



NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION
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“Don’t Give Up – We’ve Got This”

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES In reviewing the last membership analysis, we have 12 of our Posts that have not yet transmitted a single 2017 member. These Posts are Primrose, Belden, Big Springs, Bayard, Broadwater, Lisco, Belgrade, Kenesaw, Riverton, Red Cloud, Guide Rock, and Alexandria. We would like to remind you that transmitting cards on a regular basis is a good business practice.

POST OFFICER LISTS Enclosed find a list of Posts that have not yet submitted a list of Officers for 2016-17. We ask that you submit the list even though Officers may be the same as last year.

BIG TWELVE COMPETITION The Department Commander and Adjutant will be in Indianapolis attending the National fall meetings October 8 - 11. During the conference they will submit a membership pledge in competition with eight other Departments. The Department who meets their pledge with the highest percentage of goal wins the Big Twelve Award. Do your part and transmit membership cards at least twice a month. The next National target date is October 12 and cards must be to the Department by October 10.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER & FIREFIGHTER / EMS OF THE YEAR Nominations are being sought for both the Nebraska Law Enforcement Officer & Firefighter / EMS of the Year. Contact the Department for more information or visit <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/programs/>. An application can be downloaded from the website. Application deadline to Department Headquarters is December 1st.

NATIONAL COMMANDER SCHMIDT INCENTIVE PROGRAM During the 2016-2017 membership year, National Commander Charles Schmidt will award his National Commander pin to any American Legion Family member who obtains three new members. A new member is defined as any eligible person joining for the 2017 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2016 membership year. Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of SAL or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.



The certification form for this program may be submitted at any time. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it. Commander Schmidt's pin incentive program will end June 30, 2017, or when supplies are exhausted. Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.legion.org/commander/pin>

MID-YEAR CONFERNECE This is a reminder that the 2017 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 13-15 at the Hotel Grand in Grand Island. Their phone number is 308-384-1330 and the room rates are \$94.00 for the one-person rate and \$99.00 for the two-person rate. Please give them a call and make your reservations.

CEREMONIAL RIFLES It is recommended that you do a serial number inventory of your TACOM issued military equipment at least once a year. There have been no changes to ordering ammunition or rifles or other military equipment. Both the American Legion Officers Guide and the Nebraska Adjutants Guide provide each Post with the information needed. Contact Brent Hagel-Pitt at 402-464-6338 for questions.

GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE Enclosed is a bulletin concerning the 2016 Gifts for Yanks program. The cost of the program equates to a donation of about fifteen cents for every American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders member in Nebraska. Please participate and thank you!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES Information on The American Legion's annual Oratorical Contest program was mailed to all Nebraska high schools on August 25th. Post Commanders were also provided contest information. Please contact your school officials about the value of this program and plan a local contest with your school. Visit www.nebraskalegion.net and www.legion.or/oratorical for more information.

The Department Chairman of the Law & Order Subcommittee will be meeting with staff to finalize plans for the 2017 Junior Law Cadet program. The 2017 program has the girls' session tentatively scheduled for June 12 - 16 and the boys' session tentatively scheduled for June 19 -23. More information will be sent in February.

County Government Day programs are being scheduled in many counties. Please contact your County Commander for information and to volunteer your assistance.

UNSERVICEABLE U.S. FLAGS The department has numerous unserviceable flags that need to be retired. Any post planning a flag retirement in the near future should contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt.



ORATORICAL CONTEST DATES ARE SET District elimination contests are scheduled throughout November, followed by the four Area contests in December, and concluding with the State Contest on Saturday, January 14 during Mid-Year conference in Grand Island. If your Post has not yet made plans for a local contest - there may still be time to have one. Check with your District Oratorical Chairman or District Commander for details.

JUNIOR SPEECH CONTEST The Department Americanism Committee has established a Junior Speech Contest for middle school students in 6th through 8th grades. The contest requires a 3 to 5 minute speech on the following topic: "Amendment 10: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The Junior Speech Contest will be conducted on the same date as the District Oratorical Contest. For more information, contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt.

