



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEBRASKA DISTRICT 8

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D8 CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

February 12, 2022

JUDGED ITEMS-Winners whose items are to be delivered to the June Department Convention for judging include: *Poppy Center Piece and Corsage* by Diane Warrick, Bennington; *Unit History Book* by Kathy Mazur, Gretna. There were no Prayer or Publicity books for judging.

OFFICERS ELECTION-Looking ahead...It will be Washington County's rotation for a District Vice President in Spring 2023.

DONATIONS APPROVED:

Dept. President's Project (\$200.00); Jr. President's Project (\$100.00); Victory Apartments (\$200.00); New Visions Homeless Services (\$200.00); ENVH (\$200.00); and District President's Project (\$100.00 for the Children's Backpack Brigade at Offutt), for a total of \$1,000.00.

NEEDS AT VA SITES-Please see attached flyers for donation details.

District 8 Convention Highlights



2022-2023 District Officers

(Top, l-r):Appointees: Chaplain Sue Ellen Hammer; Sect./Treasurer Leatrice Doolen; Re-elected President Paula Pillen; Vice President Lindsay Brown. The Little Red School House gained health scholarship donations of \$25.

ALA Foundation Matching Gift (Bottom Left) Gretna President Lindsay Brown (right) presents District 8 President Pillen a \$250 check to match the National Grant of \$873.60 for a District canopy tent, a wing banner, two Poppy table runners, and a flash drive for videos. These will be used at the April 27th Fund Raising Event. Later, \$250 will be directed to Guitars for Veterans from the event.

Membership Award (Bottom Right)

The "Johnson-Mazur **"Give A Hoot"** award is presented to Claude H. Montgomery Unit #58 in Valley.. Membership co-chairman Pat Clausen accepted it from Department's National Executive Committee Chairman Kathy Mazur (left). Pat, an outstanding volunteer, moved the Unit past a 100% mark by going door-to-door for renewals.

2022 Calendar

MARCH

Deadline Now: *Junior Law Cadet ladies'* applications to Post; Americanism Essays, Scholarship & Awards Apps;
5 New Unit Officers for April Election & Installation.

31 District Reports: Year-End Narrative Reports for Leadership, Education, National Security, Children & Youth.

APRIL

Due to State: Department Project checks and forms due before May 1.

NATIONAL ALA MISSION TRAINING IN OMAHA . . . SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

Sr. Member Mission Training:

Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha NE.

National Junior Meeting:

(shuttle service from Marriott) American Legion Post 1, at 7811 Davenport St.

Registration: <https://www.legion-aux.org/meetings/mission-training>

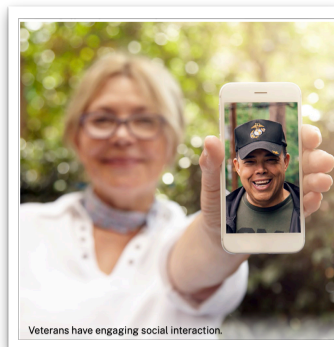
09 Juniors State Meeting,
Saint Paul, NE

10 Cornhusker State D8 Orientation is online

15 Officer List for 2022-23 to District President.

March Theme: Community Service

What can you do? Engage with other organizations to support veterans' family-based needs. One example is the V.A. Compassionate Calling Corps. Joint efforts are really successful methods of growing awareness about the American Legion Auxiliary, especially if you wear our badge. MORE POWER TO YA!



See this webpage for details:

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/81831/vas-compassionate-contact-corps/>

Veterans benefit from this tele-support program if they are lonely, socially isolated. Volunteers are trained to provide support by making periodic phone calls or video calls. People are matched based on mutual interests. To become engaged in this phone buddy system, Contact your VA&R members: Paula Pillen (ppillen2@gmail.com) ; Donna Smith (ddjssmith@msn.com) or Trisha Schnack (pschnack49@icloud.com) for a brochure.

NE Department Convention

CONVENTION: June 23, (DEC Meetings), June 24 - 26, 2022 at the Ramada, 265 33rd Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601

Call (402) 564-1492 for reservations

Room Rates: \$99.95 nightly plus tax

Last date at the Legion rate is June 1, 2022

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/columbus-nebraska/ramada-columbus-hotels-and-conference-center/overview>.

YEAR - END REPORTS ARE DUE BY APRIL 30 TO THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Membership Matters

How can your Unit reach that NEXT Membership Goal of 90% Coming Up ?

Membership dues is one way we support commitments to veteran programs and keep the “home” lights burning. Please reach out to your unpaid members. **Need a report?** Call 402-763-6209 and request one with a message.

