

BROWN – Newly Elected Department Commander

Clarence Carroll, III, Elected as Department Commander-Elect

Delegates to the annual Department Convention in Dickinson, ND, confirmed Dan Brown as 2022-2023 Department Commander to lead the North Dakota American Legion throughout the next year.

Department Commander Brown is a member of Post #37 in Williston. His past positions have been two terms as West Region Vice Commander, District 9 Commander and Vice Commander, two terms as Post 37 Commander.

Clarence Carroll, III, was elected Department Commander-Elect. Clarence is a member of Larimore Post #97 and 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.

Three Department Vice-Commanders were also elected during the convention. Todd Rikke member of Lidgerwood Post #84 will serve as the Eastern Region Vice-Commander; Brad Huber member of Hazelton Post #126 will serve as the Central Region Vice-Commander; and George Petermann member of Dickinson Post #3 will serve as the Western Region Vice-Commander. Derrick Childs member of Cando Post #79 was again elected as the Department Finance Officer



Dept. Cdr Dan Brown



Dept. Cdr Elect Clarence Carroll III

Homecoming for

National Vice Commander

Glenn Wahus



October 1, 2022

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President Signs

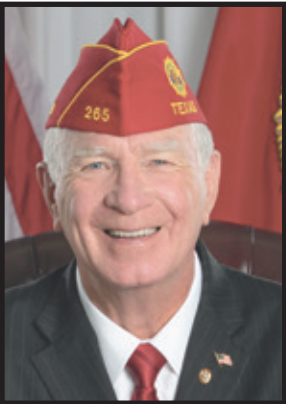
Honoring Our

PACT Act

WASHINGTON (August 10, 2022) – The American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard praised President Biden and the bipartisan majority of congressional members who supported the most comprehensive veterans’ health-care legislation in decades.

Dillard, who attended the bill-signing ceremony at the White House this morning, pointed to the law’s overwhelming support. “The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act is now the Honoring Our PACT law,” Dillard said. “We thank President Biden for signing this legislation. Millions of veterans and their families can take comfort in knowing that their government truly appreciates their service and sacrifice. This comprehensive health care law is the result of hard work and bipartisanship by patriotic advocates, members of Congress and American Legion Family members worldwide. It was a privilege to represent all of our allies at the White House today. I encourage all veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances while serving in the military to contact their American Legion service officers for free assistance in accessing the benefits that they have earned. The claims process can be complicated, and American Legion service officers are happy to help.”

The PACT Act will provide health care for millions of post-9/11 veterans who were exposed to contaminants emanating from open-air burn pits. It establishes presumptions of service connection for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers linked to burn pits and other hazards, including Agent Orange and atomic radiation for veterans whose exposure was previously unrecognized for VA health-care services and disability benefits. It will also provide additional resources and staff to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Enactment of the PACT Act was a major legislative priority for The American Legion in this session of Congress.



Paul E. Dillard
National Commander

2022 Fall District

Meetings for the

American Legion

and Auxiliary

District 3 meeting will be held in Belcourt, ND, on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

District 10 meeting will be held in Oakes, ND, on Friday, September 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

District 7 meeting will be held in Carson, ND, on Friday, September 23, 2022, at 6:30 pm Central Time

District 4 meeting will be held in Jamestown, ND, on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 5:00 pm

District 2 meeting will be held in Minto, ND, on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

District 5 meeting will be held in Washburn, ND, on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 12:00 pm

Districts 6 meeting will be held in Williston, ND, on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 11:00 am.

District 8 meeting will be held in Richardton, ND, at the Legion Club on Saturday, October 15, 2022, Social at 2:00 pm and meeting at 3:00 pm Mountain Time.

District 9 meeting will be held in Williston, ND, on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 11:00 am.

District 1 meeting will be held in Mayville, ND, on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

The District Commander will conduct the District meeting with the assistance of their District Vice Commander and under the guidance of their Regional Vice Commander. Various Department Officers will be on the agenda to bring Legionnaires up to date on their programs. Each District Commander and/or “Host Post” will be mailing out additional information to the posts within their respective districts.



Boys State 2023 Recruitment Update

Mark Western, Associate Director
North Dakota Boys State

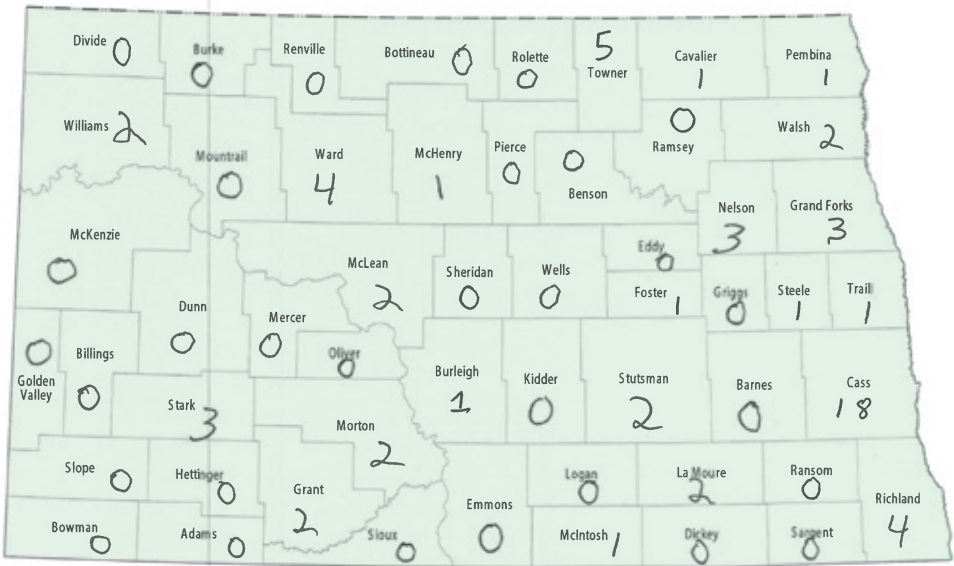
The 2023 North Dakota Boys State recruitment season is already up and running. The Boys State Staff has held a handful of meetings in the interim since the 79th Session was adjourned in mid-June. During the 2022 session, delegates had told staff that they think that there would be a higher amount of interest in the program if the potential delegates knew about Boys State earlier. Traditionally, we have not seriously started recruiting efforts for the next year's session until the new year, but based on guidance from delegates, we are hoping to start full blown recruitment in the fall of this year.

Also new for 2023 is the addition of extra structure for helping local Legion Posts and District Boys State Commanders. Evan Kritzberger (evan.kritzberger@ndboysstate.org) is assisting for Eastern North Dakota and Braxton Selle (braxtonselle@hotmail.com) is responsible for Western North Dakota and they are both providing assistance to Associate Director in charge of Recruitment Garrett Anderson (garrett.anderson@ndboysstate.org). Attached to this article is a county by county breakdown of attendance for the 2022 Session of North Dakota Boys State. More than half of North Dakota's counties sent zero delegates in 2022. We strongly believe that with some added effort and strategic thinking, we can have modest improvements. If each county that has zero delegates sent only one, the enrollment for the program would increase by about fifty percent! I have also broken-down attendance by Legion District as follows:

District 1	20
District 2	9
District 3	6
District 4	3
District 5	3
District 6	3
District 7	4
District 8	3
District 9	3
District 10	5

Ultimately, for the Districts that have registrations of six or fewer delegates, a modest improvement would be to increase by two boys per District. For the Districts that have more than six delegates in 2022, a modest improvement would be to increase enrollment by ten percent. If each District made modest improvements, the 2023 session would have 80 delegates, which would put the program at nearly the 2018 level. Each Legion District (and post) is in charge of its own recruitment efforts, but the goal of Boys State Staff and counselors who are designated in charge of recruitment is to provide assistance when requested and communicate directly with schools, units of government and other stakeholders when appropriate. Watch this column over the next several months. We will continue to have news and developments and are excited for the 2023 Session!

RECRUITMENT



Greetings to everyone in the East Region! As I am writing this, we are beginning to see the dog days of summer beginning to wane. It won't be long until we change from complaining about the heat to complaining about the cold. Such is life in North Dakota.

The end of summer also marks the beginning of our 2023 membership drive. By now all of the Posts should have their membership packets and should be processing renewals as well as recruiting new members. It's never too early to start!

The East Region has benefited from having the largest concentration of membership. However, I have noticed that in recent years, there has been a steady drop of active participation in Legion activities. If we are to continue being a vital organization that supports our veterans, it is imperative that more of us get involved. It starts at your local Post and just by attending your monthly meetings, you can help make a difference. As a member of the American Legion, everyone has a say in the direction we take. All it takes is a few hours of your time once a month.

The Fall District Meetings will be happening soon. Each Post has a responsibility to send representation to their District meetings. This year, the Fall meetings will be a little different. There are no plans for Department participation. These will be strictly District meetings. As a Post, it is your opportunity to present concerns to and receive feedback from your District leadership. I plan on being at all three of our District meetings. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Finally, I want to say how honored and privileged I am to be your Eastern Region Vice Commander over the coming year. I am very excited to see what we will accomplish in 2023 and beyond. I look forward to working closely with the District Commanders and Vice Commanders to enhance our legacy and build upon our success as the leading veteran's organization in the United States. If your Post and/or community has a special event, please feel free to contact me anytime and if I can, I'll be more than happy to be there.

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Todd Rikke
East Region Vice Commander



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COMMANDER COMMENTS

DAN BROWN - DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



I am honored and humbled to have been chosen to follow the many outstanding commanders from the past. I get to be the 5th Commander to come out of Williston. Great men and mentors, some I have had the privilege to meet. Harry Polk 1946-47, Floyd Semenko 1986-87, Ray Atol 1992-93, Gary Skarphol 2000-01. What a legendary group I am privileged to be a part of along with all the other commanders throughout North Dakota.

I will be your “somebody” if it needs to get done, anyone can do it, but nobody does, even though everyone should...I will be your somebody. I will give you my upmost effort to make each and everyone of you that elected me proud to say “Yep, that’s our commander”.

We talk about membership at every meeting. I was reading some notes from a fellow commander the other day. We know that membership is the life blood of our beloved American Legion. If so, then our 4 pillars are the heart that pumps that blood. Not sure if I agree with the Field of Dreams line, “If you build it, they will come”. People must know what you are doing in your community. We must brand ourselves with our Legion apparel when we are out working with the public. Be it fundraising, Memorial Day programs, Americanism, in the schools with the kids or Veterans Day. Get out of the shadows. Use National Headquarters and their Public Service Announcement templates to let your community know what you are up to and the good that you



Hello again Legionnaires, hope your summer is going well. A lot has happened since I last spoke to you all. The State Convention in Dickinson was a great time, thank you to all that attended and thank you Dickinson Post 3, my hats off to you for hosting a spectacular Department Convention.

