



NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION
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“2019 and Beyond”

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES As of September 24, there are nine of our Posts that have not yet transmitted a single 2020 member. These Posts are Springview, Lynch, Oshkosh, Big Springs, Cozad, Belgrade, Ashton, Creston, and Indianola.

POST OFFICER LISTS 98 Posts have not submitted a list of Officers for 2019-2020. 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 12 - 16. 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 9 and cards must be to the Department by October 7.

NATIONAL COMMANDER OXFORD'S INCENTIVE PROGRAM During the 2019-2020 membership year, National Commander Bill Oxford will award his National Commander's pin to any American Legion member who obtains three new American Legion members. A new member is defined as any eligible person joining for the 2020 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2019 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 Oxford's pin incentive program will end June 30, 2020, or when supplies are exhausted.

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE This is a reminder that the 2020 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 10-12 at the Ramada Inn in Kearney. Their phone number is 308-237-3141 and the room rates are \$79.00 for a king or queen room. Please give them a call and make your reservations.

AMERICAN LEGION COIN SET RAFFLE The Nebraska American Legion is raffling off a set of three American Legion 100th Anniversary commemorative coins. There are only 500 tickets available and they are \$10.00 a piece. Contact your District or Area Commander for tickets. Headquarters has 20 tickets available for sale on a first come first serve basis. The drawing will take place January 12. Any American Legion Family member can purchase tickets.

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.

100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON Any Post family who receives 100% membership by the May 13, 2020 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.

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 19. 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 11 during Mid-Year conference in Kearney. 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 6th through 8th grades) requires a 3 to 5 minute speech on the following topic: ***"Amendment 24": "Citizens right to vote shall not be denied by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay poll tax or other tax."***

Section. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

Section. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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 and www.legion.org/oratorical 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.

2020 CENSUS INFORMATION The next census will be conducted in the spring of 2020. The goal of every census is to get an accurate count of residents to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as Federal funding for roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, etc. We would like members of The American Legion to encourage everyone to complete the census form because it is THAT important to your community. The 2020 Census is also taking applications for Census Takers and jobs will be available beginning in January 2020. We offer competitive salaries, flexible hours, weekly pay, paid training, as well as being paid for doing a great service to your community. An informational brochure is enclosed with this newsletter. Please share this information with post members, family, friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, please email Sandra.m.steinkamp@2020census.gov

Enclosed:

- 1) Posts that have not submitted an Officers list for 2019-20
- 2) 2019-20 Officer Report Form
- 2) National Commander's Incentive Program
- 3) 100 % American Legion Family Ribbon
- 4) Census Brochure

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2019-20 POST OFFICER REPORT FORM

RETURN THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS FOR 2019-20 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: afwashburn@windstream.net NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2019.

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 2019-20 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 _____



**NATIONAL COMMANDER JAMES W. "BILL" OXFORD
2020 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN
CERTIFICATION FORM**



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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

MAIL TO RECRUITER MAIL TO POST

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2020 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2019 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.)

PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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

**Fax: 317-630-1413
Email: kadams@legion.org**

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

Department