



# NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA  
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*“We are the Backbone of The American Legion”*

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
JAMES A. COSTELLO

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DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT  
DAVID W. SALAK

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**MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN NOT COMPLETE** A review of the membership analysis indicates many posts need fewer than half a dozen to equal or exceed last year's total and to meet their assigned goal. Time is short to complete our 2018 campaign. Please review your delinquent list and make personal contact where necessary. There are eligible veterans in every community who have never been invited into membership.

**PLEASE INVITE THEM, NOW!**

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ENTRY DEADLINE** The initial entry deadline for Post's participating in the 2018 American Legion Baseball program is May 15. Teams registering after May 15 may be imposed a \$200.00 late fee. Deadline for submitting and getting your Team Roster approved is June 15. A team that is NOT going to participate in the Area or State tournaments must submit a declination letter to the Department or there will be a \$300.00 penalty included in next season's registration.

**BOYS' STATE / JUNIOR LAW CADET PARTICIPANTS** Please keep in touch with your candidates for Cornhusker Boys' State and the Junior Law Cadet programs from your Post. Doing so will ensure their participation next month and put the post in a position to assist them with their transportation should the need arise. Direct questions on the Boys' State bus schedule to your District Commander. Be sure to follow the daily activities at Cornhusker Boys' State from June 3 – 9 on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus at [www.cornhuskerboysstate.org](http://www.cornhuskerboysstate.org)



**DIRECT DUES BILLING** Information on the National direct billing program was sent to all Post Adjutants in March. You are reminded the Post Data Form was to be returned to Department Headquarters by April 15 with appropriate changes, if necessary. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so immediately. If no changes are made, or should the form not be returned, direct dues responses will be sent to the same individual, at the same address, at the same dues rate. Please be certain your dues amount is correct.

**PCI DIRECTORY UPDATE** Due to the overwhelming amount of Nebraska Legion members who submitted pictures and information, the PCI directory has taken longer to get printed than anticipated. We have been given May 15 as the mailing date for all directories and other items that you may have purchased. Contact Headquarters with questions.

**CONVENTION CALL / DELEGATE STRENGTH** The official Department Convention Call and the notification of the number of delegates each Post is entitled to seat at the convention will be sent to Post Adjutants within the next few weeks. Included with the mailing will be an appropriate number of delegate and alternate cards. These cards must be taken to the convention and presented at the time of registration.

**CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT** The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2017-18 American Legion year was mailed to the Post Adjutant with the April newsletter. Please complete the CPR and return it to Headquarters absolutely **no later than June 1**. The CPR can be found on MyLegion and our website at [www.nebraskalegion.net](http://www.nebraskalegion.net). Complete the form online and email it to [dwsalak@windstream.net](mailto:dwsalak@windstream.net).

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS MAY STILL BE EARNED** There are various membership awards that are available through National and Department. May 10 is the receipt date in this office for the Silver Brigade, Gold Brigade and Recruiter of the Year awards. Certification forms are available from Department HQs. You are encouraged to review the many awards that are available for 2018 membership efforts. The Post Membership Achievement Award is based on the post membership as of May 31, 2017 compared to the membership of July 31, 2018.

**POST PUBLICATIONS CONTEST** The Nebraska American Legion Press Association asks those interested in the Post Publications Contest to contact Amanda at Headquarters for more information.



**CODY KERR AWARD** This prestigious award is the highest award given by the Nebraska American Legion and will be presented to a deserving individual at the Department Convention in Kearney. Applications are now being accepted by Past Department Commanders Fred Craigie, Mike Reimers, and Beth Linn. Send your nomination to Headquarters to be forwarded to the committee. This award is based on service to the community, state and nation; not just American Legion involvement. Please use a written narrative style of nomination on your Post letterhead. No specific form is provided.

**ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS** Enclosed is the 2018-19 Post Officer report form (Adjutants only). The Department Constitution and Bylaws calls for the election of officers at the Post meeting prior to the Department Convention and the installation following the convention. We request the names of the 2018-19 officers be sent to us immediately following their election. This allows HQ's to maintain a current list post officers so that official correspondence get to the right person.

**VETERANS FREEDOM MUSIC FESTIVAL** Saturday, June 23 at the Railyard beneath the Cube in the Haymarket located at 350 Canopy Street, Lincoln. Gates open 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony 10:30 a.m. and Closing Ceremony 5:30 p.m. In addition to music this is an Information Fair with VA health care and other informational booths. Visit [www.vfmf.net](http://www.vfmf.net) for more information.

**LEGION INSURANCE TRUST** Want to sign up for Free LIT AD&D coverage? That's a \$1,000.00 (or \$5,000.00 if death occurred while on official Legion business) that will go to your beneficiary to help with those final expenses. Check out [www.thelit.com](http://www.thelit.com) for more information.