A few congratulations are in order, starting with our new Department Commander, Dan Brown, and Department Commander Elect Clarence Carroll. Best of Luck to you for a successful tour, with your leadership and guidance I believe we will do some great thinks for our Department. Additional Congrats to our newly elected District Commanders, Regional Vice Commanders and Department Officers. It’s time for us to go to work and make this Department the best it can be. With the talent we have I truly believe we can make that happen.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Central Region for selecting me as your Regional Vice Commander. I am honored and will do my best to support each and every post within the Central Region.

Speaking of support, let’s keep Rolla Post 235 in our thoughts and prayers. Their Legion Cabin was lost to a fire and could use our support to rebuild. Rolla, let me know if there is anything I can do. I went to Post 235 Rolla, North Dakota Facebook home page which has details on making a donation to help with the rebuild.

As we look forward, there are plenty items we need to stay focused on. The membership drive has begun so let’s support our new Department Membership Chairman, Mamie Havelka, by meeting, or better yet, exceeding our membership goals and proving to everyone why our Department is the greatest.

We have Fall District meeting coming soon, I’m ready and excited to attend. Hopefully each and every Central Region post will join me at their respective District meetings and proudly represent your posts at those meetings.

The last thing I want to discuss are awards and scholarships. It’s never too early to start looking for that deserving Legionnaire, Fire fighter or Law Enforcement officer of the Year. What a great way to let our communities know we exist by nominating someone. The deadline for submitting is December 31, 2022, and will be here before you know it.

With school starting soon, that means Oratorical Contest is right around the corner. Let’s get a plan in place to go to our local schools and see if we can find a hard charging student we can represent at the District, Regional and State contests. A lot to think about, but if we work together I believe we can do great things. I am here to help if needed.

Thank you all for your service and everyone take care. For the farmers, I hope you have a successful harvest, hope to see you all soon.

Brad Huber
Central Region Vice Commander

do every day for the community you live in and the youth. Membership gives us political power. We are nonpartisan but we still work issues that are close to home for us. A recent example was the vote on the PACT Act. National put out a call to action to contact your Senators. Within the first hour we sent out over 9,000 contacts to our respective Senators. Amazing!

Keep driving on with our new slogan “Be the One!” Seek training either in your community or online. There are many free courses out there that can help you recognize signs of depression, teach you how to ask the question, validate their feeling and expedite care when it is above your level training and comfort zone. Seek out the resources in your community, know who to contact when the need arises. All we can do is try and save them, save them all, one at a time.

My phone is always open, I respond to texts, calls and emails. If you want me to attend an event or have an issue I may be able to help with, please feel free to contact me. I am here for you some things overlap but we will get a department officer coming your way. I do have an awesome supporting cast surrounding me. How lucky can one guy be?



Greetings and Salutations to all West Region American Legion Commanders, Presidents, Members, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. From your newly elected West Region Vice Commander. My name is George Petermann and I will leave my contact information at the end of this message.

My term is off to a great start. I was honored to be invited to attend two great events, to participate and ride in the Minot North Dakota State Fair Parade and the opening games of the American Legion Baseball Class A State Tournament in Watford City.

My thanks to Commander Milo Wallace, Commander of Minot American Legion Post #26, his family and post members for their hospitality and accommodating help by providing me and my wife with a vehicle for us to ride in during the parade. Our time spent at the Post and the Fair was very enjoyable as well as the time greeting and talking with people lining the parade route.

My next adventure was attending the opening games of the Class A State Tournament in Watford City. My congratulations to both The Watford City Walleyes and The Williston Oilers for their excellent games on Friday and Saturday. The pride and sportsmanship exhibited by all the teams serves as a perfect example of the principles of American Legion Baseball. Thank you.

I have been entrusted with your care and continued growth in and of the American Legion. I intend to honor and earn that trust. I cannot do that without the help of every one of you. To be more specific, you, my District Commanders. I need you to be my eyes and ears to help me know what is going on in my Region and if necessary, I hope you will be my boots on the ground. I am asking that my District Commanders send me a sit rep once a month with information on what is happening within their District. Such as: any civic and Legion events that you may want me to attend or post in the Legion News, any “attaboys” you may want me to help hand out, any members that need to be recognized, any problems you may be having, (send me a synopsis of the problem, background and context of the problem, what you hope to accomplish and possible solutions that we can work on to resolve together). I want to know what is happening in West Region and you, my District Commanders, are the only ones who can help me. Together, we can make West Region the #1 in the Department.

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George Petermann
West Region Vice Commander



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YOUR NEC REPORT

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Greetings Legion Family,

First of all, thanks for allowing me two more years as your NEC. We had the opportunity to have the National Vice Commander Angel Narvaez from Puerto Rico share his commander's message with us and the leading candidate for National Commander Jim Troiola shared his

goals for his upcoming year as the National Commander. The last article we mentioned talking to your senators about the PACT Act. The bill passed both the House and Senate and is now on the President's desk to sign. The VA will be getting \$400 billion in discretionary spending over the next ten years to help Veterans. Keep in touch with your

County Veteran Service Officers to help you when these funds become available. We're getting ready for the National Convention in Milwaukee and hope to see our candidates get elected. Glenn Wahus for National Vice Commander and Mark Antal appointed to National Chaplain.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

SUMMER KRISTIANSON - DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER



Honoring Our PACT Act

As many of you have already heard, the President officially signed the bill Honoring our PACT Act, which is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. But what does this mean for our Nation's veterans? The PACT Act will bring the following changes: expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for veterans with toxic exposures and veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras; adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures; adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation; requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every veteran enrolled in VA health care; and lastly, helps VA improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures.

What are these new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures? They include the following cancers: brain cancer, gastrointestinal cancer of any type, glioblastoma, head cancer of any type, kidney cancer, lymphatic cancer of any type, lymphoma of any type, melanoma, neck cancer, pancreatic cancer, reproductive cancer of any type, and respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type.

The following illnesses are also presumptive conditions of burn pits and other toxic exposures: asthma that was diagnosed after service, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), chronic rhinitis, chronic sinusitis, constrictive bronchiolitis or

obliterative bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous disease, interstitial lung disease (ILD), pleuritis, pulmonary fibrosis, and sarcoidosis.

The locations that are covered for burn pits and other toxic exposures include the following:

On or after August 2, 1990 – Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, UAE, and the air airspaces above these locations

On or after September 11, 2001 – Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Uzbekistan, Yemen, and the air airspaces above these locations

There were two new presumptive conditions added to the list for veteran's exposed to Agent Orange as well under the PACT Act. These conditions are High Blood Pressure and Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS).

There were additional presumptive locations added for Agent Orange exposure. These locations include the following with the corresponding time periods.

- Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976
- Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham

Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969

- Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off of Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 30, 1980
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977

If you qualify for any of the above newly added benefits, set up an appointment with your local county veterans service officer (CVSO). CVSOs are your local point of contact to learn about VA benefits and what resources may be available to you. CVSOs are provided at no charge to veterans and their dependents. To find your local CVSO, visit <https://www.veterans.nd.gov/about/veteran-service-officers-vso>

Please keep in mind, being exposure to Agent Orange or burn pits alone is not a disability. The VA has a list of presumptive conditions that have been recognized as associated to these exposures during military service. To learn more, please visit <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/#gulf-war-era-and-post-911-vete> or Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange - Public Health (va.gov)



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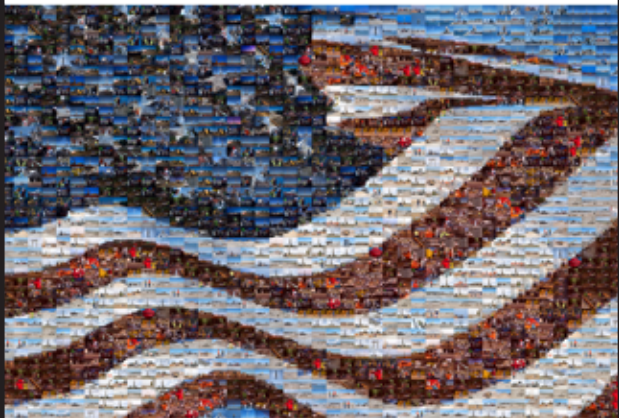
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MAMIE HAVELKA - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Greetings!

As the new Membership Chair, I will introduce myself and give you a little background. My name is Mamie Havelka and I grew up on the Lininger Ranch/Farm a couple miles north of Scranton in Bowman County. My military service was the US Air Force, once an Airman always an Airman. After 33 years of service, retirement was from my last duty assignment, Pacific Air Command Judge Advocate General Corp, Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. My husband Arn and I are now retired and live in Bismarck, ND.

The Membership Renewal requests have been mailed from National. Some of the information may be inaccurate on the renewals, but, thankfully, the membership card you receive should be accurate, if it is not, please contact your local Post. Thank you for all your renewals, we should be on point to make the next monthly membership goal.

Commander Brown and I, as Membership Chair, have chosen several focuses, ONE focus is on Post 500 this year. Post 500 membership results when an individual joins the American Legion online. Post 500 are members at ND American Legion Headquarters in Fargo, ND.

Together, we want to have the Post 500 members be in the Post of their choice. If your card says you are in Post 500, please contact one or all of the following from the Membership Committee.

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Minot Youth Eagle Scout of The Year

The Department of North Dakota American Legion has announced the selection of Kalen Hill of Minot as the 2022 North Dakota American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

Kalen is a student at Minot High School and a member of Troop #1433 chartered through Christ Lutheran Men in Mission. He joined in the spring of 2014. Kalen received his Eagle Award in 2017 and three palms.

Over the years, Kalen has held many positions as a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quarter Master, Scribe, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Den Chief and Junior Assistant Scout Master to name a few. Kalen joined the Venture Crew 9752 the summer of 2020. He was Vice President of Programming and Administration and Crew Order of the Arrow Representative. Currently he is Territory Venturing Officers Association Member.

In the spring of 2016 Kalen was inducted into the Order of the Arrow Chapter 11 of the Pa Hin Lodge. In the summer of 2019, he attended the World Scout Jamboree held in West Virginia one of the highlights of his scouting career. Kalen has attended Order of the Arrow Conclaves all over ND. In 2021 he was selected as an Arrowmen to give a presentation about scouting and its impact on ND in the Report to the Governor address. He has attended Section

Conclave in MN and will be going to National Order of the Arrow Conference this summer as the contingent leader.

Kalen's Eagle Scout Project was a musical playground on the site of Washington Elementary School in Minot. He knew it had to be something outdoors and to include his love of music. He decided on a xylophone and drum set in "life size" proportions. He called upon his boy scout troops, family and friends to help him with his plan. They had to cut, sand, paint and stain the wood and cut pipes for the xylophone. To create the different pitches needed he had to use math to calculate the length of the pipes needed for each tone. Kalen wanted the opportunity for the children to experience music not just in class but outside during recess as well. He wanted them to think outside the traditional options of music and maybe even find something new that they had never thought of before.

Kalen has volunteered at local food banks, soup kitchens and food drives. Kalen's participation in school activities include Minot Swim Club, choir, jazz band and orchestra to name a few. Kalen plans to go to college to pursue a Music Education degree in North Dakota.

