

**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
DISTRICT IV
100TH DISTRICT CONVENTION**



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EMPORIA, KANSAS**

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THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

The Star Spangled Banner

Frances Scott Key

John Stafford Smith

Moderato *f* *maestoso*

C G Am E Am D7 G C G C G Gsus4 G7

Oh, — say can you see by the dawn's ear - ly light What so proud - ly we hailed at the
 stripes and bright stars thru the per - i - lous fight, O'er the ram - parts we watched were so

C G7 C G7 C G C G7

7 1. 2. 7
 twi - lights last gleam - ing! Whose broad stream - ing? And the rock - ets red glare, the bombs burst - ing in
 gal - lant - ly

C G7sus4 C G C Am D7 G C F A7

13
 air, Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that — Star Span - gled

Dm C#dim Dm F#dim7 C G7 G G7 C G C G7 C D C F/G G7 C

cresc. *ff*

20
 Ban - ner — yet — wave — O'er the land — of the free, and the home of the brave?

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

“For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes;

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

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DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2023-2024 Carol Roush

I began my year as President on April 15, 2023, at our District Convention held in Junction City, Post #45 where I was elected and later installed in Topeka at our Department Convention.

My first meeting was on June 29 for an E- board meeting. We discussed our plans, budget, and officers for the upcoming year. Also, a lot of discussion regarding the upcoming split of 4th District. A committee was formed to lead in this transition.

August 12, I attended the Department President's Homecoming in Arkansas City. First time I had ever been to that city.

September 13, I, along with my husband worked the American Legion booth at the Kansas State Fair. This was an enjoyable day. Had a lot of potential members stop by for information.

October 7 was our District Homecoming along with Legion Commander Eszter Blair in Lebo. We had a very nice crowd. Filled the post!

October 14, I traveled to Abilene for the Eisenhower Pilgrimage and the Vice President's Homecoming. I placed a wreath for the District as well as a rose for my unit.

On October 27 we had a transition meeting in Manhattan regarding the split.

December 4 I had the opportunity to help with the gift shop at Topeka VA hospital.

There we helped veterans select gifts for their loved ones and then wrapped them and prepared them for mailing. This was a very humbling experience for me and I thoroughly enjoyed the day. I hope to do this again each year.

December 16, I attended the Department Christmas party in Emporia.

It was a trying year from the beginning for me. As at our District convention, I was only 2 weeks post-op total knee replacement. But with the great help from my officers and all attendees, I was able to get through the convention meeting.

I have greatly enjoyed serving as President again and feeling sad that this is the last year for the "original" Fourth District. We will be splitting at the end of this year. I have been a member of the Auxiliary 42 years and belonged to 4th district all that time. So many memories throughout those years. And many, many great friendships formed. It will be strange not seeing some of these people at our meetings and conventions but splitting the district will not split our friendships.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your President this year and also thank you to all the wonderful officers that I had to work with. Without you, I could not have had a successful year. You are all my sunshine.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kay Busby

This year has gone by so fast hard to believe that District IV as we know it is coming to an end. I have such fond memories of our district and they will be cherished forever. First off I want to Thank you for allowing me to be the Vice President of our great district it's been a great trip and I will always cherish the memories I've made with each of you over the year.

My year began April 15, 2023 at our District convention held at Junction City Post #45 where I was elected and later installed in Topeka at our Department Convention.

My first meeting was in Manhattan where the District officers meet to go over our President's theme, budget and discussion of what we need to do in order to prepare for the split of our district at the end of our 2024 convention. There was a lot of discussion on how this was all going to happen but we all agreed that it's going to take all of us to make a success out of both districts!

In July I attended the American Legion Family Day in Hutchinson. It was a great day with lots of food and activities for all. This has been done in past years but went off the radar so it was brought back and I feel like it was a good thing.

I attended the District IV homecoming in October at Lebo. I had just been released from the hospital a few days prior so my black eye didn't look so good but I had a good time and thanks to my daughter, Janeine for being my chauffeur. I'm sorry I was unable to attend several other functions that I wanted too but I did go when I was able.

The District officers meet again in October at Manhattan to go over more ideas and plans for the split of our district and the decision on purchasing flags and pins for the new district 11.

Our last meeting of district officers was held in February to make the final plans for our split. It's really hard for me to realize that this is really going to happen and I know it's going to be a big adjustment for all of us but we have some great members and working together it will work.

Looking back over the years of District 4 we had at one time 40 units who were active, strong and supportive of each other. Now we are at 28 and will be losing one unit that will remain in district 4 plus the 14 other units that will be going to district 11 and that leaves us to 13. How sad is this! Our membership status isn't where I'd like us to be but it's not due to lack of trying each unit has done everything they could to get the membership.

