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Schroeder Oratorical Fund

Third in a series about endowed Foundation funds - by Harvey Peterson, Chairman

Establishing a fund to support the Oratorical Program was the brainchild of 9th District members who first proposed the idea to the DEC in 1990. Their proposal, as adopted by the DEC, called for each district to raise \$5,000 to establish a fund to provide district Oratorical award money. Using only interest from the fund, projected at 8%, it would make about \$4,000 available annually. This would allow each district \$400 for prizes and expenses. The proposed prizes would be savings bonds of \$300, \$200 and \$100 (then costing a total of \$300) and \$100 for expenses in each District. (Savings bonds cost half of the redeemable value at the time.) The proposal further stated that the districts would not receive any additional funds from the state and that state funds could be used to increase the awards at the regional and/or state levels. The fund was then named the Charles Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Fund.

Within a year, 6 districts had raised the \$5,000 amount requested. By 1996 all districts had raised the money, but stock market and other issues caused the account balance to drop to \$46,166. By 2004, again due to the stock market and other issues, the balance in the fund dropped further to \$36,671. Foundation minutes of the time record that the Foundation would support the Oratorical program at "not to exceed" \$4,100 per year. In fact, in a letter to Carl Likness, Foundation Chair in 1993, Steve Morse (Department Finance Officer) indicated the Foundation had one of two choices: Ignore the intent of the fund and spend it down or notify the oratorical committee that they were "overdrawn", and the Foundation could no longer accept their bills for payment. The amount available for Oratorical prizes was then set at \$3,000.

The fund was transferred to the Foundation when it was formed in 1994. By 2007 the fund had regrown the principal to a little more than \$58,000.

The DEC doubled the cost of oratorical prizes in 2012 when savings bonds were no longer available, and the prize amounts were now paid in the full amount in cash. That meant oratorical prizes at the district level would total \$6,000. For several years Post 29 agreed to donate \$5,000 to the oratorical program if the Foundation would retain all the income earned to increase the fund principal. This has been a major impetus in increasing the Oratorical fund to its current value of more than \$135,000. The Oratorical program has been the recipient of more individual donations than any other Legion program over the years. One such effort was to ask each Post to donate 50 cents per member to support prizes. Other efforts have been raffles or auctions. Donations, however, have been the backbone of the Oratorical fund from its start.

The Schroeder Fund has not borne the burden of funding the Oratorical program alone. The Tolchinsky and the Kennelly funds have supported some state awards and in many, if not most years, the Department has funded some of the cost of expenses, including materials and awards.

The Schroeder fund was established as a Foundation Restricted Fund, meaning that only the income to the fund could be expended in any year. With current interest and dividend income, we can project approximately 3% of the value of the principal will be available to annually support the Oratorical Program.

\$35,000 Match Money Update

Thanks to donors to date (5/19), the Foundation has received \$31,338 towards the offered matching money of \$35,000 put up by the Williston Post (\$25,000) and \$10,000 added to it by John Swenseth.

The bulk of the donations to date have come from Posts with gaming operations. However, some Posts without gaming have also found the dollars to help build the Foundation. Words cannot express the thanks of the Directors for the support received in this effort to increase the Foundation principal.

By Harvey Peterson, Chairman

Fargo To Host 2025 Convention



Leading Candidate for National Commander Dan Wiley

Gilbert C. Grafton American Legion Post #2 of Fargo, Auxiliary Unit 2 and the ND American Legion, are preparing for the American Legion Department Convention on June 27-29, 2025, in Fargo at the Ramada.

On Thursday afternoon, June 26, the DEC meeting begins at 6:00 pm. On Friday registration starts at 1:00 pm and closes at 5:00 pm. Friday afternoon will be committee meetings

with the Joint Opening Session starting at 7:00 pm.

Saturday morning, June 27, registration begins at 8:00 am and closes at 3:00 pm. Committee meetings in the morning with the Legion General Session starting at 1:00 pm. A social at 5:30 pm with the Department Convention Banquet at 6:30 pm.

Our guest speaker for the banquet is Leading Candidate for National Commander Dan Wiley of Kansas. Dan graduated from Lawrence High School in 1983. After

graduation, Dan attended Kansas State University from 1983-85.

Dan was stationed and spent his entire enlistment with the 341st Strategic Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Montana, where he was twice named Airman Administrator of the Quarter.

Upon being discharged from the Air Force as part of a force reduction, Dan completed his bachelor's degree in business at the College of Great Falls in Montana. Dan returned to his hometown to attend law school at the University of Kansas. Dan graduated "Order of the Coif" (top 10 percent) and served on the University of Kansas Law Review.

He then joined a law firm in Leavenworth, Kansas which would eventually become Murray, Tillotson & Wiley. Dan has served on several committees at the post, department and national level.

He and his wife, Sonia, have two children, Austin and Christy, who are members of the American Legion Family. Sonia has been an active and dedicated member of the American Legion Auxiliary and has served in numerous leadership positions at the Unit and District level.

At 7:30 pm the dance will begin with the ND American Legion State Band. On Sunday, June 29, registration begins at 8:00 am and will close at 9:00 am.

A Joint Worship Service will begin at 9:00 am led by Past National Chaplain Mark Antal followed by the Joint Session. See you at the convention.



Signing of SB 2265 on May 2, 2025, with Governor Kelly Armstrong and Senator Hoeven, the bill's sponsors and the Fargo Memorial Honor Guard, securing \$3M in state funding for the Veterans Memorial Center at Fargo National Cemetery.



The ND American Legion Department Judge Advocate Reed Johnson, The ND American Legion Department Commander Mamie Havelka, ND Senator John Hoeven, ND Governor Kelly Armstrong and ND Legislative Representative Nathan Huntington.



Mockup of the plans for the future Veterans Memorial Center at the Fargo National Cemetery.

American Legion Washington Conference

By Clarence L. Carroll III, American Legion Department of ND, Legislative Commission Member

The Washington Conference took place in Washington D.C. beginning Sunday February 23, 2025, and culminated on Wednesday February 26 with The National Commander's Testimony before a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs.

The North Dakota delegation representing The American Legion Department of North Dakota was led by Past Department Commander Kenny Weiderholt and consisted of Clarence Carroll – Legislative Commission Member, Bryan Olhauser, 2nd District Commander, Ed Dick, 8th District Commander, Chloe Weyrauch, Auxiliary Legislative Chairman.

The ND delegation arrived on Sunday and settled into our rooms with an opportunity for a little rest before the busy schedule began on Monday.

Monday started early with the ANAVICUS (Army, Navy and Air Force veterans in Canada and The United States) breakfast. The rest of the day we divided and conquered with the responsibility of attending assigned meetings centered on preparation for our legislative visits on Tuesday. The evening ended with a Commander's Call highlighted by a very motivational address by The Honorable Douglas A Collins the 12th secretary of Veterans Affairs. I think we are in great hands with Secretary Collins leadership at the VA. After a long day of representing the Department of North Dakota, your delegation had dinner at a local dive bar (Kenny chose the location) and retired for the evening.

Tuesday began with the National Commander's Rally and a fiery pep talk to get us "pumped-up" and

excited about "Storming the Capitol" with The American Legion's 2025 Legislative Priorities. Our first meeting was with Representative Julie Fedorchak. The delegation was especially pleased to get the chance to sit down with Congresswoman Fedorchak as she is serving her first term in Congress as the Representative of North Dakota having replaced now Governor Kelly Armstrong. Congresswoman Fedorchak pledged her support of The American Legion and disclosed that her husband Mike happened to be a Navy Veteran. Hmmm; Anyone know if he is a member of The American Legion? The delegation then met Senator Kevin Cramer's Legislative Assistant Ryan Kenyon. Unfortunately, Senator Cramer was unable to meet with us and was recovering back in ND from a head injury he sustained falling on the ice/snow. Ryan is no stranger to The American Legion and has met with the ND delegation in the past. Ryan listened to our concerns and forwarded our priorities to Senator Cramer. Also, unfortunately we were unable to meet with Senator Hoeven. Senator Hoeven's office called afterwards and was extremely apologetic about the scheduling confusion/conflicts.

Wednesday ended with a meet and greet as well as presentation/donation on behalf of The Department to leading candidate Dan K. Wiley. Our next National Commander from The Department of Kansas.

Speaking completely bipartisan and repeated from my previous articles about Washington Conference, we are extremely fortunate in the state of North Dakota to have such pro-military/veteran representation at the federal level. Without exception we were greeted with respect and given the opportunity to express the legislative priorities of The American Legion. All of our Members of Congress

expressed their unwavering support, and continued friendship with The American Legion.

Unanimously, our time spent on Capitol Hill representing the Department of North Dakota was extremely productive. Thank you for your membership and your service to The American Legion! Without you and your support none of this would be possible.

For more information on The American Legion Legislative Priorities please visit www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative

For a copy of National Commander LaCoursiere's Testimony on February 26 before a Joint session of The House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs please visit www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative/legislative-testimony



Commander Testimony



Meet with Leading Candidate



Dinner at Dive Bar



Washington Delegation

ND Legion Riders Scholarships

by Gerald Puetz, Scholarship Committee

The North Dakota American Legion Riders met April 19, 2025, at the Jamestown All Vets Club at 1300 for the purpose of selecting our scholarships winners for the 2024-2025 senior class school year. We had 14 applications this year from some pretty amazing kids. This year we were able to award five \$500 scholarships.

The winners and school they attend: Tillie Swart, New Rockford; Julie Sarsland, Rhame; Jordan Entzel, Bismarck; Ella Anderson, Scranton; Presly Peraza, Kindred.