The selection of the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year is made annually based on the scout's advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout and his activity in his school,

church and community.



Department Commander Steve Anderson presents Kalen Hill the 2022 Eagle Scout of the Year Award from the Department American Legion along with a \$250 check. The presentation was made during Minot's Post 26 meeting on May 23, 2022. (L to R) Millo Wallace, Minot Post Commander, DC Steve Anderson, Kalen Hill, parents Courtney and Jess Hill.

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Owen Berg of Langdon 97

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Allen Schmidt of Flasher Post 69

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Larry Kallias of Minot Post 26

Charles Colby of Williston Post 37

Gene Rupp of Minot Post 26

Ben Messer of Richardton Post 180

Charles Hintz of Bismarck Post 1

Lester Olson of Williston Post 37

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

STEVE ANDERSON - CHAIRMAN



Pre-Convention DEC Meeting

Veterans Pavilion, Dickinson, ND

June 24, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Kenny Wiederholt.

National Vice Commander Angel Narvaez and National Leading Candidate Jim Troiola were in attendance.

Committee reports from Americanism/Children and Youth, Athletic, Boys State, Finance & Budget,

Membership, VA&R, Oratorical, Foundation, SAL, Legion Riders, VSO, NEC, Press Association were given.

Investment assessment was reported on by Chairman Wiederholt.

Department Convention bids were discussed by Adjutant Matthews.

Brad Huber was approved to go to the Legion College.

The budget was reviewed. Fall District Meetings will

be held without the Department Commander or Department Adjutant travelling to each meeting. The next DEC meeting will be held in Williston on September 17, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 1008 hours.

Post-Convention DEC Meeting

Roosevelt Hotel, Dickinson, ND

June 26, 2022

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 1234 hours.

Officer and Committee Chair appointments were approved. Conflict of interest forms were completed.

Convention review was supposed to be sent to the HQ Department.

Jr. Cadet Program was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 1252 hours.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

KAREN HUTCHINS - DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



I was recently honored to officiate the funeral service for George Lewis. Although I did not personally know the man, by listening to his lovely family and the wonderful words they shared about him, we had a lot in common. For example his choice at Dairy Queen would have been peanut Buster parfait. I would have been the second in line behind him! I consider myself a transplanted Texan and he and his late wife enjoyed spending their winters in Texas, not too far actually from where I lived. He loved music as do I, and his heart and mind were side-by-side in our love for teaching. So although I didn't know him when I walked in the door, I felt like I did by the time I left.

But the important part wasn't whether or not I knew him. The most important part of his life and his death was the fact that God knew him, and he knew God. Isa 60:1 "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you." Arise - it's a word of encouragement. These physical bodies are lying in a servant's condition while we live on this earth. In death, our physical bodies are no longer in a servile or calamitous state. They are transformed by rising into a free and

prosperous condition; transformed into a healed, complete and whole body—no longer tired and weary. Shine - restoration in that these physical bodies are laid to rest and our glorified bodies are displayed in the flourishing state of heaven under the banner of Christ Jesus, the Messiah, free from earthly chains and woes, from illness and weakness - restored to wholeness and completeness and life - restored as they were first created. "For your light has come!"

When the Jews returned out of captivity, they had light, a gladness, joy and honor; they then were made to know the Lord and to rejoice in his great goodness; and their light came. As long as we have the knowledge of God in us, and the favor of God towards us, our light has come. When God appears to us, and we have the comfort of his favor, then the glory of the Lord rises upon us as the morning light; when he appears for us, and proclaims his favor to us, then his glory is seen upon us.

But it is important to remember that not all immortal bodies are transformed into heaven. There is an old sixties song that talks about requiring a ticket on that train. But the ticket isn't a card that gets punched based on how good

or bad we are. We cannot be good enough to earn our way into heaven. We cannot earn salvation. All we have to do is believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and say so. Rom. 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Saved from sin and an eternal life in the fiery pits. There isn't a 'sinner's prayer' to say. It's a heart choice – a decision you make between you and God, that commits your heart to God's. And once you do that, you receive your ticket - the ticket Jesus bought for you when He died on the cross. Once you have believed in your heart, and confessed with your mouth, that Jesus is Lord, and you have opened your heart and allowed Him to move in there, you cannot do anything bad enough for Him to tear that ticket up. That's why a funeral for a believer is called a celebration. We can celebrate our departed one's life by saying "farewell" to his earthly body, instead of goodbye. Because farewell means, we will meet again, in this case, in heaven—if you have your ticket. What do you do next? Email me. karenhutchins@hotmail.com God bless you.

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Napoleon Unit Holds Poppy Coloring and Essay Contest

A poppy coloring contest project for grades K-6, coordinated by Helen Braun and staff of the Napoleon Public Schools was recently completed to the delight of participants and Napoleon community leaders.

The theme, 'The Red Poppy: A Remembrance Flower' was used for this year's event and on May 2 winners were named by Unit President Helen Braun of Napoleon. Helen shared a short poem, and the students echoed the verses:

"I wear a little poppy, as red as red can be, to show that I remember those who fought for me."

Judges for the contest were members of Barry-Hoff Unit and Post 72 including: Peggy Welder, Viola Wolf, Ann Knecht, Helen Braun, Ron Kerzman, and Chris Hansen. The annual Poppy Coloring and Essay Contest is a joint effort supported by the Children & Youth Committees of the unit and post.

Approximately 115 students were encouraged to participate in the contests. Grades K-2 enjoyed completing a coloring page; grades 3-4 created original painted posters with the theme "Lest we forget" and Grades 5-6 wrote essays on the subject "The Poppy, a Flower of Remembrance." Art projects were displayed in downtown Napoleon and essays were printed in the Napoleon Homestead newspaper. Cash prizes were awarded for each grade and each winner was presented with a patriot-themed pinwheel.

We are thankful to the Napoleon Public School staff for their cooperation in promoting the Auxiliary and Legion project. We are appreciative that the students learned the story of the poppy and the significance of remembering fallen soldiers.

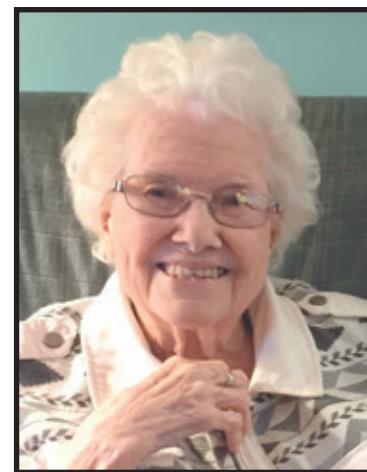
Article submitted by Ann Knecht



Poppy posters submitted by Grade 3 & 4 students on display at local Napoleon business.

Setterlund Family Donates to Oakes Unit Scholarships

The family of Jean Setterlund recently presented Bean Goodwin Unit 36 of Oakes with a memorial gift of \$1000. The unit is directing the funds to local American Legion Auxiliary Flickertail Girls State scholarships. Jean passed away in 2019 and always had a deep affection for the Girls State program. She was an active Unit 36 member for many years. She served in several capacities as a unit officer as well as District 10 President. Jean and her husband Chet also managed the concession stand at a local ballpark on behalf of the American Legion post and unit to raise funds in support of youth activities in Oakes.



The North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary thanks the Setterlund family for their generous gift to the Flickertail Girls State program.

Photo submitted by Patty Setterlund-Hample

Department Commander and President Homecoming

American Legion Department Commander Dan Brown and Auxiliary Department President Sandra Petermann will be honored at a 'Recognition Dinner' to be held in Williston, ND. Make your reservations and plan to attend.

Saturday, September 17, 2022

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Fall District Meetings

*Information is subject to change without notice.
Visit www.ndala.org for updates closer to the event*

District 1 Mayville November 3

Location: Golf Course

5:30 pm Registration • 6:00 pm Meal • 7:00 pm Meeting

District 2 Minto October 1

Location: Legion Post

4:00 pm Social • 5:00 pm Meal • 6:00 pm Meeting

District 3 Belcourt September 7

Location: Casino

5:00 pm Social • 6:00 pm Meeting

District 4 Jamestown September 29

Location: Vet's Club

5:00 pm Social • 6:00 pm Dinner • 7:00 pm Meeting

District 5 Washburn October 1

Location: Legion Club

12:00 pm Lunch • 1:00 pm Meeting

District 6 Williston October 15

Location: Grand Williston Hotel

11:00 am Social • 12:00 pm Lunch • 12:30 pm Meeting

District 7 Carson September 23

Location: Legion Hall

6:30 pm Central Time Meal • 7:30 pm CT Meeting

District 8 Richardton October 15

Location: Legion Club

2:00 pm Social • 3:00 pm Meeting

District 9 Williston October 15

Location: Grand Williston Hotel

11:00 am Social • 12:00 pm Lunch • 12:30 pm Meeting

District 10 Oakes September 9

Location: Legion Building

7:00 pm Meeting

Sparrow Wins National Auxiliary Scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota is proud to announce that Sophie Sparrow, a member of James Roberts Unit 124 of McClusky, has won the Junior Member Loyalty Auxiliary Scholarship for 2022. She was one of eight national winners chosen from hundreds of submissions.



Since joining the James Roberts unit in 2017, Ms. Sparrow has been active with unit activities in support of veterans and area military families. She has also served as a Junior Unit President for several years where she organized and implemented several youth projects.

Ms. Sparrow is the daughter of Kipp and Megan Sparrow of rural Mercer County. She attended Turtle Lake-Mercer High School, graduating as salutatorian in May 2021. While attending high school she was active in sports and other school activities and was inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year. She is currently attending Minot State University pursuing a degree in psychology and plays softball as a student athlete.

McVile Unit Sponsors Five Girls Staters

Five delightful young ladies from the McVile area attended the 2022 American Legion Auxiliary Flickertail Girls State Program held June 12-17, 2022, on the UND campus in Grand Forks.

The students reported they enjoyed the week's activities and all benefited from learning about government in cities, counties, and the state.

The North Dakota Girls State program, celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, is designed for girls who have just completed their junior year in high school. The program does not discriminate by race, creed, religion, disabilities, or grade point status. Home-schooled and foreign exchange students are all welcome to attend.

The young ladies attending in June were: Lizzy Halisey, Rylan Parsley, Lydia Stein, Jordan Ridgeway, and Anna Karpenko. Halisey is from Pekin and Parsley, Stein, Ridgeway and Karpenko are from the McVile area. Anna Karpenko, a foreign exchange student from Ukraine and niece of Brent Huso, was welcomed as an attendee. During her week at Girls State, Anna was naturalized to become an official citizen of North Dakota Flickertail Girls State. Thanks to the efforts of Girls State Director Dana Thoreson, Past Department President and City Mom Marlys Aubol, and the staff who made this program a success.

Ole Semling Unit 135 of McVile thanks Legion Post 135 for generously sponsoring these young students.

It was wonderful to be able to send so many delightful young ladies to this prestigious event sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Article and photo submitted by Past NW Division National Vice President Judy Twete



Girls State Graduation Day. Pictured (L to R): Jordan Ridgeway, Rylan Parsley, Anna Karpenko, Lydia Stein, and Lizzy Halisey.

