

RESOLUTIONS

The means by which changes are instituted within The American Legion start in the form of a resolution. Be sure to get your proposed resolutions approved through your Post and Squadron. Resolutions should be forwarded to your District Convention for endorsement/ approval.

EAGLE SCOUT-OF-THE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP



Now is the time to nominate an Eagle Scout for the Eagle-of-the-Year scholarship. All nomination forms must be endorsed by the Unit Leader and must be received at Department Headquarters no later than March 1. Contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for information and forms. Applications can be found at www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Programs

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION

PRESS ASSOCIATION



To those members of the Nebraska American Legion Press Association there will be a meeting on Saturday, January 22, at 11:45 a.m. Contact Amanda with any questions or agenda items.

MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Last year the national organization created the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant to assist Posts who had been affected by the COVID-19 health crisis. Each Post who applied was eligible for up to a \$1,000 grant that could be used for the Post homesmortgage or rent, insurance premiums, and utilities. This year national is continuing this program and each Post who applies is eligible to receive up to a \$2,000 grant. Posts who received the first grant are eligible to apply again for up to an additional \$1,000 grant. Contact Adjutant Salak at Department for more information.



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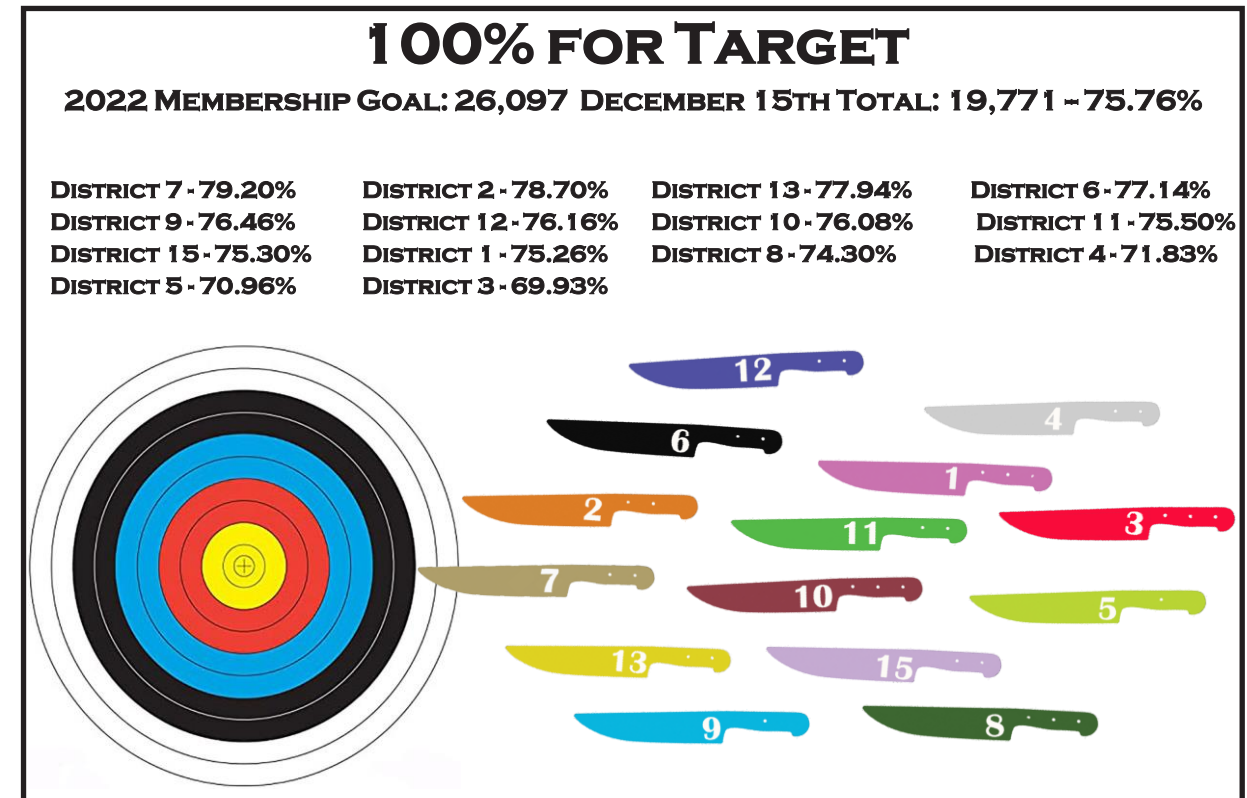
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MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

This annual educational event will be held at the Ramada Inn in Columbus on January 21 - 23, 2022. A schedule of events for the conference was printed in the December issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire. On Saturday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. we will begin the Oratorical Contest in the Courtyard. Be sure to attend the lottery drawing Sunday, January 23 for an opportunity to win \$2,500 and other cash prizes from our twelfth annual lottery.

