

## Inserts for October newsletter:

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### **OCTOBER NEWS – from the desk of the Department Secretary**

The newsletters and inserts are on the website along with the newly revised Department Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.

We have been super busy. Roxanne has been submitting membership payments on ALAMIS.

Donations are coming in, thank you very much for those.

The copy machine is working overtime. The ABC Book is in the process of being printed. The 2023 Scholarship applications are printed and lined up on the table. They will be in the ABC Book as well as on the website.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The first 2023 membership renewal notice has been mailed from National Headquarters. Your members payments will be pouring in soon. The next renewal notice will be mailed on January 15, 2023. Have as many members' dues paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> so they don't receive that second notice.

Speaking of membership, you know about the \$8.00 dues increase. That increase begins with the 2024 year. You are receiving a sample of Unit Dues Data form. You have until March of 2023 to get your unit's new dues amounts into the Department.

You will need to have your members input on the dues amount. I suggest you call your members prior to your meeting so they are aware that you will be voting on the dues

increase. You should discuss the amount prior to putting it to a vote to make things go quicker and simpler.

Any paid member can make a motion to change your unit's portion of the dues. The Department portion of \$12.25 and the National portion of \$18.00 have been voted on and approved. For your Unit motion, here is the verbiage that should be used:

**Member:** *I move that our unit's portion of the 2024 membership dues should be \$\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Chair:** *Is there a 2<sup>nd</sup>? Is there any discussion?*

*After any discussion: Chair: I call for the vote. All in favor aye; opposed no. Majority has it.*

The new updated Unit Dues Data form will be included in the January newsletter. In early March, or before, send your updated Unit Dues Data form to Department.

**ALAMIS:** We are beginning to get more members signing up for ALAMIS Full users. I am hoping that more follow.

Here are a couple testimonials from current users:

*"I love it! I can get the membership recorded asap rather than wait for Department to get them entered. I entered a New recruit this evening and 10 minutes later she was on my roster so I could mark her paid. It is that simple to use. Not hard at all to learn the program. Just need a debit card to pay the dues online. Print your receipt and file it for your records. Awesome program to use. Meet your goals so much faster." -- Leatrice Doolen - Unit 32 Papillion, NE.*

*"I have only used the system once so far but it worked beautifully. So much quicker & easier than having to complete a transmittal sheet, write a check and mail registrations in." --Julie Rasmussen – Unit 175 Jackson*

*"This is Susan Kliment from Valparaiso Unit 371 and I love using the Full Alamis. Not that Valparaiso is so far away from Lincoln, but not having to make a special trip into headquarters is a plus. I have been using Alamis for a couple of years so doing our membership online was really simple for me to learn and do. When I receive a members dues either in the mail or in person, I can just put it in that day and their dues are in the system and paid. Very quick and simple. We have new members but those I did take into Roxann because headquarters must have all the paperwork, so figured let them do that all. The training from National was excellent, they went through everything and explained in detail. Thanks for letting us do the Full Alamis, I love it." Susan Kliment -Membership Chairman Unit 371*

*"The program is awesome! It is very EASY to use. There is no need to hold dues and wait a week to process. You can turn in 1 or 20 at a time with a couple of clicks! No need to write out names or ID numbers, it is all there for you. No stamps and envelopes. I highly recommend this process". Cecil Doshier – Gering Unit 36*

Until Next month, Department Interim Secretary Jacki O'Neill

## OCTOBER OUTLOOK

My outlook for the month of October is that it will be a busy one!

**FALL ROUND UP SCHEDULE--**Unit Presidents—please share the date, time, and location of your District’s Fall Round Up meeting with your members. (Note—some changes have been made as to who is assigned.) I encourage each Unit to have members attend. This is one way that we communicate with our members.