Department President

Greetings American Legion Family.

It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over, and school is just around the corner. I hope each of you had a chance to take in some sun and relaxation. I know how busy and sometimes chaotic things can get, and sometimes we need to force ourselves to take some much-needed time off.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Linda Siewert, District 6 President, and William G. Carroll Post and Unit 26 of Minot for the invitation to attend the Minot State Fair on July 22nd. A special 'thank you' to our driver, Paul, who escorted us in one of his convertibles and again to Linda for the beautiful signs you constructed.

In August, North Dakota students will be preparing to go back to school, which is a perfect time to introduce 'Giving 10 to Education.' What is 'Giving 10 to Education?' It is purchasing supplies for children to attend school. I recently noted that several stores have school supplies at a reasonable price. Please consider this worthwhile project, whether it be for students in need of supplies or teachers who need to stock up supplies for their classrooms. Do not forget to include your activities in mid-year and year-end reports. Our children are our future, and with your support, we can ensure their futures continue to be bright.

Beginning August 26th, the 2022 National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Department Office will be sending the 'green' mandatory contribution form and 'pink' poppy order form in early September. The deadline for both is November 1. Please be on the lookout for these forms in your unit mailing.

A question that I have heard from members is 'can poppies be used more than once a year?' The answer is 'yes.' According to our national organization, poppies can be used and distributed any time of the year. Typically, poppies are distributed near Memorial Day. Some units include them with Christmas or birthday cards to our military and veterans. Every day is 'Poppy Day.'

The Department Office sends unit mailing packets to Unit Presidents throughout the year. If you have something that you wish to let other units know about, contact the Department Office staff to have it included.

Start planning your unit's activities early and be sure to document those activities with pictures and articles that can be shared in 'The Message.' Be sure to include Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VAR), Legislation,

Americanism, Education, Children and Youth, and Poppies, which are just a few of our notable programs you can share with your communities. Remember to include membership drives at your events. Ask your neighbors, family, and friends if they are eligible to belong to the American Legion (TAL), American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) or Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and then sign them up. Membership applications and requirements can be found online at www.ndala.org and www.alaforveterans.org

I am looking to fill the Legislative Department Chairmanship. If you or someone you know would like to fill this position for 2022-2023, please call me or our Department Office staff for information.

One of my goals this year is to increase membership in each of our units. One of the ways that I believe this can be done is by hosting membership drives in our communities. Please keep in mind to include your local American Legion Post and work as a team. When an event is planned in your community, visit with the planners to see if you can set up a table or booth. Perhaps have free baked goods for new members or enter them in a drawing held at a later date. If you would like me to visit your community, please let me know. I am here to help. Also, please reach out to Past Department Presidents. They have so much to offer and can give great advice and suggestions.

My theme for 2022-2023 is 'Flying Together, United as One' and funds collected for my president's project will be donated to the Honor Flight for Western North Dakota. Raffle tickets supporting my project are available from your District President and Department Chairmen as well as from me. My 'president's pin', featuring my theme on its face is also available for a donation to my project.

Department Commander Dan Brown and I will be having our Homecoming in Williston on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Four Points by Sheraton Williston. The phone number for the Sheraton Hotel-Williston is 701-609-5490. More information can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Be kind and open to new ideas. Every day that we learn something new is a great day. Every day is Veterans Day.

Sandra Petermann



Sandra Petermann

Department Chaplain

Life is short. Or so they say. James 4:14 says that "you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." Life in grade school passed very slowly and seemed like it would last forever, but in no time at all, we finished school and were sitting on the front porch of our own home with a car out front. Now, for most of us, our kids are grown and we realize that we have turned into our parents. Life is really, really short.

The primary questions that every human being has to answer are "Who am I? What am I doing here on earth? What is my purpose?" How we answer these questions will affect how our lives are judged.

If we wrongly listen to the voice of the world, we may define ourselves as, 'I am a nurse.' or 'I live in the Hermitage neighborhood.' Is the power of the world directing our spiritual steps? We may pray for God's direction, but unless our hearts shift away from worldly motives, we will not know true guidance.

1 John 2:17 "The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." So, life does not have to be short after all - it can be forever. It is accomplished only by doing the Will of God - which brings us to the next question 'What am I doing here on earth?' Scripture tells us "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11.

Ephesian 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Did you know God has good works for you to do? If we listen to God's guidance, He has a plan for us that includes many good works. These "works" are loving one another.

So how are we measuring up? Are we preoccupied with our careers? Are we placing value on the lives of others - even loving the irritating brother or sister-in-law? What works has God prepared for you? Are you taking some cookies or a meal to a shut-in? Are you volunteering with our Auxiliary family members? You are needed and there are many works that have been created for you to do. Spend time with the Lord and listen to His voice. Everyone will benefit and whoever does the Will of God lives forever!

(Adapted from the Gary Wilkerson World Challenge new)

Rose Laning



Rose Laning

Department Vice President

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I have been thinking about membership lately and what we can do to increase the membership in our Units. We are all part of the Membership Committee! We all can help our Unit Membership Chairmen to get our units to 100% dues paid.

Here are a few ideas. We all have daughters, granddaughters, sisters, mothers, and grandmothers who have not become members of our units. Often, this is because we simply have not asked them. Make a point to ask them to join our units.

At this time, great-granddaughters of veterans are not eligible to be members. As I write this, I am hopeful that The American Legion is working to correct that.

We need to search for where we can find new members. Ask members of your church committee or school associations. We do not want to have our units or our Auxiliary in general go away because we became complacent. Let us all join together to make our Auxiliary great and strong! Together, we can do this!

LoAnn Dick



LoAnn Dick

Department Treasurer

Are you ready to say "good-bye" to summer and "hello" to the fall? I certainly am! One reason I love the fall (besides the weather and beauty it brings) is the season of "thankfulness" it imparts. An important way of thanking our veterans is to support the programs that assist them in a variety of ways!

In September, your Unit President will receive the 'green' Mandatory Contribution Form. The completed form should be returned to the Department Office by November 1, 2022. This form lists a variety of programs which are important to our veterans. Your units will need to decide which programs to support and how much you can give—it is a tough decision. There is never enough money to show the "thanks" we really feel. But collectively, your contributions build and can bring a nice gift for programs that desperately need it.

As you complete your Contribution Form, it is important to note that there are a few items which are "mandatory" or "required" for all units to contribute toward. If you have questions regarding your form, please contact me or Marcy for clarification. Please note the back side of the 'green' form will tell you what programs your donation supports. This form is also located online at www.ndala.org/forms/

Another tidbit. Have you completed the North Dakota "Required Charitable Organization Annual Report?" Every charitable organization registered in this state shall file an Annual Report along with a \$10 fee with the secretary of state on or before September 1 of each year. Failure to file the annual report and fee as required will mean the organization's registration will no longer be in effect and the organization may not solicit in North Dakota. Visit www.sos.nd.gov for more information. Be sure it stays on your list of "things to do" for your unit every year.

I hope you will all enjoy the cooler weather headed our way—and GIVE THANKS for all that God blesses us with!

Sonnie Otto



Sonnie Otto

Department Secretary

It is starting to feel a bit like autumn already! Where does time go? If you have a question about membership or other Auxiliary related matters, feel free to call me at the Department Office at 701-253-5992. I may also be reached by email at secretary@ndala.org. I love chatting with you.

Congratulations and thank you to all unit members, Unit Presidents, District Presidents, and Department Chairmen for submitting your 2021-2022 year-end reports. Those reports always amaze me! It shows that large and small units are actively supporting veterans in their communities. They continue to work for and support Auxiliary programs such as Girls State, Education and scholarships, Children and Youth, Poppies, and Americanism. I am so proud to be a part of this grand organization.

There are a number of things that have come to the attention of Department Office staff and Department Officers that affects units and members alike. Just as inflation has affected our families and everyone in our communities and state, it has affected the Department's bottom line as well. Department officers and its finance board members are carefully monitoring the Department's

financial strength and are seeking ideas and studying long-term solutions. This is a work in progress.

As I draft this article, so many things are going on. North Dakota's National Convention delegates will be back from the 2022 National Convention to be held in Milwaukee before this publication arrives in your mailbox.

National Headquarters will be mailing 2023 Dues Renewals in early September. I encourage unit membership chairmen and unit members alike to reach out to members who live nearby and welcome them to a unit meeting. Perhaps gather a party and attend a District Meeting too.

Information about upcoming Fall District meetings is located elsewhere in this publication. I encourage you to watch for more information in articles written by District Presidents and posted at www.ndala.org.

Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

Department NEC

To keep up with all the procedures and policies of the American Legion Auxiliary organization, national headquarters offers ALA Academy classes for free. I encourage unit officers and members who want to learn more to check these classes out by visiting the national website at: alaforveterans.org/ALA-Academy



Tammy Ryberg

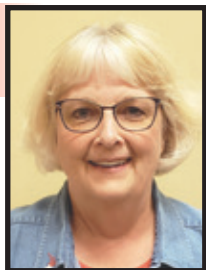
Remember that a dues increase will be coming in the future. Keep this in mind when your unit discusses financial situations and what your unit dues are now.

If units or districts have questions and do not know where else to turn, I encourage you to contact your District President and/or Department Office staff. Help is out there so just reach out. If these members do not have an answer, they will find it and get back to you.

Tammy Ryberg

District 5

THANK YOU to District 5 Unit members for submitting your 2021-2022 volunteer hours and narrative reports! Seven of twelve units in District 5 reported hours volunteered, dollars spent, and veterans served.



A total of 15,989 hours of volunteer service and \$42,349 was spent in providing support and services to veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Programs involved in this reporting included Children and Youth, Community Service, Department Education Scholarships, and Girls State. These numbers are awesome and were included in the Department report to National Headquarters. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

As we begin a new service year, we have renewed excitement coming off the 2022 Department Convention. At convention, the voting body chose to support the Veterans Outdoors Adventures of ND with funds from the Auxiliary Memorial Fund. There was discussion on the potential future increase in National dues. We were reminded that all Unit Constitutions, Bylaws and Standing Rules need to be reviewed with 17 out of 144 Units having completed this task.

Units need to be sure to notify the Department Office of any State Life Members that have passed away so the Department doesn't accidentally send dues to National for deceased members. We had the pleasure of hearing the North Dakota State Legion Band several times during the Convention. The State Legion Band organization will be 100 years old in 2024 – AWESOME!

I am interested in visiting District 5 Unit meetings this year so let me know when and where you meet.

Preliminary plans for the District 5 Fall Meeting are in place. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, in Washburn. Stay tuned for more details. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fall District 5 meeting and more of you at your unit meetings as well.

