

NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Nebraska American Legion Press Association (NE-ALPA) is looking to work to promote The American Legion Family. Any member in good standing of the Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons, is eligible to be a member of NE-ALPA. Our purpose is to share what the Nebraska American Legion Family is doing to help our veterans, children & youth, and our communities. Our paper, online publications, and social media are the best way to reach out to potential members. Information on upcoming events and ideas will be sent out to current members in September. Contact Amanda at Headquarters with questions.

GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Enclosed is a bulletin concerning the 2024 Gift for Yanks program. We ask for the support of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter to provide a gift to those veterans confined to the VA Medical Centers and those residing in Nebraska’s Veterans Homes during the holiday season. Your early response will assist in planning for this large activity by our volunteer representatives. Make checks out to GFY and send them to Nebraska American Legion, 150 NW 40th Street, Unit A, Lincoln, NE 68528.

POST 500

Legionnaires who have signed up through National are placed in their respective Department’s holding Post. In Nebraska, that Post is called Post 500. These new members are then available for transfer to a local Post, but it requires the Post to make phone calls, send letters, or make a personal visit to the prospective new member to tell them what the local Post does for the community and that you would like the Legionnaire to transfer into your Post. Posts can use MyLegion.org to find Post 500 members in their area or they can call HQ who will gladly provide a listing.

STATE FAIR MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Military Appreciation Day at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island will be on Monday, September 4. Special events will be held throughout the day in the Heartland Event Center. Veterans receive free admission all day with proper identification. Full events can be found at statefair.org

Enclosures:

- Membership Target Dates and Membership Renewal Dates bulletin
- Gifts for Yanks Who Gave donation sheet
- Schedule of VA&R Events



The American Legion
Department of Nebraska
150 NW 40th Street, Unit A
Lincoln, NE, 68528
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NEWSLETTER

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John Henry Percy

Department Adjutant
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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 JUNE 30TH TOTAL: 22,737- 90.28%

DISTRICT 7 - 94.03%	DISTRICT 6 - 93.88%	DISTRICT 2 - 92.64%	DISTRICT 8 - 92.36%
DISTRICT 5 - 91.31%	DISTRICT 13 - 91.12%	DISTRICT 12 - 90.52%	DISTRICT 15 - 90.47%
DISTRICT 4 - 89.98%	DISTRICT 11 - 89.70%	DISTRICT 3 - 89.62%	DISTRICT 10 - 89.15%
DISTRICT 9 - 88.89%	DISTRICT 1 - 87.00%		

COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

Commander John Henry Percy and President Lisa Moore will be having their homecoming celebration in Wilber on Saturday, September 16. More information will be sent out.

COMMANDER'S PROJECT

Commander Percy has decided his project for the year will be to advance the OCW and Gifts for Yanks programs. As such, he is asking all Posts to consider donating to those causes.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

MOVE

Department Headquarters has moved! We are now located at 150 NW 40th Street in Lincoln. Along with the move, we will no longer be using our PO Box. Use 150 NW 40th Street Unit A – Lincoln, NE 68528 when sending mail. Our email addresses have changed.

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Our phone number remains 402-464-6338.

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES

The 2024 membership renewal notices will be sent out from National after July 10th.

2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

MAILED

The 2024 membership cards and Nebraska permanent membership cards with a computer printout will be mailed July 6th to Post Adjutants. Post Adjutant names and addresses used were those on file at Department Headquarters, so new Adjutants who have not received these materials should check with their predecessor before contacting Amanda Washburn at Department. Reminder: The 2024 membership cards and checks mailed to Department HQs will not be processed until after August 1.

POST OFFICER GUIDES

Post Officer Guides and Post Adjutant Guides were mailed out July 6th. If the new Post Commander or Adjutant did not receive the mailing, contact the previous officer to see if they received them from Headquarters.

MEMBERSHIP TARGET & AWARDS

The first National Membership Target for 2024 is September 13, which calls for 50% of the Department's goal. Adjutants, please refer to the 2024 Post Adjutant Guide for target dates. A few changes were made to the Department's membership awards/incentives.

ONLINE RENEWAL INFORMATION

The 2024 Adjutant Guide was sent to all Adjutants. Page 8 in that guide provides information on the process of those members that renew online. Page 9 in that guide explains the process of Post Adjutants being able to transmit their members online.

POST REBATE PROGRAM

A Post who signs up a new member for 2024 and transmits membership to Department Headquarters by November 12, 2023, shall receive a \$5.00 rebate for that member from Headquarters.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Natural disasters continue to plague the Midwest and other parts of the country. The NEF is a worthwhile fund. Can your Post donate 50 cents per member? Please send in all donations, regardless of the program, to HQ so we can keep track of what the Department has donated. HQ will forward all donations to National and give full credit to the donor.

