

**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 40<sup>th</sup> and Final Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held August 14-17 in Kearney. Now is the time to inform interested members of your Post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Younes Conference Center South (416 Talmadge Street). Visit [vetsreunion.com](http://vetsreunion.com) for more information.

**VETERN’S APPRECIATION DAY**

Veteran’s Appreciation Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 1 at 1:00 p.m. More information, including the parade, and color guard registration can be found at [www.statefair.org/celebration-parade/](http://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



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NEWSLETTER

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Department Commander  
Judy Walters

Department Adjutant  
Eric Martin

**“SERVANT LEADERSHIP”**

**2025 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 22,300 JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> TOTAL: 20,090 — 90.09%**

DISTRICT 1 — 94.55%	DISTRICT 2 — 92.36%	DISTRICT 11 — 92.10%	DISTRICT 8 — 91.56%
DISTRICT 5 — 90.86%	DISTRICT 12 — 90.59%	DISTRICT 7 — 90.59%	DISTRICT 13 — 89.89%
DISTRICT 9 — 89.61%	DISTRICT 6 — 89.43%	DISTRICT 4 — 89.40%	DISTRICT 10 — 88.72%
DISTRICT 15 — 87.90%	DISTRICT 3 — 81.92%		

A graphic showing 15 tanks of various colors (grey, black, purple, pink, blue, green, red, orange, etc.) arranged in a desert landscape with mountains in the background. Each tank has a number on its turret, representing the 15 districts. The tanks are numbered 1 through 15.

### **COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING**

Commander Judy Walters will be having her homecoming celebration in Ainsworth on Saturday, September 13. A flyer has been included in this newsletter.

### **COMMANDER'S PROJECT**

Commander Walters has decided her project for the year will be the Hot Springs VA Hospital Domiciliary. As such, she is asking all Posts to consider donating to this cause.

### **2026 MEMBERSHIP CARDS MAILED**

The 2026 membership cards and Nebraska permanent membership cards with a computer printout will be mailed out by July 11th 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 2026 membership cards and checks mailed to Department HQs will not be processed until after August 1.

### **2026 DUES RATE**

A reminder that \$45 must be remitted for each membership card that is sent to Headquarters.

### **POST OFFICER GUIDES**

Post Officer Guides and Post Adjutant Guides will be mailed out after July 15th. National made big updates and they were delayed in shipping. 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 2025 is September 10, which calls for 50% of the Department's goal. Adjutants, please refer to the 2026 Post Adjutant Guide for target dates. A few changes were made to the Department's membership awards/incentives.

### **ONLINE RENEWAL INFORMATION**

The 2026 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](http://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 2026 and transmits membership to Department Headquarters by November 14, 2025, 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 2026 will be sent out in the August membership report. Membership goals will again be adjusted this year to match the National Membership goal.

### **2026 DUES NOTICES**

The first dues notice from National Headquarters will be sent on October 4 – 10, November 8 – 14, January 3 – 9, March 1 – 8, and May 2 – 8. 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 10.

### **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 2025 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 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit A, Lincoln, NE 68528.



# *Homecoming Banquet*

*Department Commander*

*Judy Walters*

*Ainsworth Post 79 – Ainsworth, NE*

*Saturday, September 13, 2025*

*Ainsworth American Legion Post 79*

*255 N Woodward Street – Ainsworth, NE 69210*

*Come join Department Commander Judy Walters for dinner.*

*Social Hour is 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

*Price: \$20.00 per plate*

*Contact Judy Walters for more details at 402-760-1282 or mail checks to:*

*Judy Walters*

*520 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Ainsworth, NE 69210*

*Make checks out to “Judy Walters” and indicate how many tickets are desired and all the names of those attending. Please RSVP by September 1.*

