

### 2023 MEMBERSHIP

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's goal of 24,835. Commander Suchy thanks you for your efforts and would be very happy to be at 100% by the end of June. Please make one last effort this year to make your goal.

### POST PUBLICATIONS CONTEST

The Nebraska American Legion Press Association asks those interested in the Post Publications Contest to contact Amanda at HQ for more information.

### VIETNAM VETERANS' REUNION

Nebraska's 38th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held this summer in Omaha. Now is the time to inform interested members of your post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Omaha Marriott (10220 Regency Circle). Visit [vetsreunion.com](http://vetsreunion.com) for more information.

### LEGION INSURANCE TRUST

Want to sign up for Free LIT AD&D coverage? It's a \$1,000 (or \$5,000 if death occurred while on official Legion business) payment that will go to your beneficiary to help with expenses. Check [www.thelit.com](http://www.thelit.com) for more information.

### VETERAN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 10 at the Antelope Bandshell located in Antelope Park in Lincoln. The festival starts at 11:00 a.m. In addition to music, this is an Information Fair with VA health care and other informational booths. Visit [www.vmf.net](http://www.vmf.net) for more information.

### VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY

Veteran's Appreciation Day at the State Fair will be Monday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m. More information, including the parade, and color guard registration can be found at [www.statefair.org/celebration-parade/](http://www.statefair.org/celebration-parade/) Call 308-382-1620 for more information.

### Enclosures:

- Convention Call (Everyone except Adjutants and County Commanders)
- Program Advertising Information
- Resolutions



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# NEWSLETTER

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## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 24,835 MAY 15TH TOTAL: 22,421 - 90.28%

DISTRICT 7 - 92.77%	DISTRICT 2 - 92.30%	DISTRICT 6 - 91.72%	DISTRICT 8 - 91.16%
DISTRICT 5 - 90.79%	DISTRICT 13 - 90.45%	DISTRICT 15 - 89.40%	DISTRICT 4 - 89.15%
DISTRICT 11 - 88.93%	DISTRICT 12 - 88.10%	DISTRICT 10 - 88.09%	DISTRICT 3 - 87.62%
DISTRICT 9 - 87.28%	DISTRICT 1 - 86.63%		



### **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

The 2023 Department Convention will be held June 22 - 25 at the Younes Convention Center South in Kearney. The DEC will meet on June 22 - 23 D.E.C. starts on Thursday, June 22, at 1:00 p.m. followed by the standing committee reports on Friday, June 23 at 8:30 a.m. All Legionnaires are welcome to attend the D.E.C. meeting.

The Convention Session will be begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 23. More information is on the website and is in the June Legionnaire newspaper. Contact Adjutant Dave with questions.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

There were two resolutions that was forwarded to Department Headquarters following the District Conventions. It will be mailed out in the June newsletter. Please contact the Department Adjutant with any questions. If you want your voice heard – be at convention.

### **CODY KERR AWARD**

Applications are being accepted until June 15 by PDC's Lyle Bartels, Gary Wooten, and Dan Benes. 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.

### **CONVENTION CALL**

The official Department Convention Call and delegate/alternate cards were sent to Post Adjutants on May 11. County Commanders were sent the Convention Call, the list of delegates strength by county, and voting instructions on May 11. All others will find it enclosed with this newsletter. 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.

### **ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS**

The 2023 - 24 Post Officer report form was mailed out to Post Adjutants last month. 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 2023 - 24 officers be sent to us immediately. 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!

### **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Department is offering the opportunity for individuals and businesses to advertise in the 2023 Department Convention program. See the attached flyer for more information.

### **2023 BASEBALL ENTRY DEADLINE**

The program will get into full swing during the month of June. Final rosters are due no later than June 15. 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 the postseason when they register for American Legion Baseball, to keep from incurring a \$300 penalty; any team that does not intend to participate in the postseason will need to notify the Department no later than July 1. The tournament directors' meeting is 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be conducted virtually. More information will be sent to host programs. Have a GREAT season!!



### **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 Department Headquarters by June 1. These are available on MyLegion.org or can be found on our website at [www.nebraskalegion.net](http://www.nebraskalegion.net). Complete the form online and email it to [dsalak@nebraskalegion.net](mailto:dsalak@nebraskalegion.net).

### **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. This isn't meant to be a barrier to high office but rather to ensure our officers are current on Legion activities and programs. The course can be found at [www.legion.org/alei](http://www.legion.org/alei)

### **PREPRINTED 2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

In order for new members to have a pre-printed 2024 membership card and also be listed on the Post Roster, their 2023 membership card had to have been received at Department by April 1, 2023. Additionally, any current member not paid by April 1, 2023, will not have their continuous years pre-printed on their 2024 membership card. Membership cards, Post Adjutant's Guide, and Post Officer's Guide will be mailed to the Post Adjutant on record at Department Headquarters. The Posts wishing to pick up the cards and guides in person from Department Headquarters can do so after June 15. All other cards and guides not picked up prior to June 15 will be placed in the mail on June 30.