

IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

October 2019

October was heavily involved in Fall District meetings. Time at headquarters assisting Mary was 25 hours and 700 miles of travel.

District 8 meeting was held on October 5th in Salmon, Idaho. Depending on the route you took depended on whether you encountered snow or not. 12 hours of travel to and from with 717 miles. District 8 had 2 of 3 Units present. \$80 was donated from the 50/50 raffle for the Commanders/Presidents Project- Neptune Warriors. Sarah held a District Unit attendance challenge which was won by Salmon. Sarah awarded Salmon with a Blue Ribbon that the Unit can display to encourage attendance at District meetings.

District 6 was held in Pocatello on October 12th. I was unable to attend but Sarah, my Vice President filled in nicely.

On October 15th I participated with The American Legion Post Color Guard at Sawtooth Middle School for a Veterans Day Program. The Color Guard presented and retired The Colors and attended a wonderful program conducted by the different Choir classes singing patriotic songs. Color Guard members were greeted warmly and several students and Parents wished members personal thanks for attending and serving Our Country.

District 2 meeting was held on the 19th of October in Moscow, Idaho. Round trip for District 1 and 2 was 996 miles, 18 hours of travel. Clear travels although it was snowing during the meeting. A speaker from the University Of Idaho addressed the joint opening. Her name was Jen and she is a member of the Student Veterans of America, although not a Legion member herself, she was given an application to join at the meeting. She told us that there are Chapters all across the country. The University of Idaho has over 300 VETERANS using veteran's benefits. Discussed more ways to open communications between Post/Unit and the college. Refurbishing Post/Unit home in Moscow I was also told the Post has a ham Radio Room which they are looking at starting A Radio Club. \$77 was the total pot for 50/50 raffle of Commanders/Presidents Project, \$39 went to Jenny Cash which she donated to the fledgling Sons of The American Legion Squadron. The District Membership attendance award went to Moscow. National Presidents Pins were distributed along with National Presidents picture for each Unit.

District 1 meeting was held on 20 October at Worley, Idaho. Abe announced that this year Idaho American Legion would be sponsoring a Girls fast pitch softball tournament this year. This year there were 3 girls that played in The American Legion baseball program in Idaho. For everyone working in youth programs it is highly ENCOURAGED that adults complete not only the required background check annually but also take a 1 ½ hour course on sexual harassment. Both of these can be found under "Protect Youth Sports" under baseball.legion.org. There are currently 3 Veterans Homes in Idaho a 4th has been approved for Post Falls, Idaho. It is planned for 64 beds with construction starting in April/May of 2020 with occupancy planned by 2021. District Unit attendance award went to Plummer. \$156 was donated to the Commanders/Presidents Project with the 50/50 raffle.

District 3 meeting was held on 26 October in Meridian, Idaho. 50 miles of travel at 1 hour round trip. Extra copies of the 100th anniversary edition Auxiliary magazine have been mailed to department, started handing out at 3rd District along with National Presidents Pin and photo. \$110 was collected during the 50/50 raffle for the Commander/Presidents Project. Won by Abe, donated entire thing back to the project. Jo Ann Bujarski is reviewing Department Constitution and By-Laws with this years changes by the American Legion and the passing of The Legion Act by Congress opening membership in both The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. Due to the changes coming from

National to conform with National Constitution and By-Laws Units will NOT have to vote on changes but WILL have to annotate and sign the changes. More to follow as we get the correct wording from National. Constitution and By-Laws has NO mid-year report. Our new National Secretary, Kelly Circle starts work 11 November. District Unit attendance challenge won by Meridian.

Upcoming events:

November 11th- Veteran's Day- programs across the state- Poppy distribution.

November 15th Food Convoy- Pocatello Veteran's Home.

November 16th Food Convoy- Boise Veteran's Home.

December 6th and 7th- Gift shops in Pocatello and Boise Veterans Homes.

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.

June 14-19th- Girls State- NNU, Nampa, Idaho.

July 16th-19th- Department Convention- Eastern 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.