

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



The Department Athletic Committee will meet on October 8th, tentatively scheduled to be at Bennet Post 280 to review the 2022 Baseball season. Changes for 2023 will be announced during the Athletic Committee presentation at the January Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. Site applications to host the 2023 Area and State Baseball Tournaments must be returned to HQ by January 6, 2023. Tournament applications can be found at <https://www.nelegionbaseball.net/>

GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

In August, a bulletin explaining the Gifts for Yanks program was sent with the newsletter. Although donations are being received on a regular basis, we need many more Posts, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters to support this program. Our veterans who are confined to the VA Medical Centers and who reside at the Veterans Homes will thank you for brightening their holiday season. Donations for this program are still being accepted. If your post has not already donated there is still time to do so. Send your contributions to HQ, marked, "Gifts for Yanks."

ORATORICAL CONTEST REQUIRES

SCHOOL CONTACT

A high school student from your community could have up to \$25,000 provided for their college education by next April. How? By becoming a Participant in the annual American Legion Oratorical Contest scholarship program. Information on the 2022-23 program was mailed to all schools, District, and Area Commanders in August. All information for Posts to visit schools and run a local contest can be found at www.nebraskalegion.org/oratorical with the local dates. Local contact is important if you plan to sponsor a contestant in the district and state contests. District contests will be held during November. The four Department Area contests will be held in December. The State contest is held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, during the annual Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. The winner of the State-level will compete at the National level in Indianapolis on April 21-23, 2023.

Enclosed:

- 1) District/Area Important Dates
- 2) Oratorical Letter to Posts (Commander only) & Junior Speech Program



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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

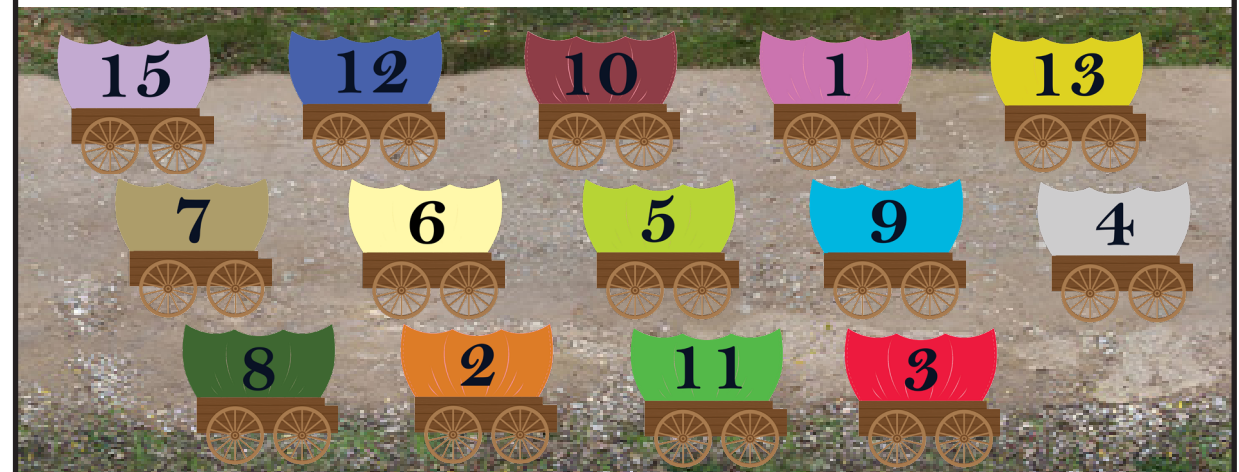
2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 AUGUST 24TH TOTAL: 11,245 - 45.28%

DISTRICT 15 - 54.64%
DISTRICT 6 - 45.91%
DISTRICT 11 - 40.27%
DISTRICT 13 - 37.19%

DISTRICT 7 - 50.26%
DISTRICT 2 - 44.63%
DISTRICT 1 - 40.10%
DISTRICT 4 - 34.55%

DISTRICT 8 - 48.67%
DISTRICT 10 - 42.73%
DISTRICT 9 - 40.03%

DISTRICT 12 - 46.35%
DISTRICT 5 - 42.09%
DISTRICT 3 - 39.59%



2023 DEPARTMENT GOAL

The Department membership goal for 2023 is 24,835. Commander Suchy wants everyone to step up to the challenge. If you need help, please contact the Membership Committee and they will offer support. The most up-to-date report can be found on the Department website at www.nebraskalegion.net

