

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

There are various membership awards that are available through National and Department. May 10 is the receipt date in this office for the Silver Brigade, Gold Brigade, and Recruiter of the Year Awards. Certification forms are available from HQ. You are encouraged to review awards that are available for 2026 membership efforts. The Post Membership Achievement Award is based on the Post membership as of May 31, 2026, compared to the membership of July 31, 2025.

TEACHER-OF-THE-YEAR

The Americanism Committee sponsors a “Teacher-of-the-Year Award” for elementary, middle and/or high school teachers. This award honors an educator whose accomplishments in education are more than what is normally expected and promotes American Legion youth programs in the school. Download the nomination at www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Teacher.html. Forward completed forms to Eric Martin at emartin@nebraskalegion.net by May 1.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Department is offering the opportunity for individuals and businesses to advertise in the 2026 Department Convention program. Contact Harlan Hiatt at hhiatt@nebraskalegion.net for more information.

VETERAN’S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 13 at the Antelope Bandshell located in Antelope Park in Lincoln. The festival starts at 10:00 a.m. In addition to music, this is an Information Fair with VA health care and other informational booths. Visit www.VAGLincoln.org for more information.

VIETNAM VETERANS’ REUNION

Nebraska’s 41st Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held August 21-23 in Kearney. Now is the time to inform interested members of your Post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Kearney Holiday Inn. Visit vetsreunion.com for more information.

VETERAN’S APPRECIATION DAY

Veteran’s Appreciation Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. More information, including the parade, and color guard registration can be found at <https://www.statefair.org/veterans-day-returns-to-monday-at-state-fair/>. Call 308-382-1620 for more information.

Enclosures:

- Convention Call
- Resolutions
- Children and Youth Luncheon Invitation
- Jerry Landkamer Banquet Flyer
- Crawford Vietnam Traveling Wall Flyer
- Department Headquarters Open House



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NEWSLETTER

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“COMPASSION, CHARACTER, & COMPETENCE”
2026 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 20,388 APRIL 15TH TOTAL: 19,134 – 93.85%

DISTRICT 7 – 96.14%	DISTRICT 3 – 96.01%	DISTRICT 12 – 95.23%	DISTRICT 5 – 94.73%
DISTRICT 1 – 94.29%	DISTRICT 6 – 94.22%	DISTRICT 8 – 94.02%	DISTRICT 4 – 94.00%
DISTRICT 2 – 93.92%	DISTRICT 15 – 93.82%	DISTRICT 9 – 92.31%	DISTRICT 11 – 91.02%
DISTRICT 10 – 90.92%	DISTRICT 13 – 89.75%		

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 2026 Department Convention will be held June 25 - 28 at the Rivers Edge Hotel and Convention Center in Columbus. The DEC will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25 and at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 26. The Joint Session will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26 and the Legion Convention will begin at 4:00 p.m. and go through Sunday, June 28. Business sessions of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders will all be held at the Rivers Edge Convention Center. Reach out to the respective organization for an agenda. The hotel is located at 265 33rd Avenue, Columbus. Rooms are \$112.95 a night plus tax. The last date to get reservations at the Legion rate is June 1 or when the reservation block is full. Call Parris at 402-910-6682 to make your reservation. The Convention Registration fee is \$10. For more information contact Adjutant Martin.

National Vice Commander Jerry Landkamer is holding a Homecoming Banquet during Convention. A flyer for the event is enclosed.

ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS

The 2026 - 27 Post Officer Report was mailed to Post Adjutant's in March. The Department Constitution and Bylaws call for the election of officers at the Post meeting prior to convention and the installation following the convention. We request the names of the 2026 - 27 officers be sent to us immediately following their election. This allows HQ to maintain a current list of Post Officers so that official correspondence gets to the right person. Even if your officers did not change, send in this form!

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

A review of the membership analysis indicates many Posts need single numbers to equal or exceed last year's total and to meet their assigned goal. Please review your delinquent list and make personal contact where necessary. There are eligible veterans who have never been invited into membership. Let's get all renewals collected and transmitted NOW! Next target date is May 13, so cards must be to Department by Monday, May 11. A reminder to Post Adjutants to remit **\$45.00** per membership card.

CONVENTION CALL/DELEGATE STRENGTH

The official Department Convention Call is included in this newsletter. The delegate/alternate cards will be mailed to Post Adjutants on May 12. County Commanders will also be sent the list of delegates strength by county and voting instructions on May 12. Please remind your delegates and alternates to bring the signed card with them to the convention. The card will be needed to register as an official representative of your Post.

PREPRINTED 2027 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

For new members to have a pre-printed 2027 membership card and be listed on the Post Roster, their 2026 dues must have been received at Department by April 15, 2026. Additionally, any current member not paid by April 15, 2026, will not have their continuous years pre-printed on their 2027 membership card. Membership cards and officer guides will be mailed out after Department Convention.

2026 BASEBALL ENTRY DEADLINE

The entry deadline for Posts participating in the 2026 American Legion Baseball program is May 15. Teams registering after May 15 may be imposed a \$200 late fee. The deadline for submitting and getting your Team Roster approved is on June 15. A team that is NOT going to participate in the Area or State Tournaments must submit a declination letter to the HQ or there will be a \$300 penalty included in the next season's registration. The Tournament Director's meeting will be held on June 6. More information will be sent to host programs.

