

BIDS ACCEPTED FOR BASEBALL & GOLF TOURNAMENTS

The Department Athletic Committee will be holding its meeting for selection of the tournament sites for the Area and State Baseball Tournaments during the Mid-Year Conference. Please check our website or call Headquarters for a form for your Post to apply to host a tournament. Be sure to read all the requirements before submitting the application. To be considered for a tournament, the bid form **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the Activities Director no later than January 6th. The Athletic Committee will participate in the Saturday program of Mid-Year Conference with a section on rules and requirements, to include the announcement of host sites. <https://www.nelegionbaseball.net/rulesandforms>
Bids for the Host site of the State Golf Tournament will also be reviewed and selected at the Mid-Year meeting. Interested Posts should contact the Activities Director for details and a bid form.

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION (NE-ALPA)

The Nebraska American Legion Press Association will be holding a lunch meeting on Saturday, January 14 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. during the Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. If you are interested in joining NE-ALPA or finding out more about the group, contact Department Headquarters.

LIT ENROLLMENT

Encourage your members to activate their no-cost \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy by signing up on the website at www.theLIT.com. This is a **FREE** benefit and is open to all the Legion Family!



Enclosed:

- 1) Mid-Year Program Advertisement Flyer
- 2) Skilled-Based Games Flyer



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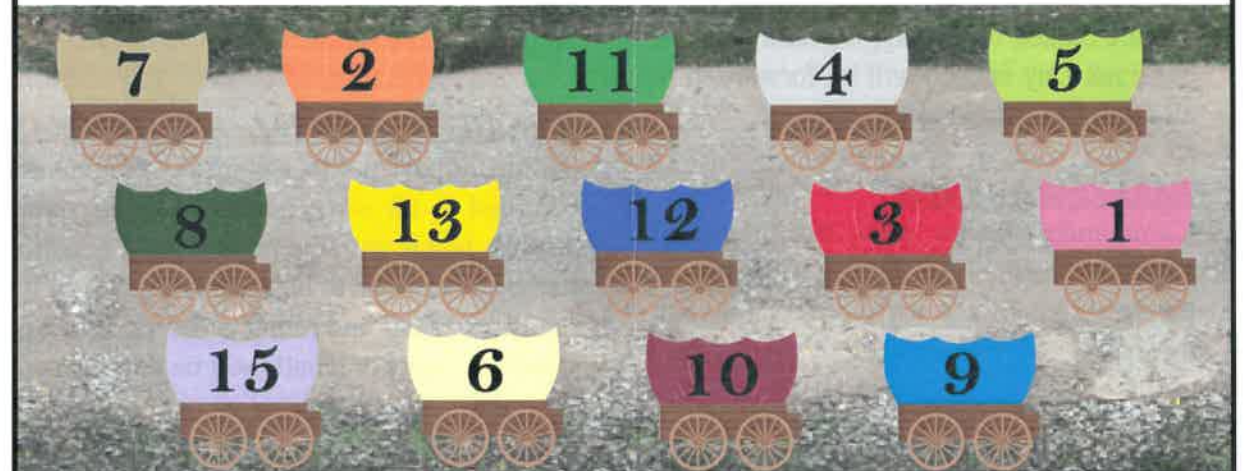
Department Commander
Don Suchy

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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 OCTOBER 21ST TOTAL: 14,130 -- 56.90%

DISTRICT 7 - 61.72%	DISTRICT 8 - 60.08%	DISTRICT 15 - 59.33%	DISTRICT 2 - 57.57%
DISTRICT 13 - 57.29%	DISTRICT 6 - 56.80%	DISTRICT 11 - 55.58%	DISTRICT 12 - 54.88%
DISTRICT 10 - 54.40%	DISTRICT 4 - 53.07%	DISTRICT 3 - 52.74%	DISTRICT 9 - 51.54%
DISTRICT 5 - 50.99%	DISTRICT 1 - 48.97%		



DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The Department Executive Committee has authorized a fundraiser for a lottery drawing on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at our Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. The prizes will be 1st prize \$2,500, 2nd prize \$1,000; 3rd prize \$500; 4th – 8th prize \$200 each. Nebraska Legionnaires will receive tickets in the mail after November 1. Ticket prices will be 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$12, and 6 tickets for \$20. All proceeds go towards many of the important Americanism programs that are carried out throughout the year as well as other membership programs.



