakota and beyond, helping provide and elevate artistic opportunities for people and communities across the country.

Programming once again focuses on young people ages 10-18 and includes studies in music, dance, theatre, and visual arts. One-week sessions begin June 19th and run through August 2nd, 2022. Basic tuition for the week begins at \$600 USD with additional opportunities for individual

lessons and program-specific supplies. Additional information can be found at www.internationalmusiccamp.com.



Troy Reemtsma Announces his run for Central Region DEC

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- Past District Vice Commander and Commander for District 10
- Two time Department Membership Chairman
- Past Adjutant for the SAL Detachment of ND
- National American Legion College, Class of 2019
- Current member on the Law and Order



American Legion Department of ND 2022 Winter Conference Sweepstakes

The drawing was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at the American Legion Department of ND

\$2000 Grand Prize Winner

Roger Larsen of Harwood Post 297

\$1000 Prize Winner

Charles Vasicek of Bismarck Post 1

\$200 Prize Winners

Roger Sateren of Lakota Post 21

Robert Helgeson of Maddock Post 123

\$100 Prize Winners

Paul Donohue of Tolna Post 162

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Local Posts in the News

McVile Post 135 Makes Several Donations



Ole Semling Post 135 of McVile has recently made some wonderful donations to area entities and others outside of the area, in honor of our veterans.

Sarah Vaeth, Squad Leader of the McVile Ambulance Squad, accepted a \$5,000 check from the Post. Along with Sarah who is an EMT/Paramedic, was Katie Nerison, an EMT squad member, and Trish Nerison, Paramedic/RN. The Post and the City of McVile feel very proud of the fact that we have such faithful and talented ambulance members to serve our Nelson County Health System and surrounding areas.

The Post also donated \$5,000 to the Nelson County Health Services Foundation. It was a proud moment to present the check to Foundation Director Kenzie Engen to a worthwhile health service in our local area. Funds will be used as the Foundation deems necessary.

Thomas Trostad McVile's Fire Department Chief, was more than excited to accept a \$5,000 check from the Post. The members of the Fire Department number about fifteen in members. The Fire Department is one entity in the community that we again so appreciate.

Another check was presented to Dave Rice, Past Department Commander of the North Dakota American Legion, and as part of the Honors Flight committee out of Fargo. The \$5,000 check will assist veterans to fly to Washington DC to visit the memorials and see the parts of past wars that represent their era. Each qualified veteran is presented with an airline ticket along with room and board to make the trip. Several area veterans have taken the Honor Flight. Those that have gone, come back with such appreciation.

The Lisbon Veteran Home in Lisbon houses veterans and their spouses when they find life hard to adapt to on their own. Again, several local veterans have lived out their lives at this beautiful facility in Lisbon, ND. A check has been sent to the Lisbon Veteran's Home for \$500 also.

Donations for Calendar 2021 that Post 135 has given out.

Miscellaneous: \$1,175
Local Individual: \$1,400
Emergency Services: \$17,000
Youth Programs: \$8,041
City of McVile: \$2,306
Total: \$29,992 for 2021
Last three years 2018-2020 total: \$38,750 for a grand total of \$68,742.

First Responders Gather to Remember 9/11



A small group of Rugby residents and first responders from the Rugby Police Department and Pierce County Sheriff's Office listen to a speech given by John Gustafson, center, at Memorial Hall. Members of the Rugby Clarence Larson American Legion Post 23 stand with the colors near the building. Sue Sitter/PCT

By SUE SITTER
Staff Writer, The Pierce County Tribune

A small group of veterans from Rugby's Clarence Larson Post #23 gathered at Memorial Hall with Pierce County Sheriff Josh Siegler, Rugby Police Chief John Rose and Rugby residents to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

With a slight chill in the Saturday morning air, the September 11, 2021, ceremony began at 8:30 a.m., the approximate time when American Airlines Flight 11 hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center 20 years before.

Minutes later, on that fateful day, a second plane would hit the second tower of the World Trade Center before a third would crash into the Pentagon. A fourth plane would crash in Shanksville, Penn., after passengers fought to wrestle it from the control of four hijackers. In total, more than 2,900 lives would be lost that day.

