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Great Time In Norfolk



The Mid-Year Conference was full of information held in a fun, inventive way. All programs were presented in the new POD format. Chairmen had much information and answers for all the questions-and there were several. Several District 7 members were in attendance. All members said they were well informed and enjoyed the weekend.

Spring Convention, March 10, 2012



Please note: Convention is on a Saturday.

Judging will be held for Public Relations Books, History Books, Prayer Books, and Poppy Centerpieces.

Public Relations Book rules are in the ABC Book on p131. The dates of coverage have changed this year. Dates of coverage will be February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012. According to Beverly Neel, Public Relations Chairman: "There is an area of time that would not be included in the books due for this year. That is okay for that area of time news to be included in the back of the books so when competition is all done, the Unit will have a continuously flowing history in print. The area of time not in the scope of February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012 would NOT count in news inches or photo inches. No matter how the books are created this year with such NEW rules there is room for jiggling."

History Book rules are on p34 in the current ABC Book.

Prayer Book rules are on p39 in the current ABC Book.

Poppy Centerpiece rules are on p128 in the current ABC Book. Remember when using poppies for the centerpiece, take off the paper tags.

Poppy orders will be available for pick up at the Convention so **make sure there is a representative from your Unit there to pick up that order.** Make sure to have your Memorial Service Roster to our District 7 Chaplain, Patty Landkamer by March 1, 2012. Include those members who are deceased since March 1, 2011. Patty's address is: P. O. Box 265, Columbus, NE 68602. Also at this Convention we will be collecting articles for the Norfolk Home "Footlocker". Included with this mailing is a Wish List. Let's send NVH Vice-Chairman, Ardis Bruckner home with a full car of needed Articles. There are a few other surprises in store so mark your calendar for Mar. 10th.

Membership



As of the January 20th Membership, District 7 is 3rd Place in Department. **Weston, Unit 308 is in First Place in the District with 104.6%**. Hats off to Membership Chairman, Carole Bouc. Following closely is **Uehling, Unit 196 with 104.1%**. Congratulations to Membership Chairman, Gloria Wedergren. Also, at or above goal are: **Malmo, Unit 232-103.4%**, Membership Chair-Deloris Vanek, **Dodge, Unit 122-103.2%**, Membership Chair-Lorraine Janecek, **Lindsay, Unit 261-102%**, Membership Chair-Joan Lindhurst, **Rising City, Unit 146-100%**, Membership Chair, Margaret Topil, **Hooper, Unit 18-100%**, Membership Chair, Lois Jean Hartmann, **Humphrey, Unit 80-100%**, Membership Chair-Laura Brandl, and **Cedar Bluffs, Unit 158-100%**, Membership Chair-MaryJane LeGrande. Six Units are very close to goal: Howells, Unit 155-97.1%, Stromsburg, Unit 132-96.1%, Brainard, Unit 273-95.5%, Platte Center, Unit 283-94.5%, Bellwood, Unit 327-93%, Ceresco, Unit 244-91.8%. Everyone in the District is making progress toward their goal. Remember-everyone is on the Department Membership Team. We can do it!

Featured Unit: Platte Center, Unit 283



Unit President, Beverly Wemhoff tells us all 36 members of the Parry Post Unit 283 are busy doing the work of the Auxiliary. February will see them delivering Valentine's to members in nursing homes and enjoying coffee with them. February also finds the members interviewing young ladies for Girls State delegates. In March they will host a card party for the Legion Birthday complete with cake and ice cream. Three times this year they will create Holiday centerpieces for the Norfolk Veterans Home. Besides participating in the "Give 10 To Education" they also presented a program on a safe Halloween and each child received a candy bar. At their May meeting, they will honor their Gold Star Mothers. They will also place gold and blue flags at the local cemeteries to pay tribute to their deceased members. Following Memorial Day Services the Unit will host a potluck dinner for the community. Also during the month of May, Poppies will be distributed throughout the community. This may be a Unit of 36 members but they do the work of many more and all this with their membership at 94.5%. Good Work Platte Center.

Butler County Convention



Sunday, February 26, 2012 will find the Butler County members of the Legion Family attending the Butler County Convention. Registration will begin at 1:30 P.M. According to Butler County President, Pat Roubal the joint meeting is set to begin at 2 P.M. Meetings will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Brainard, NE.

Girls State



All Units should have received information for this years Girls State program. This year Girls State will be held from Sunday, June 3, 2012 to Saturday, June 9, 2012. Remember that sometimes the best candidate may not be the young lady with the highest grades. It's the interest in the Program that makes the difference. It might be helpful to remember that Girls & Boys State Orientation will be held April 22nd in Dodge, NE. Registration will begin at 1:30 P.M. with the orientation beginning at 2 PM.



Happy Valentines Day

