

**MEMBERSHIP 2010**

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**NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S THEME**

Reconnect with our Heritage to Strengthen our Future

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S THEME**

Awareness, Action, Auxiliary, Award

Light the Fire of Freedom

**DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN THEME**

All Aboard the Auxiliary Express

**MISSION:** The American Legion Auxiliary serves veterans, their families and their communities.

**VISION:** The American Legion Auxiliary enriches the quality of life of those we serve and our members.

**2010 Department Target Dates**

Depot 1	September 28, 2009	55%
Depot 2	October 26, 2009	65%
Depot 3	December 28, 2010	75%
Depot 4	March 29, 2010	85%
Depot 5	June 28, 2010	100%

As each Department reaches these Depots the Departments will receive \$100 Cash. I in turn will give this money away at both Mid-Year and Department Convention. The more Depots we get to on time the more money I will be able to give away. So let’s keep chuggin’ toward those Depots and let me give lots of moula to you for your hard work.

**ELIGIBILITY SERVICE DATES**

World War I	April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918
World War II	December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
Korea	June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Vietnam	February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
Lebanon & Grenada	August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
Panama	December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
Persian Gulf	August 2, 1990 – Cessation of hostilities as determined by US Government).
Includes National Guard and Reservists.	

**WHO CAN BE AN AUXILIARY MEMBER**

Mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, and grandmothers of members of the American Legion are eligible for membership. Step-relatives of the above seven categories also qualify for membership. Female Veterans who served during the above time frames are eligible through their own military service. NOTE: If the qualifying Veteran (male or female) is deceased the above female family members may join the American Legion Auxiliary even if the qualifying Veteran had never been a member of The American Legion. However, if the Veteran of eligibility is still living he or she must first be a member of The American Legion.

### **UNIT MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

Class I ~10 – 50 Members	Plus one (1) new member
Class II ~ 51 – 100 Members	Plus two (2) new members
Class III ~ 101 – 200 Members	Plus three (3) new members
Class IV ~ 201 – 400 Members	Plus four (4) new members
Class V ~ 401 – 600 Members	Plus five (5) new members
Class VI ~ 601 & over Members	Plus six (6) new members

### **MEMBER BENEFITS**

#### **INSURANCE**

Medicare Supplement Trans America Affinity 1-800-749-6983  
Major Medical & Short Term “Gap” Assurant 1-800-436-7847  
Life Insurance Physicians Mutual 1-800-555-7542  
Hospital Cash Physicians Mutual 1-800-555-7642  
Cancer Insurance Mutual of Omaha 1-800-598-5877  
Long Term Care Genworth 1-800-545-6390  
GE/Union Fidelity Current policy holders only 1-800-523-5758

#### **HEALTH**

CAREington Dental 1-866-222-2558 Code ALAPC07  
ScriptSave Prescriptions 1-800-700-3957 Group Number 417  
EyeMed Eye Care 1-800-793-8626 Plan #9233016  
Belton 1-800-235-8663

#### **TRAVEL**

##### **RENTAL CAR SAVINGS**

Alamo 1-800-354-2322 ID# ALAUX  
Avis 1-800-331-1212 A740700  
Group Tours and Travel Discounts [www.alatravels.com](http://www.alatravels.com)

#### **ELECTRONICS & ENTERTAINMENT**

##### **COMPUTER SAVINGS**

Dell 1-877-289-9437 Code: CS711278890  
Dish Network Savings

#### **FINANCIAL**

Retire on Spending [www.retireonspending.com/ALA](http://www.retireonspending.com/ALA) select “Join Free”  
Funeral/Final Expense Insurance 1-866-878-3581  
Bank of America 1-866-438-6262

#### **MOVING, REAL ESTATE & MORTGAGE DISCOUNTS**

North American Van Lines	1-800-524-5533
Allied Van Lines	1-800-871-8864
Real Estate Service	1-800-593-2526
Mortgage Services	1-800-593-2526

**AUTOMATIC SUBSCRIPTIONS** For Senior Members only.

The Star is Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary's bi-monthly newspaper. It tells about what has happened, what's going to happen, and what your chairmen are about.

The Home Front is a bi-monthly publication from National.

