

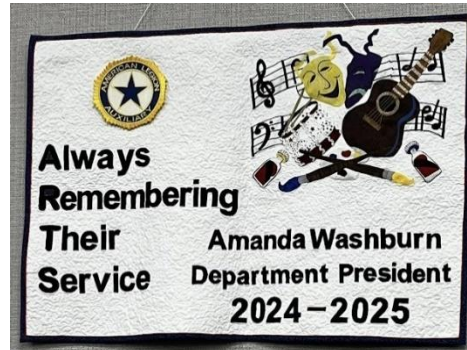


American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter September 2024



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NOTE PRESIDENT'S NEW ADDRESS & PHONE



**Amanda's Theme
ARTS!!**
Let's make her
theme a part of
who we are.

2024-2025

District Officers and Chairs include:

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Per Capita Dues Reminder

Pay both your County and your District per capita dues. A quick reminder that the District 11 per capita was raised from fifty cents (\$.50) to sixty cents **(\$.60)** last year. Use your 2023-24 membership ending on July 31, 2024, to figure your per capita. For District take your membership number multiply it by .60 and that is your per capita amount to be paid. Mail the per capita dues to District 11 Secretary/Treasurer Karen White, at 1409 Road 18, Fairmont NE 68354.

District 11 Fall Round-Up

October 12, 2024 2:00 p.m.
Fairbury NE VFW/Legion
2337 K Street

ALL District 11 members and friends
are welcome to attend!!

MILITARY FAMILIES MATTER

Prepare
with Pedro!



American
Red Cross



National Security Program

“Military Families Matter” is my theme for the 2024-2025 year. My project for the year is to distribute to grade schools in District 11, the **Ready 2 Help** card game from FEMA and the **Prepare with Pedro information packets** with coloring book and activity book from Red Cross.

Would you please let me know what grade schools are in your County? Not just the ones with a Post or Auxiliary Unit but all of them? That will give us an idea of how many sets of information need to be prepared. Information about being prepared for tornados, floods, fire, power outage, extreme heat, hand washing and resiliency and coping. There are coloring sheets and an activity book.

Send me a note – text, call, email, mail. Whatever works for you. Let me know when you come to District 11 Fall Round-up.

2024-2025 ALA Mission Training & National Junior Meetings

Nashville – November 16
Denver – November 16
Des Moines – January 25
Las Vegas – February 1

ALA District Fall Round-Up Schedule

1:30 REGISTRATON

2:00 MEETING BEGINS

JOINT MEETING

Opening Ceremony

Flag Salute

Opening Prayer

POW/MIA Empty Chair

Stand In Silence

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United

States of America

National Anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner”

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

and Auxiliary

Introductions – Legion and Auxiliary

**Presentation – John Heineman, Registered
Parliamentarian, Basics of a Meeting**

Adjourn into separate meetings.

AUXILIARY MEETING

Flag Salute

Introduction of guests/ Past Presidents/

Officers and Chairs.

Roll Call of Units / Minutes & Treasurer Report

Educational Information presented

National, Northwest Division, Department,

District, County, Unit

Report from Karen White, representative to National
Convention

President’s Report / Awards

New Business / Closing

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA&R 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DOLLAR DAYS – GIFT SHOPS – GIFTS FOR YANKS

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT ALL EVENTS ONE-HALF (1/2) HOUR BEFORE THE EVENT TIME.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY (ALA) VETERANS DOLLAR DAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Monday, November 4, 2024	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE Veterans' Home, Bellevue
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
Thursday, November 7, 2024	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk Veterans' Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center
Sunday, November 10, 2024	2:00 p.m.	Western NE Veterans' Home, Scottsbluff
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center, - 2 nd Floor REC Central NE Veterans' Home, Kearney
Thursday, November 14, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Papillion Community Living Center

ALA VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Set-up – Monday, December 16, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Omaha VA Medical Center
Gift Shop Dates: December 17-20, 2024

Set up – Monday, December 9, 2024 10:00 a.m. Grand Island Medical Center
Gift Shop Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Sunday, December 1, 2024	2:00 p.m.	Western NE Veterans' Home, Scottsbluff
Tuesday, December 3, 2024	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center – 2 nd Floor REC Central NE Veterans' Home, Kearney
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
Thursday, December 5, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Papillion Community Living Center
Friday, December 13, 2024	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk Veterans' Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center
Monday, December 16, 2024	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE Veterans' Home, Bellevue
DATE TO BE DETERMINED		VA Medical Center, Hot Springs, SD (D1 Membership Tour was held July 31-Aug 3)

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA, ALA VA&R COMMITTEE

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If your Unit or an individual member wishes to volunteer and or donate to any of our facilities, Contact the above individuals for current activities/events and needs.

2024 V A & R Scheduled Events at Facilities and Contact List for Facilities.

2024 STAND DOWNS

Stand downs were started in 1988 by two Vietnam veterans. Named for a military term for a combat unit's time to rest and recover while at war, today it is a grassroots effort to offer the same services to homeless veterans. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, there are about 131,000 homeless veterans on the street on any given night.

Stand downs typically include food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, benefits counseling, job counseling, and referral services. The philosophy of a stand down is to give homeless veterans a hand up, not a handout. Stand downs are organized by self-appointed community coalitions that take on the task of holding the event. Any group can decide to hold a stand down.

