



NEWSLETTER

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“Working Together To Make A Difference”

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

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT Enclosed (Adjutant only) is the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2018-2019 American Legion year. Please complete this form and return it to Department Headquarters **ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2019**. The CPR can now be found on our website and MyLegion.

This report serves a useful purpose to compile activity 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 the CPR.

CORNHUSKER BOYS’ STATE More than 332 young men were accepted as participants in the 2019 session of Cornhusker Boys’ State. Acceptance notices were sent to Post sponsors on March 25. 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 5 alternates, please contact Adjutant Salak 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 20 and the Convention will meet June 21-23. 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 \$82.00. Convention Registration fee is \$10.00.

2019 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 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

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 So far, there have been two constitution and bylaws resolutions submitted for the DEC’s consideration. They are attached for your awareness.

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.

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 Brent Hagel-Pitt for complete information.

PREPRINTED 2020 MEMBERSHIP CARDS The deadline for receipt of 2019 membership cards at Department Headquarters for the purpose of receiving preprinted 2020 membership cards is Monday, April 8. This is also a transmittal date, so cards must be received at Headquarters by 9:00 a.m.

2020 DIRECT BILLING DATA FORM Post Adjutants have received the 2020 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 \$35.00 per card when making a membership transmittal to Headquarters. Due date at Department Headquarters is April 15.

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.

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.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM The Department is offering the opportunity for individuals and businesses to advertise in the 2019 Department Convention program. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

TRAVELING VIETNAM WALL Coming to Nebraska over the Memorial Day weekend (May 23 – 27) at the United Veterans Club/Hall County Veterans Park in Grand Island. See attached flyer.

Enclosures

- ** Consolidated Post Report form (**Adjutant Only**)
- ** Copy of Resolutions to be reviewed at Department Convention
 1. National Convention Standing Committee Appointees
 2. NECs made part of DEC
- ** Department Convention program ads
- ** Vietnam Traveling Wall flyer



2018-2019

THE AMERICAN LEGION

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

The Consolidated Post Report was established in 1975 in order to assist departments in the documentation of the various activities a specific post has done during the twelve-month reporting period, June 1 through May 31. The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) may be the most important document your post will complete this year. Your post's information, combined with that of other posts, is used when the National Commander and others testify on Capitol Hill on behalf of all veterans. Each post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively our strength is magnified.

If your post did not participate in a program listed on the report, or if you simply can't get the information by the requested date, leave the section blank. If the post only has one program, then that should be the one reported. If you can't get exact amounts or numbers, please make a reasonable estimate.

Many questions call for figures, such as the number of Funeral Honors provided or the number of cases handled by the post service officer. Some of the items being assessed, like The American Legion National Emergency Fund, ask for the number of dollars spent. Do not report cents. Round your response to the nearest dollar.

All answers to the boxes and the fill-ins should be typed or printed clearly using a pen with black or dark blue ink. Some questions can be answered by putting an "X" in the provided. An "X" means "Yes." A blank means "No."

You can also complete and submit your CPR information from myLegion.org using the online form. Make sure you have all your information ready, then simply sign-on and look for **Consolidated Post Report** under the "post and department" options. After completing the form, click on the "Submit" button to send the report to National Headquarters; a copy will automatically be sent to your department headquarters, as well. The on-line CPR form will be made available each year after the blank forms are distributed to the departments (usually in February). On-line submission will be available at myLegion.org through July 1st, the cutoff for receipt of forms at National Headquarters.

When using the paper form, send the original and one copy to your department headquarters by the date they specify. Keep the third copy for your post records.

Your post will undoubtedly have activities which cannot be adequately covered on the report form (for example, the number of Post Chaplain visitations and services performed each year). If so, attach a written description with pictures and articles, if applicable, to the national and department copies of the form. The narrative report will be reviewed by personnel at National Headquarters responsible for specific programs and shared with *The American Legion Magazine* staff.

Your report is a measure of performance for your post and shows you are
"STILL SERVING AMERICA"

Department Reminder: July 1 is the final date for transmittal to National Headquarters for post reports to be included in the national tabulation for the specified reporting year.



THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

2018 - 2019

Department of (1) Post No. (2) District No. (3)
 Final 2018 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 _____ no. of blood donors
- 15 _____ **ROTC medals** - no. presented by post
- 16 has a **National Security** chairperson
- 17 **Crime Prevention/Law and Order** - has a program
- 18 **Fire Prevention/Protection** - has a program
- 19 **Homeland Sec/Disaster Relief & Citizen Corps** - participates
- 20 has a **POW/MIA** chairperson

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 21 has an active PR chairperson/officer
- 22 produces a post publication
- 23 maintains a website
- 24 _____ no. of annual community events post participates
- 25 planned or participated in a 100th Anniversary event or celebration
- 26 _____ no. of post social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- no. of times your post was mentioned in the following media during the past year:
- 27 _____ radio
- 28 _____ TV
- 29 _____ cable access TV
- 30 _____ newspaper (stories)
- 31 _____ newspaper (letters to the editor)

CEREMONIAL HONORS FOR VETERANS - POST SPONSORS:

- 32 color guard / firing squad
- 33 wake services honors provided for veterans
- 34 _____ no. of funeral honors provided for veterans
- 35 \$ _____ expenses

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

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

AMERICANISM

- 52 _____ **Boys State**: no. of boys sponsored
- 53 \$ _____ cost to post
- 54 \$ _____ **American Legion Legacy Scholarship**: amt donated
- 55 participates in citizenship/naturalization activities
- 56 **Baseball: American Legion Baseball** team sponsored
- 57 \$ _____ cost of baseball team sponsorship
- 58 other athletic teams sponsored
- 59 \$ _____ cost of other teams
- 60 **Scouting**: sponsors scout unit(s)
- 61 _____ no. of youths in Legion Scouting
- 62 \$ _____ donated to scouting activities
- 63 **Oratorical Contest**: sponsored local contest
- 64 _____ no. of local contestants
- 65 \$ _____ cost to post
- 66 **Education**: participates in **School Award** program
- 67 _____ no. of awards presented
- 68 participates in **American Education Week**
- 69 _____ no. of schools assisted
- 70 \$ _____ cost of schools assisted
- 71 _____ no. of scholarships awarded
- 72 \$ _____ cost of scholarship awards
- 73 _____ hours of service given to Education program
- 74 \$ _____ additional amounts expended on **Education Program**
- 75 participates in **Vets in the Classroom**
- 76 _____ **Flag Education**: no. of presentations to local groups
- 77 \$ _____ cost to post
- Post Participation:
- 78 **Flag Day**
- 79 **Get Out The Vote**
- 80 **Veterans Day**
- 81 **Memorial Day**
- 82 **July 4th**
- 83 **American Legion Birthday**
- 84 **Four Chaplains Sunday**
- 85 _____ **Community Service**: Estimated no. of hours of service
- 86 \$ _____ cost to post
- 87 _____ **Jr Shooting Sports Prog Club**: no. of youth involved
- 88 \$ _____ cost to post
- 89 _____ **Jr Shooting Sports Prog Club**: no. of clubs
- 90 participates in **Operation Comfort Warriors**
- 91 **Youth Cadet Law Enforcement**
- 92 _____ no. of youth involved

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- 93 _____ no. of C&Y activities held
- 94 \$ _____ cash aid given to benefit children
- 95 \$ _____ value of goods given to children (reasonable estimate)
- 96 _____ no. of children given aid (cash or goods)
- 97 _____ no. of volunteer hours for C&Y programs and activities
- Post participation:
- 98 **Halloween Safety**
- 99 **Family Support Network**
- 100 _____ no. of families assisted
- 101 **Health & Child Safety**
- 102 **April is C&Y Month**
- 103 **National Family Week**
- 104 **Temporary Financial Assistance**
- 105 \$ _____ administrative costs (paper, equipment, etc.)
- 106 \$ _____ parties, dinners, prizes and gifts
- 107 \$ _____ all other expenses
- Contributions - dollar amounts to other agencies or American Legion activities:
- 108 \$ _____ **Family Support Network**
- 109 \$ _____ **Temporary Financial Assistance**
- 110 \$ _____ **American Legion Endowment Fund**
- 111 \$ _____ all other child service charities

INTERNAL AFFAIRS & MEMBERSHIP

- 112 **American Legion Riders**: has Riders group
- 113 _____ no. of Legion family members in Riders group
- 114 \$ _____ **National Emergency Fund** - amount donated
- 115 \$ _____ **Support Our Troops** - cost to post
- 116 _____ no. of volunteer hours for Support Our Troops
- 117 _____ no. of volunteers for Support Our Troops
- 118 \$ _____ all other fund raising not captured above
- 119 **The American Legion Amateur Radio Club**: has radio club

