



DISTRICT 11 Newsletter
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March Madness

2020 District Convention went well, good weather and excellent attendance. We had 65 Auxiliary members in attendance with 59 Seniors, 2 Juniors and 4 guests. 24 out of 35 Units were acknowledged at roll call. Many thanks to the Beatrice Unit for making the Convention go so smoothly. We had 9 honored members in attendance. We did pass the hat for the Jr President's project and that money was given directly to Allison Wiles. I'm sorry to report but I don't remember what her project was. The piggy bank was passed for the Legion's Children and Youth program and netted \$28. The good news is that the Auction itself brought in \$870, plus we passed the hat for another \$275, totally \$1,145 for the Quilts of Valor. Thank you for all your donations.

Vicky Thompson of Milligan was the winner in the History Book competition. The Deshler Unit received 1st place in the Prayer Book competition. The Poppy Centerpieces had 3 entries: 1st place went to Dorchester; 2nd place to Friend; and 3rd place went to Milligan. Thank you to all the Units who enter the competitions. The Rosewood Gavel went to Milligan for having the highest percentage of memberships turned in by September 1st.

The Memorial Service to pay our final respect for those from District 11 was provided by Deshler Post and Unit 352. As a large red poppy was placed in baskets, 61 Legionnaire names from the Posts, 41 Auxiliary members from Units were read and 2 SAL members. The service concluded with taps. A lot of Posts and Units did not report deceased members, please remember to let Lisa Moore know your deceased members.

The church service was a service dedicated to the 4 Chaplains. If you haven't done or seen this service, I would suggest you do this in your local Units next year. It was quite interesting and attended by many at the Convention.

On the business side of our meeting, District 11 will be donating \$100 to each of the Veterans Homes (Eastern Nebraska, Norfolk, Kearney, and Western Nebraska); \$50 to Little Red Schoolhouse; \$50 to Auxiliary Emergency Fund; \$50 to Children's Miracle Network; \$50 to National Presidents Project; \$50 to Department President's Project; \$50 to Department Honorary Junior President's Project; \$50 to District 11 President's Project; and \$100 to patient needs at the Grand Island VA Medical Center and \$100 to the Fairmont Home for their Veterans. It was passed to change our Constitution and Bylaws Article V Revenue, Section 2:a from \$100 to \$200. This pertains to someone attending the National Convention. It was also decided to revamp the Constitution and Bylaws as there are many small changes due to adding spouses to the membership. We will be doing this before next fall's Round Up.

Elizabeth reported that the National President Nicole Clapp will be in Nebraska July 11-13. They are planning to hold a bowling tournament at Mockingbird Lanes in Omaha, then attend John C. Fremont Days Parade. Look for more details to come.

Vicky Ozenbaugh reminded everyone to be recording your history. She'd like Individual Members' History (sheets she handed out at County Meetings) and a Unit Narrative for April 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020. There will be an award for the District with most units reporting. Vicky also covered Chaplain Pat Wiseman, she is creating a Prayer Book for Elizabeth Paes, so please send a prayer to her to include.

Lisa Moore brought the District's poppies, if you haven't received your poppies yet, ask someone in your area if they attended the Convention and picked up your poppies for you. Lisa also discussed the service project District 10 has been participating in. The "Home Sweet Home" project is about setting up an apartment for a homeless Veteran after they have graduated from the various programs, they have been participating in. This project was discussed and District 11 will try to participate this year with donations. As I find out more details, I will pass this on. Remember those of you close to Lincoln can still donate to those Veterans also.

Sharon Brozovsky talked about the Scholarship applications that are due by March 15. She reminded us about giving 10 to education, and that Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8.

Deb Albers reminded us to make our donations to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund as Flood regions are being predicted again for this Spring in Nebraska.

Beverly Neel informed us that the Leadership course is being revamped and new forms for reports will be used this year.

Many thanks again to the Beatrice Unit for making the Convention go so smoothly, the group that volunteer to make the Church service happen and all those who donated to the auction and to the project, and to all who attended. We had a wonderful dinner from the Legion Club employees and the special cakes were awesome. Loree Dienstbier and myself were emailing quite often trying to get all the details ironed out. I have to admit that when Loree told me that Commander Glenn Schwab had some medical problems that needed attended to, I was worried, but the Beatrice ladies stepped up and everything was done. Thanks again to everyone.

Membership – As of March 7, District 11 (94.81%) is in 2nd place, behind District 13 (99.39%). District 13 only needs 6 more memberships to be at 100%. District 11 has 11 Units over 100%, (Shickley, Daykin, Steele City, Crete, Plymouth, Swanton, Davenport, Hebron, Exeter, Barneston, and McCool Junction). Nebraska now has 67 Units at 100% or better. Kim reported at our Convention meeting that Nebraska has over 434 new members this year. She also reminded everyone that the 1st week in April is Caring & Sharing; everyone is to contact your lapsed members and see if you can get them to rejoin. If you have members rejoining, send the form to National to receive credit.

