



NEWSLETTER

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“We are the Backbone of The American Legion”

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CONVENTION CREWS SAY ‘THANKS’ Department and National officers and committee members who traveled the annual district convention circuit wish to extend their appreciation for all the courtesies and hospitality extended to them while attending the conventions.

ELECTRONIC RENEWALS Last week a notice was sent out to all Post Adjutants advising them of a new process that National began in which Posts could submit their own transmittals to National. What was unclear in the notice was the banking information. It looked to several people that the bank had to be a US Bank and no other. This is not correct. Any local bank that has the capability to process Electronic Checks can be used for this new endeavor (First National, Cornhusker Bank, Union Bank & Trust, Nebraska Bank, or US Bank, etc.).

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT Enclosed (Adjutant only) is the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2017-2018 American Legion year. Please complete this form and return it to Department Headquarters ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2018. The CPR can now be found on our web site at www.nebraskalegion.net under the “About Us” tab and click on “Forms”. You may complete the form online and email the report to adminast@windstream.net.

This report serves a useful purpose to compile activity information from all American Legion posts, required by our Federal Charter, which is presented to the Congress. The annual Americanism and Children & Youth Awards are based on your Post’s participation as documented on this report.

CORNHUSKER BOYS’ STATE More than 370 young men were accepted as participants in the 2018 session of Cornhusker Boys’ State. Acceptance notices were sent to Post sponsors on March 22. If your Post/sponsor has not received confirmation, please contact Department Headquarters for verification. It is possible we did not receive the application. If you have additional delegates or would like to sponsor one of our remaining 22 alternates, please contact Amanda at Department Headquarters ASAP.

ORIENTATION / SELECTION PROGRAMS All Districts will conduct a Boys State / Girls State orientation program this spring. Additionally, every District will hold a selection program to determine the candidates who will be participating in the Junior Law Cadet program. Be on the lookout for information from your District Commander for the date, time, and location of the programs in your District, and make sure your candidates are provided with the information in a timely manner.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PLANS It is time to begin planning for attendance at Department Convention in Kearney at the Ramada Inn. DEC will meet on June 21 and the Convention will meet June 22-24. Business sessions of The American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR will all be held in the Ramada Inn. Phone 308-237-3141 for reservations. Rooms are \$79.00. Convention Registration fee is \$10.00.

2018 BASEBALL SEASON IS SET Be sure your Post does not miss the entry deadline for registering your American Legion Baseball teams. Sponsorship of the program begins anew each year with your Post. Deadline is May 15. Late entries will be accepted with an additional \$200.00 per team late fee up to May 31. Entry fees are non-refundable. Visit our web site at www.nelegionbaseball.net

REMINDER Deadline for filing Form 990-N for all Nebraska American Legion Posts is May 15. The Form 990-N must be filed every year or the post could lose its tax-exempt status.

PROPOSED DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGES So far, there has only been one resolution submitted by District 15 for the DEC's consideration. It is attached for your awareness.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS Before any membership transfer occurs, there must be a Member Data Form (30-001) provided to Department Headquarters, signed by a member or certified by a post commander or adjutant where a member has given oral permission to be transferred.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR Please remember the Department "Teacher of the Year Award" has an entry deadline of May 1. This award will honor an educator whose accomplishments and activities in the field of education are in excess of what is normally expected and who also promotes American Legion youth programs in their school. Contact Program Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for complete information.

PREPRINTED 2019 MEMBERSHIP CARDS The deadline for receipt of 2018 membership cards at Department Headquarters for the purpose of receiving preprinted 2019 membership cards is Monday, April 9. This is also a transmittal date, so cards must be received at Headquarters by 9:00 a.m.

2019 DIRECT BILLING DATA FORM Post Adjutants have received the 2019 direct billing information from Department Headquarters. You are urged to read the information carefully before completing the form. Please double check to ensure the mailing address is correct to which the membership returns are to be mailed – which includes the three-line address and correct ZIP code. Above all, make sure the dues amount is correct. Remember it is necessary to transmit \$35.00 per card when making a membership transmittal to Headquarters. Due date at Department Headquarters is April 15.

