

### History Tidbit

Thank goodness, for Ben Gimmetstad, you might be wondering who is that? Well, he wrote a book called "Legion 50" in 1970. Ben, had the insight to provide a history book on how Minnesota Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, all got started. Ben found out that as he combs through old documents, time has taken its toll. Records have been lost or destroyed. Names never recorded on photographs. memories of WWI Veterans have dimmed. This is why **History** is so important. If you love history and can find this book, I highly recommend reading it.

**"WRITING ISNT THE HARDEST PART... REMEBERING IS!!"**

Darla Oliver

### HISTROY TRIVIA

1. What year was the Department President theme "Veterans in our Hearts" ?
2. How many American Legion Auxiliary National Presidents has come from the state of Minnesota? Can you name them?
3. Who was the first unit to be organized in the state of Minnesota?
4. In 1976 how many units did the Department of Minnesota have?

### TROPHIES AND AWARDS

For the Department of MN trophies and awards, please see department guidelines

- Betty Gartner Plaque
- Strickley Gifford Plaque
- District Historian Plaque
- Women's History Activities award.

### HISTORIANS HELPFUL WRITING TIPS

When writing history, make sure you are specific. Tell us how many legion members attended? How many ala members worked? How many hours did they serve? What chairmanship benefited from this.

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As you can see, we have a few holes in our chairmanship. Please help your District President out and volunteer. You will not be sorry!! It truly is my favorite chairmanship.



Now that's History!