2027 ANNUAL POST DATA REPORT

Post Adjutants received the 2027 Annual Post Data Report in March. **Please double-check the mailing address to which the membership returns are to be mailed and ensure the dues amount is correct.** These were due to Department HQ by April 15. **The minimum Post dues should be \$45.**

AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING

Now is a great time for Legionnaires to take The American Legion Basic Training Course. Our own Constitution directs Department and District Officers to have completed this course within the last five years prior to assuming office. The course can be found at www.legion.org/alei.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OPEN HOUSE

The Department will be hosting an open house to celebrate our 3rd Anniversary of moving into the new building on Saturday, June 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A flyer for the event is enclosed.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

HQ reminds you of the importance of submitting the Consolidated Post Report. It is not only used for the purpose of determining various awards, but the information gathered from it is used by the National Organization to prove to Congress that we were worthy of being granted a Congressional Charter. Each Post is required to complete the CPR so that it reaches Headquarters by June 1. These are available on MyLegion.org and can be found on our website at <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Forms>. Completed forms can be emailed to emartin@nebraskalegion.net.

RESOLUTIONS

There were ten resolutions that were forwarded to Department Headquarters following the District Conventions. They are enclosed as a packet in order. The proposed changes in each resolution have been ***bolded and italicized*** for easier reading. Please contact the Department Adjutant with any questions. If you want your voice heard – be at convention.

CODY KERR AWARD

This prestigious award is the highest award given by the Nebraska American Legion and will be presented at the Department Convention in Columbus. Applications are being accepted until June 16 by PDC's Boyd Yochum, Don Suchy, and John-Henry Percy. Send your nomination to HQ. This award is based on service to the community, state, and nation, not just Legion involvement. Please use a written narrative style of nomination on your Post letterhead.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 1-26

Subject: Four Rules of An American Legion
Program

Submitted by: D8

Referred to:
(1) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE

WHEREAS, according to The Four Rules of An American Legion Program, the American Legion's most prized possessions are its name, emblem, and logo;

WHEREAS, Protecting those prized possessions is necessary to ensure that the environment of respect remains in place;

WHEREAS, No reference to The Four Rules of An American Legion Program can be found in the Department of Nebraska American Legion Constitution or Bylaws;

WHEREAS, The Four Rules of An American Legion Program are not found in the nationally-published Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies nor the Post Adjutants Manual;

WHEREAS, The Department of Nebraska American Legion Adjutant did, on an electronic teleconference held on October 26, 2025, state The Four Rules of An American Legion Program do apply to all programs sponsored by and within the Department of Nebraska American Legion;

WHEREAS, The Department of Nebraska American Legion Bylaws do allow for amendments to the Department of Nebraska Bylaws; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 26, 27, 28, 2026, That the lack of awareness of The Four Rules of An American Legion Program must be resolved; and, be it finally RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 7 of the Department Bylaws be added to read:

Section 7. The Department Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring all Areas, Districts, and Posts within the Department are aware of The Four Rules of An American Legion Program. Additionally, the Department Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring all Department-sponsored programs adhere to the Four Rules of An American Legion Program.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2-26

Subject: CBS Town Names

Submitted by: D13, D12
D9

Referred to:
Boys' State CMTE
DEC

WHEREAS, The Cornhusker Boys' State program has been in existence in Nebraska since 1938; and

WHEREAS, At the start of the program, several major wars had yet to be fought such as Vietnam, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan, in which many brave armed forces members fought to preserve our freedoms, were held captive as a Prisoner of War (POW), remain Missing in Action (MIA) and/or gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, There is a distinct possibility that the United States military personnel will be called to harm's way in future wars so that our citizens of these United States can continue on with the freedoms they so dearly cherish; and

WHEREAS, the town names are currently allocated as follows: three towns named after American Revolutionary War (Bunker Hill, Yorktown, Valley Forge); one after Texas Revolution (Alamo); one after Civil War (Gettysburg); one after Spanish American War (Manila Bay); one after World War I (Belleau Wood) and one after World War II (Bataan); and

WHEREAS, There are three towns named after the American Revolutionary War and two of these could easily be renamed to encompass Vietnam and Korean Wars; and

WHEREAS, One of the town names from the American Revolutionary War, Valley Forge, was not even a battle but rather an encampment; now, therefore let it be

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 26, 27, 28, 2026, That the town names associated with Cornhusker Boys' State be reallocated to include both Vietnam and Korean battles; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the town names Yorktown and Valley Forge be replaced with Khe Sahn (Vietnam) and Inchon (Korea); and, be it further

RESOLVED, That at such a time when the Cornhusker Boys' State program expands beyond eight towns, that future towns be named for Iraq and Afghanistan battles, and any future conflicts, in sequential order; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these changes become effective on the Cornhusker Boys State program starting in June 2027.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 3-26

Subject: Expansion of the Sons

Submitted by: D12

Referred to:
C&B CMTE
DEC

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded upon the principles of service, patriotism, and the continued support of veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) was established in 1932 to recognize and involve the male descendants of veterans in support of The American Legion and its mission; and

WHEREAS, Daughters of veterans share the same lineage, heritage, and commitment to honoring their parents' service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, Many American Legion Posts across the United States have experienced declining membership and participation in youth and family-based programs; and

WHEREAS, Expanding participation for both sons and daughters of veterans would strengthen membership, engagement, and long-term sustainability of American Legion programs; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing daughters within the existing SAL structure would promote family unity within Legion program while maintaining the traditions and mission of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Post 237 believes that allowing daughters of eligible veterans to participate within the SAL structure will provide greater opportunities for leadership development, community service, and patriotic education; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Family exists to preserve the legacy of those who served in the Armed Forces and to transmit those values of service, patriotism, and community involvement to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Many American Legion Posts do not currently maintain an active American Legion Auxiliary Unit, which can limit participation opportunities for daughters of eligible veterans; and

