Barndt and Glenn Wahus, Department Commander

Jerry Samuelson, Dept Oratorical Chairman, Madison Centennial Celebration in the second round and will receive an additional $1,500 if she wins the first round, she will advance to and participate in the state contest. She had previously won a $300 Cash Award from the ND American Legion and a $50 from the Kennelly Scholarship Fund. Madison is the daughter of Brandon and Renee Barndt.

Second Place went to David Crain and was sponsored by Alexander Post #94. David is a Freshman and is homeschooled through the Rough Rider Academy. He will receive $200 from the ND American Legion and $125 from the Sam Tolchinsky Endowment Fund for Second Place to go along with the $300 Cash Award from the Chuck Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Fund for winning the 9th District Contest. David is the son of Donny and Cheryl Crain.

First Place Steven Bryant, New Leipzig – Senior; 2nd Place, Kaylee Weninger, Carrington – Senior; 3rd Place, Destiny Stedman, Carrington - Senior; 1st Place, Julia Sveen, Edinburg - Junior; 2nd Place, Alex Botz, Carson – Junior.  

The American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest is an annual competition that promotes the use of the written and spoken word to advance the ideals of Americanism and provides a platform for American high school students to engage in public speaking and oratory. The contest aims to foster appreciation of the Constitution of the United States and the role of the American Legion in promoting its principles. The winners of the contest are selected based on their ability to effectively communicate their ideas, with a focus on moral character, patriotism, and public service. The contest is open to high school students and is judged by a panel of experts. The winners are awarded scholarships and other prizes, which are announced at the Department Convention. The contest has been a valuable opportunity for students to develop public speaking skills and to gain recognition through their oratory and writing efforts.
Legionnaire of the Year

Nominated by Matthew Brew. Post #3 of Dickinson.

Stanley Davis, Sr. has been selected for the 2019 recipient of the Legionnaire of the Year Award by the ND American Legion. Legionnaire Stanley has six continuous years of service with Post #3 of Dickinson.

Stanley grew up in Syracuse, New York. During high school, he went to BOCES Vocational School earning certificates in auto mechanics and home improvement. He graduated from Ciserio High School. Stanley currently is a truck driver.

Stanley joined the Army on a split option in 1980. He attended Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, SC and attended AIT at Red Stone Arsenal, AL, in ammunition truck driving and was being trained to store and transport ammo. He was stationed at Ft. Drum in Watertown, NY, and was discharged honorably in 1988 as a Staff Sgt (E-5).

Post #3 selected Stanley to be Legionnaire of the Year based on his service to the Legion and community. Stanley recently served as Post 3 Commander for three years and currently serves as 2nd Vice Commander and Fundraising Chairman. Stanley has been an active member of the Cavalier Space Warning Squadron #3 of the Sons of the Legion taking on a leadership role. Stanley is active in several other community organizations. He has been a volunteer for the Best Friends Mentoring Program, visits local nursing homes and works closely with the Scout Venture Crew 121.

Stanley will be recognized during the American Legion’s Department Convention which is being held June 27-30, 2019, in Grand Forks, ND, at the Alerus Center.

Press Association Awarded

During the American Legion’s Winter Conference each year, the Legion Press Association recognizes a member, organization or individual who has stepped up to support veterans or the ND American Legion in activities that benefit the veterans in our community or state. The American Legion Lawrence Stephenson Post #133 in Turtle Lake, ND, nominated Allan Tinker of the McClusky Gazette to receive this year’s Press Association Award.

Allan Tinker has been the Editor of the McClusky Gazette and the McLean County Journal for the past 16 years. She works hard to bring interesting and factual news to the happenings of that Post.

The Press Association and The American Legion

Firefighter of the Year Selected

Nominated by the Dickinson American Legion Post #3, Debora Barros of the Dickinson Fire Department, was selected for the North Dakota American Legion 2018 Firefighter of the Year. Her actions occurred when she was awarded the Valley Forge Cross, the highest military award which can be received in peace time by the National Guard Association. Gene later rejoin the Army Reserve for another seven years. He is currently a truck driver.

Gene enlisted in the National Guard and started his military career. Two years later he was off to the Navy where he served during the Korean War. After the Navy, six years later he was back in the National Guard for another 21-year stint retiring as a 1st SGT. His proudest military moment occurred when he was awarded the Valley Forge Cross, the highest military award which can be received in peace time by the National Guard Association. Gene later rejoin the Army Reserve for another seven years. He is currently a truck driver.

Gene was a member of the American Legion for 66 years. He was the driving force for the Stark County Veterans Memorial Association as a board member. His retirement highlights the completion of the Veterans Memorial and the Stark county Veteran’s Pavilion in Dickinson.

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Kurt Robinson, the son of Eugene Robinson, during the annual Department Convention which is being held June 27-30, 2019, in Grand Forks, ND, at the Alerus Center.

