

Hi All Units,

Our Dist. 3 meeting March 17th at the Nielsen Center in West Point is approaching soon. I will try to mention everything that I should in this letter – if questions Please call Sharon Heineman 1- 402-385-2187 home. (Leave a message & I will call you back). If you would like to make a poppy centerpiece the rules are in the ABC book pg 128. There are no real rules for corsages in the new book but 3 or 5 or 7 poppies could be used for the corsage and the main focus should be on the poppies used. Therefore said” All units if you want you can use your poppies in any creative way you want – example use on a hat, make a picture, etc. and bring you creation to Dist. 3 meeting to be judge (no rules). All contestants please have your entrees at West Point by 8AM. I hope to be sending one more letter before March 17th. Please RSVP to Adeline Hanel 402-372-5761 how many of you expect to come to the Dist 3 meeting by March 9th, need a count for food - Please and Thanks!

If you can bring any activates that your unit is doing and share with others. We also need to have someone run for Dist. 3 Vice President, - Kris Cross (Dokata City) will be the new Dist. 3 President. The ALA is a very worthy group to belong to and if we all take our turn it would be greatly appreciated. You do meet a lot of nice people. Thank you all for sending in any memberships outstanding. Nebraska is doing well.

**Remember Girl State applications need to be in by March 10th To ALA Department of Nebr. Honored to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary – Help us reach out to all our Veterans. Dist.3 President Sharon Heineman
Vice President Kris Cross, Susanne Sunderman Treas/Sec.**

DISTRICT THREE NEWSLETTER

On 10 Jan. 12 VC Sears and I had a meeting with the officers of the Walthill post which completed the tour of all 31 posts in the district. It was great to meet and get acquainted with people from all across the district. We are taking a short break until after the District 3 Convention and then probably start another round in April and take 1 county a month til we are done again, probably by November.

13-15 Jan. was Mid Year Conference in Norfolk. I was happy to see several post Cmdrs. from the district there along with the Dist. Aux. Officers. It was the best representation in some time. In the Dept. Oratorical Contest, the winner of the Area A contest came in second. That is always one of the major highlights of the Mid Year Conference.

Also at the conference, posts from the district won an impressive amount of membership awards. 24 posts received the Pearl Harbor Award for 75% by 16 Nov. 11. 15 posts received the Dept. Commanders Appreciation Award for 90% or more by 8 Dec. 11. 4 posts had 100% or more by Mid Year Conf. I want to thank you for making the district look good enough that your Cmdr. got compliments from several Dept. officers.

A District 3 fundraiser, soup and chili lunch, was held at the Wakefield Legion Hall on Sun. 22 Jan. There were 109 attendees. The chicken noodle soup and the chili were excellent as were the desserts. A big thank you to the Aux. Ladies for coming through as usual. We had an abundance of desserts of almost every kind. I want to thank all that attended and especially all who helped with the work. Bud and Beve Neel did their usual "more than their share". Cmdr. Ken Hall from Carroll Post 165 was a major participant in preparing the soup and chili. Bud and Beverly are starting another generation of volunteers as the son, Jim, a SAL member, manned the Silent Auction table. There were people that helped at the bar and with washing dishes whose names I don't know but their help is greatly appreciated also. Our Activities Director says watch for more fundraisers in the future in other parts of the district.

25 Jan. the first planning meeting for the Dist. 3 Convention was held at the Nielsen Center in West Point, which will be the host post. The convention will be held Sat. 17 March 12. Registration from 0800-0900. Joint session starts at 0900 with separate sessions beginning after lunch. The West Point post & Aux. can use any and all help from the other Cuming County Posts. Cmdr. Ken Hanel and Aux. President Adeline Hanel will be in contact as needed. Dist. Aux. Pres. Sharon and myself will be available as needed also. The Dist. Aux. needs a person to step up for the VP position when Cris Cross moves up to Dist. President as Sharon completes her tour at Summer Convention. A great opportunity for a lady to Serve the Aux., the American Legion and step up in the organization.

27 Jan. I attended Veteran's Legislative Day at the Capital Bldg. in Lincoln accompanied by Gail Konken of Post 117 of Ponca. We got off to a wintry start shortly after 0500 but it quit snowing by about Walthill and by Lyons the road was clear. As always it was an interesting and informative morning. We heard from several Senators about the different Veterans' bills they are sponsoring. John Hilgert had a lot of info on what is happening at the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. Governor Heineman gave an informative talk also. According to him, Nebraska is looked up to all across the country for more than just sports. He said we are looked up to for our economic policy and our Unicameral Legislation also. We brought back