

# No Veteran Left Behind



Paul E. Dillard was elected National Commander of The American Legion on September 2, 2021, in Phoenix, during the organization's 102nd national convention. His theme as national commander is “No Veteran Left Behind.” He has been a member of the nation's largest veteran’s organization for over 50 years.

A native Texan, Dillard joined the U.S. Navy to serve in the Vietnam war after graduating from high school in 1965. After he received an honorable discharge as a radarman second class petty officer from the Navy Reserve, he attended Grayson County Junior College and East Texas State University.

Dillard worked several years in the manufacturing business as an engineer, plant manager and director of manufacturing in Tennessee. Upon returning to Texas, he accepted a sales representative position with Sherman Foundry and became its airplane pilot. A career change was made when he and his wife, Donna, began their family and he entered the insurance business specializing in employee benefits and later forming Dillard & Gann Insurance.

As a paid-up-for-life member of American Legion Post 265 in Lake Kiowa, Texas, Dillard served as post commander, vice commander, adjutant, and judge advocate. He coached American Legion Baseball for more than 10 years and served as his post’s Boys State chairman.

Dillard served the 4th District as commander and vice commander and served the department as sergeant-at-arms, Membership & Organization chairman, National Security chairman, Uniformed Organization chairman, Board of Trustees chairman, and he served on the Finance Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee. He was elected as Department of Texas commander in 2007.

On the national level, Dillard has served as Alternate National Executive Committeeman, consultant to the Insurance Committee, Distinguished Guest Committee, Children & Youth Committee, and Media and Communications Council. He has served as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, chairman of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission and chairman of the Legislative Commission. He was elected as National Vice Commander in 2013.

Dillard married Donna in 1983. They have two sons, William and his wife Allison, and Jonathon and his wife Karri, and two grandsons Jarrett and Lukas. All are members of the American Legion Family. Donna has been an active and dedicated member of The American Legion Auxiliary for several years and has served in numerous positions of leadership at all levels of the organization, including department president in 2017-2018.

Pictured(LtoR)NationalAuxiliaryPresident,KathyDaudistel(KY);NationalLegionCommander,PaulDillard(TX);andNationalSonsCommander,MichaelFox(CA).

## Nebraska American Legion Baseball Player of the Year

The Nebraska American Legion, selected Cole Kreber of Omaha as the 2021 Nebraska American Legion Baseball Player of the Year.

Each year, thousands of Nebraska’s youths participate in American Legion Baseball across the state. One young man is then chosen as the Nebraska Player of the Year and is forwarded on to National to be considered for the George W. Rulon National Player of the Year. Kreber was selected for the annual All-Academic Team.

Kreber plays for the Omaha Central Four Aces Eagles team sponsored by Omaha Post 1. He has shown extensive dedication to academics while maintaining a 4.0 GPA at Omaha Central High School.

He participated in baseball, basketball, and tennis at Omaha Central High School and four years of American Legion Baseball. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Purple Feather Academic Award, Honor Roll, AP Scholar, and the 30+ ACT Club. In the community, Kreber assisted the Holy Cross Food Pantry, volunteered for field maintenance at Boyd Field, spent time with the Youth Emergency Services, and volunteered in two organizations that helped with special needs children and sports.

Kreber received Academic All-State Lincoln Journal Star, LJS Honorable Mention All-State Baseball, Omaha World Herald Honorable Mention All-State Baseball, OWH Metro Scholar-Athlete, received the Wendy’s Heisman School Award, and a NCPA Academic All-State awardee. Kreber will attend Whitman College working towards a degree in Computer Science. He is the son of Jerry and Lindsey Kreber.



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DISTRICT 4-47.77%	DISTRICT 8-47.14%	DISTRICT 6-46.53%	DISTRICT 1-44.67%	DISTRICT 9-44.05%
DISTRICT 3-43.66%	DISTRICT 10-43.51%	DISTRICT 5-41.22%	DISTRICT 11-36.08%	







# Commander's Corner

**Dan Benes**  
Department Commander



This past month our Nebraska American Legion Delegation attended the 102nd National American Legion Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. It was informative, fun, and time well spent. The talent and dedication in The American Legion is remarkable. Numerous meetings and events were held. I attended the Veterans Employment and Education committee meeting. That included Vets Education, Other Benefits and Homelessness. We acted on several Resolutions that came before the committee. We held our Nebraska Caucus where the Convention Delegates gave their reports on the various committee meetings they attended; a good exchange of information was had. This year Nebraska hosted the Tri-Stack Party that included North Dakota and South Dakota, we had friends from Iowa and Kansas attend as well. It was a nice program of introductions from each state and later followed by fellowship. The following day I sat in on various Legion educational seminars. That night was American Legion Family Night at Chase Field, an indoor baseball park that was air conditioned and only five blocks from our hotel. The Arizona Diamondbacks played the San Diego Padres. A great game, but Arizona came up short.

Tuesday the Convention was called to order by National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford followed by opening ceremony. There were so many great speakers that addressed the Convention. Commander Navy Installations Command, Vice Admiral Yancy Lindsey, talked about military operations. Medal of Honor recipient, Colonel Bruce Crandell retired United States Army, shared his experiences from when he served. He was a helicopter pilot that rescued wounded soldiers in combat during the Vietnam War. He shared many difficult experiences while serving. During the Convention, Nebraska was the only Department to receive an award for 100% Posts reporting of Consolidated Post Reports. On National Stage, National American Legion Commander Oxford presented the award to Past Department Commander Gary Wooten. It was an honor to be on stage for the presentation along with past National Executive Committeeman Bill Crosier and current National Executive Committeeman Fred Craigie. A special thank you to all of our American Legion Posts in Nebraska for your hard work to make this award possible.

Omaha Police Officer Daniel Martin was honored as The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. His name and picture were displayed on the large screen as he received the prestigious award from National American Legion Commander Oxford. Congratulations Officer Daniel Martin and thank you for serving the city of Omaha.

I attended the State Fair on Labor Day and was honored to walk with Valparaiso Post 371 Color Guard in the parade. It was a pleasure to see the Auxiliary leadership and its members participate in the parade. The Legion Riders had a large turnout, and they did a great job with the flag line. Thank you to all our Legion Family Members for being there, you make us all proud.

Lastly, our membership is what makes The American Legion and our programs so successful. We all know someone that could be a member, lets ask them to join so we can share our great organization with them.

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# Chaplain's Enlightenment

**Dr. William Jackson, Jr.**  
Department Chaplain



(What now?)

Well...it’s history. We have a new leader who believes he’s doing the right thing by his electorate. There are many who take great umbrage at the sight of such a sociopolitical figure not measuring up to what a majority of Americans actually looked forward to. But it’s happened before, dating back to Israel of old, with the reign of Saul (1 Samuel 13:11-13), and his successor, David (2 Samuel 11:2-4).

But from a history of leading the world in integrity, compassion and a love for the Lord’s spoken word, the Bible, how do we explain our steady sinful decline into hedonism (i.e., pleasure-seeking), idolatry (i.e., paganism), and adultery (i.e., infidelity)? How dare I accuse the elect nation of God with such allegations, you say? Wwwwweeeelllll...let’s look at what these ideas conveyed when garnered from our present behaviors. Judgment is of God, but sinful behavior gives some insights into people’s morals and ethics (Isaiah 1:4).

How about turning to the one whom not only cares about you personally, but has plans for which only you can fulfill? God is God, meaning He’s Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Omnipotent. But where does that leave you, what with COVID-19, global warming, soaring fuel prices, rising unemployment, shaky elections, abortion issues, decreasing fuel sources, burdening tax legislations, questionable freedom of speech, and gun issues. More could be said, of course, but...you get the idea.

When times are hard—like now—turning to the Lord, or getting back with Him, might still be the best bet for you. From God’s perspective, only YOU know what’s best for you, after you take God up on His offer to guide you to what you need. Wants are settled, too, when you’re in God’s way of life. Sanctification, or holiness, or living separate by God’s wisdom, is the ONLY safe, reliable, and secure way to get and stay ahead of our nation’s ills. And sick America is becoming. But handling a sickness takes two approaches: the one wanting to be healed, and the One able to heal. We Legionnaires who know the Lord—and follow Him—will get through this time of trial. For others, it means a turning to God for forgiveness and reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Our nation desperately needs healing, but only after we confess our sins. God IS the greatest Healer of all time, and America is facing its greatest challenge. Once we were a fledgling group of freedom-loving patriots who stopped at nothing to be free. Now, we’re facing the challenge to be rid of the sins we’ve chosen not to confess. How do we proceed: with God’s blessing, or His condemnation? If we heed Scripture’s call for prayer and revival, He will heal our land, inclusive of its people and resources (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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# It's History

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# POW/MIA

Boyd Yochum  
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American Legion Department of Nebraska History Word Search

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**Directions:** Search up, down, forward, backward, and on the diagonal to find the bolded, underlined words described below.

