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 on September 1. Persons with questions should contact Amanda at HQ.

GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Enclosed is a bulletin concerning the 2023 Gifts 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, PO Box 5205, Lincoln, NE 68505.

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 or 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 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 Tuesday, August 30. Special events will be held throughout the day in the Heartland Event Center. Veterans receive <u>FREE</u> admission all day with proper identification. Full events can be found at http://www.statefair.org

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) Commander's Homecoming RSVP form
- 5) Remember Our Fallen
- 6) Assistant Adjutant Position



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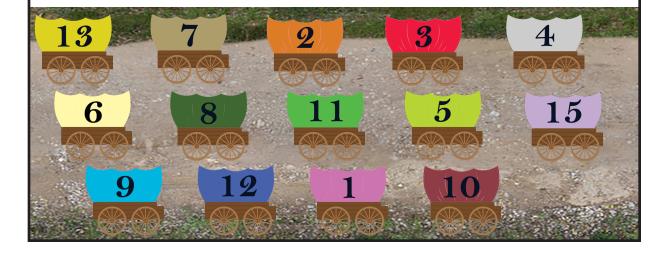
2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 26,097 JULY 15TH TOTAL: 24,132 - 92.47%

 DISTRICT 13-94.53%
 DISTRICT 6-93.70%
 DISTRICT 9-92.99%
 DISTRICT 7-92.85%

 DISTRICT 8-92.69%
 DISTRICT 12-92.46%
 DISTRICT 2-92.23%
 DISTRICT 11-91.95%

 DISTRICT 1-91.52%
 DISTRICT 3-91.30%
 DISTRICT 5-91.02%
 DISTRICT 10-90.48%

DISTRICT 4-90.42% DISTRICT 15-90.18%



COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

Commander Don Suchy, President Vicki Ozenbaugh, and Commander Chris Casey will be having their homecoming celebration in Seward on Saturday, October 1, 2022. The training starts at 1:00 pm and will be followed by a banquet. See enclosed RSVP if interested in attending training, banquet, or both. RSVP to Don Suchy by September 21 while the ticket is \$15. Starting September 22, the ticket price will rise to \$20.

COMMANDER'S PROJECT

Commander Suchy has decided his project for the year will be to advance the Veterans and Children Foundation. As such, he is asking all Posts to consider donating to the fund.

<u>DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT</u> <u>ADJUTANT RETIRING</u>

Brent Hagel-Pitt is retiring on November 30, 2022, after 13 years of service to the Department, we are looking for his replacement to start in August/September. The job is full-time with benefits and the job description is enclosed. If interested, send a resume to Adjutant Salak to begin the interview process.

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES

The 2023 membership renewal notices sent out from national in July had an error on them. All notices say, "Member since 2022." This happened because an incorrect data point was entered prior to printing, and the year listed on the notice is the last year the member paid their dues. The next notice will be corrected and have the proper membership since year.

2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS MAILED

The 2023 membership cards, Nebraska permanent membership cards with a computer printout and Post Adjutant Guides were mailed in July 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 2023 membership cards and checks mailed to Department HQs will not be processed until after August 1.

MEMBERSHIP TARGET & AWARDS

The first National Membership Target for 2023 is September 14, which calls for 50% of the Department's goal. Adjutants, please refer to the 2023 Post Adjutant Guide for target dates. Several changes were made to the Department's membership awards/incentives.

ONLINE RENEWAL INFORMATION

The 2023 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 2023 and transmits that membership to Department Headquarters by November 1, 2022, shall receive a \$5.00 rebate for that member from Headquarters.

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,

participate. Contact our Department Liaison, Doug Frahm, if your Post is interested in pursuing this program.

POST GOALS

The Post membership goal for 2023 will be sent out in the September membership report. Membership goals will be adjusted this year to match the National Membership goal.

2023 DUES NOTICES

The first dues notice from National Headquarters was received by individual Legionnaires about July 8. Additional notices will be sent on October 8, November 12, January 7, February 25, and April 28. 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 19.

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 to the District Commander.

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.

