

STERLING HOSTS DISTRICT 13 CONVENTION

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, the 92nd District 13 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL Convention was convened in Sterling, NE. The Legion met in the Sterling Post #140 Building while the Auxiliary met in the Sterling Community Building. There were ten Units represented.

President, Amanda Washburn Cook #360, called the meeting to order. The colors bearers, Mary Hietbrink Sterling #140 and Bobbi Albers Cook #360, advanced the colors. Invocation was given by Chaplain, Linda Patchen Shubert #222. A moment of silence was observed. Vice-President, Anita Lang DuBois #39, led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Pianist, Shari Karjala Pawnee City #168, led in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Parliamentarian, Barb Washburn Cook #360, led us in reciting the Auxiliary Preamble. President Amanda read Resolution 288 designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings.

Ruth Hietbrink, Unit President Sterling #140 welcomed all attending. Vice-President Lang gave the response. President Amanda introduced the special guests in attendance: Department Historian Angie Foster; Department Vice-President Vicki Ozenbaugh, and Department President Barb Meyer. Other Department and National guests were: Barb Washburn, National Poppy Committee Vice Chairman and Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman; Ruth Hietbrink, Department Legislative Chairman; Vicki Cyboron, Finance Chairman; Mary Eickhoff, Department Education Chairman; County Government Day Chair, Amanda; and Past Department President, Barb Washburn. Past District Presidents were also recognized.

Secretary, Doris DeJonge Humboldt #269 proceeded with the Roll Call. There were thirty-two seniors and one junior member present plus two guests. Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the 2021 District 13 Convention. Treasurer DeJonge gave the financial report. Prior to the Convention, the Executive Committee met to review and authorize payment of bills. A summary of actions was also reported. After Amanda and Anita gave their reports, reports from the County and Unit Presidents were given. Amanda reminded the Units that the poppy orders are here and need to be picked up.

Finance Chairman, Vicki Cyboron spoke briefly before she had to leave. Parliamentarian, Barb Washburn provided guidelines for the County Caucuses for the purpose of nominating candidates for the 2022-2023 District President and Vice-President. After the four counties met, the meeting reconvened. Before the Auxiliary broke for the joint session and lunch with the Legion and Sons, Chaplain Patchen led the group in prayer.

A Joint Meeting of the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons was held at 11 AM. Commander Larry Borchert called the meeting to order. Legion guests were introduced. Shubert Unit #222 held the Memorial Service. Lunch was catered by Susy's Sweets & More from Adams. Legion guest speaker was Senator Julie Slama who shared her special message and provided new exposure to the work of Nebraska's Unicameral.

The afternoon session reconvened at 12:47 PM. President Amanda introduced Department President Barb Meyer, Department Vice-President and Department Historian Angie Foster to bring greetings and share their messages. Barb Washburn and Ruth Hietbrink also spoke briefly.

The Little Red School House (\$39.00), VA&R (\$52.0) and the 100th Birthday of the Nebraska ALA (\$45.03) coin march was held. Judging of the History, Prayer, Publicity Books, and Poppy Centerpiece were done beforehand by Vicki Cyboron, Angie Foster, Vicki Ozenbaugh and Barb Meyer. Winners were: **History** - 1st Shubert Unit #222; **Prayer** - 1st Humboldt Unit #269, 2nd - Shubert Unit #222; **Publicity** - 1st Shubert Unit #222, 2nd Humboldt Unit #269, 3rd Cook Unit #360. Other District specific award winners: **Rosewood Certificate** - Burchard Unit #156; **Rodysill Bell** - Burchard Unit #156; **Finger Gavel** - Shubert Unit #222; **Gauchet Bell** - Humboldt Unit #269; **Wagenknecht Gavel** - Burchard Unit #156; **Murphy Gavel** - Tecumseh Unit #2.

Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, Barb Washburn, presented the uniformed District 13 constitution that the DEC had approved at the 2021 Department Convention. Several revisions of the updated uniform constitution were presented and needed to be adopted at this District Convention. Motion was made, seconded, and approved for adoption.

Elections of officers for the 2022-2023 were held. Bobbi Albers of the Nominating Committee presented the nominees to President Amanda. Anita Lang DuBois Unit #39 was elected as District 13 President. Michelle Tegtmeier Burchard Unit # 156 was elected as District 13 Vice President. Department President Barb Meyer installed Anita and Michelle along with Secretary & Treasurer Doris DeJonge, Historian Jean Burns, Chaplain Linda Patchen, and Parliamentarian Barb Washburn. After installation, Past Department President Barb Washburn presented the Past District President pin to daughter Amanda Washburn followed by hugs and tears.

Ruth Hietbrink read the Registration Report. Barb Washburn read the Courtesy Resolutions which were adopted. Hearing no further business to come before this meeting, Chaplain Linda Parchen gave the Prayer for Peace. Pianist Shari Karjala led us in singing *God Bless America*. The colors were retired and the convention was declared adjourned.

Doris DeJonge, District 13 Secretary