

POST 500

Legionnaires who have signed up through National are placed in their respective Department’s holding Post. In Nebraska, that Post is called Post 500. These new members are then available for transfer to a local Post, but it requires the Post to make phone calls, send letters, or make a personal visit to the prospective new member to tell them what the local Post does for the community and that you would like the Legionnaire to transfer into your Post. Posts can use MyLegion.org to find Post 500 members in their area or they can call HQ who will gladly provide a listing.

VIETNAM VETERANS’ REUNION

Nebraska’s 39th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held August 8-11 in Lincoln. Now is the time to inform interested members of your post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Marriott Cornhusker Hotel (333 S 13th Street). Visit vetsreunion.com for more information.

VETERN’S APPRECIATION DAY

Veteran’s Appreciation Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 2 at 1:00 p.m. More information, including the parade, and color guard registration can be found at www.statefair.org/celebration-parade/ Call 308-382-1620 for more information.

Enclosures:

- Leadership School and Homecoming Flyer
- Membership Target Dates and Membership Renewal Dates bulletin
- Gifts for Yanks Who Gave donation sheet
- Schedule of VA&R Events
- Dues increase form



The American Legion
Department of Nebraska
150 NW 40th Street, Unit A
Lincoln, NE 68528
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NEWSLETTER

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Department Commander
Boyd Yochum

Department Adjutant
Dave Salak

“CHARACTERS, VALUES & INTEGRITY”
2024 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 23,418 JUNE 15TH TOTAL: 22,038 – 92.62%

DISTRICT 1 – 102.54%	DISTRICT 8 – 97.33%	DISTRICT 15 – 96.21%	DISTRICT 5 – 96.16%
DISTRICT 7 – 94.77%	DISTRICT 12 – 93.65%	DISTRICT 3 – 93.44%	DISTRICT 2 – 93.09%
DISTRICT 6 – 92.26%	DISTRICT 10 – 90.67%	DISTRICT 13 – 90.65%	DISTRICT 11 – 90.32%
DISTRICT 4 – 89.96%	DISTRICT 9 – 87.13%		

COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

Commander Boyd Yochum, President Amanda Washburn, and Sons Commander Eldon Kramer will be having their homecoming celebration in Yutan on Saturday, August 10. A flyer has been included in this newsletter.

COMMANDER'S PROJECT

Commander Yochum has decided his project for the year will be to advance the Children and Youth programs. As such, he is asking all Posts to consider donating to those causes.

2025 MEMBERSHIP CARDS MAILED

The 2025 membership cards and Nebraska permanent membership cards with a computer printout will be mailed July 8th to Post Adjutants. Post Adjutant names and addresses used are those on file at Department Headquarters, so new Adjutants who have not received these materials should check with their predecessor before contacting Amanda Washburn at Department. Reminder: The 2025 membership cards and checks mailed to Department HQs will not be processed until after August 1.

2025 DUES RATE

During Department Convention, the members voted to approve a \$5 dues increase. This means that \$45 must be remitted for each membership card that is sent to Headquarters.

POST OFFICER GUIDES

Post Officer Guides and Post Adjutant Guides were mailed out July 6th. If the new Post Commander or Adjutant did not receive the mailing, contact the previous officer to see if they received them from Headquarters.

MEMBERSHIP TARGET & AWARDS

The first National Membership Target for 2024 is September 13, which calls for 50% of the Department's goal. Adjutants, please refer to the 2024 Post Adjutant Guide for target dates. A few changes were made to the Department's membership awards/incentives.

ONLINE RENEWAL INFORMATION

The 2024 Adjutant Guide was sent to all Adjutants. Page 8 in that guide provides information on the process of those members that renew online. Page 9 in that guide explains the process of Post Adjutants being able to transmit their members online.

DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

The District meeting schedules are posted on our Department website at www.nebraskalegion.net/meetings/meetings. Questions should be directed to the District Commander. Remember, Fall Round-Ups are for informal meetings. Business is conducted at District Convention, not Fall Round-ups.

