The Treumann-Webb-Phelps American Legion Post 6 of Grand Forks, Auxiliary Unit 6 and the ND Department, continue preparations for this year’s North Dakota American Legion Department Convention on June 27-30, 2019, for the Legion’s 101-year celebration. Post Commander Robert Greene and Auxiliary President Deb Mauk encourage full attendance and participation from all North Dakota American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders.

With the Centennial Convention coming to an end this year, the convention will change some course of events. This year the convention will start on Wednesday, with the Foundation meeting at 7:00 pm. On Thursday the DEC meeting will start at 9:00 am with registration beginning at 1:00 pm. Thursday afternoon there will be committee meetings. Friday morning registration begins at 8:30 am with committee meetings and the Legion General Session at 10:30 am. This year the banquet will be on Friday evening with National American Legion Leading Candidate, Bill Oxford from North Carolina as our guest speaker. The dance will start at 8:00 pm with the American Legion State Band. Saturday morning there will be the Centennial Celebration starting at 9:00 am. Sunday registration starts at 8:00 am with the Joint Memorial Service at 10:00 am followed by the Joint Session. Hope you can make it to the convention and bring your family and friends.

Bill Oxford
Leading Candidate for National Commander

GRAND FORKS TO HOST 2019 CONVENTION

VETERANS WEEKEND
AT THE Medora Musical.
JULY 7
4 - 5:30PM KEG SOCIAL AT THE TJADEN TERRACE
BEFORE THE PITCHFORK STEAK FONDUE.

PRE SHOW SPECIAL TO HONOR SERVICE MEMBERS.

ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS
ATTEND THE MUSICAL FOR FREE.

National Commander Brett Reistad will visit North Dakota over the week of July 4th. Commander Reistad is a 38-year Legionnaire from McLean, Virginia Post 270. This will be his second visit to North Dakota, but his first visit as the National Commander. He previously attended our 2018 Winter Conference as the Leading Candidate campaigning for the position of National Commander.

Commander Reistad itinerary will include attending the July 4th parade in Park River and Legion Day at the International Music Camp (IMC). This is a great opportunity for Legionnaires to meet Commander Reistad and the Department Leadership as they participate in these public events.

The first stop on the itinerary is the 4th of July celebration in Park River. It has been said by many, it is the single most patriotic, fun event in North Dakota. Park River is a town of approximately 1,500 people on the average day. During July 4th this humble farming community blossoms ten time its size and welcomes 15,000 of its family, friends and neighbors to town. Commander Reistad will start the day by participating in the parade and will attend a variety of other events during the celebration.

The International Music Camp (IMC) annually invites Legionnaires to attend its American Legion Concert and Ice Cream Social. This year Commander Reistad will be one of the many Legionnaires in attendance along with National Executive Committeeman Bob Krause, the newly elected Department Commander and other Department officers. They will meet with the Camps Directors, receive a tour of the facilities and are invited to address the audience during the afternoon concerts presented by the student’s campers. The ND American Legion has a rich history with the IMC dating back to the mid 1950’s when the camp was originally developed. Several practice huts, located along American Legion Row have been sponsored by local Posts, as have the sixteen flag poles which are located in the center of the IMC Campus. This camp hosts approximately 2,200 children and youth from the upper US Midwest Region and Canada, amazingly nearly sixty percent of these students come from North Dakota, many of which are on scholarships from their local American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries. Legionnaires and their families are invited to attend these events and will have the opportunity to meet National Commander Reistad while showing North Dakota’s patriotism and the Legion’s support for the future generations.

National Commander Visits North Dakota
American Legion Honors Guardsmen

The 2019 Roughrider Conference, formerly known as the North Dakota Enlisted Association and Officers Association joint conference, was held on March 22 and 23, 2019, at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, ND.

The American Legion Guard and Reserve Committee had a booth in the Vendors area of the conference with information available and a drawing was held for an American Flag kit. This year the booth workers were ND Department Commander Glenn Wahus, ND Past Department Commander Karen Meier, Third District Vice Commander Bryce Crosby and ND Past Department Commander Carroll Quam.

At the banquet held on Saturday, March 23rd, which was the North Dakota Governor’s Military Ball, members of the North Dakota Air National Guard and the North Dakota Army National Guard were honored for their extraordinary achievements by the American Legion Department of North Dakota. All Guardsmen honored were presented a certificate and a desk flag set for their accomplishments from Carroll Quam and Bryce Crosby.