Special Husker Day is July 18 –Our Husker give away has been changed to a summer picnic that is hosted for the Veterans Volunteers in July for the Grand Island VA. Then the event can be a start to the football season coming up. Now if you have collected items that is OK, we still have 8 Vets in the Fairmont Home that we can still start the project. Start Collecting, let me know or one of the officers in your area, when you have items. We will try to coordinate drop off places to gather the items. Be on the lookout for Nebraska Items. More information to come.

End of year reports for District – I’m asking for a report about what you did from Dec – April due by May 1. I have to write a report for the Department Convention so while your mind is fresh from completing the other reports, just jot down those items so it can be put into a report about what the Units have been working on. Don’t forget those new forms to do your reporting on that are due April 20th.

Girls State - Units should be receiving letters of acceptance for the girls they are sponsoring. The 79th Annual Session will be held May 31 – June 6 at the University of Nebraska--Lincoln campus.

Red T-Shirts project - We had a great response on the Red T-Shirts campaign to wear on Fridays. 83 were ordered and we are doing a second order if you still want to buy due by **March 31**. Disregard the February 29 date on the order form. Thank you to all who have participated. We had 15 out of the 35 Units order shirts. Not a good percentage of participation but those that did order will help our Treasure Account immensely.

2020 District 11 Jrs. Convention	Sun., March 22	Wilber	Reg @ 12:30 pm
2020 Junior Law Cadet	Sun., March 29	Courtland	2:00 pm
End of Year Reports due to State	April 20		
2020 State Jrs Convention	Sun., April 4	Dorchester	9:00 am
2020 Boys/Girls State Orient.	Sun., April 26	Wilber	2:00 pm
Summary of Unit Activities due to District President for report to State	May 1		
2020 Department Convention	June 25-28	Kearney	Ramada Inn
District 11 Huskers T-Shirts, and other Husker items @ GI VA Annual Picnic	July 18	Grand Island VA	Time TBA
District 11 Fall Round Up	Sun., Oct 18	Crete	Reg. @ 1:30 pm

Please note that the date for Jr. Law Cadet has been changed.

County Meetings - I will plan on attending the Spring County meetings, weather permitting. I hope you have invited your other guests to attend.

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE	REGISTRATION TIME
York	McCool	Mon., Mar., 16	6:00 pm

District 11 Membership – March 3

Fillmore	0021	Fairmont	87	9	69	78	89.66%
	0068	Geneva	18	0	14	14	77.78%
	0164	Shickley	37	1	37	38	102.70%
	0193	Ohiova	42	6	33	39	92.86%
	0218	Exeter	75	10	68	78	104.00%
	0240	Milligan	155	40	111	151	97.42%
	Total		414	66	332	398	96.14%
Gage	0025	Wymore	90	4	85	89	98.89%
	0027	Beatrice	218	18	194	212	97.25%
	0231	Odell	27	2	24	26	96.30%
	0253	Cortland	40	0	37	37	92.50%
	0346	Liberty	24	0	19	19	79.17%
	0356	Barneston	33	1	31	32	96.97%
	0367	Virginia	41	6	34	40	97.56%
	Total		473	31	424	455	96.19%
Jefferson	0024	Fairbury	15	0	13	13	86.67%
	0198	Daykin	31	1	30	31	100.00%
	0243	Plymouth	92	14	78	92	100.00%
	0349	Steele City	25	0	25	25	100.00%
	0358	Jansen	24	1	19	20	83.33%
	Total		187	16	165	181	96.79%
Saline	0101	Wilber	97	19	70	89	91.75%
	0147	Crete	64	4	61	65	101.56%
	0183	Friend	90	12	76	88	97.78%
	0212	De Witt	124	30	82	112	90.32%
	0255	Western	35	2	13	15	42.86%
	0258	Swanton	59	13	48	61	103.39%
	0264	Dorchester	105	27	63	90	85.71%
	0311	Tobias	22	0	17	17	77.27%
	Total		596	107	430	537	90.10%
Thayer	0166	Bruning	53	12	38	50	94.34%
	0180	Hebron	27	0	28	28	103.70%
	0194	Alexandria	45	13	27	40	88.89%
	0329	Carleton	51	17	32	49	96.08%
	0335	Davenport	47	17	30	47	100.00%
	0352	Deshler	102	13	81	94	92.16%
	Total		325	72	236	308	94.77%
York	0013	Gresham	100	18	71	89	89.00%
	0019	York	108	12	55	67	62.04%
	0341	Mc Cool Junction	13	4	16	20	153.85%
	Total		221	34	142	176	79.64%
Total		2216	326	1729	2055	92.73%	