



DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY

DISTRICT FOUR NEWSLETTER



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American Legion Birthday – March 15th-17th

American Legion Auxiliary Birthday – November 10th

April 15th: District Cornhusker Girl State Orientation invitation mailed to your delegate/parents.

April 20: **Unit Program Year End Reporting Form** is due to Department. This is required by Department for National reporting. *Form will be sent as a separate attachment with this newsletter.*

April 25th: **Delegate Bus Fee Due:** Remit Delegate Bus Fee of \$100 (*first notice sent March 21st*)

Make Unit Checks out to: Legion District Four Bus Fee

In the **MEMO:** Print the name of Girl State Delegate (*required for Legion record keeping*)

Mail to: District Legion Adjutant, Tom Hoerler – 1012 Emerson Ave, Alliance, NE 69301.

May 5th: Cornhusker Boy and Girl State Orientation, Dalton Legion Post 301, 430 Wano Street in Dalton at 1:00 p.m. **NOTE:** Remind your delegate to bring their Girl State Packet.

May 25th **National Poppy Day** is the Friday prior to Memorial Day. The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its memorial flower in 1921 and started its Poppy Program in 1924.

June 20-23: Department Convention, Ramada Inn in Kearney NE. (308) 237-3141

District IV 89th Spring Convention: In spite of being postponed from March 3rd to March 9th the Convention was well attended even though once again the Mother Nature thought we needed more snow. Morrill Powell-Lewis Post 10 exceeded all expectations as Convention Host Post/Unit! The Convention minutes will be sent as soon as they are finished. Please share these with your Unit members. The 2019-2020 elected officers for District IV are: President Elect - Teri Poley of Sidney and Vice-President Elect - Denise Sinner of Morrill. Officers accepting appointments by incoming President Elect Teri Poley are the current Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Doshier of Gering, and Chaplain Laura Lebruska of Mitchell. The incoming President and Vice-President will assume their duties following the Department Convention in June.

The “2019-2020 Time and Place” dates adopted at Convention are: 2019 Fall Roundup will be hosted by Sidney Post 17 on November 2, 2019; the 90th District IV Spring Convention will be hosted by Gering Post 36 at the Civic Center on March 7, 2020; Junior Law Cadet Selection will be hosted by Dalton Post 301 on April 5, 2020; Cornhusker Boy & Girls State Orientation will be hosted by Bayard Post 200 on May 2, 2020.

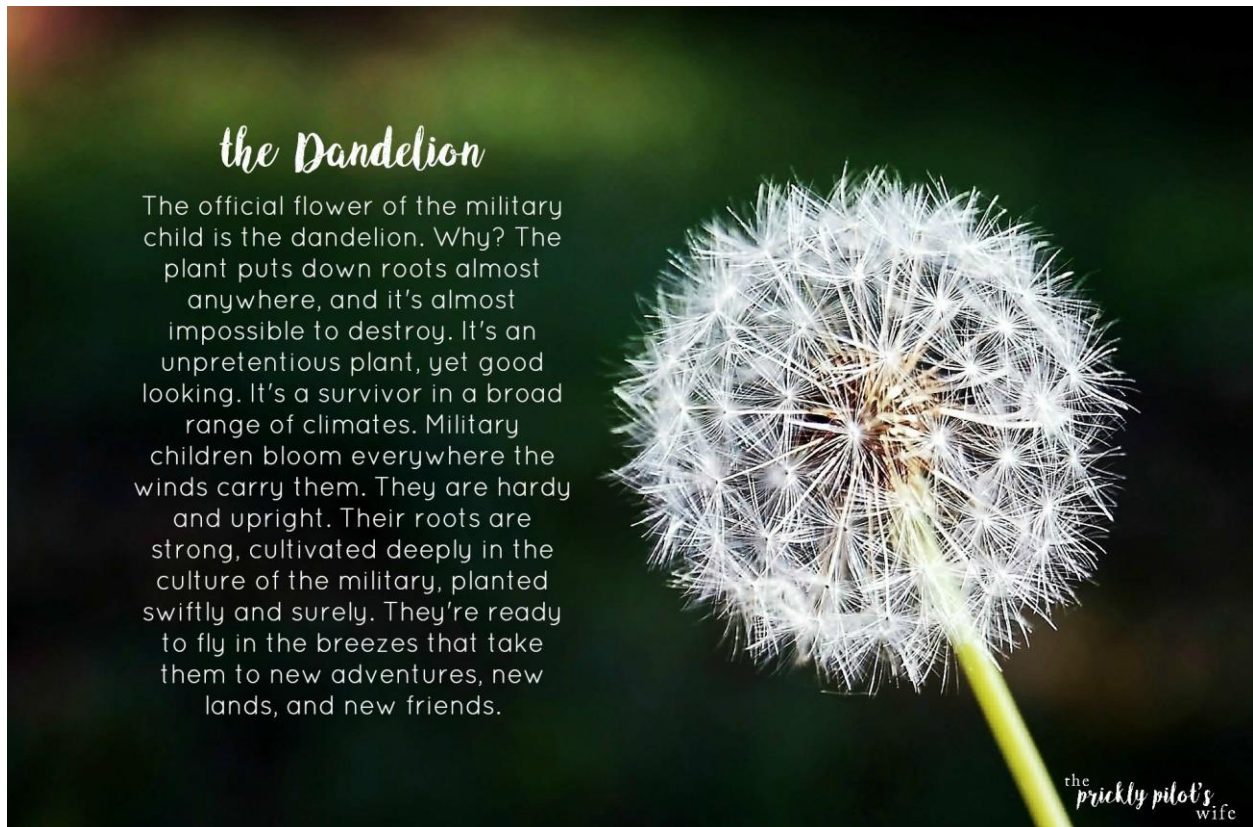
1st District IV Junior Spring Convention: The Scottsbluff High School ROTC ladies did a great job presenting the District Colors and the 13 Flag Fold Demonstration. The guest speakers were; Department Junior Activities Chairman Carol Capek (pronounced Chapek) from Milligan NE who gave greetings from Honorary