Peggy Moran
District 5 President



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District 9

Greetings to District 9 Auxiliary Members,

It is Fall already! My, has the summer flown by! Department Convention, held in Dickinson on June 24-26, was well attended and informative. On behalf of our District, a grand THANK YOU to outgoing Department President Sharon White Bear for a job well done and a big WELCOME to incoming Department President Sandra Petermann! Sharon not only brought a calm, kind, firm presence with her to our organization, but she also shared many native customs with us, which was educational and wonderful! Incoming President Sandra has many years of experience in the Auxiliary, and her leadership will be no doubt be encouraging as well. We look forward to her guidance and direction this year.

Fall District Meeting will be held in Williston on **Saturday, October 15th**, at the Grand Williston Hotel.

Social will begin at **11:00 AM** followed by a no-charge **12:00 noon** meal. Legion and Auxiliary meetings will commence after the meal. Thank you to the Williston Post and Auxiliary for hosting this event! Let us fill the meeting room! It will no doubt be a delightful day to spend together. Bring ideas to share with your sister units as to what has worked so that we can help each other grow and become stronger together.

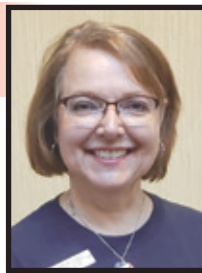
On the ND American Legion Auxiliary website (www.ndala.org), membership co-chairman Gloria Covert encourages all units to set a goal of 90% dues paid by December 20 each year to keep your members' dues current. This is a great goal, and one to be achieved! Now is also a good time to recruit those new members that you have been wanting to ask and have not gotten around to asking yet!!

American Education Week will be November 14th -18th this year. Remember the teachers in your communities with a token of your appreciation. This may be as simple as sending notes or some other items to show that you care about them. As we all know, teachers are especially important people in the lives of our children, schools, communities, and nation and our respect and support of them is required to help them help our children. Remember.....it takes a village! Recently, I found a poem and think it fits the American Legion Auxiliary because we all benefit when we work together.

*I may be one, but with others I become many.
I may be small, but with others I become mighty.
I may be weak, but with others I become strong.
I may be afraid, but with others I become courageous.
I may be weary, but with others I become emboldened.
I may be confused, but with others I become clear.
I may be one, but with others I become many.*

God bless you, our veterans, military, and their families and this great United States of America. May your days be filled with many blessings in the coming weeks.

Brenda Ekness
District 9 President



Winners of Poppy Poster Contest Announced

Winners of the 2022 Poppy Poster Coloring Contest were announced by Joan Buske, Department Poppy Chairman, at the June Department Convention held in Dickinson

Class I – Grades 2 and 3

Athena Becker, New Salem
Danica Iverson, Fairfield
Lyla Sawyer, Glenfield

Class II – Grades 4 and 5

Chloe Erber, Washburn
Megan Sitter, Medora
Kyla Burt, Cavalier

Class III – Grades 6 and 7

Brooklynn Herletved, Washburn
Paige Smithberg, Crosby
Ingrid Huhta, Grenora

Class IV – Grades 8 and 9

Rolland Nerau, Streeter
Elizabeth Kleven, Hope

Class V – Grades 10 and 11

Anilye, Grosle, Streeter
Lillie, Knott, Hope

Class VI – Grade 12

Blake Jackson, Luverne
Jayce Rivinius, Gackle
Kaitlyn, Homola, Gackle

Class VII – Special Needs

Cove Harvol, Finley
Cora Kessel, Fairfield



Johnson Selected as Unit Member of the Year

Ruth Johnson, a long-time member of William C. Blair Unit 144 of Belfield was selected as the 2021-2022 Unit Member of the Year for the Department of ND. Nominated by her unit, Ruth is a dedicated Auxiliary member who goes the extra mile serving not only veterans but her unit and her community as well. Ruth was honored at the annual Past Presidents Parley luncheon held at Department Convention on Saturday, June 25, in Dickinson.



Donation to VA from Cookbook Proceeds

Carol Wolf, Department Office Assistant, presented a check for \$1,000 to Jessica Hed, Director of the Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) at the Fargo VA Medical Center to support Community Resource and Referral Center programs. 'Busy boards' were also purchased for use by patients in Fargo. Carol presented the boards to members of the CDCE in March 2022.

The donated funds and items were generated with proceeds from the sale of a cookbook edited and compiled by Ms. Wolf, a veteran who recently retired from the North Dakota Army National Guard. Carol is a dual member of Gilbert C. Grafton Post and Unit 2 of Fargo.



Busy boards for patients. (L-R): Steven Sanders, CDCE Fargo; Carol Wolf, Department Office Assistant; and Jessica Hed, Director of CDCE Fargo VAMC.



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Gackle and Streeter Units Complete Volunteer Projects

The American Legion post and Auxiliary units of Gackle and Streeter co-hosted the 103rd American Legion Birthday Party / Vietnam War Veterans Day event at the Gackle Legion Hall on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Approximately 50 people attended. A light lunch of sandwiches, chips, and pickles was served followed by the program.

Gackle Post Commander Jon Metz and District 4 Commander Doug Wittmier welcomed everyone to the event. Guest speaker Randy Entzminger of the Gackle Legion gave a presentation on “PTSD – Then and Now.” Department Commander Steve Anderson shared information of his own PTSD experience.

Auxiliary membership recognition was awarded to Dolores Klundt for 50 years and Violet Diede for 60 years. In addition, the Legion awarded two 50-year and one 60-year membership recognition certificates. Following the program, attendees enjoyed birthday cake and homemade ice cream.

American Legion Auxiliary Mayer-Morlock Unit 250 of Gackle sponsored a blood drive on June 16, 2022. The original goal was 32 donors, but the actual number of donors surpassed our expectations. There were 49 registrants with 43 successful donations. Thank you to everyone who stopped in to donate lifesaving blood and make our 2022 Blood Drive a huge success! The lifesaving efforts and wonderful support of the Gackle community is deeply appreciated!

Unit members participated in the Gackle July 4th celebration by sponsoring a bake sale, luncheon, and parade entry. In addition to donated baked goods, Auxiliary members baked 137 kuchen for the event. Approximately 170 people purchased lunch consisting of sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, bars, and beverages.

District 4 President Jane Schoonover was behind the wheel of the Auxiliary entry in the parade. The celebration was an excellent way for the community to bring people together to honor our country, and the Auxiliary members were proud to be part of the activities.

Submitted by Elaine Ackerman



Parade entry with District 4 President Jane Schoonover and kuchen for bake sale. Gackle Unit 250.





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Madelyn Workin, Galesburg
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Key: HLM - Honorary Unit Member; SLM - State Life Member; VIM - Life Member/PUFL



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District Reports



John Veile
1st District Cmdr

Greetings from District 1,

I wanted to share my thoughts with you for this upcoming year. I plan on going back to the basics. Recruiting and retention is the lifeblood of our organization. While it may seem like I am beating a dead horse, it is an issue that deserves a fresh look. One of my goals is to identify what works for keeping an active and vital post. Some of our posts have been successful in maintaining their membership and recruiting new members. We have posts that have started a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. We also have posts that have successfully integrated the Son's into their posts operation.

As a District, I want us to develop plans that are tailored for each Post and their individual needs and personalities. Yes, I did say personalities. Every unit or organization that I have served in has had their own makeup and how they conduct themselves. What I am trying to say is that I do not plan on a cookie cutter approach to an individual post but to work with them to develop a plan of action that will best serve their needs. One of the acronyms that I try to follow is "KISS", Keep It Simple Stupid. Plans need to be simple if they are to be successful and in that I do not want us to get wrapped around the axle with plans that will try to cover every contingency.

I hope to see you at the fall meeting and until then, think about your needs as a post and what you need help in.



Erica Claus-Numsalli
2nd District Cmdr

Greetings from District 2

Hello everyone. A new year has begun, and a new line of leadership has started. I would like to take this moment to thank the people that have selected me to be the District 2 Commander. Thank you, Troy Estvold, for helping me be the commander that I am today. You helped educate me on what it is we are to do, and I thank you for helping tackle the visits with the posts. I hope to be able to visit as many posts with my new Vice Commander Jay Nesdahl from the Larimore post. We will have an amazing year ahead of us.

I started off with the parade in Park River on the 4th of July. It was a wonderful feeling to have when I rode in the convertible driven by Vern Houser and passenger Duane Kram. Thank you, Vern, for the wonderful moment. And thank you Park River Auxiliary that made my sign for the convertible.

Afterwards, I went to visit the posts to give them their membership packets. I drove to Edinburg. We also had the honor of having one of the boys that attended Boys State, Andrew Myrdal from Edinburg give a speech about his experience. After the meeting, I drove to Manvel to drop off their membership packet. The next day, I met Damon Pearson (Thompson Commander) at the baseball field and then drove to Reynolds to meet Allen Krogstad at his home. I met up with Thomas Horsley (Neche Commander) and then drove to St. Thomas to drop off the packet. Final membership packet stop was at Forest River when I was there for the Steak Fry. The following weekend, Jay Nesdahl had his homecoming for Larimore Days and he was in the parade.

When I was in Park River earlier, I was invited to attend the retirement ceremony in Minto for Dennis Horner, who has been an American Legion coach for thirty-two years, to include him being a coach for basketball, baseball, and football for twenty of those years for Minto. Minto and Forest River posts work together as a community. Many former players of Dennis's, approximately twenty-three in attendance, in addition to many members in the community, came out to see him receive the award. Congratulations, Dennis.

Three days later, I went back to Minto to attend the Burger Burn that the Legion Auxiliary hosted. I spoke with Shelley Schuster, District 2 Auxiliary President and Jerry from the post about the upcoming Fall District meeting that Minto will be hosting, to which the date will be October 1st at the Legion Post.

The next event that I attended was in Manvel for their fish fry on the 27th and then August 6th for Manvel Days. It was so wonderful to be a part of their special day when I was in the parade. Jay, my wonderful Vice Commander, was able to go to the Michigan, Petersburg, and Northwood posts. There are more posts that we would like to visit. Let us know if there are any changes to the schedules and meeting days because we would like to visit all the posts before the winter hits. Let us know what events you are hosting so that we can put it in the paper, and we will make our best efforts to be there.

I would also like to mention that many of you have known Suzanne Kime, who was our first female Department Commander for North Dakota from 1995-1996 and member of Grand Forks Post 6. Sadly, she passed away on May 3rd, and her service was held on Friday, May 27th. There were many guests from all over the state that attended her memorial service. Thank you all who attended her service. Sue was also like a second mom to me who always gave me advice about how to be an adjutant and that she said that I would go further if I just put my mind to it. Thank you to the members that have chipped in to have a brick in her honor placed at the Veterans Memorial Park. Sue, you will be forever remembered and missed. I love you ma.



Jacob Volk
3rd District Cmdr

Greetings from District 3,

I want to thank Past District 3 Commander Tony Philips for the great year we had. Thank You Tony. I would also like to thank Robert Wishart for stepping up to be the District 3 Vice-Commander he took off running right away to help get the packets out to the Posts, Thank you Robert.

To all the Posts that help boost District 3 to number 1 in the State for membership, we ended with 99.13% for the year. Way to go District 3. Now we cannot let our guard down this year so we can remain number 1 in the State.