DISTRICT	ASSIGNED	DATE	LOCATION	TIME **
1	Vicki	Sun Oct 9	100 W Walnut Cody	11:30 am
2	Angie	Sun Oct 9	175 Main St Spencer	12:30 pm
4	Vicki	Sat Nov 12	2090 Emerson Ave Alliance	11:30 am
5	Beverly	Sat Oct 15	160 S Maple St Sutherland	12:30 pm
6	Angie	Sun Oct 16	1222 2 <sup>nd</sup> St St. Paul	9:30 am
7	Jacki	Sun Oct 16	112 E 7 <sup>th</sup> St Wahoo	1:30 pm
8	Ruth	Sun Oct 16	4830 S 21 <sup>st</sup> Omaha	12:30 pm
9	Angie	Sat Oct 15	301 Garlick Ave Curtis	1:30 pm
10	Vicki	Sat Oct 8	1201 G Road Franklin	10:30 am
11	Beverly	Sun Oct 16	York	1:30 pm
12	Vicki	Sat., Sept. 24	Miller Long VFW 3606 3340 West A St, Lincoln	8:15 am
13	Ruth	Sat Oct 15	322 N Main Shubert	11:00 am

**MEMBERSHIP—**Let’s keep collecting and turning in those dues! I believe Nebraska can lead the Northwest Division in membership all year. A tidbit of information—the Northwest Division consists of seven states—Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and North Dakota. There is a challenge among the Membership Chairpersons regarding which state reaches the goals set by National (75% by December 7, Pearl Harbor Day; 85% by March 15, The American Legion’s birthday; 95% by May 26, National Poppy Day). I am adding my personal challenge to all our Units. I will personally donate \$25 to the State Life Membership (SLM) for each of those goals Nebraska makes. Do your part to make me PAY!!

**2022-2023 ALA DIRECTORY**—A few corrections that have been brought to my attention. Page 8, spelling of Davenport (Debra Albers); page 21, Loree Hendrickson's email is loreeh@hotmail.com; page 23, Kathy Mazur's email address should be mazur\_kathy@yahoo.com.

**PLANNING AHEAD**—for Dollar Days, Gift Shop, Gifts for Yanks events. Refer back to your September newsletter for the page that showed these events. Member volunteers are needed to help with these events. Who might like to experience one of these remarkable events? This is one way to "Never Forget, Ever Honor" our Veterans.

**REMINDER**—if you have not sent your yearly donations and assessments, please do so ASAP. Our Veterans thank you!

**UNIT AND COUNTY ACTIVITIES**—across the state is a way that I can communicate with you. Please let me know when your Unit or county is having an event, such as a fundraiser, meeting, parade, or any other ALA gathering. I would love to come, if my calendar allows me.

**KEEPING TRACK**—of your Unit and individual hours, miles, dollars spent is vital to our end of year reporting. A new reporting form is now available. It was revealed at my Leadership/Homecoming. If you were not there, you can locate it on our website or contact me for a copy.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**—have been updated. They will be in the new ABC Book as well as on the Nebraska website.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT**—has been set for January 23-26, 2023. More details will become available when finalized.

**COMMUNICATION**—is so important for a successful organization. Unit Presidents should be sharing this newsletter with their Unit members as that is how I, as your Department President, am able to reach out to every member. But communication is more than just hearing from me. It is a two-way street. I would love to hear from you regarding anything you might need or suggestions or ideas. What is working or not working in your Unit?

Thank you, proud members of the American Legion Auxiliary, for everything you do for our Veterans, our communities, and our children and youth!

***PATRIOTISM and VOLUNTEERISM are synonymous.***

**President Vicki**  
**Never Forget, Ever Honor**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES STRATEGY

Beverly A. Neel, Chair

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Fall is upon us and District fall meetings are this month and into the next. A great conversation piece to start your day off with would be **“What plan do our Units have to address the 2024 dues increases on the Department and National level?”** First, you need to know that membership dues are more than just belonging, it is an investment in **“WHO we are,” “WHAT we do,” and “WHY” we matter.** Think back at your **“WHY”** and for **“WHOM”** and by **WHOM”** you are an ALA member. Those ideals will never change and that is a great thing. But in order to meet the challenges in the **“WHO”, “WHAT” and “WHY”** of the **ALA** we do need to have operating capital to do all that we do on all levels of the organization.

**Yes raising Unit dues is not always a pleasant task but, a necessary task.** When you consider how far your Unit goes with your dues and donations and who we serve, you simply need to know you are valued more than we have probably told you recently.

