

JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM

Applications for the 2024 session of the Junior Law Cadet Program will be mailed to the Post and schools in January. They are also available on our website under the Junior Law Cadet tab. The boy’s session will be June 17 – 18 and the girl’s session will be June 20 – 21 at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Center. The application deadline is March 15th, and the fee is \$200 per delegate. Contact Programs Director Eric Martin with questions.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to the many Posts that made membership transmittals, Nebraska reached the December National 75% goal. With effort on the part of each Post Officer, we know we can reach Commander Percy’s goal of 100%. He is counting on you to help Nebraska make the mark.

The fourth National dues notice is scheduled to arrive in unpaid members mailboxes the week of January 6th. Members whose dues are not received at Department Headquarters by December 11th will receive the notices.

DONATIONS

If your Post has not yet contributed to a National program (NEF, OCW, TFA, etc.) please consider doing so now. Commander Percy has challenged each Post to contribute to the different programs. Please send your donation to HQs before June 1st so the results can be tallied before Department Convention.

50-60-70-75 YEAR RECOGNITION

National Headquarters prepares certificates of continuous membership each year for members with 50, 60, 70, and 75 years of membership as of January 1, 2024. National sends the certificates directly to Post Commanders for distribution at the Post Birthday or other event. Notify Headquarters if you have not received them by March 1.

NATIONAL DUES INCREASE

Durning the 2023 National Convention in Charlotte, NC, the dues increase of \$5.00 was passed for the 2025 membership year. This will take effect on July 1, 2024. There is a possibility that a Department dues increase may be presented this year at Department Convention.

LEGION POST MUST FILE FORM 990-N

Tax exempt organizations must file a yearly 990 return with the IRS. If your post does not file the required annual return at least once in three years, the law provides that your Post automatically loses its tax-exempt status. Please go to irs.gov/990n to complete the form. The deadline to file is May 15th.

Enclosures:

- District Convention Call/District Convention Delegates
- Draft District Convention Schedule



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“LEAD BY MENTORING”

2024 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 23.418 DECEMBER 15TH TOTAL: 18.826 – 80.39%

DISTRICT 15 – 86.63%	DISTRICT 7 – 85.86%	DISTRICT 1 – 81.66%	DISTRICT 8 – 81.40%
DISTRICT 5 – 81.23%	DISTRICT 2 – 80.99%	DISTRICT 11 – 80.80%	DISTRICT 12 – 80.64%
DISTRICT 10 – 78.26%	DISTRICT 6 – 77.87%	DISTRICT 13 – 74.96%	DISTRICT 4 – 73.65%
DISTRICT 3 – 73.41%	DISTRICT 9 – 71.99%		

NOTICE TO ADJUTANTS

Please use our new address for transmitting membership cards, and make sure your envelope is sturdy and sealed. Too often we receive envelopes that have been broken or torn.

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MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

This year's Mid-Year Conference will remain focused on educational training. This event is being held January 19 – 21, 2024, at the Holiday Inn in Kearney. The Department Executive Committee and Department Committees will meet on Friday, January 19th. Please note the maximum number of nights to be reimbursed by Department to call-ins will be two nights at \$75.00 per night. For reservations, please call the Holiday Inn (308-237-5971) located at 110 2nd Avenue - Kearney, NE. Room rates are \$114.95 per night. Conference Registration fee is \$10.00.

The condensed agenda schedule will be in the December issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. Information can be found at www.nebraskalegion.net/meetings/department_midyear.html

VETERANS LEGISLATIVE DAY

Legislative Day will be held Friday, February 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. at the State Capitol. Governor Pillen and State Senators will speak about proposed veteran legislation.

DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The Department Executive Committee has authorized a fundraiser for a lottery drawing on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at our Mid-Year Conference in Kearney. The prizes will be 1st prize, \$2,500; 2nd prize, \$1,000; 3rd prize, \$500; 4th - 8th prize, \$200 each. Nebraska Legionnaires should have received their tickets in the mail. Tickets will be 1 ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$25.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Enclosed you will find the official District Convention Call, along with the number of delegates each post is entitled to seat at Convention. The Convention Call should be read at your next meeting or made available to your members as soon as possible. District Conventions are for all Legionnaires, not just those selected as delegates. District Convention dates are enclosed as well. A delegate from each post should be present so that a quorum is present to conduct business.

Any District, Post, or Area that wishes a Department Officer or Committee Chair, or Liaison to come and visit them, should send an invitation to the desired person at least one month in advance so that travel can be approved by Department HQs.

A reminder to all District Commanders to provide HQs with your Convention agenda at least ten working days in advance of your respective Convention date.

DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Contact your District Commander or look under the forms section on the website to find the District Citizenship nominee form. One Legionnaire will be selected by each District Commander and will be honored at Department Convention in June. Please mail the nomination form to your District Commander at least three weeks before your District Convention.

EAGLE SCOUT-OF-THE-YEAR

Nominations for the Eagle Scout-of-the-Year scholarship program are available on our website. All nomination packets are to be submitted directly to Department HQs by March 1. The winner of the National Competition will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and the three runners-up are each awarded \$2,500 scholarships. The top three finalist in Nebraska receive a cash award of \$500, \$300, and \$200. Contact Programs Director Eric Martin with questions.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Many Posts will be receiving awards at District Conventions. We encourage someone from your Post to attend the Convention to accept them.

RESOLUTIONS

The means by which changes are instituted within The American Legion start in the form of a resolution. Be sure to get your proposed resolution approved through your Post and Squadron. Resolutions should be forwarded to your District Convention for endorsement. Contact Adjutant Salak for a resolution template.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE

The 2024 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 2 – 8, 2024. Applications and brochures will be sent to all Post Adjutants in January. The Boys' State sponsor fee will be \$400 this year. There will also be a \$25 registration fee due at the time of arrival for each delegate. This is the time that your Post Executive Committee and members should pass a motion that will sponsor a certain number of boys to Boys' State. This will ensure that you have funding for the program and the Post isn't waiting until March to secure funding. Letters will also be sent to all High School principals requesting their assistance in making recommendations of qualified candidates. It is the Post's responsibility to return applications to HQs by the March 15th deadline. Please select a boy who agrees to participate for the entire week. Post's may send as many boys as they wish to nominate. Please send any alternates in as well, so we can try to find them a sponsor.

2024 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Washington Conference is scheduled for February 24 - 28 and is open to any Legion family member wishing to attend. Housing arrangements can be made with the Washington Hilton located at 1919 Connecticut Ave NW by calling 202-483-3000. Contact Adjutant Salak for more information.