Devils Lake Post 24 ended the year as number 1 in the District! Way to go Devils Lake the Post ended the year with 116% thank you to all the members that helped accomplish this.

The American Legion Riders out of Langdon held a benefit ride for a fellow Legionnaire that lost his eyesight. Robert Wishart from Rolla Post 235 and the Auxiliary had barbecues for lunch and a steak fry when we got back to the club. All proceeds were donated as well as what the Riders collected from registration and 50/50 drawings that the winners also donated back. Thank you to Kari and Paula for taking care of that.

Now it is time for more District 3 news. Robert and I are starting post visits with the help from Bryce Crosby. We will be going over the proper filling out of the CPR'S and last year's CPR'S. Our District 3 Fall Meeting will be held in Belcourt on September 7th at the Casino. Thank you Post 262 for doing this.

I am looking forward to the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, the end of August.

I would like to let everyone know that American Legion Post 235 in Rolla burned down. If a Post has any funds so they can help the Rolla Post, they would really appreciate the help. They will have to build a new Legion. The address to send the donations to is: The American Legion, Fred C. Wagner Post #235, PO Box 342, Rolla, ND 58357. Thank You



John Metz
4th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 4,

My name is Jon Metz I live near Gackle, and I am the new District 4 commander.

My wife Tanya is the new District 4 vice-commander, we have two kids, Mabelyn is 12 and entering 7th grade and William is 10 and entering 5th grade.

I joined the Army in 2004 as a wheeled vehicle mechanic which was right up my alley being I went to Wyoming Tech after high school and worked as a mechanic for 2 years before I joined the Army. After basic training and AIT I was stationed at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, which is where I met Tanya, she was in military intelligence. Once married, we both were stationed in Maryland, Tanya at Ft. Meade and me at Ft. Myer. After we left the military life we ended up in Fargo so Tanya could finish college.

We then moved to a farmstead just south of Gackle, I grew up on a farm east of Gackle and currently raise beef cattle with my folks who still live there. I also have an auto mechanic shop at the farm and drive a school bus for Gackle-Streeter public school.

I am the commander for Legion Post 250 here in Gackle, and I am active on the fire department and ambulance squad.

I wear many hats as you can tell, but I am excited for taking on this new venture as your District 4 commander.

Please don't hesitate to call or email if you would like me to visit your post. I plan to be making calls to all of the posts in District 4.

Thanks for your support.



Ron Dykema
5th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 5,

Greetings to all from the 5th District. I am Ronald Dykema, your new "old" 5th District Commander. I was commander in 2012 and 2017. Hopefully I'll get it right this time! The new state commander and the regional vice commanders and district and vice commanders were sworn in on June 26, 2022, at the state convention in Dickinson, ND.

Brad Huber, past 5th District Commander, has been elected as the Central Region Vice Commander. I have some big shoes to fill. Fifth District needs a Vice Commander. Please someone step up to the plate. It's not a tough job and has some "perks." Both Brad and I are ready to work with you.

Our 5th District Fall Meeting will be October 1, 2022, at the Post 12 in Washburn. Lunch at 12 p.m. with meeting to follow at 1 p.m. or 1300 hours. Would like to see representation from every post. We are open to suggestions and opinions. We thought an afternoon meeting might work better since some posts have a distance to drive and a lot of us don't care to drive after dark.



Allan Magnuson
6th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 6,

Hello to all legionaries in North Dakota. I enjoyed meeting everybody that attended the State Convention in Dickinson and I want to congratulate George Petermann on being elected West Region Vice Commander. I am looking forward to working with him this year.

It was an enjoyable day golfing with Steve, Dan, and Lance on the 10th of June in Mapleton for the Veterans Home Charity Golf Tournament.

It was a very beautiful day when Dan, Steve, Leon and I golfed Bully Pulpit in Dickinson. Not that any money was exchanged, but I do believe that the Army team of Dan and myself did win over the two Marines. The one area that they won was Leon finding the most golf balls.

I am looking forward to seeing all the North Dakota state delegates in Milwaukee at the National Convention.

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer with all the high temperatures we have been having.



Vernon Laning
7th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 7,

Legion activity in District 7 has been fairly quiet since the June convention which was fortunate for me. My summer has been very busy. I've had 2 class reunions, 1 family reunion, 2 weeks working at bible camp, 1 grandson wedding, and another volunteer week at Medora coming up.

With all that activity, and quite a bit more minor activities, I have not kept up with my Legion duties as I should. But thanks to George Zeller and the Carson Post 45 we have scheduled our Fall Meeting at Carson on September 23 starting at 7:30 central time (6:30 MT) with a meal starting approximately one hour earlier at the bar across the street from our meeting. Please mark your calendars and attend if you possibly can.

Of course, all of the posts are working on membership renewals at this time of year and hopefully searching out new member possibilities as well. I want to encourage everyone to send their renewals into the Department as soon as possible so they can complete their paperwork on a timely basis.

I'm hoping to visit many of the District 7 posts during this year and would appreciate your sending me your meeting dates and times. My email address is vlaning@bis.midco.net. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or information you care to share.

With that, I'll sign off and I hope to see you in Carson.



Alan Fehr
8th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 8,

Greetings to everyone in 8th District. I hope you had a great summer. With the start of fall, we start planning for many annual activities – especially the Fall District 8 meeting, Veteran's Day activities, and the Oratorical Contest.

Our Fall District 8 meeting will be at the Legion Club in Richardson on Saturday, October 15th in the afternoon (2:00 social, 3:00 meeting). District meetings are a great time to have new members get involved, as well as share ideas across Posts.

It seems that every year the Oratorical Contest sneaks up on us. Last year we didn't start talking about it at our Post until November, which is too late and we didn't have a local contestant. September is the time to start planning for the Oratorical Contest, establishing a committee to plan it and to contact schools.

Most Posts do a good job participating in community patriotic observances for Veterans Day. It is also an opportunity to invite veterans to join the Legion and find a way to belong and participate.

As you are probably aware, Jason Anderson and I have swapped jobs from last year. He was the commander last year and he is my vice commander this year. We are both interested in visiting all the Posts in our District. Please



Brennan Bell
10th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 10,

Hello fellow legionnaires. My name is Brennan Bell and I am your new 10th District Commander. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer as fall is approaching. We had our summer convention in Dickinson this last June. If you haven't visited Dickinson and the American Legion Memorial, I suggest you do so as it is a wonderful place to see. The District 10 fall meeting will be in Oakes on Friday, September 9th at 7pm at the Legion.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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DANIEL SAUERWEIN - DETACHMENT COMMANDER



Finishing Big and Starting Strong

Greetings again to the Department of North Dakota! We are now into the 2023 membership year and I am excited for it. By the time this gets to you, our National Convention will be in the rearview. Hopefully, our Detachment will receive some amazing accolades and awards at the 50th National Convention.

I first want to thank every SAL member for all your hard work this year. Your efforts have brought us great success in membership this year and the attention of folks at National. We are likely to earn the coveted Detachment Membership Award, known as the Triple Nickel Award, at our 50th National Convention this August in Milwaukee. I am honored to represent you all and give you all the praise if we are fortunate to receive this award, but either way, North Dakota is a known force in the SAL, and you are all a part of that success.

I want to apologize that we are already a month into the new membership year and have not received our membership packets for the Squadrons. They were delayed from National and reached us in August, but as soon as you receive yours, please get started on renewing your members for 2023 and sending us your officer reports, providing us the best points of contact for your Squadron, and submitting your Squadron Data Report (SDR) forms. These are important if we eventually want to see the option of online renewal of membership. That said, if you did not, and most Squadrons have not, submitted your Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) for 2022. You can submit it online via MyLegion, or fill out a paper form and mail to Department Headquarters.

Our Detachment goal for 2023 is 1056 members, so

I want each Squadron to strive for two percent growth over last year. I want to challenge you all to think about, assuming we win it this year at Convention, striving for a second consecutive Triple Nickel Award, which would mean hitting 105% of goal, which would mean 1109 members, keeping that 85% retention rate, and, usually the hardest part, chartering five new Squadrons. You all really amazed us with your hard work and dedication this past year. I know we can keep the momentum going.

At the end of June, we had our Department/ Detachment Convention in Dickinson. It was well attended by the Legion Family. It is my goal to have things for our membership beyond our business meeting, so please let your Detachment officers know of things you would like us to offer for the membership to make the Convention and Winter Conference more appealing for you to attend. I delivered greetings and reported on the Detachment's success and the assemblage was quite proud of all your hard work and dedication this past year.

Our business meeting went well and we will distribute the meeting minutes as soon as possible. Most of it revolved around reflecting on the past year and the work we did, as well as brainstorming ideas for the coming year. Elections were held and I was again nominated and elected to serve again as your Detachment Commander, with Keith Kinneberg re-elected Vice Commander, Joe Camisa will serve another term as Adjutant, Gerald Puetz will be the Detachment Chaplain, and Todd Rikke agreed to be the Detachment Membership Chair for the coming year. After the National Convention, the other officers and I will get together to strategize and plan out some things for the coming year.

One thing I do hope to do this year is have Detachment call-ins virtually in between our two scheduled physical meetings, and see about having more in-person events during the year to get the Squadrons together to discuss happenings and other business, but also to have fun. If you don't already have your email address on file on MyLegion, I want to encourage you to put the best email to reach you at so we can get you information about events and other news for the Detachment to you as quickly as possible.

Again, as your Squadron does activities, please take pictures and send me information on it, as I am happy to include it in this column. As we head into the fall, the officers and I will make every effort to attend the Fall District Meetings to meet and greet you all and say hello. If you would like us to attend something of yours, please don't hesitate to ask.

It's been an honor and pleasure to work alongside Department of North Dakota Commander Steve Anderson and Auxiliary Department President Sharon White Bear during the past year and I look forward to continuing to serve with the new officers of the Legion and Auxiliary for North Dakota in the coming year, as well as see what awesome things our Detachment will accomplish in the next year.

In closing, I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Detachment Commander and to make myself available to you, so please feel free to email me at daniel.sauerwein@gmail.com with questions, or call/text me at 218-791-3804.