WHEREAS, Allowing daughters of eligible veterans to participate within the SWAL structure would provide additional avenues for honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans while strengthening The American Legion Family at the Post level; and

WHEREAS, Expanding participation opportunities will increase volunteerism, strengthen community engagement, and promote greater camaraderie within local American Legion Posts; and

WHEREAS, This proposal is intended to strengthen the existing Sons of The American Legion program and does not seek to replace or diminish the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Strengthening family participation within The American Legion Family helps ensure the long-term sustainability and growth of Posts by engaging the next generation of veterans' families; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging participation from all descendants of veterans reflects the continuing evolution of The American Legion Family while preserving the traditions, mission, and values established by The American Legion since its founding; now, therefore let it be

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 26, 27, 28, 2026, That the Sons organization be expanded to allow for daughters of veterans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this expansion shall allow daughters to participate fully in SAL activities, programs, and leadership opportunities at the Squadron, Post, District, Department, and National levels; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the program may adopt an inclusive title such as "Sons and Daughters of The American Legion" or another designation approved by the National organization reflecting the inclusion of both male and female descendants of veterans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That existing Sons of The American Legion Squadrons shall have the ability to incorporate daughters into their membership without disrupting current governance, traditions, or operational structures; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That nothing within this proposal is intended to replace or diminish the mission and role of The American Legion Auxiliary but rather to expand participation opportunities within the existing SAL structure where appropriate; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this expansion is intended to strengthen The American Legion Family by encouraging greater participation from the descendants of veterans and by promoting leadership development, patriotic education, and community service.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 4-26

Subject: Increase Stipend from Department
of Nebraska American Legion to Nebraska
Veterans Homes

Submitted by: D2

Referred to:
(1) Finance CMTE
(2) DEC

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, has given fifty dollars per month to each Nebraska Veterans Home since August 2012; and

WHEREAS, Department of Nebraska gives fifty dollars each month to support each Nebraska Veterans Home to provide Morale Welfare and Recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Current amount given by Department of Nebraska does not meet the increased expenses to put on events for the Veterans at the Veterans Homes; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the amount to one hundred fifty dollars per month given by the Department of Nebraska to each Veterans Home will allow the Veterans at each Veterans Home greater opportunities to enjoy retirement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2026, That the Department of Nebraska increase stipend to one hundred fifty dollars each month to each Veterans Home; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this change take effect immediately upon adoption.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 5-26

Subject: Department Organization &
Administration

Submitted by: Department Headquarters

Referred to:
(1) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska was established in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the organization needs to be updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, The duties of some Department Officers needs to be further defined; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2026, That Article I of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, be amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these amendments be used to clarify those Department Officer duties; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these changes become effective immediately.

**ARTICLE I
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER. The Department Commander shall be the executive head of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, with full power to enforce the provisions of the Department Constitution, Department Bylaws, and the will of the Department convention. He shall be the chairman of the Department convention and of the Department Executive Committee. He shall be the chairman of the Department's delegation to the National Convention as retiring Department Commander. He shall be an ex-officio member of such subsidiary corporations as may be formed under the sponsorship of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, to carry on such programs. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. *The Commander shall receive a monthly stipend as determined by the Finance Committee.*

Section 10. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER. The Department Public Relations Officer shall ~~serve as editor of The Nebraska Legionnaire, prepare and distribute appropriate news releases, administer an effective Public Relations program, and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. He shall also~~ *work with the Media Specialist at Department Headquarters for all Public Relations items and* administer such other programs which may be referred to him by the Department Executive Committee and the Department Adjutant.

Section 14. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN. The Department Historian shall be charged with the maintenance of a continuing history of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska. *They shall also complete a Yearbook of the Department's History for the annual contest.*

Section 16. EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. With the exception of the Department Commander, the elective and appointive Department, Area and District officers, including the National Executive Committeeman and his Alternate, shall submit a statement of actual expenses incurred in attending authorized Department meetings or on official Department business upon vouchers provided for that purpose, so that they may be reimbursed by the Department.

Authorized expenditures shall include mileage at the rate of thirty (30) cents per mile when private conveyance is used, standard railroad, airplane, or bus fare when required; and hotel room at \$75.00 flat rate, payable only with copy of paid receipt. The Department Commander and the Department Headquarters shall each be furnished with an official vehicle, and the maintenance and operating expenses for such cars shall be paid by the Department. Should the Department Commander or other Department officers be required to attend meetings outside of the state as representatives of this Department, their actual paid out *travel and lodging* expenses for attending such meetings shall be reimbursed by the Department.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 6-26

Subject: Establish Team Nebraska Committee

Submitted by: PDC's

Referred to:

(1) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE

(2) Finance CMTE

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska embarked on a campaign in 2006 to elect a National Commander from Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, This same task had not been accomplished since the election of William E. (Bill) Galbraith in 1967; and

WHEREAS, the Past National Commander fund was initiated in August 2016 at Morgan Stanley with an initial deposit of \$85,000, and

WHEREAS, the same Past National Commander fund now has \$163,000 as of April 2026, and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion joined with The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, to become known as "Team Nebraska" for this effort; and

WHEREAS, Many funds were raised and much time and effort was expended by the entire Legion family for this project; and

