



NEWSLETTER

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"We are the Backbone of The American Legion"

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MID-YEAR CONFERENCE. This annual educational event of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders will be held at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte on January 12 - 14, 2018. A schedule of events for the conference was printed in the December issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. On Saturday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. we will begin the Oratorical Contest in the North Platte room. Be sure to attend the lottery drawing Sunday, January 14 for an opportunity to win \$2,500 and other cash prizes from our ninth annual lottery. Tickets are still available by calling Department Headquarters.

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE GUESTS National Vice Commander Midwest Region Byron Callies (SD), Leading Candidate for National Commander Brett Reistad (VA), and National Northwestern Division Vice President Peggy Miller (WY) will be attending our Mid-Year Conference. Come and meet our special guests in North Platte.

DECEMBER 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 Costello is counting on YOU to help him make his 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 5. Members whose dues were not received at Department Headquarters by December 11 will receive the reminders.

DEPARTMENT DUES INCREASE A reminder that the Department dues increase to \$35.00 per member becomes effective on January 1, 2018. An updated membership dues rate sheet the \$35.00 rate is enclosed.

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 at the Department Convention in June. Every Post should be able to find one Legionnaire 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.

NATIONAL COMMANDER BANQUET National Commander Denise Rohan will be visiting Nebraska on March 8, 2018. Department is holding a banquet in her honor that evening at Cascio's Steakhouse in Omaha. Please use the form to request tickets. Direct questions to Adjutant Salak at Headquarters.

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.

JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM Bulletins and application forms pertaining to the 2018 Junior Law Cadet program will be mailed to all Posts and to all high school principals on February 1. Please review the bulletins carefully for entry criteria and deadline dates. Contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for information.

SONS NATIONAL COMMANDER HOMECOMING Sons of The American Legion National Commander Danny Smith has announced his Homecoming will be held Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, 2018. Friday will be a casual evening at Post 32 in Papillion with food, fun, and karaoke. Saturday has trips to local places and a formal banquet at the LaVista Conference Center. All information is available by requesting a Homecoming packet at: ddjssmith_14@msn.com or at: Donna Smith, 15103 So. 84th St. Papillion, NE. 68046. All events require advanced payment and registration, the cutoff date for registration is February 28th, 2018.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE The 2018 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 3 – 9, 2018. More information will be sent to all Post Adjutants in January. Please note that **Boys' State sponsor fees will be \$375.00 this year.**



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 Liaison Doug Frahm with questions.



PAY YOUR "NALPA" DUES NOW To those members of the Nebraska American Legion Press Association who have not yet renewed their membership for the 2018 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 Association), or your name will be dropped. 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: NALPA, Attention: Amanda Washburn, 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. Photographs are also welcome for publication in The Nebraska Legionnaire. Deadline for submission is the 10th of the month preceding date of issue. A new section, "Legionnaire in the Spotlight", will now be featured each issue, if we receive submissions. This is your chance to tell your story, in your own words. Please send in submissions of 1,000 or less words and up to two pictures to Amanda Washburn at afwashburn@windstream.net or mail them to Headquarters Attn: Amanda.

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 2, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Warner 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: 2018 Membership Dues Rate Sheet
American Citizenship Questionnaire
National Commander's Banquet Form

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2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES RATE SHEET

Please use the membership formula listed below when transmitting membership cards to Department Headquarters. ALL membership cards received by Department Headquarters are computed at **\$35.00 per card effective January 1, 2018**. PLEASE BE SURE THE CHECK IS FOR THE PROPER AMOUNT ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF CARDS BEING TRANSMITTED. CARDS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROPER PAYMENT.

Make checks payable to: **THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA**

1	\$35.00	35	\$1,225.00	69	\$2,415.00
2	\$70.00	36	\$1,260.00	70	\$2,450.00
3	\$105.00	37	\$1,295.00	71	\$2,485.00
4	\$140.00	38	\$1,330.00	72	\$2,520.00
5	\$175.00	39	\$1,365.00	73	\$2,555.00
6	\$210.00	40	\$1,400.00	74	\$2,590.00
7	\$245.00	41	\$1,435.00	75	\$2,625.00
8	\$280.00	42	\$1,470.00	76	\$2,660.00
9	\$315.00	43	\$1,505.00	77	\$2,695.00
10	\$350.00	44	\$1,540.00	78	\$2,730.00
11	\$385.00	45	\$1,575.00	79	\$2,765.00
12	\$420.00	46	\$1,610.00	80	\$2,800.00
13	\$455.00	47	\$1,645.00	81	\$2,835.00
14	\$490.00	48	\$1,680.00	82	\$2,870.00
15	\$525.00	49	\$1,715.00	83	\$2,905.00
16	\$560.00	50	\$1,750.00	84	\$2,940.00
17	\$595.00	51	\$1,785.00	85	\$2,975.00
18	\$630.00	52	\$1,820.00	86	\$3,010.00
19	\$665.00	53	\$1,855.00	87	\$3,045.00
20	\$700.00	54	\$1,890.00	88	\$3,080.00
21	\$735.00	55	\$1,925.00	89	\$3,115.00
22	\$770.00	56	\$1,960.00	90	\$3,150.00
23	\$805.00	57	\$1,995.00	91	\$3,185.00
24	\$840.00	58	\$2,030.00	92	\$3,220.00
25	\$875.00	59	\$2,065.00	93	\$3,255.00
26	\$910.00	60	\$2,100.00	94	\$3,290.00
27	\$945.00	61	\$2,135.00	95	\$3,325.00
28	\$980.00	62	\$2,170.00	96	\$3,360.00
29	\$1,015.00	63	\$2,205.00	97	\$3,395.00
30	\$1,050.00	64	\$2,240.00	98	\$3,430.00
31	\$1,085.00	65	\$2,275.00	99	\$3,465.00
32	\$1,120.00	66	\$2,310.00	100	\$3,500.00
33	\$1,155.00	67	\$2,345.00		
34	\$1,190.00	68	\$2,380.00		

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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



National Commander Rohan's Banquet Menu

*Cascio's Steakhouse
1620 S 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68108*

*Thursday, March 8, 2018
6:00 p.m. Social – 7:00 p.m. Dinner*

Dinner Menu:

Choice: Sirloin Steak, Boneless Chicken Breast, or Grilled Haddock

Circle your preference: Steak, Chicken, Fish

All dinners served with:

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Potato

Mostaccioli

Bread Sticks

Dessert

Coffee and Ice Tea

*Return this form by February 28th, 2018, as confirmation,
with \$25.00 payment, to:*

Nebraska American Legion

P.O. Box 5205

Lincoln, NE 68505

Make checks out to "Department of Nebraska – Natl Cmdr Banquet"

Number of tickets: _____

Names of those attending and entrée preference

Reminder: There will be a cash bar for all to enjoy during dinner. Default meal is Chicken if you fail to indicate a choice. NO Refunds. NO Ticket Sales at the door.

Dress is Business Casual