We want to thank ALL the applicants for their interest in applying. All are winners in our book! THANK YOU!

2025 Nesheim Scholarship Awarded

by Harvey Peterson, Chairman

The 2025 Nesheim Scholarship of \$1,500 is awarded to Tillie Swart of New Rockford. This is the 17th year of the Nesheim Award established by Ms Sonja Adahl of Churchs Ferry in memory of her father who served in WWII. The scholarship is available to students who plan a career in either medicine or agriculture.



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COMMANDER COMMENTS

MAMIE HAVELKA - DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Greetings,

It has been an honor and pleasure to represent the NDAL this past year as Commander. Legionnaires across the state are continually inspiring and welcoming veterans, creating a strong sense of camaraderie and support.

American Legion and American Legion Family Involvement

The Spring District meetings are now over, and most districts had a great showing. The meetings were informative, fun, and well organized. Fantastic job, everyone! If you missed the meetings, reach out to the members that attended and get updated.

The American Legion Family has requested and received a couple hundred stuffed comfort animals for the Children and Youth Program during Spring District Meetings. These comfort animals will be taken to local hospitals throughout the state to comfort children when needed.

Event Highlights

All the District meetings and other events



Greetings to all in the East Region,

It has been a crazy spring with wild temperature swings and weather that has precluded many of you who are farmers from getting into the fields. When District 10 had their meeting, it was a gorgeous spring day. The snow was gone, and it looked like we would be in the fields soon. Then we had a bunch of wet snow, and the situation turned sour. By the time we had District 1's meeting, the weather had improved, and spring planting would start soon. When District 2 had their meeting, I saw farmers in the field by Park River and then it rained. So, at this time, I am seeing farmers start their spring work and I hope that they can progress with their work without any more delays.

I would like to comment on the participation of the posts in the region. There are a number of posts that did not have a representative at their respective district meetings. I was sorry to see that, as there is a lot of good information that is put out at these meetings. It is a chance to hear what is happening at the department level and what your department leaders have been doing for you. Our Department Commander has been testifying at the ND legislature to stop outside contractors from unfairly charging veterans. We have life insurance available to us as legion members that was discussed. That is why each post should have a representative there.

As I write this article, Memorial Day will be here in a few weeks. What are your plans to honor our fellow veterans who have passed on? Do you place flags on their graves? Do you have a service at your post to remember them? I ask these questions to spark the thought process in hopes that each post will do something to honor not only those who have passed but honor those who are still in our presence.

As a final thought, the Department Convention will be held in Fargo this year on June 27-29. I would encourage all of you in the East Region to attend. SEE YOU THERE.

Jon Veile
East Region Vice Commander



As a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Army, I strongly support the American Legion, all Veterans, and our United States Military.

Senator David A. Clemens
District 16, West Fargo/Fargo

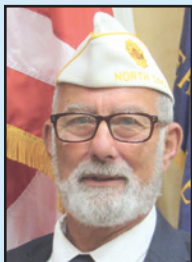
were enjoyable and informative. The toughest yet successful time over the last few months were the challenges at legislation. Fortunately, we, NDAL, have a legislative representative, Nate Huntington from Tioga Post. He and I spent time at the legislative sessions, delivering verbal and written testimonies for legislative actions that benefit our veterans and Patriotic items.

Legislation Success

Many bills passed that benefit veterans items and issues. Notably, HB 1169, a bill relating to compensation for veterans' benefits, almost passed as written, but it did not protect our veterans statewide. Veterans across the state gave written testimony against the bill for days, and their dedication led to the bill's failure.

Dedication and Commitment

The dedication and commitment from our Legionnaires have been great. Let us continue to honor our values and strive for success in all our endeavors.



Hard to believe we are already into May. The weather is beautiful so there are a lot of motorcycles out there so be careful and watch out for them. I ride, and several times vehicles pulled out from a stop sign or changed lanes without seeing me. So please be careful.

District 3,4,5 Spring meetings are in the books. Thank you to all that showed up and thanks the Posts that hosted the meetings. I would also like to thank the Auxiliaries for all the support they give the posts.

I would also like to welcome the new District Vice Commanders for stepping up to begin their role in the Leadership role in the Legion. It is members like this that keeps the Department going. I would like to thank the outgoing District Commanders for all you have done this past year. Welcome Robert Wishart for stepping up to run for Central Region Vice Commander, please give him the same support everyone has given me the past two years.

Our Summer Convention is right around the corner so start planning to attend, it is at the Ramada in Fargo June 27-29. I am looking forward to seeing and greeting all of the Legionnaires that I have meet throughout the years and to meet new members. Everyone have a safe and great summer.

Jacob Volk
Central Region Vice Commander

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*I would appreciate your support
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Convention in Fargo on
June 27-29, 2025.*

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

DON HERRLY- DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT



I hope the day that you read this is as beautiful a day as the day I am writing it. It is 77 degrees with an expected high of 80. The sky is blue, and life is good.

We just completed another successful round of District meetings. For those of you that attended, I hope that you found them interesting and informative. I want to thank everyone that stepped up to serve our Department. All 10 District Vice Commanders agreed to fulfill their obligation and step up to serve as the District Commander and we had people that were willing to step into the roll of District Vice-Commander in 9 of our 10 Districts. We are still looking for someone to fill this role in the 5th District. I know that somewhere out there is someone that wants to fill this position. Please let us know. I really enjoy the opportunity to see and visit with all my friends and fellow veterans.

I have been a member of The American Legion Department of ND Hebron Post 100 for 52 years. I held my first office beyond the Post level starting in 1990 and have had the privilege to serve this Department in one way or another since that time in either leadership positions or on committees. I have had the good fortune to have been

mentored by many great Legionnaires along the way, some are still around and still serving and many unfortunately are no longer with us, and these are the ones that I think about as I travel around this great state to our various meetings. I hope that I have been able to impart a little knowledge to a few others along the way and that someday I will be remembered for doing the best job that I could for our organization.

Our annual Department Convention is approaching fast. I hope that you have made plans to attend. We have been very busy here in the office getting everything ready to make this a fun and positive event.

If you have never been, I hope that at some point you can attend a National Convention. I don't want to mislead you, attending a National Convention is not a cheap proposition, but what an experience it is. The outstanding speakers and patriotic displays are second to none.

As this membership year comes to an end, I want to give special recognition and thanks to Department Commander Mamie Havelka and her emphasis on training. She has initiated and found the money to hold day-long training sessions for Post Adjutants and others around the

State. There is one more training session scheduled, and it will be held in Scranton, ND, on 24 May starting at 1:00 P.M. Mountain Time. You should have a laptop, tablet or smartphone with you. There will be a limited number of extra devices available. Please call the office and register. You will need a "MyLegion" account before the class. If you don't have one, we will help you set one up.

Please make sure that you have registered for the free \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy provided by the Legionnaire Trust Insurance Company. I am surprised that since taking over as Adjutant we have had at least 5 accidental deaths by our members and none of them had registered. If you are not sure call 800-235-6943 or register online at www.TheLIT.com/LegionCare1.

Well, I better wrap this up, it's always good to visit friends. I look forward to seeing you at the Department Convention, National Convention, the next round of District Meetings this fall or some other Legion event.

Once again, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Department Adjutant. I will do my best to fulfill the obligations of serving you. Until next time, May God Bless a Strong and Free America and Keep you powder dry!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

CLARENCE L. CARROLL III - CHAIRMAN



Your Executive Committee met on Saturday February 22nd via Zoom. As Chairman I called the meeting to order at 10:01 am with a salute and the pledge of allegiance. Commander Havelka greeted everyone and gave opening remarks.

The agenda was reviewed, and a motion was made by Commander-Elect Weyrauch and seconded by Finance Officer Childs to approve the agenda. That motion was unanimously approved.

New information became available regarding a previous motion from the January 25, 2025, DEC meeting regarding the Adjutant stipend. In an effort to be more intentional and legal, a motion was made by Commander-Elect Weyrauch and seconded by Commander Havelka to

rescind the motion made at the January 25, 2025, DEC to give the Adjutant the budgeted amount of \$2000 a month back to January 2024 until July 1, 2025. This motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was then immediately made by Commander Havelka and seconded by Finance Officer Childs to officially ratify the status of Don R. Herrly as a part-time employee of the Department of North Dakota American Legion as our Part-Time Adjutant with an effective date of 1 January 2024 and we compensate him in the budgeted amount of \$2000/month from that date of hire to be paid starting 1 February 2025 at the budgeted rate of pay at \$2000 current salary and back-pay beginning with the month of February 2025 with the last payment in the month

of June 2025, in the budgeted amount of \$5200/month back pay and the budgeted \$2000 current pay, for a total of \$7200/month for five months and for a total cost to the Department of \$36,000. This motion was also unanimously approved.

The next motion was made by Commander Havelka and seconded by Finance Officer Childs to nominate Summer Kristianson and Nate Huntington to the Governor for the upcoming ACOVA appointment. This motion was unanimously approved.

After closing remarks by Commander Havelka. I adjourned the meeting with a hand salute at 10:21 am.