WHEREAS, There are funds remaining from that campaign that are held in safekeeping and invested by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, These funds are held in trust with the principal remaining whole and only the interest being made available for authorized purposes of The American Legion family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2026, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, the Department Executive Committee shall establish a standing committee to be charged with administration of said fund expenditures; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the standing committee be named the "Team Nebraska Fund"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee membership shall include three (3) Legionnaires at large, serving three-year terms on a staggered basis, and one (1) initial emeritus member-while living; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That emeritus member shall be Mike Helm, and initial committee members being Bob Craig, Don Suchy, and Doug Boldt; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary, Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, or the individual appointed by those positions, be "consultants" to said committee with voice only; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the duties of the committee shall be to adhere to grant guidelines established in this resolution and to receive and review grant requests from bodies of the Nebraska Legion Family for use of the good of the Nebraska Legion Family, and to forward such recommendations

for expenditures to the Finance Committee for its concurrence before being forwarded to the Department Executive Committee for its final consideration and action; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That only the interest earned per fiscal year (August to July) be considered for distribution and at no time may the principal of the account drop below \$100,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That only one request for funds, not to exceed \$10,000 from the Department, or \$5,000 from any Post and/or Unit, be entertained per fiscal year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That should any unused funds from interest remain at the end of the fiscal year, those monies are simply rolled back into the Past National Commander account so that any interest drawn above the \$100,000 threshold can be utilized again the following fiscal year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that \$50,000 will be earmarked from this account to be used by a future American Legion National Commander candidate that may arise from the Department of Nebraska; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That, if adopted, this action be accomplished beginning with the 2027-2028 fiscal year.

ARTICLE III STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 21. TEAM NEBRASKA FUND COMMITTEE. The Team Nebraska Fund Committee shall be composed of three members, with one additional member serving as Emeritus (for a total of four), and will be initially appointed by the Department Commander to serve staggered terms from one to three years. Additionally, the Nebraska Auxiliary President, and Nebraska Sons Commander, or the individuals appointed by those positions, will be consultants to this committee with voice only. This committee shall adhere to guidelines as established in the resolution which formed said committee and to receive and review grant requests from bodies of the Nebraska Legion Family for use of the good of the Nebraska Legion Family, and to forward such recommendations for expenditures to the Finance Committee for endorsement before being forwarded to Department Executive Committee for its final consideration and action. This committee will meet annually between March 1 and May 1 of each year for the purpose of reviewing grant requests and the Chair will make its recommendations for grants to the Finance Committee at their meeting preceding the Department Convention.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 7-26

Subject: Standing Committees

Submitted by: Department Headquarters

Referred to:
(1) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska was established in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the organization needs to be updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, The duties of some Department Standing Committees needs to be further defined; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2026, That Article III of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, be amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these amendments be used to clarify those Department Standing Committee duties; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these changes become effective immediately.

**ARTICLE III
STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The Department convention or the Department Executive Committee may, from time to time, authorize such standing committees as it sees fit, with such duties and powers as are provided in the action authorizing same. The Department Executive Committee shall have the power at any time to increase, decrease or abolish any committee created pursuant to this section. All committee members shall be appointed at the Department Executive Committee meeting held immediately prior to each Department Convention. The retiring Department Commander shall submit a list of recommendations for committee appointments to the Department Executive Committee members. ~~at least two weeks prior to this meeting.~~ Committee members may be named from these recommendations or from other recommendations made by the Department Executive Committee members, all subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee. ~~In the event that a recommendations list is not supplied before such a date by the retiring Department Commander, members of the Department Executive Committee shall be notified immediately by the Department Adjutant, and the committee vacancies will then be filled by nomination and approval of committee members by the Department Executive Committee at the meeting immediately preceding the Department Convention.~~ With the exception of the Legislative Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the Distinguished Guest Committee, no member of the Department Executive Committee shall serve on a standing committee.

Section 3. Meetings of the various standing committees shall be held at the call of the chairman, or as requested by the Department Commander or the Department Executive Committee. Any committee member that misses two consecutive meetings will be removed from that committee unless excused. The Committee Chairman will be responsible for determining whether or not any excuse offered is valid or invalid. Expenses of standing committee members incurred at such meetings shall be submitted to the *Department Adjutant* ~~committee chairman~~ for approval, and committee members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Article I of these Bylaws.

Section 6. AMERICANISM COMMITTEE. *The Americanism Committee shall be composed of eight members with two from each Area from the Department. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member. The committee chairman, with the approval of the Department Commander, shall appoint one member of the committee to serve as subcommittee chairman of the Law & Order program, one member of the committee to serve as subcommittee chairman of the Oratorical program. Subcommittee chairmen may utilize other committee members as needed to fulfill the program obligations.*

The purpose of this committee shall be to inspire patriotism and to promote good citizenship. This shall be done by implementation of but not limited to the following:

1. Promotion of Boy Scouts of America and sponsorship of Scout Units by Posts.
2. Promotion of local community service programs and projects that lead to the betterment of local moral and spiritual values.
3. Ensure that each county conducts and carries out the activities of Cornhusker Boys and Girls County Government.
4. Initiate, promote, and carry out programs directed toward the discipline responsibilities of Law and Order.
5. Develop interest in the American Legion High School Oratorical program, supervise local and district contests, and conduct the State Oratorical Contest.

~~Membership on this committee shall be eight members with eight members appointed to allow two representatives from each of the four Legion areas in the state. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member. The committee chairman, with the approval of the Department Commander, shall appoint one member of the committee to serve as subcommittee chairman of the Law & Order program and one member of the committee to serve as subcommittee chairman of the Oratorical program. Subcommittee chairmen may utilize other committee members as needed to fulfill the program obligations.~~

Section 7. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE. The Athletic Committee shall be composed of nine members, with one member appointed at-large and two from each Area from the Department. **Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member. Members will serve terms of four years each.** Chairmanship of the committee shall be determined by the members of the committee.

