



NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS Several Districts are holding their convention this month and a representative from each Post within the District should be in attendance to allow the District to have a quorum to complete the business at hand. Post leadership and members Support your District!

NATIONAL COMMANDER VISIT National Commander Oxford is visiting Nebraska on March 11-15. See the attached flyer for complete itinerary information.

CORNHUSKER BOYS' STATE The in-person session for 2021 has been cancelled but the Cornhusker Boys' State Board of Directors is researching the possibility of a virtual session. Please continue interviewing students and send in your applications and \$375.00 fee to reach us before March 15. More information will be forthcoming. Brochures and applications can be found at <http://nebraskalegion.net/Programs/BState.html>

RESOLUTIONS The means by which changes are instituted within The American Legion start in the form of a resolution. Be sure to get your proposed resolutions approved through your Post and Squadron. Resolutions should be forwarded to your District Convention for endorsement/approval. Contact Adjutant Salak for a copy of the resolution template should you need one.

MEMBERSHIP We still have 2,787 members to renew and sign up to reach our goal of 26,798. Let's get all renewals collected and transmitted NOW! Next target date is March 10, so cards must be to Department by Monday, March 8. A reminder to Post Adjutants to remit \$35.00 per membership card.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS There are still a few membership awards that Posts and individuals are eligible to receive this year. A Stoldorf new member recruiting form is enclosed. Send the completed form to Headquarters by June 1, 2021 to be counted towards the individual awards. Contact Amanda at Headquarters with questions.

ANNUAL POST DATA REPORT The 2022 Annual Post Data Report has been included in this mailing for all Post Adjutants. This report needs to be filled out and returned to Department Headquarters before April 15. If you have any questions, please give Amanda a call at 402-464-6338.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION Legionnaires are encouraged to make reservations for the 2021 Department Convention June 24-27 in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott (402-474-7474). Rooms are \$99.00 a night. We have a limited number of rooms so book early.

VETERANS CRISIS LINE There are far too many veterans in crisis; be it chronic pain, anxiety, depression, homelessness, etc. The Veterans Crisis Line (800-273-8255) is a tool that someone in crisis can use if/when life starts to feel overwhelming. See Nebraska Legion homepage for more information.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S PIN National Commander James "Bill" Oxford will award his National Commander pin to any American Legion Family member who obtains three new members into The American Legion. Form can be downloaded from National's website at <https://www.legion.org/commander/pin>

LET'S PLAY BASEBALL! Legion Baseball season has begun. Coaches and staff must complete a background check before the team's registration can be approved. Deadline changes – Registration, Fees and Insurance NLT May 15; Transfer forms sent to Department NLT May 31; Rosters by June 15. As always teams are encouraged to retain Insurance and Form 2s for 5 years. Class A Sr & Jr Area – July 16-21; Class A Sr & Jr State – July 24-29; Class A Sr Division Playoffs – July 30-31; Class A Regional – August 3; Class B & C Jr Area – July 9-14; Class B & C Jr State – July 17-22; Class B & C Sr Area – July 23-28; Class B & C Sr State – July 31 – August 5.

OPERATION SCHOOL TALK Our Americanism Committee sponsors "OPERATION SCHOOL TALK" to educate and inform the youth on the principles and programs of The American Legion and our proud military service. Those that have gone to a school and talked to the students are encouraged to fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Department by May 1. The awards will be presented at Department Convention in Lincoln.

TEACHER-OF-THE-YEAR The Americanism Committee sponsors a "Teacher-of-the-Year Award" for elementary, middle and/or high school teachers. This award honors an educator whose accomplishments in the field of education are in excess of what is normally expected, and also promotes American Legion youth programs in their school. Download the nomination at <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Teacher.html>. Forward completed forms to Programs Director Brent Hagel-Pitt by May 1.

50-60-70-75-80-85 YEAR RECOGNITION National Headquarters prepares certificates of recognition early each year for members credited on the data records with 50, 60, 70, 75, 80 and 85 years of continuous membership. National sends the certificates directly to Post Commanders for distribution to honored members. Please notify Department Headquarters if you have problems in receiving certificates for your Post.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND The National Emergency Fund was established to assist Legionnaires who were displaced from their home due to a declared natural disaster. These funds cover costs associated with out-of-pocket expenses for food, clothing and shelter that were incurred due to the disaster. All posts are encouraged to send a generous donation, so the coffers stay full when bad weather hits.

Enclosed:

National Commander Itinerary

Stoldorf Membership Form

2022 Annual Post Data Report and Letter (Adjutants only)

Operation School Talk Form