VETERANS DAY

Will be observed on November 11, 2022, and we hope your Post and community have made plans for the observance. This is a terrific opportunity to meet with and provide an informative program for your school students. Department Headquarters will be closed on Friday, November 11. A Veterans Day speech will be forwarded to all District Commanders.

EARLYBIRD AWARD

Commander Suchy drew the name of Douglas Smith, Post 329, in Carleton as the recipient of the early-bird \$500 cash award.

MID YEAR CONFERENCE

Will be held January 13 - 15, 2023, at the Norfolk Lodge located at 4200 West Norfolk Ave in Norfolk. The Department Executive Committee will meet on January 13, 2023, as will many of the Department committees. Rooms are available at the Norfolk Lodge for anyone wishing to attend the conference. Please note the maximum number of nights to be reimbursed by Department to call-ins will be two nights (Friday and Saturday) @ \$75.00 per evening. Please call 402-379-3833 for room reservations. Room rates are \$99.95 with breakfast plus tax. Tell them you are with The American Legion when making your reservations. Information can be found at www.nebraskalegion.net/Meetings/Department_MidYear.html

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

This is a reminder of the various awards that our Department Membership Committee has authorized again this year. Please consult your 2023 Post Adjutant Guide.



AMERICAN LEGION LABEL PROGRAM

Within the past month, Nebraska Legionnaires received a set of American Legion return address labels with the request for a donation to the Department to help with the costs of the many programs and projects we sponsor. Any donation, large or small, will be appreciated.

NATIONAL TARGET

The Veterans Day national target date, November 9th (65%) is our next major membership goal. Let's continue to stay ahead of these target dates. Look at your rosters and start calling those members that have not yet renewed for 2023 and encourage them to do so now. Please consult your 2023 Post Adjutant Guide for the remaining target dates.



EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD

The National Veterans Employment & Education Commission annually presents several awards at The American Legion's national convention to honor employers who hire veterans, disabled veterans, and older workers. Those who help veterans find employment are also recognized. Contact Activities Director, Brent Hagel-Pitt, for more information.

2023 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The annual Washington Conference is scheduled for February 26 – March 1 and is open to any Legionnaire wishing to attend. More details will be released later. Contact Adjutant Salak if interested in attending.

EAGLE SCOUT-OF-THE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Nominations for the Scout-of-the-Year scholarship program for Eagle Scouts is available upon request from this office. All nomination packages are to be submitted directly to Department Headquarters no later than March 1. An Eagle Scout in your community may earn a \$2,500 or \$10,000 scholarship from National if selected from among all state winners. The top three finalists in Nebraska will receive a cash award of \$500, \$300, and \$200. Contact Activities Director @ 402-464-6338 with questions.







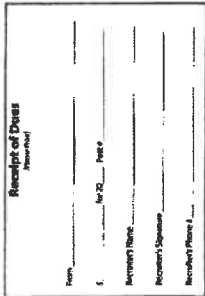
STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Area Oratorical Contests will be held as follows: Area A December 10th at Creighton Prep High School; Area B December 4th at the Albion Court House; Area C December 4th at the Seward Civic Center; and Area D December 10th at Rushville Post 161. Contact your Area Vice Commander for details. The four area winners will compete in the State Contest at Mid-Year Conference.

It's time to start putting together our Mid-Year Conference Program and the Department is selling space in the program for individuals or businesses to advertise. Prices are very reasonable. Please distribute around your community businesses to garner support. All ads and payments must be received before January 3, 2023. The program is 8.5 x 5.5 in size. Contact Kylea at Headquarters for more information.