Debora Barros has been a part of the Dickinson Fire Department for 11 years beginning as a Fire Prevention Education Officer in 1985. She began fire suppression duties in March of 1993 and held the position of Captain of Rescue 2 from 2010-2016. Debora progressed to Fire Prevention Specialist and Fire Marshal. She is currently the Assistant Fire Chief and is responsible for department training, safety and health.

Assistant Chief Barros is a ND State certified Firefighter II, Nationally Registered EMT, CPR and First Aid Instructor and ND Fire Service Instructor. She has held the position of Sec/Treas of the ND Fire Prevention Association and is a past board member of the ND Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Assistant Fire Chief Barros is always willing to mentor a new member as they work through their certification training and it is not unusual to find her giving extra assistance to someone that may be struggling. Barros will be recognized during the Annual Firefighter Convention on May 30-June 1, 2019, at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City.

Koniecki Named “RAY ATOL” Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Nominated by LaVern J. Thompson American Legion Post #11 of Cavalier, ND, Technical Sergeant Matthew Koniecki, has been selected for the 2018 Ray ATOL Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, by the American Legion.

Technical Sergeant Koniecki is currently on the 10th Space Warning Squadron at the Cavalier Air Force Station in Cavalier. Koniecki is a phenomenal law enforcement member and leader who provides a tremendous amount of dedication and support to the Cavalier Air Force Station. He has led several programs and operations vital to our nation’s defense. His actions are inspired by our nation’s highest position. His devotion to duty allowed him to lead law enforcement members covering 24/7 operations to help secure a missile warning system. As the Incident Commander during a HAZMAT situation, he quitted any potential harm being presented from the affected area. His actions restored safety to the scene saving lives of Cavalier Air Force Station members.

Sergeant Koniecki has been tremendously in support of the local community in the city of Cavalier and the surrounding area. He has enlisted over 420 man-hours organizing city parades, Police Week, block walks and helping honor local WWII veterans. He championed four-unit events and led a 10-member team raising over $10,000 in support of unit events and assisting military members and their families.

Sergeant Koniecki is married to Theresa Ann. They have one dog named Sake and two cats Lucky and Maui. Congratulations to Sergeant Koniecki for being recognized as a leader within the Law Enforcement community. He will be recognized during the Department of North Dakota American Legion’s Annual Convention which is being held June 27-30, 2019, in Grand Forks, ND, at the Alerus Center.
As I sit here and compose this letter, I reflect back to the Winter Conference and think of the message I spoke of. Did it get through to everybody in attendance? When you get right down to it, there’s a time for change and little bit of change would do us good. I want to say that as an organization about getting our hands on our Veterans, doing more for them not just lobbying for their cause. As far as membership goes, we need to get to be at county fairs, gun shows, boat shows, Ag shows and we need to show our Veterans that The American Legion is viable. The public also needs to know we need to be out there in attendance and let them know what we also do.

The Central Region meetings are being set up as we speak. The Central and West Regions will be holding a regional meeting and you will also be getting those dates for the Eastern Region holding their regular district meetings. We held our first North Dakota American Legion College class at the Winter Conference. Thank you for all those that attended. We will be offering North Dakota’s basic course later on and all those who have completed our national basic training course, either through National or through the North Dakota College will be able to attend those. If you want to take National’s basic training course, it is on line at legion.org. Go to the search bar and type in basic training course and once you click on it put your membership number and a password in and take the course. If you are interested, do it right away because the state said earlier, we will be offering basic, intermediate and an advanced class as we continue to set up our North Dakota American Legion College.

As my year comes to an end, you have to remember to fill out your Consolidated Post Reports that will be mailed out in March. It is very important for reports to be completed. The hours you volunteer converted to dollars is in the billions across the Nation. We need to get those completed to Congress can see more of what we do.

It feels like all I’ve been doing is rambling on, but I hope you’re doing well and staying warm. See you at the Spring meetings.

Remember the past and Refuel for the future.

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Greetings All,

Our Winter Conference was held January 24-27, 2019. National Vice Commander Steve Sweet from Mississippi spoke at our banquet. He gave an up-lifting and at times humorous message. I hope all who attended had a chance to talk with him. He was certainly impressed with our weather as it was very cold and blustery. In fact the weather was bad enough to cause Commander Wahus to cancel the conference on Sunday morning so everyone had a chance to get home.

One of the events at the conference was the North Dakota American Legion offered a basic training course as a precursor to starting our own ND American Legion College. It was well attended and educational. There will be more information on the ND Legion College coming in the near future.

During the Regional meetings, there was much discussion on how district meetings could be enhanced to reach more Legionnaires throughout the state. East Region decided to keep things as they are and that is to have their three district meetings. It was decided by the Central and Western Regions to hold regional meetings rather than three district meetings. It was decided by the Central and Western Regions to keep things as they are and that is to have their regional meetings rather than three district meetings.

This year National Headquarters has declared March 11-18 as BUDDY CHECK week. This is not only a time to reconnect with our fellow veterans, but also a chance to reconnect with fellow veterans who would like to renew their memberships. Gather up a team at your local post to call or, if possible, to personally visit members and former members.