Thank you President Carol for allowing me to be a part of your journey this past year we've had some good times together and I know we will continue to make those memories. My final thought by Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Auxiliary Love to all

Kay Busby

District IV Vice President 2023-2024

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

4TH DISTRICT SECRETARY/ TREASURER REPORT - LORENE OPPY WAS INSTALLED
AS 4TH DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD
ON APRIL 15, 2023.

JUNE ATTEND 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT MANHATTAN.

PER CAPITA TAX WAS COLLECTED FROM ALL UNITS

TREASURER REPORT:
BEGINNING BALANCE

\$

PER CAPITA

DISBURSEMENTS

\$

BALANCE ON HAND

\$

I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH DISTRICT PRESIDENT CAROL
ROUSH AND WANT TO THANK HER FOR ALL THE HARD EFFORTS SHE HAS PUT
INTO OUR DISTRICT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. - LORENE OPPY

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
District Four Chaplain Year End Report

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Fifteen Units reported. All other Units were contacted in some form, but no response was received.

There were 23 deaths reported which will all be remembered at the Joint Memorial Service at the District 4 Convention.

Hours – 482 hours

\$ spent - \$3,991.00

Members – 70 members

Miles – 972 miles

Prayers – 25 prayers

Some of the Chaplain Activities that the Units reported were:

- Attended funerals
- Prayer for opening and closing at meetings, special meetings
- Prayer at events: meals, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Memorial services
- Memorial \$ sent to Department for each Deceased Unit member
- Grief support
- Attend respect calls
- Made phone calls to check of members
- Attend Chapel of The Four Chaplains Service at Dept. and presented at Unit meeting
- Sent in donation for Chapel of the Four Chaplains
- Performed memorial service for community member when asked and for members when asked
- Home visits

Cards sent:

- Get Well – 51
- Sympathy – 118
- Thinking of you, Friendship -77

- Birthday – 269
- Other – 2120 including, Wedding, graduation, engagement, retirement, Baptism, Confirmation, Baby, Valentines, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Easter, Communion

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

History Report

2023-2024

Marcia Cottrell

District IV Historian

I began my year as District 4 Historian on April 15, 2023. I would like to thank the members of District IV for supporting me this past year. It has been an honor to serve as your Historian.

This is the last year for District 4 as it has been known since it was chartered as the District will be splitting July 1, 2024. I know there are some very special memories and moments and probably some bittersweet memories as well to be remembered by our long-time members. This District is by far the best District, in my honest opinion, in the Department of Kansas. We work together as a Family throughout not only the Auxiliary, but the Legion and Sons of the American Legion as well. The comradery between all entities is fantastic, the friends across the District that are always there for us whenever something is asked of them.

I was able to attend all of the District IV events as well as most of the Department of Kansas events this past year and enjoyed every one of them. Some were more memorable than others but all of them will always remain special to me.

The Abilene Posts and Unit in District IV has always been so fortunate to host the Eisenhower Pilgrimage and Department Vice Commander/Vice President's Homecoming every year and always shine. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather this past Fall for it and a good turn-out from across the Department of Kansas.

Unfortunately, we did not have many Unit History Reports submitted so have very little to report there. I am hoping to see numerous Unit History Books presented for competition at our upcoming District Convention on April 13, 2024.

I will be submitting the District IV History Book to the Department History competition this year.

This coming year will see a lot of changes within our District due to the split into Districts IV and XI. I am sure both Districts will be very successful in their first year as new Districts. We will definitely need the support of our members to be successful, and I know the support will be there.



DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

AMERICANISM
District IV Chairman
Carol Roush

Received reports from only 5 units

Throughout the district reports of units attending flag retirement ceremonies, Participation in 4th of July parades. Numerous members who fly the flag 24/7, assisted with Memorial Day programs and Run for the Wall ceremonies. Many units did cooking and serving of meals for special occasions hosting by them and/or the Post. One unit member from Unit 101 traveled to Hawaii and placed a rose at the Pearl Harbor Memorial.

Total numbers received in reports:

Members participating	89
Volunteer hours	352
Money spent	\$3,914.00
Mileage	3,860

Thank You for allowing me to be your District Chairman for the year 2023-2024.

**EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE
2023 - 2024 YEAR-END REPORT
CAROL ROUSH CHAIRMAN**

Only 4 units reported.

Total members participating in the pilgrimage was 15. Chapman Unit 240 had more members that assisted with the dinner the evening before at the post.

Total hours reported from the 15 members were 150.

Total miles driven were 790.

Total amount of money spent \$310.

