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AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

The new year has arrived with new officers, new chairpersons, updated Employee Handbook, Updated and restructured Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The updated documents will be posted on the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary website.

We accomplished so much in June. The pre-convention meetings helped prepare us for the 100th Annual Department Convention. This convention had so much business to take care of but take care of it we did.

We welcomed the National President, Kathy Daudistel to our convention. She is a great asset to this organization and is very compassionate for our Veterans and our Caregivers.

Barbara Washburn had collaborated with the National Parliamentarian to amend our governing documents; the updates are too numerous to mention here. You were sent a copy prior to the Convention with the proposed changes.

A motion to increase dues by \$2.00 per senior member effective for 2024 dues was passed during the Department Convention. At the National Convention delegates will be voting on dues increase of \$6.00 to be effective in 2024.

Twenty-six members are preparing to attend the National Convention in Milwaukee.

The elected officers are Department President Vicki Ozenbaugh, Department Vice-President Angie Foster, Department Historian Amanda Washburn, Department Chaplain Ruth Hietbrink, and National Executive Committeeperson Beverly Neel.

The 2022-2023 District Presidents are D1 Mary Krause, D2 Carolyn Conroy, D3 Beverly Neel, D4 Luayne Weisgerber, D5 Donna Hatfield, D6 Nancy Harrold, D7 Nancy Niemann, D8 Paula Pillen, D9 Marie Atterberry, D10 Cathy Webber, D11 Vicky Thompson, D12 Charlene Hobelman, and D13 Anita Lang.

The Veterans Facilities are all staffed. Representatives for the Medical Centers are Grand Island Kathryn Cyboron, Omaha Paula Pillen, Lincoln Outpatient Linda Varejcka and Hot Springs Karol Lockmon. The Veterans Home Chairpersons are Central Nebraska Kathleen Fisher, Norfolk LaRee Kubes, Eastern Nebraska Leatrice Doolen, and Western Nebraska Cecil Doshier.

Program Chairpersons are Americanism ,Tina Nelson, AEF Beverly Neel, Children & Youth Debra Albers, C&B Amanda Washburn, County Government Patricia Wiseman, Editor Loreen Bartos, Education Crys Bauermeister, Girls State Brittany Masek, Junior Activities Lisa Moore, Leadership Justina Birkel, Legislative Loree Hendrickson, Membership Beverly Neel, Poppy Marla Furrow, Public Relations

Kimberly Gurley, Resolutions Vicki Cyboron, Service to Veterans Alice Vieselmeyer and VA&R Renee VanWinkle.

The donation sheets are enclosed. The Department Finance Committee suggested that October 1st be the deadline for donations, but that donations are accepted throughout the year. It was moved and approved at the Department Convention to increase the amount given to Veterans for Dollar Days from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

The form for 2022-2023 officers is enclosed. Please return with your current officers and chairpersons.

It is time for the 8822B updates. The Department still files your E990 with the IRS, but the correct/current responsible persons information is needed.

The ALAMIS user fees will need to be paid by December 15th for the 2023 year. There is no need to be concerned about this now. Two Unit members can sign up to use ALAMIS. Beginning with the 2023 year (now) your Unit membership chairperson can pay your Unit members' dues online. You need ALAMIS Full access and a credit or debit card. If you have interested members just send a request email to the Department Secretary with a current email address and you will be set up as a user. Remember there are three user types: 1 – Unit View – You can see your members information. 2- Unit Write – You can update members personal information. 3 – Unit Full – You have access to Unit Write and the ability to mark your members payments as soon as you receive them. If you choose Unit Full you are required to attend a brief instructional session.

Please track everything you and your unit members volunteer to do, their donations of time, miles, and dollars throughout the year. Start now by staying connected with all your members. Our members are the best volunteers in every community. Start reporting now so the year-end reports will be more accurate than previous years. I will be "counting" on you.

The list of scholarship winners was posted in the latest issue of the *STAR*.

In the news you hear of suicide. Many of our Veterans die from suicide daily. There is a new three-digit suicide prevention line- 988. Call, chat, or text to use 988 around the clock to make direct connection to trained crisis counselors. All calls are free and confidential. The Nebraska calls will be handled at Boys Town.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Department Headquarters. If we don't have the answer right away, we will find it and get back to you.

