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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2025 DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

UNIT PRESIDENTS

It is important that you share this newsletter at your meetings and inform others that all Newsletters are available on the Nebraska Website (nebraskalegionaux.net). Thank you!!

FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

STIRRING UP MEMBERS – SUM = SUCCESS



Happy August!

Get ready to start stirring up the 2025/2026 year with the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary!

My name is Ruth Hietbrink and I want to say thank you for electing me as your 2025 - 26 Nebraska ALA President. I am so excited about this opportunity for the next year, getting to meet with you, and to see the exciting things that our organization can do to help our active-duty military, veterans, and their families. I am an ALA member through the tour of my Father in WWII, and I am honored to say that I have belonged to the ALA for 52 years.

The theme that I have chosen this year is “**STIRRING UP MEMBERS**” or SUM = SUCCESS. As many of you know, I love to bake, and I have an in home baking business. I am always stirring up something in my house, and now I get the opportunity to stir up members around the state to become more active in supporting our veterans, and active-duty military.

As America is preparing to celebrate our 250th Birthday in 2026, let us celebrate by putting membership at the top of our list and making it a year Nebraska achieves 100%. Everyone has received their Membership Packets, but there is a slight glitch. The numbers were transposed. You should see the corrections in this newsletter. Please discard the list you received in the Membership Packet and replace it with the list provided in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to traveling around the State of Nebraska to visit many of our wonderful ALA members this year. I ask that you please send me invites to the activities that you are doing.

My project is to increase funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. I will have baking items to raffle to help raise money.

My Leadership Training and Homecoming is on September 27th at the American Legion Hall in Bennet, Nebraska. Leadership registration will be at 2:00 pm with training starting at 2:30. The social hour will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. I would like to invite you all to attend. To RSVP please email me at rhietbri@gmail.com and mail \$25 per person to Ruth Hietbrink, 735 Washington St, Sterling, NE 68443. I do have VENMO upon request.

If you should have any questions, please call Headquarters, or you can call/text me at 402.239.6371 or email me at rhietbri@gmail.com.

Here are some events to prepare for in the upcoming months:

- Aug 1 Begin sending memberships to Department
- Sept 1 Membership for Rosewood Gavel
- Veterans Day at the State Fair
- Sept 11 Patriots Day
- Sept 13 Commander Judy's Homecoming in Ainsworth
- Sept 15 Renewal Notice from National Headquarters mailed
- Sept 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept 25 Gold Star Recognition Day
- Sept 27 Leadership Training and Homecoming for Ruth Hietbrink in Bennet

Ruth Hietbrink

Department President



FROM THE OFFICE

SECRETARY NOTES ----- **Roxanne Hiatt**

We are into a new year. Congratulations to Amanda on her amazing year and Best wishes to President Ruth for a fun filled year of stirring it up.

It is a new membership year. Please send what you have when you get it. I submit my Unit membership every Friday. It keeps everything more current, including the bank deposits. If you have questions call us. It's easier to get it right the first time for everyone.

By the time you share this newsletter at your Unit meetings, we will probably be back from National Convention in Tampa Bay. After Labor Day new applications will be put into the system so if you have sent one you can call for the membership number.

Donation sheets are in this newsletter. Please give them your attention as soon as possible. Some of the upcoming programs depend on your donations. The amounts on the Veterans Home and Gift Shop Assessments are based on your Units total membership as of end of year July 31. These amounts are correct. Please don't change them. Thank you.

We have three tables for sale here at the Headquarters office. They are 8' long and the legs fold up. \$25 each if possible. Call us if interested at 402-466-1808.



DEPARTMENT TREASURER
Jacki O'Neill

IRS 990 FILING

The Department Treasurer E-files unit 990s annually. I have a list of all the units EIN numbers in Nebraska. If your unit received a form from me titled "Electronic Notice (e-postcard)," that form was for your records showing your 990 e-postcard had been filed for the calendar year indicated.

The IRS does not charge to file, but companies you can find on the internet do. You can file for your unit if you prefer but be sure to file on a legitimate IRS site. If you have any questions on your units' filing, please contact me. (nealatreas@gmail.com – 712-574-5070)



AMERICANISM
Cie Kauth, Chair

Hello, from your Americanism Chair Cie Kauth. I am so happy for another year of serving our Department as your Americanism Chair.

I'm hoping that everybody is going to be working on Americanism this year with all the fun-filled activities that is out there for veterans and educating others in the community on how important Americanism is for our country.

To start off the year, the new Americanism Essay contest title is available. The title this year is "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for our Freedom." The cover page is included in this newsletter, as well as being available on our Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary website. The guidelines are also included.

It is the beginning of the new school year. Now would be a great time to get this information distributed to your local schools. Remember any home-schooled kids in your community. If you have any questions, you can email me at cie.kauth@gmail.com.

Thank you so much.



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF)
Vicki Ozenbaugh, Chair

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) details will be provided in this year's ABC Book (available at President Ruth's Leadership Training/Homecoming on September 27 in Bennet). As shared in the Aug/Sept STAR, this year we will double-promote the AEF

program. Each Unit should budget to donate to President Ruth's project, which is to support the AEF. But we want to do even more!

How many of you have started the "loose change" container in your vehicle or home? Take your collected loose change to your monthly meetings to be combined with your other members and mailed to Headquarters by April 1.

Another idea is on your next birthday plan to donate a dime, quarter, fifty-cents, or even a dollar for every year of your age. This could be a Unit fundraiser. At your next meeting vote on a specific coin amount (remember there is a dollar coin) and collect throughout the year. Or collect by a certain date for your Unit to send in the "birthday donation" by April 1. Remember, the AEF program is "members helping members."

Fall Roundups are beginning to happen (the schedule is in this newsletter). Even though I will not be in attendance at all of them, I will have a "**FUN**draising" event to help raise AEF funds for President Ruth. Bring a little extra cash to get in on the **FUN**!



EDUCATION

Cindy Moore, Chair

As a new school year begins, so does a new year for the American Legion Auxiliary. There are several things your unit can do for the Education program during this year. Here are some ideas:

- Introduce yourself to school principals, counselors, and teachers. Tell them about the Auxiliary and what you do. You may find an event, celebration, or activity that the Auxiliary can participate in and create awareness about our organization.
- Get copies of the teachers' supply lists and collect for "Give 10 to Education".
- Any time is a good time to donate books to the library, but consider during "American Education Week" (November 17-21, 2025). Why not donate "We Also Served: True Stories of Brave Animals in the Military" or "The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans"? (Ask schools permission before purchasing.)
- I realize that spring is several months away; however, connect with those in the school system that are in charge of scholarships and start planning. Find teachers that teach the subjects our scholarships are focused on (social studies, history, healthcare, and industrial technology) and hand them the scholarship information to share with their students. If you need help, contact me and I will make a handout you can share in an email or print out and physically give them (as soon as I have all the scholarship details).
- Flag Day is June 14 every year. However, you could pick any day to educate children about the flag and patriotism. Emblem Sales has a "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette" that you could donate to the schools.

