



# NEWSLETTER

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*“2019 and Beyond”*

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**DEC MEETING** The next scheduled DEC meeting will be held June 28. This will be the regularly scheduled DEC meeting that normally takes place at our Department Convention. If you have items you wish to discuss please get them to Department Adjutant before June 22.

**2021 MEMBERSHIP CARDS** Membership cards, Post Adjutant's Guide, and Post Officer's Guide will be mailed to the Post Adjutant on record at Department Headquarters. Posts wishing to pick up the card and guides in person from Department Headquarters can do so after June 19. All other cards and guides not picked up prior to June 23 will be placed in the mail on June 24.

**JUNIOR LAW CADET CANCELLED** After serious consideration with the Americanism Committee and the State Patrol, it was agreed that the 2020 Junior Law Cadet session would be cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**CODY KERR NOMINATIONS** The committee composed of Past Department Commanders Beth Linn, Jim Costello, and Lyle Bartels wish to remind you to submit your nominations for this coveted award to one of the PDC's before June 17.

**NEW OFFICERS LIST** Our monthly reminders can be avoided if your post will send in the names of your 2020-21 Post Officers as soon as they have been determined. This form was sent to every Post last month and we know you understand the importance of correspondence being sent to the correct officer. Even if your officers have not changed, please return the completed form.

**2020 MEMBERSHIPS** 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 goal of 28,236. Commander Wooten 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.

**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR LEGION COLLEGE** Applications for the American Legion National College are still being accepted from young Legion leaders. Please call Department Headquarters for application form or more information. The one-week course, November 1 - 6, is held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The college is a terrific opportunity for a Nebraska Legionnaire to receive an expense-paid leadership course with considerable hands-on experience. Deadline for applications to the Department is June 12.

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL** The program will get into full swing during the month of June. The Department Athletic Committee recommends that all Nebraska American Legion Baseball teams follow all local, State and Federal health guidelines. Participation in the American Legion, Department of Nebraska baseball (NALB) is completely voluntary. Any participant, umpire, player, coach, volunteer, organizer, parents and fans are not required or solicited. If at any time, you feel that participating in NALB makes you uncomfortable, you should just not participate, at any level. There will be no post season play this year.

All previously purchased insurance obtained through the National on-line baseball registration system is void. Refunds from that process are automatic. If you purchased insurance during the National registration process, you will need to get new insurance. Insurance needs to be purchased prior to the first practice and must include, accident, liability and include abuse & molestation coverage. In addition, the Department of Nebraska, The American Legion will need to be listed as an “additional insured”.

**VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION** Nebraska’s 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held this summer in Lincoln. Now is the time to inform interested members of your post to make plans to attend. The event will be headquartered at the Lincoln Cornhusker Marriott (333 S 13<sup>th</sup> Street) August 13 - 16, 2020. For more information contact go to [www.vetsreunion.com](http://www.vetsreunion.com).