

# THIRD DISTRICT FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER & CALL TO CONVENTION

March 2025

CALL TO CONVENTION: All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are welcomed and invited to attend the THIRD DISTRICT CONVENTION.

TO BE HELD AT: HARTINGTON VFW 126 E Main St, Hartington, NE 68739

WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8AM-- ALL MEMBERS NEED TO PAY A \$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE**

**JUDGING OF ALL ITEMS WILL BEGIN AT 8AM-825AM, PLEASE HAVE ITEMS THERE AT 8AM**

SMALL BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS **8AM-820AM**

MEETING BEGINS AT **830AM**

MEETING CLOSING AT **1125AM**

POST EVERLASTING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH LEGION AND SONS **1130AM-12PM**

ADJORNED **12PM**

**ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING CONVENTION NEED TO BRING THEIR MOST FAVORITE PEN WITH THEM.**

**MY CHALLENGE BRING A NEW MEMBER OR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER TO THE CONVENTION  
AND I WILL PAY THEIR REGISTRATION. (\$5 fee)**

**\*\*\*\*\*THE FIRST POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER THAT SIGNS THE DOTTED LINE AT  
CONVENTION, I PERSONALLY WILL PAY THEIR FIRST YEAR OF DUES. \*\*\*\*\***

If we have more than one first, time new member signing the dotted line to join our amazing organization then we will enter them into a drawing for a second one to receive their dues paid by me for the first year.

**UNIT PRESIDENTS PLEASE EMAIL ME WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS POTENTIALLY  
ATTENDING BY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> - I WANT TO SEE NEW FACES, JUNIORS AND ALL  
FAMILAR MEMBERS AS WELL. IT IS ONLY A HALF DAY.**

LETS SET THE RECORD ON HOW MANY CAN ATTEND THIS MEETING—YES I AM SETTING THE BAR HIGH BUT WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO REACH FOR, TRUST ME IT WILL BE A MEETING TO REMEMBER. **THERE WILL BE FUN DOOR PRIZES--**

**Girls State--**

By now you should have had your Girl State Interviews and be sending that information into the Department. Reminder there is an additional \$25 that is owed at the door when the girls are registering. It cannot be included in with the \$425 owed to department for their application you send. It must be paid

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the first day the girls get there. May sure your girls know this and or please make sure to send it along with them.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**--- Believe March 15<sup>th</sup> they have to be into department.

These are coming due very soon as well. Please make sure you and the student are following the directions on the scholarship. Proofread the scholarships as well, double check & triple check them. We want all kids to have the chance. Only 1 scholarship submission can be done for a student. Check out the department's website for further details.

THIRD DISTRICT WAS IN 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE IN THE STATE FOR MEMBERSHIP!!!! WOOHOO EVERYONE, GREAT JOB.

**- BIG CONGRATS OUT TO BEEMER FOR GETTING OVER 100%**

I AM NOT INCLUDING THE MEMBERSHIP ITEMS WITH THIS LETTER AS I WILL HAVE MORE UP TO DATE AT CONVENTION. IF YOU WANT DETAILS BEFORE THEN OR AFTER LET ME KNOW, OTHERWISE I WILL ONLY HAVE THEM IN MY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

**PER CAPITA DUES: We have a few not paid yet. Hope to see everyone paid soon, otherwise we would like it all taken care of on March 15<sup>th</sup> at convention.**

**April** is children and youth month. Anything fun planned.

**May** has poppy day and Memorial Day. Start planning early. what events are happening in your area. does it need advertised ahead of time.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION--

DATES: JUNE 26-29, 2025

LOCATION: COLUMBUS, NE

It is really close so hoping many can make a great showing for the THIRD DISTRICT

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### THIRD DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: PHOTO BOOKS

I really wanted to find something that the members would enjoy and a piece of home. Members of the Veteran's Home do not get to go back home and if they do it isn't that often. I know they get outings but what do they truly miss seeing back home. This is what brought up the idea of the Photo Books. Created by members for members. Goal is to get at least 2 photo books put together for each wing of the Veteran's Home in Norfolk. I am also reaching out to other Veteran's Homes and VA Medical Centers to see how many people may be from our area. If there are then I would like to send at least 2 books to each of those locations as well.

What I need:

- Pictures, Pictures, Pictures and more Pictures.
  - o Need to include label of event or what the pic is of
  - o Who took picture & Where was the picture taken
    - If pic includes picture of people, try not to do individual, but rather groups so we don't have to get special permission.
    - If a newspaper or someone is taking photo but you really like please include permission from photographer that took it, in case I need when printing books
- Pictures can be of anything that brings home to our veterans.
  - o Community events – picture of parade in street or crowd lined up at the rides at the fairs,
  - o School activities- do you have a team that went far this year and a crowd cheering them on.
  - o Farming- are there tractors, wagons, semis, combines in the field
    - Picture of crops, Old farm houses, barns etc.
  - o Seasonal pictures of light displays- is there an awesome display in your area? How about a light parade?
- Nature/Livestock Photos
  - o 4-H, fairs, feedlots, Random animals in nature that you can capture

Mainly think of things that you like to look at when looking at a book or magazine. If you were in the veterans home, what would you miss most about HOME.

Pictures need sent to me in a jpeg format for best results, so I can crop if necessary. This is if you are emailing them to me. Email [lnovakala@outlook.com](mailto:lnovakala@outlook.com)

If you want to mail the photos for me to scan than is fine too, I will not return photos via mail though, I will bring them with me at the convention meetings if you want to pick up from there. If you don't want them back just let me know.

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Mail Photos to Laura Novak 1006 Dakota St Emerson, Ne 68733