

**PREPRINTED 2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

In order for new members to have a pre-printed 2024 membership card and also be listed on the Post Roster, their 2023 dues must be received at Department by April 1, 2023. Additionally, any current member not paid by April 1, 2023, will not have their continuous years pre-printed on their 2024 membership card. Wednesday, April 19 is a cut-off date for the final renewal notice and dues must be to Department by April 17.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Please remember the Department “Teacher of the Year Award” has an entry deadline of May 1. This award will honor an educator whose accomplishments and activities in the field of education are in excess of what is normally expected and who also promotes American Legion youth programs in their school. Contact Program Director Eric Martin for complete information.

**RECRUITER / GOLD & SILVER BRIGADE**

Post Adjutants are asked to review their Adjutant’s Manual for the Recruiter, Gold & Silver Brigade and other membership awards available to post members. Most forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 10.

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Department is offering the opportunity for individuals and businesses to advertise in the 2023 Department Convention program. See the attached flyer for more information.

**Enclosures:**

- Consolidated Post Report (Adjutant Only)
- Department Convention Program Ad



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# NEWSLETTER

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**THE ROAD TO SUCCESS**

**2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 MARCH 15TH TOTAL: 21,616 – 87.04%**

<b>DISTRICT 7 - 90.06%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 2 - 89.51%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 15 - 88.17%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 6 - 88.15%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 5 - 87.85%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 8 - 87.58%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 4 - 86.91%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 11 - 86.37%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 10 - 85.62%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 13 - 85.43%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 1 - 84.81%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 9 - 84.34%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 12 - 84.06%</b>	<b>DISTRICT 3 - 80.98%</b>		

**CONVENTION CREWS SAY  
'THANKS'/DISTRICT  
CONVENTIONS**

Department officers and committee members who traveled the annual district convention circuit extend their appreciation for the courtesies extended while attending the conventions. The remaining District Convention is District 4 – Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. MST. Your District Commander has more information.

**APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH  
MONTH**

“Children...Our Most Precious Natural Resource” is the national theme for Children & Youth month. Use this theme in the promotion of all our Children & Youth programs.

**2024 ANNUAL POST DATA REPORT**

Post Adjutants received the 2024 Annual Post Data Report in March. Read the information carefully before completing the form. Please double check to ensure the mailing address is correct to which the membership returns are to be mailed – which includes the three-line address and correct ZIP code. Above all, make sure the dues amount is correct. Remember it is necessary to transmit \$35.00 per card when making a membership transmittal to Headquarters. Due date at Department Headquarters is April 15.

**CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT**

Enclosed (Adjutant only) is the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2022-2023 American Legion year. Please complete this form and return it to Department Headquarters **ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2023**. The CPR can now be found on our website and MyLegion.

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS**

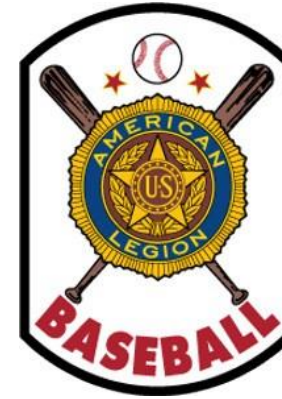
Before any membership transfer occurs, there must be a Member Data Form (30-001) provided to Department Headquarters, signed by a member or certified by a Post Commander or Adjutant where a member has given oral permission to be transferred. This can be found at [nebraskalegion.net/about/forms.html](http://nebraskalegion.net/about/forms.html)

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
PLANS**

It is time to begin planning for attendance at Department Convention in Kearney at the Ramada Inn. DEC will meet on June 22 and the Convention will meet June 23 - 25. Business sessions of the American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR will all be held in the Ramada. Phone 308-237-3141 for reservations. Rooms are \$84.00. Convention Registration fee is \$10.00.

**2023 BASEBALL SEASON IS SET**

Be sure your Post does not miss the entry deadline for registering your American Legion Baseball teams. Sponsorship of the program begins a new each year with your Post. Deadline is May 15. Late entries will be accepted with an additional \$200.00 per team late fee up to May 31. Entry fees are non-refundable. Visit our web site at [www.nelegionbaseball.net](http://www.nelegionbaseball.net)



**DELAYED MEMBERSHIP  
TRANSMITTALS**

Memberships not transmitted in a timely manner can prove costly. If a Legionnaire is not current in their membership and tragedy strikes – it is possible they would not be entitled to the benefits and programs of The American Legion since you must be a member in good standing to apply for National Emergency Funds and collect on the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (just to name a couple). Don't put the Post, the Legionnaire, or the family into that predicament. Make it a point to turn in memberships every two weeks.

**CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE**

More than 220 young men were accepted as participants in the 2023 session of Cornhusker Boys' State. Acceptance notices were sent to Post sponsors on March 24. If your Post/sponsor has not received confirmation, please contact HQ for verification. It is possible we did not receive the application. If you have any additional delegates or would like to sponsor one of our remaining fifteen alternates, please contact Adjutant Dave Salak at HQ ASAP.