This year, National Headquarters came out with a reward program to help posts that bring in new members from 2014/2015/2016. National will pay the post $5.00 for each expired member who renews before May 1, 2019. To receive credit for renewing a 2014/2015/2016 expiring member, you must renew that member in your post and use his or her current membership ID# found on the expired listing. This list can be found on myLegion.org under the reports folder. If you have any questions, give me a call and I will help you.

If you have not received a helmet for “Helmets for Heroes”, please let me know and we can send them out to you. These helmets were designed to help our programs such as V&K, Boys State, Oratorical, Children and Youth, National Emergency Fund and our Commander’s project, to name a few. All your help would be appreciated.

With spring around the corner, please support your local baseball team. Also, mark your calendars for Boys State on June 9-14, 2019 with Legion day Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

As Legionnaires, our most sacred responsibility is to support of this great organization.
## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**
- 7:00 pm: Foundation Meeting

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**
- 9:00 am: DEC Meeting
- 1:00 pm: Registration (closes 6:00 pm)
- 3:30 pm: Boys State
- 3:30 pm: 40 et 8 Cheminot
- 7:00 pm: Past Dept Commanders Dinner
- 7:00 pm: Department Committee Meetings

**Friday, June 28, 2019**
- 7:00 am: 40 et 8 Breakfast & Grand Promenade
- 8:00 am: DEC Meeting
- 8:00 am: Department Committee Meetings
- 8:30 am: Registration (closes 10:30 am)
- 9:00 am: SAL Meeting
- 10:30 am: Joint Opening Session
- 12:30 pm: Registration (closes 5:00 pm)
- 1:00 pm: Breakout Session and Membership Training
- 2:30 pm: Legion General Session

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**
- 4:00 pm: Regional Caucuses
- 5:00 pm: Legion Riders
- 7:00 pm: Department Convention Banquet
- 8:00 pm: Dance

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**
- 4:00 pm: Regional Caucuses
- 5:00 pm: Legion Riders
- 7:00 pm: Department Convention Banquet

**Monday, July 1, 2019**
- 9:00 am: Organizational Meeting (2019-2020 Officers Only)

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- Baymont Inn and Suites $79
  (701) 757-2345
- MyPlace $74
  (701) 757-1717
- Sleep Inn $99
  (701) 757-2900
- Staybridge Suites $104-$124
  (701) 772-9000
- Expressway Suites $149
  (701) 757-7000

### Hotels in Driving Distance of the Alerus Center
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Development. I want to highlight a few of these business lines through Q1 below. Compensation benefits is the largest benefit used. In Q1 of FY19, VBA served 4.8 million veterans paying just over $21 billion in benefits. They completed 315,800 claims which was just shy of their goal of 324,200. The average amount of time a claim is taking to complete is 104.5 days with an average of 5.2 issues per claim. Appeals are in the process of transitioning into the Appeals Modernization Act of 2017 – this is effective 2/19/2019. Veterans were able to begin the transition as of November 2017. RAMP has seen 66,000 opt-ins which is approximately 17.6% of appeals. The average time to complete these appeals is 124.2 days – although this is not the case for all appeals.

Lastly, I just want to touch on Education benefits. For FY19, VBA has paid $3.1 billion in education benefits. The average time to complete these applications has been going down from 32.6 days in October to 23.2 days in December. The VA is also working on restoring benefits for those affected by school closures in Q1.

If you have any questions about what benefits you may be entitled to, reach out to your local County Veterans Service Officer or National Service Officer. https://www.nd.gov/veterans/service-officers.

Winter Conference DEC Meeting January 24, 2019
The DEC met in Minot at the Winter Conference. The following is a summary of the meeting. Full minutes are available at the Department office.
DEC Chairman Meier called the meeting to order with a salute, pledge and a prayer. The consent agenda and meeting agenda were approved. The DEC awarded Dickinson Post 3 the 2022 Convention bid and Washburn Post 12 the 2023 Department Convention bid. The DEC minutes from 10-6-18 were approved and the financial report was given. Committee reports were given by the following committees: Athletic, Boys State, Americanism/CAY, Audit, Delegate Selection, Centennial, History, Legion Riders, M&P, VAAR, Band and the Foundation.

Kenny Wiederholt was appointed as the Legion representative to the ND Veteran’s Home Foundation. The National Convention delegate stipend was increased.

Updates were given on the 2019 convention centennial celebration, the new executive committee, the ND department service office, post closures and the Helmets for Heroes program. The Department Policy and Procedures Manual was approved.

A draft 2019-2022 budget was reviewed. Legionnaire of the Year was awarded to Stanley Davis of Post 3 and the Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Eugene Robinson of Post 3.

An optional District Adjutant position was discussed.
Greetings Auxiliary sisters! Thank you, ladies, for all that you do for Veterans and their families! God has given us a task that will go on for years to come. This task is taking place in all of our veterans.