POST REBATE PROGRAM

A Post who signs up a new member for 2024 and transmits membership to Department Headquarters by November 15, 2024, shall receive a \$5.00 rebate for that member from Headquarters.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Natural disasters continue to plague the Midwest and other parts of the country. The NEF is a worthwhile fund. Can your Post donate 50 cents per member? Please send in all donations, regardless of the program, to HQ so we can keep track of what the Department has donated. HQ will forward all donations to National and give full credit to the donor.

POST GOALS

The Post membership goals for 2025 will be sent out in the August membership report. Membership goals will again be adjusted this year to match the National Membership goal.

2024 DUES NOTICES

The first dues notice from National Headquarters will be sent on October 7 – 14, November 10 – 18, January 6 – 12, March 2 – 8, and May 4 – 10. Send in renewals quickly to avoid costly delinquent notices. Review the enclosed bulletin on the membership target and renewal dates. The cutoff date for the October renewal notice is September 13.

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.

GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Enclosed is a bulletin concerning the 2024 Gift for Yanks program. We ask for the support of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter to provide a gift to those veterans confined to the VA Medical Centers and those residing in Nebraska's Veterans Homes during the holiday season. Your early response will assist in planning for this large activity by our volunteer representatives. Make checks out to GFY and send them to Nebraska American Legion, 150 NW 40th Street, Unit A, Lincoln, NE 68528.

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2024 Membership Dues Increase Report

Use this form to update the Post dues amount if your Post's membership dues are increasing as a result of the Department dues increase effective July 1, 2024. The new minimum amount is \$45 per member.

POST # _____ DATE: _____

Current Annual Post Dues Are: \$ _____

2024 Dues Will Increase To: \$ _____

Effective Date: _____

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

This form will need to be submitted by August 15th, in order to have the correct dues information on the October 2024 renewal notices.

This form may be returned by email to awashburn@nebraskalegion.net or by fax to 402-464-6330, or by mail to Nebraska American Legion, 50 NW 40th St, Unit A, Lincoln, NE 68528.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Amanda Washburn at the above email address or by phone @ 402-464-6338.

Authorized Post Officer's Signature

Date

“GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE”

This year The American Legion Family are asked to sponsor the “Gift for Yanks Who Gave” program. Your contribution will make it possible for every veteran confined to a VA Medical Center or residing in a Veterans Home in Nebraska to be remembered at Christmas.

A monetary contribution has been recommended according to the membership of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter.

Please give what you think you can, but for the veteran’s sake, please give something.

We would ask that each Post:

- a. Contact its Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders to support this important program.
- b. Make a donation based on the total membership of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter as follows:

Up to 100 combined membership	—	\$25.00
100 to 199 combined membership	—	\$50.00
200 to 299 combined membership	—	\$75.00
300 to 399 combined membership	—	\$100.00
400 to 499 combined membership	—	\$125.00
500 to 749 combined membership	—	\$175.00
Over 750 combined membership	—	\$200.00

Please make checks payable to “Gifts For Yanks Who Gave” and send your donation before December 1, 2024 to:

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
150 NW 40th Street, Unit A
LINCOLN, NE 68528

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA & R 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
DOLLAR DAYS – GIFT SHOPS – GIFTS FOR YANKS –
STAND DOWNS – CREATIVE ARTS

STAND DOWN: Lincoln – Linda Varejcka
 Omaha – Paula Pillen - Friday, November 1, 2024 9 AM – 2:30 PM
 Milo Bail Student Center, 5203 S University Drive Road N, Omaha NE (UNO Campus)

CREATIVE ARTS: Omaha – Paula Pillen –
 Grand Island - Items will be displayed at the State Fair.

