

MEMBERSHIP

We still have 2,540 members to renew and sign up to reach our goal of 23,418. Let’s get all renewals collected and transmitted NOW! Next target date is March 13, so cards must be to Department by Monday, March 11. A reminder to Post Adjutants to remit \$35.00 per membership card.

DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Contact your District Commander or look under the forms section on the website to find the District Citizenship nominee form. One Legionnaire will be selected by each District Commander and will be honored at Department Convention in June. Please mail the nomination form to your District Commander at least three weeks before your District Convention.

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 a Department Convention in Kearney.

APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH

“Children...Our Most Precious Natural Resource” is the national theme for Children & Youth month. Use this theme in the promotion of all our Children & Youth programs.

50-60-70-75 YEAR RECOGNITION

National Headquarters prepares certificates of continuous membership each year for members with 50, 60, 70, and 75 years of membership as of January 1, 2024. National sends the certificates directly to Post Commanders for distribution at the Post Birthday or other event. Notify Headquarters if you did not receive them by March 1.

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 education are more than what is normally expected and promotes American Legion youth programs in the school. Download the nomination at www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Teacher.html. Forward completed forms to Eric Martin by May 1.

FLAG RETIREMENT

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

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Department is offering the opportunity for individuals and businesses to advertise in the 2024 Department Convention program. Contact Carol Foutz at Headquarters for more information.



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NEWSLETTER

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“LEAD BY MENTORING”

2024 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 23.418 FEBRUARY 15TH TOTAL: 20.815 – 88.88%

DISTRICT 1 – 95.98%	DISTRICT 15 – 91.33%	DISTRICT 7 – 90.80%	DISTRICT 8 – 90.74%
DISTRICT 3 – 89.36%	DISTRICT 5 – 89.24%	DISTRICT 2 – 88.44%	DISTRICT 12 – 88.37%
DISTRICT 11 – 87.68%	DISTRICT 13 – 87.13%	DISTRICT 6 – 86.34%	DISTRICT 10 – 86.09%
DISTRICT 4 – 84.82%	DISTRICT 9 – 78.22%		

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
LOCATION CHANGE

The 2024 Department Convention will now be held at the Holiday Inn June 20 – 23, in Kearney. For reservations, call the Holiday Inn (308-237-5971) located at 110 2nd Avenue - Kearney. Rooms are \$149.95 plus tax, per night. Conference Registration fee is \$10.00.

The condensed agenda schedule will be in the June issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. Information can be found at www.nebraskalegion.net/meetings.

NOTICE TO ADJUTANTS

Use our new address for transmitting membership cards. Be sure your envelope is sturdy and sealed. Too often we receive envelopes that have been broken or torn.

Nebraska American Legion
150 NW 40th Street, Unit A
Lincoln, NE 68528

2025 ANNUAL POST DATA REPORT

Post Adjutants received the 2025 Annual Post Data Report in February. Read the information carefully before completing the form. Double check the mailing address to which the membership returns are to be mailed – including the three-line address and correct ZIP code. Above all, make sure the dues amount is correct. Due date at Department Headquarters is April 15.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Several Districts are holding conventions this month. A representative from each Post within the District should be in attendance. This allows the District to have a quorum to complete the business at hand. Post leadership and members, support your District.

Department officers and committee members who have already traveled to District Conventions, thank you for the hospitality.

RESOLUTIONS

Changes within the American Legion begin in the form of a resolution. Resolutions are approved through your Post/Squadron and then sent to District Convention for endorsement. All resolutions adopted at District Conventions will be sent to all Post Commanders/Adjutants in May. It is imperative these be read at your post meetings prior to Department Convention. Contact Adjutant Salak for resolution template or with questions.

NATIONAL COMMANDER VISIT

National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer will be visiting Nebraska March 7 – 10. Contact Headquarters for Agenda.

LET'S PLAY BASEBALL!

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. Teams are encouraged to retain Insurance and Form 2s for 5 years. Class A Sr & Jr Area: July 19 – 24; Class A Sr & Jr State: July 27 – 31; Class A Sr Division Playoffs: August 3; Class A Regional: August 7 – 11; Class B & C Jr Area: July 12 – 17; Class B & C Jr State: July 20 – 24; Class B & C Sr Area: July 26-31; Class B & C Sr State: August 3 – 7.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2023 – 24 year will be sent out in March. Please complete this form and return it to Department Headquarters ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2024. The CPR is located on our website and MyLegion.

NATIONAL DUES INCREASE

During the 2023 National Convention in Charlotte, NC, the dues increase of \$5.00 was passed for the 2025 membership year. This will take effect on July 1, 2024. There is a resolution that will also raise Department dues \$5.00 as well. This will be voted on at Department Convention.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE

The 2024 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 2 – 8, 2024. Applications and brochures were sent to all Post Adjutants in January. The Boys' State sponsor fee will be \$400 this year. There will also be a \$25 registration fee due at the time of arrival for each delegate. It is the Post's responsibility to return applications to HQs by the March 15th deadline. Please select a boy who agrees to participate for the entire week. Post's may send as many boys as they wish to nominate. Please send any alternates in as well, so we can try to find them a sponsor.

PREPRINTED 2025 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

For new members to have a pre-printed 2025 membership card and be listed on the Post Roster, their 2024 dues must be received at Department by April 1, 2024. Additionally, any current member not paid by April 1, 2024, will not have their continuous years pre-printed on their 2025 membership card.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S COIN

National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer will award his National Commander dog tag coin to any Legionnaire who obtains two new members into The American Legion. Forms can be downloaded from National's website at legion.org/commander/pin