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MID-YEAR CONFERENCE This annual educational event will be held at the Norfolk Lodge in Norfolk on January 18 - 20, 2019. A schedule of events for the conference was printed in the December issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. On Saturday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. we will begin the Oratorical Contest in Room A&B. Be sure to attend the lottery drawing Sunday, January 20 for an opportunity to win \$2,500 and other cash prizes from our tenth annual lottery.

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE GUESTS National Vice Commander Midwest Region James Stephen Sweet (MS), National President Kathy Dungan (MS), National Sons Vice Commander Midwest Region Peter Sierminski (CO), and Leading Candidate for Sons National Commander Clint Bolt (VA), will be attending our Mid-Year Conference so come out and meet them in person.

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 Bartels 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 4. Members whose dues were not received at Department Headquarters by December 10 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 by each District Commander and will be honored with a Citizenship Citation and 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.

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.

VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL This important event is on Friday, February 8, and begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Warner Chamber just off the Rotunda. Plans are to ask Governor Ricketts and State Senators to speak about proposed legislation that affects veterans. Bring a car-load of veterans with you.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE The 2019 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 2 - 8, 2019. More information will be sent to all Post Adjutants in January. Please note that Boys' State sponsor fees will remain \$375.00 this year.



JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM The letter and application form for the 2019 Junior Law Cadet program will be mailed to all Posts in the February newsletter. The high school principals will also receive the Junior Law information on February 1. The combined boys' and girls' session will be held June 10-13 at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Center. Contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for information.

EAGLE SCOUT-OF-THE-YEAR Now is the time 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. Contact our Department Liaison, Doug Frahm, if your Post is interested in pursuing this program.



PAY YOUR "NALPA" DUES NOW To those members of the Nebraska American Legion Press Association who have not yet renewed their membership for the 2019 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. The "Legionnaire in the Spotlight" section 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.

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. Just so happens that Resolutions is going to be a training topic at Mid-Year in Norfolk so come join us.

MID-SOUTH REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT Hastings Post 11 has the opportunity to host the Mid-South Regional Baseball Tournament in 2019 at Duncan Field in Hastings. Russ Kindig of Post 11 is looking for volunteers to help with the tournament. The Regional Tournament will be held August 7-11, 2019. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Russ at russ.kindig@5pointsbank.com for more information. Check out hastingsbaseball.org if you would like to learn more about the tournament.

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