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 1

Subject: National Convention Standing
Committee Appointees

Submitted by: District 2

Referred to:
(1) DEC
(2) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Department of Nebraska Bylaws lists the responsibilities of delegates to the National Convention and; and

WHEREAS, The delegates are active members of their respective posts and district organizations, and participation in convention committees and events will afford an opportunity to learn and grow within the organization, and; and

WHEREAS, Delegates currently serving in National Commission appointments and receiving a convention call-in, have separate responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of present leadership to mentor, educate, and provide opportunity for new members to grow in their knowledge and future value within The American Legion as leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Kearney, Nebraska, on June 20, 21, 22, 23, 2019, That, whenever possible, such department delegates appointed to serve on National Convention Committees will not be a called representative to a National Standing Commission; and be it finally

RESOLVED, Article VI of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, be amended to read as appended.

ARTICLE VI DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. The Immediate Past Department Commander, the Department Commander, and the Department Adjutant, shall each be designated by each Department Convention as one of the Department's automatic delegates to the National Convention of The American Legion following such Department Convention.

Section 2. The Immediate Past Department Commander shall act as Chairman of the Department's delegation in each National Convention, and shall be responsible for appointing the department's delegates to National Convention Committees. Whenever possible, such delegates will not be called representative to a National Standing Commission. ~~and~~ The Department Adjutant shall act as secretary of the delegation.

Section 3. The Department's delegates to the National Convention shall be chosen at the District Convention or at a District Caucus to be held at the Department Convention in the following manner: each District shall elect one delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof. In case the duly elected delegates or alternates from any District is unable to attend the National Convention, the Chairman of the Department delegation shall be empowered to appoint a delegate to fill the vacancy.

Section 4. Each delegate and alternate to a National Convention shall be required to make a deposit of \$100 with the Department when he is notified of his election as a delegate or alternate. This deposit to be a surety that such delegate or alternate will attend the convention. Reimbursement of this surety shall be made to a delegate or alternate if he notifies the Department at least two weeks prior to the National Convention that he cannot go. Otherwise, the money shall revert to the Department. Any delegate chosen to go to a National Convention who does not have both his housing questionnaire and \$100 deposit at Department Headquarters prior to the housing deadline date shall automatically be dropped from the delegate list, and an appropriate alternate shall be selected in his place.

Delegates to the National Convention shall receive \$300 each as reimbursement for expenses of attending the National Convention, except for those delegates receiving reimbursement to the National Convention from National Headquarters.

Delegates to the Convention are ~~requested~~ **responsible** to attend the Nebraska Caucus, assigned committee meetings, participate in the Convention parade, and attend general sessions of the National Convention. A delegate shall have \$25 deducted from his expense money for each meeting he fails to attend, unless excused from such meeting by the delegation chairman.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 4

Subject: NECs made part of DEC

Submitted by: NEC W. Crosier

Referred to:

(1) DEC

(2) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section one of the Department of Nebraska constitution and Bylaws lists members of the Department Executive as the Department Commander, the Area Vice Commanders, and the District Commanders; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeemen are elected by vote of the Department Convention; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman are The Departments representatives to the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman are highly respected and Very knowledgeable of the workings of both the Department of Nebraska and of the National Organization; and



WHEREAS, This knowledge and expertise could, at times, be very valuable to the DEC and to the NEC concerning actions taken by the DEC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Kearney, Nebraska, on June 20, 21, 22, 23, 2019, That Article VII Section 1 be amended to read, the Department Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Commander, the three immediate Past Department Commanders, the Department Senior Vice Commander, the Area Vice Commanders, the District Commanders, The National Executive Committeeman, and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman with voice and vote.


It's time to start putting together our Convention Program and the Department is selling space in the program for individuals or businesses to advertise. Prices are very reasonable. Please distribute around your community businesses to garner support. All ads and payment must be received before June 10, 2019. Program is 8.5 x 5.5 in size. Contact Amanda at Headquarters 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>THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA</p> <p>DAVID W. SALAK 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>The American Legion Membership Application</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>Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below</p> <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> <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>	<p>Receipt of Dues (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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HONOR

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REMEMBER

**Coming to the State of Nebraska, May 23-27, 2019
(Memorial Day Weekend), United Veterans Club
/Hall County Veterans Park, Grand Island, NE**

**See the largest traveling Vietnam Wall in the
United States 80% scale replica (8 ft X 360 ft).**

**For the 395 Nebraskan's and all whose names
are on the Wall, your support would be greatly
appreciated in the form of labor resources and/or
financial.**

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