



American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter January 2024



Remember Those Who Gave Their All

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District 11 Contest Entry Deadlines

HISTORY BOOK – March 1, 2024

Alice Vieselmeyer
112 S Pine St Friend NE 68359

PRAYER BOOK – March 1, 2024

Jan Holtmeier
132 County Road Y Tobias NE 68453

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

Let us all remember President Lisa's theme.

Nebraska Strong & Faithful Serving Veterans Always

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

**DISTRICT 11 SPRING
CONVENTION**

WILBER LEGION HALL

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION/10 A.M. MEETING

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICES DISTRICT CONVENTION

Please send the information for your deceased members to Lori Balke, Beatrice Unit president.

loribalke@hotmail.com

402.239.7182

BRING CASH OR YOUR CHECKBOOK!!

The District 11 President's Project Raffle will be selling tickets prior to the drawing after lunch.

An AUCTION will be held right after lunch. Units please bring at least one item for the auction. Baked goods, canned jams and jellies sell very well. Unique items or baskets are always wonderful. If you are unable to make it and have an item, contact Cindy and she will make arrangements to get your donation picked up.

DONATIONS JARS will be available for President Lisa's projects and for Honorary Junior Department President Sam Stepanik's project. There will also be pigs available for the Child Welfare Foundation and Children & Youth.

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!

NE Auxiliary website:

Nebraskalegionaux.net

District Officers and Chairs include:

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Ejpohlmann1@gmail.com

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Unit Presidents should have received their 2025 Unit Dues Data Form. These need to be turned into the Department Office by March 1. This needs to be done whether or not your dues change.

Mid-Year Fundraisers

Friday evening at the Kearney Legion Post from 6 pm to 8 pm, fundraisers will be held.

District Chili Cook Off – each District to bring chili – regular or spicy. Ten tickets for \$20 to judge the chili. Chili will be sold – small container \$4 or large for \$8.

Cinnamon Rolls sold for \$2 each.

Poker Walk - \$5 a hand

All Proceeds will go to the ALA General Fund.

From Cindy: I have asked Joe Summers, Legion member from Alexandria to provide his spicy chili for the cook off. Unless I hear differently, I will contact Vicki O to register.

MEMBERSHIP!!

Can it be true?! As of 12-20-2023, District 11 was in first place in our Department. How terrific!

100% Units: Plymouth Unit @ 101.96%

90% Units: Ohioa @ 97.96%

Shickley @ 90.91%

In District 11, Jefferson County is in first place with 84.16%.

WAY TO GO EVERYONE!!

NATIONAL SECURITY

Vicki Ozenbaugh

Vicki's article in the Department newsletter concerned making plastic sleeping mats for homeless veterans. This has been around for some time, but also helps the environment. According to the information provided, it takes 600-700 plastic bags to make a 6"X2.5" mat.

1. COLLECT – collect clean bags – no holes in them
2. FOLD – fold bags into original shape
3. CUT – cut off handles and an inch off the bottom. Then cut bags into 2.5" strips (loops)
4. PLARN Maker – link the loops to form plarn (plastic yarn)
5. CROCHET or KNIT!

GET HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CROCHET

Using size P or Q hook, use single crochet to make a 6'X3' mat. Make chain 36" long (approximately 66 chains). Make loops loose with a little space between each one. Make extra loop at the end for your turning point. Start in 3rd loop. Continue till it is 6' long. Crochet front to back to stop it from puckering up. Separately, crochet 2 rows of a single crochet to form a tie that is 80" long. Connect to the mat so that it can be rolled up and carried like a sleeping bag.

KNIT

Use size 19 knitting needles. Knit approximately 50 stitches until it reaches about 2.5' wide. Continue knitting until it reaches 6' long. Cast off and you are done!!

CELEBRATION DAYS!

JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	NATIONAL HANGOVER DAY
4	WORLD BRAILLE DAY
11	NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
15	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY CIVIL RIGHTS DAY
21	NATIONAL HUGGING DAY
24	NATIONAL COMPLIMENT DAY
27	INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
29	NATIONAL BUBBLE WRAP APPRECIATION DAY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19-20	Mid-Year Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney
January 25	Saline County Meeting, Wilber, 5:30 pm registration
January 28	Fillmore County Meeting, Shickley, 1:30 pm registration
February 3	Northwest Division Mission & Training and Junior Conference, Cornhusker Marriott Lincoln NE
February 8	Thayer County Meeting, Alexandria, 6:00 pm registration
February 11	District 11 Executive Committee Meeting, Alexandria, 2:00 pm
March 23	District Convention, Wilber, Registration 9:00 a.m. – Elections held
April 15	Purple Up for Military Kids Day
April 27	American Legion Family Day
May 24	National Poppy Day
May 27	Memorial Day Observed
June 20-23	Department of Nebraska Annual Convention, Ramada Inn, Kearney