

# IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

November 2019

November finished up our District meetings. Time at headquarters assisting Mary was 6 hours and 160 miles of travel.

District 4 meeting was held on November 2nd in Fairfield, Idaho. (could not attend- ill)

District 5 meeting was held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Twin Falls, Idaho at Post. 5 hours of travel, 309 miles round trip.

Poppy events this month included a trip to Idaho State Correctional Center (ISCC) to teach our Legion Veterans how to make poppies and get paid for their work. They were given supplies to make 10,000 poppies. 4 ½ hours were spent that evening with travel of 80 miles. Further poppy events were the distribution of poppies around the state celebrating Veteran's Day including Unit 113 distributed 103 poppies during 2 hours at a Post Legion Colors and Veterans Day Ceremony at Kliner Park in Meridian. Post Color Guard wore the first 11 poppies made by Legionnaires from ISCC. \$225 in donations were collected.

Food Convoys were also held in both Pocatello and Boise for those 2 Idaho State Veterans Home on 15 and 16 November. Boise Food Convoy was 4 hours and 100 miles with a wonder lunch of stew provided by the Veterans Home in appreciation for our efforts. This year over \$65,000 worth of food and monetary donations were collected for both Food Convoys.

Coupons are being collected and sent to our active duty troops stationed overseas from many Units. Addresses for overseas Bases were distributed to Department and District officers. Unit 113 accounted for 10 hours of effort to collect \$1,846.11 worth of coupons costing \$5.30 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 donated 25 hours, 20 scarves and 8 hats to the Caldwell Veterans Affairs Clinic in Caldwell, Idaho. Unit 33 in Payette also had members making and donating hand made hats to their local veterans.

Upcoming events:

December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>- Gift shops in Pocatello and Boise Veterans Homes.

December 14<sup>th</sup> Area 2 Oratorical Contest is being held at Post 113 in Meridian, Idaho.

January 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative Reception- RedLion Downtowner.

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

February 1<sup>st</sup>- Pocatello Veterans Home- "Souper Bowl"

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Department Oratorical Contest in Meridian, Idaho.

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