**AMERICAN LEGION NIGHT W/SALT DOGS** The American Legion Night at the Salt Dogs will be August 3 at 7:05 pm. If your Legion Color Guard would be interested in posting the Colors before the game - please contact the Programs Director Brent Hagel-Pitt. Hope to see you out at the ballpark!

**VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY AT THE STATE FAIR** Veterans' Appreciation Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 3 at 10:30 a.m. More information, including parade and color guard registration can be found at <https://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/379>. Contact Kayla at 308-385-3978 for information.

**SONS GOLF TOURNAMENT** The Detachment of Nebraska is holding their 2-man golf scramble on Saturday, June 23 at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course in Kearney. Enclosed in a form with more information.

**PCI UPDATE** An update has been received regarding the PCI directories that are being created for Nebraska. Due to the overwhelming amount of Nebraska Legion members who submitted pictures and information, the directory has taken longer to get printed than anticipated. We have been given mid-May as the mailing date for all directories and other items that you may have purchased. Everyone should expect to receive their items before June 1. Contact Department Headquarters with questions.

**Attachments:**

2017-18 Post Officer report form (Adjutants only)  
Resolutions 1, 2, 3, and 4  
Salt Dogs ticket order form  
Sons Golf Tournament form

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## 2018-19 POST OFFICER REPORT FORM

RETURN THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS FOR 2018-19 IN YOUR POST.  
**\*PLEASE NOTIFY DEPT. HEADQUARTERS EVEN IF POST OFFICERS ARE REELECTED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.\***

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR EMAIL TO: [adminastlegion@windstream.net](mailto:adminastlegion@windstream.net) NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2018.**

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**COMMANDER**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address-Zip)

Commander's Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership ID No.) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADJUTANT**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address-Zip)

Adjutant's Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership ID No.) \_\_\_\_\_

**1ST VICE  
COMMANDER**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address-Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership ID No.)

**FINANCE  
OFFICER**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address-Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership ID No.)

**MEMBERSHIP  
CHAIRMAN**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address-Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership ID No.)

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**Post membership dues for 2018-19 are \$** \_\_\_\_\_

On what nights of each month does your Post meet? \_\_\_\_\_

On what date were the above officers elected? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the date of election as provided by Post Bylaws? \_\_\_\_\_

Was notice given to all members as provided by Post Bylaws? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your Post a set of Post Constitution and Bylaws to govern its work? \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **POST NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF POST** \_\_\_\_\_

**The American Legion  
Department of Nebraska**

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 1

Subject: WWII State Funeral

Submitted by: Fred Craigie Post 3

Referred to:  
(1) DEC

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WHEREAS, the organization “State Funeral for a World War II Veterans” sole purpose is to “convince the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, as a final salute to the 16 million men and women of the greatest generation who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945”; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has the sole authority to designate a state funeral; and

WHEREAS, State Funeral for a World War II Veteran is leading a nationwide online petition drive to convince the President to designate a single state funeral for the final Medal of Honor recipient from World War II; and

WHEREAS, this event will also provide national recognition to honor all 16 million Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, today our nation stands divided in numerous ways and yearns for a unifying national event – a state funeral is a wonderful way to bring people together while thanking the greatest generation who served our country to defeat Nazism, fascism and imperialism; and

WHEREAS, Flags of Our Fathers author James Bradley said, “In the 1,364 days from Pearl Harbor to the Japanese surrender, with millions of Americans fighting on global battlefields, only 464 Americans were awarded Medals of Honor, the nation’s highest decoration of valor” and today only four of those Americans remain: now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Kearney, Nebraska, on June 22, 23, 24, 2018, That the Department go on record supporting and endorsing the “State Funeral for World War II Veteran” by requesting the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, as a final salute to the 16 million men and women of the greatest generation who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That Departmental support also be in the form of signing the “State Funeral for World War II Veterans” national online petition asking the President of the United States to authorize a State funeral for the final Medal of Honor recipient.**

**The American Legion  
Department of Nebraska**

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 2

Subject: Boys State Orientation

Submitted by: District 1

Referred to:

- (1) DEC
- (2) Boys State Committee
- (3) Americanism Committee
- (4) Finance Committee

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WHEREAS, Each year the District holds an orientation for its Boys State, as it is required by the Boys State Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Districts try to keep it located in a central location so the boys do not have to travel so far: and

WHEREAS, The fees of the Boys State program are getting more expensive each year; and

WHEREAS, It is an extra burden on the Posts and the boys that participate in the program to attend orientation; and

