

HUMBOLDTUNIT 269 HOSTS FALL ROUND-UP

The District 13 American Legion Auxiliary Fall Round-Up was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Units present were from Burchard #156, Cook #360, DuBois #39, Humboldt #269, Pawnee City #168, Shubert #222, and Sterling #140. The Registration report showed a total of 28 District 13 members, three Department guests, and one Junior member guest present.

District Vice-President, Amanda Washburn, welcomed the ladies. Barb Washburn, gave prayer before all enjoyed the delicious luncheon.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM. Amanda informed all of the wording change in the Preamble. The colors were already posted. A hand salute was performed, invocation was given by Chaplain, Ruth Hietbrink, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem with music played by Shari Karjala, POA/MIA observance, playing of TAPS, and reciting the Preamble.

Amanda introduced guests: Department President, Elizabeth Paes; Department Secretary/Treasurer, Lisa Moore; Department Membership Chm, Kimberly Gurley and her granddaughter, McKinsey; NW Division VA & R Chm, Barb Washburn; Department Legislative Chm, Ruth Hietbrink; and, NW Division Education Chm, Amanda Washburn. Along with VP Amanda, other District Officers present were, Doris DeJonge, Secretary/Treasurer; Jean Burns, History; and Ruth Hietbrink, Chaplain. Wanda Hartshorn presided at the Registration table.

Norma Arington welcomed all who came on the most beautiful day. Doris DeJonge gave the response. Meeting continued with roll call. Jean Burns read the District History report. County Presidents present, Bobbi Albers for Johnson and Tana Brown for Richardson. Unit Presidents present were Nancy Tennant from Burchard, Karen Cerny from Cook, Phyllis Smith from DuBois, Glee Price from Pawnee City, Tana Brown from Shubert, Ruth Hietbrink from Sterling, and Norma Arington from Humboldt.

Dept President, Elizabeth Paes, informed all that the new National President is Nicole Clapp from Iowa. Allison Wiles, Honorary Jr Dept President, project is Art Therapy Supplies for the veterans' homes. The Auxiliary's 100th anniversary is November 10th. What will your Unit be doing to celebrate? Mid-Year will be held in Kearney Jan. 10-12, 2020. Mid-year reports are due by December 15th.

Dept Secretary, Lisa Moore, informed all that all forms are on the website, nebraskalegionaux.net. Use the Jr Activities rules for the Poppy centerpiece and Public Relations book in the ABC book. Don't to forget to send in your Unit's Gift Shop, Gifts for Yanks, Dollar Days, general donations and VA facility donations. Are some members inactive because they are uninformed? Communicate with all your members!

Dept Membership Chm, Kim Gurley's theme is "20/20 Vision". This will provide us the opportunity to recognize our mission of "in the spirit of service, not self" which will lead us to "Celebrating a Century of Service." Eleven Units in Nebraska have reached 100% membership as of 10/26/19. We can no longer sign up a new great granddaughter as a member so please, keep your current great granddaughter's membership paid. Do not let them lapse.

Dept Legislative Chm, Ruth Hietbrink, provided a list of bills that the veterans are following. Widows Act, Federal bill HR553, needs co-sponsors. Write letters or email your senators "in your own words" to get this taken care of. Legislative Day is in February in Lincoln.

NW Division VA & R Chm, Barb Washburn, will be attending the National Creative Arts Festival. This program highlights the talents of our veterans.

NW Division Education Chm, Amanda Washburn: the Jr Loyalty Scholarship is worth \$2500. You need to use the new applications. The Nebraska Girls State recipient received a \$10,000 scholarship. National Auxiliary offers 14 programs in Education.

Awards were passed out for membership to Unit winners. She also passed out a list of a Unit's unpaid members.

Announcements: District 13 Convention will be held in Pawnee City on February 15, 2020. Amanda challenged all to bring a member to the District 13 Convention. Barb Washburn invited all to the 2020 Fall Round-Up will be held in Cook on October 17, 2020. The 2021 Department Convention will be held in Lincoln. Doris read a list of Units still needing to pay their District dues.

Door prizes were presented. These were supplied by the Humboldt and Shubert Units. There being no further business, closing prayer was read, the Hand Salute was performed, and "God Bless America" was sung before adjourning the meeting. –Doris DeJonge, Secretary