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Greetings to you, the unit members of American Legion Auxiliary District Five. The Department Convention was held June 24, 25, 26, 2022 in Columbus, Nebraska. The newly elected Department President, Vicki Ozenbaugh installed all district officers, including me, which means I am officially the District Five President for 2022/2023.

THANK YOU to each unit for working membership for 2022. District 5 was in second place at the Department Convention in Columbus and because of that, the district sat in the FRONT ROW!!! District 5 maintained second place through the end of the membership year!!! Thank you again for each person who worked membership (and that is each and every one of you!)

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is the lifeblood of this organization. As directed in the membership packet, your first transmittal for membership should be the SLM (Nebraska - State Life Members) and the PUFL (National - Paid up for Life) names on your roster. The second transmittal should include the unit officers and program chairpersons. It is very important for these individuals to be "Members in good standing!" Department can process 2023 membership renewals on August 1st. Please send membership to Department on a timely basis, starting AUGUST 1st!!!

What about those members that haven't paid 2022 dues? Please continue to collect these as well. Consider collecting both 2022 AND 2023 dues. Continuous years will reset to 1 year if there is a gap in payment of dues.

An increase of \$2.00 for dues, effective with the 2024 membership year was approved by the delegates in attendance at the 2022 Department Convention. I am also hearing the national organization will present a resolution for delegates attending the national convention to consider. I am not sure the amount of increase they will be asking for (what they are asking for and what they receive will be determined at the National Convention!). If your unit is considering any increase, wait until after the national convention to consider any changes.

Department membership awards are:

PRESIDENT VICKI O'S HAPPY BIRTHDAY AWARD –

To EACH UNIT that reaches 67% Unit Objective/Goal by August 18, 2022

To EACH DISTRICT that reaches 77% District Objective/Goal by August 18, 2022

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AWARD –

To EACH UNIT that reaches 100% Unit Objective/Goal by December 29, 2022

Certificates for the above awards will be handed out at the Mid-Year Conference, 2023.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER FROM DEPARTMENT:

There is a LOT of information in this newsletter. Donation sheets for Veteran Recreation/Special needs is on the gold paper; Gifts for Yanks donation form is on a white sheet; General donations form is on pink paper. It would be appreciated these be sent to Department by October 1st, but donations are accepted all year. (attached is the schedule for Dollar Days, Gift Shops, Gifts for Yanks Who Gave)

ALA Department President Vicki's project is on blue paper.

LEADERSHIP/HOMECOMING INFORMATION (for more info check the Department Newsletter):

Leadership school will be Saturday, October 1st. Registration starts at 12:30 PM at the Harvest Hall in Seward. This is an opportunity for YOU to gather more information about this great organization from our Department Chairs and to get to know them as well. In the evening, a Homecoming Banquet will be held to celebrate the Nebraska American Legion Family leaders – American Legion Commander, Don Suchy; American Legion Auxiliary President, Vicki Ozenbaugh and Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Chris Casey. (Registration prior to September 21st is \$15.00 with \$20.00 at the door.) Hopefully, you can attend both the Leadership School and the Homecoming!

HELP!!!! District 5 does not have a District Vice President. At the District Five 2022 Convention, I moved from the Vice President position to the President position but there wasn't anyone to step up to be elected District Five Vice President, therefore the position is OPEN!! **(WE NEED YOU!!!!)**

Communication is the key to success!!! District letters will be sent to the President (via snail mail). To keep in contact with everyone, I would like to have an email contact list. Send me a list of those wanting to receive email news regarding District 5.

In closing, I want to thank the outgoing District Five President Terri Hayworth for her dedication to this organization and for her leadership these last two years. A job well done!!!

Donna Hatfield, American Legion Auxiliary District Five, President

FOR YOUR ADVANCE PLANNING:

August 1st – Membership renewals can be transmitted to Department

August 18th – Membership HAPPY BIRTHDAY AWARD deadline

August 26th to September 1st - National Convention, Milwaukee, WI

October 1st – Leadership/Homecoming for Department officers – Seward, NE

Department President Vicki, Department Commander Don and Department SAL Commander, Chris

October 15th - District 5 Fall meeting is October 15th at Sutherland. (More information later but put this date on your calendar!!!)

December 29th - MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AWARD deadline