Remember to keep track of what you do so you can include it in your mid-year and annual reports. And, as always, be branded and take lots of pictures!



LEADERSHIP
Tina Nelson, Chair

It doesn't seem possible that another year is upon us. I look forward to bringing info back from National to add to the training I already have planned.

If you were at Department Auxiliary Junior Convention in St Paul or at the Department Convention in Columbus, you got to experience Kahoot. I figured out how to play at Junior Convention and was able to help a few other senior members in June. If you get a chance, download it on your phone before coming to Leadership training on September 27 in Bennet. We can help you get it loaded if you aren't sure how. If you absolutely don't want to go techy, I will have another option.

I look forward to hosting Auxiliary Squares with our Department President Ruth as center square. I look forward to sharing and learning with all of you like last year and maybe just have a little fun in the process.

If you would like to have me attend a district, county or unit meeting please reach out via text 402-469-3367. Remember each of you is a leader even if you don't have a title.



LEGISLATIVE
Loree Hendrickson, Chair

Hello Members of the American Legion Auxiliary! My name is Loree Hendrickson, and I am honored to serve as the Department of Nebraska's Legislative Chair for the coming year. I am a member of American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit #164 in Shickley, Nebraska. My eligibility is through my father, A. LeeRoy Hendrickson, who served in Korea with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1950-52. He loved being a member of the American Legion and encouraged our family to always respect America and her veterans.

The Legislative program is in place to support the public policy positions of The American Legion (TAL), which disseminates material relating to issues involving veterans' health care, program funding, and troop and family support.

I encourage all Unit Presidents and Legislative Chairs, as well as any interested members, to sign up for this material as follows:

1. Go to www.legion.org/legislative.
2. Scroll down about half the page to the eight photos and click on the middle one in the middle row, captioned "Grassroots Action Center."
3. Here you can "Sign Up for Alerts."

4. Not comfortable signing up? Then scroll down and click on any legislation which is important to you. You can either compose your own message to Congress, or you can simply fill out the information on the right-hand side and click "Send Message" to send the Legion Family's position directly to Nebraska's Congressional representatives.
5. From that same page listed in #1 above, you can also click on the middle photo in the top row, captioned "Legislative Agenda & Point Papers." You can review any of the Point Papers or scroll down to see the 2025 Legislative Priorities. These are likely to change somewhat for 2026.
6. Download the guide at www.legion-aux.org/member/guides/advocacy-guide.
7. Consider listening to a podcast at www.legion.org/tangoalphalima.

Remember that one voice may not make a difference on its own, but by joining together, ALA members can make a difference when we advocate for America's veterans. So let's work together over the coming year to serve America's veterans well.



MEMBERSHIP **Deb Albers, Chair**

VERY IMPORTANT - - - - -VERY IMPORTANT - - - - -VERY IMPORTANT - - - - -

There was a mistake made with the Membership Goals sheets that were included in your Membership Packets. Included in this issue are the revised Goal Sheets. Please pass these on to the Membership Chairman of your Unit! Our Department Goal for 2026 is 14,284 which is a 1% increase of our membership in 2025. Please understand that we must GROW to be successful.



LET'S PARTY, PARTY... ALL YEAR LONG **We are Celebrating the U.S.A's 250th Birthday in 2025-2026**

Let's get everyone "Stirred Up with Membership." We need every member to become a "Membership member." Membership begins with everyone. Each member needs to ASK ONE (1) person if they are interested in being part of an organization that has as its mission "to Support Veterans." Think why you joined and translate "your passion" to others.

- Contact your local community and set up a booth during special activities
- Decorate and brand your Booth and wear branded clothing
- Offer prizes
- Have handouts describing your programs, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities.
- Have membership applications on hand. ***
- Advertise, Advertise, Advertise.

Unit Awards

There will be a Drawing for the following:

25% Award by SAL Birthday, September 15, 2025 – Two (2) – \$25 awards

60% Awards by ALA Birthday, November 10, 2025 – One (1) - \$60 award

85% Award by TAL Birthday, March 15, 2026 – One (1) - \$85 award
(Our Department needs to reach this Goal to be considered
for the Merit Medallion Award at National)

100% Award by President Ruthie's Birthday, June 10, 2026 – Two (2) - \$100 awards

*** Carry Membership Applications wherever you go!
Hand them out like candy (or with candy)!!!



POPPY
Justina Birkel, Chair

Hi! My name is Justina Birkel. I am a member of North Loup Unit 285 in District 6. I am excited to serve as this year's Poppy Chair for Nebraska.

One of my first memories of being a Junior member in the American Legion Auxiliary was sitting in front of the grocery store in Springview on Poppy Day distributing poppies. Back then I might not have known the significance of what I was doing but it has stuck with me for the last 30+ years.

We recognize National Poppy Day the Friday before Memorial Day. This coming year it is May 22, 2026, but the Poppy is something that should be promoted all year. We have different contests throughout the year that help promote the Poppy. These things include but are not limited to the Poppy Poster Contest (handout included in this newsletter), Poppy Day, Poppy Centerpiece Contest, Little Miss Poppy contest and Juniors Poppy Craft projects that the Junior members show at Junior Convention.

One contest that I didn't know much about until I started doing some research on the Poppy program is the Little Miss Poppy contest. When I have attended National I have seen the National winner introduced but didn't know if it was something that was done in our state. So here are my questions:

1. Does your unit participate in the Little Miss Poppy Contest?
2. If yes, do you follow the National guidelines for this contest or what criteria do you follow?

If your unit does participate in a Little Miss Poppy Contest, please let me know. This is a great contest to get your Junior members involved in.

I will continue to provide information about the different contests throughout the year. Please reach out to me if you have any questions at 402-389-0537 (call/text) or jbirkel.ala@gmail.com. Let's have a fun year promoting the poppy while we are *Stirring Up Members* with President Ruth!



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION (VA & R)
Amanda Washburn, Chair

As we gear up for the end of 2025, I ask that each one of you take a look at the VA&R schedule that is included in this newsletter and put the dates for the facilities close to you on your calendar. Dollar Days, Gifts for Yanks, and Gift Shop will be held in November and December, and we NEED you to come and attend. Our veterans and their spouses in the facilities love to have as many visitors as possible during these events.

Dollar Days is held around Veterans Day and each veteran in the Nebraska homes and hospitals receives a \$10 gift to thank them for their service. Gifts for Yanks is held each December at all of the Nebraska homes and hospitals and at the Cheyenne and Hot Springs VA Hospitals. Each veteran will receive a \$30 gift and a calendar and any spouse living in the facility will receive a \$25 and a calendar for a Christmas gift. Gift Shop is held at the two Nebraska hospitals and each veteran is able to choose 3 or 4 gifts that they can either give to their immediate family or keep for themselves for Christmas. The amount of joy on the veterans' faces at each of these events will make you want to keep coming back year after year to help.

VA&R is one of our largest programs and it takes all of our members working together to support it. There is a contact list for all of the chairs and representatives at the facilities, so please reach out to them if you would like to help with any events or have them send you when events are going to be held.

