

Northern Zone Plan of Action for 2022-2023

It's a new year and a new opportunity to do what we do best...support our Veterans, Military and their families, educate our communities and children.

As new District Presidents (or returning Presidents), you are the cheerleaders for growing membership which is our life's blood. I'm also asking that each District President notify all their Units to let them know you are there to help. Contact them each month and remind them to keep tabs of hours and dollars spent for mid-year reports (oh yea, their back). I'm also asking each District President to give me a monthly update on what's happening in their District, just a few lines so that I may report to our lovely Department President.

It is my goal to keep the lines of communications open and flowing throughout the entire northern zone. I will be creating Zoom meetings with my District Presidents and want each District to do Zoom meetings with their respective Units. Ideas, concerns and questions are what I'm looking for. Maybe a Unit in one District has a great idea for a fund raiser that another Unit can play in another District. It will be similar to the old PTA phone trees, just upgraded.

I have introduced a program called Sweats4Vets which donates sweat suits to Veterans who end up in the VA hospitals with just the clothes on their backs. Imagine having to do therapy in one of the open backed hospital gowns, not a great picture. You will be hearing more about it at a later date.

Presidents, encourage Units to make the meetings interesting and productive. Ask a speaker to attend a meeting. But remember, don't ask them to join or try to sell them something. Remember also, there is a formality to follow (i.e.; having the Sergeant-at-Arms escort them to and from the podium and a small gift or token of appreciation is always a good idea). In other words, let everyone know that the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Virginia Northern Zone is a class act!

My greatest wish is that our Zone strives to achieve our mission, shines in membership (again), and as fun doing what we do best.

My email and phone is listed below and I will answer any questions. If I do not have an answer I will hunt it down until I do. That's a promise.

Let's show the American Legion Auxiliary how we Virginians do it right.

For God and Country,

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