

NOTICE TO ADJUTANTS

Please use our post office box address for transmitting membership cards, and make sure your envelope is sturdy and sealed. Too often we receive envelopes that have been broken or torn.

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION
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SQUADRON OFFICERS

The following 72 Squadrons have not turned in their 2022-2023 Squadron Officers Form to: Omaha 1, Central City - 6, Hemingford 9, Hastings 11, Glenvil 26, Beatrice 27, Bridgeport 29, Omaha 30, Aurora 42, Wayne 43, Plattsmouth 56, Valley 58, Callaway 59, Sutton 61, Benkelman 65, Wakefield 81, Wahoo 82, Clay Center 87, O’Neil 93, Curtis 95, Homer 97, Syracuse 100, Falls City 102, Hickman 105, Bartlett 107, Stuart 115, Alma 118, Saint Paul 119, Palmer 120, Dodge 122, Bassett 123, Haigler 134, Blair 154, Cedar Bluffs 158, Beemer 159, Albion 162, North Platte 163, Shickley 164, Bruning 166, Tilden 170, Neligh 172, Greeley 186, Bayard 200, DeWitt 212, Ewing 214, Adams 221, Odell 231, Wolbach 236, Weeping Water 237, Hay Springs 239, Milligan 240, Dannebrog 241, Arcadia 251, Winside 252, Western 255, Fairfield 256, Eustis 257, Dorchester 264, Overton 277, Bennet 280, Hayes Center 287, Shelby 296, Doniphan 300, Weston 308, Gibbon 310, Palisade 318, Chambers 320, Edison 343, Liberty 346, Virginia 367, Garland 369, Valparaiso 371.

PURPOSE OF THE MEMBER DATA FORM

The American Legion Member Data Form (MDF) is a multipurpose form for tracking and providing accurate information on Post members. You can download the form online or on our website. With the exception of transferring members from one post to another, most MDF changes can be made through MyLegion.org.

Note: Members can be transferred online through MyLegion.org if the member is paying their dues at the time of transfer.

The MDF can be used to report deceased members, continuous years, name corrections, address changes, branch of service, war era, and others.

On the MDF, always include the nine-digit member ID number, Post number, and Department name. The signature of the authorized Post officer is required at the bottom of the form. Be sure to mail part 1-3 to Department Headquarters and keep part 4 for your Post files.

Membership transfer from one post to another is handled by completing the MDF. Always ask prospective members if they currently are or have been a member. If the veteran has a current or previous nine-digit ID number, it should be reported on the transfer. If a member signs up as a new member, a duplicate record can be created, and multiple renewal notices will be received by the member.

Enclosure: Junior Law Cadet Brochure



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NEWSLETTER

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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 DECEMBER 14TH TOTAL: 19,066 – 76.77%

DISTRICT 7 - 83.05%	DISTRICT 2 - 80.08%	DISTRICT 15 - 78.47%	DISTRICT 6 - 77.67%
DISTRICT 10 - 77.24%	DISTRICT 8 - 76.79%	DISTRICT 11 - 76.49%	DISTRICT 12 - 74.69%
DISTRICT 1 - 74.00%	DISTRICT 5 - 72.88%	DISTRICT 3 - 72.73%	DISTRICT 4 - 72.41%
DISTRICT 13 - 72.19%	DISTRICT 9 - 68.67%		

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

This annual educational event will be held at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites in Norfolk on January 13 – 15, 2023. A schedule of events for the conference was printed in the December issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. On Saturday, January 14 there will be a membership training by Nick Arnett, National Internal Affairs and Membership Division at 1:00 p.m. and the Oratorical Contest will begin at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to attend the lottery drawing Sunday, January 15 for an opportunity to win \$2,500 and other cash prizes from our 14th annual lottery.

National Vice Commander Midwest Region Glenn Wahus (ND) and Leading Candidate for National Sons Commander Don “JR” Hall (MD) will be attending our Mid-Year Conference so come out and meet them in person.

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION

To those members of the Nebraska American Legion Press Association there will be a meeting on Saturday, January 14, at 11:45 a.m. Contact Amanda with any questions or agenda items.