3 roses were placed for units. And 1 wreath was placed by District President.

Carol Roush
District 4
Eisenhower Chairman

**LEGISLATIVE AND POPPY
ROBIN MULLEN – CHAIRMAN**

LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR 2023 – 2024

Unit 45 – members voted in November Elections.

Unit 366 – No Report

Unit 296 – No Report

Unit 17 – 50 members voted in November 2022 elections.

Unit 323 - One member stays informed via email of the issues being brought to the legislature and notifies Senators and Representatives to be vigilant on issues regarding our Veterans.

Unit 101 – 20 members voted in November 2022 elections. Members attended city council and county commissioners’ meetings.

Members: 91 Hours: 104 Miles: 134 Cost: \$3,205.80

POPPY REPORT for 2023-2024

Units reported they had participated in Poppy Distribution in their cities by either having a display at stores and collecting donations for the Poppies in various ways. The Units either set up displays at stores and collected donations, canvassed the town with the help of the 4-H Club, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts troops. One Unit made poppy pots and necklaces for distribution. Units also fluffed the poppies before distributing them.

Members Participating	78
Volunteer Hours –	100 hours
Donations -	\$1,000.00
Miles -	200

LEADERSHIP YEAR END REPORT

MEMBERSHIP YEAR END REPORT

2023-2024

District 4

Kay Busby, Chairman

Leadership:

Out of our 28 units within District IV only 5 units reported back. What these units reported were they went to Mission Training, Mid-Winter and Fall Conference, National Convention, District & Department Conventions along with Zoom meetings. Plus, monthly meetings. It has also been reported that the units would like to see more leadership training within the district*

Membership:

The membership for District IV is 946. The units have done their very best to meet the goal set by National, which is pretty hard with some of our units being small and with elderly members, but we did what we could. I feel that no matter how many members we have in our unit the main goal is to support our veterans and I'm proud of each unit in what they have accomplished.

Units reported that the membership chairman or treasurer collect dues and submits the transmittals to the department office on a timely manner. Three of the units that reported stated that they have access to ALAMIS. Units are finding it hard for some of their elderly members to pay the increase in dues therefore the unit has paid for those members.

Members - 297

Hours - 2,079

Cost - \$36.00

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS, & ORATORICAL
DISTRICT IV 2023 - 2024 REPORT
LORENE OPPY - CHAIRMAN**

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Units are in the process of updating their Unit's Constitution & Bylaws.

ORATORICAL

District IV did not have a participant in the Department Oratorical Competition this year.

SUNFLOWER GIRLS STATE REPORT
DISTRICT IV 2023 - 2024 YEAR END REPORT
MARCIA COTTRELL, CHAIRMAN

Several Units sponsored Delegates to Sunflower Girls State this past summer.

This is a wonderful program for our young people to learn the basics of government at all levels as they conduct their campaigns and elect their local, county, and state officials.

This year again I was honored to be the Sunflower Girls State Hostess for the week. These girls are absolutely amazing, and it is so interesting to see the change in them from when they come in on Sunday afternoon and then leave on Friday afternoon. They learn so quickly how to interact with one another to get the job done and on to the next step.

They have the opportunity on Friday to go to the State Capital in Topeka and vote on their House and Senate bills that they had brought forth throughout the week. To see them sitting in the Senators and Representatives chairs and as the Speaker of the Senate and House and hear and see them conduct the business is amazing. You can see some nerves, but once they get started, those nerves seem to go right out the window and they are all business.

These Delegates develop friendships that will last the rest of their lives regardless of what path life takes them on.

The Sunflower Girls State Staff are wonderful at assisting the Delegates with anything they need and answering their questions.

This is such an important and worthwhile Program that I hope all of our Units will continue to support and find Delegates to go to Sunflower Girls State each year.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES
DISTRICT IV YEAR END REPORT
MARCIA COTTRELL, CHAIRMAN

Many of the Units in the District do not have Juniors, but those that do are actively involved with the Junior Program.

One Unit has only one (1) Junior but she is actively involved with the STUCCO meetings at her school and delivers Meals on Wheels to community members.

One Unit is diligently working with the Junior members and the under age 18 Sons of the American Legion members on the Patch Program and learning meeting protocol, Flag Etiquette. They provide various other activities for the younger Juniors and Sons of the American Legion during their meeting times also.

These members are our future, and we really need to mentor and teach them the ins and outs and the proper etiquette and protocol withing The American Legion Family.

Members Participating –	25
Volunteer Hours –	100
Mileage –	50

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH
DISTRICT IV YEAR-END REPORT
DIANNA HORNER, CHAIRMAN**

Units across the District participated in various ways in support of our Children and Youth.