Department Junior President Briana Capek. Chairman Carol spoke on several Junior programs and presented several items made by Junior's in her District, shown were; Tray Favors, a Centerpiece, Publicity Book, and special occasion/holiday items juniors can make for veterans. Carol explained the Department Honorary Junior President's theme and project "Robotic Pets to Comfort Our Vets", of course the best, was presenting the Robot pet puppy for veterans. In closing District IV Junior members were invited to attend the Department Junior Convention on Sunday May 19th in Milligan NE. Registration 12:30, starts 1:00 p.m.

Unit Elections: Remember, it is important to submit a completed "2019-2020 Unit Officers Form" to Department and to District following Unit elections whether the Unit has elected new officers *or* have retained current officers. Be sure to complete your Chairman positions on the back (*Unit Chairmen should be motivated, active and prepared to promote Auxiliary programs*) If your Unit has "Other" Chairman positions not listed like, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, annual fundraisers etc. etc. please list these as well. Unit Chairmen should be asked to report at regular meetings on her plans and activities. Keep a copy to refer back to. *Form will be sent as a separate attachment with this newsletter.*

Unit Planning: Make May a planning and goal setting discussion with members to consider upcoming summer and fall community events your Unit is willing to participate in. Discussion and a little pre-planning now can reduce anxiety and stress for summer, fall & holiday events. You may want to have a list of community event dates on hand to discuss possible Unit participation or prevent conflicting dates within the community that may lessen participation in your fundraiser or activity.

Thank You Letters: Does your Unit Treasurer or Secretary, mail an acknowledgement letter to donors for their generous donations? The letter should state date and amount received and the purpose/intent of the donor's donation. Page 45 of the Unit Handbook states: The IRS also requires that an acknowledgement letter from the nonprofit organization be sent to donors. (*Note: a copy should also be kept in Unit permanent records*)



"Dandelion" image below was shared from District 2, President Wendy Wieseler, thank you for finding this and granting District 4 permission to copy & paste it Wendy.

MEMBERSHIP:

Units with **100%** paid up Roster Memberships are: Sidney Unit 17, Gurley Unit 137, Oshkosh Unit 210, and Lisco Unit 309, and Broadwater Unit 312.

Note from Department Membership Chairman, Angie Foster, "District 4 moved out of last place by edging out District 9 by 0.08%. Watch out D4, they are just a "propeller length" behind you"! Ladies we are not in last place as of April 3rd!!! Great Job, we have moved up to 12th place!!! Keep up the good work!

UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2019							
County	Unit	City	Goal	Jr.	Sr.	Total	%
Box Butte	0007	Alliance	114	8	70	78	68.42%
	0009	Hemingford	134	18	89	107	79.85%
	Total		248	26	159	185	74.60%
Cheyenne	0017	Sidney	48	5	42	47	97.92%
	0137	Gurley	17	2	12	14	82.35%
	0291	Potter	48	7	37	44	91.67%
	0301	Dalton	53	3	31	34	64.15%
	Total		166	17	122	139	83.73%
Garden	0210	Oshkosh	14	1	10	11	78.57%
	0309	Lisco	31	1	29	30	96.77%
	Total		45	2	39	41	91.11%
Grant	0057	Hyannis	71	13	46	59	83.10%
	Total		71	13	46	59	83.10%
Morrill	0200	Bayard	25	0	16	16	64.00%
	0312	Broadwater	23	3	21	24	104.35%
	Total		48	3	37	40	83.33%
Scottsbluff	0010	Morrill	32	1	28	29	90.63%
	0036	Gering	127	11	103	114	89.76%
	0124	Mitchell	35	4	23	27	77.14%
	Total		194	16	154	170	87.63%
District Total=			772	77	557	634	82.12%

Sisters in the Auxiliary, **REMEMBER The AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MISSION:**

In the spirit of service, NOT self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is TO SUPPORT The American Legion and TO HONOR the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Unit Presidents and Members, THANK YOU for everything you do for this great organization and the Veterans we serve!

Melody Sanna
District IV President

Forms Sent in April:

Unit Program Year End Reporting Form (Mail to Department)
2019-2020 Unit Officers & Chairman Form (Mail to Department & District)