The Department President Vicki O is still on the lookout for a full-time Secretary/Treasurer. If you know of anyone that is interested in the position let Vicki O or Jacki O know.

Prepared by: Jacki O'Neill - Pro-Tem Department Secretary



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Summertime greetings!

For the Units who meet during the summer months—kudos to you. For those who might take off a couple months in the summer, that's OK. I believe even if we are not meeting, ALA members continue to remember our Veterans and work our programs. Thank you!

Unit Presidents—it is very important that you share the information you receive in these monthly mailings with your Unit members. That is the only way they will have the latest happenings within our Department. The plan is to have the monthly mailings arrive the last week of each month so that you can share them at the next month's meetings. As an example, you should have received this mailing by July 31 to share at your August meeting. Also, please let me know when you meet so I may visit your Unit meeting.

The **2022 Department Convention** is now part of our history. Thank you to the 143 ALA members that attended, which represented 87 Units. It was a larger turnout than what we have had in recent years. Fantastic!

National Convention is just around the corner. It will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from August 26 – September 1. If you're not able to attend, you can watch on ALA's livestream. You can also follow the event on social media @ALAforVeterans. New this year will be the virtual pre-convention meetings. For those attending the National Convention, whether as a delegate/alternate or member, the Nebraska Caucus will be held on Friday, August 26 at 8:00 pm in the River View room. All those attending the convention to plan to be in attendance.

Included with this mailing is the information and registration form for Commander Don, Detachment Commander Chris, and my **homecoming/training** on Saturday, October 1 in Seward. The Auxiliary training will be informative with some fun mixed in. This will be your opportunity to learn about this year's program chairpersons and what they have planned for the year.

An update on **reporting for this year**. I have appointed a committee to create a simplified Unit reporting format. This will be announced and shared at the homecoming/training.

The Nebraska State Fair has changed the date for **Veterans Day Celebration Honoring Iraqi and Afghanistan War Veterans at the Fair**. This year it will be held on Tuesday, August 30 (in the past it has been on Labor Day). This presents an issue for those attending National Convention. We won't be able to attend! Therefore, I am calling upon any Auxiliary member that can make plans to represent the Department of Nebraska at the Veterans Day Service at the Heartland Events Center on Tuesday, August 30, at 3:00 pm as well as to participate in the parade that day, which follows the program. Members may walk in the parade, have a float and members ride on the float, or participate in any other way for the parade. It is important to let the public know that The American Legion Auxiliary supports our Veterans, and what better way then to wear our brand in a State Fair parade. I would suggest red shirts be worn. If you do plan to go on Tuesday, August 30 for Veterans Day at the Fair, show your membership card for free entry into the fair.

Other Veterans related activities you can do at the State Fair include:

- Remember Our Fallen Memorial at the Nebraska Building
- Flights of Honor at the Nebraska Building
- CCC Veterans Mingle at the Nebraska Building
- Service Dog Meet & Greet at the Veterans Day Service and all around the fair grounds
- Mobil Vets
- Ride in the Motorcycle Show

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a contact person for organizing the State Fair Parade, please contact me.

Remember to keep updated by visiting our website (www.nebraskalegionaux.net). Angie Foster has been our website administrator. She is happy to do this but is willing to have someone take over. This would be a great opportunity to involve someone that enjoys technology. I'm sure with our membership across the state we have members with the knowledge, capability, and desire to maintain a website. Please pass along any interested member.

Membership chairpersons--you can now begin collecting 2023 dues and submit them to headquarters!

So as we Never Forget, Ever Honor this year, let me close with a thought on patriotism (love for or devotion to one's country):

Patriotism is an attitude. Get yours red, white, and blue!

Vicki Ozenbaugh

Department President

MEMBERSHIP 2023

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Welcome Members,

Our biggest struggle continues to be collecting membership dues. Our membership card is current from January 1 through December 31st; thereafter, it is expired. We all need our new ALA membership card on or before January 1st to maintain our “good standing” membership. Without close and prudent attention to paying our dues in a timely manner we are leaving our Districts and others on a slippery slope of declining Units. Now is the time we need to halt our losses. I compare payment of my annual dues as I do my house or auto insurance. It comes once-a-year, write the check, send it off and be a member in “good standing.” Ladies and gentlemen we do not need a paper notice from the National organization to know we have this annual obligation that was earned for us by a beloved Veteran. The amount of our membership dues cannot compare to the sacrifices our beloved Veteran(s) made to allow us the privilege to be a member of the ALA. Your Unit, your District and your Department will be greatly appreciative. I know I will be! *If need be, pay your 2022 and 2023 dues today.*