October 1941 (80 years ago)

- Nebraska American Legion is out to secure at least 140 **RECRUITS** for the United States **NAVY** before October 27. And the eyes of the nation are on Nebraska, so they must be secured. The challenge to recruit this number of young men for the navy came from no less than Frank **KNOX**, Legionnaire and **SECRETARY** of the Navy.
- SCHUYLER** Post No. 47 invited boys of the town to witness the ceremony of **INSTALLATION** of officers for the coming year. Afterwards the boys were guests at a feed.

October 1951 (70 years ago)

- Ralph **ANDRES** of **FAIRBURY**, World War II veteran who was blinded in combat, won a \$400 prize in The American Legion’s contest, “Operation **COMEBACK**.” The contest was open to all disabled veterans of the two world wars as well as the Korean conflict. Contestants composed letters on “How I Overcame My Physical Handicap.”
- “If District **CONVENTIONS** can be used as measuring sticks to determine the success of our coming Legion year, then let me emphatically state that we will have one of the best years we have had up to this time.” – Those are the words of Department Commander Pete **MARCHETTI** spoken at the conclusion of the 13th meeting which marked the end of the 13 meeting tour for this year.

October 1961 (60 years ago)

- Nebraska Legion **CAPS** were visible in quantity during the 43rd National Convention of The American Legion. Pre-Convention estimates that 500 **CORNHUSKER** Legionnaires would attend the convention in **DENVER** was not an exaggeration. Although impossible to make an official count, some Department officials now feel the number of Nebraskans in Denver was upwards from 500.
- St. Paul, Nebraska has become quite a popular spot for **PHEASANT** hunters. This year they have requests for hunting information from Louisiana and Florida. To welcome the **HUNTERS** to the area, the St. Paul American Legion has scheduled a pre-season hunters feed and stag to be held on November 3, one day prior to the opening day of the season.

The subject of POW/MIA is extremely deep, complex, and never ending. The History of recovering and identifying remains is interesting and shows us how much technology has improved over the last 70 years. The History of documented POWs that were never repatriated is frustrating and should upset all of us. Classified files of POWs need to be declassified. Politicians from both parties seem to not want this, what are they trying to hide? I have a Legion shirt that says, “No Veteran Left Behind.” Has anyone watched the news lately?

I received a message from Legionnaire Fred Baumert. He gave me the name of a Nebraska MIA, that he has not forgotten and requested we investigate it.

1LT Michael L. Klinger, from McCook, was with the 308 Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Per the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), on April 6, 1970, Klinger piloted a single seat F-100-D Super Sabre, (call sign Sabre 31), out of Tuy Hoa Air Base. After attacking his primary target, 1LT Klinger was cleared to strike a secondary target along an enemy infiltration route that had been marked by a forward air controller (FAC). “Sabre 31” made its pass and fired on the target, seconds later the FAC observed a large fireball and witnessed “Sabre 31” crash into a dense jungle hillside. No ejection observed by other aircraft on the mission and no rescue beepers were detected near the crash site. Searches to locate 1LT Klinger following the crash were unsuccessful. After the incident, while carried in the status of MIA, the U.S. Air Force promoted 1LT Klinger to the rank of Captain. After a military investigation, Klinger was declared killed in action. His remains were never found.

Klinger met Jane Adams while attending the University of Nebraska. He also played in a rock and roll band. In 1968 Jane and Mike were married. After they graduated, he joined the Air Force as a pilot. On their first anniversary, he was destined for the Vietnam War. The night before he left for Vietnam, Mike asked Jane for one favor; “If I’m killed in action, I want to be buried in Arlington.”

Over the decades, DPAA still hasn’t fully excavated the site. That leaves the case open. Items retrieved from the site include twisted metal, the jet wreckage; a piece of a survival vest, part of a boot, Klinger’s charred ID card, even a piece of a sock; but no trace of remains. Access is preventing progress on the case; it’s in a remote part of Laos, weather can complicate efforts.

Captain Klinger was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and Air Medal with Five Oak leaf Clusters. He was also posthumously inducted into the Nebraska Rock and Roll Hall of Fame through the band: J Harrison B and the Bumbles. We salute his bravery and his ultimate sacrifice for his country.





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# S.A.L. Notes

Chris Casey  
Detachment Commander



Greetings from the Detachment of Nebraska! Several members of our Detachment attended the 49th Annual Sons of The American Legion National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Our newly elected National Commander is Michael Fox from the Detachment of California. Fox’s motto for his term as Commander is “Leadership through action, not through position,” a reminder that every S.A.L. member can make a difference. His project for the year is Flying Flags for Heroes with a goal to place one million flags to honor veterans in local cemeteries. You can find more information at [flyingflagsforheroes.com](http://flyingflagsforheroes.com). Our newly elected Midwest National Vice Commander is Juan Torres from the Detachment of Texas.

We continue to work on renewals for the 2022 membership year. We have now received the fix for MyLegion that we have been waiting for. The correct per capita amount is now being charged and Adjutants are free to renew membership online once again. There has been no update provided regarding the individual member renewal capability. Commander Casey Hanson of the Detachment of South Dakota has accepted a membership challenge from the Nebraska. The Detachment Commander with the lower membership renewal percentage as of the 100% target date on May 11, 2022 has to wear the other's baseball cap throughout their Convention (outside of official business of course!). For those that know me, I am always wearing my Nebraska S.A.L. baseball cap. I'm not sure there are many photos of me without it. I already told Casey that he is going to love his new NEBRASKA S.A.L. hat! Let’s get those membership renewals completed ASAP!

The Benson American Legion Post 112 will be hosting my local homecoming on Sunday, October 10, 2021. We will have significant S.A.L. training starting at 10:00 AM, followed by dinner at 5:00 PM. Registration forms are available on Facebook @SonsNE or by emailing Commander Casey at [aproudpatriot1776@gmail.com](mailto:aproudpatriot1776@gmail.com). The registration form asks for training feedback so that we can accommodate the training wishes of our membership. I believe that the education of our membership makes for a stronger and successful Detachment. Past National Commander Danny Smith will be facilitating the training at my homecoming. Smith also facilitated the training that took place during the Legion Family homecoming in Valparaiso. The members in attendance at Valparaiso expressed how much they valued the training they received and how they looked forward to additional opportunities. I look forward to seeing many new faces at the training on October 10th!

As a reminder, October/November is the season for District Fall Roundups. I encourage members to attend these events to stay in touch with The American Legion Family within their home District. These events are a way to network with others and learn how other Posts/Squadrons have found success within their community regarding fundraisers, membership, and outreach. Detachment leadership has been asked to attend their home Roundups if their schedule allows. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Detachment of Nebraska.

Sons of The American Legion Membership As of September 10, 2021		
District	2021 Members	2022 Members
1	309	27
2	611	18
3	224	38
4	309	67
5	133	4
6	1,327	209
7	703	67
8	838	127
9	311	91
10	344	39
11	1,070	92
12	254	11
13	153	0
15	147	0
Total	6,733	790



# Rider’s Rally

John Arias  
Department ALR Liaison



This last month, there were lots of Veterans, Riders and Patriot Guard members who participated and/or donated their time, talents, and money in various events throughout the state:

- Riders at the State Fair for the Veterans Day Parade
- 2021 Legacy Ride Across Nebraska benefitting the Legacy Scholarship Fund
- Alliance Police Department for the escort from the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery to

Maverick for refueling and then stopped traffic for our ride on Hwy 365.

A special thank you to the American Legion families at Benson, Grand Island, Columbus, Broken Bow, and Gering for their generosity and hospitality. These Posts served free-will donation meals for the Riders and donated money. The Legacy Run collected \$1,195 to be distributed through the Legacy Scholarship Funds (for children of KIA and Veterans with 50% disability or more).



During a stop in Broken Bow, Riders including Gene Hendricks, Rod and Deb Sonnichsen and others stopped for a picture with John Arias.



Gering Post 36 had members presented a donation during the Legacy Ride. Pictured above (L to R) are SAL Sr. Vice Commander Eldon Kramer, John Arias, Commander Kent Holmes, and Vice Commander Elizabeth Macek.

And finally, fallen Marine Corporal Daegan Page was honored by over 700 motorcycles Riders and Veterans in Omaha. Thank you to those who were able to honor our brother-in-arms. I wished I had been able to attend, but I couldn’t be in two places at once.

Thank you to everyone participated and I hope we can do this again next summer.



Pictured above are Legion Riders at a stop in Columbus. Commander Benes and John Arias are in the middle.

