

IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

December 2019

Time at headquarters assisting Mary was 13.5 hours and 200 miles of travel while wearing Auxiliary clothing for 47 hours.

Christmas gift shops were conducted at Pocatello and Boise Veterans Homes on 6, 7 and 8 December. (Pictures) Veterans were brought in by Legion volunteers and Auxiliary members helped Veterans shop for their families. Gifts were wrapped and delivered to Veterans rooms. A few gifts were mailed out but gift cards for those with families out of the area pleased Veterans and reduced mailing costs so more funds can go toward other veterans program needs. Vice President Sarah Brown attended Pocatello Home Ribbon cutting while President Susan Barnett was on hand for Boise Home Christmas Gift program. Visits with Veterans and snacks donated by the Auxiliary were provided to the Veterans.

Area 2 held their Oratorical contest on 14 December at Meridian Post. Districts 3 and 9 sponsored contestants, both girls this year. 1 contestant had attended Girls State this summer and the other was informed about that program for her interest for the 2020 year session.

Christmas parties around the state for Legion families and communities. Post/Unit 113 dinner was held 17 December. (Pictures)

Coupons are being collected and sent to our active duty troops stationed overseas from many Units. Unit 113 accounted for 11 hours of effort to collect \$3,045.54 worth of coupons costing \$8.60 in postage mailed to Air Force base in Osan, South Korea.

Scarves and hats are also being made and donated to local Nursing Homes and Veterans rural clinics across the state. Unit 113 members created 7 scarves in 33.5 hours with an estimated cost of \$21.00 for yarn.

Upcoming events:

January 9th Legislative Reception- RedLion Downtowner.

January 16-19th Mid Winter- Courtyard Marriott in Meridian, Idaho. 16th Hosting Auxiliary 100th birthday celebration, National President invited. Cake at the hotel(working details) Nampa Post has a dinner that night for anyone interested.

February 1st- Pocatello Veterans Home- "Souper Bowl"

February 22nd – Department Oratorical Contest in Meridian, Idaho.

This concludes the reporting of December 2019 adventures and events. I look forward to attending more events around the state as your 2019-2020 American Legion Auxiliary President.