



American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter October 2023



Remember Those Who Gave Their All

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Do you play piano/keyboard? Would you consider playing at the District 11 Fall Round-Up? Patriotic songs are so important to our members and most enjoy singing. If you are willing to play, please contact President Cindy. Thank You!!

Do you enjoy looking at pictures? I know that I do! Someone is needed to take pictures at the Fall Round-Up. You do not need a camera - a smart phone takes wonderful pictures. Forward pictures and Cindy will place them on the District Facebook Page. If you can help out for only this meeting - terrific! If you can help out for the rest of the year - Fantastic!! Hope to hear from someone! Thank you!



You Are Invited!!

Would you like to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary? If you are a grandmother, mother, male or female spouse, sister, daughter or granddaughter of a Veteran then you are eligible to be a member.

Members – if you know someone that fits the above description – bring them along with you to the **District 11 Fall Round-Up in Fairmont NE on Sunday, October 15 with registration at 1:30 pm.** There is a cost of \$5.00 per person to help cover the price of materials and refreshments. There is no pre-registration, just sign-in when you arrive.

District 11 officers and chairs will be presenting information concerning the Auxiliary and its Programs. There will also be officers and chairs from the Department and NW Division in attendance. If you have a specific question or program you want more information about – please contact Cindy at the information provided on the front page.

There is a need for more members to be involved in our programs. There is always a need for new members. If you don't want to jump into a chair position, reach out to the current chair and see if they could use help. Members teaching members and sharing information is how we grow. Previous officers and chairs have knowledge and experience to share – reach out to them. Keep involved as much as you are able. Share your story.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT PROJECT

President Lisa has decided that her first project is to pay the way for Juniors in Nebraska to attend the Northwestern Division Junior Conference. It is being held on February 3 at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln. Juniors will be reimbursed for their registration once they have attended the Junior Conference.

If you wish to donate to this project, send checks to the Department Office and be sure to put a notation about what it's for in the memo section.

Lisa's second project is going to be giving gift cards to the Fisher House. Veterans and their families can stay there for free no matter what member is getting treatment. They have need of cards for food, Target, Walmart, so that they can get what a family may need.

Department President Lisa has stated that National President, Lisa Williamson will be visiting Nebraska on August 3, 4, 5. That is the weekend of Czech Days. According to our President Lisa, National President Lisa will be riding in parades, working at an information booth for the American Legion Auxiliary, raising money for her National President's Project and helping our Lisa to present the cards to Fisher House.

ABC BOOK 2023-2024

Most of the Unit Presidents should have received their copy of the updated ABC Book. Vice-President Amanda will also put in on the website. Make sure your chairs have their portion of the Programs.

MEMBERSHIP

Department Chair Loree is stressing **VISIBILITY!** in our membership. The more we are "out there" in our communities, focusing on our programs, we are **VISIBLE!**

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department Newsletter has gone out. It included copies of three scholarships. One for Career and Technical Education (\$500). Another is Healthcare Professional (\$500). The last is the Nebraska ALA Memorial scholarship (\$400). Please reach out to your Junior members that are Seniors in High School. The applicants have to be a Nebraska resident and have a Veteran connection. Please get this information out in the schools!!

In Flanders Fields (An Answer)

C.B. Galbreath

In Flanders Field the cannon boom,
 And fitful flashes light the gloom,
 While up above; like eagles, fly
 The fierce destroyers in the sky;
 With stains, the earth wherein you lie,
 Is redder than the poppy bloom,
 In Flanders Field.

Sleep on, ye brave, the shrieking shell,
 The quaking trench, the startled yell,
 The fury of the battle hell,
 Shall wake you not, for all is well.
 Sleep peacefully, for all is well.
 Your flaming torch aloft we bear,
 With burning heart, an oath we swear
 To keep the faith, to fight it through,
 To crush the foe, or sleep with you,
 In Flanders Field.



Original oil painting by Nebraska native Rita Romsdal Jarvis. Rita was raised in York County and her father served in the military. This painting will be raffled to raise funds for the District President's Project.

CELEBRATION DAYS!

OCTOBER

05	Thursday	Nat'l Do Something Nice World Teachers Day
06	Friday	World Smile Day
09	Monday	Native Americans' Day
10	Tuesday	World Mental Health Day
11	Wednesday	Nat'l Stop Bullying Day
12	Thursday	Farmers Day
13	Friday	Navy Birthday
21	Saturday	Nat'l Pets for Veterans Day
28	Saturday	Nat'l First Responders Day
31	Tuesday	Halloween

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

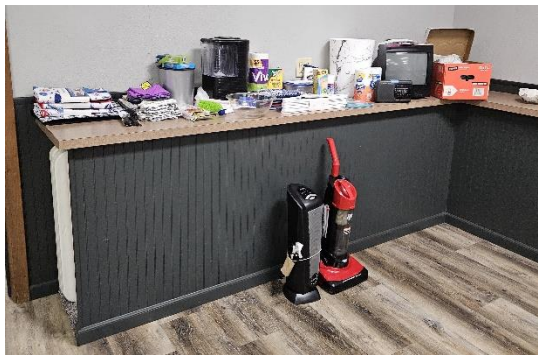
October 15	District 11 Fall Round-Up	Fairmont	2 p.m.
January 19-21, 24	Department Mid-Year Conference	Kearney	Holiday Inn
February 3	NW Division Mission Training and Junior Conference	Lincoln	Cornhusker Marriott
February 11	District 11 Executive Committee Meeting	Milligan	2 p.m. (tentative)
March 23	District 11 Convention	Wilber	10 a.m.

District President Visits for September

I was able to attend three County meetings this month. I apologize to Saline County for not being able to make it. I learned much and hope I passed on information. I sold raffle tickets for my project. The oil painting "Field of Poppies" appears to be a hit. It is a wonderful painting. `

My first stop was **Jefferson County** with the meeting being held in Diller. During the Auxiliary meeting, new officers were elected. Marla Furrow will continue as President (Plymouth); Peggy Junker as Vice-President (Fairbury); Janet McGary as Secretary (Plymouth) and Kathy Houser as Treasurer (Daykin).

The Jefferson County Project is that each Unit in the County brings supplies for a room for a Veteran at the Victory Apartments in Lincoln. This is just a sample of what they bring.



I took copies of the September newsletter, the District 11 Constitution and Bylaws and Unit memberships and goals. I was also able to sell some raffle tickets. (to all meetings)

Marla is hoping to get Diller to charter an Auxiliary Unit as they have a Legion Post.

The next evening, I attended the **York County** Meeting held in McCool Junction. Elections were postponed to the next County meeting as not every Unit was present. The next County Meeting will be held in Gresham on March 11, 2024. The County Government Day will be held on March 13, 2024.

McCool Junction Post and Unit are scheduled to have a Flag Retirement Ceremony. They have received over 400 Flags to retire.

This is a very busy County!

Last was my "hometown" county – **Thayer County** meeting was held in Hebron. I was there representing Alexandria as well as the District. The Legion let us know that the Thayer County Government Day is set for November 16. Each Unit is to bring 3 dozen cookies. Deshler Unit will be there to serve but always welcomes help.

Deb Albers, NW Division Community Service Chair was in attendance. She is a member of the Davenport Unit within Thayer County. She is a wonderful asset to our County.

President Melany presided over the meeting. This was her first meeting as President. She did a terrific job. The next meeting is set for February 8, 2024 in Alexandria, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

