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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN NOT COMPLETE A review of the membership analysis indicates many posts need only one, two, three, or fewer than half a dozen to equal or exceed last year's total and to meet their assigned goal. Time is short to complete our 2010 campaign. Please review your delinquent list and make personal contact where necessary. There are eligible veterans in every community who have never been invited into membership. PLEASE INVITE THEM, NOW!

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ENTRY DEADLINE If your Post is participating in the 2010 American Legion Baseball program **initial entry deadline is May 3rd**. Teams registering after May 3rd may be imposed a \$200 late fee. Finalizing your team registration with insurance, registration fees and Form 2's deadline is May 31st. Submitting and getting your Team Roster approved is June 21st. A team that is NOT going to participate in the Area or State tournaments must submit a declination letter to the Department or there will be a \$300 penalty included in next season's registration.

BOYS' STATE / JUNIOR LAW CADET PARTICIPANTS Please keep in touch with your candidates for Cornhusker Boys' State and any selectees for the Junior Law Cadet program from your Post. In this way, you will ensure their participation and be in a position to assist them with their transportation, should the need arise. Questions on the Boys' State bus schedule should be addressed to your District Commander.

DIRECT DUES BILLING Information on the National direct billing program was sent to all Post Adjutants early in March. You are reminded the Post Data Form attached to the bulletin was to be returned to Department Headquarters by **April 15** with appropriate changes, if necessary. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so immediately. If no changes are made, or should the form not be returned, direct dues responses will be sent to the same individual – at the same address – at the same dues rate as last year. Please be certain your dues amount is correct.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS MAY STILL BE EARNED Please be reminded of the various membership awards that are available through National and Department. **May 10** is the receipt date in this office for the Silver Brigade, Gold Brigade and Recruiter of the Year awards. Certification forms can be found in the Post Adjutant Guide. You are encouraged to review the many awards that are available for 2010 membership efforts. The Post Membership Achievement Award is based on the post membership as of May 31 compared to the membership of July 31, 2009.

CONVENTION CALL / DELEGATE STRENGTH Within the next few weeks, the official Department Convention Call and the notification of the number of delegates each Post is entitled to seat at the Convention will be sent to Post Adjutants. Included with the mailing will be an appropriate number of delegate and alternate cards. These cards must be taken to the Convention and presented at the time of registration.

CODY KERR AWARD This prestigious award is the highest award given by the Nebraska American Legion and will be presented to a deserving individual at the State Convention in Columbus. Applications are now being accepted by immediate Past Department Commanders – Bill Crosier, Jerry Landkamer, and Ron Ingram. If more convenient, please feel free to send your nomination to Department Headquarters and it will be forwarded to the committee. This award is based on service to the community, state and nation; not just American Legion involvement. Please use a written narrative style of nomination on your Post letterhead. No specific form is provided.

POST PUBLICATIONS CONTEST The Nebraska American Legion Press Association has announced the acceptance of entries for the 2010 Post Publication Contest. The contest is open to any Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L. publication with a staff member who is a 2010 member of the Nebraska ALPA. An entry consists of three issues published between May 2009, and April 2010. Submit the issues to Department Headquarters prior to the deadline of May 31, 2010.

ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS Enclosed is the 2010-11 Post Officer report form (Adjutants only). The Department Constitution and Bylaws call for the election of officers at the Post meeting prior to the Department Convention and the installation following the convention. This would suggest that most Posts will be electing their post officers during the May or June meetings. Since Department Headquarters has no way of knowing whether Posts have elected new officers or retained their former ones, we request that the names of the 2010-11 officers be sent to us immediately following their election. This allows us to maintain a current list and helps everybody in sending information to the correct individuals.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT The Consolidated Post Report form for the 2009-10 American Legion years was mailed to the Post Adjutant with this Newsletter last month. Please complete and return to **Department Headquarters ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 9, 2010**. **The Consolidated Post report can now be found on our web site at www.nebraskalegion.net complete the form on line and email the report to nebraska@legion.org**

BOYS' STATE WEB SITE Be sure follow the daily activities at Cornhusker Boys' State from June 6th – June 12th on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus at www.cornhuskerboysstate.org

LEGIONNAIRE DAYS AT THE "K" The American Legion is teaming up with the Kansas City Royals to invite you to Kauffman Stadium on **Saturday, May 15, 2010**, when the Chicago White Sox come to town during a Salute to Armed Forces Day as well as **Saturday, July 17th** versus the Oakland A's for the official Legionnaire Days at the "K". Tickets can be purchased on line at www.nebraskabaseball.net special rate tickets benefit American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

JOIN THE NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TO BRANSON, MO Department of Nebraska has arranged a trip to Branson, Missouri on November 9-12, 2010 for The American Legion Family. The four day trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 3 night lodging, baggage handling, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 dinner cruise. You'll see the Oak Ridge Boys, Yakov Smirnoff, Legends in Concert, Presley's Jubilee, and a Veterans Day parade. Visit our website at www.nebraskalegion.net for more information or call Adjutant Burkhart 402-464-6338.

Additional Announcements.....

- S.A.L. golf outing during Department Convention in Columbus on Sat. 6/26/10