

AFFILIATED BANK ACCOUNTS

Enclosed is a flyer about the Four Rules for all American Legion Programs. All Posts with a Squadron and/or Chapter must have two designated Post signers on all affiliated accounts. Contact Adjutant Martin for more information.

LIT ENROLLMENT

Encourage your members to activate their no cost \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy by signing up at www.theamericanlegion.org. This is a free benefit and is open to the entire Legion family.



EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD

The National Veterans Employment and Education Commission Annually presents several awards at The American Legions National Convention to honor employers that hire veterans, disabled veterans, and older workers. Contact Adjutant Martin for more information.

NATIONAL COMMANDER WILEY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

During the 2025 - 2026 membership year, National Commander Dan Wiley will award his National Commanders “Better Together” pin to any Legion member who recruits two new American Legion members. The certification form for this program is located at legion.org and can be submitted at any time.

HOLIDAY BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

December is The American Legion’s observance of a special effort to promote blood donor participation. Please encourage your members to donate when the bloodmobile is scheduled in your area. Ask donors to let you know the amount they donated for use in the CPR.

POST OFFICERS REPORT

Enclosed is a list of Posts who have not submitted a new officer report for the 2025-26 year. Please submit these to Headquarters if you are included on the list.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTALS

Department asks all Posts to send in their membership as soon as possible. There are many Posts that have not sent in any membership as of this newsletter. Please transmit memberships at least twice a month.

WELLCARE BENEFITS

As an official partner of The American Legion, Wellcare provides options for medical benefits to Legionnaires. A flyer has been included.

Enclosures:

- American Legion Four Rules Information
- Well-Care Benefits Information
- National Commander’s Incentive Pin
- Post Officers Form



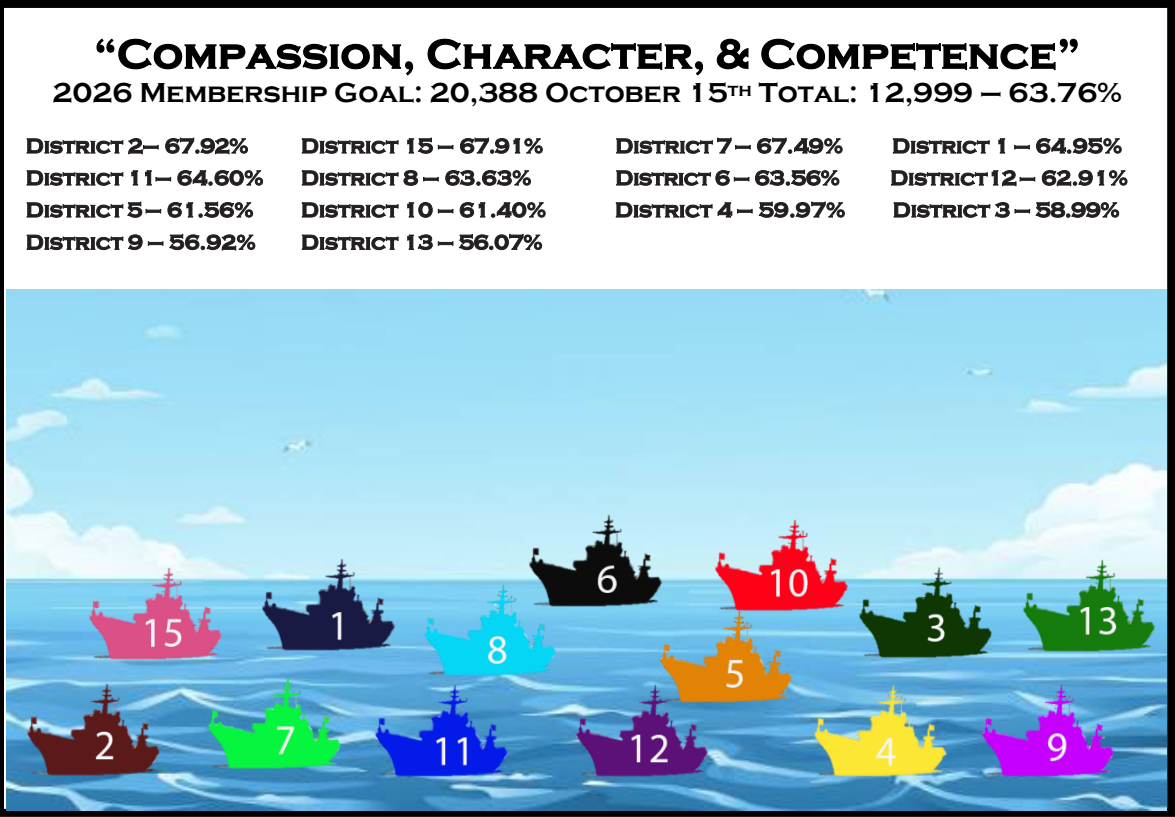
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Department of Nebraska
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Lincoln, NE 68528
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NEWSLETTER