John Gustafson, public relations representative for the post, gave a speech recalling the events of 9-11, also known as Patriot Day.

Gustafson described how the day's events changed lives forever. "They would not imagine that a day that had started out normal would end up being far from it,"

Gustafson said of those who were affected by the terror attack.

"The whole event seemed surreal, like a bad dream," Gustafson added. "Then, we received word of the attack on the Pentagon and foiled attempt to crash another plane at another destination," he said, describing the crash of United Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. "We will always remember where we were and what we were doing as the events unfolded on that particular day. Two thousand, nine hundred and ninety-six died that day and many others died as a result of their exposure to the smoke."

"We are gathered here today to remember those who gave their all," Gustafson added.

The ceremony included a special salute to the first responders who lost their lives that day, as well as those who serve their communities today.

Pastor Mike Lundberg offered a closing prayer to remember the fallen.

Members of the post's color guard fired three rounds from four guns to honor the fallen. Post member Sheila Ostrem played Taps on a bugle.

At the close of the somber ceremony, Gustafson said, "God bless all of you and God bless the USA."

Local Veterans Organizations Come Together to Help in the Fight to End Hunger



Several local Veterans Organizations teamed up to put on a Veteran's Food Drive which took place on Thursday, August 12th. A friendly competition between the organizations took place at Cashwise Foods that day with the AMVETS Post 7 of Fargo winning the non-perishable food item competition. VFW Post 762 of Fargo won the monetary donation competition.

In the end, \$4,000 in donations was collected and the organizations were able to donate 698 pounds of food/diapers! According to the Great Plains Food Bank, with our food and cash donations, they will be able to supply 12,582 meals to help feed those in need.

We were excited with these results as our initial goal was to raise \$3,000, which we far exceeded thanks to the generous giving of so many in the community!

Thank you to the area Veteran Organizations involved for their hard work and dedication to fight hunger in our community. It has been a pleasure to work collaboratively with all the organizations. We hope we will be able to join together again soon for our next joint venture.

Virginia Kraushaar, American Legion Post 2 Adjutant was responsible for putting this wonderful event together.

Veterans Day at Hope-Page Elementary



Veteran's Day at Hope-Page Elementary. Students in grades Pk-6 researched and learned about the different military branches, invited local Veterans and performed a short program. After the program, students in grades 4, 5 & 6 were able to learn about flag etiquette and learn how to correctly fold the flag. They were taught by 1st District Commander Dennis Kubischta of Hope and members of the Page American Legion.

Garrison Post 49



Garrison Post 49 presented Officer Dave Kamp the Law Enforcement Certificate of Commendation, during a special assembly at the Garrison High School on November 12th. Pictured with Officer Kamp is Glenn Nygard, Jerry Mehlhoff, Officer Kamp, Karen Meier and Bob Kastner.



Best Wishes American Legion!
Senator Terry M. Wanzek

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Local Posts in the News

Veterans Day at Napoleon Public School



Blue Day at the All-School Veteran's Day as the American Legion Color Guard retires the colors.

by Ann Knecht

The Barry Hoof American Legion Post #72 and Auxiliary hosted a 'Stamp Art' contest for the students K-6. Their art was to depict scenes of patriot art for the theme "Proud to be an American – Thank a Veteran." On Monday, November 8th an awards program for K-6 was held at school on Red Day. Prizes were awarded for first place, second place, and third place in each class. 116 students participated in the art contest and submitted an entry for the 'Challenge Question' which was also open to teachers and staff at the school.

On Tuesday, the students wore white to show their support of veterans and soldiers, remembering families and friends. The fifth and sixth graders also wrote letters to veterans and soldiers to 'thank' them for their service and learn about where they served and life as a soldier.

Wednesday, November 10th we held an All-School Veterans Day program and invited the public to attend.