Those honored from the North Dakota Air National Guard were A1C Gretchen Freed, not pictured, as the Airman of the Year, TSgt Robert Desilet, as the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, MSgt Jason Coalwell, as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Maj Robert D. Davidson, as the Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year, Capt Brett R. Nelson, as the Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Those honored from the North Dakota Army National Guard were SPC Casey K. Drege, 957 Engineer Co, as the Soldier of the Year, SSG Justin A. Valenti, 191 MP Co, not pictured, as the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, MAJ Nicolette K. Dauschendorf, not pictured, as the Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year, CPT John R. Mazur, as the Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year, CW3 Arnold H. Zins, as the Outstanding Warrant Officer of the Year.

Maj Robert D. Davidson, ND Air National Guard
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Salutations Legionnaires,

What a year it has been, not only personally but with the American Legion as well. One of my goals was to start a North Dakota American Legion College which a team of North Dakota National College Graduates developed for the Winter Conference. We facilitated our first class which was National’s Basic Training Course. At this time, curriculum is being developed for all of The American Legion. We also had a North Dakota American Legion College which a team of National American Legion College Graduates developed for the Winter Conference. We facilitated our first class which was National’s Basic Training Course. At this time, curriculum is being developed for all of The American Legion. Another goal was to get further acquainted with the North Dakota Army and Air National Guard, the Reserves and Active duty personnel. We believe this type of relationship with these organizations are better, but can still be improved. We must strive more to reach out to these organizations. Of course, one goal for every Department Commander is membership. We will continue the membership goal except for the 95% goal. I will focus on about 4%. We must work harder, but I am as guilty as everybody else. The eligible members are there, we just need to work harder at reaching them.

As I have said before, this organization promotes for veterans very well, but I feel we need to do more hands-on activities for our Veterans. We need to provide family activities such as hunting, fishing and shooting. If all we are going to do is invite them to go hunting, I believe we have already failed. I talked earlier about the North Dakota American Legion College, well it can train our members in our history, marketing and above all leadership so our members know how to market and lead this organization into the future.

To hope to see you at the Convention in Grand Forks. Remember the Past, Refuel for the Future!

TO BE DECIDED AT THE 2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Greetings Legionnaires,

Hello again to all my Legion Family. Department Convention 2019 is just around the corner in Grand Forks. I hope you can make it to the 101st Year Anniversary kick-off celebration of the American Legion! It is going to be a great time with a lot of activities for all! I hope to see as many as possible attend. With the 101st Anniversary Celebration and the Comradeship of this great North Dakota American Legion, I look forward to an outstanding time. As we celebrate our 101 years, let us remember the reason we continue to pay our dues and attend meetings - to serve our county, our veterans, their families and our communities.

Spring District Meetings went well, considering the weather. Things were done different this year for the Spring Meetings. We have discussed this at meetings and I think everyone understands that the Regional meetings went well but can be tweaked to make them better.

As this will be my final article as the Central Region Vice Commander, I want to thank EVERYONE for their work and support that have given me this year. A special thanks to the Headquarters Department for all they do. I don’t believe they get enough recognition for their loyalty and dedication to this great American Legion. So, I ask all when you see them, thank them. THANK YOU, Ron, Todd Reed, and the entire Central Region.

In closing, I announced at Winter Conference that I am running for Commander-Elect. I would greatly appreciate your vote and confidence in me to be the next Commander-Elect. Thank you,

Steve Anderson
Central Region Vice Commander

-Submit nominations for Department Awards

-Plan to Have a Great Year!

-LEGION STRONG - TO BE DECIDED AT THE 2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Commander Comments

GLENN WAHUS - DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Well by the time you read this, I will have only two weeks left as your East Region Vice Commander. The year has gone fast but has been enjoyable. I met a lot of new Legionnaires and I visited a lot of posts. Everyone put a great effort and had a great time this year.

As always, we need to keep the American Legion Strong and to this we need to recruit the younger generation of veterans. A lot of people told me on my visits toposts, that they keep seeing the same small group of people to make it happen. They believe they get enough recognition for their loyalty and dedication to this great American Legion. So, I ask all when you see them, thank them.

I hope to see you at the Convention in Grand Forks.

Larry Reed
Eastern Region Vice Commander

-Submit nominations for Department Awards

-Plan to Have a Great Year!

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I would like to thank all the Posts that hosted the Regional/District meetings that were held in April. We only had to postpone one District meeting, but we were able to reschedule it. The meetings were full of highlights and discussions with old and new friends. Thank you also for the great meals.

For those of you that didn’t understand the objective of the Regional meetings, it was to have a gathering of the regional posts. We still had breakout sessions for the District meetings with the District elections and business. Those that attended the Central Regional meeting got to try their hand at simulators at Camp Grafton. We will try this again next fall.

The “Helmets for Heroes” project is going strong so far. We still have plenty of helmets left for distribution. Give me a call if you or your post would like to place helmets in your community. Those of you that have money to turn in, just mail it into the HQ office or bring it to the convention.

