

District 13 Michele Tegtmeier-President

The work of the Southeast Nebraska District 13 units is completed by a group of ongoing committed Auxiliary members. Many of the members have honored our Veterans for decades. We are proud of District 13 members Amanda Washburn, Barb Washburn and Ruth Hietbrink for serving as state and national officers this year. District 13 member Meri Hietbrink served as the state service chairman. District 13 consists of thirteen units located in Johnson, Richardson, Pawnee and Nemaha counties. Officers are President Michele Tegtmeier, Vice President Bobbie Albers, Secretary Doris DeJonge, Chaplin Linda Patchen, Historian Jean Burns, Legislative Ruth Hietbrink and Parliamentarian Barb Washburn.

District 13 Units are very active in community service such as community clean ups, blood drives and donation, donations of food and clothing, serving funerals, serving hamburger bars to raise funds, working with local churches to serve food at various events and concession stands, recognizing teachers at local schools, serving meals on wheels, hosting Easter Egg Hunts and sponsoring holiday parties at local nursing homes and assisted living centers. Monetary donations were provided for post prom parties, Community foundations for ambulance supplies, Chamber of Commerce projects and donating to Fire Safety programs for elementary students.

District 13 Units practice Americanism by sponsoring Americanism essay contests and giving prizes, Veteran's Day activities, Legion Birthday dinners, sending girls to Girl's state and providing snacks for the event, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings, preparing dinners and programs for Memorial Day services, singing National Anthem at meetings, assisting with elections and participating in local parades. Members serve on Avenue of Flag committees and provide snacks and water for the volunteers. Units

distributed poppies, conducted poppy poster contests and made poppy centerpieces.

For the VA and R activities District 13 units have sent home and hospital assessments to the Department, donated money towards dollar days and gifts for Yanks and transitional housing. Several members attended the Christmas Gift Shop at the VA. Units served food at Veterans' funerals. Gas cards were given to County Service Officers to gift to individuals who transport veterans to medical appointments. Awarded eighteen quilts of valor and sent twelve service members Christmas boxes. Provided centerpieces several months for ENVH. Placed crosses and poppies on Veteran's graves for Memorial Day.

Auburn Unit# 23 hosted Fall Convention and Tecumseh Unit# 2 hosted the annual convention. Both were well attended.

I have listed only the highlights of this year's unit activities. Our members are very active in many ways and I am proud of their work, energy and commitment to the Auxiliary.

Balance on hand 10-12-24	\$1,552.86
Balance on hand 2-15-25	\$1,865.54