November 2025
Published in January, March, May, July, September & November

Department Commander
Judy Walters

Department Adjutant
Eric Martin



DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

There is currently a vacancy in the Assistant Adjutant position. If you are interested in applying, please contact Adjutant Martin for an application. Interviews will follow.

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

This year's Mid-Year Conference will remain focused on educational training. This event is being held January 16 – 18, 2026, at the Norfolk Lodge & Suites, 4200 W Norfolk Ave, in Norfolk. The Department Executive Committee and Department Committees will meet on Friday, January 16. For reservations, please call the Norfolk Lodge & Suites (402-379-3833). Room rates are \$110.00 per night. Conference fee is \$10.00.

The condensed agenda schedule will be in the December issue of The Nebraska Legionnaire.

MEMBERSHIP TARGETS

Upcoming Veterans Day target date, November 13 (65%), is our next membership goal. Look at your rosters and call those members who have not renewed. The Pearl Harbor Day target date, December 10 (75%), is not far behind.

Any member who was not renewed by October 15 will receive a dues notice in November.

DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The Department Executive Committee has authorized a fundraiser for a lottery drawing on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at our Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. The prizes will be: 1st prize \$2,500; 2nd prize, \$1,000; 3rd prize \$500; 4th-8th prize \$200 each. Nebraska Legionnaires will receive tickets in the mail after November 1. Tickets will be 1 ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$25.

EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

Nominations for the Eagle Scout of the Year scholarship program are available upon request from this office. All nomination packets are to be submitted directly to Department Headquarters by March 1. The winner of the National Competition will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and the three runners-up are each awarded \$2,500 scholarships. The top three finalist in Nebraska receive a cash award of \$500, \$300, and \$200. Contact Adjutant Martin for more information.



VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day will be observed on November 11, 2025, and we hope your post and community have made plans for the observance. This is a great opportunity to meet with and provide an informative program for your local school. Department Headquarters will be closed on Tuesday, November 11.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

This is a reminder of the various awards that our department membership committee has authorized this year. Please consult your 2026 Post Adjutant Guide.

STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

District Oratorical Contests are currently being held. The Area Contest will be held as follows: Area A, December 7th at South Sioux City Post 307; Area B, December 6th at the Boone County Courthouse in Albion; Area C, December 7th at the Civic Center in Seward; and Area D, December 6th at Rushville Post 161. Contact your Area Vice Commander for details. The four Area winners will compete in the State Contest at Mid-Year Conference.

EARLY BIRD AWARD

The Early Bird Award has been held during Commander Walters Homecoming September 13th in Ainsworth. The five Early Bird awards in the amount of \$200 went to Mary Beth Sueppel Hewitt of Bellevue --- Papillion Post 32; Arthur Bickley of Piedmont, Oklahoma --- Madison Post 35; Kenneth Bright of Wilber --- Wilber Post 101; Neal Anderson of Ansley --- Ansley Post 153; and Michael Cain of North Platte --- Hershey Post 279. Commander Judy thanks you for getting your membership renewed early.



TOURNAMENT HOSTS SOUGHT

The Department Athletic Committee will be holding its meeting for selection of tournament sites for the Area and State Baseball Tournaments during the Mid-Year Conference. The official bid form is located on our website at www.nelegionbaseball.net or by calling Adjutant Martin. Be sure to read all the requirements before submitting the application. The form must be received no later than January 7.

Bids for the host site of the State Golf Tournament will be reviewed and selected at the Mid-Year meeting. Interested Posts should contact Programs Director Eric Martin for more information.

2026 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Washington Conference is scheduled for February 28 – March 4 and is open to any Legion family member wishing to attend. Housing can be made with the Washington Hilton located at 1919 Connecticut Ave NW by calling 202-483-3000. Contact Adjutant Martin for more information.

