

## Membership and Education in McVille

Being creative can be a big plus when it comes to getting membership dues paid. For many, years, Ole Semling Unit 135 in McVille has written a letter to each member, telling of the events and programs that we have taken part in the past year. We share what we did to accomplish program goals and what we do to make our community and our veteran's lives better as well as how we serve our active military members. The letters are also accompanied by the membership card for the upcoming year. The letters are always well accepted and membership seems to come in more quickly with a personal letter.

Well, we decided that a new wrinkle to membership collection would be a fun undertaking. A plan was made and things were under way. Several members contributed coffee cake. Coffee was prepared by the Legion Café and a postcard was mailed to all local McVille Auxiliary members to come and do 'Membership and Coffee' on a Monday morning.

We had a nice turn out with a lot of visiting taking place and dues got paid too. We know area towns do membership picnics and include the Legion members as well, but this seemed like an easy, 'Ladies Morning Out' thing to do. Perhaps this is an idea your unit could utilize in the future.

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Prior to the start of school this fall, the Nelson County Welfare Office contacted our Unit asking if we could donate school supplies for four students in the District who might not otherwise have them to fulfill the teacher's requests.

With school about to start, a unit member who has four small children of her own gladly volunteered to pick up the extra supplies. With a long list of supplies in hand, this young unit member set off to complete her assigned duties and delivered the supplies for distribution to the children. From crayons to backpacks each of the four lists was complete. This was quite a task and we are so proud of her for taking on this project, doing her part in our mission to support our children and youth, veterans, and our communities. Thank you Kia.

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