Legionnaire Insurance Trust Meeting

By Clarence L. Carroll, III, DEC Chairman

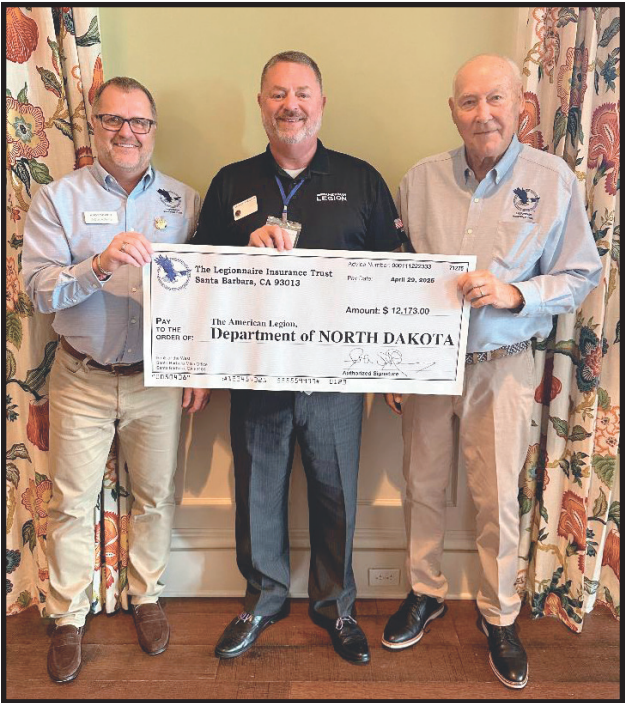
I had the unique, although underserved (I will explain in my closing paragraph) opportunity to attend the Annual Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) Board of Directors' Meeting April 27-30, 2025, at the Henderson Beach Resort in Destin, Florida.

We were greeted Monday with a cocktail reception followed by dinner, introductions, and a brief overview of the schedule. Tuesday began with breakfast followed by a lengthy and informative business meeting. Guests not involved with the meeting were whisked away to a candle poring event with the famous Miss Fizzwick (doubt that's her real name). Jenn was excited about the event and enjoyed being able to pick a scent and pour her own unique candle.

At the business meeting I was surprised and honored to receive on behalf of The Department of North Dakota two checks totaling \$12,173.42. \$11,388.88 goes directly into the Department's operating budget and \$834.54 per agreement goes toward VA&R. The evening ended with a motivational presentation by Aaron Sadoff, President of Marian University, Army Veteran, and author of the book MindCraft; The Art of Positive Thinking Right Now! His presentation was both thought provoking as well as interactive. All-in-all a great couple days was had by all.

Admittedly, I knew little about just how much AGIA (administrator of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust) does for our department. I knew that The LegionCare program offers No-Cost accidental death protection coverage for Legionnaire's who enroll. What I did not know was the many other insurance products they offer (at a cost) to members of our department, and a shame for not realizing the monetary impact they have on our department. For those of you who HAVE purchased additional products through LIT, THANK YOU!

Here is the last paragraph I've been keeping you in suspense about...For years now, attending this event has been a "perk" for the most recent Past Department Commander. I feel guilty saying this, since I have already received the undeserved "perk" of attending; The Legionnaire Insurance Trust Program Board of Director's meeting is too important of a meeting to be attended as a "perk." The execution of The Legionnaire Insurance Trust program, like all the other programs within our department, is an important program that "gives back" to us monetarily. The two meetings a year are crucial to the promotion of this program, and there is so much valuable and relevant information disseminated. The intended audience of these meetings is and MUST be The Director.





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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

MARK HONSTEIN - DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



“Mutual Helpfulness Transcends Change of Command”

I have often thought it odd that the American Legion from the Post to the National Command has a change of command every year. When I was commander of our post in Watford City, I spent most of my time learning what I was supposed to be doing and spent little time actually doing it. Now there are a variety of reasons for this, but with everyone’s busy schedules these days, it does seem odd to only give a commander one year to accomplish what they believe needs to be done. The good news is that the commanders are not alone in accomplishing those goals. We have the 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders, the Adjutants, the Sergeants at Arms, the Finance Officers, the Committees and all the other offices at every level of the Legion working together in mutual helpfulness to accomplish the goals. You might have noticed my emphasis this year has been on cooperation, on getting along, and it is key for the Legion to function when we have a change of command every year.

The early church in Corinth had a similar challenge. Paul started the church on a missionary trip, but after two years he left to reach other communities with the gospel.

He still cared about the church and wrote to them the next time he had settled down. Paul wrote 1st Corinthians from Ephesus, while he was there preaching in the synagogue and lecture hall of Tyrannus according to Acts 19. Another preacher who was circling the same area was Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the scriptures and challenged the Jewish leaders. Apollos started in Ephesus and then went to Corinth, whereas Paul started in Corinth & Galatia and then went to Ephesus where he stayed for 5 years. In the opening of Paul’s letter to the Corinthians he writes, “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.” He said this because the church was divided over who was the best leader. “One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas (Peter)”; still another, “I follow Christ.” Paul knew the church wouldn’t survive if they remained divided. He asks in 1 Corinthians 3:5, “What after all is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to

each his task.” They needed to focus on the mission.

Fellowship, mutual helpfulness, is just as important in the military as in the ministry. A proven principle of war is “mass.” Gathering enough force on the battlefield of manpower and equipment to overwhelm the enemy and accomplish our goals. That concept of mass also works with the Legion when we gather enough members together in the post, district, department and nation to accomplish our goals. But we must work together. Commander Havelka’s theme has been “Proud to Belong, Forever Strong” with the goal of recognizing our accomplishments and shoring up our financial future. That can only be accomplished with our mutual helpfulness. We don’t yet know what Commander-elect Weyrauch’s theme will be, but the main goals will remain the same, the 4 pillars will remain the same, and the principle of mass will remain the same. The more we work together, the more effective we will be in accomplishing our goals and defeating those who seek the end of our country and its ideals.

God bless us in our endeavors. Amen.



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The Future of the ND Legion – Update

Greetings American Legion Family,

Our membership dues no longer cover the expenses of ND American Legion (NDAL). This also includes our Department Service Office (DSO) located at Fargo VA. This position is hired by NDAL and pays all incurred expenses.

In the last two years, the generosity of all Posts who donated have made a difference. THANK YOU for your donations. DSO expenses are 100% the epitome of veterans helping veterans.

National in the past helped with DSO training expenses and has now pushed these expenses to their departments. Training expenses would include an additional amount of about \$2,000 for 2025. This October, another 301 Training Symposium will be held with the latest updates and important information that benefits all veterans. Last year, DSO Summer Kristianson attended and received DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE. The information given at the symposium was up-to-date and extremely pertinent, including recent changes within the claims arena.

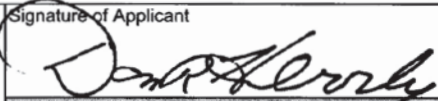
Online training provided minimal updates and was at times inaccurate. This is unacceptable for our DSO. Our continued support is critical to provide this service. Additional donations for training travel is important. Please consider. All posts may contribute, but the form below can be used for gaming donations. Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,
Mamie Havelka
Legionnaire
NDAL Commander
(701) 340-1621



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The American Legion Department of North Dakota		Don Herrly		701-293-3120	
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DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

SUMMER KRISTIANSON - DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER



Is There More Than 100%?

The age-old question with VA, my rating doesn't add up. Veterans often assume VA simply adds the ratings provided together, which then equals the percentage provided. However, this is simply not the case. A veteran sees their ratings of 50 + 30 + 20 + 10 and they assume they will be rated at 110%, however, this is not the case.

In VA math, they use the "whole person theory" to determine the combine disability rating. The thought is a person can't be more than 100% able-bodied. Think of VA math like pie, the more you take away, the less you will have to divvy out. Using the ratings above, start with removing the largest ratings first.

50 + 30 = 65% (35% remaining)
Add 20% = 72% (28% remaining)
Add 10% = 75%

The veteran in this example is 75%, which rounds up to 80% disabled.

However, VA does have additional ratings for veterans who are so disabled they need additional compensation or for veterans who have lost the use of body parts. The most common special monthly compensations (SMC) are discussed below.

SMC-K is awarded to veterans who have a service-connected disability involving the loss or loss of use of a specific body part or function. This can include loss of hand/foot, loss of both buttocks, total blindness in one eye with only light perception, loss of hearing in both ears, inability to speak, loss of breast tissue, or loss of use of a reproductive organ. We see this claim most often under the loss of use of a reproductive organ. SMC-K adds an additional \$136.06 (2025 rate) to a veteran's overall compensation award.

SMC-S is awarded to veterans who are either housebound due to service-connected disabilities or who have two severe service-connected disabilities.

We typically referred to this as 100% + 60% SMC. Meaning, the veteran has one service-connected condition at 100% and other conditions which equal 60% will be awarded SMC-S. There is no "set" rate for SMC-S as VA's compensation table shows the amount based on whether a veteran has dependents. However, for a single veteran the rate for SMC-S is \$4288.45 per month.

So, is it possible to be rated higher than 100%? The simple answer is no. VA does have additional special monthly compensation options available for veterans who meet the criteria which may increase a veteran's overall monthly compensation; however, the veteran is still not rated higher than 100%.

To learn more about service connected benefits or to file a claim for benefits, please contact your local County Veteran Service Officer: <https://www.veterans.nd.gov/about/veteran-service-officers-vso>

SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER

DANIEL SAUERWEIN - DETACHMENT COMMANDER



Finishing Strong and Looking Forward

Greetings again to the Department of North Dakota! The 2025 membership year is wrapping up, and we now look forward to our Convention in June in Fargo. As of this writing, we are so close to our goal from National, only needing 21 members to reach, so let's get that done. I would love to see us hit 1,200 members, so keep recruiting.

I hope you all were able to get out to the Spring District meetings. Several of the officers and I were able to attend some of them and we apologize if we could not make all of them, but we do our best. I attended the 5th District meeting in Bismarck on April 12 and it was a well-attended event.

