

**DONATIONS**

If your Post has not yet contributed to a National Program (NEF, OCW, TFA, etc.) please consider doing so. Department Commander Suchy has challenged each post to contribute to the different programs. Please send your donation to Headquarters before June 1 so results can be tallied up prior to Department Convention.

**50-60-70-75-80-85 YEAR**

**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 February 1 per National. Please notify Department Headquarters if you have problems in receiving certificates for your Post.

**LEGION POSTS MUST FILE FORM**

**990-N**

Tax-exempt organizations must file a yearly return with the IRS. If your post does not file a required annual return in three consecutive years, the law provides that your post automatically loses its tax-exempt status. Please go to [irs.gov/990n](https://irs.gov/990n) to complete the form, deadline to file is May 15, 2023. If you have questions, please call 1-877-829-5500.

**UMPIRE CLINICS SCHEDULED**

Umpire Clinics for the 2023 American Legion Baseball season are being planned and will be available at [nelegionbaseball.net](http://nelegionbaseball.net). Every umpire is encouraged to attend. All tournament umpires (Area and State) are required to attend a NALB-sanctioned Umpire Clinic annually. Contact Activities Director Eric Martin for information if your Post is interested in hosting such a clinic.

**Enclosures:**

- District Convention Call/District Convention Delegates
- Approved District Convention Schedule



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# NEWSLETTER

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## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

**2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 JANUARY 20TH TOTAL: 20,423 – 76.77%**

DISTRICT 7 - 86.85%	DISTRICT 2 - 85.36%	DISTRICT 8 - 82.91%	DISTRICT 15 - 82.91%
DISTRICT 11 - 82.74%	DISTRICT 6 - 81.71%	DISTRICT 13 - 81.24%	DISTRICT 10 - 81.02%
DISTRICT 4 - 80.78%	DISTRICT 1 - 79.95%	DISTRICT 12 - 79.57%	DISTRICT 5 - 79.27%
DISTRICT 9 - 77.91%	DISTRICT 3 - 77.50%		



**MEMBERSHIP ACTION  
ENCOURAGING**

The Department of Nebraska is still in the running for several awards and is keying on the next challenge of the President's Day goal on Wednesday, February 15. Please renew your delinquent members and transmit every possible card by February 13 so they can be included in the transmittal to National. February 10 is the cut-off date for the March renewal notices.

**DISTRICT CONVENTIONS  
SCHEDULED**

Enclosed you will find the District Convention Call, along with the number of delegates each Post is entitled to seat at the convention, for voting purposes. The Convention Call should be read at your next meeting or made available to your members as soon as possible. District Conventions are for all Legionnaires - not just those selected as voting delegates. District Convention dates enclosed as well. A delegate from each Post should be present so that a quorum is present in order to conduct business.

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER**

Before a membership transfer occurs, there must be a Member Data Form 30-001 provided to Department Headquarters. The form should be signed by a member unless the member provided verbal consent for the Post Commander/Post Adjutant to sign the transfer form.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION AGENDA**

A reminder to all District Commanders to provide HQs with your convention agenda at least 10 working days in advance of your respective convention date.

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

Due to their efforts thus far in the 2023 membership campaign, many Posts will be receiving awards at District Conventions. Some awards to be presented will be for the membership contributions to the organization during 2022. We encourage someone from your Post to be at the convention to accept them.

**VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE DAY**

This important event is on Friday, February 3, and begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Warner Chamber just off the Rotunda. Governor Pillen and State Senators will speak about proposed legislation that affects veterans.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The means by which changes are instituted within The American Legion start in the form of a resolution. Be sure to get your proposed resolutions approved through your Post and Squadron. Resolutions should be forwarded to your District Convention for endorsement/approval. Contact Adjutant Salak for a copy of the resolution template should you need one.

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

If your Post has not already done so, there still may be time to submit a nomination on behalf of one of your Post members for the District Citizenship Citation. The forms were sent to all Posts last month.

**Please mail the nomination form to your District Commander.** Make sure the completed application is sent well in advance of your District Convention.

**EAGLE SCOUT-OF-THE-YEAR**

Post Commanders and local Scout leaders are reminded that completed nomination forms for the Eagle Scout-of-the-Year scholarship program are due at Department Headquarters no later than March 1. Additional information and forms are online at nebraskalegion.net and are available from the Activities Director at this office. Remember, there are three scholarship awards (\$500, \$300, \$200) at the state level and the state winner is entered in the national scholarship competition.

**JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM**

Applications for the 2023 session of American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program have been mailed to the schools and are available online at the Department website under the Junior Law Cadet tab. The boys' session will be June 20-21 and the girls' session will be June 22-23 at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Center. The application deadline is March 15. Two boys and two girls will be selected from each district. The fee is \$200. Contact Activities Director Eric Martin for information.

**CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE**

The 2023 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 4 – 10, 2023.



Applications for the 2023 session of American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State have been mailed to all Post Adjutants and are available online at the Department website under the Boys State program tab. All high school principals were also sent a letter explaining the Boys' State program and requesting their assistance in making recommendations of qualified candidates. It is the Posts responsibility to return applications to Department Headquarters. Please select a boy who will agree to participate in the program for the entire week.

Posts may now send as many young men as they wish to nominate. **The Boys' State sponsor fee will be \$400.00 this year.** There will also be a registration fee of \$25 due at the time of arrival for each delegate. Please send any alternates to Department Headquarters so we can try and find them a sponsor. The deadline for returning applications is March 15.

**FLAG RETIREMENT**

If your post is planning a Flag Retirement Ceremony in the near future and is in need of flags, please contact Department Headquarters, as we have many in need of proper disposal.

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**2023 DISTRICT CONVENTION CALL**

*In conformity with the Department Constitution and Bylaws, the annual District Conventions for 2023 are hereby called and will be as follows:*

<b>District 1</b>	<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	<b>Rushville Post 161 Home</b>
<b>District 2</b>	<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	<b>Atkinson Post 86 Home</b>
<b>District 3</b>	<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<b>Winside Post 252 Home</b>
<b>District 4</b>	<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	<b>Gering Post 36 Home</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Saturday, March 11</b>	<b>Lexington Post 111 Home</b>
<b>District 6</b>	<b>Saturday, March 4</b>	<b>Kearney Post 52 Home</b>
<b>District 7</b>	<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<b>Dodge Post 122 Home</b>
<b>District 8</b>	<b>Saturday, February 11</b>	<b>Herman Post 274 Home</b>
<b>District 9</b>	<b>Saturday, March 11</b>	<b>Curtis Community Center</b>
<b>District 10</b>	<b>Saturday, February 18</b>	<b>Wilcox Post 377 Home</b>
<b>District 11</b>	<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	<b>Beatrice Post 27 Home</b>
<b>District 12</b>	<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<b>Hickman Community Center</b>
<b>District 13</b>	<b>Saturday, February 18</b>	<b>Falls City Post 102 Home</b>
<b>District 15</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 14</b>	<b>Lincoln Elks Lodge</b>

**PURPOSE**

These conventions are called for the purpose of electing District Commanders and other District officers where there are vacancies, selecting the place of the next District Convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before this meeting. Election of District officers this year is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 12th Districts.

Article VI, Section 3, of the Department Bylaws stipulates that Department delegates to National Convention shall be chosen at the District Convention or at a District Caucus to be held at the Department Convention. The election process, as adopted by the Department Executive Committee, is as follows: Any member seeking election as an accredited delegate of his or her District shall file for election as a delegate. The persons receiving the most votes will be elected delegates in descending order, as will the designated number of alternates.

**REPRESENTATION**

Representation in the Conventions shall be by Posts. Each Post shall be entitled to two delegates plus one delegate for each 100 members or major portion thereof based on the total previous year's (2022) membership of that Post, and in addition thereto, the Post Commander and Post Adjutant shall be delegates at large. Delegates shall be chosen by the various Posts in the same manner as they were chosen for the State Convention. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by a majority of the delegates present from the Post. No credential cards for delegates will be furnished from Department Headquarters. County Commanders do not have an automatic vote in District Conventions as they do in Department Conventions.

**ALTERNATES**

Each Post is entitled to send and to seat in the Convention a number of alternates equal to the number of delegates to which each Post is entitled. Alternates will have the power to vote only in the absence of regular delegates.

**GUESTS**

Each delegation may have as guests such members of The American Legion as they see fit to invite. All business sessions of all conventions are open to the public.

**REGISTRATION**

All delegates will be required to register at a place to be designated by the Post hosting the Convention.

By Authority of:

ATTEST:

Dave Salak  
Department Adjutant

Don Suchy  
Department Commander

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Post Adjutants are requested to read this Call at the earliest possible meeting of their Post. Commanders shall call a special meeting if necessary. In the event a meeting cannot be arranged, Post officers should appoint delegates and alternates.

A list of the number of delegates to which each Post is entitled accompanies this Convention Call. All Posts are urged to send full delegations to the District Conventions and to urge as many additional Legion members to attend as possible. Inasmuch as all business sessions are open to the public, friends and nonmembers of The American Legion are urged and invited to attend the Convention in order that the programs and purposes of The American Legion may be better understood.

Publicity regarding the convention program, date and place should be provided to the local news media.