Units supported local charities by providing Christmas gifts for children. Other Units supported Children and Youth by honoring their accomplishments and donating to Child Welfare Foundation. Most Units supported the youth of their communities by attending sporting events and or other school programs their grandchildren, nieces or nephews and/or friends and neighbors' children participated in.

Units recognized April as the Month of the Military Child by honoring those children who's parent(s) are currently serving or have served. They also wore purple on Purple Up Day which is April 15.

Some Units support Special Olympics throughout the year in whatever way they can.

EDUCATION
DISTRICT IV YEAR-END REPORT
DIANNA HORNER, CHAIRMAN

Units across District 4 annually raise monies within their Unit to provide high school Seniors with a college scholarship to help with college tuition expenses. Some Units are able to provide multiple scholarships to High School Seniors and some only provide one scholarship.

Qualifications for the scholarships vary from Unit to Unit depending on their Bylaws,

**NATIONAL SECURITY
VETERANS ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION**

**District IV
2023-2024
Janeine Muir, Chairman**

National Security:

Units within District IV reported that they have donated blood and to the Ft. Riley turkey run and North pole. Going to see veterans in hospitals, doing yard work for them and providing meals. One member represented the Department of Kansas at the Washington D.C. conference and met with the Representatives from Kansas to support the bills regarding our Veterans before Congress. Members also voted in the election.

Members: 86	Hours: 616.5
Cost: \$2,263.00	Miles: 2,978.

VA&R:

Six units reported that they help with snow removal, yard work, housekeeping, grocery shopping and take veterans to doctor appointments. Also collect and donate Christmas cards to local nursing homes and V.A. hospitals along with clothing and help with the Christmas gift shops.

Members: 99	Hours: 1,137
Cost: \$7,230.95	Miles: 5,763.
Veterans: 2,118 +	

COMMUNITY SERVICE
2023-2024
DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN — LOIS STALEY

Sadly only 3 units reported.

One unit (Gridley #296) reported several members serve on community boards and help with fun runs as well as help their community plan events, work booth and activities. They also donated and helped serve meals after funerals in the community.

Total hours 222 Monetary total \$384.00

Another unit (Lebo #323) reported they participates in the 4th of July Bingo hosted by the Post. The members of the unit provide sweets, i.e. pies, cakes, etc for purchase as a fundraiser for the unit. They also do this on a monthly basis at the regular scheduled Bingo nights.

Unit members did well check on other members of the community who are not Auxiliary members.

Volunteer hours for Unit 50

Value of Volunteer hours \$29.95 per hour = \$1497.50

Total miles driven 662

Value of miles driven \$0.14 per mile = \$84.28

The other unit (Clay Center #101) reported they donated to several organizations within the community including DAV in Salina, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Hospice, Walk Kansas, Wreaths across America and many many more.

2 members helped with cost of neutering 18 feral cats in the community.

Reported 69 senior members participated in the Community

2 Junior members participated. Total hours members worked Total miles driven

1643 x \$29.95 = \$49,207.85 6034 x

\$0.14 = \$844.76

Total amount spent promoting Community Service \$7050.00

PUBLIC RELATIONS
District Four Public Relations Year End Report
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Fifteen Units reported. An attempt was made to contact the other 13 Units but no response yet at this time. I am sure all Units do something for Public Relations if they would just let us know what they do.

Sr and Jr members involved — 75

Miles — 167 miles

Hour- 345

\$ spent — \$99

Some of the things reported by the Units reporting that were done for Public Relations are:

- Wore ALA apparel and or jewelry to promote ALA in the community and at ALA events and meetings.
- Newsletters
- Promoted KS Honor Flight with a community dinner
- Radio Announcements
- Newspaper articles about ALA events • Application forms available at all events
- Social media
- Posters to promote events and ALA
- Word of mouth, phone calls and in person — announcements and information
- Texts and or emails
- Marquees

Public Relations lets others know who we are, why we matter, what we do, and much, much more.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND
DISTRICT IV AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND YEAR-END REPORT
KAREN REED CHAIRMAN

Out of 28 District 4 Units, only two (2) responded that they did this Auxiliary Emergency Fund program.

Eight (8) responded that they either don't do the program or had nothing to report.

One (1) Unit donates a yearly budgeted amount to each of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund both National and Kansas.

One (1) Unit reported that they had a member that donated to the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund and received a pin for her donation.

So we have \$10.00 donated to the Kansas Auxiliary Emergency Fund program and \$210.00 donated to the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund for a total of 67 members driving 1 mile and 1 hour for these programs.