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 so that travel can be approved before the event by Department HQ.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP TARGET/RENEWAL NOTICE

Thanks to the many Posts that made membership transmittals, Nebraska attained the December National 75% Membership Target. With effort on the part of each Post officer, we know the Commander’s goal of 100% can be reached. Commander Suchy is counting on YOU to help him make his pledge to the National Commander!

The fourth National dues reminder is scheduled to arrive in the mailboxes of your unpaid members by January 6. Members whose dues were not received at Department Headquarters by December 9 will receive the reminders.

DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Contact your District Commander or look under forms section of the website to 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.

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. Plans are to ask Governor Pillen and State Senators to speak about proposed legislation that affects veterans.

EAGLE SCOUT-OF-THE-YEAR

Now is the time to nominate an Eagle Scout for the Eagle-of-the-Year scholarship. All nomination forms must be endorsed by the Unit Leader and must be received at Department Headquarters no later than March 1. Contact Programs Director Eric Martin for information.

JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM

The letter and application form for the 2023 Junior Law Cadet program is included in this mailing. The high school principals will receive the Junior Law information on January 6. The boys’ session will be June 20-21 and the girls’ session will be June 22-23 at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Center. Contact Programs Director Eric Martin for information.

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.

CORNHUSKER BOYS’ STATE

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



More information will be sent to all Post Adjutants in January. Please note that **Boys’ State sponsor fee will \$400.00 this year.** There will also be a registration fee of \$25 due at the time of arrival for each delegate. This is the time that your Post Executive Committee and members should pass a motion that it will sponsor a certain number of boys to Boys’ State. This makes sure that you have funding for the program and the Post isn’t having to wait until the March meeting to secure funding and the applications can be sent in by the March 15 deadline.

“AROUND THE STATE” INFORMATION

Keep The Nebraska Legionnaire in mind whenever your Post participates in an event, sponsors contests or programs, or has a special event. Photographs are 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. Contact Amanda at Headquarters with questions.

January 6, 2023

Dear Commander:

We are pleased to announce the schedule for the 2023 Junior Law Cadet Program cosponsored by the Nebraska American Legion and the Nebraska State Patrol. This year, we will separate the girl and boy sessions. The sessions will be June 20-21 for boys and June 22-23 for girls at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, in Grand Island.

We are extremely proud of this program initiated in Nebraska in 1968. The greatest potential for good can be achieved by encouraging all interested and qualified students to submit applications for competitive evaluation, and then later providing opportunities for graduate Cadets to report their experiences to students, Legionnaires, and members of civic and service organizations in your area.

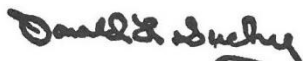
Please study the enclosed information carefully with special reference to the qualifications and timetable for evaluating the applicants. Please have the students fill out the application at our web site www.nebraskalegion.net. This is a fillable form, hand written applications have to be legible.

Then, following an objective evaluation of all applications submitted, and in consultation with, and endorsement by local law enforcement officers at the Post level, endorse the "best male" and "best female" candidate from each school sponsored/represented by your Post. The endorsed applications must be forwarded to Department Headquarters to arrive no later than **March 15**. Payment is not required before district selection.

Make certain applicants are aware of the driver's license requirement and that they will be required to fire a weapon on the range. Also, note that tobacco use is not authorized. The District Commander is responsible for your District selection session and will notify you of the date and time of this meeting. Your applicant(s) will be notified directly by the District Commander or their designee. Each District will select and rank order their primary and alternate Cadets for each session of the program.

Cost of the training, **\$200.00** per student, is to be provided by the sponsoring Post (unless your District has another payment plan) to cover the cost of food, T-shirts, classroom materials, and administrative expenses. The Nebraska State Patrol training counselors, facilities, and equipment are provided as a public service.

Sincerely,



Don Suchy, Commander
Nebraska American Legion

cc: Post Adjutant / Dist Cdr / Dist Vice Cdr

Notice: The Application is available on our web site www.nebraskalegion.net, but will still need all signatures and endorsements.

