

### **FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

The Department has many worn flags in need of a proper retirement ceremony. Posts searching for flags need to look no further. The entire Flag Retirement Ceremony script can be found on the National's website ([www.legion.org/flag/ceremony](http://www.legion.org/flag/ceremony)). Contact HQ if flags are needed.



### **LEGION INSURANCE TRUST**

Want to sign up for Free LIT AD&D coverage? It's a \$1,000 (or \$5,000 if death occurred while on official Legion business) payment that will go to your beneficiary to help with expenses. Check [www.thelit.com](http://www.thelit.com) for more information.

### **FREEDOM MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Saturday, June 11 at the VA Outpatient Clinic located at 600 S 70th Street, Lincoln. The festival starts at 11:00 a.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.

### **VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY**

Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m. More information, including the parade, and color guard registration can be found at [www.statefair.org/event-activity-registration/color-guard](http://www.statefair.org/event-activity-registration/color-guard) Call 308-382-1620 for more information.



### **Attachments:**

- 1) 2022-23 Post Officer Report Form (Adjutants only)
- 2) Resolution Notice
- 3) Nebraska American Legion Golf Tournament
- 4) Memorial Flyer



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# NEWSLETTER

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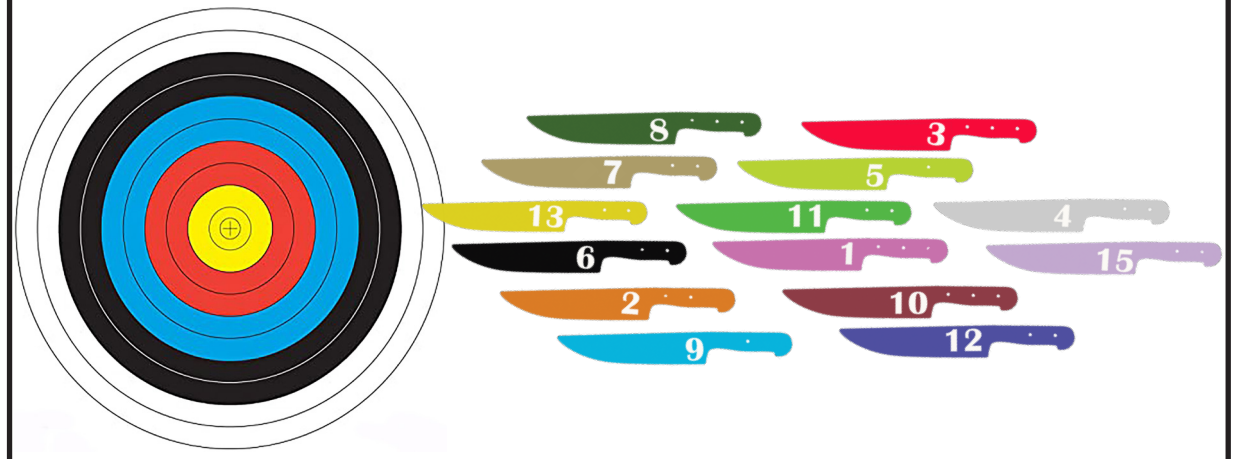
Department Commander  
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Department Adjutant  
David W. Salak

## 100% FOR TARGET

2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 26,097 APRIL 13TH TOTAL: 23,461 - 89.90%

DISTRICT 13 - 92.04%	DISTRICT 6 - 91.46%	DISTRICT 7 - 90.85%	DISTRICT 2 - 90.66%
DISTRICT 8 - 89.83%	DISTRICT 9 - 89.81%	DISTRICT 11 - 89.49%	DISTRICT 1 - 89.23%
DISTRICT 5 - 89.02%	DISTRICT 10 - 88.83%	DISTRICT 3 - 88.73%	DISTRICT 12 - 88.19%
DISTRICT 4 - 87.64%	DISTRICT 15 - 86.76%		



## **RESOLUTIONS**

Due to the number of resolutions adopted in the District Conventions from February – April 2022, copies will not be provided in the newsletter. Instead, Post Commanders and Post Adjutants are directed to our Department Homepage. There, you can click on the individual link to every resolution that will be considered at Department Convention in June. Some affect the Constitution and/or Bylaws, while others may not. I have included all of them on our Department website so that you can share them with your Post membership. If you feel the resolution should be referred to an additional committee(s) please contact the Department Adjutant. If you want your voice heard – be at convention.

## **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

The 2022 Department Convention will be held June 24 - 26 at the Ramada in Columbus. The DEC will meet on June 23. Contact Adjutant Dave with questions.

## **MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

A review of the membership analysis indicates many posts need certain single numbers to equal or exceed last year's total and to meet their assigned goal. Time is short to complete our 2022 campaign. Please review your delinquent list and make personal contact where necessary. There are eligible veterans who have never been invited into membership.

## **ANNUAL POST DATA REPORTS**

Information on the National dues notices program was sent to all Post Adjutants in March. Post Data Forms were to be returned to HQ by April 15. If you have not returned your form, do so immediately. If no changes are made, or the form is not returned, dues notice will be sent to the same individual and address, at the same dues rate. Please check that 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 a few weeks. Included with the mailing will be an appropriate number of delegates and alternate cards. These cards must be taken to the convention, be signed by the Post Commander and Adjutant, and be presented at the time of registration.

