



American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter December 2023



Remember Those Who Gave Their All

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Let us all remember President Lisa's theme.

**Nebraska Strong & Faithful
Serving Veterans Always**

happy
Holidays

I hope you had a Wonderful Thanksgiving! I spent time with family and friends and neighbors. My cats were in 7th heaven.

From the list of Veterans Day programs, it looks like we honored those who have served and continue to serve. Let's be forever thankful.

December is upon us. Including the cold weather. Take time to count your blessings each and every day. If you are able, help someone in need. A sandwich, cup of coffee, groceries - nothing is too small. Many veterans are homeless - purchase some warm socks to give them, blankets to keep them warm. Keep them in your heart, mind and prayers.

“
Father,
Today I celebrate the reality of Your presence in my life. I celebrate Your birth, Your life, Your death, and Your resurrection. And as I celebrate, Lord, help me to be “God with skin on” to those in need around me. Open my eyes and let me see them as You see them! I love You. Happy birthday Jesus! In Jesus name, Amen.”

MARY SOUTHERLAND

—womans day—

Make Your Reservation!!

Department Mid-Year Conference

January 19-21, 2024.

Holiday Inn – Kearney
110 Second Ave

308-237-5971 rates \$114.95/night

Watch for your
Department newsletter or
the STAR for more
information!

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Nebraskalegionaux.net

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District 11 Contest Entry Deadlines

HISTORY BOOK – March 1, 2024

Alice Vieselmeyer
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PRAYER BOOK – March 1, 2024

Jan Holtmeier
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If you need to reach by phone, call or
text Cindy to get the numbers.

PRESIDENTS – UNIT & COUNTY

As District 11 President, I am preparing a report for Department Mid-Year Conference. I would like to report on the activities that our Units and Counties are working on. **Dates are May 1, 2023 through December 1, 2023.** Many of our Units and members help with Community Service – taking a Veteran/family to a doctor appointment, calling a Veteran, visiting them, gifting them items. Or how about your Veterans Day activities? Did you have a Memorial Day Program? Did you present Quilts of Valor since May? How about the Poppy Program? Any school programs presented? Junior Activities? You, the member, is what makes the Auxiliary strong.

Please get your information to me by January 1st. Feel free to email or mail to me. (info on front page)

DISTRICT 11 POPPY CENTERPIECE CONTEST

Bring your centerpieces to the District 11 Convention on March 23, 2024 in Wilber. Centerpieces need to be available for judging by 9:15 a.m. – meetings start at 10:00 a.m.

Mission Training 101

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Would you like to learn more about working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary? Would you like to network with national leaders and other members in your district who share your passion and enthusiasm for helping our veterans? During this 1-day conference, you'll be inspired while learning more about working the ALA's core programs in an interactive and fun environment. Many of the American Legion Auxiliary Mission Outreach programs will be covered during this conference.

Is Mission Training Right for you?

- Yes - if you are interested in meeting members and national leaders outside of your local area who share your passion for helping veterans!
- Yes - if you want to share great ideas with other members across the country or renew your enthusiasm for our mission!
- Yes - if you find yourself growing more involved and you don't know where to turn for the information you need, or you have been doing the same activities for years and you want a fresh approach!

National Junior Meeting

Junior members who have celebrated their 8th birthday or older may attend the national Junior meetings. Many activities will be taking place that are fun and interactive. We hope by bringing the meeting closer to our Juniors, that many more will be able to attend this one-day meeting over a weekend.

Is the Junior meeting right for your Junior?

- Yes - if they are interested in meeting other Junior members and national leaders outside of their local area who share their passion for helping veterans!
- Yes - if they want to share great ideas with other Junior members across the country and learn more about what it means to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary!

Lincoln, Nebraska: Saturday, February 3, 2024

<https://www.legion-aux.org/>

use for reservations, under EVENTS.