Next, get out to new people in your community. For example, give membership applications to your Girls State Attendees and Scholarship Applicants.

TRUE SUCCESS REQUIRES A SUCCESSOR!

Mentor new members, who can keep your Unit thriving for many years to come in your community.

Recruit and engage Junior members...make sure they see our literature, such as the ALA Magazine.



DEPARTMENT GAINS \$250 BY HITTING THE GOAL BEFORE APRIL 15.

April Theme: Children & Youth

Are you pumped up about our Juniors and their friends? We do focus on patriotism in our outreach and helping military children...especially on April 15 for Purple Up Day for Military Children. Say, did you know that Offutt has a Youth Center? (2508 Hruska Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123, phone:[402-294-5152](tel:402-294-5152))



Give a youth a year at Offutt's Center for \$30!

The Legion Family's three military children areas are:

Child Health:

- Immunization programs
- School nutrition programs
- Teen pregnancy prevention

Child safety

- Child pornography
- Drug abuse prevention
- Drug trafficking
- Alcohol abuse prevention
- Child/sexual abuse and neglect
- Teen suicide prevention

Family support

- National Family Week activities
- Day care safety
- Foster care
- Temporary Financial Assistance
- Missing and exploited children



Veteran's Fundraiser & Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 27th Casino Fundraiser 2-4 Blood Drive 10-4 RSVP by 4/22 402-401-4963

- * American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fitness Center 10-4
- * Color Guard 1:30-4 featuring the POW/MIA Table and Patriotic Sing Along at 2 in the theater
- * Memorabilia Display, Silent Auction Donations, American Legion merchandise sales from 2-4 in the lower community room
- * 50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing at 3 & 4. Donated Raffle Prize Drawing at 4 on Main Street
- * The Legion Family Membership & Program, Casino Playing Card Donation \$20 Min , and location of V.A. Service Officers at the front Door
- * Wine/Beer/Cocktail/Sodas/Water Drink Tickets donations \$4 for 1 or 3 for \$10. Chef prepared food action station \$5 on Main Street.



Drinks and Raffle Prizes
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Maple Ridge

3525 N 167th Cir (168th & Maple) Omaha NE 68116 402-614-3160

This is a District 8 event. Post the flyer in public places for those who need VA info. Silent Auction items and Volunteers are welcome...and ATTEND.

VETERANS FOOD PANTRY - IMMEDIATE NEEDS!!!



Who gets our donations? Veterans discharging from the Omaha VA Medical Center who are in need; homeless who just come to live at Victory Apartments and for their twice-a-month pantry days; New Visions residents, and Fisher House veteran families.

So, you're ready to donate food. There are things you should know about what food can (and should) donate and what won't be accepted

Items to Donate: Basically, any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable – you can keep it in your pantry and it won't go bad. And remember, only donate food that hasn't reached its "sell-by" date yet. Specifically, food banks often need items

Donate These:

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| • Peanut butter | Pre-packed Entrees |
| • Canned soup | Breakfast items |
| • Canned fruit | Sodas / juices |
| • Canned vegetables | Crackers |
| • Canned stews | Apple Sauce |
| • Canned fish, meat, chicken | Gift cards to WalMart or HyVee |
| • Canned beans | (staff purchase for special diets) |
| • Pasta (most prefer whole grain) | Boxed mashed potatoes |
| • Rice (most prefer brown rice) | Powdered milk |

Items to Avoid:

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| • Expired Use/Sell by Date Items | Home baked goods |
| • Refrigeration items | Leftovers from events |
| • Dental difficult food | |

Where do I deliver donations?

- 1) At Unit, County, or District Meetings: provide items to the VA&R Reps.
- 2) The Omaha VA Medical Center, 4101 Woolworth Ave., Omaha. Call to arrange delivery: 402-995-2382 or email: VHANWICDCE@va.gov and set up a day/time. They track the donations and work with social workers to ensure proper nutrition is distributed to those who are very disabled.
- 3) Bring items to the VETERANS FUND RAISER & BLOOD DRIVE.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NE D-8

c/o NEWSLETTER EDITOR

6001 N 147th ST., OMAHA NE 68116

Address/Contact Information Correction Requested

Recruiter's Name	Unit/Post #	City	State
Name	Phone	Email	
Name	Phone	Email	
Name	Phone	Email	

For a detailed description of services, visit www.ALAf

Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:

- ☐ Other
- ☐ Member Discounts and Services
- ☐ Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships
- ☐ Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families

I am interested in learning more about:

There are many opportunities for involvement in the American Legion Auxiliary. Help us get you connected!



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Visit us online at www.AAforVeterans.org