The Athletic Committee shall conduct at least three meetings annually. One meeting shall be held at the conclusion of the baseball season, a second meeting during the Mid-Year Conference at which time tournament bids for the coming year will be accepted, and the third meeting in June each year. Other meetings may be called by the chairman or by five members of the committee.

The Athletic Committee Chairman is director of the state final Senior Baseball tournaments. The chairman shall assign committee members to assist with tournaments as required. **The chair shall be authorized to assign committee members to assist with tournaments as required. The chair may call volunteers to meetings as needed to plan and discuss the baseball season and they may be paid the same for travel and lodging as Legion members under expenses of Department Officers.**

The Athletic Committee Chairman will represent the Department of Nebraska at the annual American Legion Baseball Conference which is called and financed by the National organization of The American Legion.

Section 8. CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE. The Children and Youth Committee shall be composed of four members with one members appointed to represent each of the four Legion **from each** Areas. in the Department. Membership on this committee shall be staggered with a maximum of a four-year appointment for any member.

The Department Commander of The American Legion, the Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Grande Chef de Gare of the 40 and 8, the Chapeau Departmental of the 8 and 40, and the Children and Youth Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, the 40 and 8, the 8 and 40, the Nebraska representative on the National Children and Youth Commission, along with the Children and Youth Committee shall comprise the Coordinated Children and Youth Committee.

The primary objectives of the Children and Youth program will be (1) to insure care and protection of the children of veterans, (2) to improve conditions for all children, and (3) to include education and scholarship activities of The American Legion.

Section 9. FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Department Finance Committee shall be composed of four members **with one member appointed from each Area. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member.** Each member of this committee shall serve for a period of

~~four years. The appointments shall be made by the Department Commander with the approval of the Department Executive Committee.~~

The Finance Committee shall submit to the Department Executive Committee at its pre-convention meeting a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. It shall give advice and make recommendations to the Department Executive Committee on financial matters of the Department.

Section 10. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. The Legislative Committee shall be ***comprised of the Department Commander, Department Adjutant, and one additional member, who is appointed for a two year period.*** It is charged with the responsibility of studying legislation affecting the programs of The American Legion. It shall propose needed legislation and sponsor passage of such bills as may be approved by the Department Executive Committee. This committee likewise is charged with the responsibility of analyzing all bills introduced in the Nebraska Legislature to determine their affect upon the programs of The American Legion and shall report recommendations with respect thereto to the Department Executive Committee.

~~This committee shall be comprised of the Department Commander, Immediate Past Department Commander, Department Adjutant, and one additional member.~~

~~The Department Commander shall appoint one member to the committee for a two year period.~~

This committee shall also serve as the Department's representatives on the Nebraska Veterans Council.

Section 11. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. The Membership Committee shall be composed of four members ***with one member appointed from each Area. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member.***~~, the terms of appointment for any one member not to exceed four years.~~

The Membership Committee shall have as its duties ***as creating a membership awards program for each membership year and assigning yearly Post membership goals.*** ~~the administration of the permanent membership plan adopted by the Department Executive Committee and to handle all phases of the membership program in concert with the Finance Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to furnish such reports as the Department Executive Committee may request.~~

~~—The Membership Committee shall adopt such recording procedures and rules governing the administration of the permanent membership program as required for proper maintenance of the permanent membership records, such rules to be approved by the Department Executive Committee.~~

~~Section 12. PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE. This committee shall be composed of four members and shall supervise the business affairs of whatsoever publications the Department may authorize. It shall arrange whatever contracts may be necessary with publishers and submit same to the Department Executive Committee for approval. The committee shall prepare such materials and aids which will assist posts in carrying out an effective public relations program with the media of communication in the local communities. This committee shall assist Department and District officers in preparing publicity releases and in carrying out a vigorous public relations program.~~

Section 12 3. REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE. ***This The Rehabilitation and Employment Committee shall be composed of four members with one member appointed from each Area. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member.*** and They shall provide impetus to a program of veterans rehabilitation throughout the State of Nebraska. It shall encourage active participation and coordination in the work of the Post Service Officers, District Service Officers and the Department Service Office in the established framework of the American Legion Veterans' Service System. The committee shall recommend action to the Department convention or to the Department Executive Committee, in connection with programs, policies, procedures or legislation dealing with veterans' rehabilitation. The committee shall cooperate with other organizations on service and rehabilitation matters. It shall devise and implement programs to make the service work of The American Legion in Nebraska more effective. The committee shall assist in the fostering and developing the Veterans Volunteer Representative Program in close cooperation with the Nebraska State Employment Service and the Veterans Employment Service; to assist and work with the Employment officer in each Post; to sponsor the annual American Legion Award to the outstanding employer of the physically handicapped and to cooperate with state and city committees for the promotion of employing the physically handicapped.

Section 13 4. CONVENTION COMMITTEE. ***This The Convention*** Committee shall be composed of four members ***with one member appointed from each Area. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member.*** ~~who will initially be appointed to serve staggered~~

~~terms from one to four years.~~ The committee will work in cooperation between the Department and the host Post in planning and staging the annual Department Convention and the Mid-Year Conference. The Committee will be responsible to carry out the guidelines for the convention and conference which have been adopted by the Department Executive Committee.

Section 14 5. BOYS STATE COMMITTEE. ~~The Department~~ Boys State Committee shall be composed of four members *with one member appointed from each Area. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member.* ~~, originally appointed on a staggering term not to exceed four years in length.~~ Members of the Boys State Committee shall also be members of the Board of Directors of Cornhusker Boys State Corporation.

