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<u>NEW MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE PERSON</u> We wish Sandy Steinkamp a well-deserved retirement after 46-years in the Nebraska American Legion office. Her replacement, Amanda Washburn, is quickly getting up to speed on all the nuances associated with her new position. Request you use <u>afwashburn@windstream.net</u> to contact her via email for all matters regarding membership, transmittals, finances, etc. Sandy's old email address <u>adminastlegion@windstream.net</u> will be deleted in November so any email sent to that address after November will not be read.

"CENTENNIAL COINS" The 100th Anniversary of The American Legion is rapidly ending and soon the sales of the Centennial Coins will cease. This is a once in a lifetime occasion so go online and order your set today at https://www.usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/commemorative-coins/american-legion-100th-anniversary

<u>LEGION ACT</u> The LEGION Act was signed into law by President Trump which opens membership into The American Legion. Instead of seven eligibility periods, at present there are just two. They are April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918 and December 7, 1941 to present (or whenever Congress declares we are no longer at war). All other requirements remain same for membership. The only thing that changed were eligibility dates.

<u>NATIONAL CONVENTION</u> Dozens of Nebraska American Legion Family members attended the 101st Annual National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, the last week of August. You can expect to receive reports on the convention at many of the District Fall Round-ups and County Conventions.

<u>GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE</u> In August, a bulletin explaining the Gifts for Yanks program was sent with the newsletter and although donations are being received on a regular basis, we certainly need many more Posts, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters to support this program. Our veterans who are confined to the VA Medical Centers and who reside at the Veterans Homes will thank you for brightening their holiday season. Donations for this program are still being accepted, so if your post has not already made a donation there is still time to do so. Send your contributions to Department Headquarters, earmarked, "Gifts for Yanks." Please see attached schedule for dates and times.

ONLINE RENEWALS Nebraska is once again participating in the online renewal program (see the Post Adjutant guide). Checks for the post share of dues and a list of those members who have renewed online will be mailed to the Post Adjutant in January and July. Please issue the 2020 membership card to those members who paid online and destroy the state and national portion of the card. DO NOT pay department for the members who have renewed online or mail their cards back to Department Headquarters. You can view the members in your post who have paid their dues online on MyLegion.org. If you have any questions, please email Amanda at Department HQ's.

<u>MEMBERSHIP REMINDER</u> The Department will be awarding an <u>EARLY BIRD AWARD</u> to a Legionnaire that pays their dues on an annual basis and has their dues at Department Headquarters by Wednesday, September 11. The winner receives \$150.00.



<u>AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL</u> The Department Athletic Committee will meet on October 19^{th,} tentatively scheduled to be in Gibbon, to review the 2019 Baseball season. Changes for 2020 will be announced during the Athletic Committee presentation at the Mid-Year Conference in Kearney in January. Applications to host the 2020 Area and State Baseball Tournaments must be returned to Department Headquarters by January 6, 2020.

<u>MYLEGION FOR POST OFFICERS</u> The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a secure internet site to assist Post Officers in the day-to-day membership processing duties. All post commanders or post adjutants are encouraged to complete the authorization form located on the National website to sign up for MyLegion access. Remember all of the online features to post officers are free. https://www.mylegion.org/

2020 DEPARTMENT GOAL Based on the "one more member than last year" system, the Department membership goal is 27,689. Commander Wooten wants everyone to step up to the challenge. If you need help, please contact the Membership Committee and they will offer support.

<u>DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS</u> A spreadsheet of important District and Area events is enclosed with this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact your District and Area Commander.

<u>REMINDER TO ADJUTANTS</u> Please use only our post office box address for transmitting membership cards and make sure your envelope is sturdy and sealed. Too often we receive envelopes which have been broken open or torn. Please protect your cards and checks by mailing them in good quality envelopes.

<u>DIRECT BILLING RENEWAL</u> All members whose 2020 card has been received at National Headquarters by Wednesday, September 11 will be deleted from the second renewal notice to be sent about October 7. Getting those cards to Department Headquarters before 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 9 is important.

County Government Day programs during the 2019-20 school years have been sent to County

Commanders, County Veterans Service Officers, and American Legion Auxiliary representatives. In addition to Post and Unit officers, schools and county courthouse officials should become involved in the planning. County Commanders or Chairmen should advise Department Headquarters (on the form provided in a separate mailing) of the date of your program. Supplies may be ordered on the same form.

ORATORICAL CONTEST REQUIRES SCHOOL CONTACT
A high school student from your community could have up to \$18,000 provided for their college education by next April. How? By becoming a participant in the annual American Legion Oratorical Contest scholarship program. Information on the 2019-20 program was mailed to all schools in August. All information for Post's to visit schools and run a local contest can be found at https://www.legion.org/oratorical with the local dates at http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Programs.html. Local contact is important if you plan to sponsor a contestant into the district and state contests. DISTRICT contests will be held during November. The four Department AREA contests will be held in December. The STATE contest is held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, during the annual Mid-Year Conference in Kearney. The winner of the State-level will compete at the National level in Indianapolis April 17-19, 2020.

