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To All South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Members:

I wanted to take the time to share my message about Constitution and Bylaws for 2024 – 2025.

When I became 2nd Vice, I was handed two totes. "These are every Unit's Constitution and Bylaws" Each Unit is required to file with HQ. I can remember a challenge in 2021 to push for this to happen. With the help of Sharon Broghammer, we were able to review each file to verify if what is on file is newer than 2020 and have verified with Headquarters. SD total is 99 of 185 units in compliance, 53.5% of all units have them on file in HQ and the tote. I feel that we can do better. Please see if your Unit is older than 2020 and do what you can to improve our compliance. If you would like a copy of what we have on file; please contact myself or HQ.

On our website, the current Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules are available for you to review. I am encouraging each of you to please take a look to gain an understanding of how our organization operates. As a member run organization, it is important that we hear from you if there is something that you do not understand or would like to have adjusted. The Amendment template has been changed and is available on the website as a fillable PDF. Please submit any changes to both HQ and me for review with the C&B committee.

There are two deadlines to keep in mind, Jan 15th for items to be brought forward to discuss at Mid-Winter and the final date for all proposals on April 1st.

My committee is here to help, members include both East and West River. Myself as Chair, Anna Mae Warnier, Theresa Huntmeier, Sue Peters, Sharon Brohammer, Patsy Madsen, and Deb Mac Donald. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns.

We will be reviewing the changes passed at the National Convention, along with suggestions from SD State Convention in June along with review previous convention proceedings. We have a lot to do and am looking forward to the challenge.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

To support and advocate for Veterans,

Patrice