Also, I have not had any “Corporate Sponsorship” sent in. The purpose of the helmets is to provide money to our programs and to veterans in need. We need your help with this project. With a new commander in June, we will be continuing this project next year. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Don’t give up trying to get renewals from our members. Don’t wait to sign up a new member, they may want to join now so they can get benefits also.

As I sit here typing this article, we are only 1,130 members short of our goal of 13,593. Please try and get your membership turned in so we can have a 100% membership for our Commander.

Remember we are still celebrating 100 years of a great organization of comradeship. Every Post in the Department is doing great things in your communities. Don’t forget to show and tell your neighboring communities what you are up to.

For God and Country. Thank you for your service.

Greetings All,

During the last week of February, a group of North Dakota Legionnaires attended the annual American Legion Washington Conference. This conference is intended to present to Congress, the needs and policies of the American Legion. On Tuesday, the group met with Senators Cramer and Hoeven and with Congressman Kelly Armstrong. On Wednesday Eugene Kachena, Mike Lee and I attended the National Commander’s testimony before Congress. It was great to be there with pasture Antal and could be appointed as soon as 2020. I will get an update on his status at the Spring Meetings in Indianapolis in May. We need to start looking for a candidate for National Vice Commander. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

The National Convention will be in Indianapolis on August 23-29, 2019. If you plan to go, please start making your plans soon and let Teri know of your intentions.

You can find more information on the American Legion at www.Legion.org. If you need more local information about any legion related issue, it can be found on the Department web site at www.ndlegion.org.

Do not hesitate to contact me if there is more information that you need, or have any questions for me, let me know and I will get back to you ASAP. My cell number is 701-680-0567 and my e-mail is: bokrause71@gmail.com. Gail’s and my address is 3340 17th Ave. S. #202, Fargo, ND 58103. Thank you all for your continued support of this great organization.

2019 North Dakota Boys State

Wayne D. Satrom, Executive Director

On June 9-14, 2019, we will have Boys State on the campus of North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton. This is another exciting year to bring the future of North Dakota and the United States together for a week of learning about our Government. They will work and learn how the local and state government works.

Again this year, ND American Legion will provide bussing to and from ND Boys State. There are two bus routes, a northern route and a southern route. On Sunday June 9, the northern route starts at Williston and the southern route starts at Dickinson. If you have any questions about the two routes, please go to website at ndboysstate.org.

I encourage you to come to Wahpeton for Legion Day on Tuesday, June 11, and join us for the day and evening. You can have a meal with the Boys that is provided by the Sons of the American Legion and be part of the retirement of the Flag and then go into the Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center and watch as the new Governor and his cabinet are sworn in. After the ceremony you will have a chance to meet the Boys that are attending this year’s Boys State.

I want to thank each and every one of you and your local post for the help you provide to keep this program working. If you can give a donation to Boys State please do so. This is one of the best programs we have to help boys plan for their future.
The following is a summary of the Spring Department Executive Committee meeting held on April 10, 2019, in West Fargo, ND. Following the standard opening procedures of an American Legion meeting, the Pledge, Prayer and review of the minutes and agenda were completed. This article does not constitute minutes of the meetings, as the minutes have not been approved by the DEC.

The Finance Officer Doug Wittman reported on the financial statements of the History Committee and asked for direction and support of publishing three history books. Robert Greene reported on the 2019 Department Convention. Posts are encouraged to register on-line. Robert Krause reported on the internal audit recently conducted at the Department Headquarters. Gerald Puetz reported on upcoming activities of the Legion Riders. There will be a Highway 281 Ride to celebrate the American Legion Memorial Highway on August 1st. Amy Wieser-Williams reported on the Social Media for the Department. There will be two names considered to be submitted to the governor for the ACOVA position. Veteran Service Officer Summer Kristianson reported on changes to the VA benefits for “blue water veterans”. Adjutant Matthews reported on the Helmets for Heroes project. Commander-Elect Wiederholt currently plans on continuing the project for next year.

Commander-elect Wiederholt turned in his proposed budget for the 2019-2020 year and the DEC approved the budget. The Policy and Procedures manual was brought up for discussion, no changes will be made at this time.

The Department of North Dakota American Legion has announced the selection of Jacob Shelver of Fargo as the 2019 North Dakota American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. Jacob is a student at Fargo North High School and a member of Troop #244. He received the God and Life scribe and librarian. Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout, and 18 Holes of Devils Lake

Jacob Shelver.

was eligible for the award through his grandfather William Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Explorer Post chartered to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout and his activity in his school, church and community. To be eligible for the selection of the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year is made annually based on the scout’s advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout and his activity in his school, church and community. To be eligible for the award, a scout must belong and be active with a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Explorer Post chartered to an American Legion Post or Auxiliary Unit OR be the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member. Jacob was eligible for the award through his grandfather William Jacob Shelver.

