



American Legion Auxiliary District 11 Newsletter

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Happy New Year!



New News:

I hope you all had a wonderful and Blessed Christmas and may you have a Happy New Year all the year through.

As I told you in the last Newsletter I have started a job with the York County Veterans Service Office in the York County Courthouse. Nick Wollenburg our Veterans Service Officer has asked me to expand my newsletter to include some information for our Veterans also. So, in the next newsletters you will be seeing some more information that might concern them also.

We have been busy in this office getting Veterans for LB650 this is the Disabled & Blind Vehicle Tax and Fee exemption. Veterans can get one of their vehicles registered for that exemption. Give me a call if you have any questions.

This is the time of year where we really need to help our Veterans and make them feel appreciated. Depression is one of the leading causes of death among our Veterans. So please "Be The One" if you know of one of our Veterans struggling with depression. Veterans Crisis Line is Dial 988 press 1.

My theme for this year is along with our Legion's "Be The One" initiative. My focus is on our Veteran's PTSD and mental health issues.

Let's **BUILD** each other!

B – Be the One!

U – Unite and help each other achieve our goals!

I – Inspire and motivate one another!

L – Listen to each other!

D – Dedicate ourselves to helping each other!



My project for this year is to raise money for a program named JAVELAN.

I will be raffling off a couple things to make money for a donation to this program. The 1st prize is an Eagle lawn Decoration and a Patriotic picture of bird houses and cardinals. The 2nd Prize is a Patriotic picture of dogs in the back of an old pickup and flag and a patriotic table centerpiece. I will also take straight donations for this project if you do not want any raffle tickets. I will try to display these at County meetings that I am available to attend please let me know if you have any questions or if you know anyone that would benefit from a service dog and need more information.

Unit Awards:

There is a Drawing for the following:

85% Award by TAL Birthday, March 15th, 2026 – one \$85 award

(Our Department needs to reach this Goal to be considered for the Merit Medallion Award at National)

100% Award by President Ruthie's Birthday, June 10, 2026 – 2 \$100 awards.

National Awards –

- Family 3 – Member recruiter who recruits 3 New Legion members, 3 New Auxiliary members, and 3 New Sal Members and dues paid by June 1, 2026.
- Recruit/Rejoin 10- Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2026 year. Rejoins must not have paid membership dues since 2022 or earlier.
- Unit Award- 100% Unit Award.

Poppies – the Department is low on Poppies so if anyone would like to learn how to make them please contact Roxanne at the Department Office and she could point you in the right direction.

Deadlines – Make sure you are paying attention to the deadlines for the Scholarship, Essay Contest, Poster Contest and Girls State. Contact your schools in your area and make sure they have the information they need and know the deadlines. Girls & Boys State will be held May 31st – June 6th.

The Department is still looking for a Department Treasurer so if you are looking for job, please contact the Department office @ 402-466-1808. The Oct/Nov STAR has an Ad for the position as well as on the Nebraska ALA website.

The next "Let's Get to Know Each Other" night is the 4th Thursday in January (Jan 23rd). This is in Dakin NE at the Road Runner in Downtown Dakin. This is just a fun night to get together and get to know each other better. It's nothing official at all just for fun. You are all invited to join.

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