



# NEWSLETTER

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*“2019 and Beyond”*

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**CONVENTION CREWS SAY ‘THANKS’/DISTRICT CONVENTIONS** Department officers and committee members who traveled the annual district convention circuit extend their appreciation for the courtesies extended while attending the conventions. Remaining District Conventions are: District 1 – Saturday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. virtually; District 4 – Sunday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill; District 8 – Saturday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. in Gretna; and District 10 – Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. in Alma. Your District Commander has more information.

An extra special thank you from Department Adjutant Dave to Barb, Doug, and Amanda Washburn who went above and beyond and took care of my dogs, Chancey and Mindy, while I was away on the many weekends attending District Conventions.

**CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT** Enclosed (Adjutant only) is the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form for the 2020-2021 American Legion year. Please complete this form and return it to Department Headquarters ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2021. The CPR can now be found on our website and MyLegion.

**PROPOSED DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGES** There has been three C&BL’s resolution passed at a District Convention for consideration thus far. We still have four conventions to go so others may be coming. See attached.

**CORNHUSKER BOYS’ STATE CANCELLED** The 2021 Boys’ State Session, both in-person and virtual, has been cancelled. The Cornhusker Board of Directors made this decision based on the number of applications that were received and the cost of the virtual program. Letters were sent out to the sponsoring entity and to the delegates on March 26. All sponsor checks have been returned as well.

Additionally, like was done last year, each applicant that was entered in the database by March 15 will be mailed a 2021 Boys’ State pin and certificate. That will take time as we have to have the pins made. Contact Program Director Dave Salak with any questions.

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PLANS** It is time to begin planning for attendance at Department Convention in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott. DEC will meet on June 24 and the Convention will meet June 25 - 27. Business sessions of the American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR will all be held in the Cornhusker Marriott. Phone 402-474-7474 for reservations. Rooms are \$99.00. Convention Registration fee is \$10.00.

**2021 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 15. Late entries will be accepted with an additional \$200.00 per team late fee up to May 31. Entry fees are non-refundable. Visit our web site at [www.nelegionbaseball.net](http://www.nelegionbaseball.net)

**IRS 990-N REMINDER** Deadline for filing Form 990-N for all Nebraska American Legion Posts is May 15. The Form 990-N must be filed every year, or the post could lose its tax-exempt status.

**DELAYED MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTALS** Memberships not transmitted in a timely manner can prove costly. If a Legionnaire is not current in their membership and tragedy strikes – it is possible they would not be entitled to the benefits and programs of The American Legion since you must be a member in good standing to apply for National Emergency Funds and collect on the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (just to name a couple). Don't put the Post, the Legionnaire, or the family into that predicament. Make it a point to turn in memberships every two weeks.

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS** Before any membership transfer occurs, there must be a Member Data Form (30-001) provided to Department Headquarters, signed by a member or certified by a post commander or adjutant where a member has given oral permission to be transferred. This can be found at [nebraskalegion.net/about/forms.html](http://nebraskalegion.net/about/forms.html)

**HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** Did you know many High Schools require students to complete so many volunteer hours before graduation? Has your Post ever considered reaching out to a local High School and partnering with them to start a volunteer program? These students could help the Post in administrative duties like online activities, mailings, and other tasks. This mutual relationship is a win for both the Post and the volunteer. For the volunteer, having those hours on their resume would help them with future jobs and college applications. In turn, Legion Commanders or Adjutants would have more time to help support their communities. Strike up a conversation with your local High School officials to see if it is something worth considering.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR** Please remember the Department "Teacher of the Year Award" has an entry deadline of May 1. 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. Contact Program Director Brent Hagel-Pitt for complete information.

**PREPRINTED 2022 MEMBERSHIP CARDS** In order for new members to have a pre-printed 2022 membership card and also be listed on the Post Roster, their 2021 dues must be received at Department by April 1, 2021. Additionally, any current member not paid by April 1, 2021, will not have their continuous years pre-printed on their 2022 membership card. Wednesday, April 14 is a cut-off date for the final renewal notice and dues must be to Department by April 12.

**2022 ANNUAL POST DATA REPORT** Post Adjutants received the 2022 Annual Post Data Report in the March newsletter. 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 \$35.00 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 10.

**APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH** "Children...Our Most Precious Natural Resource" is the national theme for Children & Youth month. Use this theme in the promotion of all our Children & Youth programs.

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM** The Department is offering the opportunity for individuals and businesses to advertise in the 2021 Department Convention program. See the attached flyer for more information.

Enclosures

\*\* Consolidated Post Report form (Adjutant Only)

\*\* Department Convention program ads