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Donations and Memorials Received from February 2018 – June 2019

In January, a federal court ruled that the VA has used faulty reasoning to deny disability benefits to veterans for many years that served on ships off the waters of Vietnam. This ruling would extend benefits to approximately 90,000 veterans. VA Secretary Robert Wilkie recommended that the Justice Department appeal the decision. So, what does this mean for veterans that were previously considered to be “blue water” Navy? Benefits. Veterans who served aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers, and other ships but had been deemed ineligible previously could reap benefits.

Memorial Donations Designated to Legion Programs or Funds in Memory of:

- Adelaide Throntveit, Curtis Throntveit, William Joyce, Funds in Memory of:
- Memorial Donations Designated to Legion Programs or Funds in Memory of:
- Lynda Morris, Fargo – State Band
- M/M David Wegner, Bismarck – Undesignated
- Cordell Bugbee, Minot
- M/M Greg Darling, Fergus Falls, MN – State Band
- M/M Dale Rolli, Barnesville, MN - Band
- Lynn*Butch*Bylander, Ham Lake, MN
- Ev Rolli, Fargo – State Band
- Glenn Dreyvex Park River
- Yvonne Moore, Fargo – State Band
- Downtown Fargo

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Greetings from Grand Forks!

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota would like to welcome Barb Vetter to our great state. She is currently the Northwestern Division Vice President and has held many previous unit, district and department positions. Please join us in making Barb’s time here memorable and special. The following paragraphs share a little information about Barb and her eligibility for the Auxiliary.

Barb Vetter is a thirty-six year member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She belongs to Unit 9213 in Cresbard, South Dakota. Barb’s eligibility is through her ninety-six year old father, a WWII veteran who served in the US Army Air Force; her husband, Wayne, a US Army, Vietnam Era and Desert Storm veteran, and her son, Joel, a US Army National Guard veteran.

Barb is a retired elementary teacher, teaching forty years. Her love was her first grade students, who made her smile everyday. Since Barb retired she has a part-time position at the local drug store.

Barb is active in her local church and enjoys singing in the choir. Her past times include reading, golfing, riding bike and watching the “Young and the Restless.” Barb and her husband, Wayne, have been married for forty-five years and have three sons who are all involved in the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion. They have five grandchildren, two girls and three boys. They keep busy watching them play basketball, volleyball and wrestling. Barb served as a District President for four years and has served in many positions on the Department level (including Public Relations Chairman and Finance Chairman) and was elected as Department President in 2012-2013. She continues to be very active in her local unit currently serving as Treasurer and Co-Membership Chairman.

Barb is passionate about the American Legion Auxiliary and our veterans. She cares about the direction in which the American Legion Auxiliary is headed and wants to help shape the future of the Northwestern Division.

Barb is committed and sincere about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. This organization for nearly a century has been educating others about the needs of our veterans. And has been giving to and serving those who have given their all for their country, Our Veterans.

Courtesy of National Office.

Endorsements for Department Officers

Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 of Fargo, ND, endorses Marcy Schmidt for the office of Department Secretary. Marcy has been a long-time member of Unit 2 and has served in various unit offices including Unit President. She served 2 years as District 1 President, Department Historian for several years and is currently serving as Department Secretary. Marcy and her husband Fred, a Vietnam veteran, are parents to two children and four grandchildren.

LaVonne Matthews
President, Gilbert C. Grafton, Unit 2 – Fargo

The Walter J. Thome Unit 45 of Carson, ND, proudly endorses Annette Zeller for the office of Department Treasurer for 2019-2020. Annette has been an active member of Unit 45 for 22 years and currently serves as Department Treasurer.

Grand Forks Unit 6 President

Debra Muus, Grand Forks Unit 6 President

American Legion Auxiliary Department of ND
99th Department Convention
Grand Forks, ND

(Tentative Schedule – please note this schedule is subject to change without notice)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019
8:00 am Finance Board
10:00 am Department Executive Committee Meeting
12 pm Auxiliary Registration - TBA
1:00 pm Past Department Presidents No Host Social & Dinner - TBA
5:30 pm Rehearsal - Pages, Officers, District Presidents

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019
7 am – 1 pm Auxiliary Registration
8:00 am Auxiliary General Session
10:30 am Joint Opening Session
12:00 pm Past President’s Parley Luncheon
1:00 pm Registration Closes for Auxiliary
1:30 pm Auxiliary General Session Resumes
5:00 pm Meet and Greet - TBA
7:00 pm Department Convention Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019
9:00 am Parade
11:00 am Centennial Celebration - Gambucci Arena and Williamson Park
7:00 pm Movie - Gambucci Arena

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019
8:00 am Auxiliary Session Resumes
9:00 am Joint Memorial Service / Joint Session
12:00 pm Installation - Department Officers 2019-2020
1:00 pm Auxiliary Delegates to National Convention Meeting
1:30 pm Exchange of District and Chairmen Files / Notes / Flags & Banners

See Page 11 for listing of Grand Forks hotels within walking and driving distance of the convention!

