



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

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

Visit 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 20th 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

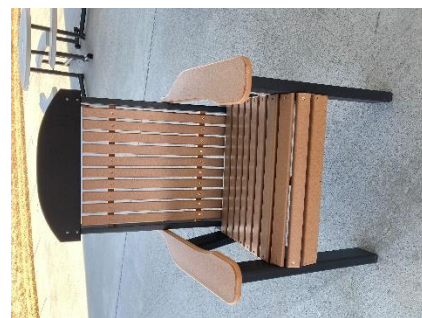
District Spring Convention – Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Winside Auditorium & Legion Post hosted by Wayne County Posts, Units and Squadrons. Watch for updates. Plan to attend.

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 16th for interview process.

GIRLS STATE ORIENTATION WILL DONE VIRTUALLY AGAIN THIS YEAR. HAVE YOUR GIRLS STATE DELEGATES WATCH FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS EVENT.

THIRD DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S PROJECT will be two chairs for the Norfolk Veterans Home pavilion courtyard. Cost as of Jan 11, 2023 is **\$442.85** each from Sugar Plum Oak in Norfolk where the NVH purchases their items. There is also a 4' bench, same style, for **\$661.30**. 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. DUE MARCH 1ST AT THE DEPARTMENT.

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 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. 5th 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

**There is a Publicity Book contest
on the District & Department
level. Instructions were in your
Department February 2023
newsletter just received. Be sure
to read & follow carefully.**

****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.

**ATTENTION ALL UNITS:
We need to know if you have
Gold Star Members in your Unit.
Secondly, will any be at the
District Convention on March 18,
2023?**

**Department sent out a form for
Gold Star Members in the
February 2023 newsletter. Please
complete and return to the
Department, saving a copy for
your Unit records and sending a
copy to our District Chaplain
Cheryl Schultz.**

**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

**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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Membership Chair
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Emerson NE 68733
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**District Secretary/Treasurer
Adeline Hanel
706 East Sherman Street
West Point, NE 68788
402-380-1528
kahanel@msn.com**

**THIRD DISTRICT CONVENTION
NOTES:**

- 1 – Auxiliary registration \$5.00
(CASH IS PREFERRED)
- 2 – Lunch \$10.00 (write check
payable to **WINSIDE LEGION 252**)
- 3 – Carpool to Convention and get
more members involved.

**Past District 3
President Nellie Logue
– anyone know who
she was and what Unit
she was a member? Let
me know please.**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

THIRD DISTRICT – February 7, 2023

Beverly A. Neel, President (Winside Unit 0252) 402 369 0152

Laura Neel Novak, Vice President (Winside Unit 0252)

Adeline Hanel, Secretary/Treasurer (West Point Unit 0070)

Cheryl Schultz, Chaplain (Beemer Unit 0159)

Jacki O'Neill, Parliamentarian (Jackson Unit 0175)

Vicky Gullicksen, Junior Post President (Coleridge Unit 0114)

2023 CALL TO THIRD DISTRICT ALA CONVENTION

*The purpose of this communication is to inform the Units of the Third District of the ensuing 2023 Spring District Convention. The Convention will be held at the Winside NE (Wayne County) Legion Post for the Legion and SONS and auditorium for the Auxiliary. **Registration begins at 8 AM at the auditorium for everyone. Auxiliary registration fee is \$5.00 and the Legion and SONS registration fee is \$3.00. Meal will be \$10.00 payable to WINSIDE LEGION POST 252.***

BIG FAVOR – We are asking all Auxiliary members to bring \$5.00 (cash preferred) for their registration fee at the Auxiliary Registration table. Auxiliary members can then write a check for their meal to **WINSIDE LEGION POST 252** for \$10.00 per meal. Couples may write one check for meals; but Auxiliary members must register at the Auxiliary table and pay their \$5.00. Every registered person purchasing a meal will receive a meal ticket that will be handed in when we recess for lunch. A container will be at the serving table for your tickets. So be sure to keep your ticket readily available. No ticket, no meal. Thank you.

PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Convention is to conduct the annual meeting and election of District Officers. Anyone wishing to run for an elected office must be a member in good standing; i.e., must have 2023 Unit dues paid in full. All Auxiliary elected officers will complete a "Conflict of Interest" form and "Whistleblower" form at the close of the annual business meeting. Please ensure you get this done before leaving the Convention site.

*All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. Each Unit is asked to provide a written copy of the Unit's activities between the 2022 March 19th Convention and 2023 March 18th Convention. A copy will be given to the District Secretary to be included in the records of the Convention. Please if you will not have any Unit members attending the Convention, prepare your report and snail mail or email to **President Beverly A. Neel, 57576 847th Road, Wayne NE 68787-7080 or d3alaprez2224@gmail.com** Once you have this report written it can be used by the Unit to complete your Unit annual report to the Department by April 20, 2023. Would like to*

see 100% reporting for the District Convention and annual report to the Department. We can do this.

According to our governing document, the District does participate by Unit choice in the History Book contest, Prayer Book contest, Publicity Book contest, Poppy Centerpiece contest and Poppy Corsage contest (both Junior & Senior corsages). Please ensure if your Unit is preparing the books to have them to the appropriate Unit for judging by the deadline date. Please ensure sufficient postage is provided to get the book(s) to their destination. Any entries received after the deadline date will not be judged. The Poppy Centerpieces and Corsages will be judged at the Convention at 8:15 AM. Your entries must be on site by that time. Good luck to all Units participating. **Please check the February 2023 District newsletter for names and addresses for the book contests. The judges need to receive your book entry by February 18, 2023.**

Copies of the minutes of the 2022 Third District ALA Convention are included in this mailing. Please review them in advance of the Convention and bring with you at that time as we will answer any questions you may have.

Copies of the most recent District governing document will be provided after Convention should any changes be brought to the 2023 Convention.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS: A current listing of County Officers from each County will be expected at the District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting. If you do not have your County Officer sheet up-to-date it is encouraged to have that done and brought to the meeting. Each current County President shall be a member of the DEC, plus the current District Officers. Some counties do not hold annual meetings, but all counties shall have a representative at the DEC meeting. Be sure your county will have representation. Copies of the form will be available at the District DEC meeting to be completed on site or brought to the District Convention on March 18, 2023.

Roll Call to Convention will be to announce how many paid members your Unit has; namely, Senior and Junior; when are your Unit meetings – date, time, location; and when are your county meetings - date, time, location. Please come prepared.

Names of deceased Unit Members: Cheryl Schultz, P O Box 45, Beemer NE 68716 or Email to Cheryl at cherylannschultz@yahoo.com Due by March 10, 2023

Please return your postcard defining how many members will be attending from your local "Legion Family." Deadline is March 10, 2023. Sooner would be better please.

Auxiliary member/guest Registration Fee is \$5.00. Cash preferred. Noon meal will be \$10.00 and can be paid for by check payable to: WINSIDE LEGION POST 252 \$10.00 per meal