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# Straight Talk

Levi Bennett  
Department Service Officer

Veterans’ Mental Health After the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

As the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) is providing those who served during this period awareness of and access to all their health care services, specifically in areas of mental health and post-traumatic stress care. As this article will go out after the 20th anniversary many who are reading it will have already paid tribute to our brothers and sisters, served in the wars and battles that came to be as a result the dreadful attack on American soil 20 years ago. It is important we remember the purpose for the past 20 years of deployments, that being to prevent further attacks on our homeland. We as Americans and as a whole of the nation are indebted to the men and women who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world supporting the mission of protecting America. Their sacrifices made our homeland and the world safer from terrorist attacks.

USDVA Mental Health officials said there has been an uptick in veterans seeking help, which could increase more as they come to terms with their service and the effects of the US withdrawing from Afghanistan may create an increase in veterans seeking help. The Nebraska Western Iowa Healthcare System has informed to date they have not seen a noticeable increase in requests for mental health services, related to the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

To provide a voice to Veterans who served in Afghanistan, the USDVA is currently running a four-part series on Afghanistan on “VAntage Point” featuring Veterans’ thoughts and perspectives on their time there and the drawdown. For those not familiar with “VAntage Point,” VA’s Vantage Point is their website/blog providing acknowledgements to Service members and Veterans accomplishments around the nation. You can locate this series at <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/92631/afghanistan-how-veterans-can-reconcile-service/> or type “Vantage Point Veterans” into the search engine you use.

The Afghanistan series focuses on Resources available for Posttraumatic Stress (PTSD), how spouses, caregivers and others can support veterans with PTSD, how veterans of current conflicts can learn from Vietnam Veterans, and how Veterans can reconcile service.

The series provides information about “Vet Centers” which came as a result of the Vietnam War. The series addresses the parallels between both war periods (Vietnam War and the War on Terror) and how they can help through readjustment counseling.

Nebraska has two Vet Centers covering all 93 counties of Nebraska, one in Lincoln and another in Omaha. I encourage all reading this to keep contact information for our Vet Centers readily available to be able to provide the Vet Center contact information to Veterans of any era who may be in need. The Lincoln Vet Center main phone number is (402) 476-9736 and the Omaha Vet Center Main phone number is (402) 346-6735.

Let us not forget the reason we took the oath to serve our nation, supporting the Constitution of the US against all enemies, foreign and domestic... We are our brothers and sisters keeper.

Membership Minute  
Steve Bartos, Membership Chairman

The September target date has passed, and I’m glad to report that Nebraska surpassed the 50% milestone. The next target dates are the 55% target on October 14th and the 65% target on November 11th. Please transmit dues regularly, early, and often!

To the more than half of you whose 2022 dues are paid, Thank You!!! As promoted in the “Membership Awards for 2022” (posted on the website), 51-year member Ron Kuhlmann from Byron Post 205 was drawn for the \$150 EARLY BIRD MEMBER AWARD for regular members. Congratulations, Ron!

As we approached the original September 9th target date, it appeared that transmittals from some of the posts were lagging behind previous years. Perhaps that was due to problems with the new MyLegion.org software. Those problems cannot be denied, so don’t be afraid to contact Department Headquarters if you need assistance. You’re probably not alone!

While attending the national convention in Phoenix, I sat in on a MyLegion training session and was able to discuss some of our problems with the American Legion’s head of Information Technology. The training provided was useful, and not too much time was spent rehashing and lamenting the problems --- just trying to do the training and helping folks move forward. It was apparent, though, that the magnitude of the number of inquiries from frustrated Legionnaires just plain overwhelmed the Indianapolis staff assigned to handle the crisis when the new software was implemented.

Although it sounds like they still have a way to go to get all the problems corrected, I did leave the presentation with an encouraged belief that perhaps they are making progress. Reported problems are being prioritized by their frequency and assigned to teams of programmers accordingly. And it sounded like some of the most useful reports we have been missing will be back, eventually. I certainly hope so.

I continue to promote the use of Post 500 as a source of members for our traditional posts. Searching for them is currently a little different than it was but can still be done. (Rather than searching in a radius from your location, you now have a drop-down menu of zip codes from which to select.) A good, new feature is that the search finds members of the headquarters posts in other states who now have an address in Nebraska.


Please be reminded that any Nebraska “Permanent” or “PUFL” member on the Department membership roster on January 1, 2022, shall be in a drawing for \$150.

And, don’t forget the POST REBATE PROGRAM. A post that signs up a new member who has never belonged to The American Legion before and has that membership transmitted to Department Headquarters by the cut-off date shall receive \$5 from Department Headquarters. Postmark date is November 13, 2021.

RENEW. REINSTATE. RECRUIT. And thank you for all your efforts.  
Have a nice October!



Ashland Post 129 held Quilt of Valor presentations with the Prairie Point Quilt Club. Pictured top back row (L to R) Lester Roeber, Bob Whiteaker, Michael Johnson, Vern Rosenboom, Ronald E. Pletcher, Ron Misek, Don Gilbert, Charlie Williams, Mabrey Johns, Dan Powell, and Eddy Boller. Pictured Front row (L to R) Charles Burr, Jeff Wilch, Kenny Danner, Dale Sturzenegger, Park Robinson, Steven R. Johnson, Reggie Moller, Tamitha Johns, and Robert Rex Sherman. Pictured middle (L to R) Jack Eager, James R. Anderson, Andrew Sorenson, Boyd Yochum, Leon Fiala, and Vern Lau. Pictured bottom (L to R) Sterling Graham and Shari Styskal.



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## Charitable Donations

Daniel Stramel, Finance Committee

It has been a little over a year since you have heard from your Department Finance Committee. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer, despite the many uncertainties we seem to be facing these days. With fall upon us, the next thing you know it'll be Christmas!

This article is going to focus on giving to charitable organizations in general, our Nebraska American Legion Department specifically. How you can help it as a taxpayer, as well as the Department's presence within our great state and nation! So "listen up" and consider one or all the strategies within this article and/or talk with your financial, tax, and estate planning advisor(s) to tailor a gifting plan specifically for you.



Everyone loves a win-win situation. That's the case with charitable giving and its tax benefits. You can do good for others, while also doing good for yourself. Consider the following charitable giving tax strategies to help minimize your taxes now, and at the same time support organizations you care about in your community like The American Legion.

1) Gifts from IRA's and other qualified assets: One of the easiest methods of charitable giving is using distributions from your Traditional IRA or other qualified assets to make gifts. When this strategy is employed, distributed dollars are not reported on your tax return as taxable income. This

reduces your over-all taxable income and could have an impact on the taxability of your Social Security. You need to be at least 70 1/2 to employ this strategy and you can gift up to \$100,000 a year. When you turn 72 years old you can gift all/some of your Required Minimum Distribution to your favorite charity, i.e., church, American Legion, etc. The rules are specific so talk with your financial advisor for the "how to" details.

2) Appreciated Assets: Gifting highly appreciated assets to a charity could circumvent realizing capital gains. The charity doesn't pay capital gains, so the state and federal governments would not be part of your gifting strategy. Definite win-win. Again, your financial advisor could be a good resource.

3) Charitable Trust: For larger estates, a Charitable Trust could be a great strategy. And there are two basic types. A Charitable Remainder Trust is a special trust that could provide the grantor with income for life, then at the grantor's death the remainder of the trust assets are distributed to one or more charities of your choosing. A Charitable Lead Trust would allow you to provide gifts to charities of your choosing for a period of years during your lifetime, then the remainder of the assets in trust could be distributed as you choose. These types of trust can be rather complex so your estate planning attorney could be a good resource to determine if this strategy is right for you.

4) Life Insurance: Naming your favorite charity as a beneficiary (in part or whole) of your life insurance policy is an excellent strategy for charitable giving.

5) Will/Trust: Making charitable gifts through your will or trust is a common way to give and make an impact. A major benefit of a charitable bequest is that you can ensure your personal financial needs are covered before giving assets away to others.

Given we cannot take "it" with us when we die, you have the power to decide how you will leave your legacy. Charitable giving can be easy or complex in nature, and organizations like the American Legion will thrive by your generosity. Working with trusted financial, tax, and estate planning professionals can help you craft the optimal giving strategy to maximize your charitable goals and tax savings during your lifetime and beyond.

For God and Country

## Jim Hurlbert Memorial Scholarships

The Nebraska American Legion selected two recipients of the Jim Hurlbert Memorial Scholarship. The Jim Hurlbert Memorial Scholarship is named in memory of Past Department Service Officer Jim Hurlbert. Hurlbert was a strong supporter of The American Legion Baseball program and giving back to the youth who participated.

The Jim Hurlbert Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on the players leadership, scholarship, citizenship, and financial need. Recipients are nominated by their team manager, along with additional endorsements from other community leaders.

For the 33rd consecutive year, the Nebraska American Legion has done its part in helping Nebraska students with scholarship money.

The recipients of \$500 scholarships are Bryder Hickey of Madrid and Cole Siems of DeWitt.



Winside Post and Unit 252 members walked along "Medal of Honor" Highway 20. Pictured (L to R) Janet and Earl Fuoss.



