

Auxiliary News

It is nice once again to have a newsletter to keep all our members in touch with the Unit and all that is happening. We are just one month away from completing another year of service to our Veterans and what a good year it has been.

Marge Bailey has been cooking the Friday night suppers on the first and third Friday nights and doing a superb job. On the first Friday in June she is giving us all a chance to “show our stuff” and bring a covered dish for a potluck supper. If you miss out on this chance to have another great dinner, you’ll be sorry.

The last two months have been quite busy. The Unit held its election of officers and on March 28th, the District 3 installing team did the honors of installing the new incoming officers for the coming year. Our new slate of officers is:

Loretta Alty	President
Joan Doyon	First Vice President
Aggie Roussin	Second Vice President
Marion Grant	Secretary
Kitten Clark	Treasurer
Marge Durnin	Historian
Darlene Rines	Sgt-at-arms

After the installation of the Unit, Post and SAL, the unit provided a dessert buffet. The next day, March 29th the Legion family hosted the District 3 Spring Conference. Dinner was served after the meeting.

President Loretta had handed out our chairmanships last fall and she reminded us in April that our reports were due. The Unit had fun and made money when joining with the Legion for a “bunny shoot”. Kitten Clark and Joan Doyon made up the baskets. President Loretta, Marge Bailey and I attended a luncheon in Portsmouth for National President Elsie Bailey when she was here on an official visit. Our National President is a very gracious lady and a great representative of our organization. The National Commander was also here and his banquet was held in Rollinsford. The Auxiliary did a beautiful job decorating and setting up the hall. President Loretta presented Commander Conley with a boutonniere and on behalf of our Unit welcomed him to our post.

Department Convention time is almost here. At the May meeting, our delegates and delegates-at-large were selected. They will represent us at convention. Also, the unit has made plans for the Memorial Day services. As per usual we will meet in front of St. Mary’s church and attend the services as a group. Afterward, there will be refreshments at the post home before going to the Gold Star Mothers Park and placing a wreath in memory of our departed members.

Marge Bailey, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman, has asked that we start collecting items for the Veterans Christmas Party at the Manchester VA Hospital. If we all purchase just one item a week, by the first week in December when all items are due, we should have quite a large donation to bring for the Christmas Party. For those of you who are not familiar with the program, all these gifts are taken around to the residents of the hospital and they are allowed to select gifts for their families. These gifts are then wrapped and the veterans will have something to give to their spouses, children etc. at the holidays. We can also work on collecting items for the “Samaritan” children’s packages. Select a boy or girl, up to age 10 and fill a shoebox with items for Christmas. Marion Grant then delivers them to a local collection point and these boxes are distributed world wide to children who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Won’t you join us at our second Tuesday of the month meeting? We would love to see you, 7pm.

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