I am looking forward to a great year of VA&R with you all! I want to say a huge thank you to Beverly Neel for organizing the program the last two years and making sure that it was successful and up to date with everything.



DISTRICT FALL ROUNDUP SCHEDULE
(time shown is the meeting time)

District 1	Sun., Oct. 5	Cody	1:00 pm MT
District 2	Sun., Oct 5	Osmond	1:00 pm CT
District 3	Sun., Oct. 26	South Sioux City	11:00 am CT
District 4	Sat., Oct. 4	Alliance	1:00 pm MT
District 5	Sat., Oct. 11	Hershey	1:00 pm CT
District 6	Sun., Oct. 12	Broken Bow	10:00 am CT
District 7	Sun., Oct, 12	Dwight	2:00 pm CT
District 8	Sat., Oct. 11	Herman	1:00 pm CT
District 9	Sun., Oct. 5	Indianola	2:00 pm CT
District 10	Sat, Sept. 27	Minden	10:00 am CT
District 11	Sat, Sept. 20	Friend	2:00 pm CT
District 12	Sat., Dec. 6	Weeping Water	1:00 pm CT
District 13		No Fall RoundUp	



District _____ Unit # _____

Unit town _____

ALA General Donations 2025-2026 Annual Request Sheet

Donations are appreciated by October 1, but are accepted throughout the year.

One check can be written for all projects by indicating the amount you wish to donate for each on this form.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA PROJECTS

AMOUNT	DESIGNATION	PURPOSE
\$ _____	Department President's Project	Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)
\$ _____	Dept. Honorary Jr. President's Project	Quilts of Valor
\$ _____	Nebraska State Life Member (SLM)	Supplement Nat'l Per Capita Dues
\$ _____	Girls State Donation	Supports delegate activities
\$ _____	Women Veterans	Gifts to Women Veterans in Veterans Facilities
\$ _____	Career Technical Education	Community or Technical Scholarship
\$ _____	Past Presidents Parley	Healthcare Profession Scholarship (two)
\$ _____	Little Red Schoolhouse Fund	Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Program/Donation Not Listed	Unit's choice to specific project
	List project or program _____	

NATIONAL SPECIAL PROJECTS

AMOUNT	DESIGNATION	PURPOSE	ALLOCATIONS
\$ _____	Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Members Helping Members	American Legion Auxiliary
\$ _____	ALA Foundation	Mission Endowment Fund	National programs
\$ _____	Children of Warriors	Nat'l President's Scholarship	Awarded to Children of Veterans
\$ _____	Child Well-Being Foundation	Legion Youth Programs	The American Legion
\$ _____	TOTAL SUM OF UNIT ANNUAL DONATION REQUESTS		

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Department Treasurer ALA

MAIL TO:

ALA Department of Nebraska
150 NW 40 Street Unit B
Lincoln NE 68528

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check # _____

Date _____

RETAIN A COPY FOR UNIT RECORDS



District _____ Unit # _____

Unit town _____

Nebraska Veteran Projects

2025-2026 Recreation/Special Needs Donation Form

Donations are appreciated by October 1, but are accepted throughout the year.

One check can be written for all projects by indicating the amount you wish to donate for each on this form.

AMOUNT	NEBRASKA VA FACILITY	ALLOCATION
\$ _____	Omaha VAMC-OVAMC	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	Papillion Community Living Center - PCLC	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	Grand Island VAMC-GIVAMC	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	Eastern NE Veterans Home – ENVH	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	Norfolk Veterans Home – NVH	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	Central NE Veterans Home – CNVH	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	Western NE Veterans Home – WNVH	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	Lincoln CBOC (VA Clinic)	Recreation or current projects
\$ _____	VA & R Special Needs	Emergency Veteran Funding
\$ _____	Veterans Dollar Days***	Veterans Day (Thank You)
\$ _____	Nebraska Creative Arts Festival	Support Nebraska Veterans Arts
\$ _____	Omaha Fisher House	Serve families of VAMC patients
\$ _____	TOTAL SUM OF UNIT ANNUAL DONATION REQUESTS	

***For Veterans Day each Veteran in a facility receives a THANK YOU letter with a \$10 voucher enclosed.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:	Department Treasurer ALA	
MAIL TO:	ALA Department of Nebraska 150 NW 40 Street Unit B Lincoln NE 68528	
Amount Enclosed \$ _____	Check # _____	Date _____
RETAIN A COPY FOR UNIT RECORDS		

**With the donations you give—we give to our Veterans.
THANK YOU for your continuous support!**



The American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders are co-sponsors of the "GIFTS FOR YANKS" program. Through donations from the Legion Family there will be a gift for every inpatient Veteran in the Nebraska VA Medical Centers (VAMC), Veteran residents in the Nebraska Veteran Homes and Regional Centers; and parties held at the VA Medical Centers in Hot Springs, South Dakota and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

All inpatient Veterans in the Nebraska VA Medical Centers (VAMC), residents in the Nebraska Veteran Homes and Regional Centers will receive a gift of \$30 and their spouses will receive \$25.

Posts, Units, Squadrons and Riders may make a combined donation per the following chart or individual donations of equivalent or larger amounts.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM

Please send donations/assessments by November 1st of each year.

All donations will be reported on the annual report form of National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

Match \$ below with combined members: Total of your Post, Unit, Squadron and Riders equal:

\$20.00 - Up to 100 combined members	\$30.00 - 100 to 199 combined members
\$50.00 - 200 to 299 combined members	\$60.00 - 300 to 399 combined members
\$85.00 - 400 to 499 combined members	\$110.00 - 500 to 749 combined members
\$125.00 - Over 750 combined members	

Make check(s) payable to **ALA Treasurer** – memo GFY

Mail to: **150 NW 40th ST – Unit B, Lincoln NE 68528**

Date _____	\$_____ Unit donation - ALA
District # _____	\$_____ Post donation – TAL
Town _____	\$_____ Squadron donation – SAL
Check(s) # _____	\$_____ Legion Riders donation – LR
	\$_____ Additional donation
Combined donations	\$_____

2025-2026 POPPY ORDER FORM

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1

Date: _____

ALL ORDERS WILL BE AT YOUR DISTRICT CONVENTION UNLESS UNIT ADVISES OTHERWISE.

Submit order with Payment to: American Legion Auxiliary, 150 NW 40th St – Unit B – Lincoln NE 68528
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ALA TREASURER

District _____ Unit Location (Town) _____ Unit # _____

Hundred(s) ordered _____ x \$17.00 = _____ plus sales tax \$ _____ add shipping \$10.00 (if shipped)

Date poppies are needed: _____ If not at District Convention see "Ship to" below

Contact person: _____ Day Phone _____

Poppies will be delivered to: ☐ District Convention ☐ Shipped ☐ Picked up at Headquarters

WE NO LONGER STOCK LARGE POPPIES DUE TO PRICE INCREASE

If you are requesting your order to be shipped, please fill in address information below.