Membership! Keep asking current members to renew and continue to recruit new members as well. Keep in mind that membership is to help our veterans and not just for ourselves!

Help wherever you can and whenever you can. Remember we are here ‘To Help Our Veterans’ Service not self.

May you have your life in God’s Hands, may liberty surround you, may you have good health, may the sun shine in your life, and may you always know a friend is near. May God fill your heart, set you free and help them. Amen.

In Proverbs 3:3, “Let not mercy and truth leave thee, put them about thy neck, and write them in the tablets of thy heart.” Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Write them in the tablets of thy heart. Amen.

Sandra Petermann

Precious Jesus, we lift up our family and friends before You today asking that You meet every need of our live. Heal and care for them, set them free, and deliver them. Let them see You more clearly. Let them feel You near in every situation concerning their lives. Amen.

The Poppy Poster Contest is open to students in Grades 2-12. The essay forms and rules for both contests can be found on the Department website at: www.ndala.org. Click on the Tab Department Scholarships, the essay forms and rules for both contests can be found on the Department website at: www.ndala.org. Click on the Tab Department Scholarships.

Meetings to send me any pictures that you write-ups of the activities. I would love to receive information on anything your units and districts do in support of veterans and their families as well as what activities you do in your community.

Your articles and pictures can be sent to me at home or by email at: historian@ndala.org

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SPRING DISTRICT/REGIONAL MEETINGS 2019
APRIL 6 AND APRIL 8-13
Saturday, April 6, 2019
Central Region Spring Meeting
• Districting 3-4 and 5
• Camp Grafton (near Devils Lake)
Time- Sam

Week of April 8-13, 2019
Spring District Meetings (East Region)
• District 1-Apr. 9th, 7 pm Mayville VFW
• District 2-Apr. 8th, 7 pm Larimore VFW
• District 3-Apr. 11th, 7 pm, LaMoure VFW

Sunday, April 13, 2019
Western Region Meeting
• Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9
• Watford City American Legion
• Time-8 am

*Please note that some details still need to be ironed out. Watch for further information to be posted on the Auxiliary website or sent to you by email or in a Unit Packet.

Sandra Petermann

Hello Auxiliary sisters,

I want to thank everyone for your support and encouragement over these past six months. In support of my President’s Project and the Veteran’s Affairs and Rehabilitation (VAA&R) Program, many of you have purchased t-shirts, poppy pins and emblematic brooches, which support our cause and our nation. Your support of these activities is greatly appreciated. Your donations will allow veterans and their families the ability to seek help in the event they might be contemplating suicide or are mourning the deaths of a loved one. With the caring nature and one-on-one mentoring abilities of the Tragic Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), survivors will be able to build a future and understand what has happened to them. Veterans in North Dakota will also benefit from your support as Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines are installed in some of your posts. Since we are all getting up in age, I believe AED machines should be available in the event someone might be experiencing a heart attack. The defibrillation machine is a vital piece of life-saving equipment. Project funds will also be donated to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Fargo and the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon in support of the veterans they serve.

I want to thank the Department of Arizona for its $50.00 donation toward my President’s Project. For those who don’t know, the Department of Arizona challenged the Department of North Dakota to a membership race. The idea was that the winner would be the Department with the highest percentage of 2019 paid dues by specific dates. Over the past few years, the Department of Arizona had lagged in membership while Arizona typically came in 1st place. The challenge was accepted, and North Dakota won! A big ‘shout out’ to all North Dakota Unit Membership Chairpersons – you showed them. Take a bow, ladies, and give yourselves and your unit sisters a big hand. I believe that ‘team work’ makes the ‘dream’ work! With our Department Membership Chairman, Sandy Smith, on board with her positive encouragement and wise guidance, I know we have a wonderful successful year ahead.

God Bless and thank you to all who braved the bitter cold weather along with the snow and came to Minot for Winter Conference. Although we missed Marcie Schmidt, our Department Secretary’s presence, we were blessed with the talents of many others. Thank you to everyone who helps in the workday a great success!

I especially enjoyed the Winter Conference President’s Luncheon where I was able to acknowledge and honor some of our members who I believe help our organization and our veterans in big and small ways. Although these special individuals do so much and are so active, they don’t expect or receive accolades or kudos for doing so. Congratulations and thank you to those who received a citation. It’s a small token to say “thanks” for your continued support of veterans, their families, but most of all for your encouragement of all of us as members and officers of this organization.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank each and every one of you for your ‘best wishes’ and the gifts I’ve received. I’ve been so fortunate to have this experience as your Department President and I look forward to serving with all of you for the next six months and into the future.

Sincerely,

Jeanie Román
Greetings ladies of District 1,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Minor Unit 026 for hosting the Winter Conference and the Department Chairmen for the information given at the workshop/round tables.