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dozens of Nebraska American Legion Family members attended the 103rd Annual National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the last week of August. You can expect to receive reports on the convention at many of the District Fall Round-ups and County Conventions.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

A spreadsheet of important District and Area events is enclosed with this newsletter. The dates, times, and locations were voted on by the DEC during Department Convention. If you wish to invite an officer or committee chair, contact them directly. If you have any questions, please contact your District and Area Commander.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER



The Department will be awarded an Early Bird Award to a Legionnaire that pays their dues on an annual basis and has their dues at Department Headquarters by Tuesday, September 6. The winner receives \$500.

DIRECT BILLING RENEWAL

All members whose 2023 card has been received at National Headquarters by Monday, September 19 will be deleted from the second renewal notice to be sent about October 8. Getting those cards to HQ before 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 12 saves money!

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS & TARGET

The first National Membership Target for 2023 is September 14, which calls for 50% of the Department's goal. Adjutants, please refer to the 2023 Post Adjutant Guide for target dates. Several changes were made to the Department's membership awards/incentives.

ONLINE RENEWAL INFORMATION

Nebraska is once again participating in the online renewal program (see the Post Adjutant guide). A list of members who renewed online will be mailed every month. Checks for the post share of dues will be mailed to the Post Adjutant in January and July. Please issue the 2023 membership card to those who paid online and destroy the state and national portions of the card. DO NOT pay the department for the members who have renewed online or mail their cards to HQ. You can view the members in your post who have paid their dues online on MyLegion.org. If you have any questions, please email Amanda at HQ.

MYLEGION FOR POST OFFICERS

The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a secure internet site to assist Post Officers in the day-to-day membership processing duties. All Post Commanders or Post Adjutants are encouraged to register at www.mylegion.org for access. Remember, all the online features for Post Officers are free.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

Letters and program brochures concerning the sponsorship of Cornhusker Boys & Girls County Government Day programs during the 2022-23 school year have been sent to County Commanders, County Veterans Service Officers, and American Legion Auxiliary representatives. In addition to Post and Unit officers, schools and county courthouse officials should become involved in the planning. County Commanders or Chairmen should advise HQ (on the form provided in a separate mailing) of the date of your program. Supplies may be ordered on the same form.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS

JSS is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that provides the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment, and competition. Participants of either gender, ages 14 through 20. Handicapped youth are encouraged to participate. The first-round postal match competition target sales and registration opens on September 1 and closes on December 15. Full information can be found at www.legion.org/shooting/resources. Contact our Department Liaison, Doug Frahm, if your Post is interested in pursuing this program.



