



NEWSLETTER

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“2019 and Beyond”

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2020 MEMBERSHIP CARDS MAILED The 2020 membership cards and Post Adjutant Guides were mailed in July to Post Adjutants. The Nebraska permanent membership cards, with computer printout, were mailed on July 29 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 2020 membership cards and checks mailed to Department HQ's will not be processed until after August 1.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS & TARGET The first National Membership Target for 2020 is September 11, which calls for 50% of the Department goal. Adjutants please refer to the 2020 Post Adjutant Guide for target dates. Several changes were made to the Department's membership awards/incentives.

POST REBATE PROGRAM A Post who signs up a new member for 2020 and transmits that membership to Department Headquarters by November 14, 2019, shall receive a \$5.00 rebate for that member from Department Headquarters.

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 and show them how The American Legion Family can be beneficial to them and their families. Information on upcoming events and ideas will be sent out to current members on September 1. Persons with questions or interested in joining should contact Amanda at Department Headquarters.

ON-LINE RENEWAL INFORMATION The 2020 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 new process of Post Adjutants being able to transmit their members online.

POST GOALS The Post membership goal for 2020 is one more member than the Post recorded at Department on July 31, 2019. Information is found in the Membership Analysis Report that is sent twice monthly.

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

2020 DUES NOTICES The first dues notice from National Headquarters was received by individual Legionnaires about July 3. Additional notices will be sent October 7, November 15, January 3, February 26, and April 24. Send in renewals quickly to avoid costly delinquent notices. Review the enclosed bulletin on the membership target and renewal dates. Cutoff date for October renewal notice is September 11.

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 the Department so we can keep track of what the Department has donated. Department will forward all donations to National and give full credit to the donor.

GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE Enclosed is a bulletin concerning the 2019 Gifts for Yanks program. We ask for the support of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter in order 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, PO Box 5205, Lincoln, NE 68505.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AND HOMECOMING Department Commander Gary Wooten, Department President Elizabeth Paes, and Detachment Commander Robert Neel will hold their Leadership School and Homecoming on Saturday, September 7 in Wilber. An enclosure with more information has been included.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS: Hastings will be hosting the Mid-South Regional tournament for 2019 and 2020. Champion Teams from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri (2) and Nebraska (2) will be playing for a chance to compete in The American Legion World Series. Games will be August 7th – 11th, go watch a game and eat a hot dog, you won't regret it. Your State Champions are: Class B Jr – Hickman, Class C Jr – PWG. Class A Jr, Class B and C Sr State tournaments and the play off between Class A National Div. and American Div. were ongoing at the time of this mailing. Please check the Nebraska American Legion website for results, <http://www.nelegionbaseball.net>.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY AT THE STATE FAIR Military Appreciation Day at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island will be on Monday, September 2. Special events will be held throughout the day in the Heartland Event Center. Veterans receive FREE ADMISSION all day with proper identification. The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. Full events can be found at <http://www.statefair.org>

VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION Nebraska's 35th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held this summer in Omaha. Now is the time to inform interested members of your post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Double Tree (1616 Dodge Street) August 8 - 11, 2019. For more information contact Nebraska Vietnam Veterans nvvr35@gmail.com or go to www.vetsreunion.com.

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 Post-500 members are then available for transfer to a local Post but it requires the Post to make phone calls or send letters or better yet, make a personal visit to the prospective new member to tell them what the local Posts does for the community and that you would like the Legionnaire to transfer into your 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.

STOLDORF TRUST MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES There are both Post and individual awards available for signing up new members in The American Legion. Contact Headquarters or the Membership Committee for more information on the Stoldorf Trust Membership Incentives. An entry form has been enclosed for listing to new members to send to Headquarters for the contest.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN VETERANS' TRIBUTE Enclosed is an information brochure for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Veterans' Tribute Project.

Enclosed:

- 1) Membership Target Dates and Membership Renewal Dates bulletin
- 2) Gifts for Yanks Who Gave donation sheet
- 3) Schedule of VA&R Events
- 4) Leadership School and Homecoming information
- 5) Stoldorf Trust Membership Form
- 6) University of Nebraska-Lincoln Veterans' Tribute Project sheet

2019-20 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 9, 2019	SEP 11, 2019	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCT 7, 2019	OCT 9, 2019	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOV 12, 2019	NOV 14, 2019	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DEC 9, 2019	DEC 11, 2019	75%
MID-WINTER	JAN 13, 2020	JAN 15, 2020	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEB 10, 2020	FEB 12, 2020	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MAR 9, 2020	MAR 11, 2020	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APR 6, 2020	APR 8, 2020	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 11, 2020	MAY 13, 2020	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH		30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

