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Ladies

Thank you Arlington Unit 71 for hosting our District Convention last month. There were approximately 30 members in attendance, six of those being guests. We heard from our Department President, Carol Ulrich; Department Vice President, Charlene Walters; Department Membership Chairman, Lisa Moore; Department UD&R Chairman/NW Division Children and Youth Chairman, Mary Ann Otte; and Department Financial Committeewoman, Donna Hatfield. These women came from greater distances than we to attend our Convention, and it's disheartening that we had so few District Members in attendance. Each Unit should send someone to Conventions to represent them and bring home the information that is shared.

This month is the American Legion's birthday. Plan to do something special for your Legionnaires. Without them we would not be who we are.

Just a couple short months before our **UNIT REPORTS** are due. Have you been keeping your records? Maybe take some time in these next two months to get your information organized and ready to fill in those forms to be sent in to Department on the First of May. Unit Presidents should receive the forms from Department. If you've misplaced them, you can find the forms you need on the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary website, www.nebraskalegionaux.net. Have one of your computer savvy members get the reports printed for you. Let's have a 100% reporting this year from the District Eight Units.

As of the last Membership Report from Department on February 19, we jumped from 12th spot to 10th with 85.777% of our membership in. We made it ahead of the March goal of 85%. Keep up the good work! And everyone help your Membership Chairmen work on getting those renewals in. Department Membership Chairman, Lisa Moore, also has some special drawings for cash for those members who can sign up new members. If we can keep our membership up we won't have to look at dues increases in the future. We'll only help ourselves out.

A few reminders:

*Your winning **AMERICANISM ESSAY** must be sent to the Americanism Chairman, Beverly Neel, 57580 by April 1.

*April is **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** month. Use this month to plan an activity for the children in your community -- an Easter Egg Hunt or just some type of spring party. Take some time to focus especially on the children of any deployed military who are living in your area. With spring here, also, focus on outdoor safety as the children will be spending more time out in the better weather.

For God and Country

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