

HISTORY OF HOPEFUL BARRACKS AUXILIARY # 1368

Today May 8, 1978, Hopeful Barracks Auxiliary # 1368 is celebrating our 20 year anniversary.

On November 7, 1958, beginning with a pot luck luncheon Hopeful Barracks # 1368 and ladies held a joint meeting at 12 noon. Mr. Thomas Moore, State Commander, and his wife urged the Barracks members to be active in WWI affairs.

After the joint meeting Mrs. Moore met with the ladies and urged them to organize an auxiliary and help our WWI veterans.

Ten names were necessary to obtain a charter. Ethel Brooks, Vesta Flaharety, Verna Garrigan, Cheryl Meyers, Hilda Rice, Joyce Scott, Margaret Snider, Viola Speth, Violet Streck, and Mary Wells were present and signed the application for membership. Mrs. Moore gave the obligation to these ten ladies.

It was moved and seconded to leave the charter open for 90 days to secure more charter members.

Election of officers followed on November 7, 1958; President Verna Garrigan, Vice President, Mary Wells, Secretary, Viola Speth Chaplin, Cheryl Meyers, Conductor, Ethel Brooks, Historian, Vesta Flaherety, Legislative Chairman, Mary Wells.

A motion was made to establish dues at \$3.00 per year.

Meetings were to be held the 2nd Monday of each month in the American Legion building the same time and place as Hopeful Barracks.

It was decided to name our Auxiliary Hopeful Barracks WWI Auxiliary.

On September 14, 1959, we voted to buy a coffee maker.

On November 9, 1959, we hosted a joint district meeting following a 6:30 Pot luck supper. 75 People attended.

In May of 1960 at the district meeting in Centerville, Ethel Brooks was elected Junior Vice President.

In 1960, a motion was made to buy a 50 star flag. Verna Garrigan presented the flag with a pole and standard made by Lawrence Wilson.

From 1959 to 1960, cookies and clothing were sent to the Veterans hospital in Iowa City. From 1960 on, they were sent to the Iowa Veterans home in Marshalltown.

We often had sewing bee's in our homes, making bibs, bed pads and articles for patients in the VA hospital.