Ladies, keep working on membership. Don’t hold back and encourage membership dues and let’s try to reach your ‘goal’. I want to thank my friend, Jed Smith, our Department Membership Chairman, who is doing a fantastic job!

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• Women Veterans Day
• ‘Try One More Time’ • Centennial Celebration at the Department Convention in Grand Forks.

I am sure there are other activities and special dates that you all can add to the list.

So yes, if I listen closely for that whisper of hope to ‘Try One More Time’, I trust that spring will come, bringing with it a sense of renewal and enthusiasm. Carry on ladies, and thank you for all you do for veterans, their families and our communities.

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**District 9**

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We welcome incoming District 9 President Dawn Wilber. You can reach her at district9@ndala.org or by telephone at 701-509-1858. Other mailing information is available via the Department Office or by going to ndala.org/contact-information/. Thank you for serving in this capacity, Dawn! We look forward to working with you.

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The most new or rejoined members and hasn’t won an award are: Unit 240 at Hoople our Blanket Flowers with 147% of goal. Lady Slippers with 166% by Veterans Day. Now to let you know of those ’buds’, Junior members. They are the future of our membership to send in with them. Remember to sign up for the AEF fund. Congratulations!

**Americanism Program**

Hello Auxiliary members!

My name is Holly Ellenberg and I am your Americanism Chair for 2018-2019. I have been a member of the George W. Snook Unit 246 from Elgin since 1981. I am eligible through my father Fred, who is a Vietnam-Era Veteran. In addition to being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, I enjoy reading and quilting. I wanted to send a gentle reminder, Americanism essays are due by April 1st, 2019. Please encourage the junior members and other children in your community to write an essay. How do we prevent and support the Poppy Poster Contest. The Poppy Poster Contest is open to all children, grades 2-4. Information was sent to all units in the January Unit Packet. Contact your local school to ask them to support the Poppy Poster Contest. The Poppy Poster Contest rules can be found on the Department’s website under the link for “City Moms”. If you are an American Legion Auxiliary member that would like to support the Poppy Poster Program, your district may be the job for you! Visit ndgirlsstate.org/staff-contact-information.html to see a few of our Units do: take a cloth shopping bag or a similar size bag and fill it with hygiene products for our service women who are serving overseas. The same type of bag could be assembled for the homeless women veterans. They are much needed items. Clean, warm socks are also needed for and welcomed by homeless veterans. There are never enough socks to keep their feet warm.

Thank you, ladies, for all you do for our veterans, especially our homeless veterans and families of our veterans. Keep up the good work!

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We are now accepting applications for “City Moms”.

Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Team is gearing up for 2019. Flickertail Girls State, which will be held June 9-14, 2019, at the University of North Dakota, Application forms and detailed brochure, are available and have been mailed to unit Girls State Directors.

The registration fee for attendees is $250 and there is no registration deadline. Please read that right this year there is a flat registration fee regardless of when you register. There is no specific registration deadline. That said, we do appreciate receiving your registrations prior to June 1.

Last year, Gigi Moore assisted many girls in finding scholarships for ALA Girls State. If you know of a girl that might benefit, please let us know. Also, if you have extra funds and are willing to help a girl experience this wonderful program, drop us a line or give us a call. We are also looking for “City Moms”. If you are an American Legion Auxiliary member that would like to “speak to a unit” about the Girls State Program send a message to me at: gilles@ndala.org. Thanks again for all you do through V&R.

LaVonne Matthews
Department V&R Chairman

Poppy Program

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On May 20, 2019, this timeframe will allow me to judge entries and send North Dakota winners on to Northwestern Division and National for further judging. Send your poppy poster to: Joan Buske, 403 S 66th St, Oakies, SD 57474-1915. I look forward to receiving your poppy poster!

Joan Buske
Department Poppy Chairman

**Dates for Year-End Reporting**

 Auxiliary Members
• Submit your –Year-End Report to your Unit President by April 1, 2019

Unit Presidents
• Submit your compilation of members Year-End Report to your District President by April 15, 2019

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It’s important to report your volunteer hours and dollars spent in support of the American Legion Auxiliary Mission. You may find that you do more than you ever thought. If you do, you get credit for it, so your horn and let’s find it out and go for 100% reporting in 2018-2019! Thank you for everything you do for veterans and their families as well as the work you do in your communities.

Jeannie Roman,
Department President 2018-2019
Mavis Goodroad, Past Department President 2017-2018, presented checks to three North Dakota establishments that serve veterans. The project money for these donations was raised throughout the year by selling pins, raffle tickets, receiving donation monies from units, posts, members and individuals. The $5,000 in funds raised for the VA Medical Center will be utilized by the Voluntary Services for hospitalized veterans. $3,000 in funds also went to the North Dakota Veterans Home at Lisbon, ND and $3,000 to Jan Eliassen, Director of the Gladys Ray Shelter in Fargo. Under the guidance of Ms. Eliassen, the shelter offers temporary housing and other services to homeless veterans. We are so thankful for the options provided to homeless veterans by the Gladys Ray Shelter.