LIASION TO CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION
DISTRICT IV LIAISON TO AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FUND
KAREN REED, CHAIRMAN

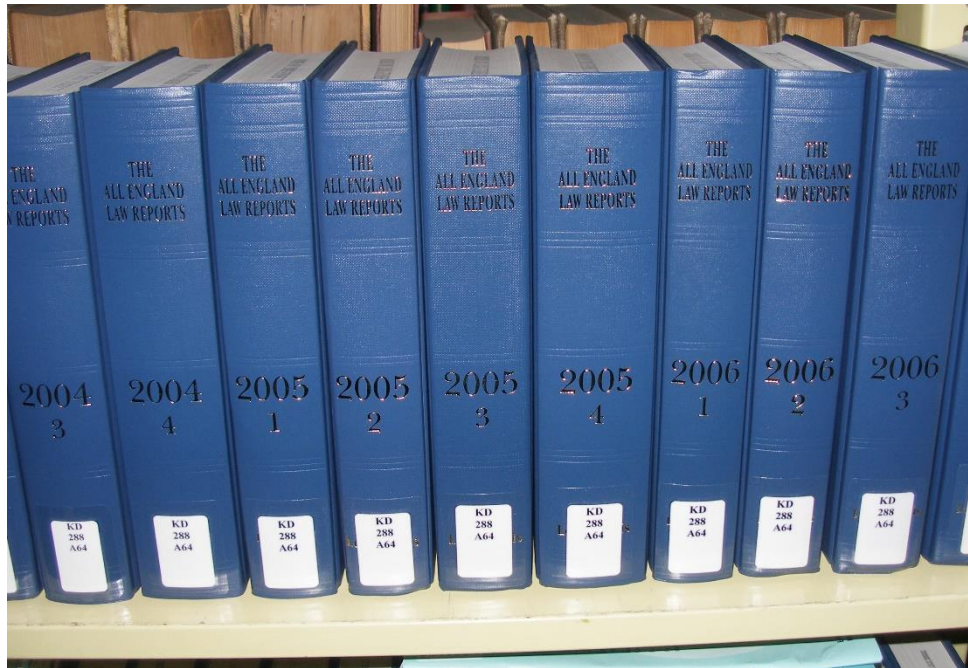
Out of 28 Units in District 4, nine (9) Units responded that they either had nothing to report or that they don't do this program.

One (1) reported doing something for the Liaison to American Legion Child Welfare Fund. Those results are 66 Senior Unit Members and one Unit Junior member donated a total of \$58.00, drove 42 miles, and 3 hours.

The pink pig was passed around at each of their meetings plus they reported that they donate a yearly budgeted amount for the Liaison to American Legion Child Welfare Fund.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY
DISTRICT IV 2023 - 2024 YEAR END REPORT
MARY MARTINSON, CHAIRMAN**

Most Units withing District 4 do not participate in the Past President's Parley and no reports were submitted.



UNIT PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

UNIT 45 EARL C. GORMELY JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

EARL C GORMELY UNIT 45 END OF YEAR
REPORT SUMMAY 2024-2025

THE THINGS UNIT 45 HAS DONE FOR THE
YEAR APRIL 2023- MARCH 1 2024

OUR UNIT 45 HAS BEEN VERY BUSY THIS YEAR

1. WE HAD OUR ELECTION IN APRIL AND HAD OFFICERS SWARN IN
2. WE HOSTED THE 4TH DISTRICT CONVENTION AT OUR POST HOME
3. ONE MEMBER ATTENED THE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE IN CONCORDIA KS
4. 10 MEMBERS HELP WITH THE HEROS WELCOME DINNER
5. 7 MEMBERS WERE AT THE 4TH DISTRICT CONVENTION AFTERNOON
6. 3 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE STATE CONVENTION IN TOPEKA KS
7. 6 MEMBERS ATTENDED RUN FOR THE WALL IN JUNCTION CITY AND WENT TO THE CEREMONY
8. WE HAD TWO MEMBERS DID THE POPPYS FOR MEMORIAL DAY
9. WE HAD ARMED FORCES DAY -WE HAD RAFFLES DRAWINGS FOR ALL MILITARY GROUPS
10. WE HAD TWO MEMBERS WHO PLANTED FLOWERS AT SAPP BROTHERS THAT THE LEGIONNAIRS STARTED AND THE 2 MEMBERS MAINTAIN THE PLANTER
11. WE GAVE 300.00 FOR THE RUN FOR THE WALL SHIRTS WE HAD THIS AS AN INKIND DONATION
12. OUR POST HAD A POT LUCK FOR THE 4TH OF JULY
13. OUR POST HAD A POT LUCK FOR LABOR DAY
14. THE AUXILIAY HAD A TACO MEAL
15. WE ENTERED THE AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT IN OCT WE HAD 9 MEMBERS ENTERED. WE HAD 3 TEAMS FROM OUR POST THAT ENTERED9 AUXILIARY EMPORIA GOT 1ST PLACE AND ONE OF OUR TEAMS GOT 2ND PLACE
16. WE DID OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS AND JUST HAVE TO HAVE IT APPROVED.
17. ONE MEMBER WENT TO THE FALL CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURG KS
18. OUR POST HAD A CRAFT FAIR PUT ON BY THE AUXILIARY 10 MEMBERS HELPED
19. THE AUXILIARY HAD A BEREAVEMENT DINNER FOR ONE OF MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY
20. WE HELPED WITH A POTLUCK DINNER FOR ONE OF OUR LEGIONNAIRES WHO PASSED AWAY