AMERICAN LEGION LABEL PROGRAM

Nebraska Legionnaires should have received a set of American Legion return address labels with a request for donation to Department. This helps with the costs of our many programs and projects we sponsor. Any donation will be appreciated.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
150 NW 40th Street Unit A
Lincoln, NE 68528

2025-26 POST OFFICER REPORT FORM

Return this form immediately following election of post officers for 2025-26 in your post. **Please notify Department Headquarters even if Post Officers are reelected for another year. **

Please return this form to the above address or email to: awashburn@nebraskalegion.net not later than June 15, 2025.

COMMANDER

(Name)

(Mailing Address-Zip)

Commander's Home Phone ()

Cell Phone ()

EMAIL ADDRESS

(Membership ID No.)

ADJUTANT

(Name)

(Mailing Address-Zip)

Adjutant's Home Phone ()

Cell Phone ()

EMAIL ADDRESS

(Membership ID No.)

**1ST VICE
COMMANDER**

(Name)

(Mailing Address-Zip)

(email/phone)

**FINANCE
OFFICER**

(Name)

(Mailing Address-Zip)

(email/phone)

**MEMBERSHIP
CHAIRMAN**

(Name)

(Mailing Address-Zip)

(email/phone)

Post membership dues for 2025-26 are \$

On what nights of each month does your Post meet?

On what date were the above officers elected?

Was the date of election as provided by Post Bylaws?

Was notice given to all members as provided by Post Bylaws?

Has your Post a set of Post Constitution and Bylaws to govern its work?

SIGNATURE

POST NUMBER

DISTRICT NUMBER PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF POST

Post	Post No	Dist	Date
Chadron	12	1	6/14/2024
Springview	98	1	6/14/2024
Wood Lake	202	1	6/14/2024
Hay Springs	239	1	6/14/2024
Battle Creek	75	2	10/12/2021
O'Neill	93	2	7/16/2024
Albion	162	2	6/15/2024
Tilden	170	2	12/9/2024
Verdel	223	2	7/16/2024
Niobrara	224	2	6/27/2024
St Edward	226	2	6/14/2024
Elgin	229	2	10/22/2019
Page	315	2	7/14/2021
Primrose	347	2	12/6/2024
Tekamah	15	3	6/14/2024
Oakland	46	3	9/24/2024
Laurel	54	3	1/9/2025
Emerson	60	3	8/8/2019
Wisner	85	3	6/15/2024
Walthill	89	3	7/15/2019
Coleridge	114	3	7/14/2021
Craig	127	3	11/19/2020
Macy	139	3	7/1/2021
Beemer	159	3	7/8/2022
Bancroft	191	3	6/28/2023
South Sioux City	307	3	10/29/2024
Winnebago	363	3	7/29/2024
Dakota City	376	3	12/15/2022
Morrill	10	4	4/30/2024
Bridgeport	29	4	4/8/2014
Dalton	301	4	7/2/2023
Lisco	309	4	7/2/2023
Grant	40	5	8/10/2021
Ogallala	135	5	6/14/2024
Arthur	207	5	12/20/2024
Sutherland	208	5	10/23/2023
Wallace	213	5	6/14/2024
Eddyville	225	5	2/24/2022
Thedford	230	5	6/14/2024
Paxton	303	5	6/14/2024
Stapleton	324	5	9/16/2024
Ord	38	6	6/14/2024
Loup City	48	6	7/19/2024
Kearney	52	6	6/27/2024
Belgrade	99	6	12/5/2022
Sargent	104	6	6/14/2024
Ashton	108	6	7/16/2024
Mason City	142	6	6/7/2021
Genoa	144	6	6/21/2022
Scotia	150	6	6/1/2020
Boelus	201	6	6/14/2024
Oconto	250	6	6/14/2024
Shelton	297	6	6/14/2024