- \$10.00 Page split into eight sections**
- \$20.00 Page split into four sections**
- \$30.00 Page split into two sections**
- \$60.00 Full page**

Example of what a page might look like

 <p style="text-align: center;">Wishing (name) a Happy Birthday!</p>	<p>WANTED: One good hearted woman to forgive imperfection in the man that she loves.</p> <p>Dear (name): Sorry I messed up.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAVID W. SALAK DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT</p> <p style="font-size: small;">5800 P STREET PHONE: (402) 464-6336 P.O. Box 5205 CELL: (402) 490-6082 LINCOLN, NE 68505-0205 EMAIL: DSALAK@WSDTHEAMLENET</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">NOT FOR SELF BUT FOR COUNTRY</p>	
<p>Please Join the Nebraska American Legion</p>	
 	

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Dear Nebraska American Legion Posts:

This firm represents and is legal counsel for Winner's Marketing, Inc. who, in collaboration with its wholly owned distributor, Funambulist Gaming, LLC, operates "skill-based gaming" "cash devices" in the State of Nebraska. Candidly, once skill-based games operated in an unregulated "wild west" niche market from which your organization may have shied away. However, as you may already know, technology and gaming have evolved together to offer legal and profitable ventures in the last decade. Notably, public acceptance of skill-based games has grown quickly as this type of entertainment has become more popular and "mainstream." Many organizations are now reaping new revenues from operating in this expanding market. We are reaching out to you to open a channel of communication to assure you about the legality of skill-based games in Nebraska and alert you to the financial merits of working with the Winner's/Funambulist team.

What are "skill-based games"- "SBGs"? "SBGs" are usually defined as electronic and/or mechanical devices that require "skill" to impact the outcome of a game. "Skill" can be defined as a physical and/or mental ability exerted by a player in order to carry out a result within a given game. Unlike chance-based games or casino slot machines, which are based on luck, SBGs typically necessitate the use of strategy, memory, physical coordination, technical expertise, or knowledge in order to win an award or prize.

SBGs are legal in Nebraska. Nebraska authorizes SBGs as "cash devices" which means any "mechanical amusement device capable of awarding (a) cash, (b) anything redeemable for cash, (c) gift cards, credit, or other instruments which have a value denominated by reference to an amount of currency, or (d) anything redeemable for anything described in subdivision (c) of this subdivision. § 77-3001(1)." NEB. REV. STAT. § 77-3001 et seq

Who is Winner's/Funambulist? Winner's, together with Funambulist, is a licensed "distributor" of SBG "cash devices" in Nebraska. Winner's has operated successfully in Nebraska for more than 5 years, and, presently, its SBGs are deployed in dozens of locations throughout the state. Winner's is endorsed by the Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association (NPMCSA) as a "diamond partner." More detailed information can be obtained at <https://funambulistgaming.com>. Simply stated, Winner's is a good corporate citizen who operates with integrity and honesty. Our client has invested significant resources to monitor and contribute to the regulatory environment of jurisdictions in which it operates, and develops gaming content that is popular but legally compliant. For example, we offered material comments that were incorporated into the Nebraska regulations for "cash devices" and have an excellent relationship with Nebraska Dept. of Revenue. Moreover, we have drafted a Model Act (endorsed by a number of industry placeholders) for skill based gaming that is being readied for introduction in several state legislatures.

What are we asking? We are reaching out to assure you that our client operates SBGs legally in Nebraska. Once you are assured of the legalities, our client would like to show you its "turn-key" business model for SBGs in Nebraska, including explaining its extraordinary profitability without any capital expenditure on your part, ease of installation, and the undemanding day to day operation for your staff.

Please contact the undersigned by email or telephone to discuss placing SBGs at your American Legion Post.

Very truly yours,

Stinson LLP

/s/Paul J. Gardner

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