They shall be charged with working with the Department Adjutant in setting the dates, fees, and other items pertaining to the annual Boys' State program.

Section 15 6. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE. ~~This~~ *The Distinguished Guest* Committee shall consist of the National Executive Committeeman, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman and whoever else the Department Commander shall appoint. It shall greet, transport and entertain any distinguished guest that may attend the Department Convention, Mid-Year Conference or any other department function.

Section 16 7. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES. The Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Department Executive Committee, may from time to time appoint Temporary Committees whose functions shall terminate with the expiration of the term of the appointing Department Commander. Such Temporary Committees have such duties and powers as are provided in the action authorizing the same and shall be reimbursed according to Article I, Section 16 of the Bylaws.

Section 17 8. NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME BOARD. (Nebraska Veterans' Home) Pursuant to Neb. RRS 80-305 and the option granted therein to the American Legion to appoint two of its members to serve on the Nebraska Veterans Home Board in place of the Department Commander and immediate past Department Commander, commencing in 1982, the Department Commander, at the Department Executive Committee meeting preceding the annual Department Convention, shall appoint one member to serve on said Board for a term of four years. Every succeeding two years thereafter, one four-year term shall be made to said Board in accordance with this Section.

Section 18 9. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE. ~~This~~ *The Constitution and Bylaws* Committee shall be composed of four members, two of whom shall be the Department Judge Advocate and the Department Adjutant. The remaining two members will initially be appointed to serve staggered terms from one to two years. The committee shall meet annually after April 15 and prior to forty (40) days immediately preceding the annual Department Convention to review all proposed amendments to the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska to ensure all amendments are in proper form prior to submission to the Convention Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall further review all amendments to the Bylaws of the American Legion, Department of Nebraska to ensure the proposed amendments are in proper form, subsequent to their introduction and prior to their final submittal for approval. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall have the authority to make recommendations on all proposed amendments.

Section 19. 20. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. The Scholarship Committee shall be composed of four members shall be composed of four members *with one member appointed from each Area. Membership on this committee will be staggered with a maximum four year appointment for any member.* ~~which may consist of members of the Department Executive Committee and will be initially appointed by the Department Commander to serve staggered terms from one to four years.~~ This committee shall be responsible for establishing rules and regulations for the committee, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee, for the review of applicants; for the selection of recipients for all scholarships including but not limited to The American Legion annual scholarship and the Boschult scholarship; and will assist in the promotion of scholarships for The American Legion, Department of Nebraska. This committee will meet annually between March 1 and April 1 of each year for the purpose of reviewing all applications for scholarships and to determine the various scholarship recipients. The chairman of this committee will report to the Department Executive Committee at their meeting preceding the Department Convention.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 8-26

Subject: Department Finances

Submitted by: Department Headquarters

Referred to:
(1) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE
(2) Finance CMTE

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska was established in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the organization needs to be updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, The Department Finance procedures need to be further defined; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2026, That Article IV of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, be amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these amendments be used to clarify the Department Finance procedures; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these changes become effective immediately.

**ARTICLE IV
DEPARTMENT FINANCES**

Section 2. Unless otherwise ordered by the Department Executive Committee, or otherwise in the Department Constitution or Bylaws provided, Department funds shall be expended by the Department Finance Officer by checks signed by him and countersigned by the Department Commander upon vouchers approved by the Department ~~Commander~~ **Adjutant**.

Section 3. All expenditures of the Department provided for in the current budget shall be made by the Finance Officer after approval by the Department ~~Commander~~ **Adjutant**. Expenditures not provided for in the budget shall be made only in case of emergency and then only after written approval of three members of the Department Finance Committee.

Section 5. The Department Adjutant shall furnish a bond in the sum of \$50,000, the Department Finance Officer shall furnish a bond in the sum of \$50,000, the ~~Financial Secretary~~ **Executive Assistant** at Department Headquarters shall furnish a bond in the sum of \$50,000, and the Assistant Department Adjutant shall furnish a bond in the sum of \$50,000, and all other Department officers, officials or committeemen handling funds of the Department, or funds for which the Department is responsible, shall furnish bond in the amount as prescribed by the Department Executive Committee. The Department Executive Committee shall, in all cases, pass upon the form of the bond and sufficiency of the surety. Except as otherwise provided herein, all bonds shall be in charge of the Department Finance Committee and kept at the Department Headquarters. Premiums on the aforesaid bonds shall be paid by the Department.

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 9-26

Subject: District Organization and Administration

Submitted by: Department Headquarters

Referred to:

(1) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE

(2) DEC

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska was established in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the organization needs to be updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, The District Organization and Administration section need to be further defined; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2026, That Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, be amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these amendments be used to clarify the District Organization and Administration section; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these changes become effective immediately.

**ARTICLE VIII
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

~~Section 6. *The District Commander is able to appoint any positions that are allowed in their District Constitution and Bylaws.* A District Service Officer shall be appointed by each District Commander. The District Service Officer shall coordinate rehabilitation work in the district with the Department Service Officer. He shall visit each Post Service Officer once during each year, inspecting the supply of forms in possession of the Post Service Officer, and offering assistance in any way. Such visits to the Posts shall be in company with the District Commander whenever possible. The District Service Officer shall attend all Department Service Officer Schools. He shall file an annual report, two weeks prior to the Department Convention with the Department Rehabilitation Committee. The District Service Officer shall instruct members of the American Legion Auxiliary concerning veterans' benefits at Auxiliary meetings, whenever possible.~~