### **DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**ROSEWOOD GAVEL AWARD** – A traveling District Rosewood Gavel bearing the Auxiliary emblem will be given to the Unit in EACH District having the highest percentage of 2010 Goal Postmarked into department Headquarters on or before September 1, 2009. Unit winning the District gavel three (3) consecutive years will keep possession and the District will purchase a new gavel. (Usually this is presented to the Honor Unit at District Fall Meetings or Spring Conventions by the District President.)

**ADA MC VICKER PLAQUE** – A traveling department plaque to the district having highest percentage of 2010 goal Postmarked into Department Headquarters on or before October 29, 2009. (To be presented at Department Convention June 2010.)

**A.L.A. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AWARD** – A \$5-cash award to the Unit in EACH MEMBERSHIP CLASS in EACH DISTRICT having highest percentage of 2010 Goal Postmarked into department Headquarters on or before November 10, 2009. Unit must have at least 80% of their goal to qualify for this award. (Award envelopes will be given to district Presidents at Mid-Year Conference January 2010.)

**UNIT MEMBERSHIP CLASS AWARDS** – Six awards of \$5 each, ONE in each Membership Class to Unit having highest percentage of 2010 Goal Postmarked into Department Headquarters on or before December 1, 2009. (Awards will be mailed – see note in next entry.)

**UNIT MEMBERSHIP CLASS AWARDS** – Six awards of \$5 each, ONE in each Membership Class to Unit having highest percentage of 2010 Goal Postmarked into Department Headquarters on or before May 1, 2010. (Awards will be mailed to the Units at this time for both categories.)

**MIRIAM KIRCHHEFER PLAQUE** – A traveling department plaque to Unit having highest percentage of 2010 Junior membership postmarked into Department Headquarters on or before May 1, 2010. (To be presented at Department Convention June 2010.)

**ALL-TIME HIGH RIBBONS** – A gold honor ribbon to each Unit reaching a new ALL-TIME HIGH in membership by 30-days prior to Department Convention 2010.

**LIGHT THE FIRE OF FREEDOM CITATION** – Department President's Theme Citation to each Unit having reached or exceeded 2010 Unit Goal by 30-days prior to Department Convention 2010.

**BEVERLY J. VLCEK PLAQUE** – To unit with the most NEW 2010 Junior members Postmarked into Department Headquarters by June 1, 2010. (To be presented at Department Convention.)

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS to DEPARTMENTS**

**ALL TIME HIGH PLAQUE** – Departments reaching all time high membership received by National Headquarters 30 days prior to National Convention 2010.

**RUTH HUTTON AWARD** - Greatest percentage of membership over its highest membership of any year by the first Wednesday in June. This year will be on June 2, 2010.

**EDITH HOBART AWARD** – Department with the greatest percentage of increase over its highest membership year, as of 30 days prior to the National Convention 2010.

**BETTY BURDETT AWARD** – Department with the greatest percentage of goal received by National 30 days to the National Convention 2010.

**ESTELLA HANELL AWARD** – Department with the greatest numerical increase in membership 30 days prior to the National Convention 2010.

**GOAL DEPARTMENT AWARD** – Departments who make 100% membership goal 30 days prior to National Convention.

**UNIT DEVELOPMENT AWARD** – Department who has chartered the highest number of new Auxiliary units 30 days prior to National Convention 2010.

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS to UNITS**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S UNIT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** – Unit met membership goal, unit increased membership from previous year.

**UNIT MEMBERSHIP MERIT AWARD** – An award to one unit demonstrating the best practices in “reconnecting”. National Divisional Chairman must receive narrative by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS to INDIVIDUALS**

**RECRUIT 3** - Member must recruit 3 NEW Senior members with a completed entry form due to National Headquarters by June 2, 2010.

**SILVER BRIGADE AWARD** - Member must recruit 25 New Senior members with completed entry form due to National Headquarters by July 7, 2010. Limit one award per member.

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CITATION POINTS - 30 points assigned

Used The Legion roster to invite new members to join the Unit

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<p>MUSIC JEAN VACKINER HC74 Box 32, Cody, NE 69211 <a href="mailto:vackiner@yahoo.com">vackiner@yahoo.com</a></p>
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When we share music with our veterans in our neighborhoods, towns, and Veterans' facilities, we are helping to bring the Legion family closer together. That is what we are all about, through love and fellowship, serving our veterans and their families. Remember that in our schools we need to do whatever it takes to help instill patriotism and respect to our flag and our country.