"SHIP-TO-ORDERS" - - - ALL MAIL ORDERS WILL INCLUDE A \$10 FEE FOR POSTAGE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cost of Poppies \$ _____ + TAX \$ _____ + Postage \$10.00 = Total Cost \$ _____

Use this space ONLY if you want your poppy order mailed to the Unit or Unit member.

Be sure to add the sales tax to your order \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED Check # _____

- **Order early** - We cannot guarantee that poppy orders received after January 1st can be filled.
- Calculate using your city sales tax amount plus 5.5% for Nebraska sales tax - add tax to poppy order amount.
- **The latest sales tax rate chart is on the backside of this order form – taxes are subject to being changed**

Keep this portion for your record – 2025-2026 UNIT POPPY ORDER

Order mailed on: _____ Small Poppies (PER 100) _____ ***Large Poppies not available***

Poppies will be delivered to: ☐ District Convention ☐ Mail ☐ Pick-Up at Department Headquarters

Cost of Poppies \$ _____ + TAX \$ _____ = \$ _____ + \$10 if shipped TOTAL PAID \$ _____

Nebraska State/City Sales Tax

5.50%

Alexandria, Allen, Arthur, Aurora,

Barneston, Bartlett, Bartley, Belden, Bloomington, Boelus, Brewster, Bristow, Broadwater, Brunswick,
Carleton, Carroll, Cedar Bluffs, Colon, Comstock, Cook, Craig, Culbertson,
Dalton, Danbury, Davenport, Denton, Du Bois, Dwight, Eddyville, Elsie,
Fairmont, Garland, Glenvil, Hampton, Hardy, Hayes Center, Herman, Hershey, Holstein,
Kennard, Lebanon, Liberty, Lindsay, Lisco, Litchfield, Lynch,
Madrid, Malmo, Maxwell, Miller, Morse Bluff,
Naponee, Newcastle, Newport, North Loup, Ohioa, Orleans, Overton, Palisade, Pleasant Dale, Polk, Potter, Prague, Primrose
Ruskin, Scotia, Shelton, Shickley, Shubert, Stamford, Steele City, Swanton,
Table Rock, Talmage, Tobias, Tryon, Union, Valparaiso, Venango, Verdel, Virginia,
Wallace, Western, Weston, Wilcox, Winnebago, Winside, Wolbach, Wood Lake, Yutan.

6.00%

Homer

6.50%

Arcadia, Arnold, Auburn, Bayard, Beaver City, Beaver Crossing, Bennet, Bloomfield, Brainard,
Callaway, Cedar Rapids, Chambers, Coleridge, Cortland, Creighton, Curtis,
Dakota City, Dannebrog, Daykin, De Witt, Deshler, Doniphan,
Eagle, Edgar, Elgin, Elk Creek, Elm Creek, Elwood, Eustis,
Farnam, Franklin, Grant, Greenwood, Hallam, Hay Springs, Hooper, Hyannis, Jansen,
Laurel, Lawrence, Morrill, Mullen, Nehawka, Neligh, Nelson, Niobrara,
Oconto, Odell, Palmyra, Petersburg, Pierce, Rising City, Silver Creek, Spencer, Springview, Sterling, Syracuse,
Uehling, Wakefield, Wauneta, Wausa.

7.00%

Ainsworth, Albion, Alliance, Arlington, Ashland, Ashton, Atkinson,

Bassett, Battle Creek, Beemer, Bellwood, Benkelman, Bennington, Benson, Blair, Blue Hill, Broken Bow, Bruning, Burchard, Burwell,
Campbell, Central City, Ceresco, Clay Center, Clearwater, Cody, Columbus, Crab Orchard, Crawford, Crete, Crofton,
Dodge, Dorchester, Elkhorn-Waterloo, Elmwood, Emerson, Ewing, Exeter, Fairfield, Fremont, Friend,
Gibbon, Gordon, Greeley, Gresham, Guide Rock, Hastings, Havelock, Hebron, Hemingford, Hickman, Howells, Humboldt,
Indianola, Jackson, Johnson, Juniata, Kearney,
Leigh, Lexington, Louisville, Madison, McCool Junction, Millard, Milligan, Mitchell, Monroe, Newman Grove, Norfolk,
Omaha, O'Neill, Orchard, Osceola, Osmond, Oxford,
Palmer, Pender, Pilger, Plainview, Platte Center, Plattsmouth, Plymouth, Ponca,
Ravenna, Red Cloud, Riverton, Rushville,
St. Edward, Schuyler, Scribner, Shelby, South Sioux City, Spalding, Springfield, St Paul, Stanton, Stromsburg, Stuart, Superior,
Sutherland, Sutton, Tecumseh, Thedford, Tilden, Utica,
Valentine, Valley, Verdigre, Weeping Water, Wilber, Wood River, Wymore, Wynot.

7.25%

Lincoln

7.50%

Alma, Beatrice, Cambridge, Chadron, David City, Decatur,
Fairbury, Geneva, Genoa, Gering, Grand Island, Gretna, Humphrey,
Loup City, McCook, Minden, North Platte, Oshkosh, Papillion, Pawnee City, Paxton,
Sargent, Sidney, Tekamah, Wahoo, West Point, York.

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Norfolk Veterans Home Vice Chair	Rose Ann Kohl		402-841-3604
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Grand Island VA Representative	Vicki Cyboron	2454 7 th Avenue Boelus, NE 68820	402-740-5665 vcyboron@aol.com
Grand Island VA Deputy	Carmen Larson		308-381-1355 carmen@ss-cpas.com
Grand Island VA Deputy	Nancy Griffiths	PO Box 65 Doniphan, NE 68832	308-519-1970 ng824933@gmail.com
Lincoln CBOC	Linda Varejcka	450 Conestoga Avenue Hickman, NE 68372	402-580-2549 jfvarejcka@windstream.net
Hot Springs VA Representative	Karol Lockman	PO Box 147 Rushville, NE 69360	308-327-2687
Hot Springs VA Deputy	Vicki Kotschwar	90 Mann Road Chadron, NE 69337	308-430-3121 kotsch@bbcwb.net

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA & R 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DOLLAR DAYS – GIFT SHOPS – GIFTS FOR YANKS –

STAND DOWNS – CREATIVE ARTS

STAND DOWN: Lincoln – Linda Varejcka – Sept or Oct, 9 AM-3 PM ** Pinnacle Bank Arena, 400 Pinnacle Drive, Lincoln NE **date & times to be determined**

Omaha – Paula Pillen - Friday, October 17, 2025 9 AM – 2:30 PM (tentative times)

Milo Bail Student Center, 5203 S University Drive Road N, Omaha NE (UNO Campus)

CREATIVE ARTS: Omaha – Paula Pillen – Tuesday, September 16, 2025 3-6 P OMVAMC Ambulatory area

Grand Island - Items will be displayed at the State Fair.