RECRUITER / GOLD & SILVER BRIGADE Post Adjutants are asked to review their Adjutant's Manual for the Recruiter, Gold & Silver Brigade and other membership awards available to post members. Most forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 10.

APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH "Children...Our Most Precious Natural Resource" is The American Legion national theme for Children & Youth month. The Department encourages your use and support of this theme in the promotion of all our Children & Youth programs.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM The Department is offering the opportunity for individuals and businesses to advertise in the 2018 Department Convention program. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

AMERICAN LEGION NIGHT W/SALT DOGS The American Legion Night at the Salt Dogs will be August 3, 2018, game starts at 7:05 pm. If your Legion Color Guard would be interested in posting the Colors before the game - please contact the Programs Director Brent Hagel-Pitt. Hope to see you out at the ballpark!




Enclosures

- ** Consolidated Post Report form (**Adjutant Only**)
- ** Department Convention program ads
- ** Copy of Resolutions to be reviewed at Department Convention
 1. WWII State Veterans Funeral


It's time to start putting together our Convention Program and the Department is selling space in the program for individuals or businesses to advertise. Prices are very reasonable. Please distribute around your community businesses to garner support. All ads and payment must be received before June 8, 2018. Program is 8.5 x 5.5 in size.

- \$10.00 Page split into eight sections**
- \$20.00 Page split into four sections**
- \$30.00 Page split into two sections**
- \$60.00 Full page**

Example of what a page might look like

 <p>Wishing (name here) you a Happy Birthday.</p>	<p>WANTED: One good hearted woman to forgive imperfection in the man that she loves.</p> <p>Dear (name): Sorry I messed up.</p>
 <p>THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA</p> <p>DAVID W. SALAK DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT</p> <p>5800 P STREET PHONE: (402) 464-6338 P.O. Box 5205 CELL: (402) 450-8082 LINCOLN, NE 68505-0206 EMAIL: DWSALAK@WINDSTREAM.NET</p> <p><small>NOT FOR SELF BUT FOR COUNTRY</small></p>	

Please Join the Nebraska American Legion

<p align="center">The American Legion Membership Application</p> <p>(Name) _____ (Phone) _____</p> <p>(Mailing Address) _____ (Date) _____</p> <p>(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) _____</p> <p>(Membership ID# former member) _____ (Email Address) _____ (Dues) _____</p> <p>Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – Present</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.</p> <p>_____ Signature of applicant Name of recruiter</p> <p><small>30-009 (2011)</small></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – Present	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines	<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility)	<input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918		<p>Receipt of Dues <small>(Please Print)</small></p> <p>From _____</p> <p>\$ _____ for 20 _____ Post # _____</p> <p>Recruiter's Name _____</p> <p>Recruiter's Signature _____</p> <p>Recruiter's Phone # _____</p> 
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**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska**

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 1

Subject: WWII State Funeral

Submitted by: Fred Craigie Post 3

Referred to:
(1) DEC

WHEREAS, the organization "State Funeral for a World War II Veterans" sole purpose is to "convince the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, as a final salute to the 16 million men and women of the greatest generation who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945"; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has the sole authority to designate a state funeral; and

WHEREAS, State Funeral for a World War II Veteran is leading a nationwide online petition drive to convince the President to designate a single state funeral for the final Medal of Honor recipient from World War II; and

WHEREAS, this event will also provide national recognition to honor all 16 million Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, today our nation stands divided in numerous ways and yearns for a unifying national event – a state funeral is a wonderful way to bring people together while thanking the greatest generation who served our country to defeat Nazism, fascism and imperialism; and

WHEREAS, Flags of Our Fathers author James Bradley said, "In the 1,364 days from Pearl Harbor to the Japanese surrender, with millions of Americans fighting on global battlefields, only 464 Americans were awarded Medals of Honor, the nation's highest decoration of valor" and today only four of those Americans remain: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, in regular convention assembled in Kearney, Nebraska, on June 22, 23, 24, 2018, That the Department go on record supporting and endorsing the "State Funeral for World War II Veteran" by requesting the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, as a final salute to the 16 million men and women of the greatest generation who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Departmental support also be in the form of signing the "State Funeral for World War II Veterans" national online petition asking the President of the United States to authorize a State funeral for the final Medal of Honor recipient.