"Legionnaire in the Spotlight" is a new section each issue. Please send in submissions to [kzpestel@windstream.net](mailto:kzpestel@windstream.net) or mail them to Headquarters. Please limit them to 800 words and two pictures. Please call Kylea at 402-464-6338 with any questions.

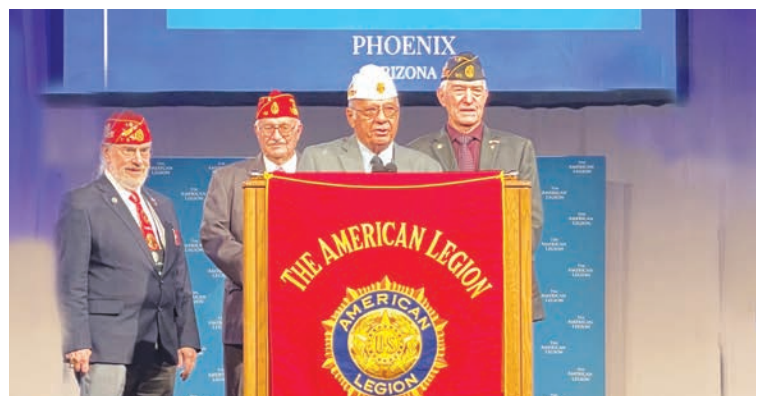
## National Convention - Phoenix



Sergeant Daniel Martin of the Omaha Police Department was selected as the National Law Enforcement Officer of Year. Pictured above is SGT. Martin receiving his award.



The Department of Nebraska was the only state to reach 100% for the 2020-21 year for Consolidated Post Reporting. Pictured (L to R) National Commander Bill Oxford, PDC Gary Wooten, Commander Dan Benes, NEC Bill Crosier, ANEC Fred Craigie, and Membership Committee Chair John W. Bowen (CO).



The Department of Nebraska presented a check for the Child Welfare Foundation during National Convention. Pictured (L to R) ANEC Fred Craigie, NEC Bill Crosier, Department Vice Commander Don Suchy, and PDC Gary Wooten.



The Department of Nebraska presented over \$11,000 to the National American Legion Legacy Scholarship. Pictured (L to R) National Commander Bill Oxford, PDC Gary Wooten, and PDC Rollie Otte.



PDC Gary Wooten presented Kansas Commander Marri Krupco with her Admiralty Award at the Tri-Stack Party. Pictured (L to R) PDC Wooten and Commander Krupco.





Abernathy, William E., Nebraska City, WWII  
Acklie, Dale D., Wausa, Vietnam  
Adams, Bernard, Ponca, Korea  
Aksamit, Dennis Q., Beatrice, WWII  
Alderman, A. J., Chadron, WWII  
Andersen, Dean G., Thedford, Vietnam  
Anderson, Leonard R., York, Vietnam  
Anderson, Robert C., West Point, Vietnam  
Anest, Gus, Bayard, WWII  
Augustin, Winnard, Shelby, Korea  
Barry, Roger W., Schuyler, Korea  
Bauer, Joseph F., Ogallala, Korea  
Becker, Walter, Sutton, WWII  
Beller, James J., Lindsay, Korea  
Bierman, Richard, Battle Creek, WWII  
Blaker, Garold L., Beatrice, Vietnam  
Blase, Lorence, North Platte, Korea  
Blincow, Dean R., Hebron  
Brigham, Neil B., Shelby, WWII  
Broers, Kennth R., Auburn, Korea  
Bruning, Wilson F., Bruning, Korea  
Burger, Donald J., West Point, Korea  
Burns, Joseph T., Holdrege, Vietnam  
Campbell, Richard J., Fremont, Vietnam  
Carlson, Wayne R., Holdrege, Korea  
Cartwright, Robert A., Millard, Vietnam  
Christensen, Leslie, Verdel, Vietnam  
Christner, Albert L., Wauneta, WWII  
Clinton, Arliss, Clearwater, Vietnam  
Concannon, Charlie W., Papillion, Vietnam  
Courtney, George H., Lynch, Korea  
Dahl, Roger, Ceresco, Vietnam  
Dauel, Darold R., Pleasanton, Korea  
Davis, Arden L., Scotia, Vietnam  
Davis, Charles R., Millard, WWII  
Delosh, Kent L., Arnold, Vietnam  
Desmond, Bennie G., Cambridge, Korea  
Dier, John E., Holdrege, WWII  
Donald, Clarence R., Benson, WWII  
Doupnik, Glen D., Pender, Korea  
Drott, Carl W., Stanton, Korea  
Ekwall, Richard E., Fairmont, Korea  
Ellis, James O., Cambridge, Vietnam  
Engelsma, Joe C., Bennet, Korea  
Fenimore, Michael D., Superior  
SAL  
Fiala, Arnold C., Brainard, Korea  
Filbrandt, Richard L., Wahoo, SAL  
Fitzgerald, Edward, Papillion, Vietnam  
Fox, Dillard L., Chadron, Vietnam  
Fry, William, Lincoln, Vietnam  
Gee, Warner, Sutton, Vietnam  
Grantham, Fredrick R., Chadron, WWII  
Grenz, Larry G., Stanton, Vietnam  
Groathouse, Harry W., Lincoln, Korea  
Hallowell, Robert C., Fremont, Korea  
Hamilton, Robert D., Wauneta, WWII  
Hand, Rex R., Pleasanton  
Hansen, Earl E., Cedar Bluffs, Korea  
Hansen, William D., Uehling, WWII  
Harmon, Michael C., Edison, Vietnam  
Hemenway, James E., Campbell, Vietnam

Heydinger, Dennis, Allen, Vietnam  
Hilbers, Gene, Scribner, Korea  
Hill, William H., Superior, WWII  
Hoban, Francis A., Valentine, Vietnam  
Hoffman, Don G., Lynch, Korea  
Holder, Donald, Humboldt, Korea  
Holtmeier, Norval A., North Platte, WWII  
Homan, Donald M., Saint Edward, Vietnam  
Honeywell, Gary L., Bellevue, Vietnam  
Horn, Lyle G., Hay Springs, WWII  
Horner, Roy E., Friend, Korea  
Horsens, Richard, Herman, Korea  
Huber, Milton, Sutton, Vietnam  
Hughes, Terrance P., Greta  
Hulinsky, Lumir E., Lincoln, Vietnam  
Huryta, James A., Loup City, Vietnam  
Iversen, William P., Wahoo, Vietnam  
Jauken, Dennis, SAL  
Jorgensen, Karl A., Loup City, Vietnam  
Jungman, Jay, Atkinson, WWII  
Jurgens, Rodney L., Wilcox, Vietnam  
Kalin, Omer A., Virginia, Korea  
Kasson, Larry L., Wilcox, Vietnam  
Kirchner, William J., Wymore, Korea  
Knapp, Carl E., Fullerton  
Knight, Freeman L., Holdrege, WWII  
Knuth, Robert L., Wahoo, Korea  
Kracl, Allan R., Schuyler, Vietnam  
Krusemark, Dale R., Pender, Korea  
Kunz, Renos G., Nebraska City, Korea  
Lambrecht, Eldon, Loup City, Korea  
Lassek, Virgil, Silver Creek, WWII  
Lawrence, William, Saint Edward, Korea  
Lech, Everett A., Ord, Korea  
Lee, Ronald, Newman Grove, Korea  
Light, Donald, Ralston, Korea  
Lohrberg, Robert H., Lincoln, Korea  
Lytle, Eddie D., Wymore, Vietnam  
Mack, Brian T., Elgin, Korea  
Mannschreck, Craig A., Talmage, Vietnam  
Marcley, Eugene A., Papillion, WWII  
Martin, Larry G., Valparaiso, Vietnam  
Mathiesen, Gary V., Herman, Vietnam  
McAlexander, Jordan W., St. Paul, Persian Gulf  
McBride, Galen R., Stromsburg, Korea  
McNamara, James E., Omaha, Vietnam  
McTaggart, Mike, Beemer, Vietnam  
Meisinger, Charles J., Lincoln, Vietnam  
Michaelis, Jim D., Dodge, Vietnam  
Miller, Daryl K., Blair, Korea  
Miller, Gayle L., Valentine, Vietnam  
Mobley, Vernon V., Callaway, Vietnam  
Moodie, Robert D., West Point, WWII  
Mueller, Orlando L., Hooper, Korea  
Muenchau, Keith L., Lincoln, WWII  
Nelson, Dennis R., Columbus, Vietnam  
Niemeier, Robert E., Cambridge, WWII  
Orr, Leo E., Rushville, WWII  
Osler, John D., Elsie, WWII  
Overing, John E., York, WWII  
Pavel, Gary J., Lincoln, Vietnam  
Pecka, Donald W., Crete, Vietnam

