



DISTRICT 11 Newsletter  
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## JANUARY – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First--my apology for not having a newsletter in December. I had hoped to have my pre-convention meeting the early part of December, but the weather didn't cooperate the first two weekends. Then "Christmas" happened--my family Christmas was early (December 16) and the Postal Christmas period was extremely busy. So that's my story--and I'm sticking to it!!

Second—I hope everyone's Christmas was a blessed and memorable one! Now bring on 2019!

District 11's "Rosie the Riveters" have rolled their sleeves up for membership. As of January 3, we are in fourth place with 73.53% memberships turned in. We are only 0.09% behind District 13 and 0.11% behind District 1. Kudos to District 2 for soaring above everyone else with 80.34%. I believe in District 11 and know we can get higher in the clouds. The current report is included with this newsletter. We have two Units under 50%; however, we have four Units above 90%. Which Unit will reach 100% first? The next membership goal is February 14 for the "Martin Bomber Plant" Award for those Units reaching 75% of their membership goal. Any Unit that reaches 100% by our District Convention will have \$5 donated to my project of female Veterans in their Unit name.

Units should have their Girls State information. The 78th Annual Session will be held June 2-8 at the University of Nebraska--Lincoln campus. The registration fee is \$375. Your Girls State selection must be submitted by March 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mid-Year Conference is almost here. Make plans to attend this informative and educational Auxiliary event that will be held at the Norfolk Lodge & Suites. National President Kathy Dungan, National Committeewoman Kathy Mazur, and Sandy Gessler (female Veteran and past homeless Veteran) will be our distinguished guests. The conference begins on Friday, January 18 with the Department Executive Committee meeting at 9:30 am. The formal opening will be 1:00 pm. Registration is \$5 per Senior member and \$2.50 per Junior member.

A new fundraiser will be initiated at Mid-Year—a T-Shirt Quilt raffle! Memory Stitch, a local company from Lincoln, donated the quilt. Only 999 tickets will be sold at \$5 each. Sales begin on Friday, January 18 in Norfolk. Tickets will be available at the District 11 Convention or you can get them at the Department Office. You can check out the company at [www.memorystitch.com](http://www.memorystitch.com).

Another exciting event at Mid-Year will be the Purses for a Purpose. Have you been filling purses with personal hygiene items, winter gloves/scarves, socks, snacks or anything else that a

homeless female Veteran might need (except any items that contains alcohol, such as, mouth wash or perfume)? The goal is to build a mountain of purses to be distributed to the area homeless female Veterans. If you have collected items or have purses to donate, but are not planning on attending Mid-Year, you can get them to me. I'll be happy to deliver them!

Included in this newsletter is the 2019 District 11 Convention Call. Some additional information:

- The deadline for Prayer, Publicity, and History books is Friday, February 1. They should be mailed or presented to the following:
  - Prayer Books: Judy Bartels (402-243-2316)  
2245 County Rd U  
Tobias NE 68453  
[bjbartels@yahoo.com](mailto:bjbartels@yahoo.com)
  - Publicity Books: Kimberly Gurley (402-366-6118)  
PO Box 277  
Milligan NE 68406  
[kgurley@unicogroup.com](mailto:kgurley@unicogroup.com)
  - History Books: Alice Vieselmeyer (402-947-9001)  
409 S Pine  
Friend NE 68359  
[alicevies@aol.com](mailto:alicevies@aol.com)
- Poppy Centerpieces will be judged the day of the convention. All entries should be at the Tobias Legion by 8:15 am. If you have any questions, call Loree Hendrickson at 402-759-6016.
- Remember to follow the guidelines found in The ABC book for all entries.
- Total registration will be \$18 (\$3 for convention; \$15 for two-meat noon meal).
- An auction will be held during the noon break. Each Unit is asked to provide ONE item with preference for homemade baked/canned items OR an item of your choice. Proceeds will go towards District Commander and President's project of female Veterans.
- If you checked out raffle tickets for the Flag Banner and Patriotic Farm picture, remember to bring the tickets and money.
- Your poppies will be available to pick up at convention.
- The Memorial Service will be conducted by the Beatrice Post and Unit #27. Submit your names by February 1 to:  
Loree Dienstbier  
604 Clearwater Circle  
Beatrice NE 68310  
[auntree@beatricene.com](mailto:auntree@beatricene.com)

One item of business we will conduct at the convention is how we will utilize the \$75 that our District received for meeting the membership challenge last year. Bring your ideas based on the money must be used either for membership or the Auxiliary mission.

