



AMERICAN  
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**THIRD DISTRICT  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA  
JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

***In a rush to pay your  
2023 ALA dues, then try  
this out for size:***

Visit [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) to renew online with your member ID on your card. You must log in to pay your dues. Click "Renew Here" and log in with your username and password. If you do not have a username or password, simply click "Sign Up" to get started.

Pay by phone to ALA National Headquarters at **(317) 569-4570**, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

***Check out a PUFL membership and never pay dues again. Plan early on this to see if this would be financially feasible for you to do in 2023.***

***PUFL MEMBERSHIP DUES NEWS***  
***What is the absolute date that current members can sign up for PUFL before the 2024 dues increase causes an increase in a PUFL membership? (My question.)***

**National's Reply:**  
***By June 30, 2023, but their 2023 dues have to be paid first at that point.***  
***On July 1, 2023, National will start basing the PUFL rate on the 2024 dues amount.***

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
MID-YEAR CONFERENCE  
DIVOT'S CENTER  
NORFOLK NE  
JANUARY 13 – 15, 2023**

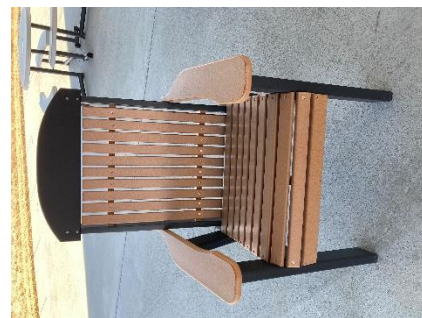
***All members attending Mid-year please: 1 – Bring 2 pre-printed mailing labels of yours 2 – Have your membership card with you 3 – Know what District you belong to. This is an educational conference and I am going to teach you a new membership resource.***

***National President Vickie Koutz will be in Nebraska – January 23 – 27, 2023. She will be in District 3 on January 25, 2023 for the evening meal at South Sioux City Post 307 and overnight. Everyone is invited to come meet her. Final details are being wrapped up. In the meantime, if you are thinking of attending the meal, we will need a meal count by January 19, 2023. Please let me know the number of meals. Be watching for updates by January 10, 2023 on the details and where in the Third District her travels will take her.***

***District Spring Convention – Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Winside Auditorium & Legion Post hosted by Wayne County Posts, Units and Squadrons. Watch for updates. Plan to attend.***

***District Boys State Orientation and Junior Law Selection interviews – Sunday, April 16, 2023 at Emerson-Hubbard HS Gym in Emerson. Watch for updates. Great programs. Girls State Orientation will continue to be presented virtually. Watch for details. Young ladies applying for the Junior Law Cadet program will need to be at Emerson on April 16<sup>th</sup> for interview process.***

***THIRD DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S PROJECT*** will be two chairs for the Norfolk Veterans Home pavilion courtyard. Cost as of March 8, 2022 was \$527.85 each from Sugar Plum Oak in Norfolk where the Home purchases their items. Includes 15% discount. There is also a 4' bench, same style, for \$660.45. Once ordered, it takes about 13 weeks for delivery.  
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**Donations to the Third District President's Project may be sent to:**

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

**Make out check payable to:  
District 3 ALA Treasurer**

***In memo section note  
D3 Pres Project***

***Thank you for your generosity.***

## **FUTURE ALA DUES INCREASES**

*The January 2023 Department newsletter had the salmon-colored form for ALL Units to record their dues for 2024. Please get this resolved soon and get the form sent back to the Department. Keep a copy for your Unit files.*

*Discuss now what your Unit will do. Also keep in mind your governing documents will need to be updated. Dues will increase \$2 for Nebraska and \$6 for National's shares.*

**REMEMBER THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS THE SACRIFICES OUR BELOVED VETERANS GAVE FOR US TO BE ALA MEMBERS!!!**

**District Three can be #1 with your help today!! Thank you!! Nebraska is at #6 in the Nation!!!**

**Notice has been sent to Units to assist with the Third District Convention on March 18, 2023 in Winside, NE**

**DISTRICT 3 CONTESTS – ENTRIES WILL BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING UNITS. BE SURE TO GET YOUR BOOKS TO THESE UNITS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023. BE SURE TO PUT AMPLE POSTAGE ON THE MAILINGS.**

***\*\*See ABC Book pages 10-11 Prayer Book; page 51 Poppy Centerpiece instructions***

***\*\*See Department December newsletter for rules for the History Book contest.***

## **\*\*UNIT HISTORY BOOK:**

Cathy Sears, President  
913 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Decatur NE 68020-2108

## **\*\*UNIT PRAYER BOOK:**

Megan Kumm, President  
P O Box 242  
Allen NE 68710-0242

## **UNIT PUBLICITY BOOK:**

Vicky Gullicksen, President  
P O Box 40  
Coleridge NE 68727-0040

*(Publicity ABC item was in the Department's December newsletter but did not see any guidelines for creating a Publicity Book for competition. I have an inquiry in to see if there will be a Publicity Book Contest for Department. Units, I will let you know what I find out on this.)*

## **\*\*UNIT POPPY CENTERPIECE:**

*Need to have your entry at the Convention site by 8:15 AM on March 18, 2023 for on-site judging by the Belden Unit.*

## **UNIT POPPY CORSAGES (Jr & Sr):**

*Need to have your entry at the Convention site by 8:15 AM on March 18, 2023 for on-site judging by the Newcastle Unit.*

## **NAMES OF DECEASED UNIT MEMBERS TO CHAPLAIN BY MARCH 11, 2023:**

Cheryl Schultz, District Chaplain  
P O Box 45  
Beemer NE 68716-0045  
  
[cherylannschultz@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylannschultz@yahoo.com)

*Please include full Name, Unit # & Town and years as an ALA Member.*

## **2023 THEMES**

**National President Vicki Koutz  
Honor Our Veterans Every Day**

**Department President  
Vicki Ozenbaugh  
Never Forget - Ever Honor**

**Third District President  
Beverly A. Neel  
Veterans – Our Soul & Inspiration  
THIRD DISTRICT OFFICERS:**

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[d3alaprez2224@gmail.com](mailto:d3alaprez2224@gmail.com)**

**District Vice President/  
Membership Chair  
Laura Neel Novak  
1006 Dakota Street  
Emerson NE 68733  
402 369 0019  
[medtec3@gmail.com](mailto:medtec3@gmail.com)**

**District Secretary/Treasurer  
Adeline Hanel  
706 East Sherman Street  
West Point, NE 68788  
402-380-1528  
[kahanel@msn.com](mailto:kahanel@msn.com)**

***Please be alert for updates on the National President's travel to the Third District. Legion Family members are encouraged to come out and meet Madam President Vicki Koutz. Our Department President Vicki Ozenbaugh will be in on our travels also. Hope to see you on our travels in January.***

***Beverly A. Neel, Chair,  
Dept. Distinguished Committee***