Please plan to arrive at all events one-half hour before the event time.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY (ALA) VETERANS DOLLAR DAY DISTRIBUTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024	10:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE Veterans Home, Bellevue
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024	10:00 A.M.	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024	2:00 P.M.	NORFOLK VETERANS HOME, Norfolk NORFOLK REGIONAL CENTER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024	2:00 P.M.	Western NE Veterans Home, Scottsbluff
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024	10:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Grand Island VA Medical Center – 2nd floor REC Central NE Veterans Home, Kearney
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024	10:00 AM	Papillion Community Living Center

ALA VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Set up – Monday, December 16, 2024 10 AM – 3 PM Omaha VA Medical Center
Gift Shop dates: December 17 – 20, 2024

Set up - Monday, December 9, 2024 10:00 A.M. Grand Island Medical Center
Gift Shop date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024	2:00 P.M.	Western NE Veterans Home, Scottsbluff
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024	10:00 a.m. 2:30 P.M.	Grand Island VA Medical Center – 2nd Floor REC Central NE Veterans Home, Kearney
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024	10:00 A.M.	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024	10:00 AM	Papillion Community Living Center
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024	2:00 P.M.	Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024	10:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE Veterans Home, Bellevue

2024 VA & R SCHEDULED EVENTS AT FACILITIES



The American Legion Family
Homecoming

Commander Boyd Yochum, President Amanda Washburn, and Commander Eldon Kramer are celebrating their Homecoming in Yutan, NE.

Where: Yutan Veterans Club
18581 Yutan Road, Yutan, NE 68073

When: Saturday, August 10, 2024, following Leadership training.
Leadership training agenda provided on reverse side.

Social Hour is 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

RSVP Requested –\$25.00 before August 2, 2024 or \$35 after August 2, 2024.



The favor of a reply is requested by:
August 2, 2024

Name(s): _____

NUMBER of:

Legion ___ Auxiliary ___ Sons ___ Attending Leadership School

NUMBER of:

Legion ___ Auxiliary ___ Sons ___ Attending Homecoming (\$25 each)

Total Amount \$ _____

Remit checks and make payable to:
Boyd Yochum
2909 Ken Del Drive – Ashland, NE 68003



Homecoming Banquet

Department Commander

Boyd Yochum

Yutan Veterans Club, Yutan, Nebraska

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Yutan Veterans Club

1581 Yutan Road, Yutan, NE 68073

Come join Department Commander Boyd Yochum, Department President Amanda Washburn and Detachment Commander Eldon Kramer for dinner.

Social Hour is 5:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Price: \$25.00 per plate if RSVP'd before August 2, 2024.

On August 10, price per plate is \$35.00.

Contact Boyd Yochum for more details at 402-415-5954 or mail checks to:

Boyd Yochum

2909 Ken Del Drive

Ashland, NE 68003

Make checks out to "Boyd Yochum" and indicate how many tickets are desired and all the names of those attending.

Reminder: There will be a cash bar for all to enjoy during dinner.

NO Refunds.

Dress is Business Casual

2024-25 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

Nebraska American Legion

	<i>Received at Department [Monday]</i>	<i>To Be Rec'd at National [Wednesday]</i>	<i>Percent of Goal</i>
EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEP 9, 2024	SEP 11, 2024	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCT 14, 2024	OCT 16, 2024	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOV 12, 2024	NOV 14, 2024	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DEC 9, 2024	DEC 11, 2024	75%
MID-WINTER	JAN 13, 2025	JAN 15, 2025	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEB 10, 2025	FEB 12, 2025	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MAR 10, 2025	MAR 12, 2025	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APR 7, 2025	APR 9, 2025	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 12, 2025	MAY 14, 2025	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH		30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

CUTOFF DATES FOR RENEWAL NOTICES

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- (1) September 11, 2024
- (2) October 16, 2024
- (3) December 11, 2024
- (4) February 12, 2025
- (5) April 9, 2025

RENEWAL NOTICES MAILED OUT

October 5-11, 2024
November 9-15, 2024
January 4-10, 2025
March 1-7, 2025
May 3-9, 2025

Membership cards need to be at Dept. Headquarters by this cutoff date for members not to receive the next renewal notice.