As you send in your dues please keep your personal data updated. If you have a change in your name, address, phone number and/or email address, your Unit, your District and your Department need those changes. Simply complete a “Member Data Form” and send it to the ALA Department, P O Box 5227, Lincoln NE 68505-0227 or scan and email to neaux@windstream.net

Those members who hold a State Life Membership (SLM), please be aware that even though you paid your dues for life a long time ago, the Department is obligated to pay your National per capita dues each year. Why you may ask? Because the SLM process developed by Nebraska and another two or three Departments is not recognized by the National organization. Thus, at present time the Department is paying \$12.00 annually for each of our current SLM members into National. Thus causing the Department to be operating at a deficit. As an SLM member please consider sending a \$12.00 check to the Department to assist in the annual payment. With less than 1,000 SLM members it is costing the Department \$1,200 for every 100 SLM members. Units that have SLM members are also encouraged to send in a donation to the Permanent Membership/General Fund. I bought into the SLM process decades ago and I switched to PUFL a few years back. So it can be done.

You may have heard that National is proposing a \$6.00 dues increase for its portion of our Unit dues. Should that proposal be accepted at the National Convention, August 26 – September 1, 2022 then

that \$12.00 will increase to \$18.00 in the 2024 Membership Campaign year beginning in July 2023. Putting the Department in a greater deficit.

The Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership process is a National one. If you feel you can afford to join this process now is the time to get that done before June 2023. The PUFL form will be in this newsletter. Find your age across the top of the chart and find your current Unit dues down the left column and where those two lines meet would be your PUFL payment due to National. All paperwork must go through the Department for verification purposes. So if you want to pay once and be done, PUFL is your method. Also it is important to know that as the current National per capita dues share in Department is \$12.00 that amount would be locked in and the National organization cannot come back to the Department for any additional dues from here on out. This past year I paid for my daughter and three granddaughters to be PUFL members and I do not regret the investment. They are all locked in and never need to worry of forgetting to pay their dues. It is the least I could do for my loved ones because my beloved Veteran(s) gave me that privilege first.

Membership is the foundation of any organization and the accomplishment it achieves. No member is ever expected to do it all, to make it happen by oneself, but to have the membership to participate in any way they are able to do so. Every member has talents and skills that can make a definitive contribution to your local Legion Family. Please be sure you are demonstrating the same. We never turn a volunteer away. We should never set aside a different idea or opinion – that is how we grow and flourish.

We all have pride of and more importantly appreciation of our beloved Veteran(s) who gave us the privilege of being an ALA member. We need to know our “WHY” and be able to tell that personal story. Start today and create a one-paragraph personal “WHY” story so you can share it with others. I am sure we would find some amazing “WHY” stories we never knew. **This is my challenge to each member, do the “WHY” paragraph and send it to me via regular mail or email. I really want to know your “WHY.” I would love to create a “WHY” booklet.**

Unit Membership Clerk & District Presidents: You should have a yellow form to complete and get sent back to me. Please get that done today. Thank you to those Units that have sent in their yellow form from the membership card packet. Much appreciated.

Until next time remember we are a team, and we work together for the good of the organization in service to Veterans, Military and families, Children & Youth, Community and so much more. Keep involved and invested. The rewards are greater than you can expect. Blessings to all.

Veterans – Our Soul & Inspiration

NEBRASKA A.L.A. OFFICER MAILING LIST for 2022-2023 year

Unit No. _____ Town _____ County _____ District _____

Meeting date	Meeting Time	Senior Dues	Junior Dues

Unit President _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Other _____ Email: _____

Unit Vice President _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Other _____ Email: _____

Unit Secretary _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Other _____ Email: _____

Unit Treasurer _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Other _____ Email: _____

Membership _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Other _____ Email: _____

Correspondence is mailed to the Unit President listed above.