~~Expenses incurred by District Service Officers on travel in the district authorized by the District Commander shall be reimbursed by the District when proper expense vouchers are filed. Expenses incurred by the District Vice Commander and the District Adjutant will be borne by the District.~~

~~Section 10. A District Child Welfare Officer shall be appointed by each District Commander. The District Child Welfare Officer shall serve as a liaison between the Department Child Welfare Committee and the Post and County organizations. The District Child Welfare Officer will visit each Post once during each year for the purpose of explaining the objectives of the Child Welfare program and also for giving individual training and guidance to the Post Child Welfare Officer. The visits to the Posts may be in the company with the District Commander or upon invitation from a Post, or on the initiative of the District Child Welfare Officer. The District Child Welfare Officer on travel in the District authorized by the District Commander shall be reimbursed by the District when proper expense vouchers are filed. The District Child Welfare Officer shall assist in securing the annual Child Welfare reports from the Posts.~~

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 10-26

Subject: Delegates to National Convention

Submitted by: Department Headquarters

Referred to:
(1) Constitution & Bylaws CMTE
(2) Finance CMTE

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska was established in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the organization needs to be updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, The reimbursement for delegates to National Convention section needs to be further defined; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Columbus, Nebraska, on June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2026, That Article VI of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, be amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these amendments be used to clarify the reimbursement for delegates for National Convention section; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That these changes become effective immediately.

**ARTICLE VI
DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Section 4. Each delegate and alternate to a National Convention shall be required to make a deposit of \$100 with the Department when he is notified of his election as a delegate or alternate. This deposit to be a surety that such delegate or alternate will attend the convention. Reimbursement of this surety shall be made to a delegate or alternate if he notifies the Department at least two weeks prior to the National Convention that he cannot go. Otherwise, the money shall revert to the Department. Any delegate chosen to go to a National Convention who does not have both his housing questionnaire and \$100 deposit at Department Headquarters prior to the housing deadline date shall automatically be dropped from the delegate list, and an appropriate alternate shall be selected in his place.

Delegates to the National Convention, ***except for the Immediate Past Department Commander, the Department Commander, and Department Adjutant***, shall receive \$400 each as reimbursement for expenses of attending the National Convention, except for those delegates receiving a call-in and reimbursement to the National Convention from National Headquarters. ***The Immediate Past Department Commander's, the Department Commander's, and Department Adjutant's actual expenses for travel and lodging to the National Convention shall be reimbursed by the Department.***

Delegates to the Convention are requested to attend the Nebraska Caucus, assigned committee meetings, participate in the Convention parade, and attend general sessions of the National Convention. A delegate shall have \$25 deducted from his expense money for each meeting he fails to attend, unless excused from such meeting by the delegation chairman.

2026 Department Convention Call

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Nebraska

May 1, 2026

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In conformity with the instructions of the 2025 Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, the 2026 Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, is hereby called and will be held at Columbus, Nebraska, June 25 - 28, 2026.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing Department officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it in conformity with the provisions of the Department Constitution.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the Convention shall be by Posts. Each Post shall be entitled to two delegates and then one additional delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received at department headquarters not later than May 11, 2026. Each Post shall also be entitled to one alternate for each delegate, who shall act as delegate in his/her absence. Each alternate shall also have all other rights and privileges of delegates except that of voting. Delegates and alternates shall be chosen by the various Posts in such manner as each Post shall determine.

The vote of the convention shall be polled by counties. When a roll call vote is ordered, each County Commander or County Chairman of a delegation or the Delegation Chairman of District 15 shall announce the vote of his/her county when called on by the Convention Secretary. County Commanders or County Chairmen, or the Delegation Chairman of District 15, must cast the correct vote when called upon. Counties cannot pass and then vote at the end of the voting. All County Commanders or County Chairmen, or the Delegation Chairman of District 15, will receive two ballots for each elective office; one to be signed and given to the Convention Secretary when giving the voice vote, and the other to be retained by the county. Ballots will be issued to the District Commanders for distribution to the County Commanders or County Chairmen or the Delegation Chairman of District 15. All unused ballots will be returned to the Convention Secretary at the close of the elections.

Posts need not cast their votes as a unit nor need the county vote be cast as a unit, but the total number of votes cast for and against any proposition shall be announced by the County Commander or County Chairman or the Delegation Chairman of District 15. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. In the absence of regular delegates from any Post, the delegation from such Post may seat a corresponding number of duly elected alternates, and in the event the Post has no regular delegates present, the duly elected alternates shall automatically become the delegates. Alternates shall have no vote except as prescribed above.

The vote of absentee qualified delegates may be cast by a majority of the delegation present from the Post, and in the absence of both an accredited delegate or alternate from a Post, then the vote or votes of said absentees may be cast by a majority of the delegates present from said county. In the event of a tie vote in any county, the vote of any Post not represented by a delegate or alternate shall be disregarded.

All Past Department Commanders and Past Department Adjutants, while in good standing in their respective Posts in this Department and who attend and register as such; and all incumbent Department officers who attend and register as such, shall be delegates to the Department Convention with voice and vote to be exercised with their respective Posts.

ALTERNATES

Each Post is entitled to send and to seat in the convention a number of alternates equal to the number of delegates to which a Post is entitled. Alternates will have the power to vote only in the absence of regular delegates.

GUESTS

Each delegation may have as its guests such members of The American Legion or friends of the organization as it may see fit to invite. All sessions of the Convention will be open to the public.

REGISTRATION

Registration of delegates, alternates, and guests will take place at Registration Headquarters starting Thursday, June 25. All delegates, alternates, and guests must register. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged. **REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT 10:00 A.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 28.**

All delegates must present their delegate card, signed by the Post Commander and the Post Adjutant, to the registration desk, pay the correct registration fees, and then they will receive a badge allowing them to be seated on the floor with all delegate privileges.

