

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRICT 5 SPRING MEETING

MARCH 31, 2016, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

The 5<sup>th</sup> District joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Arnie Havelka. The Advance of Colors, Invocation, POW/MIA Remembrance, Pledge to Fag, and Preamble were performed in a joint Legion and Auxiliary Opening Session. Katie Pulley District President advanced the Auxiliary colors. The POW/MIA Remembrance was performed by Katie Pulley.

Greetings were given by Marlene Boyer, Department President and Bud Goldsmith, Department Commander. Colors were kept in place and the Auxiliary moved to a separate meeting room to continue the meeting.

Katie Pulley, 5th District Auxiliary President, called the meeting to order. Salute to the Flag was performed. Katie Pulley introduced Department President Marlene Boyer and 7<sup>th</sup> District President Holly Esilinger. All past Department and District Presidents were asked to stand and be recognized. The District Vice President Mary Anseth was introduced.

Memorial Service was held to pay tribute to the five members who have passed.

The Finance Report was reviewed. The Balance as of March 31, 2016 is \$257.32.

Marlene Boyer, Department President, addressed the group and touched on the need to bring in more members in order to grow the organization to 1 million members. At last reporting we were at 80% of goal we were ranked 30<sup>th</sup> for membership nationally. Marlene understands that our members are dying off and that the younger generation are not joining.

Marlene discussed the success at Fall Meetings in gathering needed items for homeless Veterans located at the Gladys Ray Shelter in Fargo. Other Presidents projects that we are continuing to raise funds for are the Veterans Home in Lisbon and Service Dogs for veterans with PTSD. Marlene showed the quilt and wall hanging that are being raffled to raise money for her projects. Members purchased tickets and the can for loose change was passed around.

There will be 2 Resolutions presented for voting at the Annual Department. One involves conducting a Mid-year Audit and the filling of NEC positions. More details will be sent to each Unit.

Holly Esilinger spoke on how she was having success in getting new members by explaining the value of the American Legion Auxiliary and then asking individuals to join. She invited all to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> District meeting to be held the following night.

Minutes from the Fall District 5 meeting was read and a correction to reflect 2 attendees from Washburn will be made. A large thank you was given to the Bismarck Unit for hosting the meeting and then the meeting was closed.

Registration Report given by the Bismarck Unit.

Bismarck- 4	Washburn- 1	Wilton- 4	Napoleon- 3	Hazelton- 2	Turtle Lake- 5
Linton- 1	Wing- 0	Garrison-0	Ashley- 0	Wishek- 0	

Total 20 and 1 visitors.

Minutes submitted by Mary Anseth District Vice-President.