



# NEWSLETTER

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*“Don’t Give Up – We’ve Got This”*

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**STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE SET** The Convention Program will carry a complete schedule of events for the annual Department Convention held in Columbus, Nebraska, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. All sessions of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Riders will be conducted at the Ramada Inn.

D.E.C. starts on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. followed by the standing committee reports on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Any Legionnaire is welcome to attend the D.E.C. meeting.

There will be plenty of entertainment to go around in all the hospitality rooms. Expect to see more flyers about these events in the future.

**CONVENTION CALL** The annual Convention Call and delegate/alternate cards were sent to Post Adjutants on May 15<sup>th</sup> and County Commanders received the Call with voting information. All others will find it enclosed with this Newsletter. Please remind your delegates and alternates to bring the cards with them to convention. The cards are needed to register as an official representative of your Post.

**2018 MEMBERSHIP CARDS** Department Headquarters will **NOT** distribute the 2018 membership cards at the Department Convention. The membership cards, Post Adjutant’s Guide, and Post Officer’s Guide will be mailed to the Post Adjutant on record at Department Headquarters on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Post wishing to pick up the card and guides from Department Headquarters can do so after June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT** HQ’s 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 Department Headquarters by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CORNHUSKER BOYS’ STATE / JUNIOR LAW CADET** Several hundred young men and women will be participating in two of The American Legion’s most popular programs in June. If your post sponsored one of these boys, please keep in contact with that individual to ensure that transportation is planned and that the student will be participating.

**CODY KERR NOMINATIONS** The committee composed of Past Department Commanders Dave Bruckner, Fred Craigie, and Mike Reimers wish to remind you to submit your nominations for this coveted award to Department Headquarters before June 16<sup>th</sup> to be considered. The Cody Kerr award will be presented at Department Convention on June 25.

**NEW OFFICERS LIST** Our monthly reminders can be avoided if your post will send in the names of your 2017-18 Post Officers as soon as they have been determined. This form was sent to every Post last month and we know you understand the importance of correspondence being sent to the correct officer.

**2017 MEMBERSHIPS** Although many posts have done a good job again this year, there are many that have not signed up sufficient delinquent members or new members to make up for the membership decline due to death this past year. With your help we can still attain our department goal of 32,603. Commander Linn thanks you for your efforts and would be very happy to be at 100% when she leaves office at the close of Department Convention. Please make one last effort this year to make your goal.

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL** The program will get into full swing during the month of June. Final rosters are due no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>. Area tournament seeding meetings will begin the first week of July and are mandatory for all coaches assigned to that tournament. Teams are automatically entered in post season when they register for American Legion Baseball, to keep from incurring a \$300 penalty; any team that does not intend to participate in post season will need to notify the Department no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. The tournament directors' meeting is 9:00-11:30 a.m. June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln; you are welcome to attend. Have a GREAT season!!

**VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION** Nebraska's 33rd Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held this summer in Lincoln. Now is the time to inform interested members of your post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Lincoln Cornhusker Hotel (333 S 13th Street) August 10 - 13, 2017. For more information contact Nebraska Vietnam Veteran Jaime Obrecht, Committee Chairman 402-435-0454 or go to [www.vetsreunion.com](http://www.vetsreunion.com).

**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR LEGION COLLEGE** Applications for the American Legion National College are still being accepted from young Legion leaders. Please call Department Headquarters for application form or more information. The one-week course, October 29 – November 3, is held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The college is a terrific opportunity for a Nebraska Legionnaire to receive an expense-paid leadership course with considerable hands-on experience. Deadline for applications to the Department is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CAPS** The Nebraska Sons of The American Legion currently have S.A.L. baseball caps available at Department Headquarters. The caps are \$16.00 a piece if they are picked up from Headquarters or are \$18.00 a piece if they need to be shipped. You can choose between a mesh cap or solid cloth cap.

**CENTENNIAL COINS** The Department Headquarters currently have a Centennial Celebration coin in honor of The American Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A picture of the coin was in the April/May edition of The Legionnaire Newspaper in the It's History section. The coin is \$10.00 a piece (or \$12.00 a piece if shipped). Please contact Headquarters with any questions or orders.

**Attachments:**

Resolutions – 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5  
Convention Call (except adjutants)

> **Plan to attend Convention in Columbus from June 23 – 25, 2017** <