

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 Nebraska Legion homepage for more information.



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

National Headquarters prepares certificates of recognition each year for members credited on the data records with 50, 60, 70, 75, 80 and 85 years of continuous membership as of January 1, 2023. National sends the certificates directly to the Post Commanders for distribution. These are usually presented to the members at the Post Birthday event in March. Certificates will be mailed February 1 per National. Please notify Department Headquarters if you have not received your Post certificates by March 1. If you need other certificates, contact Amanda at Headquarters with questions.

PATRIOT SONGS BOOK

Jerry Staub of Idaho wrote a book compiling poems that honor those who have served our country. A flyer has been enclosed.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The National Emergency Fund was established to assist Legionnaires who were displaced from their home 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.



Enclosures:

- Commander Troiola Inventive Pin Forms
- Operation School Talk Form
- Patriot Songs Book Flyer



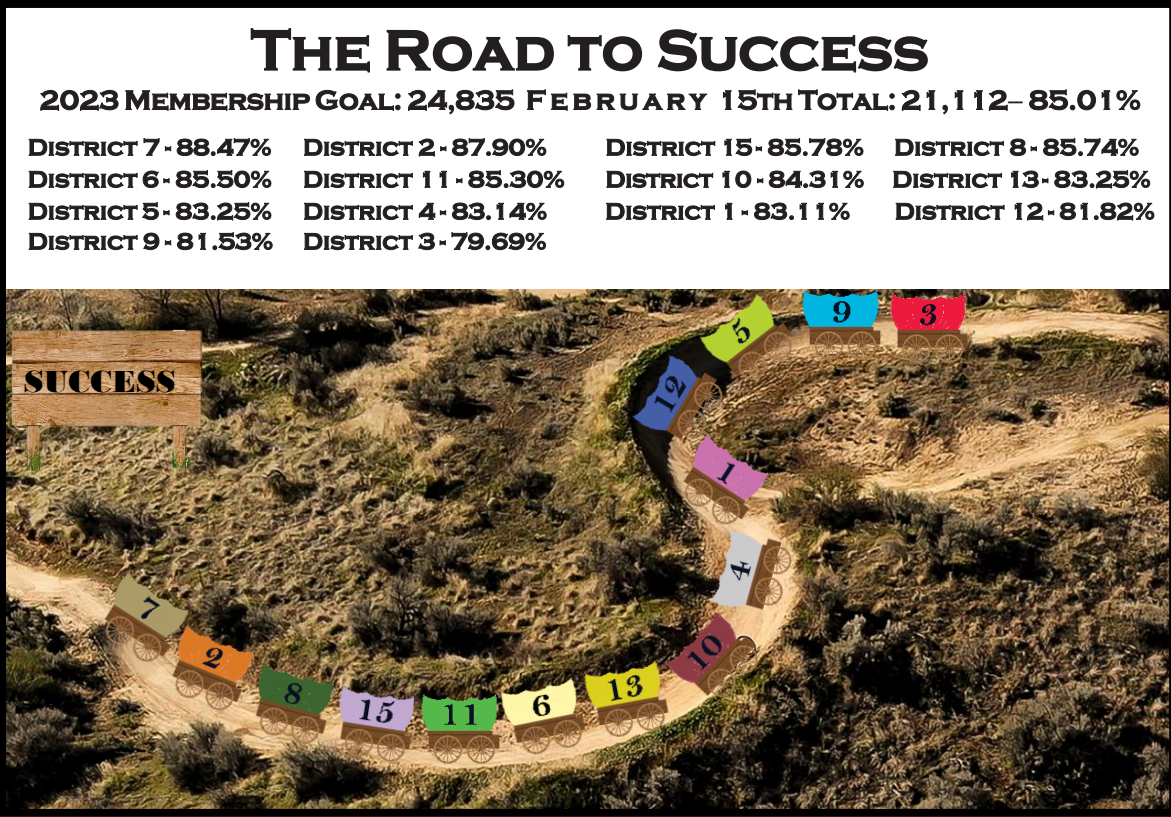
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NEWSLETTER

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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!

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.

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 in excess of what is normally expected, and also promotes American Legion youth programs in their school. Download the nomination at www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Teacher.html. Forward completed forms to Programs Director Eric Martin by May 1.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Legionnaires are encouraged to make reservations for the 2023 Department Convention June 23 - 25 in Kearney at the Ramada Inn (308-327-3141). Rooms are \$84.00 a night. Be sure to book early.