**IRS 990-N REMINDER**

Deadline for filing Form 990-N for all Nebraska American Legion Posts is May 15. The Form 990-N must be filed every year, or the post could lose its tax-exempt status.

**PROPOSED DEPARTMENT  
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS  
CHANGES**

There has been one C&BLs resolution passed at a District Convention for consideration thus far. We still have one convention to go, so others may be coming. Resolutions passed at District Conventions will be sent to all Post Commanders and Post Adjutants in the next newsletter so they can be read at Post meetings.

**DEC, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, PDCs,**

**Please distribute this to anyone you know that is attending Convention in Kearney. This notice will go out in the April Newsletter to all Post Commanders and Post Adjutants. Unfortunately, our April/May newspaper was just printed and mailed and states the convention is still at the Ramada. Obviously, that is now overtaken by events. Convention WILL NOT be at Ramada.**

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**NOTICE**  
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**Today, I cancelled our Convention at the Ramada inn in Kearney due to ongoing hotel disrepair and other disturbing reports.**

**The Convention is still being held in Kearney but across the street in the Younes Conference Center South. According to Younes, the Conference Center South is located just outside the doors of both the hotels.**

**Our guest rooms will be in either the Comfort Inn (308-236-3400) or LaQuinta (308-237-4400). Room rates are more expensive than the Ramada at \$129.95 nightly plus tax.**

**If you made a reservation at Ramada Inn then it is suggested you cancel that reservation and move to LaQuinta/Comfort Inn.**

**I'm sorry for this short-fused change but those attending convention shouldn't have to deal with substandard accommodations.**

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**END OF NOTICE**  
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**R, Dave  
David W. Salak  
Department Adjutant  
Nebraska American Legion  
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# THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

2022 - 2023

Department of (1)  Post No. (2)  District No. (3)   
 Final 2021-2022 Membership (4)  City (5)  State (6)

## VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of cases handled by service officer(s)
- 8 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ emergency aid given to veterans from post funds
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of volunteer hours recorded at VA hospitals
- 10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to *VA Voluntary Service* program
- 11  has a *VA Voluntary Service* coordinator
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of *VA Voluntary Service* volunteers

## NATIONAL SECURITY

- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ *Blood Donor program* - no. of pints donated
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ *Blood Donor program*: no. of blood donors
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ *ROTC medals* - no. presented by post
- 16  has a *National Security* chairperson
- 17  has a *Crime Prevention/Law and Order* program
- 18  has a *Fire Prevention/Protection* program
- 19  participates in *Homeland Sec/Disaster Relief*
- 20  has a *POW/MIA* chairperson
- 21  has *Law Enforcement of the Year* program
- 22  has *Fire Fighter of the Year* program
- 23  post has color guard / rifle team
- 24  wake services honors provided for veterans
- 25 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of funeral honors provided for veterans
- 26 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ funeral cost to post
- 27  post has ceremonial rifles or static display
- 28 \_\_\_\_\_ number of static displays (guns, cannons, etc.)

## MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 29  has a PR chairperson/officer
- 30  produces a post publication
- 31  maintains a website
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of annual community events post participates
- 33 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of post social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- 34 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of times post mentioned on radio
- 35 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of times post mentioned on TV
- 36 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of times post mentioned in newspaper (stories)

## VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

- 37  has employment chairperson
- 38  has *Homeless Veterans* chairperson
- 39  participates in career fairs
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of veterans referred to *LVER* or *DVOP*
- 41 \_\_\_\_\_ no. placed in employment
- 42 \_\_\_\_\_ no. placed in job training program
- 43  promotes programs such as *Employer of the Year*
- 44  post submitted award: *Homeless Veterans Outreach*
- 45  post submitted award: *Employer of the disabled*
- 46  post submitted award: *Employer of Older Workers*
- 47  award to *Local Veteran' Employment Representative (LVER)*
- 48  award to *Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)*
- 49  award to local office
- 50  award for Employer of veterans, large cat/+200 employees
- 51  award to Employer of veterans, med cat/50-200 employees
- 52  award for Employer of veterans, small cat/less than 50 emp