Harvey American Legion Post 28 Observed Veterans Day at the Harvey High School



Left To Right: Rose Deck, Mitch Strand, Steve Volk, Rick Rittenbach, Sheila Schroeder, Wayne Paulson and Wilfred Keller

Horace Post 293



Legion members presented Post member Robert Bradshaug with a 50-year membership certificate. Left to right Kellynn Zink, Don Goerger, Brad Hanson, Ron Erickson, Russ Berg, Robert's wife Jackie, Robert Bradshaug, Jeff Hanson and Jefri Jones.

Jamestown Post 14



Post 14 Adjutant George Barnes (left) presents Cliff Herrick with a gift of appreciation for his service.

The Post 14 Color Guard was back to an active status due to Cliff's commitment and dedication for the past eight years.

Legionnaire Herrick has been Post 14 Finance Officer for the past 12 years.

The American Legion Color Guard presented the flags, and the program began with high school music students, Emma Ketterling and Sophie Ketterling presenting the National Anthem. Our MC, a high school student council representative, McKenzie Haas, led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag. Elementary students joined Child & Youth coordinator from the Auxiliary to present the Child's Military Table Ceremony.

Auxiliary President Helen Braun announced the Challenge Question winner, Lilly Just from grade 3 and introduced our guest speaker Chief Warrant Officer 5, Jay Knopp from the ND Army National Guard who spoke about experiences in the National Guard.

The closing ceremony included the retiring of the colors by the American Legion members Ron Kerzman and Dennis Hottman and the playing of "Taps" by high school music student Sophie Ketterling.

Turtle Lake Post 133



On November 24, 2021, Post 133 in Turtle Lake presented approximately 50 pounds of ground Elk meat to the Lord's Pantry in Turtle Lake, ND.

Marv Anseth, Post Commander George Gilfus, and Jimmy Blotter presented the Elk meat to Beth Anderson, Director of the Lord's Pantry.

The supply of meat was provided to the Turtle Lake Post 133 by the Injured Military Wildlife Project of North Dakota (IMWPND).

The Project recently participated in a Cow Elk culling at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The Injured Military Wildlife Project of North Dakota is among several beneficiaries of the American Legion Post 133's gaming program.

Cando Post 79



A wild game feed was held at the Cando Bar in Cando, ND, on January 15, 2022.

Members serving were Kim Asp, Karen Reemtsma, George Youngerman, Donny Tostenson, Ted Asp, Troy Reemtsma and Department Commander Steve Anderson.

Over 60 people were served. The wild game was donated to Hal Parker Post 79 and the menu was moose, pheasant, duck, elk, goose and venison. A great time was had by all.

Lakota and Brocket Posts

O'Neil Rainsberry received a continuous year certificate for 70 years and is a member of the Lakota Post #21 and his son Tom Rainsberry also received a continuous year certificate for 50 years and is a member of the Brocket Post #61.



Bottineau Post 42

The Bottineau American Legion Post 42, donated the installation of the Wall of Honor that was installed at the Cove in Bottineau. It is a Salute to Local Heroes of those who have served - Veterans, Active and Retired Military and First responders - on Indoor Digital Monitors across North Dakota. A visit to the Cove, you will see the monitor in action. Further information on the Wall of Honor can be obtained at: <http://www.TheWallOfHonor.org> or call 701-989-0915 to submit your veteran photo and news.



L to R: Dave Weiler, Wall of Honor, Del Alvord, American Legion with Dennis Beck the Veterans Liaison Officer accepting the check from American Legion Post Commander Post 42 Heather Thompson, Ron Bergman and Art Lund. Not pictured Al Wondrasek, Jeff Hall and Harley Getzaff.

Raffle

The Mandan Lions benefit raffle this year went to the Mandan Veterans organizations. They each were presented with a check for \$1,000 at their annual picnic. Pictured are John Ringland representing the VFW Post 707, Patty Barrette with the Mandan Lions, Frank Rothschilder representing Mandan American Legion Post 40, and Ron Crouse representing the Dakota Leathernecks Marine Detachment of Mandan. We wish to thank the Mandan Lions for their generosity and hope to work with them again.



Hebron Post 100



Several members of American Legion Post 100 in Hebron were awarded Quilts of Valor during the annual Veterans Day Program at The Hebron Public School. The quilts were made by members of the Loose Threads Quilting Guild in Hebron in cooperation with Quilts of Valor in Minot.