Enclosed:

- * Posts that have not submitted an Officers list for 2016-17.
- * Schedule for "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave"

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**WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED 2016-17 OFFICER REPORTS FROM
THE FOLLOWING POSTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

<u>DIST</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>POST</u>
1	123	BASSETT	6	104	SARGENT	12	354	PLEASANT DALE
1	98	SPRINGVIEW	6	150	SCOTIA	12	100	SYRACUSE
1	90	VALENTINE	6	297	SHELTON	12	246	TALMAGE
1	202	WOOD LAKE	6	263	SILVER CREEK	12	235	UNION
2	44	CEDAR RAPIDS	6	299	SPALDING	12	49	UTICA
2	229	ELGIN	6	236	WOLBACH	13	156	BURCHARD
2	35	MADISON	7	158	CEDAR BLUFFS	13	102	FALLS CITY
2	347	PRIMROSE	7	306	CRESTON	13	222	SHUBERT
2	88	STANTON	7	125	DAVID CITY	13	2	TECUMSEH
2	63	WAUSA	7	80	HUMPHREY			
3	131	ALLEN	7	302	LEIGH			
3	149	BELDEN	7	160	POLK			
3	215	DECATUR	7	121	SCRIBNER			
3	46	OAKLAND	9	96	ARAPAHOE			
3	307	SOUTH SIOUX CITY	9	28	BEAVER CITY			
3	363	WINNEBAGO	9	65	BENKELMAN			
4	200	BAYARD	9	287	HAYES CENTER			
4	275	BIG SPRINGS	9	92	IMPERIAL			
4	29	BRIDGEPORT	9	344	INDIANOLA			
4	312	BROADWATER	9	337	TRENTON			
4	217	CHAPPELL	9	304	WAUNETA			
4	137	GURLEY	10	26	GLENVIL			
4	9	HEMINGFORD	10	278	GUIDE ROCK			
4	22	KIMBALL	10	185	HARVARD			
4	309	LISCO	10	365	JUNIATA			
4	10	MORRILL	10	268	KENESAW			
4	5	SCOTTSBLUFF	10	364	NAPONEE			
5	77	COZAD	10	238	RED CLOUD			
5	181	MAXWELL	10	328	RIVERTON			
5	277	OVERTON	10	61	SUTTON			
5	303	PAXTON	10	284	UPLAND			
5	208	SUTHERLAND	11	166	BRUNING			
5	213	WALLACE	11	218	EXETER			
6	108	ASHTON	11	101	WILBER			
6	99	BELGRADE	12	359	CORDOVA			
6	316	ELM CREEK	12	295	FIRTH			
6	144	GENOA	12	105	HICKMAN			
6	321	PLEASANTON	12	157	NEHAWKA			

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2016-17 POST OFFICER REPORT FORM

RETURN THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS FOR 2016-17 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 NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2016.

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.)

Post membership dues for 2016-17 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? _____

SIGNATURE _____

POST NUMBER _____

DISTRICT NUMBER _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF POST _____

“GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE”

This year The American Legion Family are asked to sponsor the “Gift for Yanks Who Gave” program. Your contribution will make it possible for every veteran confined to a VA Medical Center or residing in a Veterans Home in Nebraska to be remembered at Christmas.

A monetary contribution has been recommended according to the membership of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter. Please give what you think you can, but for the veteran’s sake, please give something.

PLEASE CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

1. Contact your Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders to support this important program.
2. Make a donation based on the total membership of your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter as follows:

Up to 100 combined membership	—	\$20.00
100 to 199 combined membership	—	\$30.00
200 to 299 combined membership	—	\$50.00
300 to 399 combined membership	—	\$60.00
400 to 499 combined membership	—	\$85.00
500 to 749 combined membership	—	\$110.00
Over 750 combined membership	—	\$125.00

3. Please make checks payable to “Gifts For Yanks Who Gave” and send your donation before December 1, 2016 to:

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SAVE THE DATES – Support Our Veterans
Nebraska American Legion Family VA&R 2016 Schedule

DOLLAR DAYS, GIFT SHOP AND GIFTS FOR YANKS EVENTS

Please plan to arrive at all events one-half hour before the event time.

VETERANS DAY DOLLAR DISTRIBUTIONS

Tuesday, November 1, 2016	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center Grand Island Veterans Home
Friday, November 4, 2016	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk Veterans Home
Monday, November 7, 2016	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home, Bellevue
Wednesday, November 9, 2016	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln Regional Center
Sunday, November 13, 2016	2:00 p.m.	Western Nebr. Veterans Home, Scottsbluff

VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Opening on Monday, December 5, 2016	10:00 a.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center
<i>Gift Shop dates: December 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th</i>		
Opening on Tuesday, December 6, 2016	10:00 a.m.	G.I. VA Medical Center
<i>Gift Shop date: December 6th</i>		

GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Saturday, December 3, 2016	1:30 p.m.	Hot Springs, SD, VA Medical Center
Sunday, December 4, 2016	2:00 p.m.	Western Nebraska VA Home, Scottsbluff
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center Grand Island Veterans Home
Wednesday, December 14, 2016	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln Regional Center
Thursday, December 15, 2016	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern Nebr Veterans Home, Bellevue
Friday, December 16, 2016	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Norfolk Regional Center Norfolk Veterans Home

REVISED SCHEDULE – 1st copy did not list Norfolk Veterans Home Gifts for Yanks