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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY (ALA) VETERANS DOLLAR DAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Tuesday, November 4, 2025	10 AM 2:30 PM	Grand Island VA Medical Center – 2 nd Floor Rec Central NE Veterans Home, Kearney
Wednesday, November 5, 2025	10 AM	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
Thursday, November 6, 2025	2 PM	Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center
Monday, November 10, 2025	10 AM 1 PM 3 PM	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern NE Veterans Home, Bellevue Papillion Community Living Center
Sunday, November 16, 2025	2 PM MT	Western NE Veterans Home, Scottsbluff

ALA VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Shopping/setup - Monday, December 8, 2025	9:30 AM at Walmart setup follows	Grand Island VA Medical Center
Gift Shop date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025	9 AM prep	10 AM open for Veterans
Gift Shop - Thursday, December 18, 2025	10 AM	Papillion Community Living Center (PCLC)
Set up – Monday, December 22, 2025	10 AM – 3 PM	Omaha VA Medical Center
Delivery - December 23, 2025	10 AM	

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025	10 AM 2:30 PM	Grand Island VA Medical Center – 2 nd Floor Rec Central NE Veterans Home, Kearney
Monday, December 8, 2025	10 AM 1 PM 3 PM	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Papillion Community Living Center
Wednesday, December 3, 2025	10 AM	Lincoln Regional Center – Building 5
Sunday, December 7, 2025	2 PM MT	Western NE Veterans Home, Scottsbluff
Friday, December 12, 2025	2 PM	Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center

Saturday, December 13, 2025 **2 PM MT** **Hot Springs SD VAMC** need to verify

Gift cards for Cheyenne WY VAMC sent to Bonita Dickinson to deliver to the facility at convenience need to verify



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2026 Cover Sheet

The American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism Essay Contest is for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs, divided into six classes. One award in each class will be presented in each division. Winners will receive a \$50 check and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Spirit of Youth Scholarship fund.

Essay Title:

"Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom."

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement*
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs.	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

Essay Checklist:

- ☐ Class competing in _____
- ☐ Sponsoring ALA unit _____
- ☐ Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- ☐ Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- ☐ Word count of essay _____
- ☐ Due date for student to return to ALA unit _____

To be completed by the student and parent/guardian:

** Please write legibly in ink.*

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Student or Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2026

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

- The essay title listed on the cover sheet **MUST** be written at the top of the essay in **bold** print.
- The essay for Grades 3-6 can be handwritten or typed but Grades 7-12 must be typed.
- The margins should be 1 inch on all sides.
- Spacing should be 1.5 or double spaced.
- If the essay is going to be on more than one sheet of paper, it must be put on two pages. Do not use the front and back of one sheet of paper.
- Please make sure the essay has proper grammar, spelling and punctuation (no plagiarism).
- Each paragraph must be indented.
- Please write your name on the bottom of the essay with pencil.
- Please complete the Student or Parent/Guardian section of the cover sheet.
- The cover sheet must be included with your essay.

Thank you for participating in the Americanism Essay Contest.

2026 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

UNIT INFORMATION

- Each essay submitted must include an Americanism Essay Contest Cover Sheet as the first page of the essay.
- Before providing the cover sheet to the school/student, the Unit should complete the following in the “Essay Checklist” section.
 - “Sponsoring ALA Unit”
 - “Due Date for student to return to ALA Unit”
- When essays are returned to the Unit, complete the remaining boxes in the “Essay Checklist” section.
 - Be sure to count the number of words in the essay.
 - The title of the essay is not counted in the word count unless it is used in the essay itself.
- All the boxes must be checked off before submitting your winning essays to the Department Americanism Chair.
- The student and parent/guardian must complete the next section.
 - Make sure that the cover sheet is easy and legible to read.
 - Make sure the email is the student or parent/guardian and not the school email.

JUDGING ESSAYS FOR UNITS

When judging the essays, these

- Please make sure that the cover sheet is completely filled out.
- Double check how many words are in the essay.
- Make sure you can read the students handwriting on the cover sheet
- Check for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- When reading, how does it flow?
- Does the essay relate to the essay title?
- Did the student follow the guidelines?



American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Poster Contest

Grade levels from 2nd to 12th grade are divided into seven classes (listed below) Each ALA unit chooses one winner from each class to send in for the state contest. 1st -3rd places are chosen for state level with the winner being sent on for the National contest. Winners at the National level will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.

**2025 Nebraska
Contest Winners**



Contest Classes

Class I	Grades 2 & 3
Class II	Grades 4 & 5
Class III	Grades 6 & 7
Class IV	Grades 8 & 9
Class V	Grades 10 & 11
Class VI	Grade 12
Class VII	*Students with special needs

***Requirements on the backside**



Poppy Poster Requirements

- 1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles “a”, “and,” “an”, “the” are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.**
- 2. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.**
- 3. Each poster must include a red poppy.**
- 4. The department shall determine the closing date of the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).**
- 5. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.**
- 6. Posters will be judged using the following criteria: • 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality) • 40% - artistic ability (design and color) • 10% - neatness**
- 7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils, and markers.**
- 8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age, and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.**
- 9. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.**
- 10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.**
- 11. The label “In Memoriam” from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.**
- 12. The poster must have cover sheet attached to it when submitted.**

***Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:**

- a. Those in special education classes.**
- b. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.**
- c. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.**

CENTRAL NEBRASKA VETERANS' HOME

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

(Updated 6.23.2025)

CONTACT

Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager
308-865-3421
Jessica.modlin@nebraska.gov

ACTIVITIES GROUPS CAN SPONSOR AND ASSIST WITH

Bingo Parties – bring \$30-\$40 for coupons, volunteers can help call bingo and hand out coupons

Ice Cream Socials – bring ice cream and toppings

Pie Socials – bring pies and ice cream for social

Please contact Jessica if interested in doing any of the above activities.

FOOD/SNACK DONATIONS

Please do not bring expired or nearly expired food items. Infection Control policies prohibit the use of expired food items.

Soft Cookies

Microwaveable Popcorn

Popcorn Puffs

Mini cans of Soda (Regular & Diet, Root Beer, Sprite etc.)

Individually wrapped cookies or other snacks (no nuts, please)

AMUSEMENT FUND DONATIONS

Examples of programs that the amusement fund supports are:

Off-site outings, bingo parties, special food days, leisure activity items, craft/art items, gardening items, magazine and newspaper subscriptions.

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED

Pocket Talkers

MISCELLANEOUS

Bird Seed (2lb Bags)

Gift Cards (Walmart, Amazon etc.)

