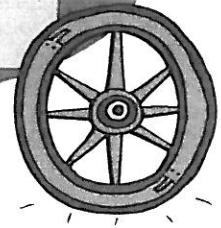


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American Legion Auxiliary Seventh District December 2011



Norfolk To Host Mid Year Conference



January 13th to January 15th will find the Department of Nebraska Legion Family in Norfolk, NE for the annual Mid-Year Conference. The Conference will be held at the Divots Conference Center on 4200 Norfolk Ave. Make your plans to attend. The number for the Norfolk Lodge & Suites is (402) 371-4520. Make sure when making your reservations you tell them you are with the American Legion to get the Family price. This year the weather will cooperate and everyone will be able to attend the Conference. Don't get left out-make your reservations today!

Looking For A Great Christmas Gift?



Remember The Legion Family Cookbook! For \$20 you are giving 2,000 recipes.

What A Bargain! The cookbooks are available from Department or just give me a call and we will get them to you. Why not make it easy on yourself and make it a Legion Family Christmas. Give them the cookbook they will use for the rest of their lives.

Featured Unit: Bellwood Unit 327



It's the busy season for Bellwood Unit 327. Unit President Gayla Schmid tells me they have been gathering supplies for the Norfolk Veterans Home. They made a "Buddy Basket" at their November meeting. They also gave clothing items and personal products to the Norfolk Veterans Home store. Also, the Unit gave a fruit plate and two library books to the school in Bellwood for Education Week. At their Christmas party for the December meeting they will collect money from each of the members to buy more personal care items for the Norfolk Veterans Home. This will be done instead of exchanging gifts. November and December is truly all about the Veteran in Bellwood. Keep up the good work and thanks for setting such a good example for us all!

Membership



As of the November 23rd membership report, Dodge Unit 122 is number one in the District with 103.2%. Congratulations to membership chairman Lorraine Janecek. Also in the top spots are: Weston Unit 308 with 102.3%, Lindsay Unit 262 & Uehling Unit 196 at 102% and Cedar Bluffs with 100%. Three units are at 90% or better. These are: Howells Unit 155 with 97.1%, Brainard Unit 273 with 95.5%, and Malmo Unit 232 at 91.3%. 22 Units in District 7 are at 80% or better and District 7 is in 3rd Place in Department. Keep up the good work. The goal is in sight and we can do it!



Christmas Remembrance Poem written by: Kenneth J. Ellison



*The spirit of Christmas takes flight
Neath the star of Bethlehem's light
Filling hearts and minds with delight,
Joyfully we await Christmas Eve night.*

*'Tis the season of good will and mirth,
Joy and love will encircle the Earth,
As we feel the Christmas spirit perform
Remember the beloved brave in uniform.*

*They're in the mountains of Afghanistan
And on the high seas of China and Japan,
From the bloodied desert sands of Iraq
They've served well thru hell and back.*

*In steaming jungles and burning sands
They stand up gallant for foreign lands
But this Christmas, many will be alone
Over this big blue marble we call home.*

*Whether in a crowd or at a lone outpost
They will recall past Christmas ghosts,
Calling back memories around the tree
Of mother and father and loving family.*

*No matter the distant shores they roam,
Hearts will yearn for family and home
And when Christmas bells begin to chime
For many brave warriors it'll be crying time.*

*When we are seated for a dinner grand
Let us in reverence clasp grateful hands,
Let us pray beneath the Bethlehem star
For our military, no matter where they are.*

*When we gather around the Christmas tree
And chorus carols our hearts full of glee,
Remember our lonely soldiers so far away
Who long for family and home this holiday.*

*Let us send a message borne by the wind
To proud warriors who protect and defend,
We salute you brave soldiers of the world
Wherever your flags are raised unfurled.*

*We Americans of the red, white, and blue
Stand shoulder to shoulder beside you,
We love and respect you for duties done,
Merry Christmas to each and everyone.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Veterans Medical Center Gift Shops

Omaha VA Medical Center-Dec. 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, & 12th-9 AM

Grand Island VA Medical Center-Dec. 12th-10 AM

Gifts For Yanks Who Gave-Dec. 3-1:30 PM-Hot Springs, Dec. 4-2 PM-Scottsbluff, Dec. 6-10 AM-GI VA Medical Center, Dec. 6-2 PM-GI Veterans Home, Dec. 7-10 AM-Lincoln Regional Cntr., Dec. 8-10 AM-Omaha VA Center, Dec. 8-2 PM-Eastern NE Veterans Home, Dec. 9-2 PM-Norfolk Veterans Home & Regional Center.

Please arrive 1/2 hour before event.