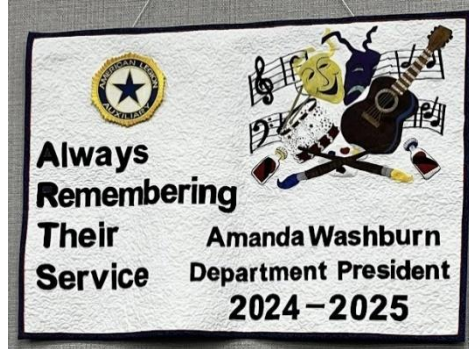




American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter March 2025



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Amanda's Theme

Let's make
her theme a
part of who
we are.

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.

READY.GOV - use this to download a copy of the **Pedro Activity Book** and the **Preparedness Card Game**.



DISTRICT 11 MEMORIAL SERVICES

Please send the names of your Post, Unit, Squadron and Riders deceased members since last year's District Convention (March 16, 2024) to Vicki Ozenbaugh by **Saturday, March 15, 2025**. Names may be mailed to 515 Road 18, Ohiowa, NE 68416, emailed to Ala.ozenbaugh@gmail.com OR call at 402.759.0411.

PLEASE INCLUDE:

1. Post, Unit, Squadron, Riders –name and number of Post, Unit, Squadron and Riders.
2. Member's name, Branch of Service and title if a Legionnaire.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11 CONVENTION MARCH 22ND, 10:00 A.M. CRETE NE VFW CLUB

Are you the next District 11 President or Vice-President?

District 11 is in need of nominations or volunteers to fill both the President and Vice-President positions. These are elected positions that occur at the District 11 Convention on **March 22nd in Crete**. A nominating committee of Vicky Thompson, Alice Vieselmeyer, and Vicki Ozenbaugh has been established. Please reach out to them if you have a suggestion.

Those Counties having meetings soon, please bring this up at your meetings

**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION
CHANGE FOR District 11
CONVENTION to CRETE**



DISTRICT 11 AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY SONS OF THE LEGION AND RIDERS

2025 CONVENTION
MARCH 22, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M.
REGISTRATION @ 9:00 A.M.
CRETE VFW/LEGION CLUB



REGISTRATION FEE
\$5.00
MEAL COST
\$15.00



PREPARE WITH PEDRO

ARTS

AUCTION



COME SUPPORT OUR VETERANS!

History Books to

Alice Vieselmeier

112 S Pine St
Friend NE 68359

Prayer Books to

Jan Holtmeier

132 County Road Y
Tobias NE 68453

Department Junior Project

"Coming Together Like Birds of a Feather"

Americanism

"You're A Grand Old Flag"

Girls State – Vicki Ozenbaugh

Volunteers for Girls State Store

Sponsor a Town (floor) snacks for one floor for about 35 people for one night.

Historian - Vicki Cyboron

Please send a picture of your Unit Charter along with the date chartered. If you know the reason behind your Post and Unit name, please include that information.

Women's History Month

Do you know a member that you feel needs to be recognized for all their work? Please submit their name, a picture and why you are nominating them.

UNIT DATA FORM by APRIL 15

YEAR-END REPORTS by APRIL 20

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

MARCH 4 Crete Unit Meeting
9 Daylight Savings Time
11 Fairbury Unit Meeting
12 Wilber Unit Meeting
13 Alexandria Unit Meeting
17 St. Patrick's Day
20 Spring Begins
22 **District 11 Convention,
10 am, Crete VFW/Legion**
25 Plymouth Unit Meeting

CELEBRATION DAYS

MAR 1 Zero Discrimination Day
Peace Corps Day
Women's History Month
3 National Anthem Day
4 National Hug A G.I. Day
National Grammar Day
5 International Day for
Disarmament and Non-
Proliferation Awareness
5 Ash Wednesday
7 Employee Appreciation Day
Denim for Dementia
8 International Women's Day
9 Daylight Saving Time Starts
13 National Good Samaritan Day
National K9 Veterans Day
19 Certified Nurses Day
20 Spring Equinox
22 National Goof Off Day
25 National Medal of Honor Day
26 Purple Day



CONVENTION AUCTION

I have been asked to explain what is paid with the funds from the Convention Auction. It is my understanding that the auction began because the District needed additional funds. Our only other income is the per capita dues and what we receive from Convention and Fall Round-Up. The District treasury receives half of the registration fees collected at the event – the other half goes to the local Unit. The fee for the meal – at Convention – pays for the meal. That does not bring in much money. Registration fee is \$5.00. Attendance at Fall Round-Up is approximately 35 members and at Convention approximately 45 members.

The receipts from the auction go to the treasury and is then dispursed to many places. There are Veterans homes and medical facilities, there is the National President's project, the Department President's project, the Department Honorary Junior President's project, the District President's project, Little Red Schoolhouse, AEF, State Life members, etc. And then of course, the balance to help keep the District running – paper for the newsletter, envelopes, postage, etc.

In the recent past, the District President has also held an individual raffle to help with their project. One year the raffle was a quilt, and the proceeds went to the project of donations to the AEF. The raffle paid for the quilt, the tickets, and what was needed to get the quilt where it needed to be.

When you donate an item to the Convention Auction, you are donating to the American Legion Auxiliary. You are supporting the causes that the Auxiliary believes in. If you purchase an item, you continue to add to the funds used for all of the donations that you, as a group, decide to donate to.

A list of these donations will be available in your program for the Convention. If you wish to change these donations, the membership votes for it. Your DEC makes recommendations, but you, the member, make the final decision.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

The change from the Fairbury Unit to the Crete Unit has some logistical issues. You will need to enter the bar side of the Club.

Registration table will be there, the landing in front of the bar will hold the Prayer Books, the History Books, the Poppy Centerpieces and the Auction items. Although it is not a large area, it should hold our items and still allow individuals to check out the auction items.

All joint Legion and Auxiliary events will be held on the bar side of the Club. The Joint Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. After the meeting is the Memorial Services and then we will have the Auction prior to lunch.

If you are wondering why there are changes, the other side of the building is being used that morning. That event should be finished before 1:00 p.m. and the Auxiliary will then move to that side of the Club.

I thank Gerry Johnson, Crete President, for all of her knowledge and help in this change of venue. I also thank Sylvia Cloyd, Fairbury President, for being there for me as well.

Elections will be held at the Convention. The Nominating Committee will present the candidates that have been nominated. There will still be nominations from the floor. Counties will break into their groups and decide who they want to vote for. These ballots are given to Parliamentarian Deb Albers for counting. That tally will be presented to the members.

Although this is not my last newsletter, I want to thank everyone for their support during my two-year tenure as president. It has been an honor and a privilege to hold this position. I have met many members, have been to quite a few Unit meetings and County meetings. I have always felt welcome. But then again, we ARE in Nebraska.

GOD, COUNTRY, COMMUNITY