I don't want your Unit to be left out, so here is one last request for your Unit History. Make it simple—Unit Name and number, town, the year your Unit was chartered and how many charter members. That information can be found on your Charter. If you want to expand, add any past and present Gold Star members and who your Unit was named for and why. Most communities have history books. Check them for your history. You can mail (515 Road 18, Ohioa, NE 68416) or email ([vozenbaugh@windstream.net](mailto:vozenbaugh@windstream.net)) me your report by February 1.

Remember that 2019 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary. What is your Unit planning to do to celebrate? Whatever you do, take pictures and report about it. Publicize it in your local or area newspaper. Be sure to include it in your year-end report.

It's time for the next go-around of County Meetings. The schedule is:

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE	REGISTRATION/MTG
Fillmore County	Milligan	Sunday, January 13	1:30/2:00
Saline County	Dorchester	Wednesday, January 24	6:00/6:30
Jefferson County	Fairbury	Sunday, February 3	1:30/2:00
Thayer County	Deshler	Wednesday, February 6	6:30/7:30
York County	York	Monday, March 18	6:00/6:30

I urge each Unit to have a representative at their respective County meeting as well as at the District Convention. It is an excellent way to not only share what you are doing, but to learn from others. It's the easiest way to continue to do what the world's largest women's patriotic service organization does best--serving, helping, and meeting the needs of our nation's Veterans, military, and their families--both here and abroad.

### 2019 DATES

**MID-YEAR CONFERENCE**--January 18-20 at Norfolk

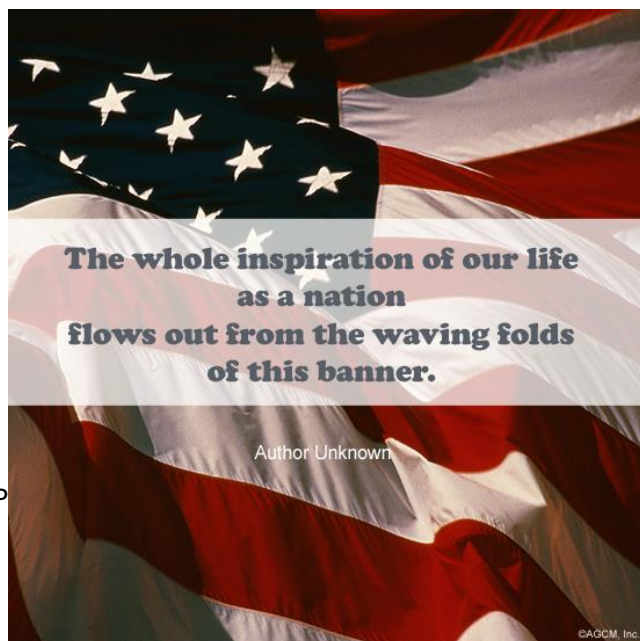
**DISTRIC 11 CONVENTION**--Sunday, February 17 at Tobias--Registration 8:30 am

**JUNIOR LAW CADET**--Sunday, April 7 at Beatrice--2:00 pm

**BOYS/GIRLS STATE ORIENTATION**--Sunday, April 28 at Wilber--2:00 pm

**JR HONORARY PRESIDENT CONVENTION**--Sun, May 19 at Milligan--Registration 12:30 pm

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**—June 20-23—Ramada Inn, Kearney



***Remember - Faithful to our Flag because  
Veterans - Our Soul & Heart's  
Inspiration***

*Vicki Ozenbaugh*