

DISTRICT 12 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year Everyone,

I know each of you have another holiday season to treasure in your heart. Here's wishing you a new year filled with personal joy. AND I'm positive American Legion Auxiliary members and Units will continue serving veterans, active military and their families.

A big thank you to those who sent reports of Unit activities, and events. I'm using them to write my District 12 midyear report.

District 12 Convention will be Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Talmage Post Home, Talmage, Nebraska. The Call to Convention and Minutes of the 2018 convention will come to you via email very soon. Notice of **Per Capita Dues** can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please, before February 20, 2019, send a check for the Per Capita Dues of your ALA Unit. Write the check to the order of ALA District 12 and send it to District 12 Secretary/ Treasurer JoAnn Sieck at 1856 Holdrege Road, Pleasant Dale, NE 68423.

Please share convention information with your members and bring 'everyone' with you on March 9th. We'll be looking for you. There will be no designated program or activity for Juniors due to limited space. However, juniors can learn lots about our organization through attending the convention.

The **2020 Dues Change Form** for your unit must be returned to Department Office. It matters not if your unit is or isn't changing dues; the form **must be filed**. Thank you.

Membership Dues need to be collected and remitted to Department now! Please! **AND** do some serious membership recruitment within your community. The number of individuals who have never been invited to join American Legion Auxiliary is truly astounding!!

Girls State information will be arriving soon. Please distribute the packet to your Girls State committee immediately so they can get the selection process moving to meet due dates. Girls State orientation in District 12 will be April 28 at 2:00 PM at Weeping Water Post 237, 301 W Eldora Avenue, Weeping Water, NE. If necessary, girls can attend orientation at a site other than that in their district; information in the packet details the process to be followed.

From Beverly Neel Department President

Unit membership Clerks please write your Unit's state life memberships on a transmittal sheet and either snail mail or scan and email those lists to Department NOW. Thank you so much.

From Nancy Vallis, District 12 Chaplain

Chaplains, just a gentle reminder that the Prayer books for competition are due to me (3601 S 16th St. Lincoln, NE 68502) by February 20, 2019. Hopefully, your unit members are helping you by getting prayers to you for your book. Prayer book guidelines are in the ABC Book. As our Christmas and Holiday season comes to a close, I hope you are all looking forward to a great and glorious New Year in 2019. I leave you with this prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us a New Year. Help us to live the way we should as each new day appears. Guide us in our journey as we continue to help our veterans and their families. Help; us to share good things and spread happiness as much as we can to as many as we can. Amen

From Wilma Halvorsen District 12 Historian

History books are due to me by February 20, 2019. My address is Wilma Halvorsen 840 I Street, Palmyra, NE 68418. All instructions, the contest content and scoring sheet are found in the ABC Book under Historian Barbie Meyer. Unit presidents please see that your Historian gets all this information so they can write a History for your unit. Remember this narrative is for the 2018-2019 year. A clear portfolio cover or the blue or black binder for loose leaf paper is fine.

From Kari Kolts District 12 Public Relations Chairman

American Legion Auxiliaries do good work throughout the year. Public Relations efforts promote the good we do as an organization and as individual Units. Now it's time to chronicle your public relations efforts in a Unit Publicity Book and submit it for competition. The ABC book has instructions for preparing your Publicity Book. District 12 Publicity Books need to be sent to me, Kari Kolts, by February 20, 2019 for competition. My address is 1018 South 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. I'm looking forward to discovering the ALA happenings throughout our district. I will proudly enter the winning District 12 Publicity Book into Department competition.

From Linda Varejcka District 12 Americanism Chairman

The Americanism Essay contest theme is **“How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities”?** Remember students in public, private, parochial and home schools are eligible to compete in one of the six classes based on the student's grade level. Guidelines for the contest are in the ABC Book and very specific. Each unit needs to submit the one top entry from each class to me, Linda Varejcka, by February 20, 2019. My address is 450 Conestoga Avenue, Hickman, NE 68732.

From Linda Anderson District 12 Education Chairman

It is the time of year when students need to be filling out applications for college scholarships. It is important that you make all the American Legion Auxiliary scholarships known to the guidance counselor of the high school you support. (If you know of someone who should apply, please give them the information, too.) There are so many scholarships available that the students may not be aware of the ones we have to offer. Make yourself known to the guidance counselor. Make sure he/she has all the information about the National, Department, and your Unit American Legion Auxiliary scholarships available. You can find the information and applications for the Department American Legion Auxiliary scholarship opportunities in the ABC Book. This year there are 8 Department and 3 National scholarships available. National scholarship information can be found at www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships

Please review all applications to be sure they are complete and correct. Applications can come from only the Units, as individuals cannot submit them on their own. An individual can apply for as many scholarships as they wish; however, only one application per individual can be forwarded to the Department scholarship committee. The signatures of the applicant and the Unit officer are required. If you get more than one application for the same scholarship, the Unit must select only one to be submitted for Department consideration. Let's hope we have several winners from District 12!!

Remember applications must be complete and accurate. The “Unit” is responsible for that accuracy. SO be sure to know the rules and comply!!! Thank you.

HIGHLIGHTING DISTRICT 12 UNITS

**HIGHLIGHTING PLEASANT DALE AMERICAN LEGION UNIT # 354 –
Katherine Anderson President**

The Pleasant Dale American Legion Auxiliary Juniors led by their sponsor, Linda Anderson, held an Americanism program at the Legion Hall on Saturday, November 17. They presented Blue Star Banners that they had made to families of those currently serving with the armed forces. Each family was also given a red carnation. They invited local veterans to share stories from their service in the military. Six veterans talked about their experiences. The girls gave hand-made thank you notes to each of the veterans. The girls advanced and retired the flags (a learning experience for them) and told about the ceremonies of Reveille and Retreat. They folded the flag while the meaning of each fold was read. The girls who were involved with the program were Brooklyn Minzel, Nancy Skutchan, Mariah Richards, Grayson and Loryn Piening and Addison Sample.

Judith Schwab - District 12 American Legion Auxiliary President

Per Capita Dues ALA District #12

Unit Town	Unit #	# of Members	Per Capita Due
CASS COUNTY			
Eagle	197	12	(\$ 3.00)
Elmwood	247	15	(\$ 3.75)
Greenwood	173	14	(\$ 3.50)
Louisville	353	77	(\$19.25)
Nehawka	157	23	(\$ 5.75)
Plattsmouth	56	41	(\$10.25)
Union	235	18	(\$ 4.50)
Weeping Water	237	102	(\$25.50)
LANCASTER COUNTY			
Bennet	280	41	(\$10.25)
Denton	355	71	(\$17.75)
Hallam	294	60	(\$15.00)
Havelock	342	57	(\$14.25)
Hickman	105	70	(\$17.50)
Lincoln	3	399	(\$99.75)
OTOE COUNTY			
Nebraska City	8	92	(\$23.00)
Palmyra	195	49	(\$12.25)
Syracuse	100	98	(\$24.50)
Talmage	246	57	(\$14.25)
SEWARD COUNTY			
Beaver Crossing	178	59	(\$14.75)
Cordova	359	59	(\$14.75)
Garland	369	49	(\$12.25)
Milford	171	42	(\$10.50)
Pleasant Dale	354	109	(\$27.25)
Utica	49	98	(\$24.50)

