



# District 6 American Legion Auxiliary

## September 2024 Newsletter

### District 6 Fall Roundup

Sunday October 13th

St Paul Legion Post

Registration from 9-10am

Joint Session starts at 10am

Auxiliary DEC meeting at 9 am

Registration \$5.00, Meal \$15.00

ALA members please bring.....

1. Your membership card
2. Another member ready to learn about ALA programs
3. Junior Members
4. An item for the ALA bake sale/ fundraiser for AEF.
5. District per capita tax/VA&R dues if not already paid



Ice Cream Social

**Legion Family District 6**

**Ice Cream Social**

**at the Central Nebraska Veterans  
Home in Kearney**

**On October 26th at 2 pm**



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### Take the Challenge

## LEAD THE WAY

When your unit participates in the ALA Challenge Deck, you can discover ways get involved in your community and make a real difference in the lives of local veterans. Your efforts, big or small, contribute to a brighter future for those who served.

With your commitment to donate \$35 to the Veteran Projects Fund, you will support projects serving veterans in local communities and have also found a meaningful way to engage with the mission of the ALA.

Scan the  
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to commit your  
donation



I am going to try to do some things differently this year. When putting the newsletters which takes a lot of time not knowing if anyone really reads it gets a little frustrating. So I am going to try to send more individual emails. I am still going to get the information out there but maybe not in an official newsletter format. I will attach monthly events coming up in the District and State. Every Member gets The Star that has great information in it and the Department newsletters. As Unit Presidents it is our responsibility to pass this information on to your Unit members that's in the newsletters.

Since I started being more active in the ALA one of the questions that always comes up is "What is your "Why"? Everyone has a WHY that we belong to the ALA. We all have our reasons, the main one is our Veteran. Being an ALA member is an honor that not everyone is eligible to be able to join. Being able to join the ALA means that one of your family members served our country in a branch of the military. I have been a member since I was a child. One of my first ALA memories was distributing poppies on Poppy Day. We would sit in front of the grocery store offering them to people all day long. At that time I didn't exactly understand what I was doing but I knew that it was to help Veterans like my grandfather. I knew that my grandparents were active members in the organization but I didn't always know why I was being a tagalong to events but as an adult I am thankful that they did. The "moral" to the story is get your younger members involved. At the Department Convention when you look at the front table of our Department Officers most of them started as a Junior member. The younger members are the future of our organization. It doesn't have to be Juniors exactly but you all have the younger members in the Unit that sometimes all you have to do is ask. Everyone is busy but that is an excuse. That is mine for the last couple months with no newsletter but it is only an excuse. Asking them is the first step to getting them involved but there is another step that is just as important. Flexibility is also needed. Just because you have done something the same way for the last 20 years doesn't mean that it cannot be changed. Getting the younger members involved may include being accepting of new ideas and change. No one likes change but if it will benefit our veterans it may be worth it. It is easy to forget why we first joined but going to events like we had yesterday helps me remember the "WHY" was then and what it is now.

When we go to events we talk about the Legion Family and we are stronger together as a "Family". We don't always acknowledge what the other family members do. For example, did you know that the Sons gave a tremendous amount of money to the veterans homes to be used for our veterans. I also know that during the joint sessions it doesn't matter what level during the Preamble we remember to pause for the Auxiliary to say their portion but it is not always remembered by everyone to let the Sons finish their portion. As an area that doesn't have a Sons squadron I personally didn't even realize that there was a Sons portion to the preamble. Does that stop them from supporting our veterans? No it doesn't, the Sons go on working for what they know is right and what they believe in. Working together as a Family is not always easy but it makes certain things easier and better in the long run. We have to remember that it is for our Veterans. I may not always agree with everything the Family does but that is not going to deter me from serving our veterans. Please just remember your "Why". We have to remember that is the important part.

I haven't really decided on a President's Project this year but I do have a goal. I want to reach out to as many of the District members that I can. I would love this to be at District or Department events but I know realistically that isn't going to happen. So instead of doing an informational tour this year on a specific weekend with only 4 stops. I want to try to break it down even more and maybe into counties or 3-4 units that are close to each other. During the event last year we were able to ask and answer a lot of questions that aren't always able to be answered in a large group setting. I will be reaching out to you Unit Presidents individually but if you are interested in hosting one of these events please let me know.

I am excited for my final year as District 6 President. I am excited to work with President Amanda and look forward to what the year brings. The projects that Amanda has chosen to support this year are the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival and Gifts for Yanks that Gave. These are both amazing projects. Please remember these projects when you send in your donation sheets.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 13th– District 6 Fall Roundup at the St Paul Legion Post**

**Registration 9 am, Joint Session 10am**

**Saturday, October 26th-Ice Cream Social at the CNVH in Kearney 1:30pm**

**Tuesday, November 12th– Veterans Dollar Days**

**10 am Grand Island NE VMAC**

**2:30 pm Central NE VA Home, Kearney**

**Monday, December 9th-Gift Shop Set up at Grand Island Medical Center 10:00am –3pm**

**Tuesday, December 10th Gift Shop at Grand Island Medical Center 10am**

**Tuesday, December 3rd Gifts for Yanks Who Gave**

**10 am Grand Island NE VMAC**

**2:30 pm Central NE VA Home, Kearney**

**Friday-Sunday, January 17-19 Mid Year Conference, Norfolk**