Card Shufflers

Holiday Novelty Prizes

Fun Patterned Napkins

Adult Coloring Books

WE CURRENTLY **DO NOT** HAVE A NEED FOR:

Jigsaw Puzzles

Puzzle Books

Books

Afghans/Blankets/Scarves

CD's

DVD's

WESTERN NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME (WNVH)
WISH LIST

Cecil Doshier – ALA CHAIRMAN

PORTABLE HAIRDRESSER SINK

BIRD SEED

SPECIALTY COFFEE

SYMPATHY CARDS

OCTOBER HAIRCUTS

**OMAHA VA MEDICAL CENTER (OMVAMC)
PAULA PILLEN, ALA Representative**

WISH LIST

U-PICK COOLING TOWELS (40"X12") cooling towel for neck and face, soft breathable ice towel for gym, yoga, workout, sport, camping, cruise

Brand	U-pick
Towel form type	Cooling Towel
Age Range (Description)	All Ages
Material	Microfiber

LIQUID IV HYDRATION MULTIPLIER – 30 PACKS PER ITEM

Brand	Liquid I.V.
Flavor	Passionfruit
Primary Supplement Type	Vitamin C
Unit Count	16.93 Ounce
Item Form	Powder
Item Weight	16.93 Ounces
Item dimensions L x W x H	8 x 6 x 4 inches
Diet Type	Vegan
Product Benefits	Skin Hydrating

ORGANIC ALOE VERA SOOTHING GEL – NATURAL MOISTURIZER FOR SKIN HAIR, EFFECTIVE FOR SUNBURNS, RAZOR BURNS, GENTLE, NON-GREESY, SKINCARE (made in Korea) – POUCH 3-PACK

Brand	by.H
Item Volume	25.5 Fluid Ounces
Age Range (Description)	Adult
Special Feature	Lightweight
Active Ingredients	Aloe Vera 98%

PAPILLION CLC NEEDS LIST:

Rolls of peel-and-stick whiteboard - Post-it Dry Erase Whiteboard Film Surface for Walls, Doors, Tables, Chalkboards, Whiteboards, and More, Removable, Stain-Proof, Easy Installation, 3 ft x 2 ft Roll, White, 3' x 2'

Pillows

Dryer sheets (plain scent, any brand)

Bingo prizes: various service branch and veteran hats, t-shirts size large to 3XL, stuffed animals, desk-size artificial plants, fleece blankets and Bluetooth speakers (the \$5 ones at Dollar Tree), holiday/seasonal window clings

Combs and brushes with easy grip handles

Pens with a large grip

Gift cards to eateries near Shadow Lake: Pizza Hut, Buffalo Wild Wings, HyVee

Button down shirts (Large, XL, 2XL)

Zipper tote bags:

- 18" cotton large tote beach bags for women grocery shopping
- Stylish two-tone splicing open top strong canvas bag (blue)
- 16-piece canvas tote bag in bulk with outer pocket

**EASTERN NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME (ENVH)
MEMBERS' NEED LIST**

12505 HRRISON Tull Drive, Bellevue NE 68123

POC: Sarah Ryan sarah_ryan@nebraska.gov

Activity Supervisor 402-591-4862

DONNA SMITH – ALA ENVH CHAIR

REFRESHMENTS – Cans or liters of soda (regular, diet and sugar free)

SNACKS – individually wrapped- all kinds; sugar free candy, gluten free, Little Debbie, chocolate, puffcorn, crackers, ships, any soft snack

SMALL PRIZES FOR GAMES – military items, knickknacks, soft sports balls – football, soccer, etc.

SWEATPANTS – sizes medium, large, X-Large

HAIR SUPPLIES – hair ties, clips, barrettes, soft headbands

HYGENIE ITEMS MEN & WOMEN – shampoo/conditioners, body wash, regular sized bar soap

PLAIN WHITE TEE SHIRTS – X-Large and Up

POSTAGE STAMPS

USB-C cords

TV ANTENNAS

**WIARELESS HEADPHONES COMPATIBLE
W/TVs**

POCKET TALKERS & HEADPHONES

MEDITATION ITEMS – essential oils/diffuser, wall decal of a calming scene/view – beach/ocean, sound machine, etc.

LARGE ADULT PICTURE BOOKS - any subject

2025 SUMMER WISH LIST – ENVH

LARGE TICKET ITEMS

Custom Space Force artwork to match other military art in M & S hallway (\$6,000) ENVH has tribute paintings for all military branches and would now like to get Space Force included. 40"x24" oil paintings on wood, in frames, with an 8-1/2"x11" framed history of Space Force. Artist is Teri Rosario.

TWO comfortable wipeable chairs (non-reclining) for Allegiance sensory room - ENVH has a design in mind and each chair is approximately \$200 each

Six (6) moths or 12-moth subscriptions to the Omaha World Herald (5 papers - \$1,300/6 months – Due – December 2025

Henry Doorly Zoo virtual field trip (\$140 for a 1-hour program)

Wildlife encounter (\$325/visit) (45-minute interactive presentation on campus)

Mini pony visit (\$200/visit)

Wildlife Sarari visit (\$310/visit)

Fontenelle Forest (\$125/visit)

Gifford Farms (\$75/visit)

Artwork for halls and sensory room

Fireworks for 4th of July

Plants for Neighborhood and Generic homey items



Norfolk Veterans

Address: 600 East Benjamin Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701
Phone: (402) 370-3330

Opportunities for Donations or Dedications

Attention Volunteers: We are in need of individuals to help with bingo parties, card players, shopping trips, letter writing, one on one visiting, manicures, bus trips, and a library volunteer.

Member Activities:

Games:

Simple indoor games: Battle Ship, Indoor curling, Large Sized Puzzles (300 pieces or less)
Outdoor games: Squirt Guns (for painting)

Food/Snacks:

- **Coffee (ground)**
- Little Debbie Snacks
- Frozen cookie dough (pre-packaged)
- **Note: Please do not bring expired or nearly expired food items. Infection Control Policies prohibit the use of expired food items.**
- **Buckets of Ice Cream for Ice Cream socials or sundaes**
- 2 Liter Sodas (variety)
- Snack Sized Candy Bars (small, no nuts) **Miscellaneous:**
- Postage Stamps
- Holiday Themed Plates & Napkins
- Small Containers of Acrylic Paint
- Fingernail Polish, Fingernail Stickers
- Adult Coloring Pages as well as Velvet Coloring Pages
- Coloring Utensils: Washable Markers, Colored Pencils, Crayons
- LARGE PRINT Word Searches, Word Finds, Sudoku, etc. type of Puzzle Books

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Personal Care Items

No toothbrushes, toothpaste, or mouth wash

Pre-Shave/After Shave	Axe or Tag body spray & body wash for men
Shampoo and Conditioner (Separated as well as 2 in 1 or 3 in 1)	Scented body spray & body wash for men/women
Lotions (scented and unscented)	Unscented body spray & body wash for men/women
Hair Spray	Perfume & Cologne
Deodorant for men and women	Tissues (boxes)
Electric Razors	Denture tablets & Denture Cream

GRAND ISLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS AS OF JUNE 18, 2025:

Soups

Canned/packaged meats (tuna, chicken, pulled pork, spam)

Canned fruits - Canned vegetables

Hamburger helper - Tuna helper

Pasta (spaghetti, fettuccini) - Pasta sauce

Rice packets

Complete meals

Instant potatoes

Peanut butter - Jelly

Shelf milk (pantry)

cereal

Mac n Cheese

Non-perishable food items to stock the shelves regularly.

LINCOLN VA CBOC
Linda Varejcka, ALA Deputy Representative

Needs List- June 2025

On going need for non-perishable food, canned protein items, protein bars, etc. for social workers for needs of their Veterans.

Hand can openers for items that do not have pop tab lids.