If your Unit has a preference on where the Official Information from Department Headquarters should be mailed list it below:

c/o American Legion Auxiliary Unit _____
 address: _____

Please PRINT clearly and return to Department Headquarters after Unit elections.
 Fax to 402-466-0182 or mail to: A.L.A. - PO Box 5227 - Lincoln, Nebraska 68505

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Changes may be called into Department Headquarters - Call (402) 466-1808

UNIT CHAIRMANSHIPS

UNIT CHAPLAIN		
Name:	Ph:	E:mail:
UNIT HISTORIAN		
Name:	Ph:	E-Mail:
UNIT AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF)		
Name:	Ph:	E-Mail:
UNIT AMERICANISM		
Name:	Ph:	E:mail:
UNIT CAVALCADE of MEMORIES		
Name:	Ph:	E:mail:
UNIT CHILDREN & YOUTH		
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UNIT COMMUNITY SERVICE		
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UNIT CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS		
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UNIT EDUCATION		
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UNIT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES		
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**American Legion Auxiliary
Department Convention
Department Executive Meeting
June 23, 2022
Ramada Inn, Columbus, Nebraska**

President Barbie Meyer called the Department Executive meeting to order at 1 pm.

Chaplain Pat Wiseman opened with a prayer. Jacki O'Neill led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Meyer welcomed all that were present.

President Meyer acknowledged Past Department Presidents in attendance (in no particular order):

Roxanne Hiatt	Lynne Wild	Barbara Washburn	Donna Hatfield	Barbara Skillman
Beverly Neel		Luayne Weisgerber	Kathy Mazur	Mary Ann Otte

Department Officers were introduced along with the District Presidents and Representatives:

District 1	Mary Krause	District 2	Crys Bauermeister
District 3	Vicki Gullicksen	District 4	Bonita Dickinson
District 5	Terrie Haworth	District 6	Justina Birkel
District 7	Janie Nelson	District 8	Paula Pillen
District 9	Peggy Kennedy	District 10	Tina Nelson
District 11	Vicky Thompson	District 12	Charlene Hobelman
District 13	Amanda Washburn		

The DEC meeting minutes from January 21, 2022, were presented. Vice President Vicki Ozenbaugh moved to dispense with the reading since they were given out prior to the meeting. It was seconded and the minutes were approved.

The DEC met with The American Legion to discuss a new the prospect of obtaining a new building in Lincoln. Mike Sheridan, a member of The American Legion Executive Committee moved to continue this communication and look forward to this building.

Crys Bauermeister, District 2 President moved that the Auxiliary put the same motion forward as the Legion did. Motion was seconded and carried.

The DEC returned to the meeting in progress.

Resolutions or recommendations from the District Presidents were requested. District 4 President Bonita Dickinson presented and moved acceptance of changes to the Uniform District Constitution. Motion was seconded and tabled

President Meyer asked the District Presidents if they had any units turning in their charters. They reported they had not been notified of any.

District 10 President, Tina Nelson said it would be easier to find minutes and finance reports if they were on colored paper. She moved that each individual section be on different colored paper. Motion was seconded. President Meyer called for the vote. One no vote.

Finance Chair Vicki Cyboron reported on the finance June 4 and June 6 meeting. Minutes of the meeting had been mailed to the DEC. and copies were available. Committee recommendations and resolutions followed:

By direction of the committee the following motions were made.

Changes to the new Employee Handbook:

Cyboron moved that Juneteenth and the day before New Year's be added to the Paid Holiday list. Motion carried.

Cyboron moved that Part-time employee be eligible to receive holiday pay based on their standard work schedule. Motion carried.

Cyboron moved that absences caused by the closing of the office, upon the determination of the Department Adjutant and Department Secretary, will be paid absences for all employees based upon scheduled work hours. Motion carried.

Cyboron moved that vacation leave accrue on a monthly basis, e.g., during the first year of employment 3.33 hours/month will accrue. Vacation leave cannot be taken until the end of the six months of employment has been completed. Paid leave will not be allowed in advance of the six-month period nor before leave has been earned. Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays falling within vacation periods will not count against vacation time. Up to 40 hours of vacation leave can be carried forward as of the anniversary of the hire date. Vacation will be counted in hours. It may be taken by hour, by day or by week(s). Employees must receive advance approval for vacation time from the Department Secretary. The Department Secretary must receive advance approval for vacation time from the Department President and Finance Chairman. Vacation requests that exceed two consecutive days must be approved four (4) weeks in advance and should be scheduled as to ensure the Department business can be conducted properly during the employee's absence.