2023 JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The law-and-order subcommittee of the Nebraska American Legion has developed the following guidelines for the evaluation and selection of applicants for the Junior Law Cadet program. The 2023 program will be held in 2 separate sessions, boys **June 20-21** and girls **June 22-23** at the Nebraska law enforcement training center at Grand Island.

Basic Requirements:

- (1) A student **completing 11th grade** and in good health to permit active participation in daily calisthenics and a full schedule of activities.
- (2) A constructive attitude toward “Law and Order” evidenced by a personal history of respectable citizenship and a good driving record.
- (3) Admirable personal appearance to include good grooming.
- (4) An average or better scholastic record and the aptitude and ability to share the knowledge gained through formal and informal reports to fellow students and local civic and service organizations.

NOTE (5) **Possess a valid Nebraska operator’s license or learner’s permit prior to attending. Not having either the student will not be considered.**

- (6) Cadets **will not** possess or use alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, in violation of state statutes.
- (7) Commitment to a law enforcement career **is not** required.
- (8) Student will reside and attend school in Nebraska.
- (9) Applicants selected to represent the local American Legion Post will be requested to appear for a District selection interview at a date, time and location to be announced. Interview will probably be scheduled during April.

Timetable for Application:

- JAN 1 Post Commander consults with high school officials, and through local publicity, encourages eligible students to make formal application at the department website <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Programs.html>.
- MAR 1 Completed applications with endorsement of the high school superintendent or principal must be submitted to the Post Commander.
- MAR 15 Post Commander must have selected the “best male” and “best female” applicants from among all those submitted from the schools, have added official endorsement signature and have forwarded those applications to Department Headquarters (for each school).
- APR 1 Department Headquarters will have registered all applicants and forwarded the applications and ranking sheets to the appropriate District Commander or designee for the selection interviews. District Commander or designee will notify all applicants by mail or phone of the location, date and time of District selection interview. It is expected that a member of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Officer be involved in the final selection of the district’s representatives.
- MAY 1 District Commander must have forwarded to Department Headquarters the **two** most highly endorsed applicants for **2 ea boy’s and 2 ea girl’s / 3 ea boy and 3 ea girl for Dist 8 and 15** and the designated alternates in descending order, after objective review of qualifications and interest as determined by personal interview.
Payment of **\$200 per principal cadet** must accompany endorsed applications. In the event that any principal selectee is unable to attend, and there is no designated alternate from that District, Department Headquarters reserves the right to select an alternate.

Any questions contact Dave Salak, Law and Order Coordinator at
Nebraska American Legion Headquarters 402-464-6338 or ejmartin1@windstream.net

The American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program provides young adults the chance to:

- Drive a State Patrol car.
- Learn to fire a service weapon under expert guidance.



- Interact with law enforcement officers and other young adults while learning the different roles agencies play in the criminal justice system, both here in Nebraska and across the United States.
- Study drug enforcement, proper methods of patrolling, K-9 handling, gangs and many issues facing law enforcement today.



- Have fun while working as a team, carrying out responsibilities, and achieving individual goals in a para-military setting.



*The American
Legion
2023 Junior
Law Cadet
Program*



The American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program

Who:

Each year, 2 girl and 2 boy high school juniors from each of the Nebraska American Legion's 14 districts are chosen to participate in the Junior Law Cadet Program.

When:

Boys- June 20-21, 2023

Girls- June 22-23, 2023

Where:

Participants will stay at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Grand Island.

What You Do:

Explore and experience the various aspects of law enforcement such as firearms training and emergency vehicle operations. Learn the latest in law enforcement technology, tactical medicine, and K-9 handling. If you are considering a career in law enforcement, the Junior Law Cadet Program is for you! It will offer you an opportunity to gain valuable experience in a paramilitary setting, complete with making beds and cleaning.

How to Become a Junior Law Cadet:

Fillable application forms are available at <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/JRLaw.html>. The form must be signed by your local Legion Post. You may also contact the American Legion Assistant Adjutant, Eric Martin at his e-mail address: ejmartin1@windstream.net. His office number is (402) 464-6338.

