



DISTRICT 11 Newsletter

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Theme: Remember, Honor & Respect our Veterans

Symbol: Flag

THANK YOU – I want to thank everyone from District 11 and beyond who sent their condolences, thoughts, prayers, cards, memorials, and flowers at the passing of my husband, Robert D. Thompson. I am very blessed to be a part of our wonderful Auxiliary family.

DISTRICT 11 CONVENTION – was hosted by Beatrice Unit 027 on March 25, 2023. The registration committee reported 44 Seniors, 2 Guests and 0 Juniors for the morning session and 45 Seniors, 2 Guests and 0 Juniors for the afternoon session. Department officers sharing information were Ruth Hietbrink, Department Chaplain; Deb Albers, Department Children & Youth, National Community Service Vice Chair & Department Constitution & Bylaws Committee; Beverly Neel, Department Membership Chairman, Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman & National Executive Committee person; Loree Hendrickson, Department Legislative Chairman, Marla Furrow, Department Poppy Chairman; and Kimberly Gurley, Department Publicity Chairman.

DISTRICT 11 CONVENTION – HIGHLIGHTS – The Rosewood Gavel was presented to Shickley Unit 164 for the second consecutive year. The gavel is awarded to the unit who has the highest percentage of memberships turned in by September 1st. The noon auction was successful again this year. The amount raised for our treasury was \$888.00. The drawing for the winner of the quilt was held immediately after the auction. The raffle raised \$462.00 for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and was won by John Riechers of rural Wilber. The quilt was delivered to Mr. Riechers by your president on the way home from the convention. His family was very excited to receive the quilt. The prayer book from Dresher Unit 475 was awarded 1st place. There were six poppy centerpieces judged by the poppy committee. First place was awarded to Plymouth, Unit #243; 2nd place to Beatrice, Unit 027; and 3rd place to Milligan, Unit 240. Two changes were made to the standing rules. An updated copy is attached. District 11 is still in 1st place in membership, but only by .04% as of March 29, 2023. Please keep working on membership. It was announced that Ohioa is now a 100% unit. Installation of Officers was held. Your new President will be Cindy Lugan and your new Vice-President will be Marla Furrow. Cindy announced her theme – Remember Those Who Gave Their All – Wear a Poppy, and her symbol will be the Poppy. Loree Hendrickson will remain Secretary/Treasurer and her officers and chairmen will be Deb Albers, Parliamentarian; Jan Holtmeier, Chaplain; Alice Vieselmeyer, Historian; Sue Goodson, Music Chair, Trudy Spicer, Poppy Chair; and Gerry Johnson, Publicity Chair.

THANK YOU – To the Beatrice Post and Unit for hosting the convention and serving a great lunch, for the department officers who attended and spoke, to my chairmen who shared their information, to the registration committee, and to my officers who helped keep everything running smoothly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were several important announcements made during the convention – Fall Round-up for 2023 will be held in Fairmont on October 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. The District 11 Convention for 2024 will be held in Wilber on Saturday, March 23rd. Please mark your calendars now. The Legion and Auxiliary have purchased a new building and have sold the current building. The process of moving has begun. The P.O. Box mailing address for Department will not change. The new building is on West O Street near Shoemakers Truck Stop. (Sorry, I don't know the actual address). Annual reports are due to Department on April 20th.

IMPORTANT – The location of the Department Convention has changed. It is still in Kearney, same dates, but will be held at the Younes Conference Center South. It is suggested that you cancel any reservations made with the Ramada Inn and use the rooms at the Comfort Inn (308) 236-3400) or the LaQuinta (308-237-4400). The room rates are \$129.95 nightly plus tax.

AEF COLLECTION JAR – At leadership school last fall, our Department Membership Chairman, Beverly Neel, asked each District President to take a jar and pass it around at each meeting the President would attend and also at their District Convention. I am very pleased to announce that our District donated a total of \$330.10 for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. For the District that collects the most, Beverly is planning to donate \$50.00 to the AEF Fund on their behalf. Thank you everyone that donated to that jar.

ANNUAL REPORTS – I previously mentioned that annual reports are due to Department by April 20, 2023. As I am required to do a summary report of the activities of the units in District 11 for the Department Convention booklet, PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF THE REPORT THAT YOU SEND TO DEPARTMENT. I will take that information and do the report. I would like to have 100% reporting – from all 35 units.

FLAG INFO – MYTH – “The Flag Code prohibits the “fringing” of the flag.” Fringing of the flag is neither approved of nor prohibited by the Flag Code. The American Legion considers that fringe is used as an honorable enrichment to the Flag.

WORDS OF WISDOM – Live, travel, adventure, bless and do not be sorry.

DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Jr. Law Cadet	April 2, 2023	Cortland	Post #253 - 2:00 p.m.
Easter	April 9, 2023		
Reports Due	April 20, 2023		
Poppy Posters due to Department Chairman	April 20, 2023		
Paryer Books to Department Chaplain	May 1, 2023		
National Poppy Day	May 26, 2023		
Girls State Orientation	Various Dates	On-Line	
Girls State	June 4 – 11, 2023	Lincoln	
Department Convention	June 22 – 25, 2023	Kearney	Younes Conference Center South
National Convention	August 25 – Sept 1, 2023	Charlotte, NC	

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