



American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter October 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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District 11 Fall Round-Up

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

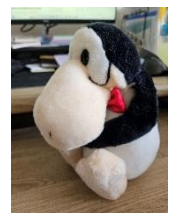
ALL District 11 members and friends
are welcome to attend!!

\$5.00 registration fee.

MILITARY FAMILIES MATTER

Prepare with Pedro!

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.



ALA District Fall Round-Up Schedule

1:30 REGISTRATION 2:00 MEETING BEGINS

JOINT MEETING

Opening Ceremony

Flag Salute

Opening Prayer

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

POW/MIA Empty Chair

Stand In Silence

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

QUICK NOTE – THERE WILL BE A FEW GUIDEBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. THEY ARE \$10.00. The UPDATED Guidebooks are available through the Legion Flag & Emblem for \$9.99 +tax & shipping.

The new District 11 Directory will be available for pickup at the District 11 Fall Round-Up. Each Unit President will get a Directory. Each County President will get one. Each District 11 Officer and Chair will get one.

If you would like one of these District 11 Directories, they can be ordered from President Cindy Lugan for \$2.00 (includes postage).

2024-2025 ALA Mission Training & National Junior Meetings

Nashville – November 16

Denver – November 16

Des Moines – January 25

Las Vegas – February 1

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.

As of 9/29/24 - 20 units have paid their per capita dues. This is terrific! The other 15 units need to get theirs paid ASAP. It is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

CELEBRATION DAYS

OCTOBER

- 5 National Do Something Nice Day
- World Teacher's Day
- 7 Child Health Day
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 12 Farmers Day
- 13 Navy Birthday
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 20 National Youth Confidence Day
- 21 National Pets for Veterans Day
- 25 National Art Day
- 26 National Make A Difference Day
- 28 National First Responders Day

UNIT VISITS

So far in September I have visited the York Unit meeting (QOV awarded) on September 2nd; the Western Unit meeting on the 3rd and the Fairbury Unit meeting on the 10th. I was unable to attend the York County meeting on the 9th. I am looking forward to attending the Saline County meeting in DeWitt on the 26th.

At the York Unit meeting there were six Quilts of Valor awarded in a short presentation. Many family members were present. This was followed by a Unit meeting. Here are a few pictures.



My next visit was to the Western Unit meeting. I did not get pictures. I want to thank the ladies in the Western Unit for making me feel so welcome. You are an active unit!

Fairbury Unit visit was next. It was "Taco Night" by the Legion. Very good food. The Post and Unit held a joint opening before splitting into their respective groups. There was a recognition for Doug Bristol, Legionnaire, Legion Rider and much more.

The picture includes LaDonna Shalla, Chaplain; Sylvia Cloyd, President; Cat Lovgren, Historian and Malissa Ladwig, Vice President (kneeling). Thank you all!



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

Cindy

Are you having a Veterans Day Program?

Please send me the information to be added to the calendar for the November issue.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

I can add these to the calendar too. The more interaction between Posts and Units, the better. Share your events!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
26	National Make A Difference Day
31	Halloween
NOVEMBER	
1	Poppy Orders Due
11	Veterans Day
DECEMBER 7	Pearl Harbor Day
FEBRUARY 9, 2025	District 11 District Executive Committee meeting, 2 pm
MARCH 22, 2025	District 11 Convention, 10 am, Fairbury

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

RAGGED OLD FLAG

I walked through a county courthouse square
On a park bench an old man was sitting there
I said, your old courthouse is kinda run down
He said, naw, it'll do for our little town
I said, your old flagpole has leaned a little bit
And that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it
He said, have a seat, and I sat down
Is this the first time you've been to our little town?
I said, I think it is
He said, I don't like to brag
But we're kinda proud of that ragged old flag
You see, we got a little hole in that flag there
when
Washington took it across the Delaware
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott
Key
Sat watching it writing say can you see
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans
With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its
seams
And it almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on though
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and
Bragg

And the south wind blew hard on that ragged old
flag
On Flanders field in World War one
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun
She turned blood red in World War Two
She hung limp and low a time or two
She was in Korea and Vietnam
She went where she was sent by Uncle Sam
She waved from our ships upon the Briny foam
And now they've about quit waving her back here
at home
In her own good land here she's been abused
She's been burned, dishonored, denied, and
refused
And the government for which she stands
Is scandalized throughout the land
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in
'Cause she's been through the fire before
And I believe she can take a whole lot more
So we raise her up every morning
We take her down every night
We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her
up right
On second thought, I do like to brag
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that ragged old flag