I encourage all units to include music at your meetings, either with or without an accompaniment. Make use of cassette tapes or CD's. Ask your Junior members to bring their CD players and give them the responsibility of providing the music. It is especially important to

always remember "The Star Spangled Banner", and to use "God Bless America", whenever you can, either for singing or just for listening. Enjoy music everyday of your life.

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**CITATION POINTS** 5 points assigned

- 1 pt...Unit members sang the National Anthem during meetings
  - 1 pt...Unit members used God Bless America at meetings
  - 1 pt...Unit members shared music with shut-ins
  - 1 pt...Unit presented an educational program about "The Star Spangled Banner" at school
  - 1 pt...Unit donated to the music program at their local school
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**RECONNECT & ENERGIZE**

**NINETY YEARS OF SERVICE...WHAT A MILESTONE!**

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH SINCE NOVEMBER 11, 1919. AT A TIME WHEN OUR COUNTRY IS AT THE PEAK OF AWARENESS CONCERNING OUR SAFETY AND WELFARE, **NATIONAL SECURITY** MOVES TO THE FOREFRONT OF IMPORTANCE.

**Purpose:** To maintain and promote a strong National Defense by providing the necessary means to strengthen our Military Families and prepare our citizenry for response to natural and man-made disasters.

**Department-level objectives:**

1. To work with the Community Service Committee to schedule a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train the Trainer Course in each District to prepare our members to act as an emergency management resource.

**Action steps:**

- A. Prepare members, their families, and members of the community for natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and blizzards, as well as man-made disasters.
- B. Utilize websites that address preparedness, such as the Citizen Corps CERT program, READY Program for Kids, FEMA's Are You Ready?, National Fire Prevention, and Red Cross.
- C. Promote National Preparedness Month (September).

**Department-level objectives:**

2. Support active military and their families both during and after deployment by showing them they are appreciated through Welcome Home greetings and providing home services (child care, yard work, social visits, cooking, recreation, etc.).

**Action steps:**

- A. Address the needs of deployed troops.
- B. Within our communities, assist the families of deployed military.

C. Ensure that deployed troops returning to their communities are met with a warm and sincere welcome.

D. Support initiatives of the National League of Families in the continued effort for a full accounting of America's POW/MIAs

E. Promote Month of the Military Child (April)

F. Promote National Military Appreciation Month (May)

**Units of Department:**

All year – Keep record of these projects for your year end reports.

**Objective I – CERT**

1. Did you host a CERT Program? \_\_\_\_

2. Number of members participating? \_\_\_\_

**Objective II – Support for Military Families**

3. through Welcome Home Greetings? (yes or no)

4. Offering Child Care? ( yes or no)

5. Making social visits? (yes or no)

6. Cooking meals? (yes or no)

7. Doing yard work? (yes or no)

**Objective III – Additional Military Related Initiatives**

8. Partnered with USO? (yes or no)

9. Provided Blue Star Banners? If yes how many? \_\_\_\_

10. Provided Gold Star Banners? If yes how many? \_\_\_\_

11. Sponsored Blood Donor Programs? (yes or no)

12. Adopt a ROTC/JROTC? (yes or no)

13. Presented medals and /or certificates? (yes or no)

If you answered yes to any of the above objectives -How many members participated/helped? How much time and money was spent? How many items were provided?

**UNIT AWARDS:**

**A. Department National Security Program Award:**

A citation plaque presented to the Department Chairman in each Division the reports the Most Outstanding Overall National Security program. Entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. Do not include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

**B. Dorothy Pearl Civil Preparedness (CERT) Plaque:**

A citation plaque presented to the Department having the greatest percentage of Units participating in Civil Preparedness. Entry must be typewritten summary (narrative or spreadsheet) of participating units. CERT training dates, and numbers of participants registering for the program and number of participants completing the program. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

**C. Ione Kubby Department Plaque:**

An engraved plaque presented to the Department Chairman reporting the Most Outstanding Overall Program serving military children and events during April – Month of the Military Child. Entries must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. May include pictures (no more than 5) and news articles. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

**D. Military Support Unit Award:**

A Citation plaque presented to a Unit in each Division that reports the Most Outstanding Overall Program supporting military families with special emphasis on enhancing quality of life and helping them through times of family member deployment and/or injury (severely wounded.) Entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. May include pictures (no more than 5) and news articles. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

