



DISTRICT 11 Newsletter

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Theme: Remember, Honor & Respect our Veterans

Symbol: Flag

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – The 2022 Department Convention was held in Columbus from June 23, 2022 through June 26, 2022. District 11 ended up in third place in membership so our delegation was able to sit very near the front of the room. Registration reported Sunday morning that there were 111 delegates, 29 at-large delegates, 87 units, 3 juniors and 2 guests that had registered during the convention for a total of 145 registrations. Our special guest was National President, Kathy Daudistel. Her talk on “caregivers” and how she decided to focus on this program was very interesting. The Legion and Auxiliary have been in the process of trying to find a new office location in Lincoln. Information on a possible building was presented and it sounded very promising. However, we have since been informed that the seller is firm on the asking price of 1.6 million so the hunt is on again to find a suitable new home for our Legion Family headquarters. Reports and awards were presented by Department Chairman. Much time was spent on our Constitution and By-laws and with several changes, it was adopted.

District 11 was well represented by the following: Prayer Book – 1st place – Dorchester; Poppy Posters – Division V – Shickley; Scholarships were awarded to students from Shickley, Deshler, Ohiowa and Carleton; Unit Member of the Year – Phyllis Schoenholz of Ohiowa Unit #193; NW Division Education Award – Sharon Brozovsky; Youth Hero Award to a male youth from Geneva; and last but not least, Vicki Ozenbaugh was installed as Department President on Sunday. Four members from District 11 have accepted Chairmanships. During the convention, the Legion awarded the Eagle Scout of the Year Award to Braden Capek of Milligan and the Outstanding Female Junior Law Cadet Award to Skylar Schwisow of Western. Congratulations to everyone from District 11!!!

MEMBERSHIP – A \$2.00 increase in dues per senior member to Department effective for 2024 dues was passed during convention. National will be voting on a dues increase of \$6.00 during the convention in August to be effective in 2024. As a reminder, any new members for the 2023 membership year cannot be paid until September 1, 2022. You can start entering new members now, but you must enter an effective date of September 1, 2022 or after. This will ensure that the member will be billed for the 2023 membership year. These new members will NOT be billed until the effective date. Any members entered with an effective date before September 1, 2022, will be billed for the 2022 membership year.

UNIT ELECTIONS – PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF THE OFFICE INFORMATION FORM I INCLUDED WITH MY LAST NEWSLETTER. This is the form that Department requested. I need to keep my e-mail and mailing list up to date. If you want to keep getting my newsletters – please provide this information to me. As of this mailing, I have only received two out of 35 units. I also am asked to forward a list of all unit presidents and their info to our department membership chairman.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S PROJECTS – 2022 – 2023 – Defense of POW/MIA Accounting Agency - Gifts to be used for the purpose of facilitating accounting for missing persons pursuant to Title 10, U.S. Code 1501(a). Medal of Honor Foundation - Phase 3 is to “**Ever Honor**” the thirty-five Medal of Honor veterans buried in Nebraska. The plan is to purchase a wreath, decorate it with Medal of Honor flags, and display it. Complete details have not yet been finalized.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT’S PROJECT – My project for the 2022 – 2023 year will be to raise funds to supplement the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. With all of the many natural disasters our country has experienced this past year – tornados, flooding, and forest fires – there is definitely a need. I will have a raffle to win a quilt which is currently being pieced together.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF THE FLAG? – In 1989 congress agreed that term “flag of the United States” means any flag of the United States, or any part thereof, made of any substance, of any size, in a form commonly displayed. That makes it pretty clear we are not talking about articles of clothing that happen to be red, white and blue, have stars and stripes and may resemble the flag. It also makes it clear that we are not talking about digitized or other “images” of the flag. (Information taken from Let’s Be Right on Flag Etiquette, prepared and distributed by the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion).

WORDS OF WISDOM – If you fell down yesterday stand up today.

DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

National Convention	August 26 – Sept. 1	Milwaukee, WI	
Leadership/Homecoming	October 1, 2022	Seward	Harvest Hall at Fairgrounds
Fall Round-up	October 16, 2022	York	Legion Club

DAYS IN JULY TO FLY YOUR AMERICAN FLAG

July 4, 2022 - 4th of July

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