2022-23 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

Nebraska American Legion

	Received at Department [Monday]	To Be Rec'd at National [Wednesday]	Percent of Goal
EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEP 12, 2022	SEP 14, 2022	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCT 11, 2022	OCT 13, 2022	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOV 7, 2022	NOV 9, 2022	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DEC 12, 2022	DEC 14, 2022	75%
MID-WINTER	JAN 17, 2023	JAN 19, 2023	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEB 13, 2023	FEB 15, 2023	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MAR 13, 2023	MAR 15, 2023	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APR 17, 2023	APR 19, 2023	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 15, 2023	MAY 17, 2023	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH		30 DAYS PRIOR T NATIONAL CONVI	_

CUTOFF DATES FOR RENEWAL NOTICES

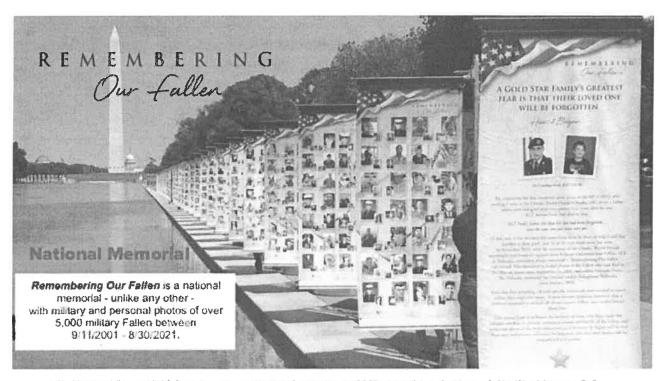
CUTOFF DATES FOR RENEWAL NOTICES

RENEWAL NOTICES MAILED OUT

- September 19, 2022
 October 21, 2022
- (3) December 16, 2022
- (4) February 17, 2023
- (5) April 18, 2023

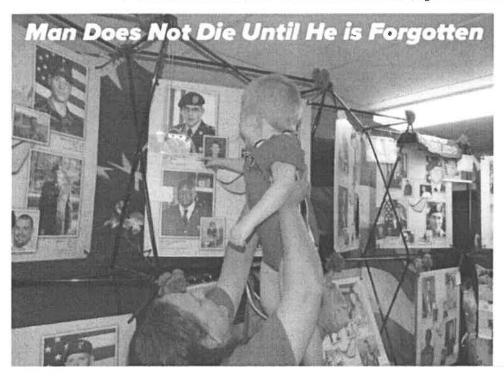
October 8, 2022 November 12, 2022 January 7, 2023 February 25, 2023 April 28, 2023

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



The National Memorial (above) was unveiled to the Nation in 2017 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Now with two identical versions, there are 34 Tribute Towers proudly standing with arms outstretched to hold the banners with over 5,000 Fallen. It also includes those who returned from combat zones, but lost their finner battle of PTS, and those who died in non-combat zones, such as training accidents, while serving in their military capacity.

In late 2010, the first memorial, Remembering Our Failen (below), was created for our Nation's Failen who called Nebraska home and unveiled to their Gold Star Family members. The memorial for lows soon followed, along with 17 other state memorials before the mission turned to creating a national memorial.



We would love to bring either memorial to your community. Consider sponsoring at your local high school.

Feet free to contact Bill at 402-612-0210 for availability.



info@PatrioticProductions org Facebook conv RememberingOurFallen RememberingOurFallen org

Remembering Our Fallen is a program of Patriotic Productions, a non-profit organization in Omaha, Nebraska

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY - VA&R 2022 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 8, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Grand Island NE VAMC
	2:30 p.m.	Central NE VA Home, Kearney
Wednesday, November 2, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln NE Regional Center
Thursday, November 3, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk NE Veterans Home
Monday, November 7, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center
	2:00 p.m.	Eastern NE VA Home, Bellevue
Sunday November 13, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Western NE VA Home, Scottsbluff

STANDDOWN: ?

VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Set up, on December 5, 2022 10:00 a.m.- 3

10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Omaha VA Medical Center

Shop dates: December 6.7,8,9

Set up, on Monday, December 5, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Grand Island Medical Center

Gift Shop dates: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Sunday, December 4, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Wester NE VA Home, Scottsbluff
Tuesday, December 13, 2022	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center Central NE VA Home, Kearney
Wednesday, December 7, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln NE Regional Center
Friday, December 9, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk NE Veterans Home Norfolk NE Regional Center
Saturday, December 3, 2022	1:30 p.m.	Hot Springs, SD, VA Medical Center
Monday, December 12, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center
	2:00 p.m.	Eastern NE W Home, Bellevue

"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	$(2)^{V}$	\$100.00
400 to 499 combined membership		\$125.00
500 to 749 combined membership		\$175.00
Over 750 combined membership		\$200.00
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Please make checks payable to <u>"Gifts For Yanks Who Gave"</u> and send your donation before December 1, 2022 to:

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARMENT OF NEBRASKA PO BOX 5205 LINCOLN, NE 68505-0205



COMMANDER DON, PRESIDENT VICKI, & DETACHMENT COMMANDER CHRIS INVITE YOU TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING/HOMECOMING 2022!