I hope you are able to participate in your community's Memorial Day ceremonies in some fashion. We need to help our Posts and remind the public that the day is not just another day off for barbecues and time at the lake, but it is meant to

remember the fallen. Take to heart the words of General Logan in his order to the Grand Army of the Republic giving meaning to the day.

I hope to see a good turnout for Department Convention in Fargo in June and would like to see good engaged members consider stepping up to serve as Detachment officers. We will have our business meeting where we will elect officers for the 2025-2026 year, so please consider serving. I am looking forward to seeing you there. We will also be welcoming our new Squadron from Flasher at Convention.

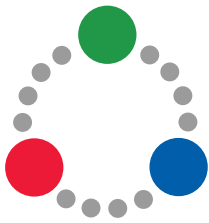
If you still have not done so, please get your Consolidated Squadron Reports and Squadron Data Reports reported to Department Headquarters, so we have updated contact for your Squadron and dues for the online renewal, as well as a picture of what our Detachment did for reporting to Congress.

Some of our Legion members have been able to participate on Honor Flights and I know a handful of

members have attended the celebrations to welcome the flights home, so keep that up. As always, please share activities, especially pictures from them, so that we can all see the awesome work you are doing.

I want to encourage Squadrons to send in photos of your activities to Snapshots of Service. Photos related to one of the four pillars involving your members wearing their SAL caps, or apparel can be submitted via the form at <https://www.legion.org/sons/publications>. Consider submitting a photo and see if you can win an award and also be sure to plug it on social media.

Please feel free to email me at daniel.sauerwein@gmail.com with questions, or call/text me at 218-791-3804. I wish you all success as we begin this new membership year. Thank you for all you do for the Sons of the American Legion and keep up the great work.



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Membership Growing in
Park River

Marquita Novak, Unit President and Membership Chairman for Paul Farup Unit 147 of Park River, put her foot on the gas and made a push to recruit new members for 2025. Her dedication and work on the project resulted in the recruitment of ten new members. Candace Berg, Department President-Elect and Membership Chairman was invited to a unit meeting in Park River where she presented a certificate to Marquita in commemoration of her extraordinary work. Great job, Marquita!

Article submitted by: Marcy Schmidt, Department Secretary.



Marquita Novak (left) receiving award from Candace Berg. Photo courtesy: Candace Berg, IceBerg Art

Harwood Volunteer
Donates to VAMC

Theresa Gross, a member of Richard E. Nelson Unit 297 of Harwood, donated dozens of handmade wheelchair and walker bags, 'heart' pillows, and 'port' cushions to the VA Medical Center in Fargo. Volunteers will be distributing them to current VA patients. Utilizing purchased and donated fabric, Theresa completed the project items, many with unique fabric and designs, while residing in Arizona over the winter months. Theresa was introduced by Harwood Unit President Carol Grieve at the April 14 District 1 Spring Meeting. Theresa displayed some of her creations for meeting attendees before delivering them to the VA.



Photo Caption: Stephen Sanders (on left), Specialist, Center for Development and Civic Engagement (VAMC Volunteer Services) and Theresa Gross, member/volunteer Unit 297 Harwood.

National Auxiliary
President to Visit
Flickertail Girls State

National Auxiliary President Trish Ward will be visiting ALA Flickertail Girls State this year. Make plans to visit with her in Grand Forks on June 10th. For more information, please contact Department President LoAnn Dick at 714-334-4798.

"She (Trish) is a wonderful lady with so much wisdom and so many useful ideas that we can use in our Units. Please bring as many people as you can to hear her, and to let her know that we in North Dakota are glad to have her here to learn from her. Please come! Let's make Trish feel really loved and welcome North Dakota style!" (Courtesy Department President LoAnn Dick)

Below is a letter received at the Department Office from Trish Ward:

Greetings, Fellow American Legion Auxiliary Members:

It's hard to believe department convention time is already here! This is always such an exciting point in the year for our members. We have had a great 2024-2025 American Legion Auxiliary administrative year so far by "Leading the Way" as we invest back into our units.

It has been an honor visiting so many of our ALA departments across the country, sharing with and educating members about the Department Excellence Initiative, a primary goal and focus for this ALA year. I have truly enjoyed delivering content to units and departments to help our members have a greater awareness, knowledge, and understanding on how they can positively impact this organization at the grassroots level.

During each visit, the conversation has been engaging, many great questions have been asked, and I enjoyed seeing the spark in members focused on growing membership and improving our organization even more from the ground up.

I look forward to seeing how many departments will be recognized at National Convention for the Department Merit Medallion as part of the Department Excellence Initiative.

I hope your department convention is productive as you conduct official Auxiliary business and you continue to focus on our importance as a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. Remember: Together, we are stronger and can have a greater impact on those we serve.

Thank you for your continued membership and commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary and our mission! Have a great department convention!

Trish Ward
National Auxiliary President 2024-2025



Trish Ward

Welcome To Convention

Carol Wolf, President of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo and Carol Grieve, President Richard E. Nelson Unit 297 Harwood and their team of convention volunteers welcome all members of the American Legion Family to the 2025 American Legion Department Convention. The event will be held June 27-29 at the Ramada by Wyndham (formerly Doublewood) in Fargo. The Convention Committee encourages everyone to experience not only the convention events but to get out and enjoy the dining and shopping experiences the Fargo-Moorhead area has to offer. Welcome to Fargo and enjoy your stay!

FARGO

104th Department
Convention

Ramada By Wyndham in Fargo

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (may be revised without notice)
Changes will be available at www.ndala.org/2025-department-convention/

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

11:00 AM	Department Finance Board meeting
1:00 PM	Auxiliary Registration Opens (Registration closes at 5:00 PM)
1:30 PM	Auxiliary Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting
3:00 PM	Meet and Greet - Incoming District Officers and Incoming Department Commander and Department President
4:00 PM	Legion VA&R Committee Meeting / Auxiliary Members Welcome
4:00 PM	District Commanders and District Presidents Flag/Banner Rehearsal (for Joint Session)
4:30 PM	Auxiliary Installation Rehearsal - Department Officers, District Presidents
5:00 PM	Pictures for Department Officers, District Presidents and Department Chairmen
5:00 PM	District Presidents and Department Chairmen (Incoming and Outgoing) Exchange Duty Books and Flags (Meet with LoAnn Dick and Candace Berg)
5:30 PM	No-Host dinner
7:00 PM	Joint Opening Session

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

7:00 AM	Legion Children & Youth Committee / Auxiliary Members Welcome
8:00 AM	Auxiliary Registration Resumes (Auxiliary Registration closes at Noon)
8:30 AM	Auxiliary Opening Session: Memorial Service, Guest Speakers, Chairmen Reports, Awards
12:00 PM	Past Presidents Parley Luncheon
1:30 PM	Auxiliary Session resumes
2:00 PM	Registration and Credentials Committees Reports Nominations and Elections of Department Officers (2025-2026)
4:00 PM	National Convention Meeting (Auxiliary Delegates)
5:30 PM	Social
6:30 PM	Department Convention Banquet
7:30 PM	Dance by ND State Band

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

9:00 AM	Joint Worship Service
	Joint Session
	Auxiliary Session Resumes
	Installation of Department Officers (2025-2026)
	Department President (2024-2025) Report, LoAnn Dick
	Close of 2025 Department Convention
12:00 PM	Organizational Meeting (2025-2026)
	Department Officers and District Presidents

Jamestown Helps Local Families

Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley members of Ernest D. Robertson Unit 14 of Jamestown donated five boxes of diapers and packs of baby wipes to Healthy Families North Dakota through owner/director Sarah Kramer.

Healthy Families North Dakota, based in Jamestown, is a free and voluntary home visiting support program that works with prenatal families and families with infants and toddlers. Healthy Families North Dakota staff partner with families on their parenting journey by providing home visits. They focus on parenting, child development, financial wellness, social connection and accessing community resources.



Pictured (l-r): Jamestown Auxiliary members Lola Rudnick, Dorothy Speidel, Sarah Kramer, Director of Healthy Families North Dakota; Betty Giele, Judy Hoyt, Ione Somsen and Charlotte Lassonde, Past Department President 2007-2008.

Department President



LoAnn Dick

Dear Auxiliary Members of the Department of North Dakota,

It has been my greatest honor to be your Department President this year! And it has been my great joy to serve you and our wonderful Veterans! What an amazing experience it has been as I have traveled around North Dakota to all the District Meetings to have had the privilege to get to meet so many of you! I have loved every minute of it! You are priceless people, and I love you all! I am so proud of you for all the fantastic projects, and meals, and events you have carried out as you work for your Veterans in your Posts, Units, and communities! What a blessing you are to them all! And what a blessing you are to me! May God richly bless each one of you!

Keep up the tremendous job you are doing on getting all your members renewed, and in recruiting new members, and in going back and rejoining any who have fallen away! Please do everything you can to not let any of your members fall away! They are such an important part of your Unit! They enrich your Units with their ideas, their participation, the Veterans they represent, and their very presence in your midst, and for those far away, with their increasing the scope of your work! They are all part of the National American Legion Auxiliary! What a blessing we all are to the United States of America!!! God bless us all!

Our Department Convention is coming up on June 27 to 29 at the Ramada by Wyndham in Fargo. Please come to the Convention and bring as many of your members as you possibly can!!! It is the perfect place to meet our long-unseen friends, to meet new friends, to talk to others who are having similar experiences in their Units, to get new ideas, to learn new innovative things, and just to get a little time away. I so hope you will all come! I am eager to see

you again!