All alternates must present their alternate delegate card, signed by the Post Commander and the Post Adjutant, to the registration desk, pay the correct registration fees, and then they will receive a badge allowing them to be seated on the floor with all alternate privileges.

Legionnaires not having cards signed by the Post Commander and the Post Adjutant designating them as delegate or alternate and upon presenting a current American Legion card to the registration desk, and paying the correct registration fees, will receive a badge allowing them admittance into the Convention with seating privileges only in the guest section.

County Commanders will be eligible to vote provided they attend and register as such and pay the correct registration fee and are properly recorded with the Department by their respective District Commander at the Department Executive Committee meeting immediately preceding the Convention. Recorded County Commanders will receive the same badge as delegates with all delegate privileges.

HOUSING

All delegates and visitors to the Convention will be expected to arrange their own housing. Please write or call the hotel of your choice for accommodations. Department Headquarters will not make reservations for anyone.

CREDENTIALS

A bulletin giving the number of delegates and alternates to which your Post is entitled is enclosed [*ADJUTANTS*]. Credential cards for delegates and alternates are enclosed [*ADJUTANTS*] for distribution to each individual delegate and alternate. These cards are to be retained by such delegates and alternates and must be presented at the time of registration at the Convention. They should not be sent back to Department Headquarters.

EXPENSES

All expenses of delegates and alternates must be paid by the Post (if the Post authorizes such expenses), or by the delegates and alternates themselves. The department will pay no part of such expense.

CONVENTION SESSIONS

All business sessions of the Convention, including the joint opening session with the Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion, starting Friday afternoon, June 26, through Sunday, June 28, will be held at the Rivers Edge Convention Center, Columbus, Nebraska.

MISCELLANEOUS

Instructions covering program, order of business, entertainment, etc., will be issued later. **All Post Adjutants are requested to read this call at the earliest possible meeting of their Post.** Post Commanders should call a special meeting if necessary.

ATTEST:

Judith A. Walters
Department Commander

Eric J. Martin
Department Adjutant

Department Headquarters Open House



To celebrate the third anniversary of moving into the new Headquarters Building, we will be having an open house Flag Day weekend.

Events include a USA 250 Celebration, a Korean War Recognition Ceremony and activities for the family.

When: June 20, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: 150 NW 40th Street – Lincoln, NE 68528

There will be food and snacks available. Be sure to come and check out our museum and office building. There will be an official event at 2:30 p.m. with guest speakers and presentations.



*National Vice Commander
Jerry Landkamer's
Homecoming Banquet Menu
Columbus American Legion
2263 3rd Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601*

*Saturday, June 27, 2026
5:30 p.m. Social – 6:30 p.m. Dinner*

*Dinner Menu:
Salad
Prime Rib
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Cheesecake Dessert*

*Return this form by June 10, 2026
with \$25.00 payment, to:*

*Jerry Landkamer
804 N Birch Street
Norfolk, NE 68701*

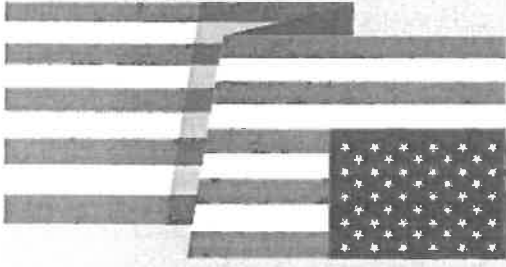
Make checks out to "Jerry Landkamer"

Number of tickets: _____

Names of those attending and entrée preference

*Reminder: There will be a cash bar for all to enjoy during dinner.
NO Refunds. NO Ticket Sales at the door.*

Dress is Business Casual



★ ★ **MENU** ★ ★

Smoked Pork Cutlet with Raspberry Chipotle Glaze
Baked Potato, Hawaiian Bun
Chilled Cucumber Salad
New York Style Cheesecake
\$15 per plate



Send Money to
Julie Schnitzler
6355 N. Winchester Ave
Kenesaw, NE 68956
RSVP by June 9

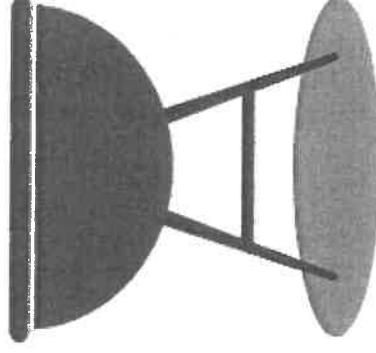


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Children and Youth
Luncheon
2026



Saturday, June 27 • Noon
Columbus American Legion, 2263 3rd Avenue
Columbus, NE



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- Make Name Rubbings
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September 12 • 7 PM



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SEPTEMBER 8 Wall Arrival

- Escort Ride • Installation • Public Welcome

SEPTEMBER 9 Veteran Recognition

- Honoring Vietnam Veterans • Displays & Programs

SEPTEMBER 10 Gold Star & Women Veterans

- Wreath Presentation • Special Programs

SEPTEMBER 11 Patriot Day

- 9/11 Commemoration • Roll of Honor • 21 Gun Salute
- First Responder Ceremony • Flag Retirement

SEPTEMBER 12 POW/MIA Recognition

- Table Set for One • Warrior 5K Fun Run • Walk

SEPTEMBER 13 Church Service & Wall Pack-Up

- Community Church Service • Volunteer Wall Disassembly
- Load-out & Departure • Volunteers Needed



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