Marriott Lincoln Cornhusker

333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

For Lincoln, the following dates and fees will apply: If you register by January 20, two weeks before the meeting, the registration fee is \$65. After January 20 and for on-site registration, the fee is \$70. There are no refunds after January 20. **Registration will close on Sunday, January 28.**

Agenda

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:45 a.m. **WELCOME**
 - **ALA MISSION TRAINING SESSION Part I**
 - Be the One
 - Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Military
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **ALA MISSION TRAINING SESSION Part II**
 - The Impact of Membership
 - Understanding ALA Branding
 - Community & Members- Youth Programs
- 4:00 p.m. **WRAP UP**

Unit Presidents – if your Unit has not paid the District per capita dues yet, please do so ASAP. Reach out to District 11 Treasurer, Loree Hendrickson to double check and for amounts.

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CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 11!!

As of December 3, District 11 is in 1st place in Membership with 70.34%.

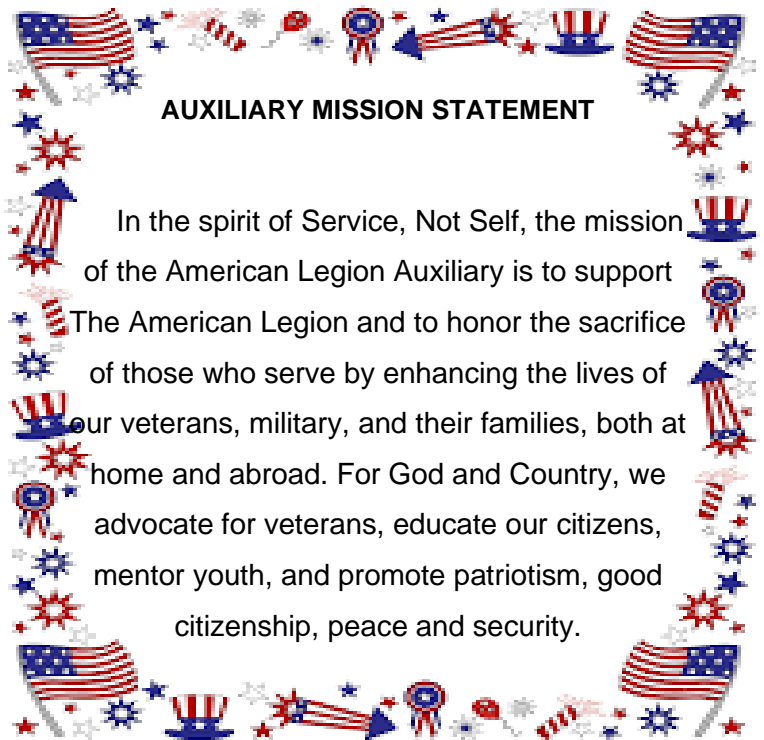
Our 35 Units in 6 Counties are doing a great job with membership. At 70% we still have a way to go. Keep up the Good Work! Contact those members who have not renewed and reach out to previous members.

Plymouth, Ohioa and Shickley Units are all above 90%. Way to Go!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day		
December 21	Winter Begins		
December 25	Christmas		
December 31	New Years Eve		
January 19-21, 24	Department Mid-Year Conference	Kearney	Holiday Inn
January 25	Saline County meeting		
January 28	Fillmore County meeting	Shickley	2:00 p.m.
February 3	NW Division Mission Training and Junior Conference		
	Lincoln	Cornhusker Marriott	
February 8	Thayer County meeting	Alexandria Legion Hall	6:00 pm registration
February 11	District 11 Executive Committee Meeting,	Alexandria Legion Hall	2 p.m.
March 23	District 11 Convention	Wilber	10 a.m.



AUXILIARY MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

CELEBRATION DAYS!

DECEMBER

05	Tuesday	International Volunteer Day
10	Sunday	Human Rights Day
12	Tuesday	National Poinsettia Day
15	Friday	Bill of Rights Day
16	Saturday	National Wreaths Across America Day
21	Thursday	National Short Girl Appreciation Day
28	Thursday	Pledge of Allegiance Day
30	Saturday	National Bacon Day