NATIONAL COMMANDER’S PIN

National Commander Vincent “Jim” Troiola will award his National Commander pin to any American Legion Family member who obtains three new members into The American Legion. He also will award his V.E.T.S. inventive pin to anyone who reinstates five expired members. Forms can be downloaded from National’s website at legion.org/commander/pin and legion.org/commander/vets-pin



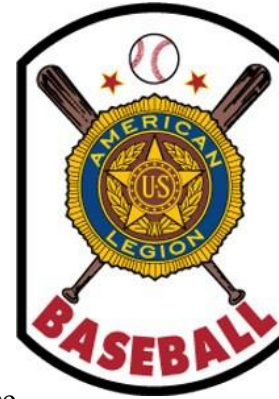
MEMBERSHIP

We still have 3,723 members to renew and sign up to reach our goal of 24,835. Let’s get all renewals collected and transmitted NOW! Next target date is March 15, so cards must be to Department by Monday, March 13. A reminder to Post Adjutants to remit **\$35.00** per membership card.

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.

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 14-19; Class A Sr & Jr State – July 22-26; Class A Sr Division Playoffs – July 29; Class A Regional – August 2; Class B & C Jr Area – July 7-12; Class B & C Jr State – July 15-19; Class B & C Sr Area – July 21-26; Class B & C Sr State – July 29-August 2.



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 1. The awards will be presented at Department Convention in Kearney.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE

The 2023 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 4 – 10, 2023.

Applications for the 2023 session of American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State have been mailed to all Post Adjutants and are available online at the Department website under the Boys State program tab. Posts may send as many qualified boys as they wish to nominate. The **Boys' State sponsor fee will be \$400.00 this year.** There will also be a registration fee of \$25 due at the time of arrival for each delegate. Please send any alternates to Department Headquarters so we can try and find them a sponsor. The deadline for returning applications is March 15.



FLAG RETIREMENT

If your post is planning a Flag Retirement Ceremony in the near future and is in need of flags, please contact Department Headquarters, as we have many in need of proper retirement.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

There are still a few membership awards that Posts and individuals are eligible to receive this year. A reminder to check the Adjutant’s Guide for the 2022 - 23 award sheet. Contact Amanda at Headquarters with questions.



**NATIONAL COMMANDER VINCENT J. "JIM" TROIOLA
2023 V.E.T.S. EXPIRED MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN
CERTIFICATION FORM**



**Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address
provided is for the recruiter and not the post**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ **MAIL TO RECRUITER** ☐ **MAIL TO POST**

**TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO REINSTATE (5) EXPIRED MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION
FOR THE 2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WERE NOT A MEMBER DURING THE 2022 MEMBERSHIP
YEAR.**

**PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR
SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR
STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. PINS
WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.**

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2023.

(5) REINSTATED EXPIRED MEMBERS:

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Return completed forms to:

**The American Legion
Internal Affairs & Membership Division
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206**

Fax: 317-630-1413

Email: kadams@legion.org



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CERTIFICATION FORM**



**Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address
provided is for the recruiter and not the post**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ MAIL TO RECRUITER ☐ MAIL TO POST

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WERE NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.)

PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2023.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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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: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher or School Staff Member Verification

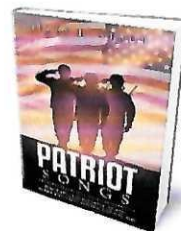
Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Comments: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Patriot Songs: A new book honoring
our brave veterans



Contact: Jerry L. Staub
909-921-1340
patsongpoet@gmail.com

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, USA; January, 2023 – A Poetic homage to brave American heroes – the great and the ordinary, this book honors the brave Americans who have fought, bled, and in some cases, died to defend our country.

This collection of poems brings to life compelling stories of many patriots throughout our history. Among them are the soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division who helped free Europe from the clutches of Nazi Germany and the young Marines who defended the Khe Sanh Combat Base from NVA troops during a five-month siege in 1968. It also pays tribute to various American heroes who make up the rich tapestry of our nation's history, from the great Abraham Lincoln to Dr. Mary Walker, the only female Medal of Honor recipient.

This gem of a book, an offering of poems filled with love and compassion for his fellow veterans, is a great gift for any veteran. An exemplary accomplishment! – S. Kay Murphy, Author of "The Tainted Legacy of Bertha Gifford"

Author: Jerry L. Staub, an American veteran and lifelong military history buff, is author of over 300 poems, and several articles on Civil War history. He seeks to shine the light on our nation's rich history through the medium of verse. He and his wife live in Idaho with their two dogs, *Lola* and *Annie*.

Half of all net proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to selected non-profit Veterans' organizations, so get a copy and help a Veteran today! Thank-you!

Title: *Patriot Songs: poems about brave patriots who sacrificed to keep America safe and free.* Review copies available – please contact author at patsongpoet@gmail.com
Available now from: www.Amazon.com **Price:** \$7.95
Size: 6"x9" **Pages:** 68 **Format:** Paperback **Publication Date:** October, 2022

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