



NEWSLETTER

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“Don’t Give Up – We’ve Got This”

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MID-YEAR CONFERENCE This annual educational event of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders will be held at the Hotel Grand in Grand Island on January 13 - 15, 2017. A complete schedule of events for the conference is printed in the January issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. On Saturday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. we will begin the Oratorical Contest in the Royal/Grand room. Be sure to attend the lottery drawing Sunday, January 15 for an opportunity to win \$2500 and other cash prizes from our eighth annual lottery. Tickets are still available by calling Department Headquarters.

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE GUESTS National Commander Charlie Schmidt (OR), National Vice Commander Midwest Region Douglas Boldt (NE), Leading Candidate for National Commander Denise Rohan (WI), National Sons Commander Jeff Frain (AZ), and Leading Candidate for National Sons Commander Danny Smith (NE) will be attending our Mid-Year Conference. Come and meet our special guests in Grand Island.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET MET Thanks to the many Posts that made membership transmittals, Nebraska attained the December National Membership Target. With effort on the part of each Post officer, we know the Commander’s goal of 100% can be reached. Commander Linn is counting on YOU to help her make her pledge to the National Commander!

FOURTH RENEWAL NOTICE TO BE MAILED The fourth National dues reminder is scheduled to arrive in the mailboxes of your unpaid members by January 19. Members whose dues were not received at Department Headquarters by December 12 will receive the reminders.

DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP AWARD Enclosed please find a questionnaire for nominating a member of your Post for the District Citizenship Award. One Legionnaire will be selected in each District and will be honored with a Citizenship Citation, as well as receiving a special medal award at the Department Convention in June. Every Post should be able to find one Legionnaire who is qualified to nominate for the award. All nominations should be sent directly to your District Commander at least three weeks prior to your respective District Convention. Your District Commander is responsible for appointing the committee to make the final decision.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER PROJECT Commander Linn has asked that each Post donate 75 cents per member. The donation should be divided: 1/3 to National Commander’s projects (Temporary Financial Assistance & Service Officer Training), 1/3 to Department Commander’s project (Soldiers Wish), and 1/3 to Department Commander project (Operation Comfort Warrior). Three separate checks would be appreciated.

JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM Bulletins and application forms pertaining to the 2017 Junior Law Cadet program will be mailed to all Posts and to all high school principals before February 1. Please review the bulletins carefully for entry criteria and deadline dates.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE The 2017 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 4 – 10, 2017. More information will be sent to all Post Adjutants in January. Please note that **Boys' State sponsor fees will remain \$350.00.**



DISTRICT CONVENTIONS Any district, post, or area that wishes a Department Officer or Department Committee Chairman or Liaison to come and visit them, should send an invitation to the desired person at least a month in advance.

EAGLE SCOUT-OF-THE-YEAR Time is running out to nominate a Boy Scout for Eagle Scout-of-the-Year. All nomination forms must be endorsed by the Unit Leader and must be received at Department Headquarters no later than April 1. Contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for information and forms.

NOTICE TO ADJUTANTS Please use only our post office box address for transmitting membership cards, and make sure your envelope is sturdy and is sealed. Too often we receive envelopes which have been broken open or torn. Please protect your cards and checks by mailing them in sturdy envelopes. Thank you.

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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. If your Post is interested in pursuing this program as another outstanding Children and Youth opportunity, contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt at Department Headquarters.



PAY YOUR "NALPA" DUES NOW To those members of the Nebraska American Legion Press Association who have not yet renewed their membership for the 2017 year, please do so as soon as possible. Send your \$5.00 to cover state dues (or \$15.00 if you also wish to join the National ALPA), or your name will be dropped from the NALPA roster and this mailing list. If you have never been a member and would like to join, send your check along with your name, address, and name of post publication, if the post has a publication, to: Nebraska ALPA, Attention: John Thompson, P.O. Box 5205, Lincoln, NE 68505-0205.

"AROUND THE STATE" INFORMATION Keep The Nebraska Legionnaire in mind whenever your Post participates in a worthy cause, sponsors contests or programs, or has a special event. Post Adjutants, Public Relations Officers or another member of the Post are responsible to send in the information. Photographs are also welcome for publication in The Nebraska Legionnaire. Deadline for submission is the 10th of the month preceding date of issue. You may use e-mail to contact Communications Director John Thompson at comdirlegion@windstream.net

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.

VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL This important event to be held Friday, February 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Warner Memorial Chamber (Old Senate Chamber) just off the Rotunda. Discussion with our State Governor and State Senators regarding legislation that affects Nebraska veterans. Bring a car-load of veterans with you.

Enclosed: American Citizenship Questionnaire

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AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE: Each Post Commander is requested to recommend at least one Legionnaire in his/her Post who has done outstanding work in the field of American Citizenship during the past year. From the list of nominees, each District will select one Legionnaire for the District Citizenship Award. The recipient of this Award will receive an attractive citation suitable for framing and will be presented a Citizenship Medal at the Department Convention.

The following questionnaire should be completed and returned to Department Headquarters or your District Commander **at least two weeks prior to your District Convention**. Please use the other side or additional pages if necessary. Narrative nomination permissible if accompanied by this questionnaire.

NAME OF LEGIONNAIRE YOU ARE RECOMMENDING

LEGION ACTIVITIES

(List offices held on any level including membership on committees, participation in Color Guard, Firing Squad, etc.)

LEGISLATION

(Did member serve in any legislative group, i.e., City Council, School Board, county or township board, etc.? If so, give name of that body and explain extent of participation.)

ADMINISTRATION WORK

(Did member hold an administrative position at any level of government? Describe.)

PUBLIC SPEECHES

(List occasions when member gave addresses on holidays or other appropriate times.)

CITIZENSHIP - COMMUNITY WORK

(Explain fully the citizenship work done within the community for adults, youth, religious groups, etc.)

POST OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

POST NUMBER

POST CITY