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CONVENTION CREWS SAY 'THANKS' Department and National officers and committee members who traveled the annual district convention circuit wish to extend their appreciation for all the courtesies and hospitality extended to them while attending the conventions. Commonly referred to as the “traveling circus,” those participating always enjoy meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT Enclosed [Post Adjutants only] is the Consolidated Post Report form for the 2009-10 American Legion year. Please complete this form and return it to **Department Headquarters ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 8, 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**

This report serves a useful purpose to compile activity information from all American Legion Posts, required by our Federal Charter, and which is presented to the Congress. The form is not complicated and can be completed in a relatively short period of time once you have your statistics ready. The annual Americanism and Children & Youth Awards are based on your Post's participation as documented on this report.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE There have been 350 young men accepted as participants in the 2010 session of Cornhusker Boys' State. Acceptance notices were sent to Post sponsors on March 24. If your Post/sponsor has not received confirmation, please contact Department Headquarters for verification. It is possible we did not receive the application. The Department still has openings available for Boys' State if you have a young man that would like to attend please contact the Department ASAP.

ORIENTATION / SELECTION PROGRAMS Most Districts will conduct a Boys State / Girls State orientation program this spring. Additionally, every District will hold a selection program to determine the candidates who will be participating in the Junior Law Cadet program. Be on the lookout for information from your District Commander for the date, time and location of the programs in your district, and make sure your candidates are provided with the information in a timely manner.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PLANS It is time to begin planning for attendance at Department Convention, and Posts should plan to send a delegation to this year's event, scheduled for Columbus, June 24-27 2010. Business sessions of The American Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. will all be held in the New World Inn, Commander Deunk has been making necessary program arrangements.

2010 BASEBALL SEASON IS SET Be sure your Post does not miss the entry deadline for registering your American Legion Baseball teams. Sponsorship of the program begins anew each year with your Post. **Deadline is May 3**. Late entries will be accepted with an additional \$100.00 per team late fee up to May 31. Entry fees are non-refundable. Visit our new web site at www.nelegionbaseball.net

TEACHER OF THE YEAR Please remember the Department “Teacher of the Year Award” has an entry deadline of **May 3, 2010**. This award will honor an educator whose accomplishments and activities in the field of education are in excess of what is normally expected, and who also promotes American Legion youth programs in their school. A nomination form was enclosed in last month’s Newsletter. Contact Activities Director John Thompson for complete information.

PREPRINTED 2010 MEMBERSHIP CARDS The deadline for receipt of 2010 membership cards at Department Headquarters for the purpose of receiving preprinted 2011 membership cards is **Monday, April 05**. This is also a transmittal date, so cards must be received at Headquarters by 9:00 a.m.

2011 DIRECT BILLING DATA FORM Post Adjutants have received the 2011 direct billing information from Department Headquarters. You are urged to read the information carefully before completing the form. Please double check to ensure the mailing address is correct to which the membership returns are to be mailed – which includes the three-line address and correct ZIP code. Above all, **make sure the dues amount is correct**. Remember it is necessary to transmit \$24.75 per card when making a membership transmittal to Headquarters. ***Due date at Department Headquarters is APRIL 15.***

RECRUITER / GOLD & SILVER BRIGADE Post Adjutants are asked to review their Adjutant’s Manual for the Recruiter, Gold & Silver Brigade and other membership awards available to Post members. Most forms must be **received** at Department Headquarters by May 5.

‘AROUND THE STATE’ NEWS ITEMS Keep The Nebraska Legionnaire in mind whenever your Post participates in a worthy cause, sponsors contests or programs, or as a special event. Post Adjutants, Public Relations Officers or another member of the Post must be responsible to send in the information. Photographs are also welcome for publication in The Nebraska Legionnaire – remember, a good photo is worth a thousand words. Deadline for publication is the 15th of the month preceding date of issue. You may utilize e-mail to contact Communications Director John Thompson at: comdirlegion@windstream.net

APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH Children our most precious natural resource is The American Legion national theme for “April is Children & Youth Month” The Department encourage your use and support of this theme in the promotion of all our Children & Youth programs.

REMINDER Deadline for filing Form 990-N for all Nebraska American Legion Post is May 15, 2010. (see enclosed bulletin)

Announcements and Bulletins enclosed

- ** Consolidated Post Report form (Adjutants only)
- * * Procedure for filing Form 990-N