

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DISTRICT 5 SPRING MEETING

APRIL 8, 2015

Katie Pulley, 5th District Auxiliary President, called the meeting to order. Mary Ann Gefroh and Ruth Sandwick of Linton advanced the colors. Wilton Chaplain Marion Anderson led the group in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Muriel Siedel of Bismarck led the National Anthem. Arlene Davis of Hazelton led the Preamble. Muriel Siedel welcomed everyone and Viola Wolf of Napoleon responded to the welcome.

Katie Pulley introduced Department President Arla Roth as guest and Peggy Moran as fill-in taking notes for Vice-President.

Debbie Schauer and Charlotte Heiser assisted Katie Pulley, all from Wilton, in conducting the Memorial Service for District 5 Members: Margarete Wagner, Turtle Lake; Dorothy Cook, Garrison; Patricia Meidinger, Ashley; Margarite Songer, Linton; Laurel Pearson, Wilton; and Judy Borlaug, Washburn.

The proposed change to Article V – Finance where the Registration fee would be raised NOT to exceed \$4.00 from \$2.50 for attendance at fall and spring District meetings was read and discussed. The Finance Report for District 5 Legion Auxiliary was reviewed. Muriel Siedel made a motion to approve the proposed change of registration fee NOT to exceed \$4.00 for the district meetings, second by Arlene Davis, motion passed. It will now go on for further ratification at the Summer Convention, June 26-28, 2015.

Arla Roth, Department President, addressed the group and touched on the NDAL Foundation that Arnie Havelka leads and will be raising funds through a Silent Auction where bidding can be done on-line and at the convention in June. Arla, Judy Twete and Marlys Aubol attended the national convention at Washington, DC, the end of February and met with North Dakota Senators Heitkamp and Hoeven on several topics including: PTSD as a disease and funding for a cure, support of the Arts Program, and rape in the military of both men and women. Another topic was issues of medical services for veterans that live more than 40 miles from the veteran's hospital. There is now a card for veterans to take to local medical facilities which authorizes bills be sent to Veterans Administration for reimbursement. The National American Legion Commander testified in front of Congress on behalf of veterans.

Arla also reported from Judy Twete, Department Membership Chair, that North Dakota is at 78.74% which 38th in the nation for membership renewals. She also reminded attendees to use the Member Data Form for updates and to correct join dates if they are wrong under "Continuous Years Correction". The Unit Officers Form, yellow, needs to be sent to the Department office after elections this spring, even if the officers remain the same as last year. Narrative reports are to be sent to the proper chairman. The Impact Report of hours and expenses of volunteer community work is to be sent to the District President; District Presidents compile District information to send to Arla, Department President; Arla compiles department data to send to National; which in turn gets forwarded to the National American Legion to give to Congress for funds for veterans.

Girls State is the first week in June and attendees may use sports physicals from school for the Girls State physical. Attendance has been going down and was at 87 in 2014. Girls can get ½ a college credit for going and possibly high school credit as well. City Moms are also needed for Girls State week.

Summer convention is June 26-28 in Grand Forks at the Alerus Center. There will be discussion on six resolutions and has been a request to hold another Poppy Hat contest.

The Department is still trying to find the National Poppy winner from North Dakota, Grace Allmer, so she can receive her award, since the fall 2014 district meetings. A book is in the process of getting published on World War I, "North Dakota Nurses Over There". Plans are for it to go to market in 2016. Arla Roth has read it.

Arla's President's projects are Girls State and Ruth Meiers Hospitality House. A member mentioned Ruth Meiers also uses old suitcases and backpacks for belongings when guests leave. Three long tables full of items at the Winter Conference held personal items and food, etc. which were all delivered after the conference. Arla is also raffling a quilt and selling her homemade crocheted poppies and taking orders for \$3.00 each.

Some attendees questioned deceased members that were not recognized in the Memorial Service. It was believed the Department was notified but suggested notification again to Catherine Olson, Department Secretary and Katie Pulley, District 5 President.

Katie Pulley addressed the group as District 5 needs a Vice-President by summer convention. No nominations were made from the floor. Reminder that historian articles need to be sent to Department Chair. Katie asked if other units had Essay entrants as Wilton had one and Washburn had several in two categories. Katie challenged if anyone had a membership application in their purse and Arlene Davis won \$5 for presenting one.

Katie and Arla both addressed the group giving a little pep talk that this is a social organization in support of veterans and to maintain positive attitudes.

Registration Report:

Bismarck – 7 Washburn – 7 Wilton – 4 Napoleon – 3 Hazelton - 2

Turtle Lake – 2 Linton – 1 Wing – 1

Garrison, Ashley, Wishek and Fredonia – 0

Total – 27 with 4 visitors

Colors were retired and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moran



District 5 Meeting Roll Call

Meeting Date: April 8, 2015 Time: 7:00 Location: Omaha Bismarck Post 001

District President:

Katie Pulley

Registration Chairman: _____

Unit Number	Unit Town	Number Registered
0001	Bismarck	7
0012	Washburn	7
0049	Garrison	0
0053	Ashley	0
0054	Linton	1
0065	Wing	1
0072	Napoleon	3
0087	Wishek	0
0126	Hazleton	2
0133	Turtle Lake	2
0163	Wilton	4
0260	Fredonia	0
	Total	<u>27</u>

Number of Visitors and Special Guests, not including ALA speakers: 4 (2 pd)

After the District meeting, send a copy of the completed form to the Department office.