

Department of Minnesota
October 2025 Unit Mailing
Endorsements Department Officers



Linda Kelly endorsed for 2026-2027 Department ALA President

Linda Kelly has been endorsed by Unit 184 of Pine Island for President of the Department of Minnesota, for the year 2026-2027. Linda has been a member for 27 years and is an active member of her unit. She is eligible through the service of two brothers, Stanley and Melroy Kundert. Linda started her auxiliary service as a member of her unit's Executive Committee and worked her way up to President for two terms. She is currently the Chaplain for her unit. She participates in many of the activities that her unit does. She has been active in many programs with their local schools to encourage Americanism, starting with flags being given to

kindergartens that have learned our Pledge of Allegiance. She feels that it is important to educate our youth about patriotism and encourage pride in our country.

Linda started her 3rd District service as a member of the Executive Committee and worked her way up to President. 3rd District Presidents can only serve one year, but due to the Pandemic, Linda served two years. She has also served as Chairman of Membership, Children and Youth, Education, Girls State, Leadership, Public Relations, Community Service, Poppy, and is currently the Public Relations Chairman. She will also be the Past President parley chairman.

Linda has served as Department Chairman for Membership, Poppy, Girls State, Legislation, and is the current VA&R Chairman. She enjoys attending district, department and National events and encourages all members to consider attending – there is so much to learn.

Linda worked for 52 years in Pine Island and retired a few years ago. She has two daughters, Jennie and Sarah, and one grandson, Miles.

Pine Island Unit 184 proudly endorses Linda for the position of President, Department of Minnesota, for the 2026-2027 year.



Jody Hassing endorsed for 2026-2027 Department ALA 1st Vice President

10th District Past President's Parley and Bloomington Unit 550 proudly endorses Jody Hassing for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota 1st Vice President for 2026-2027.

Jody has been an active member of Bloomington Unit 550 for 18 years. She is currently serving as Unit President. She is eligible for membership through her husband, Paul Hassing, Past American Legion Department of Minnesota Commander, retired with 32 years of service in the Army Reserve.

On the Unit level, Jody has served in many positions including President for several terms, membership chairman, sunshine chairman, 1st/2nd Vice

President, and several committees. At the District level, Jody has served as Servicemen Center chairman, Poppy Chairman, National Security Chairman, Membership Chairman, Executive Committee, and District Treasurer for several years. She also served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and 10th District President 2017-2018. She is currently serving on the Finance Committee for the 10th District. Jody has served at the Department level as Secretary, Finance Committee member for four years, and Finance Chairman 2023-2024. Jody is currently serving as Department 2nd Vice President and Legislation Chairman.

In addition, she is currently active with the American Legion Riders at the Department, District, and Chapter levels. Jody was Chairman of the Legacy Run for 4 years and is the current Chairman of the Fund 85 Run.

Jody is married to Paul Hassing. They have 5 children, and 10 grandchildren all are members of the American Legion family. She has been employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota for 16 years and is a Principal Business Analyst in Medical Management.



Cavalene Regan endorsed for 2026-2027 Department ALA 2nd Vice President

Cavalene Regan has been endorsed for the position of 2nd Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota. Throughout her tenure with our organization, Cavalene has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to our mission and values.

Cavalene Regan is eligible for membership through her father, Lee Goodyear, who served as a Master Sergeant in the Korean War and World War II. Additionally, her grandfather also served in World War I and the Korean War Boxer War. This legacy of service and dedication to our country is a testament to her commitment to the values and mission of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota.

As a mother of three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, Cavalene Regan is a proud PUFL (Paid Up For Life) member and a relatively young auxiliary member in years.

Her passion for the American Legion Family's mission to support our veterans, their families, and our community is truly inspiring. Over the past twelve years, she has been actively involved at the Unit, District, and Department levels, serving as chairman, executive committee member, vice president, and president. For the last three years, she has served on the department finance committee.

Cavalene has been instrumental in the success of our Unit's programs and initiatives. She has been invaluable to our Unit and will continue to be as she looks to serve the Department as 2nd Vice President.

Forest Lake Unit #225 wholeheartedly supports Cavalene Regan's candidacy and believes her continued involvement in this great organization will greatly benefit the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota.



Hope Wilson endorsed for 2026-2027 Department ALA 2nd Vice President

We are proud to announce that Hope Wilson has been officially endorsed for the position of 2nd Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary by Unit 278 Brandon and the 7th District Executive Committee.

Hope has consistently demonstrated unwavering commitment to the mission of the Auxiliary—honoring and supporting veterans, military families, and our communities. She is eligible for membership through her husband, Carl Wilson, Past District 7 Commander and current 7th District Commander At-Large, reflecting her deep personal and family connection to the American Legion.

Hope and Carl have been married for 10 years and share a beautiful, blended family of four children—three sons and a daughter. They are proud grandparents to three grandchildren in North Dakota and have also welcomed two self-appointed grandsons in Oklahoma, who are close to their hearts. Hope devotes herself full-time to what she loves most: her husband Carl, their 7th District Junior Shooting Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Throughout her Auxiliary service, Hope has held numerous leadership roles at every level of the organization. Her experience includes Unit Co-President, Unit President, Membership Chairman, and Girls State Chairman. At the District level, she has served as 1st and 2nd Vice President, District President, Legislative Chairman, Membership Chairman, and Parliamentarian. At the Department level, Hope served as Past Department Membership Chairman and is currently Department Poppy Chairman for 2025–2026.

Her tireless work to grow membership, mentor future leaders, and elevate youth-focused programs such as Girls State and the Junior Shooting Program has left a lasting impact across the organization.

As 2nd Vice President, Hope Wilson will bring experience, heart, and a forward-thinking vision to the Auxiliary's leadership team. Her loyalty, integrity, and passion for service make her the ideal candidate to help lead our organization into a bright and purposeful future.

Please join Unit 278 Brandon and the 7th District Executive Committee in proudly endorsing Hope Wilson for American Legion Auxiliary 2nd Vice President. We are confident she will serve with honor and distinction.