



# American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter April 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**.



**Started printing & completing wreaths.**

I was upset when I knew I could not attend our District 11 Convention. Many people were unable to attend due to the horrible storm that went through. Some members were still without power.

I am thankful to Vice-President Marla Furrow for leading our Auxiliary Convention. Fourteen Units were present.

## WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICERS!

President	Mary Beth Coffey McCool Junction 341
Vice-President	Karen White Milligan 240
Secretary/Treasurer	Vicki Fleming Deshler 352

Mary Beth will be installed at the Department Convention in June. She takes office at the Department Executive Committee Meeting immediately after the close of Convention. Mary Beth will be looking for volunteers to fill positions. Let's make this a great year for Mary Beth by filling those positions.

## CONGRATULATIONS OFFICERS!!

The District 11 Legion presented a Resolution to the Auxiliary and Sons. It comes down to having all three entities participating in the Oratorical contest with volunteers from each organization on the Oratorical Committee. Loree Hendrickson is the Auxiliary member to volunteer for this Committee.

The Auxiliary Auction brought \$608.00. This amount is lower than normal, but we had lower attendance due to the storm.

The District Executive Committee made the following recommendations for donations:

Central NE Veterans Home	\$50.00
Eastern NE Veterans Home	\$50.00
Norfolk Veterans Home	\$50.00
Western NE Veterans Home	\$50.00
Grand Island VA Med Center	\$50.00
Omaha VA Med Center	\$50.00
Fairview Manor	\$50.00
Omaha CBOC	\$25.00
Lincoln CBOC	\$25.00
National Presidents Project	\$50.00
Department Presidents Project	\$50.00
Dept. Junior Presidents Project	\$50.00
District 11 Presidents Project	\$50.00
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	\$50.00
Little Red Schoolhouse	\$50.00
Child Wellbeing Foundation	\$50.00
State Life fund	\$50.00

The total is \$800.00. This was adopted by the membership.

Bills paid were:

Karen White, Dist. 11 Pres Gift \$285.00

Cindy Lugan, mileage & printing \$167.31

Reports were received from

**Vicki Ozenbaugh** – NEC, Girls State, and Northwestern Americanism Chair.

**Deb Albers** – Northwestern Division Vice-President.

**Ruth Hietbrink** – Department Vice-President, Ruth is the nominee for president for next year. She reported that National President Trish Ward will be attending our Department Convention in June in Columbus NE. Ruth gave us information from Historian Vicky Cyboron and President Amanda's project.

Department Membership Chair

**Loree Hendrickson** gave an update on membership. Those Units at 100% or better. District 11 is in first place in Nebraska.

District 11 Vice-President **Marla Furrow** reported on the Junior Conference. District 11 Honorary Junior President Kendall Kasl is joining with Department Honorary Junior President Shia Rasmussen for a joint

project. Their theme is "Coming Together Like Birds of a Feather." Bird feeders and seeds will be purchased for the homes. The "hat" was passed around and a donation of \$95.30 was collected. Vice-President Marla will make sure the funds get delivered. Our Chairs made the following decisions. The Deshler Prayer Book will go onto Department Convention, as will the Plymouth Poppy Centerpiece. I need to speak directly. In December 2024, I lived in Lincoln. The apartment building I lived in was a secure building – key needed to get in. I was assigned a storage unit in the basement that had a lock on the door. I was robbed. Everything in my storage unit was taken. There were over \$1,300.00 in losses. The Lincoln Police Department were called, and a report was made. I contacted my insurance company; I have a \$500.00 deductible. As District President, I had custody of the American Flag and the Auxiliary Banner – these were taken along with the poles, etc.

At the District 11 Convention, Vicki Ozenbaugh volunteered to get all the information for replacing these items along with the base, pole, eagle tops, tassels and bases. After Vicki has this information, a DEC meeting will be held. Units may be asked to help with the cost of replacing the flag and banner. Once the special DEC meeting is held, information will be provided to all Units.

Thank you to all who attended the District 11 Convention. Thank you to all members for allowing me to be your president.

For any Unit or individual wishing to donate to replace the District 11 Banner and the United States Flag – Thank you.

Send donations to Karen White, 1409 Road 18, Fairmont, NE 68354.

Have you made your reservation for the **Department Convention** in June in Columbus? Rooms are filling up fast! This event is being held at the Quality Inn, 265 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The phone number to make reservations is 402-564-1492. The room rate is \$109.95 +tax per night. Registration fee is \$10.00. Watch for the Auxiliary itinerary in the upcoming publication.

#### CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

NEC	VICKI OZENBAUGH
PRESIDENT	RUTH HIETBRINK
VICE-PRESIDENT	VICKY CYBORON
HISTORIAN	LORI REIMERS
CHAPLAIN	VICKI COLSON

CHECK THE APRIL-MAY STAR FOR THEIR BIOGRAPHIES.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

APRIL	25 Arbor Day
MAY	1 MAY DAY
	5 Cinco de Mayo
	5 Teacher Appreciation Week
	11 Mother's Day
	17 Armed Forces Day
	23 National Poppy Day
	26 Memorial Day



Thank You

To all the Units and Individuals who donated to the Auxiliary Auction!!

And the ones who bought the items!!

If you attended the District 11 Convention, did you forget your ladies black coat with "Fillmore Central Panthers" on it?

Please reach out to Karen White as she has it!

## CELEBRATION DAYS

APR	29 International Dance Day
	30 Honesty Day
MAY	1 Law Day
	National Day of Prayer
	School Principal's Day
	2 National Space Day
	4 World Laughter Day
	Star Wars Day
	6 Teacher's Day
	National Nurse's Day
	8 Victory in Europe Day
	World Red Cross Day
	9 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
	29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
	31 NATIONAL SMILE DAY