99th Annual Department Convention
Auxiliary Registration Form
June 27-30, 2019 at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND

Please use this order form for Auxiliary Registration and to purchase Past Presidents Parley Luncheon Tickets.

- Registration fee is $10.00 per person if paid by June 17, 2019 ($12.00 per person if paid after June 17, 2019)
- Past Presidents Parley Luncheon - $10.00 per person. Limited number available - order by June 17, 2019.

Banquet Tickets - Please use the Banquet Tickets Mail Order form found in The Legion News section to purchase your Banquet Tickets - $30.00 per person by June 17, 2019 - Banquet reservations and payment must be received by Post 8 no later than June 17, 2019. The Auxiliary Department Office is unable to accept payment for banquet tickets.

Member Name
Registration Fee $10.00
Past Presidents Parley Luncheon $10.00
Total Amount

Name:

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Welcome Spring, hopefully by the time you read this we will actually be enjoying some much needed spring weather. Bring on the sunshine!

Congratulations Elizabeth Nolan, junior member of Clark Grover Unit 189 of Hazen, ND, for being awarded a prestigious “Spirit of Youth” national scholarship for junior members. I would also like to thank her parents for raising a well-rounded young woman who believes in community service. I will be attending the Hazen commencement ceremony as my cousin’s son Seth Olander will be graduating as well at Hazen High school. I can’t wait to meet Elizabeth and her family. Ladies of the state of North Dakota are so proud of you and will continue to be a big collective inspiration for us all, and I know you will do well as you begin your journey into the next phase of your life.

The future of this organization is in good hands when we see so many worthy applicants reviewed for the Unit, Districts and Department levels of our Auxiliary. You are all the heart of this organization and we truly have the best leaders in North Dakota on the job. I’ve had an absolutely amazing experience and it has been my pleasure to serve you as your Department President 2018-2019.

Jeanne Roman
Department President 2018-2019

I hope to see everyone at the Department Convention in Grand Forks ND starting on Thursday June 27th 2019 and culminating with the installation of our new Department officers on Sunday June 30th.

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Thank you to the ladies who attended the West Regional Spring meeting in Watford City. It has been my great pleasure to serve as your District 8 President the past 3 years. Over the past 5 years, I have learned so much from many great Auxiliary women. I can truly say I am very proud of my membership in such a wonderful program. It is amazing that we will be celebrating 100 years of this organization. As with all organizations, we need to work on new memberships and sharing the importance of what we do as an organization to support our veterans.

I am pleased to announce that Loann Dick from Dickinson has agreed to be your next District 8 President. However, we need a vice president as well. If you or someone you know would like to be a leader in this great organization please contact Loann or me.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the Department Convention June 27-30, 2019, in Grand Forks. We are beginning the kick-off of the American Legion Auxiliary’s Centennial celebration. It sounds like it will be a wonderful time.

Wishing you all blessings for a wonderful summer and upcoming year with the ALA.

Sonnja Croll
District 8 President

On March 1, 2019, I attended the Mid-Year Conference of the Dakota Moose Association meeting at the Moose Lodge in Bismarck, North Dakota. The Moose Dakotas Council of Higher Degrees donated Tommy Moose ‘stuffedes’ to the American Legion Auxiliary for children and families of deployed or in-need veterans.

Auxiliary Department President Jeannie Roman presented the Dakota Moose Council of Higher Degrees with a certificate of appreciation for all they do for veterans.

Article by Bonnie Banks, Bismarck Unit 1 President
Photo courtesy of Bonnie and Moose Council
Department of ND Scholarships Awarded

Past Presidents Parley Grace Holmes, MD, Nursing Scholarship
  • McKenna Johnson, Napoleon, ND

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  • Alexis Coles, Grand Forks, ND
  • Madison Foss, CasSELTON, ND

Department Education Program Scholarship
  • Dante Daniel, Mandan, ND
  • Erykka Gratton, Langdon, ND
  • Kaley Jerome, Neche, ND
  • Gracie Lee Wagner, Rugby, ND

Hazen Student Wins Prestigious Spirit of Youth National Auxiliary Scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary National scholarship program recently awarded Elizabeth Nolan of Hazen High School a Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior members. Elizabeth will receive $5,000 toward her tuition at Minot State University next fall.