Gift cards to grocery stores for perishable items, bread, milk, eggs, etc.

Low-income bus passes. \$8.00 purchase from Star Tran office "J" street Lincoln for social workers to distribute to non-driving Veterans to get to appointments or work.

Hygiene items right now need body wash.

Cleaning supplies including: small washing detergent, toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, stool cleaner, etc.

New Household items for Veterans being placed in housing: bakeware, pots/pans, cooking utensils, coffee maker, colander, can opener, toaster, crockpot, plates, cups, bowls, silverware, dish soap, floor or table lamp, blankets, bedspread, twin or full/queen sheets, pillows, hangers, bath mat, bath towels, shower curtain, hand towels, plunger, broom, dustpan, mop, vacuum.

Children bags, cute bag, with color book, colors, Kleenex for example for when children come with parents or grandparents, to keep them occupied while waiting.

Call Lincoln VA volunteer coordinator when thinking about your donation as he can tell you what they are short on or needed the most at that time.

Ty Andrews
402 486-7938

Unit Name	2025 Goal	2025 Membership as of June 2nd	2026 Goal
Omaha Unit 1	215	183	190
Tecumseh Unit 2	14	10	13
Lincoln Unit 3	238	210	217
Central City Unit 6	60	50	53
Alliance Unit 7	82	71	74
Hemingford Unit 9	106	103	105
Morrill Unit 10	36	41	42
Hastings Unit 11	26	24	26
Chadron Unit 12	147	133	138
Gresham Unit 13	83	73	77
Tekamah Unit 15	15	13	15
Norfolk Unit 16	117	104	108
Sidney Unit 17	29	25	27
Hooper Unit 18	60	55	57
York Unit 19	84	73	77
Fremont Unit 20	13	10	13
Fairmont Unit 21	72	66	69
Auburn Unit 23	61	56	59
Fairbury Unit 24	16	20	21
Wymore Unit 25	78	74	77
Glenvil Unit 26	20	18	19
Beatrice Unit 27	242	232	238
Beaver City Unit 28	10	8	10
Omaha Unit 30	27	15	20
Wynot Unit 31	29	23	26
Papillion Unit 32	131	116	123
Gordon Unit 34	106	108	109
Madison Unit 35	30	28	30
Gering Unit 36	130	94	99
Du Bois Unit 39	64	55	59
Grant Unit 40	17	15	17
Aurora Unit 42	28	25	27
Cedar Rapids Unit 44	17	14	16
Lawrence Unit 45	40	39	40
Schuyler Unit 47	9	5	10
Loup City Unit 48	72	81	82
Utica Unit 49	77	70	73
Kearney Unit 52	198	177	182
Grand Island Unit 53	131	127	130
Laurel Unit 54	24	22	24
Pender Unit 55	44	41	42
Plattsmouth Unit 56	31	32	33
Hyannis Unit 57	47	49	50
Valley Unit 58	37	32	34
Callaway Unit 59	74	78	79
Emerson Unit 60	31	24	27
Sutton Unit 61	156	124	131
Newcastle Unit 62	35	29	31
Wausa Unit 63	19	19	20

Unit Name	2025 Goal	2025 Membership as of June 2nd	2026 Goal
Benkelman Unit 65	10	5	10
Geneva Unit 68	14	12	14
Pilger Unit 69	16	6	11
West Point Unit 70	32	28	31
Arlington Unit 71	31	29	31
Pierce Unit 72	31	25	28
Newman Grove Unit 73	18	14	17
Creighton Unit 74	100	91	95
Battle Creek Unit 75	24	22	24
Bristow Unit 76	12	9	11
Spencer Unit 78	69	68	69
Ainsworth Unit 79	195	189	194
Humphrey Unit 80	24	22	24
Wakefield Unit 81	58	56	58
Wahoo Unit 82	55	45	48
Columbus Unit 84	78	67	72
Atkinson Unit 86	107	101	104
Clay Center Unit 87	73	61	65
Stanton Unit 88	26	21	23
Valentine Unit 90	75	70	73
Osceola Unit 91	73	67	69
O'Neill Unit 93	50	43	46
Minden Unit 94	39	40	41
Curtis Unit 95	49	47	48
Homer Unit 97	24	20	22
Springview Unit 98	73	60	63
Syracuse Unit 100	126	120	123
Wilber Unit 101	89	86	88
Superior Unit 103	19	16	18
Sargent Unit 104	20	19	21
Hickman Unit 105	68	66	68
Bartlett Unit 107	17	15	17
Ashton Unit 108	53	55	56
Mullen Unit 109	47	47	47
Dwight Unit 110	72	66	69
Lexington Unit 111	11	10	11
Benson Unit 112	24	18	21
Coleridge Unit 114	33	28	31
Stuart Unit 115	91	84	87
Ponca Unit 117	20	18	19
Alma Unit 118	26	21	24
St. Paul Unit 119	185	151	157
Palmer Unit 120	58	44	49
Scribner Unit 121	39	28	32
Dodge Unit 122	59	60	61
Bassett Unit 123	93	82	86
David City Unit 125	26	17	21
Broken Bow Unit 126	54	48	51

Unit Name	2025 Goal	2025 Membership as of June 2nd	2026 Goal
Craig Unit 127	42	40	42
Crofton Unit 128	94	91	94
Ashland Unit 129	101	89	93
Arnold Unit 130	30	25	28
Allen Unit 131	65	61	63
Stromsburg Unit 132	51	45	47
Culbertson Unit 133	70	58	63
Orchard Unit 136	14	12	14
Crawford Unit 138	26	39	40
Sterling Unit 140	31	31	32
Hampton Unit 141	28	24	26
Springfield Unit 143	45	42	43
Genoa Unit 144	40	34	37
Bloomington Unit 145	18	9	14
Rising City Unit 146	16	13	15
Crete Unit 147	52	46	49
Plainview Unit 148	34	27	30
Belden Unit 149	16	13	15
Scotia Unit 150	22	20	22
Blair Unit 154	80	78	80
Howells Unit 155	68	62	64
Burchard Unit 156	45	42	44
Nehawka Unit 157	16	15	16
Cedar Bluffs Unit 158	49	47	48
Beemer Unit 159	60	61	62
Polk Unit 160	44	38	40
Rushville Unit 161	156	141	145
Albion Unit 162	16	15	16
North Platte Unit 163	118	107	111
Shickley Unit 164	44	43	44
Carroll Unit 165	11	8	10
Bruning Unit 166	44	42	44
Pawnee City Unit 168	30	25	28
Campbell Unit 169	55	54	55
Tilden Unit 170	130	119	124
Neligh Unit 172	51	46	48
Greenwood Unit 173	13	10	13
Jackson Unit 175	66	63	65
Blue Hill Unit 176	19	17	19
Beaver Crossing Unit 178	32	32	33
Hardy Unit 179	14	12	14
Hebron Unit 180	24	23	24
Maxwell Unit 181	11	6	10
Friend Unit 183	87	87	88
Orleans Unit 184	14	11	13
Greeley Unit 186	51	37	41
Nelson Unit 187	62	59	61
Tryon Unit 189	11	9	10
Ohiowa Unit 193	51	50	51

