



# NEWSLETTER

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*“The Four F’s: Family, Future, Freedom & Faith”*

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**CONVENTION CREWS SAY ‘THANKS’** Department and National officers and committee members who traveled the annual district convention circuit wish to extend their appreciation for all the courtesies and hospitality extended to them while attending the conventions.

**CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT** Enclosed (Adjutant Only) is the Consolidated Post Report form for the 2015-2016 American Legion year. Please complete this form and return it to Department Headquarters ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2016. The Consolidated Post Report can now be found on our web site at [www.nebraskalegion.net](http://www.nebraskalegion.net) under the “About Us” tab then click on “Forms”. You may complete the form online and email the report to [dwsalak@windstream.net](mailto:dwsalak@windstream.net).

This report serves a useful purpose to compile activity information from all American Legion posts, required by our Federal Charter, which is presented to the Congress. The annual Americanism and Children & Youth Awards are based on your Post’s participation as documented on this report.

**CORNHUSKER BOYS’ STATE** More than 375 young men were accepted as participants in the 2016 session of Cornhusker Boys’ State. Acceptance notices were sent to Post sponsors on March 21. If your Post/sponsor has not received confirmation, please contact Department Headquarters for verification. It is possible we did not receive the application. If you have additional delegates or would like to sponsor one of our remaining 22 alternates, please contact Amanda at Department Headquarters ASAP.

**ORIENTATION / SELECTION PROGRAMS** All Districts will conduct a Boys State / Girls State orientation program this spring. Additionally, every District will hold a selection program to determine the candidates who will be participating in the Junior Law Cadet program. Be on the lookout for information from your District Commander for the date, time and location of the programs in your District, and make sure your candidates are provided with the information in a timely manner.

**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 23 and the Convention will meet June 24-26. Business sessions of The American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR will all be held in the Ramada Inn. Phone 308-237-3141 for reservations. Rooms are \$79.00. Convention Registration fee is \$10.00.

**2016 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 anew each year with your Post. Deadline is May 3. Late entries will be accepted with an additional \$200.00 per team late fee up to May 15. Entry fees are non-refundable. Visit our web site at [www.nelegionbaseball.net](http://www.nelegionbaseball.net)

**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.

**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 Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for complete information.

**PREPRINTED 2017 MEMBERSHIP CARDS** The deadline for receipt of 2016 membership cards at Department Headquarters for the purpose of receiving preprinted 2017 membership cards is Monday, April 11. This is also a transmittal date, so cards must be received at Headquarters by 9:00 a.m.

**2017 DIRECT BILLING DATA FORM** Post Adjutants have received the 2017 direct billing information from Department Headquarters. You are urged to 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 \$29.75 per card when making a membership transmittal to Headquarters. Due date at Department Headquarters is April 15.

**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.

**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 11.

**APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH** "Children...Our Most Precious Natural Resource" is The American Legion national theme for Children & Youth month. The Department encourages your use and support of this theme in the promotion of all our Children & Youth programs.

**PROPOSED DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGES** There are four resolutions submitted thus far proposing a change to the Constitution and/or Bylaws. They are attached for your awareness.

**POW/MIA LIAISON** The newly appointed POW/MIA Liaison is Don Nelsen. Thank you, Don, for stepping up and making a positive difference.

Announcements and Bulletins enclosed

- \*\* Consolidated Post Report form (**Adjutant Only**)
- \*\* Boys' State Campaign Planning Study Letter
- \*\* Copy of Resolutions to be reviewed at Department Convention
  1. Department Dues Increase
  2. American Legion Membership
  3. Department & District Dues Changes
  4. Extend Area Vice Commander Term