Students from throughout the Northwestern Division and nation submitted entries for the scholarship and criteria included: holding membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for three consecutive years and being a current member for 2019, being of good character, and maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0 using a 4.0 as a base. Additionally, Elizabeth is engaged in her community, school and church and is an active Junior member of Clark Groez Unit 189 of Hazen, ND.

The Department of North Dakota is very proud of Elizabeth for her work and activities in support of veterans in her community and congratulate her for being a recipient of this prestigious scholarship.

The American Legion Auxiliary awards more than $13.5 million each year in various scholarships across the country to young men and women in an effort to help them meet their education goals. Written by Mary Schmid, Department Secretary

Minot Legion Hosts Easter Event

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Article and photos by Linda Sievert, Department Children and Youth Chairman and Minot Auxiliary member

In Memoriam

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June 27-30, 2019
101st Annual American Legion Department Convention

Grand Forks Alerus Center
CanadInn (Convention Hotel) $132
(701) 772-8404

Additional hotel information listed at the bottom of this schedule.

Banquet tickets may also be purchased by mailing the order form with payment to Post 6.

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
7:00 pm Foundation Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2019
9:00 am DEC Meeting
1:00 pm Registration (closes at 6:00 pm)
1:30 pm Resolutions
3:30 pm Credentials
3:30 pm Boys State
3:30 pm 40 & 8 Cheminot
5:00 pm National Convention Meeting
6:00 pm Past Dept Commanders Social
7:00 pm Past Dept Commanders Dinner
7:00 pm Athletic Committee

Friday, June 28, 2019
7:00 am 40 & 8 Breakfast & Grand Promenade
8:00 am Oratorical Committee
8:00 am Credentials Committee
8:30 am Registration (closes at 10:30 am)
9:00 am Incoming Officers Pictures
9:00 am Constitution and By-Laws
9:00 am Convention Committee
9:00 am Press Association
9:30 am District Officers Flag Rehearsal
10:30 am Joint Opening Session
12:30 pm Registration (closes at 5:00pm)
1:00 pm Breakout Session
1:00 pm District Commanders/CPR’s
1:00 pm Membership Training

1:00 pm Credentials Committee
2:30 pm Legion General Session
4:00 pm East Region Caucus
4:00 pm Central Region Caucus
4:00 pm West Region Caucus
5:00 pm Legion Riders
5:00 pm M&PA Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Social
7:00 pm Department Convention Banquet
8:00 pm Dance

Saturday, June 29, 2019
9:00 am Parade
11:00 am Centennial Celebration at Gambucci and Williamson Park
12:00 pm Baseball Exhibition Games at Apollo Park
7:00 pm Movie at Gambucci Arena

Sunday, June 30, 2019
7:00 am S.A.L. Meeting
7:00 am History Committee
7:00 am Americanism/C&Y Committee
7:00 am Legion Session
8:00 am Incoming District Officers Meet and Greet
8:00 am Registration (closes at 10:00am)
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9:00 am Post-Convention DEC Meeting
9:00 am Organizational Meeting

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As we come to the end of our membership year, we find we still have a way to go. Just because we are no longer in the Targeting Goal times, membership and recruiting do not stop. We need to continue to work our DMS (Post 508) list and take the opportunity to check up on those whose memberships may have lapsed in recent years. However, the most important thing in membership is RETENTION.

Each Post should develop a retention program as opposed to having a series of campaigns. Retention is a year-round priority that should always be planned. Any Post that is or wants to be successful at retention must be able to identify the specific steps it takes to increase its retention rate.

It can’t be stressed enough that it’s much easier to retain members who feel as if they truly belong to the American Legion. It usually doesn’t take too much effort, but it does require consistency. One of the most effective ways to recognize the efforts and contributions made by the members of your Post. Often it can be something as simple saying “Thank You” to those who participate in each and every program or function. Whether you do it formally or informally, it pays to express appreciation to members whenever possible.

Try to get as many members as possible involved at SOME level. Involved members don’t drop out. We need to continue to work our DMS (Post 508) list and take the opportunity to check up on those whose memberships may have lapsed in recent years. However, the most important thing in membership is RETENTION.

For those of your members who are less active, find some way to stay connected with them. One complaint that we often get is that the only time a member hears from us is when their membership needs to be renewed. Have someone from the Post, whether it be an officer or another individual, contact a certain number of inactive members each month – just a little “saying hi” call. These courtesy calls remind the members that the Post knows they’re still out there and that their opinion is valued. It’s a good idea to have something substantial to also discuss, like an upcoming legislative issue concerning veterans or even just a proposed policy changes within the Post. The fact that the Post cared enough to contact them might make the difference at renewal time.