## AMERICANISM

- 53 \_\_\_\_\_ *Boys State*: no. of boys sponsored
- 54 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Boys State*: cost to post
- 55 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *American Legion Legacy Scholarship*: amt donated
- 56  participates in citizenship/naturalization activities
- 57  *Baseball: American Legion Baseball* team sponsored
- 58 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost of baseball team sponsorship
- 59  other athletic teams sponsored
- 60 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost of other teams
- 61  *Scouting*: sponsors scout unit(s)
- 62 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of youths in Legion Scouting
- 63 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donated to scouting activities
- 64  *Oratorical Contest*: sponsored local contest
- 65 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of local Oratorical contestants
- 66 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Oratorical cost to post
- 67  participates in *School Award* program
- 68 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of awards presented
- 69  participates in *American Education Week*
- 70 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost of American Education Week
- 71 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of scholarships awarded
- 72 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost of scholarship awards
- 73  participates in *Vets in the Classroom*
- 74 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Vets in the Classroom* cost to post
- 75  participates in *Flag Day*
- 76  participates in *Get Out The Vote*
- 77  participates in *Veterans Day*
- 78  participates in *Memorial Day*
- 79  participates in *American Legion Birthday*
- 80  participates in *Four Chaplains Sunday*
- 81 \_\_\_\_\_ *Community Service*: Estimated no. of hours of service
- 82 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Community Service* cost to post
- 83 \_\_\_\_\_ *Jr Shooting Sports Prog Club*: no. of clubs
- 84 \_\_\_\_\_ *Jr Shooting Sports Prog Club*: no. of youth involved
- 85 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Jr Shooting Sports Prog* cost to post
- 86  *Youth Cadet Law Enforcement*
- 87 \_\_\_\_\_ *Youth Cadet*: no. of youth involved
- 88 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Youth Cadet*: cost to post
- 89  participates in *National Day of Prayer*

## CHILDREN & YOUTH (C&Y)

- 90 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of *C&Y activities* held
- 91 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash aid given to benefit children
- 92 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ value of goods given to children (reasonable estimate)
- 93 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of children given aid (cash or goods)
- 94 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of volunteer hours for C&Y programs and activities
- 95  participates in *Halloween Safety*
- 96  participates in *Health & Child Safety*
- 97  participates in *April is C&Y Month*
- 98  participates in *National Family Week*
- 99 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ parties, dinners, prizes and gifts
- 100  participates in *Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)*
- 101 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *TFA*: cost to post
- 102 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ administrative costs (paper, equipment, etc.)
- 103 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost of all other child service charities
- 104 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Legion Veteran & Children Foundation*
- 105 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Veteran & Children Foundation*: cost to post

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS & MEMBERSHIP




- 106  *American Legion Riders*: has Riders group
- 107 \_\_\_\_\_ no. of Legion family members in Riders group
- 108  participate in *Legion Riders Legacy Run*
- 109 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Legacy Run*: cost to post
- 110  *Sons of American Legion*: has squadron
- 111 \_\_\_\_\_ *Sons of American Legion*: no of Sons in squadron
- 112  participate in *National Emergency Fund*
- 113 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *National Emergency Fund*: cost to post
- 114  *American Legion Amateur Radio Club*: has radio club
- 115 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *American Legion Amateur Radio Club*: cost to post
- 116  Participated in *Buddy Check*
- 117 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members contacted
- 118  Participated in *Veterans Service Days*
- 119 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of events hosted
- 120  participates in *Operation Comfort Warriors*
- 121 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ all other fund raising not captured above
- 122 \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer hours not captured above

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_


**It's time to start putting together our Department Convention Program and the Nebraska American Legion is selling space in the program for individuals or businesses to advertise. Please distribute around your community businesses to garner support. All ads and payment must be received before June 9, 2023. Program is 8.5 x 5.5 in size. Contact Amanda at 402-464-6338 for more information.**

**\$10.00 Page split into eight sections**  
**\$20.00 Page split into four sections**  
**\$30.00 Page split into two sections**  
**\$60.00 Full page**

**Example of what a page might look like**

 <p>Wishing (name here) you a Happy Birthday.</p>	<p>WANTED: One good hearted woman to forgive imperfection in the man that she loves.</p> <p>Dear (name): Sorry I messed up.</p> 
 <p><b>THE AMERICAN LEGION</b> DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA</p> <p><b>DAVID W. SALAK</b> DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT</p> <p>5600 P STREET                      PHONE: (402) 464-6338  P.O. Box 5205                      CELL: (402) 450-9092  LINCOLN, NE 68505-0205        EMAIL: DWSALAK@WINDSTREAM.NET</p> <p>NOT FOR SELF BUT FOR COUNTRY</p>	

**Please Join the Nebraska American Legion**

<p><b>The American Legion Membership Application</b></p> <p>_____ (Name) _____ (Phone)</p> <p>_____ (Mailing Address) _____ (Date)</p> <p>_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #)</p> <p>_____ (Membership ID# former member) _____ (Email Address) _____ (Dues)</p> <p><b>Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – Present</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1981 – May 7, 1975</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.</p> <p>_____ Signature of applicant                      _____ Name of recruiter</p> <p>30-009 (2011)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – Present	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1981 – May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines	<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility)	<input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918		<p><b>Receipt of Dues</b> (Please Print)</p> <p>From _____ for 20____ Post # _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>Recruiter's Name _____  Recruiter's Signature _____  Recruiter's Phone # _____</p> 
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