Awards Available

* Woman of the Year Award-Due May 10th.
* Salute to Active Duty Service Woman Award-Due May 10th.
* Visit ndala.org/ppp/ for more information
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* Member Award: RG-Recruit/Rejoin-recruit or rejoin 5 Auxiliary members-Due April 15th.
* Member Award: Silver Brigade-Recruit 25 new Auxiliary members-Due April 15th.
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**Please call the Department Office at 701-253-5992 if you would like paper copies of any applications mailed to you**

Winter Conference

LaVonne Matthews, V&R Chairman, doing a workshop presentation on the Creative Arts program. PC-Gloria Covert

Gloria Covert, District 3 President and Susan Lemley, District 1 President got a hug from our Legion family professional Santa, Arne, who is a US Air Force Veteran. PC-Gloria Covert

Joan Lascher, District 4 President, reading the names of the members at eternal rest during the memorial service at Winter Conference. PC-Gloria Covert

In Memoriam

District 1
Halie M Anderson, Fargo
Marjorie A Nilles (SLM), Casselton
Barbara A West, Hope
Delores I Amann, Valley City
Josephine Hagglund, Valley City
Patricia Miller, Valley City
Shirley E Offermann, Kindred
Janice Horud (SLM), Galesburg
Julie C. Walker, Harwood

District 2
Marcella Kaufman, Grand Forks
Darlyns J McQuay, Grand Forks
Sally K Gaunttad, Grafton
Sandra K Pederson, McVille
Yvonne Walstad (SLM), Park River
Irene Mozinski, Minto
Dorothy Radnik, Minto
Leona Wysocki, Minto
Lavern Tharalson, Hoople
Phoebe Riske, Forest River

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Joyce Poydko, Gackle

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Carmen Burgad, Napoleon

District 6
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Marjorie A. Harmon (SLM), Mohall

District 7
Frances A. Fuchs, Carson
Ione Scholes (SLM), Carson

District 8
Patricia J Lynch (SLM), Beach
Reggie Gzent, New England
Anna J Katherine, New England
Martha Hlebochuk, Belield
Rose Hueske (SLM), Richardson

District 9
Mildred Wollan, Watford City

District 10
Elaine Qual (SLM), Lisbon
Neone E. Hird, Ellendale
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Elaine M Cowles, Mesa, AZ
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We regret any errors or omissions. Please notify the Department Office of any errors so they may be corrected.
North Dakota Boys State
June 9-14, 2019

By Neil Litton, Boys State Director

As it has since 1938, the 77th session of North Dakota Boys State Program will educate and inspire young future leaders from around the state. June 9-14, 2019, the program runs from June 9-14, and will once again be held on the campus of North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, ND. Each year, Legion members across the state work carefully to select high school juniors from their community to participate in the program. We encouraged the Posts to make contact with their local high school to talk with the boys about attending North Dakota Boys State. They most likely will never know about the program unless a member of the Post takes the time to arrange for a meeting.

Applications for Boys State can be completed on-line by visiting www.ndboysstate.org or through an application with the local post. Any on-line application goes to Department Headquarters first and then is fed back to the local Post for their follow up with the respective student. If you haven’t visited our website yet, we encourage you to do so. Brochures and other registration materials were mailed out to all posts, high school counselors and high school principals earlier this year.

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

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The delegate you would like to nominate or have additional questions, please contact Garrett Anderson, Deputy Director in charge of Recruiting, at 701-799-6008 or andersgar@ndlegion.org. If the student must currently be in their junior year of high school.

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As we all know, every March we celebrate the birthday of the American Legion. This year is especially noteworthy as it marks our 100th birthday. It is a milestone so significant that National Headquarters has made it a sixteen-month celebration. Besides honoring all who have belonged to the American Legion, this event also presents a unique opportunity for recruitment and retention of members. Every Post should have a program for celebrating the anniversary of the formation of the American Legion, along with recognizing and showing appreciation to all members, past and present.

If there was ever a time to show everyone what we do, then this is it. Most of our other ceremonies focus on paying tribute to our Nation and its veterans. But this time it’s all about the American Legion! We are a proud organization that has accomplished more than anyone in supporting the men and women of our country who have worn the uniform of our Armed Forces.

When putting together your event, make it spectacular. Remember, this is a very special occasion. Advertise what you’re doing and invite the entire community to help celebrate our century of service as America’s leading veteran’s organization. Make it a point to personally invite any past members whose membership has expired. It’s an opportunity to welcome them back into the family. If there are any deceased member’s family still around, by all means, offer them a special invitation to honor their loved one’s service to the American Legion.

Keep in mind that our message is all about celebrating the American Legion, as we enter our second century. Recruiting is not the primary purpose at this time. However, in the course of presenting our history and explaining our programs, we can subtly point out to any prospective member the benefits of belonging to the American Legion.

