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AUGUST 2023 DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

From your President.

We are all working on getting ready for National Convention, so the office is a buzzin'. I want to thank all for the invitations that I have received since becoming President. I truly appreciate them. I do apologize for not being able to attend many. Life gets in the way of what I want to do.

Don't forget to have your donations sent in. This includes poppy orders. October will be here before we know it.

As we say goodbye to Jacki O'Neill as Department Secretary, we wish her lots of luck! I know she will be around.

Hopefully the Secretary/Treasurer fiasco will be over soon. The office needs someone permanent.

If you are in Grand Island on September 4th, stop by the State Fair for Veterans appreciation day. Wear your red and join us for the parade.

Don't forget Homecoming. It will be September 16th, more information to follow.

This year we will be having ALA Programs 101. It will be held on the 16th in Wilber. Come and learn about our exciting programs. Share your ideas, ask your questions and take back lots of information.

One word of advice – If you have membership...Turn it in. Don't hold it.

Let's have a great year.

In Service always,

Lisa D. Moore
 Department President 2023-2024

REMEMBER – WE HAVE MOVED!!

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORDS WITH OUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

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Hello Members of the American Legion Auxiliary! My name is Loree Hendrickson, and I am honored to serve as the Department of Nebraska's Membership Chair for the coming year. I am a member of American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit #164 in Shickley, Nebraska. My eligibility is through my father, A. LeeRoy Hendrickson, who served in Korea with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1950-52. He loved being a member of the American Legion and encouraged our family to always respect America and her veterans.

ALA's members are our lifeblood. If we sustain our membership, our organization will absolutely be able to continue our history of success for our veterans. How do we do that? By showing our communities what a strong and thriving organization we represent.

Lisa Williamson, the leading candidate for ALA National President in 2023-2024, has announced her intention to carry on the 2022-2023 theme of The American Legion's current National Commander, Jim Troiola, which is to **"Be The One"** to help prevent military and veteran suicide. As Lisa hails from Alaska, her Membership Chair has chosen to encourage membership by holding her own version of Alaska's annual dog sled race, namely the Iditarod.

Here in Nebraska, our Department President Lisa Moore has adopted a theme of **"Nebraska Strong and Faithful by Serving Veterans Always."** So let's "Be the One" to highlight the ALA's mission within our communities; let's "Be the One" to recruit a Member (or two or three); let's "Be the One" to rejoin a former member (or two or three); and in doing so, we will "Be the One" to make "Nebraska Strong and Faithful by Serving Veterans Always."

As Nebraska has its own famous "race," a historical event which is recreated each year by volunteers – namely the Pony Express – that will be my way to encourage membership for 2023-2024. Each District has been assigned a station from the Pony Express Trail:

- District 1 – O'Fallon's Bluff Station
- District 2 – Machette's Station
- District 3 – Willow Island Station
- District 4 – Fremont Springs Station
- District 5 – Plum Creek Station
- District 6 – Fort Kearney
- District 7 – Seventeen Mile Station
- District 8 – Kiowa Station
- District 9 – Diamond Springs Station
- District 10 – Little Blue/Oak Grove Station
- District 11 – Rock Creek Station
- District 12 – Rockhouse Station
- District 13 – Big Sandy Station

AWARDS

The awards available to Nebraska Units and members are:

From National Headquarters:

- 100% Unit Award
 - Deadline: January 31, 2024
 - Unit to Receive 100% Unit Flag Ribbon

- New Unit Award
 - New Units Chartered Between September 1, 2023, and July 31, 2024
 - New Units Will Receive \$25 Gift Card to Emblem Sales

- Recruit 10 Award
 - Members Who Recruit 10 NEW Senior and/or Junior Members (one entry per recruiter)
 - Members Must Be Entered and Paid In ALAMIS by June 1, 2024
 - Recruiter Will Receive Special Gift as Chosen by National Membership Committee Chair

From Department:

- The St. Joseph Award – Where the Pony Express Route Began
 - Hold a Membership Event and Provide Details and at Least One Photo to Department Chair
 - Deadline: National POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 15, 2023
 - Units will be Entered into Drawing for \$50 Prize to be Drawn at Mid-Year Conference

- The Buffalo Bill Cody Award – Nebraska's Most Famous Pony Express Rider
 - Deadline: Veterans Day, November 11, 2023
 - All Units Reaching 75% of Unit Goal will be Entered into Drawing for \$50 Prize to be Drawn at Mid-Year Conference

- The Sacramento Award – Where the Pony Express Route Ended
 - Deadline: The American Legion Birthday, March 15, 2024
 - All Units Reaching 100% of Unit Goal will be Entered into Drawing for \$50 Prize to be Drawn at Department Convention

Thank you, Nebraska members, for allowing me to serve the ALA Department of Nebraska as Membership Chair this year. I look forward to working with all of you to increase our Unit and Department membership and to “Be the One” to make “Nebraska Strong and Faithful by Serving Veterans Always.”