District President 13 Amanda Washburn moved to amend the motion by adding instances of extenuating circumstances can be approved by the Department President and the finance chairman for vacation use.

President Meyer called for a vote on the amendment. Amendment carried.

The motion final sentence was amended to state: Vacation requests that exceed two consecutive days must be approved four (4) weeks in advance and should be scheduled as to ensure the Department business can be conducted properly during the employee's absence. Instances of extenuating circumstances can be approved by the Department President and the finance chairman for vacation use. Motion was carried

Cyboron moved to add "Paid" to the header Sick Leave. Motion carried.

The budgets were reviewed next.

Cyboron moved to accept \$6,375 as the budget for Children and Youth 2022-23. Motion carried.

Cyboron moved to accept \$45,580 as the VA&R budget for 2022-2023. Motion carried.

Cyboron moved to transfer \$55,250 from US Bank to Morgan Stanley in July. Motion carried.

General Budget:

Cyboron moved to accept \$188,450 for the 2022-23 General Fund Budget. Motion carried.

Cyboron moved to accept payment in the amount of \$200 per delegate to National Convention. Motion carried.

Standing Rules:

Cyboron moved adoption of an amendment to Standing Rule VA&R #8 to increase the amount given to Veterans who reside in the Nebraska Veterans Homes or who are patients in the VA Medical Centers for Veteran's Dollar Days from \$5 to \$10. Motion carried.

Cyboron then called upon Audit Committee Chair Barbara Washburn for a report on the Internal Audit. Washburn reviewed Audit Committee recommendations and Finance Committee responses.

Advisory Chair Kathy Mazur was picking up the National President. Committee member Beverly Neel reported on the June 4 Advisory Committee meeting. Minutes were mailed to the DEC and were available.

Historian Angie Foster led the committee to update the employee handbook. An annotated version of the updated handbook had been mailed to the DEC and copies were available.

Resolutions Committee Chair Donna Hatfield was called upon for any updates. There were no resolutions from the committee.

Parliamentarian, Lynne Wild was called upon to explain the process for consideration of the revision to the Department Standing Rules. "The revisions will be considered seriatim, which is Section by Section, but the reading of each section is not required. Ten (10) minutes of discussion will be allowed per Section, followed by a vote to adopt the revision as presented/amended. Only Sections that were modified in the Phase 1 revision are open for amendment. These Sections are listed on the Supporting Rationale paperwork."

Constitution and Bylaws Chair, Barbara Washburn addressed the DEC.

By direction of the committee, Washburn moved adoption of the proposed revision to the Standing Rules.

Section A - Department Officers

- Gender neutrality was applied to all paragraphs
- #4 was moved to Finance in Bylaws
- #6 was deleted as being unnecessary

Section B - Department President

- Gender neutrality was applied to all paragraphs
- Created new #3 from the last sentence in #2
- Deleted #4 and moved to duties in Bylaws

Section D - Department Secretary-Treasurer (Staff)

- Removed #6 to a new Section in Bylaws (Risk and Compliance)

Section E - General

- Modify wording to account for the lack of a National Plan of Action

Section M - Meetings

- Deleted #3 as unnecessary

Section N - Membership

- Removed historical comment in #1a
- Removed duplicate paragraph in #5
- Made paragraph 7 gender-neutral and changed chairman to chairmen
- Per current Constitution Article VI-Finance, modification of dues is discussed on the convention

Section O - National

- Clarify that a \$100 donation will be presented during the National President's official visit
- Make #2a gender-neutral

Section - Conferences and Conventions

- Added a new paragraph at the beginning of the section establishing deadlines for submission and distribution of amendments and one-time resolutions
- Replaced "2 delegates-at-large" with "2 delegates"
- Removed capitalization and quotes around Member and Guest
- Added "units of the Department of Nebraska" for clarity of guest attendees
- Added a new paragraph for Risk and Compliance Committee reimbursement
- Deleted item #1 about Past Department Presidents being registered as delegates. The Constitution states that they are delegates-at-large in their units. Also their registration fees are waived by virtue of the fact that they are voice members of the DEC.

