



NEWSLETTER

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“2019 and Beyond”

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STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE SET The Convention Program will carry a complete schedule of events for the annual Department Convention held in Lincoln, Nebraska, June 25 – 27. All sessions of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Riders will be conducted at the Cornhusker Marriott.

D.E.C. starts on Thursday, June 24, at 1:00 p.m. followed by the standing committee reports on Friday, June 25 at 8:30 a.m. All Legionnaires are welcome to attend the D.E.C. meeting.

CONVENTION CALL The annual Convention Call and delegate/alternate cards were sent to Post Adjutants on May 14 and County Commanders received the Call with voting information. All others will find it enclosed with this Newsletter. Please 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.

2022 MEMBERSHIP CARDS Membership cards, Post Adjutant’s Guide, and Post Officer’s Guide will be mailed to the Post Adjutant on record at Department Headquarters. Posts wishing to pick up the cards and guides in person from Department Headquarters can do so after June 11. All other cards and guides not picked up prior to June 16 will be placed in the mail on June 18.

NEW OFFICERS LIST Our monthly reminders can be avoided if your post will send in the names of your 2021-22 Post Officers as soon as they have been determined. This form was sent to every Post last month and we know you understand the importance of correspondence being sent to the correct officer. Even if your officers have not changed, please return the completed form.

CODY KERR NOMINATIONS The committee composed of Past Department Commanders Beth Linn, Jim Costello, and Lyle Bartels wish to remind you to submit your nominations for this coveted award to one of the PDC’s before June 18.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL The program will get into full swing during the month of June. Final rosters are due no later than June 15. 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 July 1. The tournament directors’ meeting is 9:00-11:30 a.m. June 12 at the Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln; you are welcome to attend. Have a GREAT season!!

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT HQs reminds 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. Each Post is required to complete the CPR so that it reaches Department Headquarters by June 1. These are not available on MyLegion.org this year.

2021 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 26,978. Commander Wooten thanks you for your efforts and would be very happy to be at 100% by the end of June. Please make one last effort this year to make your goal.

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, December 12-17, 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.

VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION Nebraska's 36th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held this summer 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 Lincoln Cornhusker Marriott (333 S 13th Street) August 12-15, 2021. For more information contact go to www.vetsreunion.com.

Attachments:

Convention Call
Resolution previously omitted by accident

> **Plan to attend Convention in Lincoln from June 25 – 27, 2021** <

2021 Department Convention Call

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Nebraska

May 14, 2021

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In conformity with the instructions of the 2019 Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, the 2021 Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, is hereby called and will be held at Lincoln, Nebraska, June 25-27, 2021.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing Department officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it in conformity with the provisions of the Department Constitution.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the Convention shall be by Posts. Each Post shall be entitled to two delegates and then one additional delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, **WHOSE CURRENT DUES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS NOT LATER THAN MAY 11, 2021.** Each Post shall also be entitled to one alternate for each delegate, who shall act as delegate in his/her absence. Each alternate shall also have all other rights and privileges of delegates except that of voting. Delegates and alternates shall be chosen by the various Posts in such manner as each Post shall determine.

The vote of the convention shall be polled by counties. When a roll call vote is ordered, each County Commander or County Chairman of a delegation or the Delegation Chairman of District 15 shall announce the vote of his/her county when called on by the Convention Secretary. County Commanders or County Chairmen, or the Delegation Chairman of District 15, must cast the correct vote when called upon. Counties cannot pass and then vote at the end of the voting. All County Commanders or County Chairmen, or the Delegation Chairman of District 15, will receive two ballots for each elective office; one to be signed and given to the Convention Secretary when giving the voice vote, and the other to be retained by the county. Ballots will be issued to the District Commanders for distribution to the County Commanders or County Chairmen or the Delegation Chairman of District 15. All unused ballots will be returned to the Convention Secretary at the close of the elections.

Posts need not cast their votes as a unit nor need the county vote be cast as a unit, but the total number of votes cast for and against any proposition shall be announced by the County Commander or County Chairman or the Delegation Chairman of District 15. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. In the absence of regular delegates from any Post, the delegation from such Post may seat a corresponding number of duly elected alternates, and in the event the Post has no regular delegates present, the duly elected alternates shall automatically become the delegates. Alternates shall have no vote except as prescribed above.

The vote of absentee qualified delegates may be cast by a majority of the delegation present from the Post, and in the absence of both an accredited delegate or alternate from a Post, then the vote or votes of said absentees may be cast by a majority of the delegates present from said county. In the event of a tie vote in any county, the vote of any Post not represented by a delegate or alternate shall be disregarded.

All Past Department Commanders and Past Department Adjutants, while in good standing in their respective Posts in this Department and who attend and register as such; and all incumbent Department officers who attend and register as such, shall be delegates to the Department Convention with voice and vote to be exercised with their respective Posts.