Penkava, Norman D., Pleasant Dale, Korea  
Porath, Duane R., Valentine, Vietnam  
Quinn, Joe E., Stanton, Korea  
Raney, Douglas K., Wallace, Vietnam  
Reinsch, Merle J., Shickley, Korea  
Riddle, Robert D., Roca, Vietnam  
Riggins, Robert H., Norfolk  
Riha, Louis G., Millard, Vietnam  
Robak, Patrick F., Silver Creek, Vietnam  
Rohren, Ronald R., Utica, Vietnam  
Rose, Merrill E., Millard, WWII  
Rowland, Richard A., Omaha, WWII  
Russell, Thomas D., Wauneta, WWII  
Ryan, Jerry, Bellevue, Korea  
Schaub, Daniel, Gering, Korea  
Scherff, Amos L., Clay Center, Vietnam  
Schlautman, Virgil, West Point, Korea  
Schmidt, Orley J., Riverton, Vietnam  
Schneider, Paul M., Holstein, Korea  
Schommer, Susan M., Uehling, Lebanon/Grenada  
Schram, James, Greta, Korea  
Seemann, Kenneth W., Valparaiso, Panama  
Shepard, Wesley, Weston, WWII  
Silva, Timothy, Shelby  
Simpson, Everett R., Millard, Korea  
Sjuts, Marvin H., Madison, Korea  
Smith, Darrel D., Clay Center, Korea  
Smith, Justin L., Decatur, Gulf War  
Snodgrass, Ronald E., Brunswick, Vietnam  
Snyder, Melvin R., Talmage, Korea  
Sorys, Leonard, South Omaha, Korea  
Staberg, Eugene D., Lincoln, WWII  
Stara, Eugene, Fremont, Korea  
Stobbe, Charles R., Ashton, Vietnam  
Stoner, William R., Blair, Korea  
Stork, Gordon, Arlington, Vietnam  
Stork, Richard M., Blair, Vietnam  
Strand, Loell D., Uehling, Korea  
Swanson, Alan, Gering, SAL  
Teten, Marvin R., Talmage, Korea  
Thiele, Leo, Columbus, Korea  
Thomas, Theodore A., Cozad, WWII  
Thompson, Timothy N., Callaway, Vietnam  
Tietjen, Edgar A., Ruskin, Korea  
Timme, Kenneth D., Pleasant Dale, WWII  
Timmerman, Howard E., Osmond, Korea  
Trembley, David L., Papillion, Vietnam  
Vanornam, Mary T., Millard, Panama  
Vap, Roy M., Red Cloud, Vietnam  
Vlasin, Ronald, Crete, Vietnam  
Vogel, John A., St. Paul, Vietnam  
Vogt, Leland L., Herman, Vietnam  
Vrbka, Donald H., Columbus, Korea  
Vrzak, Frank C., Schuyler, Korea  
  
Walker, Robert L., Alliance, WWII  
Warner, Donald W., Bennington, Korea  
Waschinek, Bernard, Ralston, WWII  
Westover, Beau G., Valentine, SAL  
Wickham, George L., Hemingford, Korea  
Wright, Llyod, Blair, Vietnam  
Zimmer, Joe, Pleasanton, Korea  
Zpevak, Richard, Papillion, Vietnam

Gary E. Droge of Du Bois is alive and well.

# Events Calendar

## October

4-7 Fall Meetings - Indianapolis, IN  
11 Columbus Day - Office Closed

## November

11 Veterans’ Day - Office Closed  
14-19 National American Legion College - Indianapolis  
25-26 Thanksgiving - Office Closed

## December

12-17 National American Legion College - Indianapolis  
23-24 Christmas - Office Closed  
31 New Year’s Eve - Office Closed

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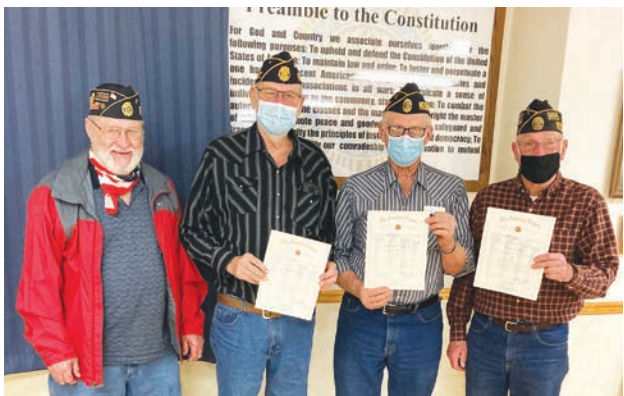
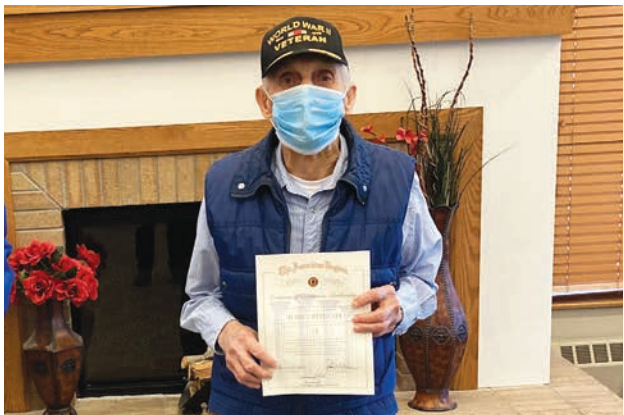


Hallam Post 294 presented a certificate for 70-years of continuous membership to Wayne Engelbart. Pictured (L to R) Commander Wayne Eggert, William Kerns, Wayne Engelbart, and Adjutant Marilyn Grotrian.



Friend Post 183 members were presented Quilts of Valor by the Piecemakers Quilting Group and Legion Riders. Presenters are pictured back row (L to R) Bill Voss, Ron Corbett, John Chase, Marlys Voss, and Diane Corbett. Pictured middle row (L to R) Gary McCulla, Gary Tuttle, Robert Cockson, and Joel Pospisil. Pictured front row (L to R) Tom Schiffern, Gaylen Huff, Roger Hanneman, and Lee Debevoise.





Brainard Post 273 presented certificates for continuous membership. Pictured top Albin Rercucha with his certificate for 75-years of continuous membership. Pictured bottom with 50-year certificates, (L to R) Commander Jim Polivka, Larry Hlavec, LaVern Fortik, and Tom Pesek.



Howells Post 155 Americanism Chairman presented flags to Little Angels Child Care Center. Pictured (L to R) Kate Eusterwiemann and Francis Baumert.



Winside Post 252 had guest speaker U.S. Congressman Hal Daub. Pictured (L to R) are Post Adjutant Bud Neel and Hal Daub.



Grand Island Post 53 presented a certificate for 50-years of continuous membership to Jerome Geiger. Pictured (L to R) are James Brettmann and Jerome Geiger.



The Humphrey Veterans Park dedication ceremony had multiple guest speakers. Pictured (L to R) Humphrey Commander David Classen, Director of NE Department of VA John Hilgert, PDC Gary Wooten, Department Commander Dan Benes, District 7 Commander Jerry Schulte, Congressmen Fortenberry staff member, and Humphrey Adjutant Mike Korth.



Dwight Post 110 Color Guard standing guard at their Memorial Day service.



Humphrey Post 80 presented a certificate for 75-years continuous membership to Vic Brandl. Pictured (L to R) are Commander Dave Classen and Vic Brandl.



Leigh Post 302 member Don Hoessel was presented a Quilt of Valor from his daughter Denise McAfee. Pictured (L to R) are Denise McAfee and Don Hoessel.



Pawnee City Post 168 held a flag ceremony at their post. Multiple members were present.



Culbertson Post 133 presented certificates for 50-years of continuous membership. Pictured (L to R) are Roger Kolbet, Larry Pollman, Commander Dennis Kennedy, and Dennis Farhenbruch.



Orchard Post 136 presented a certificate for 50-years continuous membership to Randy Robertson. Pictured (L to R) are Randy Robertson and Commander Wayne Shacht.



Malmo Post 232 presented a certificate for 50-years of continuous membership to Dennis Fujan. Pictured (L to R) are Dennis Fujan and Commander Don Proett.



Valparaiso Post 371 members participated in the Val Days parade in a Model T truck. Pictured top (L to R) are John Albin and Al Bartek. Pictured bottom is Richard Potter who was awarded Veteran of the Month. Potter is pictured in front of his family plaque.





## Happily Helping Heroes



Hello, Nebraska Auxiliary members!

A very big thank to the delegation who attended National Convention in Phoenix. It truly was a journey, and we were well represented. However, the myth about it being a dry heat was dispelled. 117 degree heat is hot, no matter what. We would also like to thank everyone for choosing us to represent our organization.

Listening to veterans tell their stories of service was a highlight for

me. Many had served in Afghanistan, so I felt fortunate to visit with them during a very difficult time.