21. ONE MEMBER WENT TO EISENHOWER DAY IN ABILENE KS AND LAID THE ROSE 10.00
22. WE HAD SEVERAL BEREAVEMENT DINNERS FOR OUR LEGIONNAIRS WHO PASSED AWAY THAT THE AUXILIARY HELP WITH NO HOURS TURNED IN EXCEPT FOR ONE REPORTED 6 HOURS AND MILEAGE 6 MILES
23. WE HELP WITH THE VETERANS DAY MEAL THAT WAS FREE TO ALL VETERANS
24. 4 MEMBERS WENT TO THE VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT THE CL HOOVER OPERA HOUSE
25. WE DO THE CHILDREDS CHRISTMAS PARTY PURCHASED GIFTS AND WRAPPED THEM UP AND FILLED STOCKING FOR THEM 5 members
26. THERE WAS MEMBERS WHO HELP THE LEGIONNAIRS AND SAL WITH DINNERS THEY HAD
27. WE GAVE \$ 250.00 TO TWO FAMILIES OUT AT FORT RILEY WHO'S HOMES BURN DOWN THEY LOST EVERYTHING. TOTAL amount gave 500.00
28. WE GAVE \$300.00 TO THE VA TOPEKA HOSPITAL FOR CHRISTMAS
29. WE GAVE HEALING WATERS \$ 250.00 FOR THE VETERANS
30. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR \$3000.00 4 APPLICATIONS WERE TURN IN ,THEY EACH RECEIVED \$750.00EACH
31. WE GAVE 48/8 \$ 300.00 FOR THE VETERANS DAY MEAL
32. ONE MEMBER WENT TO MID WINTER FORUM IN HUTCHINSON 39 HOURS -MILES TO HUTCHINSON AND BACK-----
33. TOTAL DONATIONS PAID \$4,660.00
34. ONE MEMBER ATTENDED THE PLAY PETER PAN JR AND SUPPORTED 60 CHILDREN +36 MORE. THEY WERE IN THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM BEFORE PETER PAN JR
35. ONE MEMBER SUPPORTS HER GRANDDAUGHTER IN DANCE AND THEIR PROGRAMS DON'T KNOW THE TOTAL NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IN THE DANCE PROGRAMS.
36. TWO MEMBERS BOUGHT GIRL SCOUT COOKIES.
37. ONE MEMBER WENT TO THE MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
38. WE HAD 6 MEMBERS WENT AND HELPED WITH THE RUN FOR THE WALL .
39. WE HAD 6 MEMBERS HELPED WITH TURKEY RUN AND HANDED OUT TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVINGOUT AT FORT RILEY
40. WE HAD 6 MEMBERS THAT HELPED WITH OPERATION SANTA CLAUS AT FORT RILEY.
41. 2 MEMBERS WENT TO THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES
42. ONE MEMBER HELPS WITH THE SAL MEALS ONCE A MONTH FROM SEPT TO JUNE
43. OUR MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE AUXILIARY IS OUR WEEKLY BINGO ON SUNDAYS.
44. WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO TAKE OTHER MEMBERS AND PEOPLE TO STORES DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS ETC.
45. WE ALSO HELP THE LEGIONNAIRS WITH THEIR BINGO.

46. WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO HELP OUT AT RUN FOR THE WALL.
47. AS PRESIDENT I SET IN ON LEGION S MONTHLY E- BOARD MEETING I AM A NON-VOTING MEMBER BUT I CAN GIVE INPUT IF CALLED ON.
48. I TRY TO GO TO ALL AUXILIARY MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS, MID WINTER FORUM, 4TH DISTRICT CONVENTIONS STATE CONVENTION, AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE IN CONCORDIA .
49. I GO TO THE PLANNING MEETINGS FOR OUR POST
50. WE SEND OUTTHINKING OF YOU, GET WELL,AND SYMPATHY CARDS
51. WE DONATED \$ 100.00 TO THE DIAPER RUN

52. WE DONATE 100 CARNATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY OUT AT FT RILEY

SO YOU SEE OUR UNIT HAS BEEN VERY BUSY DOING WHAT WE CAN.. THIS YEAR OUR POST HAS LOST A LOT OF MEMBERS 6 AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND THE LEGINNARIES HAS ALSO LOST A LOT OF MEMBERS THIS YEAR

MARY LOEHR PRESIDENT

EARL C GORMELY UNIT 45, JUNCTION CITY KANSAS

ALONZO F. DEXTER UNIT 101

PRESIDENT'S YEAR-END REPORT

February 1, 2023 thru January 31, 2024

This is February and we begin with Mid-Winter Forum with one member attending. It was very informative, especially on what not to claim on reports. Volunteer hours should reflect direct mission service and have a direct impact in our community. All of our reports were sent in before March 1st. Eleven nursing home Veterans received Valentine's along with several nursing home members. We learned how to be prepared for the upcoming tornado season.

March is Women's History Month, One of our Unit's Past-Presidents was Miss Celia Mae Hanson. She was in the US Army Nurse Corps. The Unit's Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules were updated and sent to District and Department reflecting the change in dues, A committee for the slate of officers was selected for next year. Information was taken to the schools for Sunflower Girls State, Do you know what FLAG stands for? F FAITH in our Country; L LOYALTY to our country; A LOVE for our country; G - GLORY of our country.

April is the month of Military Kids and the 15th is PURPLE UP DAY. The reason for purple is it is the combination of Red, White, and Blue. One member presented the program of how to set a military child's table, The Post thanked the Auxiliary for the desserts that members furnished for their corned beef & cabbage supper at the Methodist Church Scramble (community dinner). Officers for 2023-24 year were elected. Three members attended the District Convention.

May is Military Appreciation Month, The Legion Post along with the Auxiliary held a Memorial Day ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery with the Auxiliary providing a color guard and seven little flower girls. The Auxiliary served refreshments at the Clay County Museum afterward, We had a successful Poppy day May 28th & 29th at various locations around town,

June was installation of new Unit Officers for the 2023-2024 year. They were President Judy Stitt, Vice President - Jeanna Fancella, Secretary Alice Wilcoxson, Treasurer Karen Reed, Chaplain - Lois Staley, Historian Lanita Laffery, and Sergeant At Arms - Nancy Vesta. District Four Commander Eszter Blair was the installing officer. Eighteen membership awards were presented. We learned about the Department Convention from those that attended.

Our audit committee decided to meet in July. They found NO discrepancies with the books.

August we had a meet and greet membership drive, One new member was added at this time, but we have lost two so far in death. Several paid their dues. Our membership goal was increased to 89 when we were at 74 the past two years in a row. With this being a retirement community and 80% of our members are over 75, we may never catch up,

Our year started in September and we heard from Zoey Killian of Wakefield that went to Sunflower Girls State last June. She had a good time, made many friends, and learned a lot about state government, Some committee chairpersons were assigned. Lois Staley filled us in on her trip to the National Convention "Be The One" was explained to us. We made a donation to the Kansas Department Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

October We got ready for Halloween's trunk or treat; sent out cards to our nursing home veterans for Veterans' Day. One member went to Fall Conference and brought back reports. We had a successful Piotique fundraiser, Our unit President went to Eisenhower Pilgrimage and

placed the rose then visited with our National Auxiliary President Lisa Williamson. Two other members went also and took pictures. One member had supper with our National President that evening at another Post, A flag was purchased and taken to Lincoln Elementary School for American Education Week,

November finds us collecting items for the Topeka VA Gift Shop. Funds were sent for the Fort Riley's Turkey Run and Operation North Pole, and the Clay Center Toy Run. We started making arrangements for The Kansas Honor Flight Scramble/raffle to be held at the end of the month, And Remember Pearl Harbor refreshments were discussed. A membership letter and Christmas cards were sent to all our members,

December is when we placed a new patriotic wreath at the Veteran's Memorial on the courthouse square for the observance of Remember Pearl Harbor. Several members helped with Wreaths Across America placing 1165 wreaths at our local cemetery. Christmas cards along with a bag of personal items were taken to our nursing home veterans and members. Christmas parties were enjoyed by the local Post and Unit members and their families, We were able to send a check for \$ 1400.00 to the Kansas Honor Flight. The community was very supportive,

January will be getting ready for all the changes coming our way in the New Year. We sent in funds for the Child Welfare Foundation, Special Olympics, Department Presidents project, Chapel of the Four Chaplains; Wreaths Across America were ordered for next December. We signed Valentines for our Veterans and members in the nursing homes.