The traditional stand down lasts three days, providing shelter and food throughout the event, and may provide services such as haircuts, healthcare screenings, vision and dental care, VA benefits counseling, substance abuse counseling, and legal services.

VA HOMELESS PROGRAMS

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events during which VA staff and volunteers provide food, clothing and health screenings to homeless and at-risk Veterans. In addition, Veterans also receive referrals for health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, mental health counseling and other essential services.

Stand Downs in NEBRASKA

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Kerry Miller / 402.977.4458

Kerry.millerloos@va.gov

October 4, 2024 Norfolk

October 9 Omaha

October 16 Lincoln Linda Varajcka, 9 am – 3 pm, Pinnacle Bank Arena

October 24 Grand Island

November 1 Omaha Paula Pillen, 9 am – 2:30 pm, Milo Bail Student Center, 5201 S University Dr, Rd N, Omaha (UNO Campus)

UNIT VISITS

I had the honor of visiting the Crete Unit meeting on August 6th and the Jefferson County meeting on August 25th. There are ways that they are different, BUT many more ways that they are the same. The respect, comradeship and unity that I felt is always welcoming.

CRETE UNIT #147

QUILTS OF VALOR



Jay and John Quinn



John's back



Jay's back



President Gerry

Lorene Horkey received her 5 year Certificate. DQ cards were handed out to birthday individuals.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, AUGUST 25, 2024 in JANSEN

Marla Furrow is the Jefferson County President. District 11 Commander Robert Eyer opened the joint meeting. Introductions were made. VSO James Carpenter was in attendance. There were nine Legionnaires and 11 Auxiliary members plus me.

At the Auxiliary meeting, there was discussion concerning the per capita dues for both the County and the District. Also discussed is the County project. The project is for each Unit to pick a room from an apartment and donate items for that room. These items are taken to the Victory Park apartments in Lincoln NE. Elections were held. The Officers are Marla Furrow, President; Kathy Houser, Vice-President; Janet McGary, Secretary; and Kathy Houser, Treasurer. An Installation was held.



District 11 President Cindy Lugan, installing Jefferson County Officers. Janet McGary, Kathy Houser and Marla Furrow.

County Project Items



Let me know when your meeting is so I can visit! 402.713.1121 Cindy

BLUE STAR BANNER

The Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry. Queisser's two sons served on the front line. His banner quickly became the unofficial symbol for parents with a child in active military service.

On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record: "The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce and the governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother: their children." Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers organizations were established during World War I and remain active today.

During World War II, the Department of War issued specifications on manufacture of the flag, as well as guidelines indicating when the service flag could be flown and by whom. Restrictions were also passed on who can wear the service lapel. The Department of Defense authorized the service flag and service lapel on Dec. 1, 1967, with DoD Directive 1348.1, which implemented an act of Congress (U.S. Code 179-182). The Blue Star Service Banner is an 8.5-by-14-inch white field with one or more blue stars sewn onto a red banner. The size varies but should be in proportion to the U.S. flag. Today, families display these banners when they have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The blue star represents one family member serving, and a banner can have up to five stars. If the individual is killed or dies, a smaller golden star is placed over it. Gold stars are placed above the blue stars or to the top right of the flag, in the event a flag represents multiple servicemembers.

Blue Star Service Banners were widely used during both world wars but were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with the same enthusiasm. The American Legion rekindled that spirit of pride in our military men and women following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by providing banners to military families across the nation.



Units and Counties, please think about holding a Blue Star Banner presentation for your area. Many families have someone in the military that need to be recognized. The banner and the coin are available through the Flag and Emblem. For the presentation, I will look up information for you or get you in contact with someone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2	Labor Day / State Fair Veterans Parade York Unit meeting; 6:30 p.m., VFW Club
3	Western Unit meeting; 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall
9	York County meeting; 6:15 p.m., McCool Junction Community Hall
10	'STAR' articles DEADLINE Fairbury Unit meeting, 7 p.m.; VFW/Legion Hall, 2337 K St
11	Patriots Day Wilber Unit meeting, 6 p.m., Legion Hall
20	POW/MIA Recognition Day
26	Saline County meeting, DeWitt
29	Gold Star Family Recognition Day
OCTOBER 1	District Rosewood Gavel - highest membership percentage
12	District 11 Fall Round-up in Fairbury at 2 pm, 2337 K St
14	Columbus Day
16	Stand Down, Lincoln, 9 am to 3 pm
19	Area C, Oratorical Contest, 2 p.m. Cortland
31	Halloween

FOR YOUR ADVANCED PLANNING

January 17-19, 2025	Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk, Norfolk Lodge & Suites
June 26-29, 2025	Department Convention in Columbus, Quality Inn

CELEBRATION DAYS!

September

2	VJ Day / Labor Day
3	Signing of the Treaty of Paris
5	International Day of Charity
6	Fight Procrastination Day Read A Book Day
8	Grandparents Day International Literacy Day
10	World Suicide Prevention Day
12	National Day of Encouragement
13	Positive Thinking Day
14	National Live Creative Day
15	National Day of Democracy
17	Constitution Day Citizenship Day
21	International Day of Peace World Gratitude Day
22	Autumnal Equinox
23	National Family Day
24	National Voter Registration Day
26	Johnny Appleseed Day

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA



DISTRICT 11

2024-2025 DIRECTORY

The new District 11 Directory will be available for pickup at the District 11 Fall Round-Up