Greeting to All,

I am looking forward to the coming year for our Unit. I am planning, along with the Unit Officers, that we have another very successful year. We have new officers for the 2024-2025 year, they are:

President: Maryalyce McCabe

1st Vice President: Gina Dierfeldt

2nd Vice President: Cheryl Hammer

Chaplain: Janet Thompson

Treasurer: Joan Guse

Secretary: Position is Open

Sergeant at Arms: Bernice Spindler

Executive Committee Member: Nancy Harlow

 Megan Colbert

I thank all of you for your dedication, guidance and time.

I attended the Department Convention in Willmar in Mid July. I found the convention exceptional in new learnings and ideas for our Unit for the year. Elections for the officers for the coming year took place with the following elected.

Department President: Judy Ackerman, Fairmont

3rd District President – Tamara Thayer, Elysian

They both have wonderful projects, which have been added to our budget for your vote.

We have numerous committee in need of committee chair persons. They include:

Children and Youth

Community Service

History

Leadership

Legislation

National Security

Please let me know if you have interest in chairing any of these committees.

I want to thank Heather Bopp for the wonderful job she has done in being our Unit Secretary for many years. She is stepping down, so we need a member to take over this position. Please consider this role, it is important.

This year will hold our usual fundraising activities.

 Horseracing/meat raffle (5)

 Bake Sale (3)

 Craft Sale (2)

 Garage Sale (2)

 Valentine’s Day Omelet Breakfast

 4th of July

We will present the 2024-2025 budget at the August meeting, along with the standing rules for your vote. The budget is always open and transparent and reported at our meeting each month. We will answer any questions you have when the general membership reviews the annual budget in August. We have allocated our funds generously and wisely, always with an eye on the future. We never want another year as 2020 was, being so short on cash that we could not fully fund programs as we had in the past. Your questions are always welcomed.

I anticipate a good year to come with friends, fun and active volunteerism to support our values and mission.

I hope to see you all August 20 at 7p; Executive meeting at 6p

Maryalyce