Jr. Law Participants will be selected by competitive evaluation based on interest, citizenship, evidence of self-discipline, and the ability to share their knowledge with others. Completed applications and an endorsement from your school principal or superintendent must be submitted to your local Post Commander before March 1, 2023.

Your local Post Commander will select a male and female applicant from each school and forward his selections to Department Headquarters for review. All eligible applicants will be notified, by mail of the location, date, and time of their District selection interview.

Costs:

Each cadet chosen will be sponsored by the local American Legion Post/District, which will cover the costs. Cost per cadet is \$200, which covers insurance, food, T-shirts, caps, classroom materials and administrative expenses. The Nebraska State Patrol provides training, counselors, facilities and equipment as a public service.

Basic Requirements To Become A Junior Law Cadet:

1. High School Junior in good health and able to participate in physical activities.
2. Must possess a positive attitude and display respect for law enforcement.
3. Good grooming, average or above scholastic record, and be able to share the knowledge gained through the program with others.
4. Must possess a valid Nebraska operator's license or learner's permit.
5. Must reside in the State of Nebraska.
6. Must have attended an accredited Nebraska High School or home school equivalent for the 2022-2023 school year.

Other Activities and Areas of Learning:

- Drone
- Aviation Support
- Gangs
- SWAT





**NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION
JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM**

Box 5205, Lincoln, NE 68505

**Boy Session June 20th-21st, 2023
Girl Session June 22nd-23rd, 2023**



Graduation Ceremony will be immediate family only 5:00 PM June 21st and 23rd
This application must be submitted to your American Legion Post Commander by March 1.
Call 402-464-6338 for your Post contact info.

APPLICATION: (Type or Print) (all endorsements and signatures are required)

A fillable .pdf of this application is available at www.nebraskalegion.net/programs

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

Zip

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone # _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Learners or Driver's Permit #: _____ T-Shirt size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? No _____ Yes _____, if yes, please explain:

State in 100 words or fewer why you desire to participate in the Junior Law Cadet Program:

Signature _____ **Student Email Address** _____

List on Page 2 of this application any special school activities in which you have been involved (athletic, scholastic, or service).

ENDORSEMENTS:

Brief Evaluation by Superintendent/Principal

Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsoring Post Name, Number and Town _____

Signature of Post Commander _____

Signature of Local Law Enforcement Officer _____

For District Selection Committee Use Only:

Cost per selected student is \$200

District No. _____ Signature of District Commander _____

Applicant is Primary: _____ Applicant is Alternate: _____ Date: _____

JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM APPLICATION

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CONTINUATION OF PAGE 1:

Selected applicants will Explore and experience the various aspects of law enforcement and receive training from representatives of city, county, state, and federal law enforcement officers and will stay at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Grand Island. If you are considering a career in law enforcement, the Junior Law Cadet Program is for you. **The graduation ceremony will be at 5:00 PM, (boys - June 21st) (girls - June 23rd) at the training academy (immediate family only please).**

Basic Requirements to become a Junior Law Cadet:

- **High School Junior** in good health and able to participate in physical activities.
- Must possess a positive attitude and display respect for law enforcement.
- Good grooming, average or above scholastic record, and be able to share the knowledge gained through the program with others.
- Must possess a valid Nebraska operator's license or learners permit.
- Must reside in the State of Nebraska.
- Must have attended an accredited Nebraska High School for the 2022-2023 school year or Home School equivalent.

Participants will be selected by competitive evaluation based on interest, citizenship, evidence of self-discipline, and the ability to share their knowledge with others. Completed applications and an endorsement from your school principal or superintendent must be submitted to your local Post Commander before March 1. Your local Post Commander will select a male and female applicant from each school and forward his selections to Department Headquarters for review. All eligible applicants will be notified by mail of the location, date, and time of their in-person District selection interview. Costs: The sponsoring Post provides for the cost of training.

Activities during the course include but are not limited to: accident investigation, crime and drug investigation, driving a State Patrol car, learn to fire a service weapon (under expert guidance), learn self-defense and assault prevention measures, use of a lie detector, study drug enforcement, proper methods of patrolling, gangs and many issues facing law enforcement today.