## **ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS**

Enclosed is the 2022-23 Post Officer report form (Adjutants only). The Department Constitution and Bylaws call for the election of officers at the Post meeting prior to Convention and the installation following the convention. We request the names of the 2022-23 officers be sent to us immediately following their election. This allows HQ 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!

## **CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT**

The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2021-22 American Legion year was mailed to the Post Adjutant in April. Please complete the CPR and return it to HQ no later than June 1. The CPR can be found on 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).

## **AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING**

Now is a great time for Legionnaires to take the American Legion Basic Training Course. Our own Constitution directs officers to have completed this course within the last five years prior to assuming office. This isn't meant to be a barrier to high office but rather to ensure our officers are current on Legion activities and programs. The course can be found at [www.legion.org/alei](http://www.legion.org/alei)

## **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS STILL OPEN**

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 HQ. You are encouraged to review awards that are available for 2022 membership efforts. The Post Membership Achievement Award is based on the Post membership as of May 31, 2022, compared to the membership of July 31, 2021.

## **BASEBALL ENTRY DEADLINE**

The entry deadline for Posts participating in the 2022 American Legion Baseball program is May 15. Teams registering after May 15 may be imposed a \$200 late fee. The deadline for submitting and getting your Team Roster approved is on June 15. A team that is NOT going to participate in the Area or State tournaments must submit a declination letter to the HQ or there will be a \$300 penalty included in the next season's registration.



## **POST PUBLICATIONS CONTEST**

The Nebraska American Legion Press Association asks those interested in the Post Publications Contest to contact Amanda at HQ for more information.

## **CODY KERR AWARD**

This prestigious award is the highest award given by the Nebraska American Legion and will be presented at the Department Convention in Columbus. Applications are now being accepted by PDC's Jim Costello, Lyle Bartels, and Gary Wooten. Send your nomination to HQ. This award is based on service to the community, state, and nation, not just Legion involvement. Please use a written narrative style of nomination on your Post letterhead.

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# NEBRASKA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



QR code for the NE Vietnam Veterans Memorial website.

Nebraska is finally getting a fitting state memorial to those Nebraska residents that lost their lives in the Vietnam war. The idea was conceived by Nebraska Vietnam Veterans looking for a lasting way to memorialize sacrifices made by their fellow Cornhusker state comrades. This memorial is not an American Legion, not a county, not an Eastern Nebraska, nor a regional tribute.

*This beautiful tribute is a STATE memorial started by individual Vietnam veterans.*

With that thought in mind, it is important that we as the American Legion posts within Nebraska make every effort to contribute to this effort to honor our fallen Nebraska comrades.

## So what's the challenge?

This challenge is NOT between the posts. The challenge is for the Nebraska posts to raise \$15,000 AS A GROUP. There are over 300 Nebraska Legion Posts. If every post gives only \$100, we could EASILY raise over \$30,000! So although \$15,000 sounds like a lot of money, the fact is, if we all contribute we can easily do this! We realize that there are many posts that can afford to give more and we highly encourage that. This is not a competition between the posts but an opportunity for the Nebraska posts to work together for a beautiful, common cause: TO HONOR OUR FELLOW FALLEN NEBRASKA VIETNAM VETERANS.

## Why \$15,000?

\$15,000 will allow us to "purchase" a granite bench for the memorial that will permanently be an integral part of the memorial. Engraved into that granite bench will be the recognition of the "American Legion Posts of Nebraska".

Goal: \$15,000

Challenge Amount per Post: \$100 minimum (more if possible)

Deadline for payment: 01 JULY 2022

What will the engraved recognition of our contribution say? "American Legion Posts of Nebraska"

To whom do we send our donation?

Each post will directly submit their donation to the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Payments can be mailed in to the address shown below or can be paid online using either a credit card or through PayPal via the NVVM website link:  
[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=4ASW6U4UYUWVA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=4ASW6U4UYUWVA)



Or you can use your phone's camera and scan the QR code to go directly to the Memorial's payment page for the American Legion Challenge!

## CASH OR CHECK:

Please send cash or check by mail to address:  
NVVMF  
7914 WEST DODGE RD #446  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68114

Please remember to write "American Legion" on your check's MEMO area.





# **Nebraska American Legion Golf Tournament**

*Hosted by the  
Bassett American Legion Post #123 Family*

**At Bassett Country Club**

**Sat.-Sun., July 16-17**

**2 Person (Men, Women or Mixed)  
18 Holes Each Day**

**10 a.m. Shot Gun Start: Saturday and Sunday**

**Entry Fee is \$80 per person, \$160/Per Team**

includes mulligans for each day, Saturday Night Steak and Flag Prizes.

**\* Calcutta: To be held after completion of play  
Saturday for all teams involved**

**\* Lunch will be provided each day for purchase**

**\* Burgers and Drinks at post home Friday, July 15th at 5 p.m.**

\* Steak fry will be held Saturday night after golf. \* Additional steaks can be purchased by friends, family and the general public. \* The club has rental carts available on first come, first serve bases call BCC at 402-684-3449.

**Lodging: Bassett Lodge & Range Cafe, Bassett, NE (402) 684-3379  
or Rodeway Inn, Ainsworth, NE (402) 387-1050**

For more information or to preregister please contact Mace Turpin at (402) 376-6215  
Bassett Country Club, PO Box 58, 87937 445 Ave, Bassett NE (402) 684-3449