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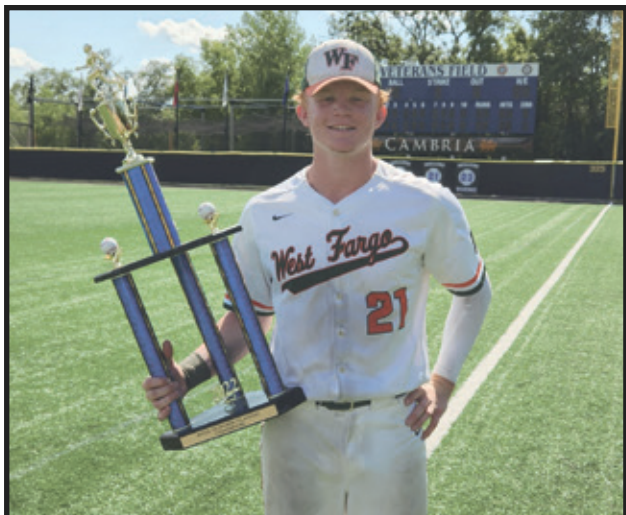
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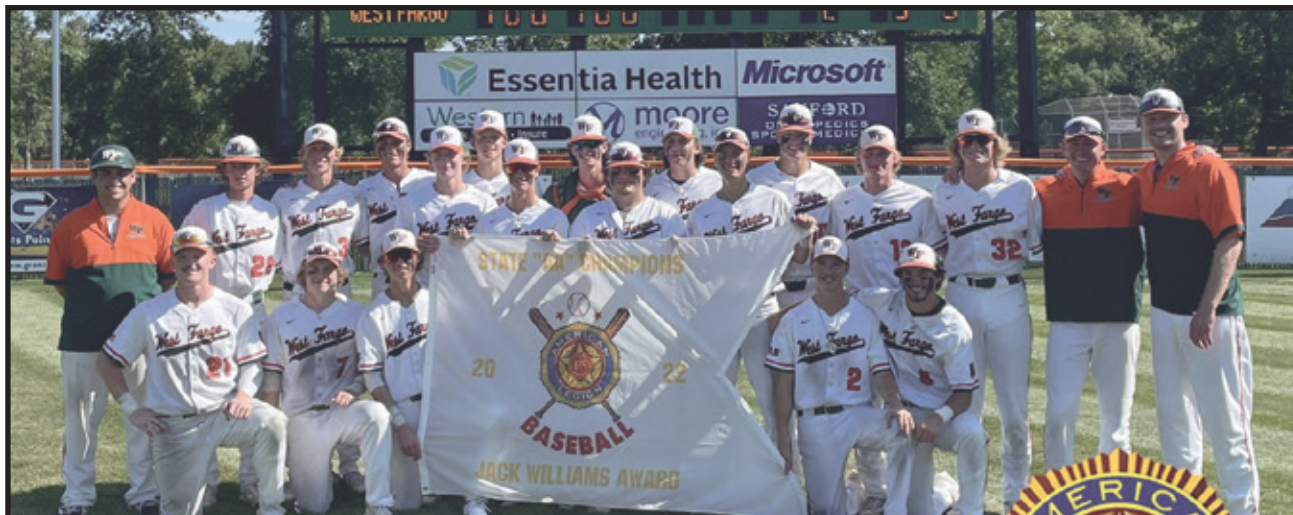
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Class AA MVP Casey Clemonson, West Fargo Patriots



2022 Class AA State Champions, West Fargo Patriots



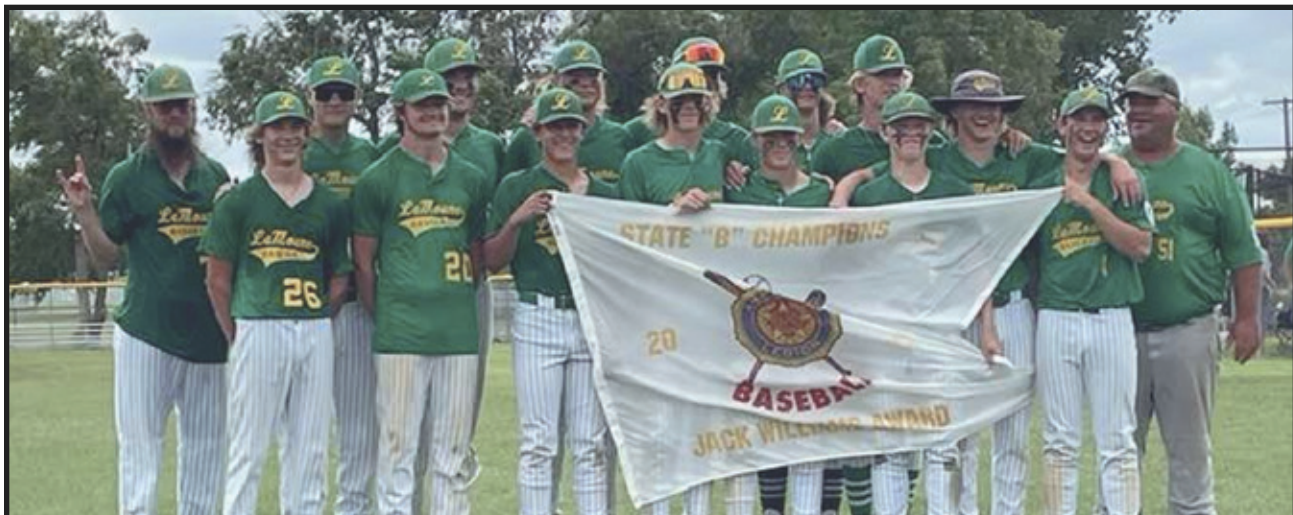
Glenn Wahus, Past Dept Cmdr from Watford City presenting Class A MVP plaque to Alex Everson, Casselton.



2022 Class A State Champions, Casselton



Troy Reemtsma, Dept American Legion Eastern Region Vice Commander, MVP Landon Piehl and Rodney Kadlec, Dept American Legion Class B Committee member.



2022 Class B State Champions, LaMoure

ND AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AWARD RECIPIENTS



Award recipient Richard Muse's sons, Randy and Steve Muse (far right), accepting their father's award on his behalf along with Grenora Post Cmdr Mitch Lunde and Dept Baseball member Eugene Kachena.



Dept Baseball member Eugene Kachena presenting Forest River/Minto Coach Dennis Horner with the ND Baseball Hall of Fame Award.

2022 BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to James Schumacher of Ashley. James's application was submitted by the Ashley American Legion Post #53 Legion Baseball Team. James is the North Dakota recipient of the 2022 American Legion baseball scholarship and will receive \$500 on the Department level. His application has been forwarded to National Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN, for consideration for The American Legion All-Academic Team scholarship, sponsored by Diamond Sports – the official baseball for American Legion Baseball tournaments. Nine players will be selected from the 50 state winners and will receive additional scholarship funds. Eight players will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for being selected a member of the All-Academic Team and a ninth player the "Captain" of the All-Academic Team will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.



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\$1,000 - James Schumacher, Ashley, ND

POST EVERLASTING

The following North Dakota Legionnaires have been reported by their respective posts to have died and been transferred to the Post Everlasting.
“Because of them, our lives are free; Because of them, our nation lives; Because of them, the world is blessed.”

Bismarck - Post #1	
Kurtz, Joe	Unknown DOD
Weisz, Bernie	Unknown DOD
Fargo – Post #2	
Solberg, Wayne	02/2022
Dickinson – Post #3	
Krein, Harley.....	07/20/2022
Grand Forks – Post #6	
Hilde, Juel, Jr.....	07/30/2022
Mayville – Post #8	
Gunderson, Rodney	11/05/2021
Ray – Post #9	
Arcand, Bernard	07/06/2022
Buffalo – Post #10	
Peterson, Lyle.....	Unknown DOD
Cavalier – Post #11	
Toft, John.....	Unknown DOD
Jamestown – Post #14	
Beggs, Arlo	05/15/2022
Hope – Post #18	
Walsh, Larry	03/02/2022
Wahpeton – Post #20	
Heilman, Herman.....	05/20/2022
Nordick, Lyle.....	06/2022
Rutter, Edward.....	06/2022
Kearns, Michae.....	07/16/2022
Grosz, William	07/26/2022
Seibel, Marlo.....	07/27/2022
Bokinskie, James.....	08/02/2022
Rugby – Post #23	
Bednarz, John	06/08/2022
McIntyre, James	06/30/2022
Carrington – Post #25	
Frederickson, James	Unknown DOD
Minot – Post #26	
Allen, Vernon	06/15/2022
Malsom, Pius.....	07/14/2022
Aase, Duane.....	03/08/2022
Lybeck, Gary.....	04/16/2022
Smith, Rodney.....	04/27/2022
Grosz, Alfred.....	Unknown DOD
Keelan, Leo	05/16/2022
Klein, Albert	05/27/2022
Ehlers, Ralph.....	06/08/2022
Harrington, Darel.....	06/08/2022
Watford City – Post #29	
Allen, Donald E.....	04/06/2022
Drake – Post #32	
Lemer, Francis.....	07/02/2022
Oakes – Post #36	
Kutschinske, John	04/27/2022
Velva – Post #39	
Swedlund, John.....	Unknown DOD
Grafton – Post #41	
Misialek, Harry.....	7/04/2022
Bottineau – Post #42	
Christian, Leslie.....	Unknown DOD
Bowman – Post #48	
Stinchfield, Michael.....	10/31/2021
Braun, Ken.....	06/06/2022
Garrison – Post #49	
Sinn, John.....	05/13/2022

Linton – Post #54	
Materi, Albert	Unknown DOD
Valley City – Post #60	
Pederson, Charles.....	05/27/2022
New England – Post #66	
Gartner, Leonard	05/25/2022
Mott – Post #71	
McNeill, Roderick.....	Unknown DOD
Napoleon – Post #72	
Becker, John.....	Unknown DOD
Pembina – Post #77	
Karas, James.....	06/19/2022
Cando – Post #79	
Harland, Terry.....	07/24/2022
Nome – Post #83	
Huseby,Richard	Unknown DOD
Portland – Post #93	
Lande, James.....	07/07/2022
Powers Lake – Post #96	
Holmen,Alvin.....	Unknown DOD
Langdon – Post #98	
Vik, Robert.....	07/12/2022
Clover, Merile.....	06/16/2022
Crystal – Post #107	
Kargel, Robert	Unknown DOD
Portal – Post #109	
Gulbranson, Wade.....	Unknown DOD
Wildrose – Post #110	
Hansen, Lyle.....	Unknown DOD
Holtén, Howard.....	Unknown DOD
Hannaford – Post #113	
Olson, Jerry	07/25/2022
Hettinger – Post #115	
Jacobson, Gerald	05/07/2022
Grenora – Post #116	
Peterson, Jerome	05/30/2022
Cole, William.....	06/01/2022
Bisbee – Post #129	
Bierman, Elmer.....	Unknown DOD
Turtle Lake – Post #133	
Rath, Fred.....	07/06/2022
Stanley – Post #134	
Wright, Stanley	Unknown DOD
McVile – Post #135	
Imler, Ralph	Unknown DOD
Belfield – Post #144	
Dorval, Leonard	05/24/2022
O'Brien, William	06/05/2022
Thompson, Allan.....	6/10/2022
Edgeley – Post #146	
Peterson, Alvin.....	07/30/ 2022
Ruff, Robert	Unknown DOD
Kupfer, Roy	Unknown DOD
Kamletz, Elden	Unknown DOD
Park River – Post #147	
Olsen, Harvey.....	05/13/2022
Stevens, Robert.....	01/28/2022
Weisz, Earl	07/06/2022
Dazey – Post #149	
Tharaldson, Craig	Unknown DOD
Granville – Post #155	
Hanson, Doran	06/10/2022