Saturday, October 1

Harvest Hall – 1625 Fairgrounds – Seward, NE

Registration – 12:30 pm

Joint Opening - 1:00 pm

Separate meeting/training – 1:30 pm

Social Time – 5:30 pm

Banquet - 6:30 pm

Special Entertainment



NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM
201 N Eighth Street – Seward, NE
Open for The American Legion Family
Saturday morning – Free admission



LODGING IN SEWARD

Cobblestone Inn – 402-646-1004 or 888-693-8262 2575 Progressive Road

East Hills Motel – 402-643-3679 131 Us Hwy 34 E

Liberty House Bed & Breakfast – 402-643-2555 441 N 5th St

Blue Valley Campground – No Reservations Required 730 S 6th Street

2022 HOMECOMING MEAL REGISTRATION
Name
Post/Unit/Squadron
Mailing Address
Town State ZIP Code
Phone Number
Number Attending: Amount enclosed
Cost: \$15 prior to September 21
\$20 day of event
Menu
Sliced Beef Brisket, Twice Baked Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Melon & Grapes,
Cherry & Blueberry Cheesecake
Complete and return with sheek navable to Den Suehv
Complete and return with check payable to Don Suchy by September 21
by september 21
Don Suchy
1589 Little Salt Road
Valparaiso NE 68065

	The American Legi	on	
	Department of Nebra	ıska	
Job Title:	FLSA Status:	Starting Wage:	
Assistant Department Adjutant	Exempt	\$45,000.00	

General Summary:

The Department Assistant Adjutant shall serve with tenure and be the Assistant to the Department Adjutant, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska. Provides the leadership, management, and vision necessary to ensure the successful administration of policies and procedures of both the National and Department American Legion Constitution/By-Laws. Ensures that the proper operational controls, administrative and reporting procedures, and people systems are in place to manage the programs assigned and to ensure optimal strength and operation efficiency for the programs specifically managed.

Position Summary:

A. PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(Excellence-Providing consistent and compassionate service)

- 1. Responsible for the overall efficient, effective, and financially sound management of all aspects of the programs of the organization to include Baseball, Junior Law Cadet, Oratorical, Scholarships, Scouting, County Government Day, Junior Shooting Sports, Golf, and others as may be assigned.
- 2. Develops and maintains systems and procedures to accurately monitor all programs activities. Includes the efficient utilization of all resources, compliance with National and State regulatory requirements (i.e. Constitution/By-Laws).
- 3. Attends District, Department and National functions as necessary. Responsible for writing minutes of all assigned department committees.
- 4. Serves as Department Advisor for the Sons of The American Legion and ensures that all correspondences, inquiries, and reports are acted upon accordingly to established procedures and in a timely manner.
- 5. Serves as Information Technology coordinator for Department HQ's.
- 6. Assists the Department Adjutant in his work and performs such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

B. FISCAL/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

(Taking ownership and pride in our organization through appropriate and respectful use of resources.)

- 1. Oversees the adequacy and soundness of the organizations finances to programs noted.
- 2. Works with the Finance Committee to develop annual operation budgets to said programs.
- 3. Makes recommendations on courses of action to ensure that operating and financial goals are achieved and that information is gathered and reported accurately.
- 4. Ensures that all licensure, certifications, credentials, bonds, etc. are maintained and up to date for necessary programs.

C. ACCOUNTABILITY:

(Taking responsibility by upholding the organization's mission and values. Doing the Right Thing---Always)

- 1. Maintains a professional relationship within the community to ensure the organization remains a fundamental component of the community.
- 2. Addresses public events when appropriate and requested.
- 3. Performs other duties as assigned by the Department Adjutant.

Reporting Relationship (reports directly to): Department Adjutant

Minimum Skills Required for Essential Function:

- 1. Educational/Technical Knowledge: College education, plus one or two years of additional study in a particular field of specialization as may be represented by a bachelor's degree, or equivalent work experience, preferably in Business and/or Management.
- 2. Additional Skills Needed:
 - a. Eligible for membership in The American Legion.
 - b. Able to think creatively, applying originality and researching new fields.
 - c. Understanding of American Legion positions, talking points, programs and its history.
 - d. Excellent public speaker, ability to read and interpret, and speech writing highly desirable.
 - e. Proficient of computer programs in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point and Publisher).
 - f. Knowledgeable of the Internet and how to use this resource in a public relations environment.

Physical Factors and Working Conditions:

Work is primarily performed in an indoor office setting with extended periods at a computer, on the telephone, sitting or standing. Physical effort is needed to move, lift, and carry files, records, office supplies and materials. Basic communication skills such as talking, seeing and hearing are needed for frequent person-to-person contacts and telephone use. The nature of the work has frequent interruptions; contact with the public and clients requires strong communication skills. May be required to work beyond normal working hours. Occasional overnight travel required.

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