Our National President, Trish Ward, will be in North Dakota to attend Girls State in Grand Forks from June 9 to 11. I am so excited that on the evening of Tuesday, June 10th, that we will be able to have dinner with her and get to have her talk to us, to encourage and inspire us. She is a wonderful lady with so much wisdom and so many useful ideas that we can use in our Units. Please bring as many people as you can to hear her, and to let her know that we in North Dakota are glad to have her here to learn from her. We will have the meal at a restaurant in Grand Forks on that Tuesday night. We will send out the time and place as soon as it is finalized. Please come! Let's make Trish feel really loved and welcome North Dakota style!

The American Legion is planning two Chairmanship programs at the Convention that will be held at times that can include the Auxiliary members as well. These are VA&R on Friday at 4:00 pm, and Children and Youth on Saturday at 7:00 am. If you can attend them, please do. The AL Commander, Mamie Havelka, has planned these specifically at times that we are not in session so we can attend without having to leave our meetings.

So, in closing, let me again thank you for your love and friendship to me this year. It has meant so very much to me! You are wonderful ladies! Your kindness has been amazing and precious to me. Thank you with all my heart!! May God bless you richly and abundantly!

Yours in service of our Veterans,

LoAnn Dick

Department Secretary



Marcy Schmidt

Greetings Auxiliary Members.

Make plans soon to attend the 2025 Department Convention to be held June 27-29, 2025, at the Ramada By Wyndham (formerly known as Doublewood) in Fargo. You will find the registration and banquet ticket order form for the convention elsewhere in this publication. Members of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo and Richard E. Nelson Unit 297 of Harwood have teamed up to co-host the 2025 Department Convention. We welcome you all to Fargo and hope you will be able to explore our beautiful communities while you are here.

As I write this article, North Dakota has forty-five units and one district with 100%+ membership dues paid. Thank you to Unit Membership Chairmen for your work gathering dues from your current members and new and rejoined members as well. By now, all officers and chairmen should have paid their current dues for 2025. Members who have not paid their 2025 dues are not eligible to hold office in a unit, district or department and those names will be removed from the officer list. This may result in your

unit not receiving important information and materials from the Department Office.

The annual year-end reports are coming in. From the information that has been compiled, units and their members continue to be active in their communities supporting veterans and their families. Congratulations and thank you for all the work you do on behalf of veterans, children and youth, and your communities across the state of North Dakota. I am so proud to be part of this wonderful organization.

I wish each of you good health, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Fargo in June. Keep our veterans, active military, and their families in your prayers. Take care of yourself and others.

God Bless America.

Marcy Schmidt

Department NEC



Judy Twete

Bees hide a surprising secret. When a hive loses its queen—the only one capable of giving life to the colony and maintaining order in a perfectly organized society—all seems lost. Life in the hive slows down. Without new eggs, the future disappears. Within a few weeks, the colony is threatened with extinction. But bees don't panic. Nor do they wait for salvation from outside.

With an extraordinary display of collective intelligence and deep instinct, they launch a spectacular emergency response that is hard to imagine in a world ruled by insects. Transformation begins with a simple but essential choice. Worker bees select some ordinary larvae—the very ones that would normally become ordinary workers. They are nothing special. They were born no different. But now their fate changes completely.

They are selected to receive a special diet: royal food. A rare substance produced by nutritious bees, rich in protein, vitamins, and bioactive compounds. It's royal food in the purest sense. The larva fed exclusively on this substance no longer follows the usual path. In just a few days, its body develops differently. The body becomes larger, stronger. Life expectancy is multiplied by almost twenty. It won't work. It will rule. It will not follow routine. It will bring life. The queen isn't chosen based on genes. It's created.

What makes this process truly fascinating is that the worker bee is the king. It's as if, in a human society, you could take an ordinary child and, with the right nutrition, the right environment, and the necessary support, turn it

into an extraordinary leader. Without genetic interventions. Without fireworks. Just thanks to support and perspective

A leader is born out of crisis. This metamorphosis doesn't just save the larva. It saves the entire colony. Once the new queen is ready, she takes over the hive, begins laying eggs, restores order, and begins a new collective life cycle. From the threat of extinction, the colony is reborn stronger, more organized, and more balanced.

A silent but profound lesson. Bees show us without words that in moments of great crisis, what is needed is not despair—but clarity. The right choice. Care and guidance. In their world, no queen is born. It is nurtured & guided.

And perhaps, just as in the beehive, in life too, it doesn't matter who you are at the beginning, it's the end result that counts. But rather than what you receive, how you are cared for, and what decisions others make in difficult times. Because sometimes the strongest leaders are born in the most difficult moments.

-Unknown author, news feed

Can you relate your ALA life to this narrative? Think hard, and try taking some actions to make our ALA stronger.

Judy Twete

Department Chaplain



Rose Laning

In today's social media, we have become accustomed to a term called "canceling." It is a way of expressing disapproval of something or someone in a public forum. People cancel others when they want to stop the spread of objectionable ideas, but those who have been canceled see it as their right to free speech being suppressed.

We can appoint ourselves arbiters of right and wrong and judge and jury. And now, thanks to social media, we get to dole out punishment.

Aunt Jemima was canceled. They had to rethink how they promoted their product to an increasingly enlightened and more modern audience. Dr. Seuss had to pull six books because of racist and insensitive imagery. Colin Kaepernick's kneeling during the National Anthem was seen as disrespecting the American flag and the military. Canceling is a practice of groups on both sides of the political spectrum who want to promote their own ideology and silence their opponents.

Followers of Christ have always faced pressure from those who disapprove of certain aspects of the gospel message. People tried "canceling" them – from the biblical stoning of Stephen to present day massacres in African villages.

The Apostle Paul tried combating the cancel culture at the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians Chapter 15) by starting with their belief that there is no bodily resurrection and then explained what it would mean if that was actually true. He used "if...then" statements to show that "if" the bodily resurrection of Jesus is canceled, "then" our hope of the gospel is gone and useless and we are "still in our sins."

Paul's reasoning may be a good pattern for us to follow when challenged by differing views or opinions. There may be unpopular aspects of the gospel message that we may feel pressured to suppress, but does that removal distort the message? And to what gain?

During our upcoming Convention in June, we will be discussing changes and/or additions to our Department Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. I am asking everyone to be in prayer for these meetings. Rather than choosing sides and trying to cancel each other, let us objectively look at the proposals being presented. Let us see how we can try to clarify these documents to make our organization the best it can be and one in which everyone is proud to belong.

Prayer – "Heavenly Father, we ask You to be with us and guide us in our convention giving us wisdom and understanding. Help us to follow Paul's example. "For "if" the dead are not raised, "then" Christ has not been raised either." 1 Cor. 15:16

Rose Laning

Department Treasurer



Susan Degner

Spring has sprung at last! Ever since I moved to North Dakota in August 1995, I have always said that Spring is the one season that you cannot really count on to show up. But when it does, it is just so lovely.

Hopefully, many of you were able to attend your Spring District Meetings. There is always so much good information being shared, and it is really beneficial to keep us united in our mission to take care of our veterans and military families.

The Department Convention is quickly approaching. I encourage all unit officers and as many unit members as possible to attend the Convention in Fargo this summer. It is a fun time as we gather and talk about how we support our veterans, hear the Legion Band, enjoy great food, vote on Department leadership, and meet new people. It is so important for leadership in the units to understand how the Department works, and to get to know the Department Officers who can support them throughout the year.

As many of you know, I was elected as your Department Treasurer at the last Department Convention but was unable to attend due to a family wedding. Thank you all for your faith in me. I have had a wonderful year getting a feel for how the Department finances work and have had such positive support from our Finance Board. I look forward to my first official report to you at Convention.

Hope to see you there!

Susan Degner, CPA

District 2



Happy Spring District 2 Members!

It looks like Spring is finally here and I hope everyone had a good winter!

District 2 held their 2025 Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 26. The meeting was well attended with twenty members from ten units and four guests. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to Paul Farup Unit 147 of Park River for assisting with registration and door prizes and Unit 201 of Minto for presenting the Memorial Service ceremony.

Department President, LoAnn Dick, discussed membership and encouraged members to recruit all granddaughters. She reminded units to send in dues as you receive them and do not hold them. She spoke on the upcoming Department Convention and National Convention encouraging members to attend.

Department President-Elect, Candace Berg, congratulated our District on reaching 91.9% membership. Keep it up everyone and let us make the push for membership to 100%. Congratulations to Marquita Novak, membership chairman of Park River Unit 147, for signing up ten new members!

- Discussion on service hours and volunteering with more ideas to help members fill out their impact reports.
- Quilts of Valor – keep track of shopping, driving, sewing time, and amount of funds spent on supplies.
- Poppies- if interested in helping make poppies, contact the Department Office.
- Pop can tabs - Continue to collect and give them to your Post to support Legion Programs.
- Helping homebound - Delivering Meals on Wheels and running errands.
- Care packages to deployed – Include items such as: Chapstick, squirt guns, game balls for outdoor sports, and soft toilet tissue.

Proposed changes in the Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules were discussed. All units should review these documents. If you have concerns or comments, please bring them to the 2025 Department Convention in June. If you cannot attend, please send comments to me so I can bring them to the convention.

Cheryl Evenson, Department AEF Chairman, is seeking donations for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. A collection was taken and \$100 has been sent to the Department Office. Units, please consider sending donations to this fund. It helps our members during emergency situations they may experience.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention in June!

Shelley Schuster
District 2 President

The American Legion and Auxiliary held its Spring District 2 Meeting in Park River on Saturday, April 26, 2025. A large group of Legion and Auxiliary members from the surrounding area attended the meeting in the Park River Legion Building.

