



NEWSLETTER

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION The 2021 Department Convention will be held June 25-27 at the Cornhusker Marriot in Lincoln. More information can be found in the Nebraska Legionnaire or on the department website at http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Meetings/Department_Convention.html. Contact Adjutant Dave Salak with questions.

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 2021 campaign. Please review your delinquent list and make personal contact where necessary.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ENTRY DEADLINE The initial entry deadline for Post's participating in the 2021 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.

ANNUAL POST DATA REPORTS Information on the National dues notice program was sent to all Post Adjutants in March. Post Data Forms were to be returned to Department Headquarters by April 15. If you have not yet returned your form, do so immediately. If no changes are made, or the form is not be returned, dues notice will be sent to the same individual, at the same address, at the same dues rate. Please be certain your dues amount is correct.

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 2020-21 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 our website at www.nebraskalegion.net. Complete the form online and email it to dwsalak@windstream.net.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY The Department has a great deal of worn flags in need of a proper retirement ceremony. Posts searching for flags need look no further. The entire Flag Retirement Ceremony script can be found on National's website (<https://www.legion.org/flag/ceremony>). Contact Department if flags are needed.

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 Department Convention in Lincoln. Applications are being accepted by Past Department Commanders Beth Linn, Jim Costello, and Lyle Bartels. 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. No specific form is provided. Please use a written narrative style of nomination.

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCIES/NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS Currently, there are a few Department Committees who have vacancies. They are Americanism – Area C, Children & Youth – Area D, Convention – Area C, and Publications/PR – Area A & B. The following National appointments from Nebraska will expire on the date shown.

Committee/Commission/Council	Current Holder	Expires
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Council	John Arias	Fall 2021
Veterans Employment & Education Council	Lyle Bartels	Fall 2021
Membership & Post Activities Committee	Steve Bartos	Fall 2022
Media & Communications Commission	Richard Baxter	Fall 2021
Americanism Council	Dave Bruckner	Fall 2021
Unconventional Forces & Intelligence Committee	Burdette Burkhart	Fall 2021
Marketing Commission	Rob Corbett	Fall 2023
Internal Affairs Commission	Fred Craigie	Fall 2022
Americanism Council	Vacant	Fall 2021
National Security Council	Doug Frahm	Fall 2021
Americanism Council	Mike Hatfield	Fall 2021
Americanism Council	Lee Hoatson	Fall 2021
Americanism Council	Jeff Konz	Fall 2021
Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee	Jerry Landkamer	Fall 2023
Foreign Relations Committee	Mike Landkamer	Fall 2023
Employment & Veterans Preference Committee	Beth Linn	Fall 2022
Americanism Council	Jody Moeller	Fall 2023
Americanism Council	Rollie Otte	Fall 2021
Health Administration Committee	Julie Schnitzler	Fall 2023
Americanism Council	Jim Scott	Fall 2021
Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee	Fred Tisdale	Fall 2022

Should Department be asked to retain those seats, the Nebraska National Executive Committeeman (NEC) will forward nominations to National for consideration. If any Nebraska Legionnaires are interested the Department vacancies contact Adjutant Salak or for the National appointments contact Bill Crosier at 308-440-4957 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS MAY STILL BE EARNED There are various membership awards that are available through National and Department. Certification forms are available from Department HQs. You are encouraged to review the many awards that are available for 2021 membership efforts.

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.

ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS Enclosed is the 2021-22 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 2021-22 officers be sent to us immediately following their election. This allows HQ's to maintain a current list of post officers so that official correspondence gets to the right person. **Even if your officers did not change, send in this form!**

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 for more information.

VETERANS FREEDOM MUSIC FESTIVAL Sunday, June 13 at the VA Outpatient Clinic located at 600 S 70th Street, Lincoln. The festival starts at 12:00 p.m. Visit www.vfmf.net for more information.

VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY AT THE STATE FAIR Veterans' Appreciation Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 6 at 10:30 a.m. Go to <https://www.statefair.org/form/color-guard-registration> for more information, including parade, and color guard registration. Call 308-382-1620 for information.

Attachments:

2021-22 Post Officer report form (Adjutants only)
Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8