Section - National Convention

- #2 - Replaced retiring with outgoing
- #2 - Established order of assigning delegates
- #2 - Clarified the process of how District delegates are selected
- #2 - Replace delegates-at-large with delegates
- #3 - Revised wording regarding selection of alternates to delegates
- #3 - Removed "at-large"

- #4 - Replaced retiring to outgoing
- #4b - Described some of the duties of the Delegate Secretary
- #6 - Revised wording of corsage paragraph and combined #6a
- #8 - Changed husband to spouse

Section - Education

- #2 - Replaced old names and a.k.a. with current scholarship. Names
- #3 - Added a new section for the Junior Loyalty Scholarship alternate
- #4 - Gender-neutral wording
- #9 - Removed as there no longer seems to be value in endorsement by President

Section - Girls State

- The entire Girls State governing document was removed from the Standing Rules as it is a free-standing document of its own.
- Clarifying sections were added to reduce confusion about accountability of Girls State as a subsidiary organization and to outline reporting requirements to the Department ALA

The following Sections were removed in their entirety from the current Standing Rules. Sections in the revised Standing Rules were renumbered accordingly.

Section E - Department Historian

- This section was deleted and moved to the Bylaws as duties should be in the Bylaws and to remove duplication

Section F - Department Chaplain

- This section was deleted and moved to the Bylaws as duties should be in the Bylaws and to remove duplication

Section G - National Executive Committeewoman

- The section was deleted and moved to the Bylaws as duties should be in the Bylaws.

The following Sections are presented for consideration in the revised Standing Rules. All other Sections not listed below are unchanged from the current Standing Rules.

All Sections

- Added Department prior to Finance and Advisory Committee
- Changed Department Chairmen to Committee Chairmen (per anticipated change to the bylaws)
- Italicized "*The Star*"
- Changed committeewoman to committeeperson

Motion carried.

By direction of the committee, Washburn moved to amend Standing Rule Q – Membership, number 2 to increase senior dues by \$2. The annual dues to the Department shall be \$12.25 per Senior member and \$1.25 per Junior member effective with payment of the 2024 dues. Motion carried.

There will be a phase 2 next year.

District Presidents reported on their respective district activity reports in the Convention Annual. Each District President/Representative commented on special events and the experiences they had during their year. Reporting began with District 13 through District 1.

There were some questions about a conflict of interest for a Legion employee serving as a department officer.

Candidates for Department Offices were introduced.

Chaplain Pat Wiseman offered a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Written, read at 2022 General Session June 24, 2022.

Jacki O'Neill – Pro Tem Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENTION ALL UNITS!
NOT SURE IF YOU WANT TO PAY UNIT DUES ONLINE?
Try the Full User option for no extra charge unit December 31st.
Email neaux@windstream.net and request the full user trial.

ALAMIS FULL USER OPTION

National Membership Team has opened the option for any units to pay dues online to ALAMIS upon department approval! This level of ALAMIS access will be known as UNIT FULL.


Unit full capabilities:

- All the capabilities of Unit Write access PLUS:
- Pay membership dues through ALAMIS. Units will pay both the department and national portion of dues for members. The department dues will then be remitted back to departments on the same schedule as online and by phone dues. A separate report will be included that shows which units paid dues and which members were paid.
- Rejoin former members within their unit. ALL transfer requests of current members, expired members or former members will still need to be processed by the department.
- Enter new members and pay their dues. Note: If you require certain documentation on new members to still be sent to your department, advise your units accordingly.

There will be requirements to have Unit Full access:

1. Membership dues must be paid using a VISA or Mastercard (credit or debit).
2. All Unit Full users must attend a 30-minute virtual training session. Currently, we are planning on doing 3 trainings a month on different dates and at different times to accommodate the most people.
 - a. Unit Full Users will receive an email with the month's training schedule to register for a training once a request is submitted to the ALAMIS Help Desk. **Users will not be granted access until after they have attended a virtual training.**

From July 2022-December 2022 ALA NHQ will not be charging new UNIT FULL access users a user fee. Any Unit Full user who still has UNIT FULL access in January 2023 will be charged their annual user fee for the 2023 calendar year. The 2023 UNIT FULL user fee will be \$20.00 per user for the year.