ALTERNATES

Each Post is entitled to send and to seat in the convention a number of alternates equal to the number of delegates to which a Post is entitled. Alternates will have the power to vote only in the absence of regular delegates.

GUESTS

Each delegation may have as its guests such members of The American Legion or friends of the organization as it may see fit to invite. All sessions of the Convention will be open to the public.

REGISTRATION

Registration of delegates, alternates, and guests will take place at Registration Headquarters starting Thursday, June 24. All delegates, alternates, and guests must register. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged. **REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT 10:00 A.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 27.**

All delegates must present their delegate card, signed by the Post Commander and the Post Adjutant, to the registration desk, pay the correct registration fees, and then they will receive a badge allowing them to be seated on the floor with all delegate privileges.

All alternates must present their alternate delegate card, signed by the Post Commander and the Post Adjutant, to the registration desk, pay the correct registration fees, and then they will receive a badge allowing them to be seated on the floor with all alternate privileges.

Legionnaires not having cards signed by the Post Commander and the Post Adjutant designating them as delegate or alternate and upon presenting a current American Legion card to the registration desk, and paying the correct registration fees, will receive a badge allowing them admittance into the Convention with seating privileges only in the guest section.

County Commanders will be eligible to vote provided they attend and register as such and pay the correct registration fee and are properly recorded with the Department by their respective District Commander at the Department Executive Committee meeting immediately preceding the Convention. Recorded County Commanders will receive the same badge as delegates with all delegate privileges.

HOUSING

All delegates and visitors to the Convention will be expected to arrange their own housing. Please write or call the hotel of your choice for accommodations. **Department Headquarters will not make reservations for anyone.**

CREDENTIALS

A bulletin giving the number of delegates and alternates to which your Post is entitled is enclosed [ADJUTANTS]. Credential cards for delegates and alternates are enclosed [ADJUTANTS] for distribution to each individual delegate and alternate. These cards are to be retained by such delegates and alternates and **must be presented at the time of registration at the Convention.** They should not be sent back to Department Headquarters.

EXPENSES

All expenses of delegates and alternates must be paid by the Post (if the Post authorizes such expenses), or by the delegates and alternates themselves. **THE DEPARTMENT WILL PAY NO PART OF SUCH EXPENSE.**

CONVENTION SESSIONS

All business sessions of the Convention, including the joint opening session with the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, starting Friday afternoon, June 25, through Sunday, June 27, will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MISCELLANEOUS

Instructions covering program, order of business, entertainment, etc., will be issued later. All Post Adjutants are requested to read this **CALL** at the earliest possible meeting of their Post. Post Commanders should call a special meeting if necessary.

Gary D. Wooten
Department Commander

ATTEST:
David W. Salak
Department Adjutant

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 20

Subject: Officer Succession

Submitted by: D2

Referred to:
(1) DEC

WHEREAS, The vacancy of the Senior Vice Commander has come under question and confusion;
and

WHEREAS, The seniority of the Area Commanders is also under question; and

WHEREAS, The vacancy of the Alternate National Executive Committeeman is also under question,
now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention
assembled in Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 24, 25, 26, 27, 2021, That Article VI of the
Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, be amended to read as
appended hereto; and be it finally,**

Article VI Department Officers

Sedion 4, 3rd paragraph. At the first meeting following the Department Convention, the Department Executive Committee shall designate the seniority of the Area Vice Commanders, commencing in 2021 with, the Area A Vice Commander and continuing annually in an alphabetic ascending rotation and they shall in the order designated, in the event of the death, resignation or permanent incapacity of the Department Commander and/ or the Department Senior Vice Commander, succeed to the office of Department Commander, or in the event of the temporary absence, incapacity of disability of the Department Commander and /or the Department Senior Vice Commander, the Area Vice Commanders, in order designated shall assume and have the Department Commander's responsibilities, power and authority.

Section 5. Vacancies in all Department offices occurring between Department Convention, shall be filled by the Department Commander, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee at its next meeting after such appointment provided (a) the vacancy in the office of Department Commander shall be supplied first by the Department Senior Vice Commander; and secondly by the Area Vice Commanders in the order of their seniority (b) when the office of the National Executive Committeeman becomes vacant, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall become the National Executive Committeeman for the full unexpired term and the Department Commander, with the approval of the Department Executive Committee, shall appoint an Alternate National Executive Committeeman, (c) when there is a vacancy in the office of any Department Executive Committeeman, the Vice Committeeman shall serve until the next district convention, when a successor shall be elected. When there is a vacancy in the office of any District Vice Commander the position of Vice Commander shall be filled by the District Executive Committee and shall serve until the next District Convention when a successor shall be elected. Action is to be taken within 30 days of this vacancy. In case of a vacancy in the office of both District Commander and District Vice Commander in the same District, the Department Commander shall appoint such officers to serve until the next district convention.

