



# NEWSLETTER

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*“The Four F’s: Family, Future, Freedom & Faith”*

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**STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE SET:** The Convention Program will carry a complete schedule of events planned for the annual Department Convention to be held in Kearney, Nebraska, 24 – 26 June. All sessions of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Riders will be conducted at the Ramada Inn.

D.E.C. starts on Thursday, June 23, at 1:00 p.m. followed by the standing committee reports on Friday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m. Any Legionnaire is welcome to attend the D.E.C. meeting.

There will be plenty of entertainment to go around in all the hospitality rooms. Expect to see more flyers about these events in the future.

**CONVENTION CALL:** The annual Convention Call and delegate/alternate cards were sent to Post Adjutants on May 17 and County Commanders received the Call with voting information. All others will find it enclosed with this Newsletter. We ask you to remind your delegates and alternates to bring the cards with them to convention. The cards are needed to register as an official representative of your Post.

**2017 MEMBERSHIP CARDS** Department Headquarters will **NOT** distribute the 2017 membership cards at the Department Convention in June. The membership cards, Post Adjutant’s Guide, and Post Officer’s Guide will be mailed to the Post Adjutant on record at Department Headquarters on June 29. Cards and guides will be available for Posts to pick up at Department Headquarters after June 20.

**CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT:** We’d like to remind you of the importance of submitting the Consolidated Post Report. It is not only used for the purpose of determining various awards, but the information gathered from it is used by the National Organization to prove to Congress that we were worthy of being granted a Congressional Charter. The form is not complicated. Each Post is required to complete the CPR so that it reaches Department Headquarters by June 1.

**CORNHUSKER BOYS’ STATE / JUNIOR LAW CADET:** Several hundred young men and women will be participating in two of The American Legion’s most popular programs in June. If someone from your post will be represented, please keep in contact with that individual to ensure that transportation is planned and that the student will be participating. You are able to follow the week’s activities by going to [www.cornhuskerboysstate.org](http://www.cornhuskerboysstate.org)

**CODY KERR NOMINATIONS:** The committee composed of Past Department Commanders Jim Sidel, Dave Bruckner, and Fred Craigie wish to remind you to submit your nominations for this coveted award to them, or you may submit it to Department Headquarters and it will be forwarded to the committee. The Cody Kerr award will be presented at Department Convention on Sunday morning, June 26.

**NEW OFFICERS LIST:** Our monthly reminders can be avoided if your post will send in the names of your 2016-17 Post Officers as soon as they have been determined. This form was sent to you last month and we know you understand the importance of correspondence being sent to the correct officer.

**2016 MEMBERSHIPS:** Although many posts have done a good job again this year, there are many that have not signed up sufficient delinquent members or new members to make up for the membership decline due to death this past year. With your help we can still attain our department goal of 34,065. Commander Reimers thanks you for your efforts and would be very happy to be at 100% when he leaves office at the close of Department Convention. Please make one last effort this year to make your goal.

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL:** The program will get into full swing during the month of June. Final rosters are due no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>. Area tournament seeding meetings will begin the first week of July and are mandatory for all coaches assigned to that tournament. Teams are automatically entered in post season when they register for American Legion Baseball, to keep from incurring a \$300 penalty; any team that does not intend to participate in post season will need to notify the Department no later than 1 July. The tournament directors' meeting is 9:00-11:30 a.m. June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln; you are welcome to attend. Have a GREAT season!!

**VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION:** Nebraska's 32nd Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held this summer in Omaha. Now is the time to inform interested members of your post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Omaha Ramada Plaza Inn (I-80 at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street) August 11 - 14, 2016. For information contact Nebraska Vietnam Veteran Roy Schoen, Reunion Chairman 402-477-9113 or at roy-suzie74@inebraska.com. for more information, go to [www.vetsreunion.com](http://www.vetsreunion.com).

**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR LEGION COLLEGE:** Applications for the American Legion National College are still being accepted from young Legion leaders. Please call Department Headquarters for application form or more information. The one-week course, October 23 – 28, is held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The college is a terrific opportunity for a Nebraska Legionnaire to receive an expense-paid leadership course with considerable hands-on experience. Deadline for applications to the Department is June 15.

**LEGION NIGHT AT HAYMARKET PARK:** If your Post or Squadron Honor Guard/Flag Detail is interested in participating in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion Night at Haymarket Park on August 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Activities Director by email at [actdirlegion@windstream.net](mailto:actdirlegion@windstream.net) or phone (402) 464-6338. Last year, there were five Honor Guards who participated and we are looking for that many or more this year. Show your pride and patriotism and help the Nebraska American Legion honor past and present veterans while enjoying a great game of Lincoln Saltdogs baseball! Visit [www.nelegionbaseball.net](http://www.nelegionbaseball.net) for more information. Tickets for the game between the Wichita Wingnuts and Lincoln Saltdogs are available by going to the Saltdogs web site at [www.saltdogs.com](http://www.saltdogs.com)

**NATIONAL COMMANDER NEBRASKA TOUR:** National Commander Dale Barnett was in Nebraska for his visit May 16-19. He was happy to see so many Legionnaires and Legion family members at the events.

**Attachments:**

Resolutions – 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 13, and 14  
Convention Call

> **Plan to Attend Convention in Kearney 24 – 26 June 2016** <