Seated (L-R) Phil Lutz, Ray Lutz, Bob Birkmaier, James Opp and Jerel Erickson.

Standing (L-R) Don Herryly, Duane Roth, Steve Sletten and Loren Wentz.

Gwinner Post 191

On Sunday, January 16, 2022, Lester W. Peterson Post 191 in Gwinner sponsored the first annual "People's Choice" chili cook-off. The event was attended by nearly fifty people from within the community. There were eleven different chili recipes entered into the contest. The first-place winner was awarded \$250, second place \$150, and third place \$100 from Post 191.

Also included in the event was an awards ceremony for those members of Post 191 with 25 or more years of continuous membership in the American Legion. On hand to present the awards were Department Commander Steve Anderson and his wife Michele. Awards were presented to twenty-eight members in the post with years ranging from 25 years all the way to 68 years of continuous membership. The awards ceremony was meant to bring awareness of our organization and its associated programs to the community.

Post 191 extends a sincere thank you to Commander Steve and Michele for being with us for this enjoyable event.



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WINE TASTING: There is an opportunity to tour Fluffy Fields Vineyard and Winery followed by wine tasting on Friday from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Come early and have a noon lunch at Fluffy Fields.

WALK: The VA&R Committee is sponsoring a walk on Saturday morning at 9:00 am to bring awareness to PTSD and suicide prevention. Registration will be available at the convention. Do not forget to bring your walking shoes.

Thursday, June 23, 2022

11:00 am Foundation Meeting
Afternoon Golf outing in Medora

Friday, June 24, 2022

9:00 am DEC Meeting
10:00 am Registration (closes at 5:30 pm)
1:00 pm Wine Tasting and Tour at Fluffy Fields Vineyard and Winery
1:30 pm Resolutions
3:00 pm Department Veteran Service Officer Hours (until 6:00 pm)
3:00 pm Legion Riders
3:00 pm District Commanders/CPR's
4:00 pm Constitution and By-Laws Committee
4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
4:00 pm Credentials
4:00 pm Band Practice Room
4:30 pm District Officers Flag Rehearsal
5:00 pm 40 et 8 Cheminot
5:30 pm Past Dept Commanders Dinner
5:30 pm First Time Attendees
7:00 pm Joint Opening Session

Saturday, June 25, 2022

7:00 am 40 et 8 Breakfast & Grand Promenade
8:00 am Registration (closes at 3:00 pm)
8:00 am Boys State
8:00 am Athletic Committee
9:00 am VA&R Walk
11:00 am SAL Meeting
11:00 am Credentials Committee
11:00 am Incoming Officers Meet and Greet with Incoming Commander and President
1:00 pm Legion General Session
3:00 pm Regional Caucuses
4:00 pm Americanism/C&Y Committee Meeting
4:00 pm Press Association
5:00 pm Social
6:00 pm Department Convention Banquet
7:30 pm Dance

Sunday, June 26, 2022

8:00 am Oratorical Committee
8:00 am VA&R Committee
8:00 am Incoming Officer Pictures
8:00 am Registration (closes at 9:00 am)
9:00 am Credentials Committee
9:00 am Joint Memorial Service
Joint Session
Legion Session
Post Convention DEC Meeting
Organizational Meeting

Advanced Department Convention Banquet Ticket Order Form



Please reserve the following tickets for (Legionnaire's Name) _____

Under Post # _____ in District # _____ Located in _____

June 1st is the cutoff for the \$30 Advanced Banquet Ticket Price

Tender Beef Tips _____ (quantity) X \$ _____ (price) = _____ Total

After June 1st the ticket price is \$35.

TOTAL PAYMENT SUBMITTED: \$ _____

Note: The Advanced Ticket Price of \$30 is for all tickets purchased by June 1st. The ticket price increases to \$35 after June 1st and must be received by the Department no later than June 16th otherwise tickets can be purchased at the registration desk. A limited number of tickets are available and are sold on a first come first served basis.

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Mail Payment to: American Legion Dept of ND, 405 Main Ave W #4A, West Fargo, ND 58078



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