Prior to the Joint Meeting, special ‘Welcome Home’ coins were presented to all Vietnam-era veterans in attendance. These coins were especially cast to honor and welcome home the Vietnam veterans that never really received a proper homecoming upon returning from the conflict. North Dakota is the only Department (State) that has taken on this project. There were twenty-three veterans that accepted the coin and a sincere ‘Thank You’ from North Dakota’s National Executive Committeeman, Steve Anderson. This was a heartwarming presentation with a few wet eyes in the group.

The coin face depicts the North Dakota state flag, the POW/MIA flag, the Western meadowlark (state bird), the prairie rose (state flower), and the Vietnam Wall. These are all encircled with 238 stars representing the known conflict casualties from North Dakota. The reverse side reads “The State of North Dakota /Welcome Home” with an image of the country of Vietnam and a Vietnam Campaign ribbon.

Following the presentation, a joint meeting was held with the Legion and Auxiliary. Introductions and remarks were made by James Kellogg, American Legion National Vice Commander from Minnesota; LoAnn Dick, Auxiliary Department President; Mamie Havelka, Legion Department Commander; and Candace Berg, Auxiliary President-Elect. The Auxiliary then moved to another venue and continued their meeting with District 2 President Shelley Schuster presiding.

Following both sessions, a delightful meal was served. Park River always does such a great job hosting District Meetings. A big ‘Thank You’ to the members.

Submitted by Judy Twete, Auxiliary NEC



Recipients of the ‘Welcome Home’ coins.

District 4



Hello District 4 Members.

I would like to thank everyone who made our Friday, April 4, Spring District meeting a huge success. Thank you to Marlene Boyer, Carrington Unit 25 President, for hosting our event. The Chieftain Conference Center did an amazing job on the buffet supper and meeting rooms. Six of our ten District units were represented!

Our guest speakers were Department President LoAnn Dick, President-Elect Candace Berg, and Vice President Sandra Smith. Sandra spoke about Junior Activities. Her unit has an active Junior program and she gave us some ideas of how one could start a Junior Activity program in our own units.

Gloria Covert, Department National Security Chairman, joined our meeting. Gloria spoke about the “Service Member of the Year” award.

It was brought to our attention that we do not need to bring the large District flag to District meetings if we have 3 tabletop flags. This discussion was brought up at the National Convention several years ago. A decision was made that District 4 would purchase the small American flag, ALA flag, and a POW/MIA flag with stand to use at District meetings.

Susan Degner, Department Treasurer, sent a postcard requesting donations for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. The hat was passed and \$180 was collected.

Although it was disappointing that the 2025 Winter Conference was canceled, the 2025 Department Convention is just around the corner. Mark June 27-29 on your calendars and make plans to attend. I encourage all Districts and units to get those Junior members involved. They are our future.

God bless our country.
Jane Schoonover
District 4 President

2025-2026 Endorsed Officers

Department President-Elect – Sandra Smith
Department Secretary – Marcy Schmidt
Department Treasurer – Susan Degner
Department Chaplain – Virginia Satrom
Department Historian – Carrie Heinz

This list is current as of publication. Further nominations may continue to be brought forward.

For full endorsement information see May Unit Mailing or visit www.ndala.org/2025-department-convention/

Gackle Area Units Honor Veterans and Members

The American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units of Gackle, Streeter and Fredonia and the American Legion Post of Kulm co-hosted the 106th American Legion Birthday Party / Vietnam War Veterans Day event at the Gackle Legion Hall on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Approximately 100 people attended. A light meal was served, followed by a program.

Gackle Legion Post #250 Commander Jon Metz welcomed everyone to the event and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Randy Entzminger, Gackle Legion member and guest speaker, shared an informative presentation titled “The History of the Gackle American Legion Memorial Hall.” His discourse included names and pictures of the founding members of the Gackle Legion and Auxiliary, and pictures of the building progress during construction of the Legion Hall.

The Saturday event was highlighted by the presentation of North Dakota “Welcome Home” coins to sixteen veterans who served between 1959 and 1975. The coin has a circle of 238 dots representing the known ND lives lost during the Vietnam War. 10 panels of the Vietnam Wall represent the remaining unrecovered ND MIA. The Welcome Home presentations were made by Veterans Service Officers, Jim Hilzendeger (Logan County) and Dave Bratton (Stutsman County). The audience gave a standing ovation to thank these veterans and provide the recognition they did not receive when they first came home.

Another highlight of the event was the presentation of Milestone Service Awards to Post and Unit members including a Legion 60-year and 70-year award and two Auxiliary 60-year awards.

American Legion – Gackle

50 Years: Luxton J. Brooks, Leslie Wirkkunen,
John Henke, Michelle Pich, Rod Gilmore
60 Years: Wilbert Denning
70 Years: Darrell Ova



Legion Birthday Party - Vietnam Veterans Front (l-r): Vietnam Veterans Rodney Zaun, Kulm; Dennis Mueller, Fredonia; James Anderson, Streeter; Elmer Schlecht, Fredonia; Clifford Klundt, Gackle; Mark Dockter, Streeter and Jim Hilzendeger, Logan County Veterans Service Officer of Napoleon.
Back (l-r): Rodney Brosz, Kulm; Verlye Bjur, Kulm; Harry Krause, Gackle; Russell Gieszler, Gackle; Tim Dewald, Gackle; Loren Schroeder, Gackle; Wendel Janke, Gackle; Jay Posselt, Gackle; Dale Strobel, Kulm; Doug Wittmier, Streeter and David Bratton, Stutsman County Veterans Service Officer of Jamestown.

District 4 Meeting

The American Legion and Auxiliary District 4 Spring Meeting took place in Carrington at the Chieftain on Friday, April 4. After a social hour and delicious meal, all attended a joint meeting for mutual greetings, introductions, and honors.

The dedication of members and their support for our veterans/military and their families was evident throughout the meeting. One especially impressive part of the meeting was when all Vietnam veterans were acknowledged and honored for their service. A beautiful silver coin was given to each member who served during the Vietnam War era.

Afterwards, the members separated into their respective groups to take care of various Legion Family business issues. Before leaving, all were reminded to help themselves to brownies, pumpkins bars, and other delicious treats provided by members of John O’Hara Unit 25 of Carrington. As the evening closed, many members expressed their appreciation to Carrington for hosting the event.

Article submitted by: Judith Keller, Unit 25 Public Relations



Vietnam-era veterans honored during the joint meeting.

American Legion Auxiliary – Gackle

35 Years: Rachael Smaage
45 Years: Rebekah Wilke
50 Years: Brenda Mayer
55 Years: Doreen Mickelson
60 Years: Nedina Denning

American Legion Auxiliary – Fredonia

60 Years: Isabel Weber

Marella Presler Sebring read the elements of the “Missing Man Table” and Randy Entzminger offered prayers. Sharon Schlittenhard, pianist, provided accompaniment to the group songs “Star Spangled Banner,” “God Bless America” and “Happy Birthday.”

Thank you to all who attended!

Article and photos submitted by: Elaine Ackerman, President Unit 250 Gackle



Brenda Mayer (left), recipient of a 50-year membership award and Elaine Ackerman, President Unit 250 Gackle.

Let's Recognize our Gold Star Families!



Gold Star families are those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. This includes, but is not limited to, those who died in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Gold Star recognition dates back to WWI when blue stars were displayed in honor of a family member serving in the Armed Forces. A family would display a gold star if the family member was lost in the war.

In an effort to recognize these families, a metal Gold Star Plaque can be made and displayed on the grave site. These plaques, along with the stakes, can be purchased for \$35 each plus standard shipping from Midwest Metal Art of Elgin, North Dakota.

Visit Midwest Metal Art at www.midwestmetalart.com or call their office at: (701) 870-1703.

Let's make sure Gold Star families receive the recognition they deserve.

Article submitted by: Holly Eslinger, President of Elgin Unit 246

Children & Youth

Greeting's Auxiliary Members,

I hope you are booked in a room and ready to have a great Department Convention in Fargo. We have so much to catch up on since last year.

I am always amazed by the hard work put in by members of so many of our units providing activities for children across our state. I am always proud to see their accomplishments posted on the National Auxiliary Children and Youth Facebook page!

April was "Purple Up! for Military Kids" month and many great ideas have already been shared for next year!

Once again, we will team up with the Legion Children and Youth Program to bring back the door prize-raffle event on Saturday evening of the Department Convention. This event will raise funds for Children and Youth projects such as the comfort teddy bears that are distributed to hospitals and other organizations. These bears can help a child through a difficult situation.

How can you make this raffle a success? Bring an item or two for the raffle table. Be creative! We had such a great selection last year and I'd love to see more of the same happen again this year.

I appreciate all of your hard work and hope to see you all in Fargo in June!

Jill Carstens
Children and Youth Chairman



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

By the time you read this article, our 2025 Spring District Meetings will be but a memory. I hope your gathering was informative and you had a chance to exchange new ideas and maybe do a little socializing.

I want to thank all District Presidents who passed the hat in my absence in support of the American Legion Auxiliary AEF program (Auxiliary Emergency Fund). North Dakota has far surpassed last year's contributions. Without caring, supportive members like you, this would not have been possible. My hat is off to you!

The amount of grant money that has been awarded nationally by the AEF from October to April is just short of \$400,000. That is a lot of members being helped, and our year is not over yet. Financial and natural disasters can happen at any time to any of us, so do not think your contribution, no matter how small, does not have an effect. We are there for each other. I still have AEF wristbands to sell if anyone is interested. They will be available at the 2025 Department Convention in June. I hope to see you there!

Cheryl Evenson
AEF Chairman



Education

Greetings Auxiliary Members.