***Take for instance, my Unit dues are \$25.00. Department gets \$10.25 now (\$12.25 in 2024), National gets \$12.00 now (\$18.00 in 2024), my Unit gets \$2.75 to apply towards what Gift Shops get 40-cents, Veteran Homes get 25-cents; my District gets 50-cents, Dollar Days gets \$1.33, Gifts for Yanks gets \$1.56. WOW the Unit's \$2.75 is used up before the ink dries on the check. Plus this same Unit sends one or two young ladies to Girls State. Our Unit has only one fundraiser annually and we operate from there and meet our obligations. So a dues increase is warranted.***

Yes, a dues increase will aid every Unit and for you to know what you give in dues is **NOT** spent in a reckless and inappropriate manner. Every cent of your dues and more goes into the ALA. Units do **NOT** squander what their members provide. By the math of just what one Unit member's dues goes for annually, an \$8.00 increase will not meet the needs either. This does not include any donated food, items, cash, etc., a member may provide throughout the year for ALA purposes.

**Please do not weigh whether or not dues go up, they must.** Instead weigh what can you as an ALA member can do to provide towards your Unit's costs that would aid in meeting its obligations? Start to fill your **“Blessings”** jar with that extra cash you would spend on a specialty coffee each week, perhaps special beverage twice a week, that new purse or shoes, but never discount your **“Blessing”** of being an ALA member. We can do this!!!

**Seeking a voluntary \$20.00 donation from each member during Thanksgiving week (it is just around the corner), would not seem out-of-line.** As an ALA member we have so much to be thankful for. **That is ONLY 5-cents a day!!!** So start dropping those extra nickels in the **“Blessing”** jar today.

Please do **NOT** allow a dues increase to cause you to drop your years of membership, devotion and care. Our membership is not based on the cost of that membership, but the cost of the sacrifice our beloved Veteran(s) gave to allow us to be an ALA member. We will always owe that debt and our membership dues makes a very small dent in that debt. **The dues increase affects only Senior memberships in 2024.**

**In the meantime consider being a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) member and avoid all future dues increases including those coming in 2024!!! Check it out – it may be the right fit for you.**



**EACH ONE . . . REACH ONE**

I CHALLENGE EACH OF OUR MEMBERS TO JUST ASK! **EACH ONE . . . REACH ONE**

If each person in the ALA signs up just one person for membership in the ALA, we could have over 1,000,000 members! Can you imagine? Holy Smokes!! The last time the ALA had over 1,000,000 members was . . . . . NEVER!! From the records that I have, the highest membership that the ALA had was back in 1955 with 998,103 members!!

Our membership grew to 549,963 in 2022 -- and that was 98.52% of goal! Woohoo!! This year, President Vickie's goal is 565,984! I know we can reach 100% by **EACH ONE of us . . . REACHING OUT AND ASKING AT LEAST ONE PERSON!**

**Historical Membership Numbers**

- 1922 - 201,151 Members
- 1932 - 407,203
- 1942 - 537,421
- 1952 - 979,694
- 1962 - 923,261
- 1972 - 946,303
- 1982 - 957,584
- 1992 - 968,301
- 2002 - 921,558
- 2012 - 765,697
- 2022 - 549,963

*Let's have fun this year and help each other reach our goals AND to meet President Vickie at the finish line!!*

*Linda Tome*

**2022-2023 National Membership**

**AWARDS**

Your first membership award goal is Veterans' Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>! Your unit needs to be at 100% by November to win a gift certificate to Emblem Sales for \$25!

Here are a few more dates for you to be aware of!

**Important Dates**

- 100% Unit Award Deadline – November 11, 2022
- 75% Department Award Deadline – December 7, 2022
- 85% Department Award Deadline – March 15, 2023
- 95% Department Award Deadline – May 26, 2023
- 100% Department Award Deadline – July 4, 2023
- 102% Department Award Deadline – July 29, 2023
- 10 Plus 3 in 2023 Award Deadline – June 1, 2023
- New Unit Award Deadline – July 31, 2023



### 10 plus 3 in 2023!

Members who recruit 10 new Senior and 3 new Junior Auxiliary members for the 2023 membership year  
**One entry per recruiter**

**Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 5, 2023.**  
Please send this form to your departmental headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadline.

New members must be paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2023.

**ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM**  
Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of 10 New Senior Members		Member ID#	
1.	_____	6.	_____
2.	_____	7.	_____
3.	_____	8.	_____
4.	_____	9.	_____
5.	_____	10.	_____

Names of 3 New Junior Members		Member ID#	
1.	_____	3.	_____
2.	_____		

**Certified by Department Secretary:** DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept Secretary Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

\*I certify that all 13 members are new and paid for the 2023 year.  
 \*I have provided member ID numbers and verify that the form is filled out legibly and completely.

DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter

**Units: Send form to your Department Secretary**

Please name and email to: membership@ALA.org (Subject Line: Recruit 13)  
 OR  
 FAX: (517) 509-0982 (Attn: Membership)

\*Must be received at HQ no later than midnight June 5, 2023

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2023 National Membership Committee Chairman. One entry/award per recruiter.

Be sure to sign up on our Membership Facebook page for lots of National updates and info from other Departments!

~ American Legion Auxiliary National Membership Group ~

## NOTICE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION – TIME SENSITIVE

The August newsletter had the 8822b form enclosed. That form is used by the IRS to have a record of our Units and their non-profit status. The form requires the current name and address of the unit's responsible party so the IRS 990 taxes can be filed annually. (Usually it is a unit officer). This is no small task but a very important one. Did you know if your unit fails to file your non-profit 990's annually you could lose your non-profit status. Non-profit status does not mean you don't have to pay taxes on purchases, but it does mean you do not have to file and pay taxes to the IRS.

For the past 10 or more years the department secretary has filed the 990-tax form for the units that do not file their own. Besides the responsible party's information, the form asks two questions:

1. Has your organization terminated
2. Are your gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less?

I have been working hours verifying previous filings to current information. Many responsible parties have moved so I have the current address updated. Below are the units that no longer have a responsible person to file under because they are no longer members of the unit. These Units **MUST** update the information.

1 Omaha	135 Ogallala	230 Thedford,
2 Tecumseh	144 Genoa	237 Weeping Water
32 Papillion	149 Belden	265 Colon
35 Madison	157 Nehawka	279 Guide Rock
40 Grant	179 Hardy	285 North Loup
67 Bertrand	186 Greeley	306 Creston
73 Newman Grove	200 Bayar	309 Lisco,
117 Ponca	203 McCook	335 Davenport
119 St Paul	208 Sutherland	349 Steele City
121 Scribner	219 Oxford	353 Louisville
125 David City	223 Verdel	370 Elk Creek
		376 Dakota City

This is the listing of the units that file their own 990-form:

3 Lincoln	98 Springview	279 Hershey
34 Gordon	114 Coleridge	365 Juniata
49 Utica	118 Alma	371 Valparaiso
76 Bristow	248 Edgar	377 Wilcox

Please let me know if your unit no longer files by sending the completed 8822b form to Department with a note stating you want your 990 filed by the Department Secretary.

The remaining unit's responsible member has not changed from the 8822b on file. I have updated some addresses from ALAMIS.

I am filing for the 2021 year, which is a few months late already. Please take care of this **NOW!** Because of the urgency I will accept an email from any of the above groups with the information as verification and permission to file. Just tell me who and the address to use and it will be done.



# DUES INCREASE

DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT  
TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2024 Unit Dues Data Form

This form must be returned to Department by March 1, 2023

American Legion Auxiliary - Department of Nebraska  
PO Box 5227, Lincoln NE 68505

Standing Rule Q - Membership #2 was amended to increase the Nebraska dues portion by \$2 beginning with the 2024 year. In addition, at the 2022 National ALA Convention an amendment was approved to increase the National dues portion by \$6 beginning in 2024. When setting your Unit member's dues you will need to vote on the portion the unit will keep.

Junior dues are **NOT** affected by the dues increases noted above, only Senior dues.

ALL DUES ASSIGNED MUST BE \$30.25 OR MORE TO COVER THE DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL'S PORTIONS

2023-2024

Membership Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

*You can still sign up to be an ALAMIS user. If interested send an email to: [neaux@windstream.net](mailto:neaux@windstream.net)*

### 2024 UNIT MEMBERSHIP DUES

Total dues for Unit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Unit keeps this portion

\$12.25 Department's portion

\$18.00 National's portion

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Town \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary

If you have any questions please email to: [Neaux@windstream.net](mailto:Neaux@windstream.net) or call 402-466-1808

**SAMPLE – DO NOT RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS**

