



American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter April 2024



Remember Those Who Gave Their All

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NOTE PRESIDENT'S NEW ADDRESS

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Let us all remember President Lisa's theme.

Nebraska Strong & Faithful Serving Veterans Always

CURRENT COUNTY PRESIDENTS

Fillmore County	Vicky Thompson
Gage County	Gloria Henderson
Jefferson County	Marla Furrow
Saline County	Gerry Johnson
Thayer County	Donna Schweer
York County	Marcia Witmer

CELEBRATION DAYS! APRIL

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 2 National Reconciliation Day
- 5 Gold Star Spouses Day
- 9 National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- 11 National Submarine Day
- 12 Day of Silence
American Civil War
- 13 Thomas Jefferson birthday
- 15 Patriot's Day
Assassination of Abraham Lincoln
- 22 Earth Day
- 26 Arbor Day
- 30 Honesty Day



Did You Go to District 11 Convention?

It was an interesting, fun day and a day for learning. I don't know if I remember everything – I will report details when I get the minutes. There were five poppy centerpieces, two Prayer Books and one History Book. The History Book was from Plymouth as was the winning Poppy Centerpiece – well done Plymouth!! The winning Prayer Book was from Deshler. Congratulations! More Units need to become more active in these programs. The History Book needs to be done by every Unit. Each Unit has its own unique history.

I met a lot of people – quite a few new faces. It was a great bunch of members. There were 44 in attendance in the morning and 45 in the afternoon. Out of the 35 Units, there were 22 represented.

It was approved to donate to:

Central NE Veterans Home	\$50
Eastern NE Veterans Home	\$50
Norfolk NE Veterans Home	\$50
Western NE Veterans Home	\$50
Grand Island VAMC	\$50
Omaha VAMC	\$50
Fairview Manor - Fairmont, NE	\$50
Omaha, NE CBOC	\$25
Lincoln, NE CBOC	\$25
National President's Project	\$50
Department President's Project	\$50
Dept. Honorary Jr. President's Project	\$50
District 11 President's Project	\$50
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	\$50
Little Red School House	\$50
TOTAL	\$700.00

President Cindy turned in a bill for envelopes, mileage and program printing in the amount of \$101.65.

Marva Kasl will be reimbursed for a Past Honorary Junior President Pin in the amount of \$21.99.

The noon banquet was next. It was a wonderful chicken salad on a croissant and more. The desserts were very delicious.

After all were finished with their meal, the Auction was held. There were SO many wonderful items. There were wreaths – some quite silly – blankets, jelly, kolaches, cinnamon rolls and more. I don't have the exact number, but it was upwards of \$800. I bought my share!

Next was the oil painting raffle to help with the Purple Heart Wreaths – my project. The recipient of the "Field of Poppies" painting is Lynda Zieg from York. It will be delivered this week.

Next, we had reports from National, NW Division, Department and District officers and chairs. There were quite a few questions concerning reporting hours and where to record them. Reach out to NW Division Community Service Chair Deb Albers for your questions.

The new business was the updates to the District 11 Bylaws and Standing Rules. These proposed amendments had been sent to Unit and County presidents. The proposed amendments were adopted. A clean copy has been completed and will be signed by Secretary-Treasurer, Loree Hendrickson and myself. The District 11 Junior Governing Rules were updated to match the amendments of the Bylaws.

Elections were held next. The County Caucuses met and delivered their nominees to Parliamentarian, Deb Albers. Deb read the nominees: Cindy Lugan as President and Marla Furrow as Vice-President. Nominations were asked from the floor, hearing none a vote was taken, and Cindy will remain as President and Marla as Vice-President.

Vicki Ozenbaugh installed District President and Vice-President and four County Presidents. I have felt too overwhelmed lately that I hadn't reached out for the other District positions. I promise, it will be done.

UNIT REPORTS NEEDED ASAP!!

In your Department newsletter for March / April, there were several report forms. One was the Unit reporting form – this is for the hours you have provided to assist Veterans, Military and their families – and your Community. For each area that you participated in, fill out the form. Then there is the Unit Impact Report and after your elections is the Leadership form.

The Unit Reporting and the Impact forms need to be delivered to the Department Office by April 15. Everyone needs to pull their volunteer hours together and report ALL that you can remember.

“The New Colossus”

by Emma Lazarus 1883

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride
from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset
gates shall stand

A mighty woman with a torch,
whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and
her name
Mother of Exiles. From her
beacon-hand
Glowes worldwide welcome; her
mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin
cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied
pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your
tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your
teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden
door!”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1	April Fool’s Day
April 15	Purple Up for Military Kids Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Administrative Professionals Day
April 27	American Legion Family Day
	Nebraska Husker Spring Football Game (for those interested)
May 1	May Day
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 6	Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 12	Mother’s Day
May 18	Armed Forces Day
May 24	National Poppy Day
May 27	Memorial Day Observed
June 6	D-Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 16	Father’s Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	Summer Begins
June 20-23	Department of Nebraska Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, Kearney