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

*Dress is Business Casual*

*Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_*



**The American Legion**  
***Homecoming***

**Commander Judy Walters is celebrating her Homecoming in Ainsworth, NE.**

**Where: Ainsworth American Legion Post 79  
255 N Woodward Street – Ainsworth, NE 69210**

**When: Saturday, September 13, 2025, following Leadership training.  
Leadership training agenda provided below.**

**Social Hour is 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.**

**RSVP Requested by September 1 –\$20.00**



**The American Legion Leadership School**

***LEGION AGENDA***

**Saturday, September 13, 2025  
Ainsworth American Legion Post 79  
255 N Woodward Street – Ainsworth, NE 69210**

Event	Start Time	End Time	Location
Registration	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Ainsworth Post 79
Opening Ceremony	1:00 p.m.		
Training	1:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	

# 2025-26 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 8, 2025	SEP 10, 2025	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCT 13, 2025	OCT 15, 2025	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOV 11, 2025	NOV 13, 2025	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DEC 8, 2025	DEC 10, 2025	75%
MID-WINTER	JAN 12, 2026	JAN 14, 2026	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEB 9, 2026	FEB 11, 2026	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MAR 9, 2026	MAR 11, 2026	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APR 6, 2026	APR 8, 2026	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 11, 2026	MAY 13, 2026	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH		30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

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## CUTOFF DATES FOR RENEWAL NOTICES

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- (1) September 10, 2025
- (2) October 15, 2025
- (3) December 10, 2025
- (4) February 11, 2026
- (5) April 8, 2026

### RENEWAL NOTICES MAILED OUT

October 4-10, 2025  
November 8-14, 2025  
January 3-9, 2026  
March 1-8, 2026  
May 2-8, 2026

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

# **“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:**

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

**Please make checks payable to “Gifts For Yanks Who Gave” and send your donation before December 1, 2025 to:**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA  
150 NW 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit A  
LINCOLN, NE 68528**

# NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA & R 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DOLLAR DAYS – GIFT SHOPS – GIFTS FOR YANKS –

### STAND DOWNS – CREATIVE ARTS

**STAND DOWN:** Lincoln – Linda Varejcka – Sept or Oct, 9 AM-3 PM \*\* Pinnacle Bank Arena, 400 Pinnacle Drive, Lincoln NE \*\*date & times to be determined\*\*  
 Omaha – Paula Pillen - Friday, October 17, 2025 9 AM – 2:30 PM (tentative times)  
 Milo Bail Student Center, 5203 S University Drive Road N, Omaha NE (UNO Campus)  
**CREATIVE ARTS:** Omaha – Paula Pillen – Tuesday, September 16, 2025 3-6 P OMVAMC Ambulatory area  
 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

Tuesday, November 4, 2025	10 AM 2:30 PM	Grand Island VA Medical Center – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Rec Central NE Veterans Home, Kearney
Wednesday, November 5, 2025	10 AM	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
Thursday, November 6, 2025	2 PM	Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center
Monday, November 10, 2025	10 AM 1 PM 3 PM	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE Veterans Home, Bellevue Papillion Community Living Center
Sunday, November 16, 2025	2 PM MT	Western NE Veterans Home, Scottsbluff

### ALA VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Shopping/setup - Monday, December 8, 2025	9:30 AM at Walmart setup follows	Grand Island VA Medical Center
Gift Shop date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025	9 AM prep	10 AM open for Veterans
Gift Shop - Thursday, December 18, 2025	10 AM	Papillion Community Living Center (PCLC)
Set up – Monday, December 22, 2025	10 AM – 3 PM	Omaha VA Medical Center
Delivery - December 23, 2025	10 AM	

### AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025	10 AM 2:30 PM	Grand Island VA Medical Center – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Rec Central NE Veterans Home, Kearney
Monday, December 8, 2025	10 AM 1 PM 3 PM	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Papillion Community Living Center
Wednesday, December 3, 2025	10 AM	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
Sunday, December 7, 2025	2 PM MT	Western NE Veterans Home, Scottsbluff
Friday, December 12, 2025	2 PM	Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center
Saturday, December 13, 2025	2 PM MT	Hot Springs SD VAMC need to verify

Gift cards for Cheyenne WY VAMC sent to Bonita Dickinson to deliver to the facility at convenience need to verify