District Presidents, keep sending those monthly newsletters. Some I have not received, so please include me on your mailing list.

By now, some of the Department cabinet members and I have visited your fall meetings. Thank you for being gracious hosts.

Membership, Membership, Membership! Without it, we do not exist. Like water for our bodies, we perish without it! New members, young members, and paid members are needed NOW! Once you've paid, follow through to insure that your dues were sent in.

I'm looking forward to the Midyear Conference. Please begin making plans to attend in January at Columbus. This is for all members,

not just Leadership! We will have fun and begin the celebration of 100 years for our State Auxiliary.

Continue to donate to the Double Down for Dollar Days President Project. All funds raised go directly to veterans. Turn their \$5 into \$10. Earmark your donations for the Dollar Days Project!

Thank you all! Happily Helping Heroes!!

Barbie Meyer  
Department President



## "THE LEGION FAMILY - FAMILY STRONGER TOGETHER"



"The Legion Family - Family Stronger Together"

As our membership theme indicates, The Legion Family is stronger together. This theme follows our National President Kathy Daudistel's membership theme of "Together We Serve." As I think of these themes, I see the benefit of a growing family in how they can better serve our Veterans, our communities, and our children and youth.

To help you build your Legion Family, perhaps you need to reflect back as to why and how you joined. If you have been a member since birth or shortly after, the how

might be because your mother or grandmother belonged to ALA and signed you up. The why is because their husband or father served in the military protecting our freedom and they joined the ALA in honor of them.

So, I ask you, what is your why? Then take your "why" and use it to sign up new members. When you share with a potential new member "why" you joined, it might be just what they need to hear to decide to join.

Many times we hear that someone who is eligible to join hasn't simply because they have not been asked. Don't overlook any potential members thinking that "oh, someone else has probably asked them." Even if they have been asked, perhaps the timing just wasn't right. So, keep asking and just maybe the next time you ask, they say "yes."

So, Andersons, Munsters, Brady Bunch, Waltons, Tanners, Flintstones, Cleavers, Clampetts, Cunninghams, Cartwrights, Jetsons,

Bunkers, and Addams families --- are you sharing your "why" to grow your families? If you haven't yet, start by paying your 2022 dues, wearing our "brand," and going out there with a positive attitude.

Membership is the livelihood of any organization. Let's keep our livelihood of serving our Veterans, their families, and our communities strong by building our numbers. Remember. . . . .

*We are family  
I got all my sisters (and brothers)  
with me  
We are family  
Get up everybody and sing*

*Living life is fun and we've just  
begun  
To get our share of this world's  
delights  
(High) high hopes we have for the  
future  
And our goal's in sight*

Vicki Ozenbaugh  
Dept. Vice President

## KATHY DAUDISTEL ELECTED NATIONAL ALA PRESIDENT



American Legion Auxiliary member Kathy Daudistel of the Department of Kentucky became the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) during the organization's 100th National Convention held Aug. 27-Sept. 2 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Daudistel is eligible for ALA membership through her father, William Kaelin Jr., a United States Army veteran who served during the Korean War era.

An ALA member for 25 years, Daudistel has held numerous leadership positions at the unit, district, department, and national

levels, including national vice president; national committee chair: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, Poppy, National Security, Americanism, Membership, and Leadership; national committee vice chair: Junior Activities; National Executive Committee, and alternate NEC.

"I think it's the opportunities," Daudistel said of the ALA. "There are opportunities for everybody — you don't have to be an officer; you don't have to be a leader. But there is always something. The Auxiliary offers something for everybody."

Daudistel retired from a Fortune 500 company after more than 30 years where she worked in the information technology department. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in information technology from Northern Kentucky University. Daudistel has two daughters, four grandchildren, and two sons-in-law.

## NEBRASKA AUXILIARY HISTORY WORD SEARCH

by Angie Foster, ALA NE Dept. Historian



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Did you know the **FIRST** Nebraska Auxiliary **PRESIDENT** was Minnie **PENNEY**? She became famous when she was a young **RURAL** school **TEACHER** and led her 17 **SCHOOL** students to safety during a fierce **BLIZZARD** on January 2, 1888. She led them from the schoolhouse to the nearest farm which was a mile away. Minnie Penney saw the need to help **VETERANS** and became the first American Legion **AUXILIARY** Department of **NEBRASKA** President. In 2022 we will be celebrating one-**HUNDRED** years since Nebraska Auxiliary was chartered. Thank you Minnie Penney for leading the way!

## CONGRATS!!!



Congratulations to Vicky Thompson for winning the drawing I mentioned in a recent newsletter!

Make sure that whatever is sent to you is being read. All Vicky had to do to be eligible for the drawing was to read the letter and let me know that she read it. (I hope she shared it, too.)

Just because it wasn't on pretty paper didn't mean it wasn't important. Please read your Newsletter from beginning to end.

Lisa D. Moore  
Secretary/Treasurer

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP MARY KRAUSE



My name is Mary Krause, and I am the new District One President. My home unit is ALA Unit 79 in Ainsworth.

My dad was in WWII and served as a lineman in the Army. My mother signed me up as a tiny tot, so I have been a member for 58 years. I have served as unit president and been on several committees.

I have 2 grown children, 2 grandsons, and 1 granddaughter. I have been married to my second husband, Nick, for 6 years.

In my spare time, I enjoy scrapbooking and making cards and other crafts which I sell at craft fairs.





Remember to send your assignments a couple weeks before the month they are due.							
2021/2022 CENTERPIECE AND TRAY FAVOR ASSIGNMENTS							
Month	Grand Island VA Med Center 10 Centerpiece	Central NE Veterans Home 215 Tray Fav	Bellevue Eastern NE VA Home 24 Centerpiece	Norfolk VA Home 20 Centerpiece	Western NE VA Home 13 Centerpiece	Western NE VA Home 90 Tray Fav	Omaha VA Med Center 75 Tray Fav
Oct.	#283 Platte Center	#141 Hampton	#110 Dwight	#307 S. Sioux City	#200 Bayard	#200 Bayard	#146 Rising City
Nov.	#61 Sutton	#141 Hampton	#3 Lincoln	#128 Crawford	#7 Alliance	#7 Alliance	#222 Shubert
Dec.	#38 Ord	#257 Eustis	#243 Plymouth	#302 Leigh	#95 Curtis	#364 Naponee	
Jan.	#288 Farnam	#218 Exeter		#283 Platte Center	#133 Culbertson	#133 Culbertson	
Feb.	#310 Gibbon	#225 Eddyville	#264 Dorchester St.	#62 Newcastle	#301 Dalton	#230 Thedford	#183 Friend
March	#257 Eustis	#316 Elm Creek	#154 Blair	#127 Craig			#354 Pleasant Dale
April	#355 Davenport	#288 Farnam		#283 Platte Center	#7 Alliance	#7 Alliance	#264 Dorchester Jrs.
May	#126 Broken Bow	#316 Elm Creek	#353 Louisville	#70 West Point		District 11 Jrs.	#49 Utica
June	#17 York			#322 Monroe			
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Sept.							
Service to Veterans Chairwoman: Alice Vieselmeyer Ph:(402)947-9001 Email: alicevies@aol.com							

## SERVICE NOT SELF - ALA COMMUNITY SERVICE

One program of the American Legion Auxiliary that cannot be forgotten is Community Service. With an organization that has as its motto “Service Not Self,” we cannot ignore or neglect it. What have members of your unit done or will they do to make your community a better place?

Have you thought of working with another organization in your community? There may be several reasons to partner with another organization to work toward a common goal. Reasons for working with others may be lack of manpower, skill set, energy, or

ability to finance a project within your unit. Working with other groups is a “win, win” situation when you utilize the strengths of other groups.

Organizations you can work with are churches, school student service organizations, or other service groups in your community such as Lions Club, Women’s Clubs, Sertoma Clubs, etc. These are all great places to secure manpower for help on working toward a common goal in your community.

Be sure to be “branded” when working on a project, keep lines of communication open with partners,

keep track of your hours and money spent, and publicize your efforts giving credit where credit is due. Working with other organizations on Community Service projects can be very rewarding.

For more information, utilize the [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) website. Log in, click on Committees, and then on Community Service. There is a wealth of information including “How to Partner with Organizations for Community Outreach.” Good Luck!

Debra Albers  
Community Service Chairman

## CONSTITUTION UPDATES PART 2- MORE TO FOLLOW

The following are automatic updates from National Headquarters:

*Constitution, Article X, Amendments*

**Section 1. (Resolution 1A)** The Department of Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Constitution shall be automatically updated when changes are made to the National Organization governing document; thus, no formal resolution shall be required to make said changes. Updates shall be effective immediately.

The Department of Nebraska governing document shall be in compliance with the National Organization and shall not set forth any change that would be greater than that provided through the National Organization.