CUTOFF DATES FOR RENEWAL NOTICES:

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- (1) September 11, 2019
- (2) October 9, 2019
- (3) December 11, 2019
- (4) February 12, 2020
- (5) April 8, 2020

RENEWAL NOTICES MAILED OUT

- October 7, 2019
- November 15, 2019
- January 3, 2020
- February 26, 2020
- April 24, 2020

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

“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, 2019 to:

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NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA&R 2019 SCHEDULE

DOLLAR DAYS GIFT SHOP AND GIFTS FOR YANKS EVENTS

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

VETERANS DOLLAR DAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Tuesday, November 5, 2019	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island NE VAMC Central NE VA Home, Kearney
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln NE Regional Center
Thursday, November 7, 2019	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk NE Veterans Home
Thursday, November 14, 2019	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE VA Home, Bellevue
Sunday November 17 2019	2:00 p.m.	Western NE VA Home, Scottsbluff

VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Set up, on December 1, 2019 Gift Shop dates: December 2, 3, 4, 5	10-3	Omaha VA Medical Center
Set up, on December 10, 2019 Gift Shop dates: December 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Grand Island Medical Center

GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Sunday, December 1, 2019	2:00 p.m.	Wester NE VA Home, Scottsbluff
Tuesday, December 3, 2019	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center Central NE VA Home, Kearney
Wednesday, December 4, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln NE Regional Center
Friday, December 6, 2019	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk NE Veterans Home Norfolk NE Regional Center
Saturday, December 7, 2019	1:30 p.m.	Hot Springs, SD, VA Medical Center
Monday, December 9, 2019	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE VA Home, Bellevue



The American Legion Family
Homecoming

Commander Gary Wooten, President Elizabeth Paes, and Commander Robert "Bud" Neel are celebrating their Homecoming in Wilber, NE.

Where: Sokol Hall in Wilber
317 S Wilson Street – Wilber, NE

When: Saturday, September 7, 2019 following Leadership training. Leadership training agenda provided on reverse side.

Registration is 4:30 pm. Social Hour is 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Choice of Pork, Potato Dumpling, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Bread & Dessert
OR Roasted Chicken, Salad, Vegetable, Bread & Dessert
RSVP Requested – Price \$15.00 each or \$20 after 8/16



The favor of a reply is requested by:
August 16, 2019

Name(s): _____

NUMBER of:

Legion___ Auxiliary___ Sons___ Attending Leadership School (\$5 each)

NUMBER of:

Legion___ Auxiliary___ Sons___ Attending Homecoming (\$15 each)

Total Amount \$_____

Send Checks to:
Elizabeth Paes
PO Box 92 - Prague, NE 68050



The American Legion Family Leadership School

AGENDA

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Legion - Wilber American Legion Park Building – Legion Memorial Park
Auxiliary – Wilber Methodist Church – 215 W 4th Street
Sons – Downtown Legion Building – Main Street (Highway 103)

Registration 9:30 – 10:00 am (@ respective buildings)

Class 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Lunch 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

Class 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MOTEL INFORMATION

There are limited rooms available at the historic Wilber Hotel. Please call Gary Wooten at 402-821-7313 for reservations – 1st come, 1st serve.
Motels in Crete – Super 8 402-826-3600, Crete Inn 402-826-6267
Motels in Beatrice – Hotel Capri 402-228-8808, Victorian Inn 402-228-5955,
Travelers Lodges 402-223-4074, Holiday Inn Express 402-228-7000, Econo Lodge 402-223-3536

2020 STOLDORF INDIVIDUAL NEW MEMBER RECRUITING AWARD

This award does not apply to transfers from Post 500 or other posts. Only acquired new members reported on this form will be considered for the Stoldorf Award. This application is to be submitted along with the dues and membership application for the new member(s) to be received by Department no later than June 1, 2020 to count toward the award. The adjutant of the post receiving the new member must certify to the new member's eligibility below.

RECRUITER'S NAME: _____
POST (TOWN AND NUMBER): _____
RECRUITER'S DISTRICT: _____
STOLDORF CATEGORY: _____ (For Department Use)

NEW MEMBER'S NAME: _____	ID # (if known): _____
NEW MEMBER'S POST (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE): _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DUES ATTACHED?	
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DUES SUBMITTED ONLINE?	

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NEW MEMBER'S POST (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE): _____	
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ADJUTANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the new member(s) identified above meet the eligibility requirements of the American Legion and have not been a member of this or any other American Legion post since the 2016 membership year.

_____ Adjutant, Post _____