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE GUESTS

National Vice Commander Midwest Region Angel Narvez (PR), Sons Midwest Region National Vice Commander Juan Torres, and Leading Candidate for National Commander James “Jim” Troiola (NY) will be attending our Mid-Year Conference so come out and meet them in person.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS



Any District, Post, or Area that wishes a Department Officer or Department Committee Chairman or Liaison to come and visit them should send an invitation to the desired person at least a month in advance so that travel can be approved before the event by Department HQ.

FOURTH RENEWAL TO BE MAILED

The fourth National dues reminder is scheduled to arrive in the mailboxes of your unpaid members by January 7. Members whose dues were not received at Department Headquarters by December 8 will receive the reminders.



DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Contact your District Commander or look under the forms section of the website to find a questionnaire for nominating a member of your Post for the District Citizenship Award. One Legionnaire will be selected by each District Commander and will be honored with a Citizenship Citation and medal at the Department Convention in June. All nominations should be sent directly to your District Commander at least three weeks prior to your respective District Convention. Your District Commander is responsible for appointing the committee to make the final decision.

VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE DAY

This event has been canceled due to ongoing construction at the capitol building. The Nebraska Veterans Council will still be meeting to choose the priority legislation. Contact Adjutant Salak at Department with questions or for more information

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE



The 2022 Cornhusker Boys' State program will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 5 – 11, 2022. Please note that Boys' State sponsor fees will remain \$375 this year. This is the time that your Post Executive Committee and members should pass a motion that it will sponsor a certain number of boys to Boys' State. This makes sure that you have funding for the program and the Post isn't having to wait until the March meeting to secure funding. Applications are due by March 15.

JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM

The letter and application form for the 2022 Junior Law Cadet program will be mailed to all Posts in February. The high school principals will also receive the Junior Law information on February 1. The combined boys' and girls' sessions will be held June 21-24 at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Center. Contact Activities Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for information.



MISSION BLUE POST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS & MEMBERSHIP DIVISION**

POST INFORMATION:

Post Legal Name: _____ Post #: _____ Dept.: _____

Post Officer Requesting Grant: _____ Title: _____

Post Mailing Address: _____ City, State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ EIN: _____

Has the post ever received a Mission Blue grant? Yes No Amount received: \$ _____ Amount requested: \$ _____

The annual Consolidate Post Report (CPR) and a valid Certificate of Insurance are required by posts in order to receive grant funds totaling up to \$2,000.00. If one or both of those items are not filed with national headquarters, then only grant funds up to \$1,000.00 total may be awarded.

If a post is a recipient of a Mission Blue PAP grant and would like to be contacted by staff from The American Legion National Headquarters to publicly share your story of how The American Legion assisted you, please indicate below. Your testimonial will be used in print, marketing and online American Legion mediums to promote fundraising efforts. Grants such as these are made possible from donations to support ongoing assistance for American Legion Posts, veterans, and their communities. () Accept () Decline

NOTE: DECLINING TO PARTICIPATE WITH AMERICAN LEGION MEDIA WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EVALUATION OF YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.

FOR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY:

Department Officer: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Amount requested: \$ _____

Department Headquarters certifies that the applicant post has met all the following criteria to receive Mission Blue grant(s) up to \$1,000.00 (Must check all for post to be considered for grant approval.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	All national and department-required annual forms have been submitted for the upcoming year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The post is a properly incorporated business within its home state.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The post has not received any funds via the Small Business Association (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
<input type="checkbox"/>	The post has filed their annual "Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form 990 and any other official forms as mandated by their respective state.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The post agrees to use all funds dispersed by this grant to cover only approved expenses AND will provide a report to department demonstrating how those funds were used within 180 days of receipt of funds or no later than February 28, 2022. (NOTE: Department will need to relay all reports back to Blue PAP administrators at national headquarters.)

Department Headquarters certifies that the applicant post has met all the following criteria to receive Mission Blue grant(s) up to \$2,000.00 (Must check all boxes above and both boxes below for post to be considered for approval of this total amount.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) for the current calendar year has been submitted to national headquarters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The post is properly and adequately insured with the national headquarters listed as a 3rd party additionally insured.

DEPARTMENT OFFICER: Approve or Disapprove Recommended Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

This form should be sent to national headquarters for processing following department endorsement.

FOR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR: Approve or Disapprove Recommended Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

APPROVING AUTHORITY: Approve or Disapprove Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____