2022/2023 District Events (updated 7/11/22)						
ALL TIMES LISTED ARE PROGRAM START TIME, NOT REGISTRATION START. Unless otherwise noted, all times are Central Standard Time.						
2022 Oratorical Contest	2022 Fall Roundups	2023 Junior Law Cadet	2023 Boys State Orientation	2023 District Convention	Attendee	
& District 1	Saturday, November 5, 2022	Sunday, October 9, 2022	Saturday, April 29, 2023	Sunday, April 23, 2023	Saturday, March 25, 2023	
	1:00 p.m. MT	1:00 p.m. MT	1:00 p.m. MT	1:00 p.m. MT	8:00 a.m. MT	
	Rushville Post 161	Cody Post 319	Rushville Post 161	Cody Post 161	Rushville Post 161	
District 2	206 Sprague St, Rushville	White Elephant Hall, 100 W. Walnut, Cody	206 Sprague St, Rushville	100 N. Walnut, Cody	206 Sprague St, Rushville	
	Sunday, November 13, 2022	Sunday, October 9, 2022	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Sunday, March 12, 2023	
	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	
	Niobrara High School	Spencer Post 71	Neligh Post 172	Neligh Post 172	Atkinson Post 85	
	N. Hwy 12, Niobrara	175 Main St, Spencer	115 W 3rd St, Neligh	115 W 3rd St, Neligh	W. Hwy 20, Atkinson	
& District 3	Sunday, November 6, 2022	N/A	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Saturday, March 18, 2023	
	1:30 p.m.	N/A	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	South Sioux City Post 307	N/A	Emerson High School	Emerson High School	Winside Post 252	
	109 E. 19th St, South Sioux City	N/A	109 E. 3rd St, Emerson	109 E. 3rd St, Emerson	City Auditorium, 424 Main St, Windside	
District 4	Saturday, November 12, 2022	Saturday, November 12, 2022	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Sunday, May 7, 2023	Saturday, April 1, 2023	
	10:00 a.m. MT	1:00 p.m. MT	1:30 p.m. MT	1:00 p.m. MT	10:00 a.m. MT	
	Alliance Post 7	Alliance Post 7	Potter Post 291	Sidney Post 17	Gering Post 36	
	St Johns Church, 2090 Emerson Ave, Alliance	St Johns Church, 2090 Emerson Ave, Alliance	Prairie West Church, 904 Sheridan St, Potter	922 Illinois St, Sidney	1425 9th St, Gering	
District 5	Saturday, November 19, 2022	Saturday, October 15, 2022	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Saturday, March 11, 2023	
	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
	North Platte Post 163	Sutherland Post 208	Hershey Post 274	Hershey Post 274	Lexington Post 111	
	2020 E. 4th St, North Platte	160 S. Maple St, Sutherland	301 Lincoln Ave, Hershey	301 Lincoln Ave, Hershey	Heartland Museum, 111	
& District 6	Sunday, November 6, 2022	Sunday, October 16, 2022	Sunday, April 9, 2023	Sunday, April 9, 2023	Saturday, March 4, 2023	
	1:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Kearney Post 52	St Paul Post 119	Centura Public Schools	Centura Public Schools	Kearney Post 52	
	1223 Central Ave, Kearney	1222 2nd St, St Paul	N State Hwy 11, Cairo	N State Hwy 11, Cairo	1223 Central Ave, Kearney	
& District 7	Sunday, November 6, 2022	Sunday, October 16, 2022	Sunday, April 23, 2023	Sunday, April 23, 2023	Saturday, March 18, 2023	
	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	
	Brainard Post 273	Wahoo Post 82	Dwight Post 110	Dwight Post 110	Dodge Post 122	
	St Peters, 211 Esplanade St, Bellwood	112 E. 7th St, Wahoo	112 N. 2nd St, Dwight	112 N. 2nd St, Dwight	224 Oak St, Dodge	
& District 8	Saturday, November 5, 2022	Sunday, October 16, 2022	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Saturday, April 22, 2023	Saturday, February 11, 2023	
	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Crelghton Prep (Post 1)	South Omaha Post 331	Benson Post 112	Valley Post 58	Herman Post 274	
	7400 Western Ave, Omaha	4830 S 21st, Omaha	8904 Military Rd, Omaha	111 E. Front St, Valley	705 Main St, Herman	
District 9	Saturday, November 12, 2022	Saturday, October 15, 2022	Sunday, April 30, 2023	Sunday, April 23, 2023	Saturday, March 18, 2023	
	2:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	
	McCook Post 203/Junior High Boardroom	Curtis Post 95/Curtis Community Building	McCook Post 203/Junior High Boardroom	McCook Post 203/E-Free Church	Curtis Post 95/Curtis Community Building	
	800 W. 7th St, McCook	301 Garlick Ave, Curtis	800 W. 7th St, McCook	602 E. 14th, McCook	301 Garlick Ave, Curtis	
District 10	Sunday, November 13, 2022	Saturday, October 8, 2022	Sunday, April 30, 2023	Sunday, April 30, 2023	Saturday, February 18, 2023	
	1:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	
	Minden Windmill	Franklin County Fairground	Minden Windmill	Minden Windmill	Wilcox Post 377	
	521 N. Colorado, Minden	1201 G. Road, Franklin	521 N. Colorado, Minden	521 N. Colorado, Minden	208 W. Harlan St, Wilcox	
District 11	Saturday, November 12, 2022	Sunday, October 16, 2022	Sunday, April 2, 2023	Sunday, April 30, 2023	Saturday, March 25, 2023	
	10:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	
	Dorchester Post 264	York Post 19	Cortland Post 253	Wilber Post 101	Beatrice Post 27	
	605 Washington, Dorchester	1604 Kennedy Dr, York	500 S. Lincoln, Cortland	310 W. Legion Memorial Dr, Wilber	701 Dorsey, Beatrice	
& District 12	Saturday, June 11, 2022	N/A	Sunday, April 16, 2023	Sunday, April 30, 2023	Saturday, March 18, 2023	
	2:00 p.m.	N/A	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Seward Post 33	N/A	Hallam Post 294	Weeping Water Post 297	Hickman Post 105	
	201 N. 8th St, Seward	N/A	348 Main St, Hallam	301 W. Eldora Ave, Weeping Water	115 Locust St, Hickman	
District 13	Sunday, November 6, 2022	N/A	Sunday, April 23, 2023	Sunday, April 23, 2023	Saturday, February 18, 2023	
	2:00 p.m.	N/A	11:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	
	Shubert Post 222	N/A	Shubert Post 222	Shubert Post 222	Falls City Post 102	
	322 N. Main St, Shubert	N/A	322 N. Main St, Shubert	322 N. Main St, Shubert	721 Harlan St, Falls City	
District 15	Wednesday, November 2, 2022	NA	Tuesday, April 4, 2023	Sunday, May 7, 2023	Tuesday, February 14, 2023	
	4:30 p.m.	NA	4:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	
	Good Shepherd Presbyterian	NA	Good Shepherd Presbyterian	Lancaster County Learning Center	Lincoln Elks Lodge 80	
	8300 East Point Rd, Lincoln	NA	8300 East Point Rd, Lincoln	444 Cherry Creek Rd, Lincoln	5910 S. 58th St, Lincoln	