By now, every Post should have completed their Consolidated Post Reports. The information in these reports should also be shared with each member to let them know how their combined efforts are contributing to the success of the Post and to also help motivate members to improve in the areas needing it. Additionally, this information can be shared with the local media to show what an asset the Post is to the community. Come renewal time, the members will be more open to continuing to build on those successes.

Members are also more likely to stay and grow with an organization when they have a deeper understanding of its purpose and where they fit in the overall picture. Every member of this organization has the opportunity to learn about the history and programs of the American Legion by taking the Basic Training Course on the legion.org website. The American Legion also offers additional resources to help give members the tools to be successful volunteers and leadership training which will not only make them better Legionnaires but will teach them skills that can also be transferred back to the members’ workplaces. At renewal time, those members won’t forget where those skills were developed.

Nothing gives a member more of a sense of belonging to a great organization, like the American Legion, than by attending a Department Convention or Conference. Especially this year, as we celebrate a significant milestone at the Department Convention in Grand Forks. They are more likely to renew when they witness the importance of the business conducted at these functions. Even if they don’t attend every year, the stature of the event and the impression they get by attending will help remind them of the benefits of membership.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you this year at the Department Convention!! Have a GREAT SUMMER!

2019 National American Legion College
The National American Legion College will be held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN, on November 3-8, 2019. To apply, download the application at www.legion.org/college. All applications must be received at the Department Headquarters by June 20, 2019.
Memorial Day

Memorial Day is for the broken hearted
Who’s loved ones became the dearly departed
Who gave their lives for what we believe
Now on this day, their families grieve
Our heroes are gone but not defeated
And in your hearts how will they be treated
For at GOD’s right hand they shall be seated
And in your hearts how will they be treated
As they put an end to our enemies plans
Who gave their lives for what we believe
That as we enjoy this MEMORIAL DAY
They have given so much for our freedom
And save the innocent from Satan’s hands
By our soldiers present and past
To protect our homeland and family
For all our soldiers living and dead
But on this day there’s only one
Who fight to make our freedom last
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District Reports

2019 MEMBERSHIP GOAL 13,593 ::: AS OF 2-12-2018 ::: 12,461 ::: 89.94%

1st Place - District 2 - 95.26%
2nd Place - District 8 - 94.25%
3rd Place - District 10 - 92.40%
4th Place - District 3 - 91.46%
5th Place - District 1 - 90.49%
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Greetings from District 3 continued.

District 8 continued.

Allegiance and Preamble We received a Welcome from the Watford Post Commander and the Auxiliary Leader. Next, we heard a plethora of speeches from various dignitaries and special guests, too numerous to mention. You know who you are, and we thank you for your presence. Post Awards were presented to all the Posts present, my personal congratulations and thank you to all Posts that participated and were given their awards. The Mighty 8th is well on its way to becoming the powerhouse we were once before.

The Joint Ceremony was held on a U-shaped stage so the Districts could go to their respective areas for the Individual District Meetings. District 8 rehearsed on 11:15 am in the basement of the American Legion Club and adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm. Everyone then rendezvoused back at the Bank Buffet for a lunch Outlaws Bar and Grill from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Then the great adventure began. At 2:00 everyone drove to the new Rough Rider Recreation Center for a guided tour. The place is not only huge, but, is also magnificent. Congratulations. It was a very beautiful and wonderful building. Then the first highlight of our evening was a stop at the Stone Home for an Ice Cream Social and beer Tasting. Most excellent ice cream and beer. Free, of course, makes it taste only better. We also had a reading by Attorney Dennis Johnson from his book, End of the Rope.

The True Story of North Dakota’s Last Lynching.

At 6:00 we all met back at the Legion Club for our second highlight, an evening meal of steak, grilled perfectly I might add, salads, potatoes and dessert. Following by more socializing and a Live Music Dance. Again, all free, what could be better. I give a large salute thank you to all West Region American Legion Posts, Commanders, Commanderies and Auxiliary. Just seems that time flies and there just isn’t enough time to do all that a person would want to do. I would like to thank all of you for your support and your service to our mission at the American Legion.

If you were able to attend the Spring Regional Meeting, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did and would like to thank everyone from the Region and the Stands that will pull him away. Lucinda was elected for a second term as District 9 Vice Commander. Steve Anderson, East Region Vice Commander, kicked of his campaign for Commander-Elect and my Post, I would like you to support the West Region Commander position.

