



# NEWSLETTER

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*“Working Together To Make A Difference”*

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**MEMBERSHIP NOTES** In reviewing the last membership analysis, we have five of our Posts that have not yet transmitted a single 2019 member. These Posts are Springview, Belden, Broadwater, Overton, and Belgrade.

**POST OFFICER LISTS** Enclosed find a list of Posts that have not yet submitted a list of Officers for 2018-2019. 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 11 - 17. 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 11 and cards must be to the Department by October 9.

**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 1.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER REISTAD'S INCENTIVE PROGRAM** During the 2018-2019 membership year, National Commander Brett Reistad will award his National Commander pin to any American Legion Family member who obtains three new American Legion members. A new member is defined as any eligible person joining for the 2019 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2018 membership year.



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 Reistad's pin incentive program will end June 30, 2019, or when supplies are exhausted.

**MID-YEAR CONFERENCE** This is a reminder that the 2019 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 18-20 at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites in Norfolk. Their phone number is 402-379-3833 and the room rates are \$93.00 for a king or queen room. Please give them a call and make your reservations.

**100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON** Any Post family who receives 100% membership by the May 8, 2019 target date is eligible for the 100% ribbon. A family is the Post, Auxiliary (if they have one), and Squadron (if they have one). All groups must be at 100% to earn the ribbon. The form is enclosed.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER BRETT P. REISTAD**  
**2019 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN**  
**Certification Form**  
**(3) New Members**

**Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address provided is for the recruiter and not the post.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Post

Send to Recruiter

**TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION. (A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON JOINING FOR THE 2019 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2018 MEMBERSHIP YEAR).**

**PLEASE NOTE: EACH NEW MEMBER LISTED MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION. PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.**

**(3) NEW MEMBERS:**  
**(Include full name, department, post)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**All requested information is mandatory. Please ensure form is filled out completely before submission. Please allow up to 2 weeks for processing.**

**Return completed forms to:**  
**The American Legion**  
**National Internal Affairs & Membership Division**  
**PO Box 1055**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46206**

**Fax: 317-630-1413**

**Email: [ksingleton@legion.org](mailto:ksingleton@legion.org)**



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

Information on The American Legion's annual Oratorical Contest program was mailed to all Nebraska high schools on August 25. All information about the program and how to host a local contest if needed is at <https://www.legion.org/oratorical>. Please contact your school officials about the value of this program and plan a local contest with your school. Your District Commander can also provide you with information.

The District elimination contests are scheduled throughout November, followed by the four Area contests in December, and concluding with the State Contest on Saturday, January 19 during Mid-Year conference in Norfolk. If your Post has not yet made plans for a local contest - there may still be time to have one, <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Oratorical.html>.

The Junior Speech Contest (for middle school students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades) requires a 3 to 5 minute speech on the following topic: *"Amendment I": Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.* The Junior Speech Contest will be conducted on the same date as the District Oratorical Contest. Check with your District Oratorical Chairman or District Commander for details or visit [www.nebraskalegion.net](http://www.nebraskalegion.net) and [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical) for more information.

**VA&R EVENTS SCHEDULE** A new schedule of events at the Nebraska Veterans Homes and Hospitals has been included due to some updates on dates and times.

**UNMC RESEARCH STUDY** The University of Nebraska Medical Center is partnering with the Department of Defense to conduct a research study on how individuals respond to warning signal in their environment. A flyer is attached for more information.

**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 with questions.

**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.



Enclosed:

- 1) Posts that have not submitted an Officers list for 2018-19.
- 2) National Commander's Incentive Program
- 3) 100 % American Legion Family Ribbon
- 4) VA& R Events Revised
- 6) UNMC Study Flyer

# TEAM 100 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON

Team 100 American Legion Family Ribbons will be awarded to any post family that achieves 100% membership by the 2019 100% target date. (American Legion Family is defined as a post **and/or** any combination of Auxiliary unit or SAL squadron. **(Each must achieve 100% to qualify)**)

**TO:** The American Legion  
Attn: Membership Division  
P.O. Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Department of \_\_\_\_\_ certifies that the following American Legion posts families have achieved 100% of their American Legion Family goal. (For example, if a Legion post has an Auxiliary unit and/or a SAL squadron; **they all must achieve 100%.**)

***Examples***

100% Post <i>(please include post #)</i>	100% Auxiliary	100% Squadron	No. of Ribbons
Post 29	Yes	Yes	3
Post 50	Yes	no squadron attached	2
Post 500	no auxiliary unit	Yes	2

**Check all that apply:**

100% Post <i>(please include post #)</i>	100% Auxiliary	100% Squadron	ALR Chapter (yes/no)	No. of Ribbons

**DEADLINE IS MAY 30TH  
DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant

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Department