Stokke, Allen.....	07/29/2022
Stokke, John.....	07/01/2022
Edinburg – Post #156	
Sigurdson, Cecil	Unknown DOD
Lankin – Post #157	
Carlson, Cledith	Unknown DOD
Tolna – Post #162	
Braathén, Terry.....	nknown DOD
Haugen, Nace.....	Unknown DOD
Massey, Floyd.....	Unknown DOD
Wilton – Post #163	
Brown, James.....	09/2020
Kilian, William.....	Unknown DOD
Osnabrock – Post #164	
Ottem, Charle	Unknown DOD
Walcott – Post #166	
JordHeim, Harold.....	Unknown DOD
Richardton – Post #180	
Singer, Russell.....	05/26/2022
Edmore – Post #193	
Stevens, Richard	Unknown DOD
Donnybrook – Post #195	
Johnson, A. Glen	05/21/2022
Galesburg – Post #210	
Jacobson, Donald.....	04/25/2022
New Leipzig – Post #211	
Kisse, James	Unknown DOD
Knox – Post #217	
Hoffart, Edwin.....	Unknown DOD
Sheldon – Post #221	
Loomer, Charles	Unknown DOD
Feeney, Charles	Unknown DOD
Michigan – Post #238	
Vasichék, Robert	07/18/2022
Glen Ullin – Post #239	
Sogge, Albert.....	Unknown DOD
Ungerecht, James	Unknown DOD
Neché – Post #242	
Thacker, Charles	Unknown DOD
Elgin – Post #246	
Worcester, Mark	03/26/2022
Kohl, Allen.....	07/14/2022
Fredonia – Post #260	
Hoffman, Archie.....	Unknown DOD
Streeter – Post #265	
Bonnet, Garry	08/05/2022
Sarles – Post #276	
Lewis, George	Unknown DOD
New Town – Post #290	
Peterson, Jack.....	Unknown DOD
Siira, Harley	Unknown DOD
Harwood – Post #297	
Hagemeister, Wayne	05/17/2022
Kolrud, John	06/30/2022
Noonan, Tom	05/26/2022
Schneider, Leo.....	12/07/2022
Manvel – Post #299	
Lorenzen, Raymond	06/22/2022



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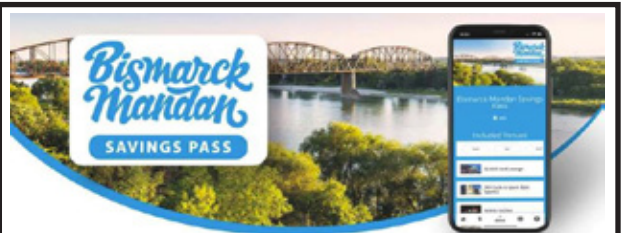


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Local Posts in the News

Grand Forks Post #6 Baseball

“Developing Youth, Promoting Families, and Building Communities”—this is what Grand Forks American Legion Post 6 Baseball is all about. These goals are as relevant today as they were back in 1928 when the Department of North Dakota hosted its first State Baseball Championship. For the 2022 Baseball Season, the Teumann-Webb-Phelps Post 6 and the Post 6 Baseball Committee, sponsored two American Legion Baseball teams—Royals (Class AA, ages 19 and under) and Blues (Class A, ages 17 and under). This 10-member baseball committee includes four Post 6 Legionnaires that meet throughout the year to oversee the program (40 Legion hours). During the Royals and Blues 28 home games, Post 6 Legionnaires undertook gate hosting duties to welcome the teams and spectators (336 Legion hours). Furthermore, to develop the next generation

of American Legion Baseball players, Post 6 Baseball hosted three, three-day, weekend tournaments: Robert Montgomery Invitational (8 teams (Class A equivalent: 84 Legion hours); Gerrell’s Invitational (33 teams, ages 10 to 15: 56 Legion hours) and the Domenick Palmiscno Invitational (8 teams, 10 and under: 56 Legion hours). In total these three tournaments allowed Post 6 to interact with teams/spectators as far East as Renville County, MN; as far North as Winnipeg; and, as far West as Minot and Bismarck. In total, Post 6’s 532 Legion hours provided the opportunity to Develop Youth, Promote Families, and Built Communities; for 3,250 youth and adults. We look forward to the 2023 season.

Submitted by Legionnaire Bob Greene

Larimore Post #97

On Sunday, June 12th Ted Valerius American Legion Post 97 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony in Larimore. 237 flags were ceremoniously retired that day. There were several Legion family members in attendance for the ceremony.



L to R: Jay Nesdahl, Skip Nesdahl, Post Commander Cliff Ludwig, Chaplain Mark Williamson, Sgt at Arms Ray Fegter, Gordy Pederson, John Waters, Albert Tuma, Don Gratton.

Mandan Post #40



Past Commander Frank Rothschiller presents new Commander Chuck Miska with the Post Gavel.



Joe Ripple Jr. receives his 50 year certificate from commander Frank Rothschiller



Ken Siegel receives his 60 year certificate from Commander Frank Rothschiller



Kent Preble receives his 50 year award from Commander Frank Rothschiller



Christ Hatzenbuhler Sr. receives his 50 year certificate from Commander Frank Rothschiller.

Veterans Memorial Park Belcourt, ND July 10, 2022

In 2014 the Veteran’s Memorial Park was established in Belcourt, North Dakota to honor the following warriors who gave their lives in defense of our country and to preserve our freedom for this they will be remembered and forever hold a place of honor in our community:

- Joseph McCloud – Army World War I
- Edward W. Brien – Army World War II
- James A. Brunelle – Army World War II
- William A. Davis – Army World War II
- Aloysius DeCoteau – Army World War II
- Alex Demontigny – Army World War II
- Gregory Desjarlais – Army World War II
- Arthur Dionne – Army World War II
- Adolphas Fayant – Army World War II
- Louis B. “Lefty” Frederick Army World War II
- Frank Gillis – Navy World War II
- James Gunville – Army World War II
- Charles LaFrance – Army World War II
- Robert Lilley – Army World War II
- Edward Morin – Army World War II
- Peter Patnaude – Army World War II
- Edward Warren – Air Force World War II
- Willie LaFrance – Army Korea
- Alfred LaVallie – Army Korea
- Eugene Falcon – Army Korea
- Lavern Gohl – Army Korea
- Christopher Davis – Army Vietnam
- David A. Larson – Army Vietnam
- Dennis Manson – Army Vietnam
- Eric D. Nadeau – Army Vietnam
- Ralph McCowan – Army Vietnam

We the members of the Turtle Mountain Tribe dedicate this memorial to the men and women who served in the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard in times of war and peace many of them gave their lives in an ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our county and still many more came back physically wounded and others mentally traumatized by the horrible memories of their experiences, all this for the freedom we enjoy and for this we are eternally grateful and are determined that they will never be forgotten.

We want to thank all the donors to the Veteran’s Memorial Fund to have this Veteran’s Memorial Park Wall.

Recently, the American Legion Post 262 acquired a M101A1 Towed Howitzer from the US ARMY TACOM as surplus that is locked at the Veteran’s Memorial Park in Belcourt. (see attached picture)

We have been working on getting Military equipment with the Congressional Office for six (6) years.

Belcourt American Legion Post 262 would like the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe financially make this possible, the construction company for the cement slab and the company that transported the M101A1 Towed Howitzer from Wisconsin.

Richard Marcellais
Tribal Veterans Service Officer
477-8985 or 278-0632



Veterans in the picture: Joe Vega, Lance Azure, Bill Peterson, Howard Longie, Duane Gourneau, Pat Hemmy and Richard Marcellais

Local Veterans Enjoy Exotic, All-Expenses-Paid Fishing Trip

by Nathan Price, New Rockford Transcript (edited)

Three local veterans recently returned from a “trip of a lifetime” to Dauphin Island, Alabama.

Earlier this year, County Veterans Service Officer Julie Shrock, began working with American Heroes in Action to facilitate an all-expenses-paid fishing trip for three local veterans.

The lucky three, Leonard Duchscherer, David Karlsbraaten and Dale Rosenberg, left on May 15 and returned four days later having had one of the most memorable experiences of their lives.

It all started on Monday, May 16, with a tour of Dauphin Island, a small island off the coast of Alabama.

After the tour, they boarded a 65-foot boat named “Escape,” and departed Dauphin Island around 4 p.m. The trio of veterans from Eddy County, who were accompanied by a number of vets from around the country, spent the night on the water and woke up that morning to begin fishing.

The vets were at sea for three nights and two days; shark sightings weren’t uncommon and they caught no shortage of exotic fish from the Gulf of Mexico.

“I want to say ‘thank you’ for the generous sponsors of this fishing trip for our veterans,” said Shrock. “American Heroes in Action, for this deep-sea fishing trip and flights, and our own local Lions Club for donating to cover additional expenses while traveling. The community support for our local veterans is amazing!”



Local Posts in the News

Mayville Post 8

On Friday, May 27, 2022, Cathy Keogh, Commander and Virginia Kraushaar, Adjutant of Post #2 Fargo, had the pleasure of presenting a certificate of continuous membership to Mr. Gerald Lorz. Mr. Lorz has been a loyal supporter of the American Legion for 70 years. He was able to share some great memories of Post #2 and the Legion Club. On behalf of Post #2 and the ND American Legion we would like to thank him for his service and his contributions over the past 70 years.



Mayville American Legion Post #8 along with Portland American Legion Post #93 help support the local American Legion Baseball program.

The idea of selling a baseball for \$100 sounded far-fetched until 15 of them were sold. Coach Kunkel informed us that the Legion Baseball team goes through about 12 dozen baseballs each season. To help out, we decided to have a commemorative baseball made with the

American Legion logo and put in a display box with the year on it. This commemorative baseball was then given to the 15 people who donated \$100 to purchase a dozen baseballs for the season.

Our goal was 15 contributors, and this was met with great success. This project will now be part of American Legion Baseball in the Mayville/Portland area.

The picture shows some of this year's contributors.



Front row (L to R) Rick Torgeson, Randy Kolkesvig, Tyler Anderson, Rodney Kadlec, Eugene Kachena, Steve Gunderson, Harlan Johnson, Maynard Gunderson. Back row (L to R) Richard Peterson, Al Hoyt, Brian Halvorson, Kraig Lerol. Not pictured: Tom Moe, Larry Dakken, Tom Soholt, Keith Williams and Scott Berry.



(L to R) Harlan Johnson, Cmdr Mayville Legion, Eugene Kachena, Class B Baseball Commissioner, Rodney Kadlec, District 5 Class B Baseball Representative and Coach Taylor Kunkel.

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Commander Dan Brown Homecoming



Edgar M. Boyd Post #37 in Williston is hosting a Homecoming for the newly elected Department Commander Dan Brown on September 17, 2022, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 7115 2nd Ave. W. in Williston. The social will start at 4:30 pm followed by a banquet at 6:00 pm. Banquet tickets are available to purchase in advance for \$20. Tickets will be available at the door.

Hotel rooms are available at the Four Points by Sheraton. Please call the hotel at 701-609-5490 and ask for the American Legion room rate of \$85 plus tax.

Menu: Steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert.

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