

### TEACHER-OF-THE-YEAR

The Americanism Committee sponsors a "Teacher-of-the-Year Award" for elementary, middle, and/or high school teachers.



This award honors an educator whose accomplishments in the field of education are more than what is normally expected and promotes American Legion youth programs in their school. Download the nomination at <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Teacher.html>. Forward completed forms to Programs Director Brent Hagel-Pitt by May 1.

### 50-60-70-75-80-85 YEAR RECOGNITION

National Headquarters prepares certificates of recognition early each year for members credited on the data records with 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, and 85 years of continuous membership. National sends the certificates directly to Post Commanders for distribution to honored members. Please notify Department Headquarters if you have problems in receiving certificates for your Post.

### NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The National Emergency Fund was established to assist Legionnaires



who were displaced from their homes, due to a declared natural disaster. These funds cover costs associated with out-of-pocket expenses for food, clothing, and shelter that were incurred due to the disaster. All posts are encouraged to send a generous donation, so the coffers stay full when bad weather hits.

#### **Enclosed:**

- 1) Stoldorf Membership Form
- 2) Operation School Talk Form



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# NEWSLETTER

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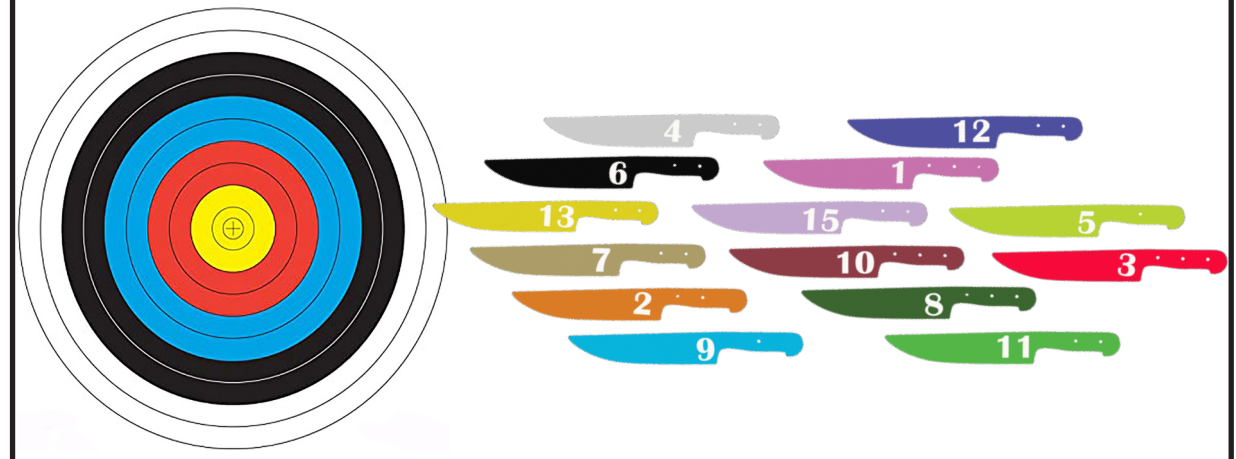
2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 26,097 FEBRUARY 17TH TOTAL: 22,073 - 84.58%

DISTRICT 13 - 88.06%  
DISTRICT 4 - 84.41%  
DISTRICT 1 - 83.51%  
DISTRICT 5 - 82.14%

DISTRICT 7 - 87.63%  
DISTRICT 9 - 84.26%  
DISTRICT 8 - 83.38%  
DISTRICT 3 - 78.57%

DISTRICT 6 - 86.48%  
DISTRICT 15 - 83.78%  
DISTRICT 12 - 83.32%

DISTRICT 2 - 86.43%  
DISTRICT 10 - 83.63%  
DISTRICT 11 - 83.31%



### **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

Several Districts are holding their convention this month and a representative from each Post within the District should be in attendance to allow the District to have a quorum to complete the business at hand. Post leadership and members support your District!

### **CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE**

The in-person session for 2022 is a go! Please continue interviewing students and send in your applications and \$375 fee to reach us before March 15.

