



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

**NATIONAL CONVENTION** – I returned from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 1, 2022, very late in the evening. It was a great convention with several Nebraska units being recognized during the sessions on the “big screen”. Our own District 11 member Deb Albers gave her National Jr. Activities report and introduced the Junior Member of the Year, Ava Groth. Also appearing on the screen during the convention was recognition for Pleasant Dale Unit 354 for their book drive project. Beverly Neel and Leatrice Doolan appeared on the big screen when Unit 32 of District 8, was featured for their project of purchasing equipment for dementia patients at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home. Offutt Air Force Base was also highlighted. Our National Historian recognized Angie Foster, our Department Historian, for several of her projects. Pictures of our time capsules taken to Department Convention were shown as well as her project and display for her St. Patrick’s project and the donations to the AEF for those units and districts who sent the pictures she had requested. I attended the convention as a delegate. Our new National President is Vickie Koutz from the Department of Indiana. Her theme is Honor Our Veterans Every Day. Her homecoming is October 13 – 15, 2022, in Evansville, Indiana. If you attend your county meetings, you will hear more about the convention.

**UNIT PRESIDENTS** – You should have received your September Department Newsletter from Department President Vicki Ozenbaugh. Included in this newsletter is the poppy order form, the VA&R 2022 Schedule for Dollar Days, Gift Shop and Gifts for Yanks Events, and the Unit Assessments for Veterans Home & Gift Shop form. Again, as District President, I receive a copy of everything that is mailed to each unit. So, if you misplace a form or need anything from the newsletters, please contact me and I will see that you get it.

**MEMBERSHIP** – The proposed \$6.00 dues increase to National for the 2024 year was adopted during the convention. The three \$1.00 increment increases proposed through 2030 were not approved. Many steps have been taken by the National office to reduce costs. Office positions have been eliminated/combined, zoom meetings to save expenses, etc. It was pointed out that if every current member recruited just one new member, future deficit problems would be taken care of. Keep working on membership!

**PER CAPITA DUES** – Your unit’s per capita dues statement has been sent. If you did not receive this notice, please contact me or Loree Hendrickson. Please pay these dues in a timely manner – within 30 days of receipt of notice.

**2022 – 2023 DISTRICT PRESIDENT’S PROJECT** – My project for the 2022 – 2023 year is to raise funds to supplement the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. I will be bringing the quilt I am raffling and raffle tickets to county meetings, Fall Roundup, local events and the District Convention. With all of the many natural disasters our country has experienced this past year – tornados, flooding, and forest fires – there is definitely a need.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING/HOMECOMING 2022** – Department Legion Commander Don Suchy, Department Auxiliary President, Vicki Ozenbaugh, and Detachment SAL Commander, Chris Casey, are hosting this event on Saturday, October 1, 2022, in Seward. Registration is at 12:30 with a joint opening at 1:00. We then separate for our training at 1:30. This is a great opportunity to learn from each of our Department Chairman and network with other members. Please consider attending at least the afternoon program. The banquet is at 6:30 p.m. with special entertainment. The Nebraska National Guard Museum at 201 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, in

Seward will be open for the American Legion Family on Saturday morning at no charge. The registration form was included in the last Department newsletter. The information is also in the latest "Star" publication and on the Nebraska ALA website.

**FLAG INFO** – September 3, 1777, was the first day the American Flag was flown.

**WORDS OF WISDOM** – Adopt the pace of nature, her secret is patience.

### DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Thayer County Meeting	September 7, 2022	Davenport	Reg. 6:30 p.m.
Jefferson County Meeting	September 11, 2022	Plymouth	Reg. 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
York County Meeting	September 12, 2022	McCool Junction	Reg. 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Fillmore County Meeting	September 18, 2022	Ohiowa	Reg. 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Saline County Meeting	September 22, 2022	Friend	Reg. 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Leadership/Homecoming	October 1, 2022	Seward	Harvest Hall at Fairgrounds
Fall Round-up	October 16, 2022	York	Post #19
2022 Oratorical Contest	November 12, 2022	Dorchester	Post #264 2:00 p.m.
Mid-Year Conference	January 13 – 15, 2023	Norfolk	Norfolk Lodge
District 11 Convention	March 25, 2023	Beatrice	Reg. 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Jr. Law Cadet	April 2, 2023	Cortland	Post #253 2:00 p.m.
Department Convention	June 22 – 25, 2023	Kearney	Ramada Inn
National Convention	August 25 – Sept 1, 2023	Charlotte, NC	

### DAYS IN SEPTEMBER TO FLY YOUR AMERICAN FLAG

- September 2, 2022 - VJ Day
- September 5, 2022 - Labor Day
- September 11, 2022 - Patriot Day

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