& Election to be held

CDR - Commander
ADJ - Adjutant
NEC - National Executive Committeeman

SVC - Senior Vice Commander
AADJ - Assistant Adjutant
ANEC - Alternate NEC

ADJ and AADJ will only attend District Conventions that are holding elections or District Conventions in which they were specifically requested.

Americanism Committee

Mike Hatfield, Lexington (*Chairman*)

Dean Chase, Allen

Mike Landkamer, Columbus

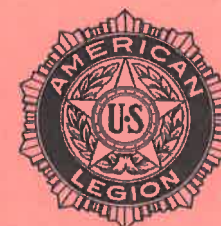
Gabe Skalka, Sutton

Teresa Johnston, Lincoln

Roxanne Sones, Rushville



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THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
**JUNIOR SPEECH
PROGRAM**
2022-2023

PURPOSE

The main purpose of the Nebraska American Legion Junior Speech Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of middle school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American Citizenship.

It will also serve as a stepping stone for The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest and develop at a young age the ability to address an audience.

AWARDS

First Place: Gold Medallion
Second Place: Silver Medallion
Third Place: Bronze Medallion

All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation from The American Legion Department of Nebraska.

ELIGIBILITY

All students in accredited Nebraska middle schools or home school students in 6th through 8th grades shall be eligible through their assigned school. All middle school students are eligible to compete in the individual school contest. Please note that only one middle school student from each school will be allowed to advance to the district speech contest.

PREPARED SPEECH

The subject of the prepared speech will be

Amendment X

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 prepared speech must be between 3 and 5 minutes, can be drafted in advance and students will be allowed to read from note cards. But will not be allowed to use any amplification instrument.

JUDGING

Contestants will be judged on:

- > Originality
- > Skill in selecting examples
- > How well they know the topic
- > Voice and diction
- > Style of word arrangement
- > Body action

JUDGES

Qualified judges will be selected by the District Chairman for the speech contest. If you have any questions regarding The American Legion Junior Speech Contest feel free to contact:

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For more information please visit:
www.legion.org/oratorical

www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Programs.html