Happy Spring Everyone!

I had the honor of reviewing scholarship applications. It was difficult to narrow the selection to three (3) \$500 Department Education Program Scholarship Winners. Every applicant was worthy of the scholarship. The committee selected Zachary James Clark from Hankinson, Jada Rose Bonogofsky from St. Anthony, and Nikki Bristow from Williston.

The Department scholarship committee also received and reviewed applications for National Auxiliary scholarships. Thank you to Auxiliary member Carla Bickert, retired Bismarck State College instructor, for helping with the scholarship selection process and Department Auxiliary President LoAnn Dick for trusting our selections. Three (3) scholarship packets were sent to the Northwestern Division for further judging. Rylie Lem of Thompson was the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship selection; Melissa Kuhnhehn of Upham, was the Spirit of Youth Scholarship selection; and Annabelle Schauer of Grand Forks was the Member Loyalty Scholarship selection. Final winners of the National scholarships will be announced in May.

For those attending Girls State and Boys State, there is the Samsung American Legion Scholarship. Applications are restricted to high school juniors who attend the current sessions of Legion Boys State or ALA Girls State. Those applications are due no later than the FIRST day of the Boys State or Girls State program, using the online application. Check out <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung> so the students know what information they need to have when going to Girls/Boys State to apply.

Thank you to all who support our youth, our communities and our veterans through education and outreach. You all truly make a difference.

Thank the educators in your community! Let them know how important and vital they are for all of us.

Peggy Moran
Education Chairman



In Memoriam

- District 1**
Virginia A Dahl, SLM, Valley City
Doris Krogh, HLM, Harwood
Carrie L Ruhn, SLM, Fargo
- District 2**
Shari L Hanna, Lakota
Lucille E. Ward, Lankin
Kathleen Patron, HLM, Lankin
Idamae Ohnstad, Lankin
Marie Halvorson, Tolna
Peggy A. Niswonger, Minto
Nancy Callahan, Forest River
- District 3**
Arlene Rieder, HLM, Cando
Alice Carpenter, SLM, Langdon
Debra Higgins, Bisbee
Carole Lysne, SLM, Minnewaukan

- District 4**
Ardys L Salisbury, SLM, New Rockford
- District 5**
Maral A Johnson, SLM, Bismarck
Lu L Miller, SLM, Bismarck
Janet J. Halvorson, Turtle Lake
Freda Voth, Turtle Lake
- District 6**
Annette G Dunseth, SLM, Minot
Josephine P Mogler, SLM, Minot
Arlene Perry, Minot
Joanne Barke, SLM, Donnybrook
Wanda Mulligan, SLM, Makoti
Mary A Schenfisch, SLM, Minot
Eva A Goodman, SLM, Upham
Deb Volk, SLM, Upham
Carol Magilke, SLM, Fort Rice

- District 7**
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Judith A Wieger, Stanton
Sylvia Friesz, New Leipzig
- District 8**
Lavon A Getz, HLM, Dickinson
Judy Clouse, Beach
Joyce A Westrum, Beach
Betty Aman, Richardton
Joyce Erhardt, SLM, Richardton
- District 9**
Delores Hagge, SLM, Grenora
Glenda L. Huseeth, Tioga
Corinne Littlefield, SLM, New Town
- District 10**
Brenda F Jones, Wahpeton
Betty M Haberman, HLM, Ellendale
Carol Edison, Milnor

We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information.
Key: HLM - Honorary Unit Member; SLM - State Life Member; VIM - Life Member/PUFL

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- The Auxiliary Registration fee is \$15.00 per person. Advanced registration by June 11, 2025, would be appreciated. Units are required to send in one (1) registration even if no one from the unit is attending.
- Advanced Department Convention Banquet Tickets – June 11, 2025, is the deadline for the \$35.00 (advanced price). Orders received after June 11th are \$40.00 per ticket.
- Past Presidents Parley Luncheon - \$25.00 per person. Order advanced PPP tickets by June 11, 2025.. Limited number PPP tickets may be available on-site.

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District Reports



Harlan Johnson
1st District Cmdr

Greetings from District 1,
District 1 meetings are behind us, and it's time to look forward to the State Convention.

I want to thank everyone who attended the District Meeting in Harwood, the turnout was great. A big thank you to the Harwood Post for hosting the District Meeting. It's never too early to be looking towards the Fall District Meeting locations. If any posts are interested in hosting a District Meeting, please let me know.

The State Convention this year is in Fargo, June 27, 28, 29. I would encourage you to attend as many events and meetings as possible.

I am proud to accept the position of District Commander for another year along with Virginia Kraushaar as Vice Commander. Our goal this year is to visit as many posts as possible. If there are any questions or concerns you have, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Baseball season is upon us, and that means Legion Baseball will be starting its 100th season. Try to be involved with your local Legion Baseball team.

I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention in June and have a wonderful and safe summer.



Duane Kram
2nd District Cmdr

Greetings from District 2,
District 2 Spring meeting was held at Post 147 in Park River on April 26th. Thirty-three Legionnaires attended representing 16 Posts. Among our guests was National Vice Commander James Kellogg from Adams, MN. I want to thank all of our guests for attending and assisting with the meeting.

Ryan Ohlhauser of Lakota was elected District 2 Commander. Brandon Winiger of Lakota was elected District Vice Commander. Congratulations to both of you.

Department Commander Mamie Havelka and NEC Steve Anderson conducted training on completing the Consolidated Post Report.

All are welcome to attend the 4th of July celebration in Park River. The parade starts at 11 am. Brats and burgers will be served after the parade at the Legion. A July 6th breakfast (pancakes, ham and eggs) will be served 10 am to 1 pm at the Legion.



Vernon Laning
7th District Cmdr

Greeting from District 7,
Well, North Dakota is off to a hot and dry spring, but it's better than 30 below so I don't want to complain.

With spring, we held our respective district spring meetings and this year districts 5 and 7 held a joint meeting at the Bismarck Amvets club. As usual at the spring meeting, we held the election of next year's commander and vice commander. Giani Ruffo of Hazen's Post 189, who had been my vice commander will be taking over as the new District 7 commander and his vice commander will be Lawrence Montclair of Fort Yates Post 173. The official change of command will take place at this year's Department Convention on June 27-29. Since I think I have been District 7 commander for 6 of the last 7 years, this next couple of years will feel like a new experience. I do congratulate and applaud these two gentlemen for stepping up into the leadership of our district. I would also like to thank everyone for their support and help while I was commander.

As part of our Legion Children and Youth Bear program, we delivered another box of Teddy Bears to the Sakakawea Medical Center in Hazen. I understand the kids that have to be hospitalized really enjoy them. Since my wife and I both received shipments of the bears, we still have a surplus but I'm sure they will get used over time.

As we wrap up another legion year, I hope everyone has completed their Consolidated Post Reports. They are really not difficult to complete and are very important for the Legion to remain effective in Washinton, DC, while fighting for the veterans.

With that, I'll close with a reminder to really push those memberships for this next year. The new memberships and renewals are critical for the future of our Legion. Have a great summer.



Lance Renville
9th District Cmdr

Greetings from District 9,
As spring has arrived, we find ourselves as usual working away at getting those last membership renewals entered and hopefully finding a few new ones. As a District, we are sitting at 98.97%. Keep up the good work! I know we can reach 100%.

District 9 spring meeting was held at Post 96 in Powers Lake on April 5th. I'd like to thank Post 96 and their Auxiliary for a great meal and event. Even with four Posts not represented, we had a great turnout. Elections were held and Doug Eckert will be moving up to District Commander and Ginny Watterson will be our new District Vice Commander. Congratulations and we know you will do a great job.

Thank you all for letting me serve the District the last two years. I've enjoyed my time meeting and getting to visit with so many great people! I will be continuing my role as West Region DEC filling in for my friend and brother Allan Magnuson as he continues to improve in his fight.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Fargo at the Convention.



FAMILY FIRST!

Each year we conduct numerous programs of interest and benefit to veterans, their families, and communities. These programs include Boys State, American Legion Baseball, and High School Oratorical Contests...just to name a few.

You can now make a one time or recurring gift to support the American Legion Department of North Dakota online. Whether you are just feeling generous and would like to make a donation to help our Department continue our mission, or would like to support a specific program, it can now be done online. Please see our website at: ndlegion.org for the donation link to make your gift and then send an email to let us know the intention of your gift at programs@ndlegion.org. You can make a gift that can be used by the Department for immediate needs either undesignated for whatever the need is currently greatest or you can designate it for a specific program. You can also direct your gift to The North Dakota American Legion Foundation, either designated or undesignated. See the Foundation page for a detailed explanation of how those funds are used.



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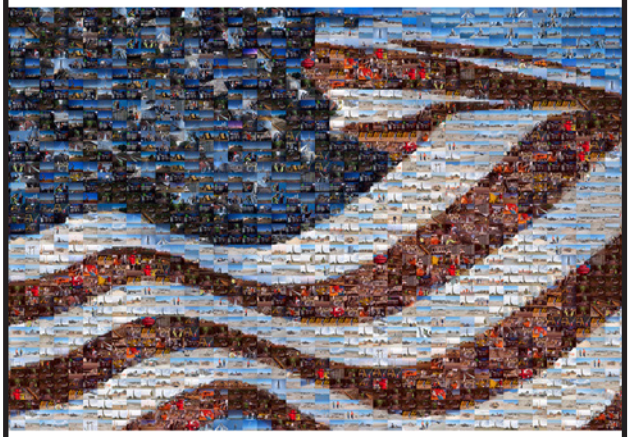
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- Current East Region Vice Commander
- Past 1st District Commander for Two Years
- Past 1st District Vice Commander
- Retired US Army Officer
- Served as an Inspector General for the 34th Division as well as various Commands and Staff Positions

I would appreciate your support from Districts 1-2-10 at our Department Convention in Fargo on June 27-29, 2025.