POST GOALS

The Post membership goals for 2024 will be sent out in the August membership report. Membership goals will again be adjusted this year to match the National Membership goal.

2024 DUES NOTICES

The first dues notice from National Headquarters was received by individual Legionnaires about July 10. Additional notices will be sent on October 7 – 14, November 10 – 18, January 6 – 12, March 2 – 8, and May 4 – 10. Send in renewals quickly to avoid costly delinquent notices. Review the enclosed bulletin on the membership target and renewal dates. The cutoff date for the October renewal notice is September 13.

DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

The District meeting schedules are posted on our Department website at www.nebraskalegion.net/meetings/meetings. Questions should be directed to the District Commander. Remember, Fall Round-Ups are for informal meetings. Business is conducted at District Convention, not Fall Round-ups.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

This is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that provides the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment, and competition. Participants may be of either gender, ages 14 through 20. Handicapped youth are encouraged to participate. Contact our Department Liaison, Doug Frahm, if your post is interested in pursuing this program.



NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA&R 2023 SCHEDULE

DOLLAR DAYS, GIFT SHOP AND GIFTS FOR YANKS EVENTS

Stand down and Creative Arts

Stand down: *Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Lincoln NE -Contact Linda Varejcka*

TBD - Omaha NE - Contact Paula Pillen

Creative Arts: *Omaha taking entries unit April 23, 2023 - Contact Paula Pillen*

Grand Island – Items will be displayed at the State Fair - Contact Vicki Cyboron

Please plan to arrive at all events one-half hour before the event time

VETERANS DOLLAR DAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Wednesday, November 1, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln NE Regional Center
Thursday, November 2, 2023	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk NE Veterans Home Norfolk NE Regional Center
Monday, November 6, 2023	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE VA Home, Bellevue
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island NE VAMC Central NE VA Home, Kearney
Sunday, November 12, 2023	2:00 p.m.	Western NE VA Home, Scottsbluff

VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Set up - Monday, December 4, 2023 Gift Shop dates: December 5-8, 2023	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center
Set up - Monday, December 4, 2023 Gift Shop date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Grand Island Medical Center

GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Saturday, December 2, 2023	1:30 p.m.	Hot Springs, SD, VA Medical Center
Sunday, December 3, 2023	2:00 p.m.	Western NE VA Home, Scottsbluff
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln NE Regional Center
Friday, December 8, 2023	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk NE Veterans Home Norfolk Regional Center
Monday, December 11, 2023	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE Veterans Home, Bellevue
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center Central NE VA Home, Kearney

“GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE”

This year The American Legion Family are asked to sponsor the “Gift for Yanks Who Gave” program. Your contribution will make it possible for every veteran confined to a VA Medical Center or residing in a Veterans Home in Nebraska to be remembered at Christmas.

A monetary contribution has been recommended according to the membership of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter.

Please give what you think you can, but for the veteran’s sake, please give something.

We would ask that each Post:

- a. Contact its Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders to support this important program.
- b. Make a donation based on the total membership of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter as follows:

Up to 100 combined membership	—	\$25.00
100 to 199 combined membership	—	\$50.00
200 to 299 combined membership	—	\$75.00
300 to 399 combined membership	—	\$100.00
400 to 499 combined membership	—	\$125.00
500 to 749 combined membership	—	\$175.00
Over 750 combined membership	—	\$200.00

Please make checks payable to “Gifts For Yanks Who Gave” and send your donation before December 1, 2023 to:

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
150 NW 40th Street, Unit A
LINCOLN, NE 68528

2023-24 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

Nebraska American Legion

	<i>Received at Department [Monday]</i>	<i>To Be Rec'd at National [Wednesday]</i>	<i>Percent of Goal</i>
EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEP 11, 2023	SEP 13, 2023	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCT 16, 2023	OCT 18, 2023	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOV 13, 2023	NOV 15, 2023	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DEC 11, 2023	DEC 13, 2023	75%
MID-WINTER	JAN 16, 2024	JAN 18, 2024	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEB 12, 2024	FEB 14, 2024	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MAR 11, 2024	MAR 13, 2024	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APR 8, 2024	APR 10, 2024	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 13, 2024	MAY 15, 2024	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH		30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

CUTOFF DATES FOR RENEWAL NOTICES

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- (1) September 13, 2023
- (2) October 18, 2023
- (3) December 13, 2023
- (4) February 14, 2024
- (5) April 10, 2024

RENEWAL NOTICES MAILED OUT

- October 7-14, 2023
- November 10-18, 2023
- January 6-12, 2024
- March 2-8, 2024
- May 4-10, 2024

Membership cards need to be at Dept. Headquarters by this cutoff date for members not to receive the next renewal notice.