**E. ALA ROTC/JROTC Unit Program Certificate:**

Certificates presented to Unit Chairman reporting the Most Outstanding Promotion of the ROTC/JROTC program through the ALA in their Department. All entries to be post-marked by May 8, 2010 and sent to Marva Kasl, 110 Whitmar, Dorchester, NE 68343

**Resources provided through the American Legion Auxiliary**

CERT Program Kit

National Affiliate Agreement with Department Homeland Security Citizen Corp

**Resources provided through The American Legion**

**Brochures:**

Blood Donor Program

Family Support Network

National Crime Prevention Month

National Fire Protection Program

ROTC List of Colleges and Universities

**Emblem Sales:** Blood Donor pins/certificates

Blue Star Banner

Gold Star Banners

POW/MIA Materials including Chair Covers

ROTC/JROTC Medals

**Blue Star Mothers**

Founded in 1942, Blue Star Mothers' original goals were to bring sons home, to ensure they received the benefits they deserved, help service member's families, help each other and to be there if something happened. Over the years, the goals have broadened to rehabilitation, hospital work, children's welfare and civil defense. [www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org).

**Citizen Corp Resources – Department of Homeland Security**

1. Citizen Corp Program for with ALA is an affiliated partner – go to [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov).
2. CERT Program – Community Emergency Response Team. <http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/cert.shtm>

3. READY Program for Kids, Business and America. A series of resource material available to individuals to help them prepare for the unexpected. Visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)
4. *Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness* (IS-22) is FEMA's most comprehensive source on individual family, and community preparedness. The guide has been revised, updated and enhanced in August 2004 to provide the public with the most current and up-to-date disaster preparedness information available. [www.fema.gov/areyouready/](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/)
5. Red Cross provides a number of excellent resources, including subscription to a eNewsletter. [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**Comfort Quilts:** To contribute quilt squares, assemble quilt kits or make monetary donations to [www.marinecomfortquilts.us](http://www.marinecomfortquilts.us)

**Defense Commissary Agency – Coupon Clipping** Before mailing coupons, check online for information about the individual commissary you would like to use. [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

**Lets Say Thanks:** This website gives you an opportunity to send a free printed postcard to US Military Personnel stationed overseas showing your support and appreciation for their services to our county. [www.letsaythanks.com](http://www.letsaythanks.com)

**Military One Source:** Military One Source is the online resource for active and recently retired members of the military. This site provides wonderful resources for those serving these families. [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

**National Fire Protection Association:** For more information about National Fire Prevention Week (October), activities for kids at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) and [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org)

**National Military Appreciation Month:** For the most comprehensive list of what's planned for activities during the month of (May) to celebrate this month go to [www.nmam.org](http://www.nmam.org)

**Operation Military Kids (OMK):** OMK is the Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support the children and youth impact by deployment. This initiative, of which the American Legion Family is directly involved, was launched April 2005. [operationmilitarykids.org/public/home.aspx](http://operationmilitarykids.org/public/home.aspx)

**POW/MIA Resources:** The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia was incorporated in District of Columbia on May 28, 1970. [www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org) or (703) 465-7432

#### **ROTC Programs:**

ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corp) is one of the best leadership courses in the country and is part of the college curriculum. During classes and field training, students learn first-hand what it takes to lead others. [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

#### **Sesame Street Workshop:**

Talk, listen, and connect to a series of two DVD's designed specifically for children of military service members. These DVD's available through Military One Source, are great tools for parents and children alike.

#### **Soldiers' Angels:**

Soldiers' Angels is a 5013c Non Profit founded by Patti Patton-Bader, mother of Sgt. Brandon Varn, who has recently returned from a year's deployment to Iraq. Soldiers' Angels mission is to provide aide and comfort to any of the armed forces and their families. [www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org)

**Toasty Toes:**

There are 17 chapters around the U.S. who will take the items made and distribute them accordingly, for patterns and distribution information. [www.operationtoastytoes.org](http://www.operationtoastytoes.org)

**USO:**

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to our men and women in uniform. The USO currently operates more than 120 centers worldwide, including seven mobile canteens located in the continental US and overseas. [www.USO.org](http://www.USO.org)

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CITATION POINTS - 20 points assigned

**(Refer to form in this article - ABC Book)**

5 pts...Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

5 pts...Support Military and Families)

10 pts... (For 2 projects Additional Military related Initiatives)

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