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M/M Don Herrly, Fargo - Undesignated
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GiGi Moore, Oakes – Boys State
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Gloria Covert, Rocklake - Undesignated
Darryl Lutovsky, Grafton
William Haug, Grand Forks – Legion Riders
Neil Morin, Hebron
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Larry Naasz, Mandan
M/M Don Herrly, Fargo – Undesignated
Roger Sateren, Lakota
M/M Don Herrly, Fargo - Undesignated
M/M Curt Twete, McVile – Twete Youth Troop Academy
M/M Wayne Satrom, West Fargo – Boys State
M/M Harvey Peterson, Dayton, WA – Veterans Programs
Diane Kraemer, Grand Forks - Undesignated
Karen Meier, Pollock, SD - Undesignated
Marlys Aubol, New Town - Undesignated
Teri Bryant, Fargo – Veterans Programs
Keith Snortland, Fargo
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Bismarck - Post #1

Becker, Leonard 02/16/2023
Boeckel, Gaylen 03/01/2025
Cohen, Phillip 01/28/2022
Frank, Raymon 02/09/2025
Grabar, Raymond 01/19/2025
Johnson, Arlen 10/22/2022
Dacar, Daniel L 04/14/2025
Voigt, Michael J 04/12/2024
Hall, Edward 03/03/2024

Fargo – Post #2

Quam, Frederick W.....02/25/2025
Lambert, James.....03/21/2024

Hillsboro – Post #4

Oanes, Arlen.....02/12/2025
Skansgaard, Dale 09/21/2024

Grand Forks – Post #6

Granger, Marvin.....01/07/2025
Stompro, Richard.....04/19/2025

Rugby – Post #23

Brossart, Edward.....01/21/2025

Minot – Post #26

Martin, Steve 01/28/2025
Smith, Ronald 11/16/2024
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Local Posts in the News

Larimore Post #97

On Saturday 01 February, American Legion Post #97 held their Annual Fishing Derby at the Larimore Dam Recreational Area. This year's tournament was a tremendous success with nice (but cloudy & cool) weather and over 450 tickets sold for the tournament.

After the tournament an award ceremony and complimentary chili feed was held at Willy's Bar and Grill in Larimore North Dakota with over 300 people in attendance. Members of the Larimore High School Future Farmers of America helped serve and clean up.

While food was served and before the award ceremony a fishing prize was awarded to every child under 17 years of age who was present, with an additional \$1,000 in numerous door prizes randomly awarded to those present.

During the ceremony fifteen cash prizes were awarded for the Top 3 longest fish from five categories: Crappie, Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye and Crappie.

After the longest fish were announced, a drawing was held for three Scheels Gifts Cards for those who signed up for the Tournament – Grand Prize of \$400, Second Prize

of \$200 and third Prize of \$100. A meat raffle was also conducted, with one last raffle for a Henry Big Boy X Model American Legion Tribute rifle .357 Mag.

Post #97 Commander, Mr. Joel Ressler, is grateful to all those who helped ensure the Fishing Derby flowed smoothly, with a Special Thank You to the Larimore High Future Farmers of America event volunteers, the Larimore Dam Recreational Area, and the Owner and Staff at Willy's Bar and Grill.



Bottineau Post #42

Turtle Mountain Cancer Support Ladies assembled at the Bottineau Veterans Memorial Hall to receive a significant donation by Post 42 Commander Heather Thompson and Jan Nahinurk. The Turtle Mountain Cancer Support Organization was established in 2006 for the purpose of helping Bottineau County citizens to defray some of their medical expenses. The Legion is proud to support this dynamic organization that does its best to help citizens of Bottineau County.

(L to R) Dawn Allard, Cailey Thompson Soland, Joann Bernstein, Liz Miller, Coleen Brudwick, Cmdr Heather Thompson and Jan Nahinurk.



Grand Forks Post #6

Legionnaire Tim Gagnon used his energies to reinvigorate or "brought back to life" after many years, the JROTC Shooting Contest. The JROTC Shooting Competition was held at the Grand Forks Police Department on Tuesday, March 18. The Gold Medal went to Kennedy Corey; the Silver Medal went to Antonio Grant-Rexine; and the Bronze Medal to Mason Schurman. The winners

were announced and medals and certificates awarded at the JROTC Awards Ceremony held on Saturday, March 29, at the Grand Forks National Guard Armory.

Congratulations to all the sharp shooters and entrants of this year's competition. Looking forward to next year already.



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Devils Lake and Lakota Posts Team Up for Raith

Tim Running Post 24 in Devils Lake and Rundell-Holicky Post 21 in Lakota have teamed up to help with the Nelson County Sheriff K9 program. The posts have purchased custom plush replicas of Raith, a Belgian Malinois serving with the Nelson County K9 team along with Chief Deputy Jesse Madche. The plush animal comes with a sheriff's dog collar, dog tag and a Nelson County Sheriffs vest with the new Nelson County Sheriff patch embroidered on the back.

Raith has already proven to be a great asset to the Sheriff's office and just last April she was able to track an armed suspect in rural St. Michael and helped with a controlled substance seizure during a traffic stop. Since Raith came into the department she has also been assisting with narcotic searches, vehicle searches and has even helped a citizen find her missing car keys. Raith has been to several area schools to help answer questions and get kids familiar and comfortable with the Sheriff's office with



Left to right: Post 21 Commander Steven Schuh, Chief Deputy Jesse Madche, Raith, Post 24 Commander Jack Volk and Sheriff Kurt Schwind

her awesomeness.

The Legion Posts purchased 250 of the toys with 200 being sold to the public and 50 kept in the Sheriffs vehicles to hand out to children involved in accidents or other traumatic calls, kids who could use the comfort of a Raith replica. The toys are a wonderful continuation of the American Legions and Nelson County Sheriff's Office commitment to support the local community, especially children and youth.

The plush animals are for sale at the Nelson County Sheriff's Office for \$25 and all proceeds go toward the K9 Unit.



Harvey Post #28



Frank E. Curry Post #28 at Harvey purchased a new US flag and a North Dakota flag for the Veterans Memorial Park flagpoles. Color Guard Members are (L – R) Melvin Arndt, Gerald Franklin, Steve Volk, Bob Flach, Dean Johnson and Ricky Rittenbach.

Fargo Post #2



The Air Force Junior ROTC 19th Annual Awards Program and Change of Command Ceremony was held May 3, 2025. Presenting the American Legion awards was Gilbert C. Grafton Post 2 Finance Officer Bill Owens. The American Legion General Military Excellence award winner was Ashton Joffrion and the American Legion Scholastic Award was presented to Colten Rau. The AFJROTC is made up of students from Fargo North, Fargo South, Fargo Davies and Moorhead. The NDSU ROTC commissioning ceremony is May 17, 2025, and Thomas Myers will be presented with a sabre from Post 2.

Kensal Post #103 Honors Herman J. Kulla



Dann Holm, Commander of the John Florhaug Post 103 in Kensal, traveled to the North Dakota Veterans home in Lisbon on April 26th to honor Herman Kulla after 80 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. Herman was a Corporal in the USMC, serving in WWII.

It was an honor be part of the presentation of his certificate and an 80-year membership pin. Herman's family and Post 30 members attended the presentation. Congratulations Herman!

Grand Forks Post #6



Sons of the American Legion Squadron #6 in Grand Forks posted as the Color Guard during the Spirit of America celebration at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks on May 3, 2025. Squadron Commander Ryan Kaste, David Dahlgren and Kirean Dale helped kick off the Red River Valley Car and Bike Show with over 300 entrants.

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1:00 pm	Registration (closes at 5:00 pm)
1:00 pm	Legislative Committee Meeting
1:00 pm	DSO Office Hours (until 4 pm)
1:00 pm	Future of ND
1:30 pm	Resolutions
3:00 pm	40 et 8 Cheminot
3:00 pm	Incoming Officers Meet and Greet with Incoming Commander and President
4:00 pm	District Officers Flag Rehearsal
4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
4:00 pm	VA&R Meeting
4:30 pm	Past Dept Commanders Social and Dinner
5:00 pm	Credentials Committee
5:30 pm	First Time Attendees
7:00 pm	Joint Opening Session

Saturday, June 28, 2025

7:00 am	Children and Youth Committee Meeting (includes Auxiliary)
8:00 am	Registration (closes at 3:00 pm)
8:00 am	Band Practice Room
8:00 am	DSO Office Hours (until 12:00 pm)
8:00 am	Constitution and By-Laws Committee
9:00 am	Legion Riders
9:00 am	40 et 8 Grand Promenade
9:00 am	District Officers/CPR's
10:00 am	Oratorical Committee
11:00 am	SAL Meeting
11:00 am	Credentials Committee
11:00 am	Boys State
1:00 pm	Legion General Session – Lamborn
3:00 pm	Regional Caucuses
4:00 pm	National Convention Meeting
4:00 pm	SAL Training Session
4:00 pm	Athletic Committee
4:00 pm	DSO Office Hours (until 5:00 pm)
5:30 pm	Social
6:30 pm	Department Convention Banquet
7:30 pm	Dance by ND State Band

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8:00 am	DSO Office Hours (until 9:00 am)
8:00 am	Incoming Officer Pictures
8:00 am	Registration (closes at 9:00 am)
9:00 am	Credentials Committee
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