Our Past Presidents Parley of which there are four members, met every other month throughout the past year, They donated to the Department LPN Scholarship Fund and made tray favors for the Topeka VA Hospital.

Judy Stitt
Unit #101 President

PHILLIPS STUCKEY SHAFFER UNIT #296

Submitted by members of the Unit, typed by Jeanne Haas, Unit President

Phillips Stuckey Shaffer Unit # 296, Gridley, Kansas, has 35 members and meets four regular meetings a year. We decorated the City Library windows for the months of November and May with program themes. The American Legion Family hosted a Veterans Day Ham and Bean feed on Veterans Day for the community and this year co-hosted a Flag Retirement ceremony with the American Legion members before the meal. The American Legion family decorates approximately 200 graves of Veterans and Auxiliary members for Memorial Weekend in the five local cemeteries. Our Unit is the host for Coffey County Government Day for Senior High students. This year 87 plus teachers and paraeducators attended the day which includes visits to nine county offices and the afternoon with county service groups-fire, ambulance and sheriff sharing career opportunities and equipment with the group. Our Unit helped host the Department Junior Meeting in March 2023. Three members fly lighted American Flags 24 hours a day all year, while several other post Flags on holidays at their residence. Members try to wear red on Fridays with one member wearing her "be The One" t-shirt the first Monday of each month since Fall 2023.

Under our American Legion Auxiliary programs, members reported serving 1,511 hours and donating \$ 3,083.00 of money and materials to the ALA programs.

HAROLD "SKINNY" SPATZ UNIT 323

Highlights of Our 2023-2024 Year

We have had a great year! Our members work together on any and all projects and are always there for one another all the time.

We have gained several new members and have at least two (2) long-time members that are once again participating in Unit activities. We decided to change our meeting time to the evening in order to more easily accommodate our members that are still working. This was a seamless change and has been met with positivity.

We assisted with our Memorial Day Ceremony this past year, by placing a poppy on the ground in a circle around the flagpole at the cemetery. There are 500+ names that are read of those that we have lost throughout the years. The appearance of the poppies on the ground in a circle is really impressive.

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club in Lebo assisted with poppy distribution by going door to door collecting donations for Poppy Day. They assist us every year with this as part of their community service hours.

We participated in the July 4th Parade by building a float with the assistance of some of our Post Legionnaires. We also participated in the July 4th Festival by members contributing homemade baked goods to be distributed during Bingo. We had a successful fundraiser as a result.

Several members of our Unit attended Eisenhower Pilgrimage this year to lay our Unit rose and our District wreath. It was an absolutely beautiful Fall day. After the ceremony was over we attended the Department Vice Commander's/Vice President's Homecoming. It was wonderful being able to see old friends and meet new ones. We also had the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with several out-of-state Department Commanders attending the Eisenhower Pilgrimage.

We participated in the Colmery-O'Neill Christmas Gift Shop in Topeka in December. This year the Veterans were able to shop for their gifts themselves and that really made for a wonderful time for all that participated. Our Unit members helped the Veterans shop, wrapped the gifts and just generally helped out where needed. Everyone had a wonderful time and we were rewarded with many thank yous from the Veterans.

Our Unit is still providing goodies – pies, cookies, cobblers, candy, etc. during Post 323's Bingo night each month. This is another cooperative effort to fundraise from our members.

I am honored to have been able to serve as Unit President this year. Our members make being President very simple because they are always there to help when needed.



Marcia Cottrell
Unit 323 President

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Based on Department Membership Report as of April 5, 2024

UNIT NAME	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Abilene #38	20	3					
Allen #389	11	3					
Alma #32	37	3					
Burlington #38	7	3					
Chapman #240	45	3					
Clay Center #101	69	4					
Emporia #5	106	5					
Gridley #296	35	3					
Herington #12	13	3					
Hillsboro #366	77	4					
Hope #365	5	3					
Junction City #45	94	5					
Lebo 323	33	3					
Leonardville #40	36	3					
LeRoy #313	13	3					
Lincolnton #347	11	3					
Manhattan #17	171	6					
Maple Hill #130	20	3					
Melvern #317	3	3					
Osage City #198	28	3					
Peabody #95	29	3					
St. George #260	18	3					
St. Marys #178	2	3					
Toronto #325	12	3					
Wamego #172	21	3					
Waverly #119	21	3					
Westmoreland \$186	20	3					
Yates Center #13	26	3					
TOTALS	983	93					