

PREPRINTED 2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

In order for new members to have a pre-printed 2024 membership card and also be listed on the Post Roster, their 2023 membership card had to have been received at Department by April 1, 2023. Additionally, any current member not paid by April 1, 2023, will not have their continuous years pre-printed on their 2024 membership card.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Please remember the Department “Teacher of the Year Award” has an entry deadline of May 1. This award will honor an educator whose accomplishments and activities in the field of education are in excess of what is normally expected and who also promotes American Legion youth programs in their school. Contact Program Director Eric Martin for complete information.

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 for more information.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM

Saturday, June 10 at the Antelope Bandshell located in Antelope Park in 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 for more information.

VETERAN’S APPRECIATION DAY

Veteran’s Appreciation Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m. More information, including the parade, and color guard registration can be found at www.statefair.org/celebration-parade/ Call 308-382-1620 for more information.

Enclosures:

- 2023-24 Post Officers Report (Adjutant Only)



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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 APRIL 15TH TOTAL: 21,616 – 88.88%

DISTRICT 7 - 91.78%	DISTRICT 2 - 90.99%	DISTRICT 6 - 90.35%	DISTRICT 8 - 89.96%
DISTRICT 13 - 89.28%	DISTRICT 5 - 89.21%	DISTRICT 15 - 88.74%	DISTRICT 4 - 88.68%
DISTRICT 11 - 87.96%	DISTRICT 10 - 87.35%	DISTRICT 12 - 87.04%	DISTRICT 1 - 85.42%
DISTRICT 9 - 85.01%	DISTRICT 3 - 82.21%		



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 2023 Department Convention will be held June 22 - 25 at the Younes Convention Center in Kearney. The DEC will meet on June 22 - 23 and the Convention Session will be begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 23. More information is on the website. Contact Adjutant Dave with questions.

RESOLUTIONS

There was only one resolution that was forwarded to Department Headquarters following the District Conventions. It will be mailed out in the June newsletter. Please contact the Department Adjutant with any questions. If you want your voice heard – be at convention.

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!

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 2023 campaign. Please review your delinquent list and make personal contact where necessary. There are eligible veterans who have never been invited into membership.

CONVENTION CALL/DELEGATE STRENGTH

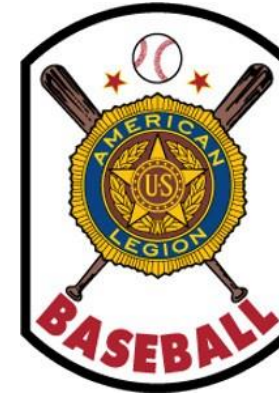
The official Department Convention Call and the notification of the number of delegates each Post is entitled to seat at the convention will be sent to Post Adjutants within a few weeks. Included with the mailing will be an appropriate number of delegates and alternate cards. These cards must be taken to the convention, be signed by the Post Commander and Adjutant, and be presented at the time of registration.

2024 ANNUAL POST DATA REPORT

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.

2023 BASEBALL ENTRY DEADLINE

The entry deadline for Posts participating in the 2023 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.

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 Kearney. Applications are now being accepted by PDC's Lyle Bartels, Gary Wooten, and Dan Benes. 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.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING

Now is a great time for Legionnaires to take the American Legion Basic Training Course. Our own Constitution directs Department and District 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

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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 2023 membership efforts. The Post Membership Achievement Award is based on the Post membership as of May 31, 2023, compared to the membership of July 31, 2022.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2022 - 23 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. Complete the form online and email it to dwsalak@windstream.net.