WHEREAS, If the Boys State Committee, with the help of Department Headquarters of the Nebraska American Legion, would develop an orientation program, on the computer, disc, tape or some other means, that the boys could use it, at their post, and this would help by doing away with the extra travel expense for the Posts and the boys; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Kearney, Nebraska, on June 22, 23, 24, 2018, That the Boys State Committee, in conjunction with the Americanism Committee, is charged with developing an online orientation presentation to eliminate the added expense of holding a Boys State orientation at each District.**

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**The American Legion  
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**RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 3

Subject: Membership Committee Budget

Submitted by: District 1

Referred to:

(1) DEC

(2) Membership Committee

(3) Finance Committee

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WHEREAS, The Department of Nebraska American Legion has a Membership Committee of four members, and we have four Area Commanders, they are representative from each Area, and their main responsibility is to promote membership in the state, and help obtain the Department goals; and

WHEREAS, The Membership Committee has goals they set to promote membership, such as giving out cash awards for Posts and Districts throughout the state, but other than that, there is not much contact with the Districts and Posts, and in the past five (5) years we have declined in membership, and it is time to change this trend; and

WHEREAS, If each Membership Committee person and the Area Commanders, would take the monies allowed in their budget, and get out in the field and have a personal contact with the District and Posts, who are having problems with their membership, and maybe that would be an incentive for the District Commanders and Post Commanders to do a better job and promote their membership, and also, we could possibly see an increase in our membership; and

WHEREAS, We have tried the cash awards and they work for just a few, but let's look at the big picture, we have to do something to increase our membership, and help keep our finances up, so we can get away from the donations, if we don't do something, we will see a decrease in the Departments membership, and remembers YCSMSOYA, it still takes that personal contact; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee relies on membership, is where most of our finances come from, for our programs and pay the office staff and pay the bill, and investments, so what do we have to lose if we don't try something different, so it is time to try and change the trend and increase our membership; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Kearney, Nebraska, on June 22, 23, 24, 2018, That this resolution be sent to the Finance Committee, Membership Committee and Department Executive Committee for their consideration and approval of this Resolution, to allocate the funds, so the membership, and Area Commanders, can try this and hoping we can see an increase in membership in the Department of Nebraska.**

**The American Legion  
Department of Nebraska**

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 4

Subject: Steve Burger recognition

Submitted by: District 1

Referred to:

(1) DEC

(2) Rehab & Employment Committee

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WHEREAS, Steve Burger has served The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, for many years as its Department Service Officer; and

WHEREAS, He also has served as secretary for the Rehabilitation and Employment Committee for The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, for many years; and

WHEREAS, He has retired from the state of Nebraska, as their service officer, and he is being replaced as service officer for The American Legion, Department of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, He has done a tremendous job while performing his duties as the service officer and secretary for the Rehabilitation and Employment Committee of The American Legion, while helping the veterans of Nebraska; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Kearney, Nebraska, on June 22, 23, 24, 2018, That The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, honor him as a honorary member emeritus on the Rehabilitation and Employment Committee.**



# 2018 American Legion Order Form Lincoln Saltdogs vs. Sioux Falls Canaries

Friday, August 3rd @ 7:05pm

Fireworks Friday - Enjoy Fireworks Following the Game!

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit/Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Baseline Reserved Seats (sec. 112): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00/ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payment Method:**

Check (If paying by check, please make checks payable to: Lincoln Saltdogs)

VISA

MasterCard

Discover

American Express

Card Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Important:**

All Legions participating in pre-game color guard must have tickets and must be signed up one (1) week before the game. Anyone not signed up will not be allowed on the field. NO EXECPTIONS. To sign up please contact Brent Hagel-Pitt at 402.464.6338

I have read the above information, and understand that all orders are non-refundable.

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

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Return to: Lincoln Saltdogs, Attn: Steve Zoucha, 403 Line Drive Circle, Ste. A, Lincoln, NE 68508. Faxes Accepted at 402.474.2254. For more information contact Steve at 402.441.4178 or stevez@saltdogs.com.



# Sons of The American Legion

*Detachment of Nebraska*



## 2-Man Golf Scramble

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

(To coincide with the American Legion State Convention)

**FLAG PRIZES &  
GIVEAWAYS!**

**1:30PM Shotgun**

**\$60 Per Person**

(Includes 18 holes & golf cart)

### Meadowlark Hills Golf Course

Kearney, NE

All American Legion Family members are welcome to participate! Come join us for a great day of golf and an opportunity to meet other Nebraska American Legion Family members from across the state!

If you don't have a partner to sign up with we can pair you up with someone the day of the tournament!



**For questions or to send your registration in please contact:**

Jesse Weaver, P.O. Box 454, Kearney, NE 68848

(308) 830-3099    [jesse.w@deluxmfg.com](mailto:jesse.w@deluxmfg.com)

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

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

Post/Unit/Sqd.# \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit/Sqd.# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose your check (payable to "SAL Post #52" with your registration. Registration deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>.**