Spring in North Dakota is always an eagerly anticipated time of year. It’s a time of awakening as we crawl out of the doldrums of winter. Most of us are full of motivation to get out there and start accomplishing one project after another. For those of us working on behalf of membership for the American Legion, Spring represents the final quarter of our Legion year. It means that final push to reach our goals. You can’t become more aware of the impending deadline that seems to be approaching much too fast with each passing day. Trying to contact the stragglers who've yet to renew. Knowing that, in all likelihood, if they haven’t done so by now, it’s a good bet they probably wont. But you still keep trying because maybe, just maybe, this might be the one time you succeed.

You look at the Post 500 roster for the umpteenth time to see if any names are there that you may have overlooked. You go through your past notes on prospects to make sure you haven’t forgotten about anyone and that you’ve done all of your follow ups. Then you repeat the whole process again and again until your time is up.

To all of those in our membership team, to include Regional Vice Commanders, District Commanders, and Post Adjutants/Membership Chairmen, we are entering the 4th Quarter of the year...that’s right, “Quarter”...we’re behind. It’s time to pull out the old playbook and put together the strategy that is going to march us down the field and into the end zone for the winning score.

To every member of the Department of North Dakota, we all have a stake in this outcome. You are our eyes and ears out there. If you know anyone who is not a current member, either talk to them yourself, or give their name to your Post membership chairman. It is going to take the effort of every single one of us to put North Dakota over the top this year.

If anyone needs any assistance, please, please feel free to contact me. LET’S DO THIS! TEAM 100!

Greetings,

It was good to meet many of you at Minot in January for the Winter Convention. I was able to view the many ways available in our state for members of the American Legion to serve their fellow veterans. I was also very pleased, as were many in attendance, with the quality of the presentations during the oratory contest.

I have been studying for a time, the Bible’s teachings on the concept of a “nation.” One of the criticisms I often hear about patriotism is that it is based on an unjustified pride in the greatness of America. Many intellectuals feel that the world would be a friendlier and better place if we were all part of one global community. My Dad would have had serious problems with such a view.

When my father returned from service in North Africa and Italy during WWII, he would tell anyone who would listen that the United States was the greatest nation in the world. His view wasn’t based on wealth, power, or military might, but rather upon the basic goodness of the American people and the limitless opportunities that we and our children are given.

But, returning to my thoughts about the Bible’s teachings, I see God dealing with us individually and with us as a nation. God judges the nations for their injustices and their disobedience to His law, even as He judges us, His children. To the extent that America protects the helpless, provides for the disadvantaged and promotes a morality based on His law, God can bless and protect this nation.

If you are in the habit of praying to God Almighty, I encourage you to pray for our country, her leaders, and her people. Pray that we would be that “one nation under God” and remain a beacon to those who long for the freedoms God has given to us.

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Greetings from District 1,  
I hope this finds everyone surviving our crazy North Dakota winter ok! Our Winter Conference was held January 25, 26 and 27 in Minot. It was great to see old friends and meet some new ones! There are many posts planning their 100th year Legion birthday celebrations. If your post has not planned anything yet, I really encourage you to do so. It is a great way to get the Legion involved in your community and could also be a great way to find new members! Plans are coming along great for the American Legion Centennial Celebration in Grand Forks during the Department Convention in June.

One sign of summer is Boys State and I am encouraging all of you to reach out to our local high schools to recruit eligible boys to participate in this wonderful Legion program! If you need any information or recruiting materials, please contact me and I will provide you what you need.

Spring District Meetings are right around the corner! District One will be holding their meeting in Mayville on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm at the VFW in Mayville. Social hour and dinner will be at the Top Hat Lounge, 131 1st Ave SE in Mayville. Thank you to Post Commander Floyd Aune and Post 55 for hosting the meeting. I look forward to seeing this meeting well-attended by District One legionnaires! Until next time, stay warm and healthy!

Greetings from District 2,  
It was a pleasure to see many of you in Minot for our 2019 American Legion Department of ND Winter Conference. Additionally, I got appointed that the Joint Memorial Service was cancelled along with the rest of Sunday’s events due to our smart decision by the Department Leadership to get us on the road back to our homes. I rolled into my home still downhill and closed down U.S. 2 due to drifting and blowing snow. I pray that everyone made it home safely!

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Greetings from District 3,  
District 3 continued, doesn’t meet, I would still like to stop and see you over a cup of coffee. Now is the time to work on getting your members renewed. As a Post Adjutant I know it can be a busy and hard time trying to get a hold of everyone to ensure their dues are paid. But it is a good time to get your face in the public and see if you can draw some attention to yourself and try and recruit a few new members.

Don’t forget about the traveling trophy that was bid on by Devils Lake and lost to Cando in October. We held onto the trophy until the winter conference. The traveling trophy is now at Langdon. But not for long!!

In closing, I am excited for what the new year will bring for Breyce and myself as your 3rd District Leadership. If there is anything we can help with, don’t hesitate to call or email us.