More information will be forthcoming. Brochures and applications can be found at <http://nebraskalegion.net/Programs/BState.html>



Cornhusker Boys' State is looking for a new medic to replace an outgoing (retiring) medic. Anyone interested should have formal training as a nurse, EMT, doctor, etc. The medic must be available 24/7 the week of Boys State, the medic must remain with the group for the entire week. Room and meals are provided for the week plus a small stipend. The typical duties include checking in all boys at registration, first-line triage of injuries, administering medications, and transporting sick or injured to Urgent Care and/or hospitals (vehicle provided).

### **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. Contact Adjutant Salak for a copy of the resolution template should you need one.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We still have over 4,000 members to renew and sign up to reach our goal of 26,097. Let's get all renewals collected and transmitted NOW! The next target date is March 9, so cards must be to Department by Monday, March 7. A reminder to Post Adjutants to remit \$35 per membership card.



### **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

There are a few membership awards that Posts and individuals are eligible to receive this year. A Stoldorf new member recruiting form is enclosed. Send the completed form to Headquarters by June 1, to be counted towards the individual awards. Contact Amanda at Headquarters with questions.

### **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

Legionnaires are encouraged to make reservations for the 2022 Department Convention June 23 - 26 in Columbus at the Columbus Ramada Inn (402-564-1492). Rooms are \$99.95 a night. We have a limited number of rooms so book early.

### **VETERANS CRISIS LINE**

There are far too many veterans in crisis; be it chronic pain, anxiety, depression, homelessness, etc. The Veterans Crisis Line (800-273-8255) is a tool that someone in crisis can use if/when life starts to feel overwhelming. See the Nebraska Legion homepage for more information.



### **OPERATION SCHOOL TALK**

Our Americanism Committee sponsors "Operation School Talk" to educate and inform the youth on the principles and programs of The American Legion and our proud military service. Those that have gone to a school and talked to the students are encouraged to fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Department by May 2. The awards will be presented at Department Convention in Columbus.

### **LET'S PLAY BASEBALL!**

Legion Baseball season has begun. Coaches and staff must complete a background check before the team's registration can be approved. Deadline changes – Registration,

Fees, and Insurance NLT May 15; Transfer forms sent to Department NLT May 31; Rosters by June 15. As always teams are encouraged to retain Insurance and Form 2s for 5 years. Class A Sr & Jr Area – July 15-20; Class A Sr & Jr State – July 23-27; Class A Sr Division Playoffs – July 30; Class B & C Jr Area – July 8-13; Class B & C Jr State – July 16-20; Class B & C Sr Area – July 22-27; Class B & C Sr State – July 30 – August 3.

There are four new Legion combined schools for this coming season. Creighton and Plainview, Cambridge and Arapahoe, Bridgeport and Garden County, and Filmore Central- Exeter/Milligan-Meridian.

In 2024 American Legion Baseball will be celebrating 100 years of playing ball. Please start planning your events now.



## 2022 STOLDORF INDIVIDUAL NEW MEMBER RECRUITING AWARD

This award does not apply to transfers from Post 500 or other posts. Only acquired new members reported on this form will be considered for the Stoldorf Award. This application is to be submitted along with the dues and membership application for the new member(s) to be received by Department no later than June 1, 2022, to count toward the award. The adjutant of the post receiving the new member must certify the new member's eligibility below.

**RECRUITER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POST (TOWN AND NUMBER):** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECRUITER'S DISTRICT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STOLDORF CATEGORY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(For Department Use)**

**NEW MEMBER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID # (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER'S POST (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE):** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DUES ATTACHED?

☐ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DUES SUBMITTED ONLINE?

**NEW MEMBER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID # (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER'S POST (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE):** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DUES ATTACHED?

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**NEW MEMBER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID # (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER'S POST (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE):** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DUES ATTACHED?

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### ADJUTANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the new member(s) identified above meet the eligibility requirements of the American Legion and have not been a member of this or any other American Legion post since the 2019 membership year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adjutant, Post \_\_\_\_\_

# OPERATION SCHOOL TALK PROGRAM

## Legionnaire Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Nebraska County: \_\_\_\_\_ Class attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours spent in class: \_\_\_\_\_

Topics discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Legionnaires present: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher or School Staff Member Verification

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_