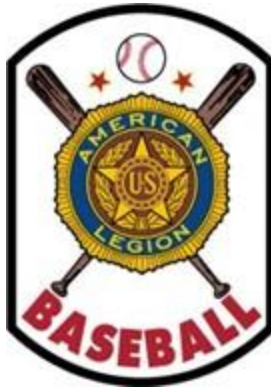


TOURNAMENT HOSTS SOUGHT

Bids are currently being accepted to host one of the 2023 Area or State Baseball Tournaments and the 2023 State Golf Tournament. The Department Athletic Committee will meet at the Mid-Year Conference to select tournament sites. The official bid forms must be received at Department Headquarters no later than January 8. Bid forms are online at www.nelegionbaseball.net.



Bids for the host site of the State Golf Tournament will also be reviewed and selected at the Mid-Year meeting.

Interested Posts should contact Activities Director, Eric Martin, for details and a bid form.

BASEBALL UMPIRE CLINICS

The Athletic Committee is in the process of setting up Umpire Clinics around the state. Contact Eric Martin if your Post is interested in arranging or hosting an Umpire Clinic for umpire in the area.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee is looking to recognize members who are the editor for their Post newsletter/newspaper or the administrator for their Post social media page to be recognized for their outstanding work. Contact Amanda Washburn for this form. All nominations must be received at Department Headquarters by January 8.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Department Commander Don Suchy, Department Officers, and the Headquarters staff join in extending to you best wishes for a joyous holiday season! Merry Christmas to all.



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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 NOVEMBER 10TH TOTAL: 17,264 - 69.51%

DISTRICT 7 - 74.39%	DISTRICT 2 - 73.48%	DISTRICT 15 - 70.83%	DISTRICT 11 - 70.54%
DISTRICT 10 - 69.93%	DISTRICT 6 - 69.67%	DISTRICT 8 - 68.75%	DISTRICT 13 - 68.51%
DISTRICT 12 - 67.51%	DISTRICT 4 - 67.22%	DISTRICT 5 - 66.60%	DISTRICT 3 - 66.41%
DISTRICT 1 - 64.16%	DISTRICT 9 - 62.92%		



MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

This year's Mid-Year Conference will remain focused on educational training. This event is being held January 13-15, 2023, at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites in Norfolk. The Department Executive Committee will meet on Friday, January 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. The Joint Session on Saturday morning will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Oratorical Contest will be held Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Catholic Mass will be held Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and a patriotic non-denominational service will be Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. The Joint Session will follow at 9:00 a.m.

The condensed agenda schedule will be in the December issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. For reservations, please call the Norfolk Lodge and Suites (402-379-3833) located at 4200 W Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, NE. Conference Registration fee is \$10.00.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

(Post Everlasting Names)

Posts are requested to send the names of Legionnaires that entered Post Everlasting since the last District Convention to District Adjutants so that those names may be read and recorded during the Post Everlasting ceremony at upcoming District Conventions.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET

The next target date is "Pearl Harbor Day." Membership cards must reach Department Headquarters on or before 9:00 am, December 14 to meet that goal. December 9 is the cutoff date for renewal notices. They will be mailed out on January 6.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Washington Conference is scheduled for February 26 - March 1, 2023 and is open to any Legionnaires wishing to attend. Housing can be made with the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington D.C. by calling 202-483-3000.

AFFILIATED BANK ACCOUNTS

Department would encourage all Posts with a Sons Squadron and/or Riders Chapter to have a designated Post signer (finance officer, commander, or adjutant) on all checks and accounts.

HOLIDAY BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

December is The American Legion's observance of a special effort to promote blood donor participation. Please encourage your members to donate when the Bloodmobile is scheduled in your area. Ask donors to let you know the amount they donated for use in the CPR.



DIRECT RENEWAL RESPONSE

Results from the last dues notice have been arriving at a steady pace, but your help is certainly needed to reach the goal for 2023. Commander Suchy has established a very realistic goal and is counting on every officer to ask every eligible veteran in your community to join THE AMERICAN LEGION.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

Now is a good time to start recording the various activities in which your Post is involved and keeping track of donations and other expenses. You will then have the information available when you file the Consolidated Post Report form. The CPR form will be sent to Adjutants next spring. Commander Suchy expects 100% participation from all the Posts. The CPR can be submitted electronically by using MyLegion.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT ERIC MARTIN

Eric Martin will be taking over for H-P in the role as Assistant Adjutant and Activity Director and is excited to get started. He is working to become familiar with the programs and all other aspects of his role within The American Legion. He lives in Lincoln and has three children. He has recently retired from the Army National Guard after 22 years of service. He enjoys being outdoors, spending time with his family and catching some American Legion baseball games.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

National Headquarters prepares certificates of recognition early each year for members credited on the data records with 50, 60, 70, 75, 80 and 85 years of continuous membership as of January 1, 2023. National sends the certificates directly to Post Commanders for distribution to honored members, often times at the Post Birthday event in March. Certificates will be mailed in February per National. Please notify Department Headquarters if you have problems in receiving certificates for your Post.

DEPARTMENT FUND RAISER

The Department Executive Committee has authorized a fund raiser for the Department of Nebraska's annual lottery with a top prize of \$2,500 cash and six other cash prizes. Remember if you are registered and present for the drawing and your ticket is drawn you will receive a bonus of \$200. Drawing will be held on Sunday morning, January 15, 2023, at our Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. Proceeds go to support the various programs supported by The American Legion. Additional tickets can be purchased from Headquarters.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATIVE DAY

The official date for the Veterans' Legislative Day at the State Capitol will be February 3, 2023 Expect more information in January.