Enclosed:

- 1. Gifts for Yanks Activities Schedule
- 2. District/Area Important Dates
- 3. Oratorical Letter to Posts

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA&R 2019 SCHEDULE

DOLLAR DAYS GIFT SHOP AND GIFTS FOR YANKS EVENTS

Please plan to arrive at all events one-half hour before the event time

VETERANS DOLLAR DAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Grand Island NE VAMC

2:30 p.m.

Central NE VA Home, Kearney

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Lincoln NE Regional Center

Thursday, November 7, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Norfolk NE Veterans Home

Thursday, November 14, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Omaha VA Medical Center

2:00 p.m.

Eastern NE VA Home, Bellevue

Sunday November 17 2019

2:00 p.m.

Western NE VA Home, Scottsbluff

VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Set up, on December 1, 2019

Gift Shop dates: December 2, 3, 4, 5

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Omaha VA Medical Center

Set up, on December 10, 2019

Gift Shop dates: December 10th

10:00 a.m.

Grand Island Medical Center

GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Sunday, December 1, 2019	2:00 p.m.	Wester NE VA Home, Scottsbluff
Tuesday, December 3, 2019	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Grand Island VA Medical Center Central NE VA Home, Kearney
Wednesday, December 4, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln NE Regional Center
Friday, December 6, 2019	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk NE Veterans Home Norfolk NE Regional Center
Saturday, December 7, 2019	1:30 p.m.	Hot Springs, SD, VA Medical Center
Monday, December 9, 2019	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE VA Home, Bellevue

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Lincoln Elks Lodge 80		Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church	N/A	8300 East Pointe Rd, Lincoln, NE	
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Tuesday February 11 2020	Sunday, May 03, 2020	Tuesday, April 07, 2020	N/A	vvednesday, November 06, 2019	Counct 13
Fawnee City Post 168	512 6th St. Pawnee City, NE	512 6th St, Pawnee City, NE	N/A	512 6th St, Pawnee City, NE	District 15
9:30 a.m.	Pawnee City Post 168	Pawnee City Post 168	A/N	Pawnee City Post 168	
Saturday, February 15, 20	Suitaly, April 26, 2020	2:00 p.m.	N/N	2:00 p.m.	
115 Locust St, Hickman, NE		Sinday April 19 2020	N/N	Sunday, November 3, 2019	District 13
Hickman Community Center		SOT 5th St Suppose NE	A/N	201 North 8th St, Seward, NE	141 Part 2 Control
9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	N/N N/N	Nebraska National Guard Museum	
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Beatrice Post 27	Wilber Post 101	cornand community Center	2337 K St. Fairbury NE	605 Washington, Dorchester, NE	
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Sunday, February 16, 2020	Sunday, April 26th, 2020	Sunday, April 5th, 2020	2:00 n m	9:00 a.m.	
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Curtis Community Cent	McCook Evangelical Free Church	Mic Cook Junior High School Boardroom	301 Garlick Ave Curtic NE conte	600 W 7th Street, McCook, NE 69001	
m:e 0£:6	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Curlis Community Comp.m.	Mc Cook Junior High School Boardroom	
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Dodge Post 1	AROW 2nd St. Valoaraise NE	112 N 2nd St. Dwight, NE	Sr Center-592 D St, David City, NE	417 Espiande St, Bellwood, NE	
10:00 a.m.		Dwight Post 110	David City Post 125	Bellwood Post #327	
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Kearney Post 52	Centura no	201 N State Hwv 11. Cairo NF	416 S 1st St, Broken Bow, NE	406 E Kimball St, Callaway, NE	
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Sunday, March 1, 20	day, Ab	1:00 a.m	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
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North Platte Post 163	neisliey nigh school	301 Lincoln Ave Hershey NE	f-80 Interchange	I-80 Interchange	100
10:00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	Hershey High School	Museum of Military Vehicles	Museum of Military Vehicles	
Sunday, March 22, 2020	Sunday, April 19, 2020	2-00 m m	1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	
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Gering Post	Bayar	Valor Post 301	922 Illinois St. Sidney. NF	922 Illinois St, Sidney, NE	
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Crofton Post 128	115 Ward St Neligh NE	115 W 3rd St, Neligh, NE	116 Thayer St, Spencer, NE	247 NE-12, Niobrara, NE	Dietrica a
9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	Neligh Post 172	Spencer Post 78	Niobrara Elementary School	
Sunday, March 8, 2020	Sunday, April 26, 2020	Sunday, April 26, 2020	2:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
123 Bordeaux Street, Chadron,		206 Sprague St, Rushville, NE	Sunday, October 13, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019	District 2
Chadron Post 12	Valentine Post 90	Rushville Post 161	100 N Walnut St Cody NE	206 Sprague St, Rushville, NE	
9:00 a.m. MST		1:00 p.m. MST	Code Bost 310	Rushville Post 161	
Saturday April 4	Sunday, April 26, 2020	Sunday, April 12, 2020	Sunday, October 13, 2019	FINAL UDG:	
2020 Boys/Girls State Orientation 2020 District Convention	Total Cole Cole Chemitalion				000

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meetings tab.