The Department Executive Committee shall review all changes to ensure they have been properly updated.

Notification of automatic updates shall be placed in The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nebraska Star publication. (6/26/2021 Lincoln)

**Section 2. (Resolution 4A)** This Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by a two-thirds vote of the Department Convention delegates, provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the Units and members of the Department Executive Committee by distributing same to them at least twenty (20) days prior to the

convening of the next Department Convention; and provided further that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular meeting of the Department Convention. Units shall be responsible for distributing the proposed amendments to their delegates to the Department Convention. (6/26/2021 Lincoln NE)

**Section 3.** Amendments proposed after distribution, as shown in Section 1 hereof, may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Department Convention delegates, provided they have been read at one session of the Department Convention prior to taking the vote. (6/26/2021 Lincoln NE)

**Section 4.** The amendments shall go into effect immediately upon passage unless otherwise stated.

*Bylaws Article 1 Department Executive Committee*

**Section 2. (Amendment #5)** There shall be three (3) regular meetings of the Department Executive Committee annually. The first shall be held in the convention city within twenty-four (24) hours following the adjournment of the Department Convention. The second shall be at the call of the Department President at such time and place as shall be designated at Mid-Year Conference. The third shall immediately precede the next Department Convention. (6/22/2017 Columbus NE.) (06/25/2021 Lincoln NE)

**(a)** In the event of a declared emergency, the Department President

has the authority to convene and conduct a Department Executive Committee meeting via use of electronic and/or virtual media. (4/16/2020 DEC Electronic Vote)

**(b)** In the event a declared emergency, the Department President shall have the authority with approval of the Department Executive Committee and the endorsement of The Department American Legion to convene and conduct the Department Mid-Year Conference and/or the Department Convention by electronic and/or virtual media.

**(c)** The Department Executive Committee, as the governing body of the Department, shall be notified of the emergency and date and time of said Conference and/or Convention, extending the notice to all Units in the Department of Nebraska.

**(d)** All business decisions resulting from authorized electronic and/or virtual meeting(s) shall be deemed valid.

**Bylaws, Article V Section 2 District Organization**

**Section 2.** Each county shall have a County President. County officers shall be elected at their respective County Conventions for a one-year term. In counties where no County President is elected, or in the event of her inability to serve, the District President may appoint a County Representative. NOTE: Was changed within the Uniform District Constitution 6/24/21), with the approval of the Department President. This appointment shall be made within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs.

## WINDSIDE POST 252



Pictured are Windside Post 252 American Legion and Auxiliary members Earl and Janet Fuoss walking on Highway 20 near Laurel. They were part of the walk for Nebraska Medal of Honor recipients. The walk included the dedication of Highway 20 as part of the Medal of

Honor Highway that will cross the United States from coast to coast.

The couple also attended the ceremony at Freedom Park in South Sioux City, Nebraska where a Medal of Honor recipient was the featured speaker.

## QUILTS OF VALOR



At the annual Summer Picnic on August 3rd held at Veterans & Friends in Crete, William (Bill) Lorenz was presented with a Quilt of Valor in recognition of his military service in the Nebraska National Guard from 1963 to 1969. Standing next to Bill is his wife, Barb.



On August 11, 2021, the American Legion Post 351 hosted a barbecue in Miller, Nebraska for nearly 40 members in attendance. After many yummy burgers, brats, salads, and desserts furnished by the Auxiliary, quilts made and donated by President Kay Anderson were

presented to Veterans Curt Knispel, Billy Franz, David Anderson, Chuck Day, Chris Dietz, and Edith Deuel by Department President Barb Meyer.

*Honored Veterans from left to right are: Curt Knispel, Billy Franz, David Anderson, Chuck Day, Chris Dietz, and Edith Deuel*

## TIDBITS I LEARNED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

While watching the proceedings at the Nebraska American Legion Caucus, it dawned on me I really did not know how I should pay respect when the POW/MIA Resolution was rendered. So, I asked our Nebraska Legionnaire caucus members what is the proper manner by which Auxiliary members should show respect when the Resolution is read?

The Legionnaires place their cover at their left shoulder with their right hand over their heart. Thus, as an Auxiliary member, a proper means of respect would be for me to place my right hand over my heart as I do for the Pledge of Allegiance and The Star Spangled Banner.

Secondly, I noticed a couple

updates to the Preamble where it formerly mentioned “during the Great Wars.” I inquired of that and was advised the correct wording in the Preamble should be “in all wars.” The word “during” has been removed. Thus, if you are using “during” in your copy of the Preamble and/or your governing documents, it is now time to make sure they correspond with The American Legion’s version.

My last tidbit I learned is that it is great to be home again. We had a great time.

Thank you.

Beverly Neel



# COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

County Government Day (CGD) was started in 1947 by Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons of the Nebraska Supreme Court. He had heard a young man at Boys’ State who had lost a state office election remark, “I guess all there is left for me to do is run for one of those old county offices.” Justice Simmons realized that the students should not look down on county government and that it was his mission to create a program that would educate these youth about county government and just how important it was to each and every county.

Each year, counties in Nebraska hold their annual CGD to teach their local youth the value of their county’s government, just like Justice Simmons had hoped for. While there are 93 counties in Nebraska, only 50 to 60 of them hold an event each year.

Local high school students learn about each county office/position and the duties and responsibilities they have. Every county is different, so it allows those sharing with the students the freedom to teach the students in various ways about their unique government. Some conduct lectures, question and answer sessions, “Jeopardy” games, visits to the county offices and court, and many others.

While in high school, I had the opportunity to attend Saunders CGD and learn about how our county was run and how each office functioned separately --- but how they all worked together as well. This past year, I attended Richardson CGD and was able to speak to the students about the history of CGD and how the American Legion and Auxiliary are still involved today.

Many students have no idea who sponsors the CGD program or why they are there --- besides getting out of school for the day. It is our mission to work together with our county officials to educate our youth and help them realize the importance of county government and the part that they play as well.

If you wish to start a CGD program in your county --- or just need help revitalizing it, contact HP at the Nebraska American Legion (402-464-6338) for more information.

Amanda Washburn  
County Government Chr.



## EDITOR’S NOTE

Please send articles and pictures for future editions of “THE STAR” to Lorene Bartos, Editor at 7441 San Mateo Lane, Lincoln, NE 68516 or email to: ALATheStarNE@yahoo.com. Send photos as jpg attachments. Material for the next issue needs to be submitted by NOVEMBER 10, 2021

# NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

What does the NEC do? The NEC’s primary responsibility is to the National organization. NEC members approve the annual budgets of both the organization and the Foundation, confirm the President’s appointments of the National Secretary and National Treasurer as well as the program chairmen and committee members, and review national policies and standing rules.

The worst duty of the NEC is to accept the cancellation of unit charters. Some good news was that nine new charters and four reinstated charters were granted since February of this year. Unfortunately, working against those gains were 157 charter cancellations – five from Nebraska! It is estimated that by the end of 2021 there will be a loss of 25,000

members nationwide. The largest loss in membership is NOT due to death; but, rather, to non-renewals. Member dues go to the general operation and program expense of the Auxiliary. With the loss of members comes the loss of funds available to support the Auxiliary programs. Members need to work together to stop the slide in membership. Units need to engage their members with worthwhile endeavors to make membership a worthwhile experience. Members need to make sure all current information, such as phone number, address, and email, are available to their units. Stay in contact and stay involved!

Kathy Mazur  
NEC

## UNIT 354



Six new members joined and were initiated at the August 16 meeting of the Pleasant Dale ALA Unit #354. Pictured are Nancy Smith, Annette Pankoke, Sherry Hutchison, Haley Brhel, Karen Brhel, and Linda Olson.

## UNIT 58



ALA Unit 58 President Anita Graber presented a Certificate of Appreciation and medal to Avery Wright, the unit’s 2021 Girls State Representative and one of the two 2021 Girls Nation Representatives from Nebraska.

Avery spoke about her experiences with Girls State and at Girls Nation earlier this year.

## UNIT 133



Members of Culbertson Unit 133 honored Girl Stater Lindsey Rippen, including her Grandmother and Gold Star member Jackie Rippen, on August 8.

