



# American Legion Auxiliary

## District 7 Newsletter

February 2026



### New News:

Mid-Year was fun and full of so much information. In the next couple of newsletters I hope to fill you in on everything.

*Please plan on attending district convention with your entire unit. It helps me to put a face to each and every one of you.*

### 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 us to helping each other!

2025 – 2026 Department President Ruth Hietbrink theme is S.U.M Success (Stirring up Members)

### Tools:

<https://nebraskalegionaux.net/>

This website has everything you need!!

### 2026 Calendar

#### February

1 – Four Chaplains Sunday

2 – Ground Hog's Day

8 – Super Bowl

14 – Valentine's Day

16 – President's Day

17 – Mardi Gras

18 – Ash Wednesday

#### March

1 – ALA National Scholarship Applications Due

15 – The American Legion 107<sup>th</sup> Birthday

17- St Patrick's Day

20 – Spring Begins

29 – Palm Sunday

**Call to Convention:  
Saturday March 14**  
**Hosted by Valparaiso American Legion Post 371**  
**420 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Valparaiso Nebraska**  
**Registration 9:00 am with Coffee and Rolls**  
**Joint Session: 10:00 am**  
**Auxiliary Session to begin after lunch**  
**Event & Meal Cost \$20**

RSVP your unit attendance to Don Suchy at [donfarms@aol.com](mailto:donfarms@aol.com) or Marge Suchy at [margesuchy@aol.com](mailto:margesuchy@aol.com) or 1589 Little Salt Road – Valparaiso, NE 68065. RSVP your attendance count by March 1. Meal is the famous Valparaiso steakette, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salad, dinner roll, beverage.

**County Presidents** will need to give a county update at this event.

Butler -  
Colfax -  
Dodge -  
Platte -  
Polk -  
Saunders -

We will be having a Silent Auction at the District meeting. We are requesting all units bring an item or basket for the auction. You do not need to make this extravagant. This is a fundraiser for our district 7 treasury.

Everyone is asked to bring used clean plastic sacks from the stores you frequent. Girls States members will once again be making bag beds.

Reminder: Send in your names of deceased members prior to District convention so they may be included in the memorial celebration. Please send this information to me, Mari Melcher at [marimelcher8@gmail.com](mailto:marimelcher8@gmail.com)

Department Vice President Vicki Cyboron will be in attendance.

#### **FOR YOUR ADVANCED PLANNING**

May 31 – June 6, 2026 ALA Cornhusker Girls State – Lincoln, NE

June 25-28, 2026 Department Convention, Columbus, NE

August 21-27, 2026 National Convention, Louisville, KY

#### **Your Current District 7 Officers**

President – Nancy Patras

Vice President – Mari Melcher

Secretary/Treasurer – Janie Nelson

Chaplain – Jolene Fujan

Parliamentarian - Unfilled

Interested in a District position? We will have at least 2 positions open. Let me know at convention. I can hook you up!!!!!!

### **Ready, Set Go for Dues this year!!**

Memberships for 2026 were due December 31<sup>st</sup>. Several of District Seven units have not reached 100% membership. Please call me if you need any assistance. Mari Melcher 402-270-1477 – texting is best during the day.

### **District 7 Events:**

Please email me details of your unit's upcoming events. I will attend as many as I can and I would love to advertise your event to your Auxiliary sisters. Let's help each other promote our wonderful organization and support all our veteran's.

### **Americanism:**

What is your unit doing for Americanism? Share your ideas with the group!!

### **Poppy Events:**

What is your unit doing for Poppy Events? Share your ideas with the group!!

### **Fish Fry's:**

Does your post do a fish fry? Does your unit do a Fish Fry? Send me the information.

### **VA Homes:**

Please check with the latest needs of the Veteran's homes in your area. What VA homes or groups do you help with the most? Please let me know.

### **Photos:**

Send me a copy of your event photo and we will have it added to the District 7 pages on the ALA website and maybe included in my next newsletter.

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