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**DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

**DISTRICT FOUR NEWSLETTER**

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**HAPPILY HELPING HEROS**

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Hello District 4 ALA Units and Members:

 Students are back to school, and everyone is thinking “Where did the Summer go?” Time does fly fast and now our Units become more active. Try to find something to get the ALA into the community limelight. Perhaps a parade float, passing out poppies at a special gathering (yes, we can do that any time of the year), plan talks to students for Veterans Day, or enjoy a get-to-gather to make cookies and take small plates to our older friends or to those who cannot get out often. We all have great imaginations so let’s use our ideas to spread the word that the American Legion Auxiliaries are still alive.

 Past District 4 President, Carol Danbom called to inform the Auxiliary that her father, Alan Danbom passed away the morning of 8/26/21 at the age of 94.  Grave side services were at the Hemingford cemetery on 8/31. Alan served Post 9 and District 4 in almost every capacity through his 76 years as an American Legion member. He was very active in the Boys and Girls State project. Many may remember him when he was District Commander. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Sympathy cards may be mailed to Carol Danbom at 1331 Co Rd 68, Hemingford, NE 69348.

**D4 Unit Spotlights:** I am continuing Melody’s “**Unit Spotlight”.** Send Bonita your event, donation, veteran activity, etc. that your Unit is involved in. Call or text or email or mail me the event. Don’t wait for later then be like me and forget all together! Ask 2 or 3 members to share responsibility in sending your activities to me. If you have pictures, I would love to have them also. Example: Unit 523 gave a ‘Welcome back to school’ small packet of M n M’s to each adult worker in the school from cooks to teachers to bus drivers. etc. Total cost for 50 people was $12.34. **Please let Bonita know what your Unit is doing. It is OK to brag about your work. Don’t hide your light under a basket. Let others know. A small idea can grow to a large success.**

**Let’s talk Membership….**

 District IV ended 2021 Membership year in 11nd place. This year’s theme is **Family Stronger Together. District Four will be “The Waltons”.** Let us work hard to support our American Legion Family.

**Calling all Unit Presidents and Membership Chairmen….** You have received your Membership Packets. The new membership year has begun.  Check out the 2022 Awards offered. Some are monetary for your Unit! ***Remember***, a member's 2021 dues **MUST** be paid before the 2022 dues. Your members who have **NOT** renewed for 2021 **ARE** delinquent and have been since January 1st 2021!

Send the dues every week as you receive them. District IV Unit Presidents and Membership Chairmen, take the challenge, We **ARE** proud to represent the Waltons and work hard as they did to help the family.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DISTRICT 4:**

**2021 ORATORICAL SPEECH CONTEST 2021 FALL ROUNDUP**

November 6, 2021 November 6, 2021

10:00 am MST 1:30 pm MST

Methodist Church Gering Post #36

 900 O Street 1425 9th Street

Gering, NE 69361 Gering, NE 69361

**2022 JUNIOR LAW CADET SELECTION 2022 BOYS AND GIRLS STATE ORIENTATION**

April 9, 2022 1:30 pm May 7, 2022 1:00 pm

Prairie West Church Dalton Post 301

904 Sherman, Potter, NE 69156 420 Wano St, Dalton, NE 69131

**2022 DISTRICT 4 SPRING CONVENTION**

**April 2, 2022**

**TBA**

**September ‘Days to Remember” in honor of our Veterans and others who served:**

 2nd – Japan Signed Surrender – 1945

 6th - Labor Day

 11 – Patriot’s Day

 17 – POW Recognition Day

 18 – U. S. Navy Birthday

 22 – 1st Day of Autumn

Members 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.

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