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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Nebraska

District 11 Fall Round-up

Date: October 30, 2011

Number of Officers present: 6

Meeting Held: Cortland

Members present: 37

1 guest

The American Legion and Auxiliary of District 11, Department of Nebraska Fall Roundup was held Sunday, October 30, 2011 at the Community Center in Cortland, Nebraska hosted by the Cortland Legion and Auxiliary.

The joint session was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by District 11 Commander Alan Songster. As the colors were in place, the group saluted the flag. A prayer was given by District Chaplain Roger Wolfe. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution. District Vice Commander Lyle Bartels, conducted the POW-MIA Ceremony and Cortland Commander Rod Rose placed the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair. Chaplain Wolfe gave a prayer in recognition of the POW-MIA's.

District Commander Songster introduced his district officers: Vice Commander – Lyle Bartels; District and Department Chaplain – Roger Wolfe; Veteran's Service Officer – Eric Williams; Oratorical – Robert Kasl; Civil Defense – Jim Kottas; and Children & Youth – Leon Deunk who also served as Past Department Commander.

Cortland Commander Rod Rose and Cortland President Phyllis Deunk gave welcomes to the group.

Vice Commander Lyle Bartels spoke on the Saline County Memorial Dedication. This is to be held on November 2, at the Wilber Courthouse Lawn. The National Commander is to be the guest speaker.

Department Commander George Cyborne was introduced and addressed the group. He gave examples of some of the benefits the Legion and Auxiliary members receive from businesses. He also talked about T.E.A.M. Teach, Educate, American Legion Family, and Members.

District Auxiliary President Sharon Brozovsky introduced her guest: Department President – Donna Hatfield, Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman – Sharon Scott; Department Vice President – Cheryl Vapp; Dept. Membership Chairman- JoAnn Sieck; Department Advisor Council Chairman – Marva Kasl; Dept. Education Chairman – Vicki Ozenbaugh; Dept. Children and Youth Chairman and District Historian – Deb Albers; Department and District Parliamentarian – Bonnie Dumler. She also introduced Past District Presidents – Lucille Capek, Lorene Behrens, Alice Vieselmeyer, Helen Kottas, Vicki Ozenbaugh, Marva Kasl, and Deb Albers.

President Brozovsky and Sharon Scott presented the National Award of Home Service Volunteer Award to Dorothy Vasey. Dorothy recorded 1500 hours of home service clipping coupons for servicemen. Following pictures, the joint session retired to the individual group meetings.

Due to the time allowed for the meeting, the formal opening, minutes and treasurer's report were dispensed.

District President Sharon Brozovsky introduced her District officers- Vice President – Ann Wagner, who was unable to attend; Secretary/Treasurer – Connie Deke; Chaplain – Alice Vieselmeyer, Music Chairman – Jan Wolfteich; Historian – Deb Albers; Parliamentarian – Bonnie Dumler, Poppy Chairman – Shirley Peterson; and Publicity Chairman – Doris Galbraith.

County Presidents were also introduced, not all were present. Jefferson – Peggy Junker; Gage – Phyllis Deunk; Fillmore – Vicky Thompson; York – Vicki Jacobsen; Thayer – Arlis Hohl; and Saline – Judy Bepalec.

Roll Call was conducted by Connie Deke, Secretary. Roll showed 15 Units present.

President Brozovsky talked about the Leadership School held in Boelus on October 1. There was a good turn out and lots of information for members to take back to their Units.

Dept. Membership Chairman, JoAnn Sieck talked of the new member handbook. Her talk was similar to that of Department Cyborne's, so she took questions. She stated that District 11 is in 7th place in Nebraska and Nebraska is in second place in the national standings.

Department President Donna Hatfield invited everyone to Mid-Year Conference in January to hear National Vice President Peggy Thomas speak. There will be a national training session held in Omaha on December 3 and 4. This would be the National Chairman giving the presentations.

The Auxiliary programs have been divided into 5 pods or sections: Youth Development, Veteran and Support, Family Support, Membership, and Organizational Support. All the programs would be categorized into these Pods. It should make reporting hours and activities easier.

Department Vice President Cheryl Vapp brought messages from other chairman unable to attend. Betty Snyder is planning the second annual Ride to Recovery in June. This ride will be from Hickman to Adams. Charlene Walters is still collecting empty ink cartridges, and old cell phones.

Parliamentarian Bonnie Dumler had a handout on basic parliamentary procedure. She also stated that each Unit should have the ABC Book, the Auxiliary handbook and the 10th edition of Robert's Rule. You can also receive the National newsletter by email.

Department Education Chairman Vicki Ozenbaugh stated that if Units would donate \$5.00 to purchase a book and DVD of the parent in service reading that same book. It would be for children to read along with mom or dad. The program is an independent program titled "United through Reading."

Department Aux. Emergency Fund Chairman also reported for the junior's chairman. The junior meeting will be held in February in Dorchester.

Department Children and Youth Chairman, Deb Albers, reminded us of the Hero Award or Good Deed Award. This could be to any Eagle Scout or anyone who has done a good deed. She also talked about the beef jerky fund raiser.

President Sharon also mentioned the Membership F.U.N.N. night that she would like each Unit to do. February 1st, all books need to be turned into the correct chairman for judging for District Convention. Poppy centerpieces will be judged the day of the convention.

At this time, the meeting was turned over to Sharon Scott to do an orientation on field and home service. Field service is done in the presence of the veteran and home service is done in the absence of a veteran. Community service was also discussed. It is important to have received this training, so your volunteer hours can be counted. All these hours are used on Capitol Hill when working on budgets for veteran's affairs.

A light supper was then served by the Cortland Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Deke".

Connie Deke,
District 11 Secretary/Treasurer