Unit Name	2025 Goal	2025 Membership as of June 2nd	2026 Goal
Alexandria Unit 194	43	37	39
Palmyra Unit 195	32	29	31
Uehling Unit 196	26	21	23
Eagle Unit 197	14	12	14
Daykin Unit 198	26	23	25
Cambridge Unit 199	30	29	30
Bayard Unit 200	32	36	37
Boelus Unit 201	37	39	40
Wood Lake Unit 202	40	37	39
Mc Cook Unit 203	14	15	16
Elsie Unit 206	32	29	31
Arthur Unit 207	14	9	12
Sutherland Unit 208	45	43	44
Franklin Unit 209	27	24	26
Oshkosh Unit 210	13	10	12
De Witt Unit 212	96	93	96
Wallace Unit 213	42	38	40
Ewing Unit 214	10	7	10
Decatur Unit 215	59	54	57
Gretna Unit 216	132	120	125
Exeter Unit 218	75	75	76
Oxford Unit 219	21	21	22
Comstock Unit 220	37	35	37
Shubert Unit 222	96	100	101
Verdel Unit 223	17	16	17
Niobrara Unit 224	64	62	64
Eddyville Unit 225	35	30	33
Saint Edward Unit 226	27	24	26
Newport Unit 227	55	52	54
Lynch Unit 228	11	9	11
Elgin Unit 229	42	39	41
Thedford Unit 230	29	26	28
Odell Unit 231	25	21	23
Malmo Unit 232	39	38	39
Stamford Unit 233	11	9	10
Union Unit 235	13	13	14
Wolbach Unit 236	54	47	50
Weeping Water Unit 237	77	60	65
Red Cloud Unit 238	39	37	39
Hay Springs Unit 239	73	70	72
Milligan Unit 240	142	141	143
Dannebrog Unit 241	55	51	54
Ruskin Unit 242	13	10	12
Plymouth Unit 243	112	112	113
Ceresco Unit 244	33	29	31
Bartley Unit 245	31	27	29
Talmage Unit 246	28	26	28
Edgar Unit 248	37	34	36

Unit Name	2025 Goal	2025 Membership as of June 2nd	2026 Goal
Bloomfield Unit 249	95	87	90
Oconto Unit 250	48	45	47
Arcadia Unit 251	79	84	85
Winside Unit 252	46	42	44
Cortland Unit 253	21	21	22
Prague Unit 254	39	32	34
Western Unit 255	29	29	30
Fairfield Unit 256	20	19	20
Eustis Unit 257	22	19	21
Swanton Unit 258	47	43	46
Verdigre Unit 259	44	39	41
Lindsay Unit 261	30	28	29
Yutan Unit 262	40	37	39
Silver Creek Unit 263	30	27	29
Dorchester Unit 264	104	107	108
Colon Unit 265	18	17	18
Bennington Unit 266	84	82	84
Clearwater Unit 267	32	29	31
Humboldt Unit 269	75	67	70
Venango Unit 270	45	43	44
Madrid Unit 271	45	39	42
Brainard Unit 273	49	47	49
Herman Unit 274	43	38	40
Danbury Unit 276	31	27	29
Overton Unit 277	15	15	16
Guide Rock Unit 278	17	14	17
Hershey Unit 279	34	32	33
Bennet Unit 280	42	35	38
Platte Center Unit 283	33	30	32
North Loup Unit 285	88	91	92
Hayes Center Unit 287	22	18	20
Farnam Unit 288	18	15	17
Table Rock Unit 289	49	44	46
Elwood Unit 290	65	64	65
Potter Unit 291	37	37	38
Litchfield Unit 293	29	26	28
Hallam Unit 294	49	42	45
Shelby Unit 296	72	71	73
Shelton Unit 297	50	44	46
Burwell Unit 298	82	81	83
Spalding Unit 299	52	49	51
Doniphan Unit 300	43	40	42
Dalton Unit 301	44	36	39
Leigh Unit 302	27	24	26
Paxton Unit 303	42	46	47
Wauneta Unit 304	25	21	23
Holstein Unit 305	12	11	12
South Sioux City Unit 307	55	39	43
Weston Unit 308	31	28	29

Unit Name	2025 Goal	2025 Membership as of June 2nd	2026 Goal
Lisco Unit 309	24	14	19
Gibbon Unit 310	39	36	38
Tobias Unit 311	23	22	23
Broadwater Unit 312	29	29	30
Lebanon Unit 313	42	43	44
Wood River Unit 314	25	23	24
Elm Creek Unit 316	14	11	14
Palisade Unit 318	46	42	44
Cody Unit 319	94	95	96
Chambers Unit 320	23	20	22
Monroe Unit 322	39	38	39
Brewster Unit 323	48	41	43
Osmond Unit 326	106	93	97
Bellwood Unit 327	30	33	34
Riverton Unit 328	23	16	20
Carleton Unit 329	52	49	51
Johnson Unit 330	32	30	32
South Omaha Unit 331	140	107	115
Ravenna Unit 332	14	7	10
Petersburg Unit 334	36	26	29
Davenport Unit 335	44	48	49
Crab Orchard Unit 336	22	18	19
Morse Bluff Unit 340	52	50	52
Mc Cool Junction Unit 341	22	22	23
Havelock Unit 342	36	27	30
Indianola Unit 344	35	32	35
Liberty Unit 346	18	14	17
Primrose Unit 347	26	23	25
Steele City Unit 349	22	20	22
Miller Unit 351	36	34	36
Deshler Unit 352	95	91	95
Louisville Unit 353	50	46	49
Pleasant Dale Unit 354	115	111	114
Denton Unit 355	66	60	63
Barneston Unit 356	31	30	31
Brunswick Unit 357	32	28	31
Jansen Unit 358	20	18	20
Cook Unit 360	62	66	67
Elkhorn-Waterloo Unit 362	23	15	18
Winnebago Unit 363	31	28	30
Juniata Unit 365	11	10	11
Virginia Unit 367	38	34	36
Garland Unit 369	49	48	49
Elk Creek Unit 370	33	30	32
Valparaiso Unit 371	141	137	140
Millard Unit 374	290	241	253
Dakota City Unit 376	10	5	10
Wilcox Unit 377	31	31	32

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP TRAINING/ HOMECOMING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Post 280 Bennet Legion Hall
970 Monroe St, Bennet, NE

Training:

2:00 Leadership Registration
2:30 - 4:30 Leadership Training -Tina Nelson facilitating

Banquet:

5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour
6:00 Dinner
7:15 Entertainment

Dinner menu includes smoked bacon wrapped pork tenderloin. Choice of creamy mushroom Risto or Cheesy hashbrown potatoes, dinner salad, dinner roll, and desert.

Some alcohol will be available-freewill donation

Response is requested by September 15, 2025

Name _____

Will _____ Will Not _____ Attend Leadership School

Will _____ Will Not _____ Attend Homecoming Dinner

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$25.00 per ticket

Send Payment to:

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