



District 6 American Legion Auxiliary

JANUARY 2026 Newsletter

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“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

— Eleanor Roosevelt

*May the beauty of your dreams
be realized in 2026!*

 **Happy New Year**

To our American Legion Family

Barb Dorsey & Family

Mid-Year Conference is coming up

Fast! January 16 - 18 in Norfolk

See page 2 for all the details!

**Department President, Ruth Hietbrink is asking us to
STIR UP MEMBERSHIP IN 2026!!**

**Membership Chair, Deb Albers reminds us of the
next goal – 85% PAID Dues by March 15!**

We can do this District 6!

**— As of 01/01/2026 we stand at 74.56% paid
membership. That means we have two and a half
months to renew, rejoin, or sign-up 297 members!**

How do we accomplish this? By working together!

Unit Presidents, Membership Chairmen:

- Ask for help of the members who attend meetings to make calls of encouragement
- Contact new community members
- Focus on eligible Jr. members
- Send in paid dues weekly to stay current

Let's get off the fence and get 'er done!!

Thank you for all you do in support of ALA and our Vets!

Looking Ahead

JANUARY 1-2 -- American Legion Office closed

16- 18- Department 2026 Mid-Year Conference at Divot's Norfolk

16 - DEC meetings Friday morning - Auxiliary session in the afternoon,

17 - Saturday all day - 18 - Sunday morning

FEBRUARY -- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day

15 - Valentine Bingo - GIVAMC - 2:00 - Arrive by 1:30

16 - President's Day - Office closed

25 - Bingo and Cookies - CNVH, Kearney - 2:00 - Arrive by 1:30

March 1 - Scholarship Deadline

1 - Girl State Registrations Due to Department

7 - District 6 Convention—Kearney Post 52 - 9:00 am



DISTRICT SIX EVENTS & DEADLINES



As seen on Nebraska American Legion FaceBook page:

For Reservations – 402-379-3833 – Call Eric Martin for more info – 402-464-6338

2026 Department Mid-Year Conference

January 16, 2026 (DEC Meetings)
January 17 - 18, 2026

Hotel Information:

Norfolk Lodge and Suites
4200 W. Norfolk Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

For reservations call (402) 379-3833

[DO NOT CALL THE TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR RESERVATIONS]

[Hotel Website](#)

Room Rates:

\$110 nightly plus tax

For more information on the 2026 Mid-Year Conference, please contact Department Adjutant [Eric Martin](#) at 402-464-6338.

Just A Reminder:



Let's Talk Poppies Posters!

Now's the time to visit the schools in your area/unit and get connected to the Secretary, Art teacher, classroom teachers, etc.

Print out the Poppy Poster rules as available online at www.ALforVeterans.org and click the Events tab. There is lots of information to draw from if you're asked to present to the students. Set a deadline for completion of posters. They are to be judged, and the winning posters delivered to National by June 1, 2026.

If you have questions, contact Justina Birkel, Department Poppy Chair at 402-389-0537

District 6 Units –

As our District 6 Convention approaches – March 7 at Kearney - Remind your members that Poppy Centerpieces, Unit Prayer Books, Unit History Books, Publicity Books and Unit Handbooks will be judged that day. Check the 2025-26 ABC Book for guidelines. Let's have lots of entries to make it fun!!

March 1st – Scholarship Applications are due to your Unit – check out forms and details for submission for Nebraska scholarships at:

<https://nebraskalegionaux.net/scholarships>

National applications can be found at:

www.ALforVeterans.org/scholarships



Bradley Buck Unit 310 Gibbon had fun making centerpieces for GIMC. Pictured Lynelle Oliver, Marlyn McIntosh, and Susan Webster.

Great Job, Unit 310!!

If your unit needs a project check out the available Centerpiece and Tray Favor Assignments in The Star or contact Service to Veterans Chair: Maria Atterberry, 704 Rochelle St, St. Edward, NE 68937 or call 308-325-2863

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Winter is going to show up one of these days and stay for a while, so stay warm, be prepared and be safe -- SEE YOU IN NORFOLK – JANUARY 16-18. Barb