

PAWNEE CITY HOSTS DISTRICT 13 CONVENTION

Saturday, February 20, 2021, the 91st District 13 Convention for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL was convened in Pawnee City. The Legion held their meeting in the Legion Building while the Auxiliary met in the Methodist Church Poteet Hall. There were seven Auxiliary Units represented.

Color bearers, Tana Brown and Linda Patchen (Unit 222) advanced the colors. President, Amanda Washburn (Unit 360) called the meeting to order. Chaplain, Linda Patchen gave the invocation followed by a moment of silence in memory of our dead. Kay Ebeler (Unit 336) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Shari Karjala (Unit 168) led us in singing the *Star-Spangled Banner*. Nancy Tennant (Unit 156) led us in reciting the Auxiliary Preamble. Chaplain Linda Patchen placed the POW/MIA cover on a chair and read the POW/MIA Resolution #288.

Glee Price of the Pawnee City Unit #168 welcomed the ladies to the Convention. President, Amanda gave the response. Amanda introduced the special guests, Department President Elizabeth Paes; Northwestern Division VA&R Chair, Barb Washburn; and, Department Legislative Chair, Ruth Heitbrink. Past District Presidents were also introduced; and, Amanda's current officers.

Secretary, Doris DeJonge (Unit 269) read the roll call. There were twenty-three members present. We dispensed with the reading of the 2020 Convention minutes. The Financial Report was read.

President Amanda announced that the District Executive Committee met prior to the convention to review and authorize payment of bills and other items. A summary of actions taken were: Fall Round-Up to be held in Nemaha County in October 2021 in which Amanda will confirm the place and date. Changing the dates of reports to be submitted to Department from September 1st to November 15th. Following our Bylaws to appoint a Chaplain and not have her be the retiring District President. Revitalizing the Tecumseh Unit. Those Units that have not paid their District dues. The next District DEC meeting will be held one hour prior to the start of future Fall Round-Up and District Conventions. The proceeds from the District President's coin march will be allocated to the Lincoln VA.

Reports were given by the Chaplain, President, County and Unit Presidents. A reminder to please pick up Poppies ordered. Resolution Committee Chair, Barb Washburn came forward and presented a Constitution and Bylaws Resolution to allow for meeting by electronic means, if necessary, if approved at today's convention.

Department President, Elizabeth Paes, passed out a "To Do List" to everyone highlighting Girls State application due dates with registration fee and attendance; scholarships and their due date; "Purple Up for Military Children" that recognizes our military's children; the week of "Sharing and Caring" to involve your community with VA&R.

County Caucuses were held to nominate candidates for President and Vice President plus any items of unfinished business. The four counties met in separate locations. Amanda Washburn was nominated and elected for President and Anita Lang was nominated and elected for Vice President for the 2021-2022 year.

At 11:00 AM a joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary was held. The Bickel Nelson Cook Unit #360 held the Memorial Service. Larry Borchert, District 13 Commander welcomed everyone and with

Amanda's help introduced the Legion's guest speakers and officers present. District Chaplain, Jim Reed, gave the invocation. A sack lunch followed that was provided by Scotty Gottula of Elk Creek.

The Auxiliary reconvened at 12:45 PM. The Little Red School House (\$24.00), VA&R (\$44.00), and District President's Project (\$43.00) coin march was held. After the march, reports and awards were given. 1st place for their **History Book** was awarded to Shubert Unit 222. 1st place for their **Prayer Book** was awarded to Humboldt Unit 269, 2nd to Shubert. 1st place for their **Publicity Book** was awarded to Shubert Unit 222, 2nd to Humboldt. The **Poppy Centerpieces** were judged by Department President, Elizabeth Paes. 1st place was awarded to Shubert Unit 222, 2nd to Cook Unit 360. Other district specific awards were: **Rosewood Certificate** to Burchard Unit 156. **Rodysill Bell** to Burchard Unit 156. **Finger Gavel** to Humboldt Unit 269. **Gauchat Bell** to Humboldt Unit 269. **Murphy Gavel** to Humboldt Unit 269.

Resolutions Chair, Barb Washburn presented the electronic meetings resolution. Motion was made and carried to adopt this resolution. This resolution will be incorporated in the Uniform District Constitution at the annual Department Convention.

Installation of officers was performed by Past Department President, Barb Washburn and installing Chaplain, Bobbi Albers. Installed were District President, Amanda Washburn; District Secretary & Treasurer, Doris DeJonge, and Parliamentarian, Barb Washburn, and Chaplain, Bobbi Albers. To be installed at a later date, District Vice President, Anita Lang and Historian, Jean Burns.

The Registration Report was read by Phyllis Ideus (Unit 168). Door prizes furnished by the Pawnee City Unit were handed out. The Courtesy Resolution was read by Barb Washburn and adopted.

Hearing no further business, Chaplain, Linda Patchen gave a prayer for peace. Shari Karjala then led us in singing *God Bless America*. The colors were retired the colors. Amanda declared the convention of District 13 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska, adjourned.

Doris DeJonge, District 13 Secretary