



American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter

November 2025



New News:

My theme for this year is along with our Legion's "Be The One" initiative. My focus is on our Veteran's PTSD and mental health issues.

Let's **BUILD** each other!

B – Be the One!

U – Unite and help each other achieve our goals!

I – Inspire and motivate one another!

L – Listen to each other!

D – Dedicate ourselves to helping each other!



My project for this year is to raise money for a program named JAVELAN.

This program was started by Robert Dean. His wife is a Veteran and needed a service dog and they personally seen how important these dogs are, so they decided to try to do a program to help others. How this program works is when a Veteran (or First Responder) would like a service dog they need to contact them and the only cost to the Veteran (or First Responder) is \$25. If the Veteran has a dog that is 3 years or younger they will come out and train their dog that they currently have. If they don't have a dog, then the JAVELAN program will get a dog through Pet for Vets (another rescue program for Veterans) or the local Humane Society. If the Veteran wants a specific kind of dog, they need to acquire that on their own. The Trainer comes to the Veteran and will train the dog at the expense of the JAVELAN program. This program is nonprofit and relies solely on donations. When I spoke with Mr. Dean he told me that if anyone would like him to come to their meetings and would like more information he would be glad to do so.

I will be raffling off a couple things to make money for a donation to this program. The 1st prize is an Eagle lawn Decoration and a Patriotic picture of bird houses and cardinals. The 2nd Prize is a Patriotic picture of dogs in the back of an old pickup and flag and a patriotic table centerpiece. I will try to display these at County meetings that I am available to attend please let me know if you have any questions or if you know anyone that would benefit from a service dog and need more information.

I was interview by Hanna Christensen who writes for the Crete News, Friend Sentinel and Wilber Republican and surrounding papers. She is interested in the program JAVELAN so be looking for her article in those new papers.

Important Dates:

November 1, 2025	Poppy Orders Due
November 2, 2025	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 4, 2025	Election Day
November 10, 2025	Marine Corps Birthday
November 11, 2025	Veterans Day
November 17-21, 2025	American Education Week
December 7, 2025	Pearl Harbor Day
December 13, 2025	U. S. National Guard Birthday & National Wreaths Across America

November is National Veterans & Military Family Month.

Veteran's Day November 11th – I love hearing from all of you and what you are doing for special days. What is your unit doing for Veteran's day. We have a ceremony in McCool at the school for all of our local Veterans then as a Unit we have a Soup Supper and invite all the local Veterans with their families.

Department Mid Year Conference – Will be January 16th – 19th 2026, in Norfolk at the Norfolk Lodge & Suites their phone # is (402) 379-3833 Use this number to get the discounted rate. Make sure you state the American Legion Auxiliary. The rate is \$110 per night before tax.

District 11 Convention – will be March 21st in Beatrice beginning @ 10am

ABC Books – are now available and will be sent out to each Unit President. If you would like a copy please contact Roxanne at Department the cost for each is \$10. If you would like to print one off for yourself, they are on the Department website nebraskalegionaux.net it is under the About Us ~ tab.

Let's talk Dues Ladies,

Let's try to get those dues in please. Our organization cannot run without them. Please be getting them in as early as you can. Please, don't hold to dues that have been paid, get them sent in as soon as you receive them. If you need help calling or texting people in your Unit let me know. We have 26 Units that are doing awesome getting their dues in and are at the 50% mark or above. We want to be 60% by November 10th! We have several Units that are still below the 10% mark lets be working on getting that raised up for the next goal!

Let's go for 2 years in a row for District 11 to get to #1 for getting Dues in!!

Unit Awards:

There is a Drawing for the following:

25% Award by SAL Birthday, September 15th, 2025 – two \$25 awards

60% Award by ALA Birthday, November 10th, 2025 – one \$60 award

85% Award by TAL Birthday, March 15th, 2026 – one \$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 – 2 \$100 awards.

2026 Membership Awards

Member Award: Recruit/Rejoin 10

- **Award:** Special gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 Senior and/or Junior members. Rejoined members must not have renewed since 2022 or earlier.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS member database by June 1, 2026.
- **FORMS** must be received at National HQ by June 6, 2026.
- **Materials** and guidelines:
 - Forms can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website (www.AIAforVeterans.org). You must be logged in to the My Auxiliary area to access the page.
 - One entry per recruiter.

Member Award: Family 3

- **Award:** Special gift selected by the National President
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit 3 New Legion members, 3 New Auxiliary members & 3 New SAL members.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid for in the database by June 1, 2026.
- **FORMS** must be received at ALA National HQ by June 6, 2026
- **Materials** and guidelines:
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Unit Award: 100% Unit Award

- **Award:** ALA Key Chain with phone stand and cleaner, 2 per unit for the unit president and unit membership chairman.
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2026 membership goal by January 31, 2026.
- **Deadline:** January 31, 2026
- **Materials** and guidelines:
 - This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by January 31, 2026, as verified by ALAMIS.

Note: Departments must submit unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2025, to be eligible for the 100% Unit Award. These must be sent in a specific format which will be provided by NHQ. Key chains for winning units will be mailed to each department for distribution.

Poppies – the Department is low on Poppies so if anyone would like to learn how to make them please contact Roxanne at the Department Office and she could point you in the right direction.

The Department is still looking for a Department Treasurer so if you are looking for job, please contact the Department office @ 402-466-1808. The Oct/Nov STAR has an Ad for the position as well as on the Nebraska ALA website.

The next Let's Get to Know Each Other night is the 4th Thursday in January (Jan 22nd). This is in Dakin NE at the Road Runner in Downtown Dakin. This is just a fun night to get together and get to know each other better. It's nothing official at all just for fun. You all are invited to join.



NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY VA & R 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
DOLLAR DAYS- GIFT SHOPS- GIFTS FOR YANKS -

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

ALA VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER GIFT SHOPS

Shopping/setup Monday, December 8, 2025	9:30 AM at Walmart setup follow 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	10AM

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY GIFT FOR YANKS WHO GAVE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025	10AM 2:30PM	Grand Island VA Medical Center- 2 nd Floor Rec Central NE Veterans Home, Kearney
Monday, December 8, 2025	10AM 1PM 3PM	Omaha VA Medical Center Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Papillion community Living Center
Wednesday, December 3, 2025	10AM	Lincoln Regional Center- Building 5
Sunday, December 7, 2025	2PM MT	Western NE Veterans Home, Scottsbluff
Friday, December 12, 2025	2PM	Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk Norfolk Regional Center
Saturday, December 13, 2025	2 PM MT	Hot Springs SD VAMC need to verify

Thank you everyone for all your help getting this new year started. I hope to see you all soon!

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