Front row L-R: Peggy Kennedy, Lindsey Rippen, Jackie Rippen, and Donna Barth.  
Back row L-R: Bette Wurm, Connie Barger, and Danielle Shermerhorn

# FAMILY STRONGER TOGETHER MEMBERSHIP 2022

Family isn’t always blood. It’s the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what. – Unknown  
Recently, I have been depending on my family a lot --- my daughters, my son, my sisters, my brother in-law (s). They have been there when I ask whether it is a scheduled time or when I have to call at the last minute with a job to get done. What a relief it is to me to know that I can count on family.  
It is my hope that we can count on you to help grow our Legion family. Have you thought about recruiting for the whole Legion Family? The odds are fairly good that when an American Legion member is recruited, they will have a member of their family who would qualify for the Auxiliary --- be it a spouse, a mother, sister, daughter, or granddaughter. Likewise, they may

have a son or grandson who would qualify for the Sons of the American Legion.  
Keep track of those new recruits and send them in. The first award for Junior members and Auxiliary members for the newest members turned in is just eleven weeks away. Will we see your name?  
1) The Junior Member that recruits the most new members by December 7, 2021. There will be two names randomly drawn. (\$50 each)  
2) The Senior Member that recruits the most new members by December 7, 2021 There will be two names randomly drawn. (\$50 each)  
I look forward to a large American Legion Auxiliary Family. Having a big family is a great thing to have in good times and in hard times.

Kimberly Gurley  
Membership Chr.

DIST.	DISTRICT FAMILY NAME	% TO GOAL
2	The Munsters	37.44%
7	The Cleavers (Leave It to Beaver)	30.31%
13	The Addams Family	23.67%
3	The Brady Bunch	22.78%
12	The Bunkers	21.07%
1	The Andersons (Father Knows Best)	18.99%
9	The Cunninghams (Happy Days)	16.93%
11	The Jetsons	16.90%
8	The Clampetts (Beverly Hillbillies)	15.11%
10	The Cartwrights (Bonanza)	15.01%
6	The Flintstones	11.28%
5	The Tanners (Full House)	11.00%
4	The Waltons	6.61%
	Total Department	19.86%
	Goal from National	
14	Department Unit 500	9.21%

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Now is the time to talk with the staff at school about ALA Children and Youth Programs that they might want to use in their class rooms --- like the Americanism Essay Contest or the Poppy Poster Contest.  
You might want to make a “Star Spangled” presentation at your local school or encourage students to learn about the U. S. Constitution or about how to honor the Flag.  
Be sure to monitor your local news for children and youth who have performed a heroic act or

have done a good deed for your community. Work with your unit to nominate them for a Youth Hero / Good Deed Award.  
Check out the Halloween Safety Coloring book. It is 8 pages of fun that you can copy and print off yourself.  
Take note of Military Children in your community.

Vicki Colson  
Children and Youth Chr.

# AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF)

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary up to \$2400 as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis. Grant funds may be used only for shelter or utilities.  
Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained membership for three consecutive years (the

current year and immediate past two years) are eligible to apply for assistance.  
Applications are available on the Department (nebraskalegionaux.net) or National (ALAforveterans.org) websites. Please follow the directions as they are printed on the applications.

Kathy Mazur  
AEF Chr.



**CORRECTION:**  
Cecelia R. Powell, Hershey Unit 279, was incorrectly list in the “In Memorium” list in the September issue.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. Matthew 7:1-2 KJV*

It is so easy to jump to conclusions. Without bothering to check details or take a second look, we make a judgement on whether the people around us are “good” or “bad.” There is no in-between. Matthew is telling us that we have no right to judge others. He says that God will judge us by the same measuring stick that we are using to judge others. Also, if we try to punish them, God will use the same punishment on us. God says that we

should love all people. He can read their hearts, but we can’t. Prayer: Dear Father in Heaven, help us to be kind and gentle with others and not try to judge them. May we remember to judge right and wrong by the commandments that you gave us to follow. Help us to remember that none of us is perfect. Forgive us and help us to do our best to be like Jesus. Please be with our veterans, our active military, and their families. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Pat Wiseman  
Dept. Chaplain

In Memoriam

Received August 10 to September 10, 2021

Ellen Christensen.....Alliance.....7	Mary Hand.....Pawnee City ..... 168
Shirley Watson.....Alliance.....7	Ardyce Burge.....Blue Hill ..... 176
Pamela Staal .....Chadron..... 12	Louan Meyer.....Blue Hill ..... 176
Doris E Harrington.....Chadron..... 12	Twila M Fischer.....Hebron..... 180
Beverly Buhr.....Fairmont .....21	Margie Lindahl.....Bloomfield .....249
Sharon J Maltbie .....Gordon .....34	Carolyn L Funkhouser ...Shelby .....296
Doris Hoelting.....Lawrence .....45	Leatha Jacobsen.....Holstein .....305
Frances Engelmann.....Valentine.....90	Dorothy C Niedermeyer...Johnson.....330
Shirley Hoffman.....Plainview ..... 148	Helen Bauder.....Millard.....374
Audrey F Green .....Plainview ..... 158	

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- 11 Columbus Day – Department Headquarters Closed
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 2 Election Day – Remember to Vote!
- 10 Happy 101st Birthday American Legion Auxiliary
- 11 Veterans Day
- 25 Thanksgiving Day – Department Headquarters Closed
- 26 Department Headquarters Closed

FOR YOUR ADVANCED PLANNING

- January 21-23, 2022 Mid Year Conference, Columbus, NE
- June 23-26, 2022 Department Convention, Columbus, NE
- Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 2022 National Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

UNIT 254



Havelock Unit 254 picked a hot Saturday in September to distribute poppies at Super Saver.

Pictured (l to r) are members Luanne Schwartzkopf, Gloria Asch, and Karen Trautwein.

MUSIC

Just Breathe

Do you ever find yourself “peopled out?” Do you find that you’d rather scream into a pillow than deal with one more talking head, one more chronic whiner, or one more person who would rather criticize than come up with a solution?”

Guess what? That’s perfectly fine! This is the very reason God created music. I have an “emergency” song saved on my phone. It is just four guys in a stairwell singing an old Latin Hymn “Ubi Caritas.” It soothes my soul, helps me to return to my center, and shuts out the blabbermouths.

What takes you to your center? Is it prayer, meditation, carbs? Whatever it is, keep it close. Don’t ever forget that you are God’s special child; and, if people rub you the wrong way, you will be much happier if you treat it as a puzzle to be solved --- not a pain to be soothed. Get back to your center, count your blessings, and get back to being YOU.

Because YOU, my dear, are enough.  
And keep singing!

Jean Vackiner  
Music Chr.

UNIT 374

At their August meeting, Millard American Legion Auxiliary Unit 374 had the pleasure of hearing from the girls they sponsored as delegates to attend the 2021 Virtual ALA Cornhusker Girls State held in June. The delegates attending and giving a brief report on their experience were Bella Orsi and Bekki Franco, both from Skutt Catholic High School.

ALA Girls State delegates unable to attend were Abby Flaugh from Millard North High School and Madison Hagan and Madison Gates, both from Boys Town High School.

Pictured (l to r) delegates Bella Orsi and Bekki Franco.



Thank you

Dear Ruby Paul Campaign Fund Scholarship Committee,  
I would like to personally thank you for choosing me as a recipient of your scholarship. This money will be a big help as I start my journey to be an elementary teacher. I am very excited to be attending the University of Nebraska-Kearney in the fall. Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Laney Badgley  
Oconto NE



NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

National Convention was held August 27-Sept 2, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ.

Nebraska ALA had 18 Delegates and 10 Alternates. Attending were Delegates: Deb Albers, Lee Brauer, Vicki Colson, Kathryn Cyboron, Vicki Cyboron, Angie Foster, Donna Hatfield, Peggy Kennedy, Kathy Mazur, Barbie Meyer, Lisa Moore, Beverly Neel, Vicki Ozenbaugh, Jody Schmale. Vicki Thompson, Amanda Washburn, Barb Washburn, and Pat Wiseman. Alternates : Lorene Bartos Donna Brown, Lindsay Brown, Adeline Hanel, Amber Harrold, Nancy Harrold, Loree Hendrickson, Tina Nelson, Lynne Wild, and Jenni Yant,

Results in a nutshell, the Nebraska ALA Delegates participated in the vote on National Resolutions. 3 National Constitution Bylaws were amended, 1 added. Standing Rule VI, Committees 6. was also amended, with responsibilities of National Audit committee and appointment procedures clarified. Bylaw Article 4 officially names National Executive committee to NEC.

Bylaw Article V was added to define the position of National Executive Committee.

Bylaw Article III lists the Duties of National Officers and National Treasurer.

Bylaw Article V Section 2 Committees renames the Audit Committee to Risk and Compliance Committee on the National Level only. Units, Districts, and Departments do not have to change their Constitution and Bylaws on this amendment. Other resolutions were removed or defeated.

In addition to Department and Northwestern Division caucuses, 24 Pre-Convention meetings and some Break-Out Sessions were attended.

Pages were Peggy Kennedy and Vicki Thompson. With the absence of Past President Paes, incoming President Barbie Meyer served as Delegation Chairman. Lisa Moore served as Convention Secretary. Thank you, ALA Departmnt of Nebraska, for supporting this wonderful experience.

I am looking forward to the leadership of National President Kathy Daudistel and Northwestern Division National Vice President Dee Dee Buckley for the 2021-2022 year.

Barbie Meyer  
Delegation Chairman

