

**THIRD DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the Third District network. This newsletter is yours so if you have something to share be sure to transmit to me by the 20th of the month. You can share your upcoming events, your completed events/projects; whatever you wish to share with our District members. We can all learn something from each other. I will create a Calendar of Events section for the next newsletter.

It is official – I was sworn in as your Third District President on Sunday, Jun 26, 2022. I can only promise to do my best – share what I learn – listen to what you have concerns with – keep our members informed and invested in **Who we are, What we do and Why we matter**. If we cannot answer those three items for ourselves then we have our work cut out for us.

National Convention is at Milwaukee WI August 26 – September 1, 2022. I will be the delegate to convention for the Third District. Again, I will do my best.

Secondly, on Thursday, September 1, 2022 I will be installed as the Department of Nebraska's member on the **National Executive Committee (NEC)**. This is a new avenue on our ALA journey and again I promise to do my best.

I will continue as the **Department Membership Chair** for the next year so you will be hearing from me more often than you possibly believe is necessary.

As long as your Unit continues to pursue and collect renewals in a timely manner, we will do fine. At this writing the Winside Unit 0252 has over 50% collected. This is my hometown Unit. So the challenge is on to beat out my hometown in collecting dues. DO NOT wait for National to send you a renewal notice. Just consider your dues as your electric or insurance bill – pay it upon receipt. The more dues we can get into National the less expense National will have in mailings. We can do this.

As a Past Department President (PDP) you continue to serve for the next three years as National Security Chair (done), Past Presidents Parley Chair (done), and **Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)** current serving as Chair. As Chair I have challenged all 13 District Presidents to have a fun fundraiser wherever they travel through their Districts and collect funds for AEF. So my plan is to visit your Units throughout this year so please send me an invite and we can have some fun and raise funds for AEF – Members Helping Members.

So my plate is pretty full but there is always time to visit with my fellow Third District members and Units. Please let us get together. Please send me your meeting date, time & location.

County Presidents let me know when you have your meeting.

I would love to hold a **training session** in the District to bring all Units up to date on what has changed or stayed the same. An informed membership is better than one that has unanswered questions or concerns. If your Unit/County would like to set up a time for this training please let me know. I would presume it would take four hours to go through the process. So it is not a quick come and go event. If you have information you would like to share or learn about then now is the time to share that with me.

Units try your best to **collect email addresses for all your members**; thus, transmitting your Unit minutes to them becomes easy. Also when you receive the District newsletter you can forward that to them as well. I have gathered some emails and tested them, but am not sure yet I have all the kinks out. When I transmit the newsletter my email address will be in the "TO" line and all others will be BCC (blind copied). I will not share emails unless given permission to do so by the member.

What is the **District Executive Committee (DEC)**? This Committee is comprised of the seven (7) County Presidents, the Junior Past District President (the one who just completed the term of office), current District President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Chaplain and Parliamentarian. The meeting is

open to all members but all votes taken are by the Committee members.

Nebraska ALA dues increase of \$2.00 per Senior member was implemented at the 2022 Department Convention in Columbus NE June 23-26, 2022. The dues increase takes effect for the 2024 Membership Campaign.

National will be proposing a \$6.00 increase for Senior memberships at Convention August 26 – September 1, 2022. Any increase in dues would also take effect with the 2024 Membership Campaign.

Why is that important? Our Unit Standing Rules will need to be amended to reflect these changes. Plus, most likely Units will have to vote in a dues increase to cover the two increases mentioned above. But wait until you know what the decision is at National. You will learn of that news in the October 2022 District newsletter. Be watching for it please.

Third District American Legion Family fundraiser will be at Tekamah on Sunday, October 30, 2022 and will be hosted by the Posts and Units in Burt County. Vic Jensen is our contact person for the event. I believe it will be a soup/sandwich lunch with a silent auction, bake sale and whatever is brought forth for consideration. Today mark it on your calendar so you can attend. We will need volunteers at all levels of success. The Third District Activities Director Bud Neel is the

coordinator of the event. Be looking for news on this event.

Third District President's Project will be the purchase of two chairs for the Norfolk Veterans Home pavilion courtyard.



Sorry for the position of the photo. This is a 2-foot bench seat for one person. Cost as of March 8, 2022 was \$521.00 from Sugar Plum Oak in Norfolk where the Home purchases their items. They will give a 10% discount on the purchase. Once ordered, it takes about 13 weeks for delivery. (The Home is verifying the current cost. I will update in August newsletter.)

Donations to the Third District President's Project may be sent to:

Adeline Hanel, Treasurer
706 East Sherman Street
West Point NE 68788

Make check payable to:

District 3 ALA Treasurer
In memo section note
D3 Pres Project

Thank you for your generosity.

Per capita dues in next letter.

Our Impact

We are one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families. We help to advance the mission of The American Legion. From helping to draft the GI Bill in 1944 to advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the nonpartisan American Legion Family is instrumental in advancing legislation that improves the quality of life for our nation's veterans and service members.

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Adeline serves as Department Finance Committee Chair!!!