



DISTRICT 11 Newsletter  
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Theme: Remember, Honor & Respect our Veterans  
Symbol: Flag

**FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!!** – I have seen many news articles in print and on television so far this month about how prevalent heart disease is especially in women and younger people. Please be aware of the warning signs of a heart attack and heart disease and let us all eat healthier in 2023. Of course, that is after we eat all of the Valentine's candy we get!

**MID-YEAR CONFERENCE** – Due to an issue with my back and then my husband ending up in the hospital twice right before Mid-Year and is now homebound with me being his "caretaker", I was unable to attend. I was really disappointed in not being able to go. Our District 11 Vice-President, Sue Goodson, was also unable to attend due to health issues. District Secretary/Treasurer, Loree Hendrickson, filled in for me. I did have the door prizes ready to send along as well as other items the District Presidents were to provide. Thank you to those units who sent \$5.00 for a door prize as well as the units that took door prizes to the conference. At Mid-Year, District 11 was in first place in membership. We were presented a small wooden car/plaque with my name as President with the caption "Racing in Membership" Rev Up Your Engines in 2023. Leading the State of Nebraska. First Place as of January 11, District 11 at 84.86% - Mid-Year Conference – Norfolk. Thank you to every member who has paid their dues for 2023! Four unit charters were turned in. I am happy to report that none were from our District. The auction held during Mid-Year was very successful – raising \$3,016.00. This amount will be split between the Auxiliary AEF and the Legion NEF. Thank you to those units and members who provided an auction item.

**2023 – 2024 DEPARTMENT CANDIDATES** – The following announced their candidacy during Mid-Year: President – Lisa Moore; Vice-President – Amanda Washburn; Historian – Ruth Hietbrink; Chaplain – Vicki Cyboron; and NEC – Vicki Ozenbaugh.

**MEMBERSHIP** – I am pleased to report that our District has kept the number one spot in membership percentage through Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. We are at 1,936 paid members with a percentage of 86.97%. Nebraska is still the leader of the Northwestern Division. Our Department overall paid ALA members is at 13,810. Keep sending in those dues. Our Department Membership Chairman's next goal is to have all units reach 80%. We have 12 out of 35 units that are not yet at 80%. All officers and members need to help out their unit's membership chairman to reach their goal.

**2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES INFO** – The 2024 Unit Dues Date form was in your January Department newsletter. This form needs to be returned to Department by March 1, 2023. You will also need to update your Bylaws/Standing Rules and send a copy to Department.

**CONVENTION CALL** – The Convention Call is attached with this newsletter.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION** – Is right around the corner. Please make plans to attend. The deadline for History Books, Prayer Books, and Publicity Books, is March 15, 2023. Please have these to the respective chairman by this date. Vicki Fleming, Historian – 416 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Deshler, NE 68340; Sandra Karst, Chaplain – 431 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wilber, NE 68465; and Kimberly Gurley, Publicity – P.O. Box 277, Milligan, NE 68406. Poppy Centerpieces will be judged the day of the convention. For all contests, use the information from the ABC book. All poppy centerpiece entries should be at the convention location by 9:15 a.m. Your unit's poppy order

will be available to be picked up at convention. We are in need of a District 11 Vice-President. If you are interested or have a suggestion on who would be a good nominee, please contact me.

**Reports will be needed from each county and/or units prior to District Convention. Please have a summary of your county/unit's activities to me by March 1, 2023. For those 18 units that sent me reports for Mid-Year, you just need to finish out the report by adding activities done in January, February and March.**

**District 11 Chaplain** – Sandra Karst has volunteered to be in charge of the Memorial Service. Please send your list of deceased members since last convention to her. You can send by e-mail at [saundrakarst@gmail.com](mailto:saundrakarst@gmail.com) or by mail to Sandra Karst, 431 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Wilber, NE 68465.

**REMINDER** – I plan to have an auction to raise money for our District treasury. This will be held at noon. I am asking that each unit provide a basket of home baked items, home canned items, or any ONE item (hand crafted or new is OK) that your unit would feel would make a good auction item. Expenses paid from our District treasury include our donations to Veterans Homes, President's projects, other programs and general expenses.

**FLAG INFO – Prohibited uses** – The flag should never be displayed with the stars down except as a distress signal. It should never be displayed on an automobile, boat or flat except from a staff. It should not have any words placed on it. The flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or floor.

**WORDS OF WISDOM** – The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

### **DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

District 11 Jr. Convention	March 11, 2023 a.m.	Dorchester	Legion Hall
Junior Dept. Convention	March 11, 2023 p.m.	Dorchester	Legion Hall
District 11 Convention	March 25, 2023	Beatrice	Reg. 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Jr. Law Cadet	April 2, 2023	Cortland	Post #253 - 2:00 p.m.
Girls State	June 4 – 11, 2023	Lincoln	
Department Convention	June 22 – 25, 2023	Kearney	Ramada Inn
National Convention	August 25 – Sept 1, 2023	Charlotte, NC	

### **DAYS IN FEBRUARY TO FLY YOUR AMERICAN FLAG**

February 12, 2023 - Lincoln's Birthday  
February 20, 2023 - Washington's Birthday (Observed)  
February 20, 2023 - President's Day

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# 2023 DISTRICT CONVENTION CALL

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Nebraska

DISTRICT 11

March 25, 2023

The Annual Convention of District 11, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska, will be held in Beatrice, NE on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Beatrice Legion Post #27, 701 Dorsey, Beatrice, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. and meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.

## PURPOSE

The convention is called for the purpose of:

1. Electing District Officers for the ensuing year.
2. Receiving reports of the County Presidents and/or Unit Presidents
3. Transaction of Business

## REPRESENTATION

Representation at the District Convention shall be the same as that granted to the Units at the Department Convention. (District Constitution, Article V Convention, Section 2; The District Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3)

## REGISTRATION FEE AND BANQUET COSTS

The registration fee shall be \$5.00 for each person attending the Convention with an additional banquet cost of \$8.00. The banquet will commence at noon.

## DISPLAYS

Poppy Centerpieces will be judged at 9:15 a.m. and need to be at the Beatrice Legion Post by that time. The History, Prayer, and Publicity books will be displayed at the Beatrice Legion Post. County flags need to be at the Beatrice Legion Post by 9:30 a.m.

Please share this information with your Unit Members.

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Vicky Thompson, District 11 President