



NEWSLETTER

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“Don’t Give Up – We’ve Got This”

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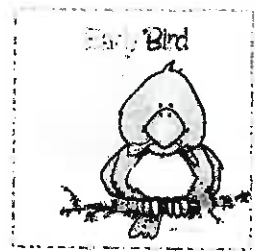
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2017 MEMBERSHIP CARDS MAILED: The 2017 membership cards and Post Adjutant Guides were mailed June 29 to the Post Adjutants. The permanent membership cards (with computer printout) were also mailed to all Post Adjutants in July. Post Adjutants should have received all three mailings by the time you receive this newsletter. Post Adjutant names and addresses used were those on file at Department Headquarters as of June 27, so new Adjutants who have not received these materials should check with their predecessor before contacting the Department. **REMINDER:** The 2017 membership cards and checks will not be processed until after August 10.

POST GOALS: As approved by Department convention action, your Post membership goal for 2017 is one more member than you have recorded at Department Headquarters on July 31, 2016. To avoid any misunderstanding at a later date, your new membership goal and four-year average will be published in the Nebraska Legionnaire and will be posted on our Department website. Post Commanders and Adjutants may phone HQ's to obtain a copy via other means.

2017 DUES NOTICES: The first dues notice from National Headquarters was received by individual Legionnaires about July 1. Additional notices will be sent October 7; November 18; January 6; February 26, and April 27. Complete your membership work early to avoid delinquent notices. Review the enclosed bulletin on the membership target and renewal dates. Cutoff date for October renewal notice is September 12.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS & TARGET: The first National Membership Target for 2017 is September 14, which calls for 50% of goal and the Department's Early Bird Post Citation awarded to Posts achieving 50% of their Post goal by August 18. Adjutants please refer to pages 7 - 9 of the 2017 Post Adjutant Guide for target dates and membership awards. **REMINDER:** Several incentives were carried over from last year. The "Early Membership Renewal Contest" targets all members who have paid their dues by October 1st. Legionnaires who have paid their dues by September 22 shall be in a drawing at the Leadership School for \$150.00. The "Give Me 5 Program" provides one-year free membership to any Legionnaire that signs up 5 new members. The third incentive is a \$5.00 rebate for new members.



COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING: The Homecoming celebration for Department Commander Beth Linn has been scheduled for Saturday, October 1 in Broken Bow. Look for details in the enclosed bulletin and in the September issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire.

DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE: The District meeting schedules are posted on our Department website at <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Meetings/Meetings.html>. Any questions should be directed first to the District Commander and then to HQ's.

DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL: The Department Leadership School will be held in Broken Bow on Saturday, October 1 with registration at 9:00 a.m. at the Cobblestone Inn and One Box Convention Center. Leadership training will be from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. A tentative schedule and registration form will be uploaded to our Department website soon. We ask that you email the Department Adjutant (dwsalak@windstream.net) to pre-register no later than September 23. Printing material is costly so Department only prints a handful extra than what is registered.



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS: A Sr & Jr, B and C Jr State Baseball Tournaments are over; The State Champions are: Class A Jr – Kearney, Class C Junior – Wilber, Class B Junior – Waverly. Class B and C Senior State tournaments and the play off between Class A National Div. (Millard West) and Class A American Div. (Creighton Prep) start on July 30th. Please check the Nebraska American Legion website for locations and game times or results, <http://www.nelegionbaseball.net>. Both the Champion and Runner up for Class A will advance to Bismarck, North Dakota and play August 3rd – 7th. You can watch live at www.legion.org/baseball/tournaments/centralplains

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY AT THE STATE FAIR: Military Appreciation Day at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island on Monday, September 5. Special events will be held throughout the day in the Heartland Event Center. Veterans receive FREE ADMISSION all day with proper identification. Schedule of speakers and events start at 1:30 p.m. and parade at 4:00 p.m. full events can be found at <http://www.statefair.org>

ANNUAL VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION: Nebraska's 32nd Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held this summer in Omaha. The event will be headquartered at the Omaha Ramada Plaza August 11 - 14. For information contact Nebraska Vietnam Veterans, Roy Schoen 402-477-9113 roy-suzie74@inebraska.com and go to www.vetsreunion.com.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND: Natural disasters continue to plague the mid-west and other parts of the country. The NEF is a worthwhile fund. Can your post donate a \$1 per member? .50 per member? Please send in all donations regardless of the program, to the Department so we can keep track of what the Department has donated. Department will forward all donations to National.



POST 500: There are still Post Commanders and Post Adjutants that are unfamiliar with Headquarters Post 500 membership. Legionnaires that join the American Legion at National under the Direct Member Solicitation (DMS) will remain members at National for two-years. After the Legionnaire has paid the dues for their second membership year, National will then release the names of those members over to the Department (Post 500). These new Post-500 members are then available for transfer to a local Post. Posts can use MyLegion to find Post-500 members in their area or they can call Department HQ's who will gladly provide a listing. This is another membership tool available to all Posts.

ON-LINE RENEWAL INFORMATION: The 2017 Adjutant Guide was provided with the membership cards. Page 11 in that guide provides information on the process of those members that renew on-line.

Enclosed:

- 1) Department Commander's Leadership School and Homecoming information
- 2) Membership Target Dates and Membership Renewal Dates bulletin