

DISTRICT 1 MID-YEAR NARRATIVE REPORT 2017

Honoring our veterans, showing support for America and our communities, and promoting patriotism were some of the major goals of the units in District 1. Memorial Day is very special in our communities. Five units reported that they had recognized their veterans at Memorial Day by promoting Americanism with singing of military songs, placing flags at their cemeteries, and serving a meal. Four units celebrated Veterans Day by sponsoring a program and a meal for their veterans. Two units reported that they had visited schools to promote Americanism by distributing flags and discussing flag history and flag etiquette. One unit reported that their unit sponsors an adoptive veteran, who receives gifts, food, rides from the Auxiliary members. One unit was planning a silent auction with the proceeds going towards a music therapy program at the VA Medical Center.

Community service is an important program of our units. Two units reported that they had cleaned up their cemetery and Veterans Memorial Park (planted flowers). One unit planted a garden and took care of the garden throughout the summer. They donated about 90 pounds of fresh vegetables to an area food pantry. Three units hosted a Christmas party for veterans and members. One unit purchased \$200.00 in Christmas gifts for the Veterans Home in Lisbon. One unit had several of their members donate their time for a Halloween carnival to raise money for their pool. One unit reported that they sent gift cards to members who had newborn babies. One unit reported that their unit had applied for a \$450.00 grant that was used to purchase paint to paint the interior of their Legion building. Pie and ice cream were served by a unit at a 125th celebration of their town.

To promote the poppy program, three units reported that they had distributed poppies for veteran services and programs. Revenue from the poppies (\$511.00 from 2 units) was sent to the Lisbon Home and Veterans Park. One unit reported that their unit sponsored a poppy poster contest in their school. Poppy posters were displayed in businesses and their Legion building.

One unit reported that their Junior members participated in their annual Memorial Day program. They sang "The National Anthem" and "In Flanders Field." The Junior members placed 215 small flags on crosses at the cemetery while the departed roll call was read. One unit reported that some of their Junior members wore patriotic colors and rode on a decorated Auxiliary float. One unit reported that they sponsored a scholarship for a Junior member who was graduating from High School. Two units sponsored students to attend Girls State.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the units in District 1 who sent in reports. Keep up the good work!

Susan Lemley, District 1 President