**COMMANDER DON, PRESIDENT VICKI, &
DETACHMENT COMMANDER CHRIS INVITE YOU TO
LEADERSHIP TRAINING/HOMECOMING 2022!**

Saturday, October 1

Harvest Hall – 1625 Fairgrounds – Seward, NE

Registration – 12:30 pm

Joint Opening – 1:00 pm

Separate meeting/training – 1:30 pm

Social Time – 5:30 pm

Banquet – 6:30 pm

Special Entertainment



**NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM
201 N Eighth Street – Seward, NE
Open for The American Legion Family
Saturday morning – Free admission**



LODGING IN SEWARD

**Cobblestone Inn – 402-646-1004 or 888-693-8262
2575 Progressive Road**

**East Hills Motel – 402-643-3679
131 Us Hwy 34 E**

**Liberty House Bed & Breakfast – 402-643-2555
441 N 5th St**

**Blue Valley Campground – No Reservations Required
730 S 6th Street**



2022 HOMECOMING MEAL REGISTRATION

Name _____

Post/Unit/Squadron _____

Mailing Address _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone Number _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount enclosed _____

**Cost: \$15 prior to September 21
\$20 day of event**

Menu

**Sliced Beef Brisket, Twice Baked Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Melon & Grapes,
Cherry & Blueberry Cheesecake**

**Complete and return with check payable to Don Suchy
by September 21**

**Don Suchy
1589 Little Salt Road
Valparaiso NE 68065**

GIFTS FOR YANKS DONATION / ASSESSMENT SHEET

2022 - 2023 THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



The American Legion , American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion are co-sponsors of the "GIFTS for YANKS" program. Through donations from the Legion Posts, Units , Squadrons and Legion Riders there will be a gift for every hospitalized veteran in Nebraska V.A. Medical Centers, residents in Veteran's Homes and Regional Centers; and parties held at the V.A. Medical Centers in Hot Springs, South Dakota and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

All Veteran VAMC patients or VA Home residents receive a gift of \$20 and their spouse living in the facility receives \$15.

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

Additional donations are needed to continue this program

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

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

Match \$ below with combined members:	Total of your Post, Unit and Squadrons equal:
\$20.00	Up to 100 combined members
\$30.00	100 to 199 combined members
\$50.00	200 to 299 combined members
\$60.00	300 to 399 combined members
\$85.00	400 to 499 combined members
\$110.00	500 to 749 combined members
\$125.00	Over 750 combined members

Make check or checks payable to : Department Treasurer A.L.A. - memo GFY

Date : _____

District and Post # _____

Town _____

Check(s) # _____

Together we can! _____

\$ _____ Unit donation - ALA

\$ _____ Post donation - TAL

\$ _____ Squadron donation - SAL

\$ _____ Legion Riders donation - LR

\$ _____ Additional donation

\$ _____ Total Combined Donations

Mail donations to A.L.A. - PO BOX 5227 - LINCOLN, NE 68505

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Are you the one??

*Do you see yourself as a bright, considerate,
energetic, motivated individual?*

*Are you willing to work for the betterment of our Veterans
and the programs supporting them?*

The Department of Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary
has an opening for the Secretary/Treasurer position at
ALA Headquarters, 5600 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (one hour lunch) M - F

Sick/Maternity/Vacation Leave

Possibility of stipend for health insurance and retirement

This is a multi-faceted position that will utilize your
administrative, bookkeeping and communication skills.

Contact

Vicki Ozenbaugh

402-759-0411

ala.ozenbaugh@gmail.com



Please share with all Auxiliary
members!

Per ALA Department of Nebraska Constitution, Updated June 2021

Article VI – Department Officers, Section 6

The Department Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by written vote of the incoming
Department Executive Committee upon nomination of the incoming Department
President prior to the close of Convention so she may be installed with the other officers.
Her salary shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee. (6-25-2009)

Deadline to apply – June 13, 2022



**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Nebraska & National Veteran Projects
2022-2023 Donation Form**

Donations to the projects below may be combined into a single check. Be sure to indicate the amount you wish to contribute to each project.

