



Membership 2025-2026

Greetings Auxiliaries:

I am so excited to be your Membership Chairmen again this year. Let us make this the best year ever for the Department of South Dakota. We need to retain our members and engage with our new members to become involved. Why not have a get together and ask all members to attend it could be an afternoon of visiting with a light luncheon or dessert. Invite everyone and explain what we do. All you need to do is ask and I am sure they will offer some help in any way they can. It is hard for some to attend meetings but they just may need that little extra push. Do not discourage them if they are unable to attend your meeting and ask them to furnish something for an event.

One of the first things we need to do is get our dues notices sent out and start collecting them. Let us be at 100% by the end of the year! It is very important as the National office will give each auxiliary that is 100% a monetary amount of \$50.00 and the Department will also receive \$500.00. This is so important to our auxiliaries to keep us going.

I am also encouraging everyone to go life. It is so much easier and then we do not have to worry about dues notices and the expense of sending them out. With postage going up it is costing the auxiliaries about \$1.00 to send them out and if you must send a reminder the amount just keeps rising.

I tell everyone it is so much easier to get your notices sent out right away and stay on top of it. Take an afternoon and go visit one of the members to collect the dues. The sooner we get it done the more time we can spend on helping our Veterans and community.

Also do not forget if someone's membership lapsed on June 30th they must be voted on for membership and they start all over with year one. Please keep in mind that it also starts over for the eligibility of a cancer grant.

Please get out and recruit new members as well. They are out there and some are just waiting to be asked and want to help. Work with your Post and ask for a membership list. You have so many family members that you can ask to join—Parents-Grandparent-brothers-sisters-son-daughter-husband-wife.

- **Also make sure you fill out the membership form in full for new members. This means the investigating committee as well**

I am going to be like a rabid dog as I keep telling everyone and will be after everyone to get these dues collected. That is why I am using the following song for membership this year:

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT!



**Let us make this the BEST
year for Membership.**