Post	Post No	Dist	Date
Burwell	298	6	6/14/2024
Gibbon	310	6	9/16/2021
Pleasanton	321	6	6/15/2024
Brewster	323	6	9/27/2018
Schuyler	47	7	6/14/2024
Osceola	91	7	6/27/2024
Scribner	121	7	9/3/2024
Stromsburg	132	7	10/4/2024
Ceresco	244	7	6/14/2024
Creston	306	7	7/2/2023
Morse Bluff	340	7	6/1/2022
Springfield	143	8	9/3/2024
Herman	274	8	6/14/2024
Omaha	331	8	8/7/2024
Bellevue	339	8	7/5/2023
Fort Calhoun	348	8	11/6/2024
Kennard	366	8	12/12/2018
Wilsonville	152	9	11/4/2022
Cambridge	199	9	8/7/2017
Oxford	219	9	6/14/2024
Paliside	318	9	10/23/2024
Trenton	337	9	2/14/2023
Edison	343	9	6/14/2024
Indianola	344	9	6/14/2024
Glenvil	26	10	5/25/2021
Minden	94	10	6/30/2021
Bloomington	145	10	2/3/2025
Nelson	187	10	7/16/2024
Franklin	209	10	6/14/2024
Fairfield	256	10	10/19/2023
Guide Rock	278	10	12/21/2023
Riverton	328	10	11/2/2006
Hildreth	378	10	3/21/2023
Beatrice	27	11	6/14/2024
Alexandria	194	11	2/15/2024
Exeter	218	11	7/8/2022
Adams	221	11	8/8/2024
Plymouth	243	11	7/24/2024
Diller	282	11	10/12/2022
McCool Junction	341	11	6/14/2024
Nehawka	157	12	2/8/2018
Palmyra	195	12	11/15/2024
Weeping Water	237	12	7/16/2024
Elmwood	247	12	6/14/2024
Bennet	280	12	11/18/2022
Louisville	353	12	6/27/2024
Cordova	359	12	1/7/2022
Garland	369	12	6/2/2022
Lincoln	1919	12	1/13/2025
Auburn	23	13	8/12/2024
Falls City	102	13	6/14/2024
Burchard	156	13	6/14/2024
Elk Creek	370	13	6/27/2024



FOUR RULES OF AN AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAM

The American Legion's most prized possessions are its name, emblem and logo. Its century of existence has built an environment of respect around those three things. Protecting those prized possessions is necessary to ensure that the environment of respect remains in place.

The American Legion's work under the four pillars, particularly the work involving Americanism and Children and Youth, often involves outside organizations and almost always community partnerships. Protecting the three possessions requires that rules be put in place to ensure that protection continues.

Many programs exist to carry forward The American Legion's work. Some are strictly internal, such as Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders, while others are more external, such as American Legion Baseball and Boys State. Regardless of whether they are internal or external, these programs must obey the same set of rules, even though in some cases, seemingly independent organizations are created to assist with the work of a particular program.

All programs, whether strictly internal or organized under a subsidiary corporation or entity, must obey the following four rules. Whether the program in question is chartered by a Post, a County or District, a Department or National as the parent organization, this requirement is in place.

If one or more of these rules is violated, National will need to enforce intellectual property rights against the organization that caused the violation.

Rule #1 – "Leadership" – All elected and appointed leaders must be confirmed by the parent organization after each selection, or as needed.

Rule #2 – "Rules" – All bylaws, amendments and/or standing rules must be presented to the parent organization for confirmation and approval prior to use.

Rule #3 – "Reports" – The program will provide to the parent organization: (a) monthly activities reports; (b) quarterly financial reports; (c) an annual financial statement; and (d) any additional report(s) requested by the parent organization.

Rule #4 – "Controls" – The parent organization may provide the program with the employer identification number (EIN) and the tax-exemption status, with the necessary financial controls over their usage. All program financial accounts must have a minimum of two (2) signatories appointed by the parent organization.

By signing the following statement, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the rules and will comply with those requirements. It is recommended that this form be signed by the program leader and a post officer annually or when there is a change in leadership.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT		
Post	Program Name	
Program Leader	Signature	Date
Post Officer	Signature	Date



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- ⌘ Dental coverage
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- ⌘ Hearing coverage
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You showed up for your country. You deserve a Medicare Advantage plan that shows up for you.

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☎ **844-599-0128 (TTY: 711)**
8 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week

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**NATIONAL COMMANDER DAN K. WILEY'S
2026 MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE INCENTIVE PIN
CERTIFICATION FORM**



**Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address
provided is for the recruiter and not the post.**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ **MAIL TO RECRUITER** ☐ **MAIL TO POST**

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (2) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2026 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2025 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.)

NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND SAL MEMBERS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THIS INCENTIVE. PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION.
COINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2026, OR UNTIL SUPPLIES ARE EXHAUSTED.

(2) NEW MEMBERS:

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. _____

2. _____

Return completed forms to:

The American Legion

Internal Affairs & Membership Division

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413

Email: kadams@legion.org