Donations are appreciated by October 1st but are accepted throughout the year

Amount	Nebraska VA Facility Donations	Allocations
Recreation/Special Needs		
\$ _____	Omaha VAMC - OMVAMC	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	Grand Island VAMC-GIVAMC	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	Eastern NE Vets Home - EVH	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	Norfolk Vets Home-NVH	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	Central Nebraska Vets Home-CNVH	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	Western NE Vets Home - WNVH	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	Lincoln CBOC	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	VA&R Special Needs	Emergency Veteran Funding
\$ _____	Gold Star	Gifts in honor of Gold Star Members
\$ _____	Veterans Dollar Days***	Veterans Day (Thank You)
\$ _____	Nebraska Creative Arts Festival	Support Nebraska Veterans Arts
\$ _____	Omaha Fisher House	To be used for current projects
\$ _____	TOTAL SUM OF UNIT ANNUAL DONATION REQUESTS	

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Department Treasurer A.L.A.
Mail to: PO Box 5227 - Lincoln NE 68505**

\$ _____ amount enclosed check # _____ date _____

District # _____ Unit Town _____ Unit # _____

Retain a Copy for Unit Records

*** For Veterans Day each Veteran in a facility receives a THANK YOU letter with a \$10.00 voucher enclosed
**With the donations you give - we give to our Veterans.
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS 2022-2023

DEFENSE OF POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY

The Defense of POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) worldwide mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting of the approximately 81,000 missing Americans from the Nation's past conflicts to their families and the Nation.

Section 523 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 amended Title 10, U.S. Code § 1501a to authorize the Secretary of Defense to accept and use gifts of money, property, or services made on the condition that the gift be used for the purpose of facilitating accounting for missing persons pursuant to Title 10, U.S. Code § 1501(a). This authority has been delegated to the Director, DPAA.

By contributing to DPAA, we show that we will **"Never Forget"** our POW/MIA's. Non-cash monetary gifts (check or money order) can be mailed with any conditions on the use of the gift to:

Director
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
2300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2300

MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION

The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. The Medal is generally presented to recipients by the President of the United States.

Some 3,454 Americans have received the Medal of Honor since it was first introduced in the 1860s. Many Medal of Honor recipients considered their award just being able to come home.

Nebraska has 70 Medal of Honor recipients. There are 30,000 Veterans in Nebraska. We work with active military and 30,000 Veterans in Nebraska and Veterans Groups such as Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Veterans (AMVETS), National Guard and other Veteran groups.

Phase 3 is just beginning, which is to **"Ever Honor"** the thirty-five Medal of Honor veterans buried in Nebraska. The plan is to purchase a wreath, decorate it with Medal of Honor flags, and display it. Complete details have not yet been finalized.



ALA GENERAL DONATIONS 2022 - 2023 ANNUAL REQUEST SHEET

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA PROJECTS

Donations are appreciated by October 1st but are accepted throughout the year

The amount of EACH Unit designated donation **MUST** be entered in the "Amount Column"

Amount	Designation Name	Purpose
\$ _____	Department Presidents Project	Veterans Recreation
\$ _____	Dept. Honorary Jr. President Project	Women Veterans-Provide gifts to women residing in VA Homes/Facilities
\$ _____	Nebraska State Life Member (SLM)	Supplement National per capita dues
\$ _____	Girls State Donation	Funds support additional Delegate activities determined by need
\$ _____	Ex-Service Women	Provides gifts to women veterans residing in VA homes/facilities
\$ _____	Career Technical Education	Scholarship fund: Community college or Technical school
\$ _____	Past Presidents Parley	Donations support 2 Healthcare Professional Scholarships
\$ _____	Little Red Schoolhouse Fund	Donations support Healthcare Professional Scholarship
\$ _____	Junior Member Regional Grant	Awards grants for Junior Regional Meetings attendance
\$ _____	Donation/Program of choice not listed	Purpose _____ Unit wants to donate to this project
	List project/purpose: _____	

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - NATIONAL SPECIAL REQUESTS

Amount	Designation Name	Purpose	Allocations
\$ _____	Aux. Emergency Fund	Members Helping Members	American Legion Auxiliary
\$ _____	A.L.A. Foundation	Mission Endowment Fund	National programs
\$ _____	Children of Warriors	National President's Scholarship	Awarded to children of Veterans who served
\$ _____	Child Welfare Foundation	Legion Youth Programs	American Legion

\$ _____ **TOTAL SUM OF UNIT ANNUAL DONATION REQUESTS**

Donations are accepted throughout the year

\$ _____ amount enclosed check # _____ date _____

Unit # _____ Unit Town _____ District # _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Department Treasurer A.L.A.

Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary - Department of Nebraska
PO Box 5227 - Lincoln, NE. 68505-0227

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