Watford City Post 29, Williston Post 37 and New Town Post 290 stepped up and paid for registration, a great roast beef lunch, an ice cream social and a fantastic evening with a fabulous steak dinner at the Watford City Legion Club. Thank you everyone involved in putting this all together.

Next up is the Department Convention June 27-30th in Grand Forks. Please plan on coming and let’s make our district “second to none” across the Department.

Greetings from District 1.

Congratulations to our 2018 District 1 Commander John Kubischta from Hope was nominated to be the District Commander for 2019-2020. Dennis Kubischta from Hope was nominated to be the District One Commander for 2019-2020. Dennis Kubischta from Hope was nominated to be the District One Commander for 2019-2020.

Devils Lake Lake Post 97 family for hosting a memorable spring meeting.

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"Because of them, our lives are free; Because of them, our nation lives; Because of them, the world is blessed."

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**Local Posts in the News**

**Bottineau American Legion Donates to Area Organizations**

Article by Bottineau Courant Newspaper

At Bottineau's American Legion monthly meeting on March 11, 2019, the American Legion donated back to the people of Bottineau and the surrounding area. The Bottineau American Legion Post 42 donated to the following organizations:

- **Wings of Mercy** received a donation of $7,500.00. This is a pilot service in Maple Grove, MN, which fly's patients from ND, MT, SD and MN to any state for medical appointments, which has included Bottineau.
- **On the Water** received a donation of $100.00. Chuck Betts grants combat veterans a day of relaxation and fun through fishing on the waters of ND.
- **Food Pantry** received a donation of $1,000.00. This was donated to the pantry in Bottineau.
- **Music to Europe** received a donation of $3,500.00. This was donated to the Bottineau High School Ambassadors of Music.
- **Students 500 Name Plates** received a donation of $500.00. Aaanya Kumer who is part of the seventh-grade class are placing QR Codes on a number of poles which hold the Veteran flag’s name plates, which grant individuals who scan the codes the chance to receive a piece of history of the veterans who names are on the plate.
- **Bottineau American Legion 42**

**Greatest Honor for Greatest Service**

Submitted by Daniel Arens, Hazen Star

One man at the Knife River Care Center (KRCC) in Beulah, ND, has lived a long life filled with events and opportunities.

Few of those experiences, however, can match his brief period serving his country overseas.

Albert Aanderud spent two years in the United States Army. During that time, in the late 1950s, he was stationed in Germany where he served in the peacetime following the Second World War.

“He had a good time there,” Albert’s wife Adeline said. He remained in Germany until he came at Christmastime under an initiative called “Operation Santa Claus”.

During a special ceremony on March 8, 2019, Hazen American Legion Clark Grosz Post 189 members Bobby Neuberger and George Reichenberg presented Albert with a plaque honoring his service to his country in his room at KRCC. Adeline, as well as Albert’s son Wade and his wife Barb, were in attendance for the special occasion.

Neuberger and Reichenberg spoke with the family and offered prayers for Albert as well as giving him the plaque.

Neuberger said this ceremony for veterans is the most important things Legion members can do.

**District 10 Legion Riders Chapter** presented Willie Pritchard from Oakes, ND, on February 17, 2019, with a lifetime membership to the District 10 Legion Riders Chapter. Pictured is Willie and his wife Mary along with his family.

**American Legion Belcourt Post 262**

The American Legion Belcourt Post 262 presenting the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa flag to Governor Burgum to be placed in front of his office at the State Capital during the Flag Ceremony in Bismarck, ND.

**KENNY WIEDERHOLT**

FOR DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 2019-2020

Endorsed by the Gwinner American Legion Lester W. Peterson Post #191

Asking for your support at the 2019 Department Convention in Grand Forks.

**Bennie Nowek and Duane Mutch**

Many Legion members, family and friends of Bennie Nowek and Duane Mutch came out to celebrate the 100th Birthday of The American Legion. The Larimore Legion Post 897 Family celebrated the 100th birthday on its regular meeting night on Tuesday, March 5th. A potluck supper was served by the Legion Auxiliary ladies. Following the meal and a brief meeting, our WWII veterans, Bennie Nowek (98 years old) and Duane Mutch (94 years old) a 74-year member were both presented a plaque from the Quilts of Valor Foundation by Lou Ann Lee, QOV coordinator from Wahpeton.

Bennie served with the US Marine Corp in the Asiatic Pacific islands from 1942-1946. Bennie’s wife Wilma has been a member of the Larimore Legion Auxiliary for 63 years.

Duane served with the US Army in Patton’s 3rd Army in the 89th Infantry Division from 1944-1945. Duane’s wife Dolores has been a member of the Larimore Legion Auxiliary for 70 years.