

District 13 ALA Fall Round-Up
October 23, 2021
Auburn, Nebraska

Auburn ALA Unit #23 hosted the District 13 Fall Round-Up on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the Auburn Legion Building. A total of eight District 13 Units, and one guest were in attendance.

Prior to the salad luncheon, President Amanda Washburn called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Linda Patchen then gave a prayer.

At 12:05 PM, Amanda called the business meeting to order. Prayer was given; a moment of silence was observed in memory of our dead; since the colors were already in place, a hand salute was given. Anita Lang led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and led in singing the first verse of the Star Spangled Banner. Barb Washburn led in reciting the Auxiliary Preamble. Amanda read the POW/MIA Resolution 288. The meeting was then declared regularly convened. Amanda presented a certificate to Humboldt Unit President Norma Arington from the Department of Nebraska that was awarded in recognition for Prayer Book Participation to Harvey Mann Unit #269 member Pam Mendenhall.

Doris DeJonge read Roll Call of Units. There were 23 Senior members and one guest. A quorum was met by those Units present. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the District 13 Convention minutes, which was held in February 2021, as all the Units had already received a copy of these minutes. The Treasurer's Report was read and will be placed on file for future.

Jennifer Nichols, President of the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary, gave the welcome. Response was given by Anita Lang.

It was Amanda's pleasure to introduce the special guests in attendance: Vicki Ozenbaugh, Department Vice President; Barb Washburn, National Poppy Committee Vice Chair and Department Constitution & Bylaws Chair; Ruth Hietbrink, Department Legislative Chair; and Mary Eickhoff, Department Education Chair. Amanda also introduced her District officers: Anita Lang, Vice President; Doris DeJonge, Secretary & Treasurer; Linda Patchen, Chaplain; and Historian, Jean Burns. Six Past Presidents were recognized; Norma Arington, Barb Washburn, Ruth Hietbrink, Jean Burns, Bobbi Albers, and Linda Patchen.

President Amanda reported the District Executive Committee had met earlier to review and authorize payment of bills and other items. A bill of \$86.70 for mileage was submitted by Amanda which was approved for payment. A summary of actions during the DEC meeting was also given.

The meeting continued with reports from the Unit and County Presidents. Units reporting were: Humboldt #269, Shubert #222, Burchard #156, DuBois #39, Auburn #23, Cook #360, Crab Orchard #336, and Sterling #140. County Presidents reporting:

Bobbi Albers (Nemaha), Jennifer Nichols (Johnson), and Tana Brown (Richardson). Historian Jean Burns gave her history report; Anita Land gave her Vice President report; and Amanda gave her President report.

Department Vice President, Vicki Ozenbaugh, was introduced. Vicki spoke on behalf of Department President, Barbie Meyer, with greetings. Barbie's Department President Project is to "Double Down for Dollar Days". With this project we usually give \$5 to every hospitalized veteran. Turn this \$5 into \$10. All funds raised will go directly to veterans. She asks that Units also "Double Down". And, the Department of Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary will turn 100 in 2022!

Two veterans were recognized by Vicki, Elizabeth Ketner (Shubert #222 Unit) who served in the Army and is a Dual Member; and, Diane Richardson (Crab Orchard #336 Unit) who is a Vietnam Vet and served in the Navy. We are so proud to learn this and thank them for their service! Please note, if you need a speaker for a Veterans Day speaker, give them a call.

Vicki is working together with Kimberly Gurley, Membership Chair. Vicki also fielded questions from the group and took them up to the Department for clarification and answers. There will be Mission Training in Omaha, Nebraska on April 2, 2022. This training helps members better understand our mission of serving veterans, the military, and their families. Check upcoming issues of *The Star* for the time.

Barb Washburn, Constitution & Bylaws Chair, reported that an updated uniform Constitution form will be presented at the District 13 Convention in February 2022, plus any amendments she may have.

Ruth Hietbrink, Legislative Chair, asks that members check for updates on Facebook, know your Senators, and check out for the updates in the ABC book.

Mary Eickhoff, Department Education Chair, reported that a Health Care Professional Scholarship for 2022 will be available for high school seniors. It was suggested that all Auxiliary scholarships could be emailed to all High School Counselors and news releases to the District newspapers.

The Little Red School House (\$39), VA&R (\$47), District President Project for the Lincoln VA (\$16), and a "Double Down" (\$77) donation march were then held.

New Business: District 13 is the Adams Family for the Department membership report. Currently District 13 is in fifth place with 54.93%. A list of unpaid members was distributed to each Unit. District reports for Community Service, Americanism, and VA&R are due by November 15th. The District 13 Convention will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the Sterling #140 Post. The DEC meeting will be at 8:30 AM. Registration will be at 9 AM and the meeting will begin at 9:30 AM. **Reminder**, get your District 13 dues into the Secretary ASAP or before December 31st.

There being no further business, Chaplain Linda gave a prayer for peace. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Submitted by Doris DeJonge, Secretary