Greetings from District 5,  
Welcome to all our ND Legion members, Veterans, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons of American Legion. This year we have returned as being the District 5 Commander until the summer convention in Grand Forks. Jared Klenp inclused despite due unforeseen circumstances. “I enjoyed being the district commander and being a delegate to the Minneapolis National convention. It helped me gain more information on the American Legion.”

Many members were not at the winter conference, that was due to the weather conditions. When I left Minot it was clear and still. Clear up to my checks and still snowing. There is always some changes coming from the winter conference the annual convention.

Our spring district meeting will be held at Camp Grafton just south of Devils Lake. The meeting will be combined with members of District 3, 4 and 5, which is the Central Region. Our meeting will be held Saturday, April 6, starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be room attached to your home or you decide to camp in the evening at the cost of $20.00 per person. After the caucus meeting is finished, there will be tours of the military training facilities and able to experience some of the simulators. More detailed information will be coming and I will send it to your post commanders and adjutants. I will also try to make it to any post meetings with information.

It is a few extra miles, but some of us have driven extra miles for an auction sale, a wedding, or even a date or going to a dance. Due to age, some of us may have to start earlier. We may have a bus set up to go the night before.

Remember this is the 100-year of the American Legion. The convention will be held in Grand Forks, 27-30 June. We have someone from every Post from District 5. Currently we have always been strong with more posts attending and the highest percentage of members from District 5. When you see your post commander or adjutant, wish them well and thank them for their service. If you haven’t seen them for a while...call me...I’ll give you the date and time of your meeting and also the names and their phone number. Call me 701-349-2965.

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To one and all, Happy Holidays and a Blessed New Year. District 8 is off and running in the New Year and I have already started handing out gift cards. Congratulations to all the Post Commanders who have reached and/or exceeded their membership goals.

Congratulations to Madison Bandt from Dickinson for winning 1st place in the following Oratorical Contests: Local Dickinson Post 3, District 8 Contest, Western Division Contest and North Dakota State Department Contest. This fine young lady is on her way to participate in the National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, IN. The best of the best. Helmets for Heroes in District 8 is off to a good start. An example is I dropped off a helmet when I attended a Post Meeting in Bellfied, I left before I was already over $50 in the helmet. Same effect when I participated in an Officer Installation Ceremony in Mott.

I had a wonderful time at both functions and look forward to going back. This is all for now and will have more later.

Greetings from District 9,  
Here we are again, another quarter of the year in the books. As we get older it seems the days, months and years pick up speed and fly.

Minot hosted a wonderful Winter Conference. The more of these I attend the more friends I collect. I have really enjoyed attending District, Winter, Department and National meetings this past year and meeting in many fantastic Legionnaires that all have the same common goal of supporting our Veterans, Children and Community.

Our Spring All Regional Meeting is scheduled for April 13th in Watford City. I will be sending out more information as I am so mark it on your calendars and come on down, up or over to Watford City for our meeting and nominations.

Another mark on the Calendar would be the Department Convention June 27-30, 2019, in Grand Forks. I have thrown my name in the hat for Western Region Vice Commander and would like your support if you deem me a worthy candidate.

I know we are an aging organization and in our rural communities there is not a membership base to replace our brothers/sisters that have passed. These will stay vital and strong to all that we serve. Thank you all for your continued service as it can seem a long and lonely road, but we are here traveling it with you.

If anyone in the District has questions or would like some training on the online membership renewal process, please contact me at willistonlegion@yahoo.com or 701-770-6466. We can schedule a time to meet and go over it. For myself, I absolutely love this new membership processing as it is so simple, convenient and fast. Within “my legion” is also arevivalization folder that can help send out letters to post 500’s, and members that may be a year behind.
**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.*

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2017-2018 Past Commander Karen Meier presenting the 2018 Department Commanders Award to Richard Reur from Minot.

Dept Cmdr Wahus conducts a round table discussion.

Calie Lindseth Women’s Veteran Coordinator for NDDVA VA&R meeting.

Commander Wahus presented National Vice Commander Sweet a hand carved antler pen set made in North Dakota from The ND Department.

100th Year Centennial banquet cake.

POW-MIA Ceremony at the banquet.

ND Legion college Level 1 participants.

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- Past District 3 Commander
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- National Security Council Member
- Member of the ND American Legion College Staff
- 2018 Graduates of The National American Legion College
- Current Central Region Vice Commander

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$2,000 Grand Prize Winner
- David Wolf of Mandan Post 40

$1,000 Prize Winner
- Dale Hatzenbuhler of Dickinson Post 3

$200 Prize Winners
- Rosa Rogers of Harwood Post 297
- Layne O’Neill of Kenmare Post 64

$100 Prize Winners
- Donovan Law of Rolette Post 194
- Charles Moris of Pembina Post 77
- Phillip Lutz of Hebron Post 100
- Steven Anderson of Langdon Post 98
- Darrell Triplett of Bismarck Post 1
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