



# Department Membership Bulletin



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**"Proud to Belong, Forever Strong"**

**24-25 Bulletin No. 9**

### **NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT AWARDS**

**RECRUITER OF THE YEAR** - Certify the membership worker in your post that signed up 5 new members. Regional winners will be given a special cap pin recognizing their recruiting efforts. The Department recruiter of the Year winner will receive mileage, hotel night and two tickets to Dept Banquet and a plaque from National.

**GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE BRIGADE** - If you should have a member who signs up 50 or more new members before May 13, they can be certified in the National Gold Brigade. If they sign up 25-49 new members they qualify for the National Silver Brigade. Certification deadline is May 13. If they sign up 15-24 they qualify for the National Bronze Brigade.

**RETENTION AWARD** - is awarded to the post in each post size category who recruits 5 or more new members in 2024 and renews them in 2025. The highest percentage of posts who retained these will win a \$100 cash award.

**Go-Getters Certified** - This is a reminder to the Post Adjutant's to be sure to get your go-getter certifications into Department by the deadline of April 15. If you need a form you can go to [ndlegion.org](http://ndlegion.org) and go to Dept. Forms and click on go-getter form.

### **Boys State Reminder**

Boys State session is June 8-13, 2025 at ND State College of Science in Wahpeton. Junior Boys can register at [ndboysstate.org](http://ndboysstate.org). If you have any questions, please call the Headquarters office.

### **National Vice Commander Visits ND**

National Vice Commander James C. Kellogg from Taopi, Minnesota, will be visiting North Dakota and will attend the District 3 spring meeting in Cando and the District 2 spring meeting in Park River both on Saturday, April 26, 2025, and the training session offered by the Department of North Dakota on Sunday, April 27, 2025, which will be held from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the All Vets Club, 116 1<sup>st</sup> St E in Jamestown. If you have not registered for the training session, call Sarah at 701-293-3120 or email her at [info@ndlegion.org](mailto:info@ndlegion.org)

We would like to see a good turnout for all District meetings and the training session. Hopefully you District Commanders and Vice Commanders have been contacting your Posts and encouraging them to attend.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **May**

- 1 - Consolidated Post Reports
- 27 - Delegate Strength Target Date

#### **June**

- 8-13 - North Dakota Boys State
- 27-29 - Dept Convention in Fargo

**Commander's Project:** As I have traveled around I became aware that my Commander's projects were not well known. At this time, I would like to give you the information. As I have seen at various conferences and conventions, there are many service dogs as companions for our veterans. These services dogs become loving and life saving companions. The stories told by our veterans nationwide have touched my heart and it would be my pleasure, on behalf of the North Dakota American Legion (NDAL), to support at least two of these marvelous companions to our veterans in need.

The Commander's projects are honorable and, as with past commanders, with NDAL at the uppermost in the decision to have these projects.

My Commander's project is two-fold: 1. Future of NDAL Long Term which includes solvency and training/instruction events. 2. Be The One; Service Dogs of America, Jud, ND, and focus on mental wellbeing. Be The One is also a National American Legion campaign, there is more information and training on the National website. The "Be The One" focus, I predict will be with The American Legion forever. In that light, continue carrying out "Buddy Checks" all year long.

All of your thoughtful donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to use in the best way, which will encapsulate my motto "Proud to Belong, Forever Strong". I personally thank you for your help and contribution.

**Legislation:** As I write this, the legislation session is happening. By the time you read this the results will be in.

We, NDAL, have a legislative representative, Nate Huntington. Nate has been instrumental in giving a voice on behalf of the NDAL. He has supplied written and oral testimony for as many bills as he could. When he was working his day job, I stepped in to give oral testimony, as well as written. Two of the bills we were working on were (1) opportunities for our ND public schools to offer The Pledge of Allegiance. Working with Representative Anna Novak, it passed. Congratulation Rep Novak!!!! (2) Then the Predatory or Shark claims bill. This has been a tough one. Again, Nate did testimony with the House and I to the Senate. At this point it has gone back for amendment. More to come and I hope the bill will pass in the way of which it will protect our ND veterans.

Both Nate and I were well received at the Legislative Session. Some interesting comments were made throughout our visit to the sessions. The one that was repeated the most was – "It is so great to see our Veterans here and NDAL is well represented. We need to see Veteran Organizations and we do look for the hats." Thank you NDAL for your support and all the excellent events with your communities to be a contributing factor in the high praise NDAL receives.

## 2025 Advanced Department Convention Banquet Ticket Order Form

Please reserve the following tickets for (*Legionnaire's Name*) \_\_\_\_\_

Under Post # \_\_\_\_\_ in District # \_\_\_\_\_ Located in \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Banquet Ticket Price if RECEIVED By June 11th: \$35.00**

**Advanced Banquet Ticket Price AFTER June 11th: \$40.00**

**ALL advanced ticket orders must be received by the Department Headquarters by June 18th.**

Banquet Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) X \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (price) = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**TOTAL PAYMENT SUBMITTED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Advanced ticket orders must be received at the Department office by June 11th to receive the reduced price of \$35 and after June 11th the price increases to \$40. After June 18th, tickets must be purchased at the registration desk. A limited number of tickets are available and sold on a first come first served basis.

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# Legionnaire Training

**Jamestown:** Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
All Vets Club, 116 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Jamestown, ND 58401

**Scranton:** Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm MT  
Community Center, 103 Main Street, Scranton, ND 58653

**National Vice Commander James Kellogg is attending the training session in Jamestown.**

**All members (not just officers) are invited to attend from any Post. Spots are a premium and limited. First come (RSVP), first in attendance.**

**Please mark which topics you would like training on.** Items may be removed if there is no or little interest in the topic. Additional training requests may or may not be covered during the training session, but if not covered, you can request one-on-one training.

**Training Topics – Please mark which items you would like training on.**

- Membership Training – **Bring a Laptop if at all possible**
  - Basics of membership updates and processing in MyLegion
  - Run Reports: Post Rosters, Online Renewals, Renewal Letters, Labels, etc....
  - Member Recruitment: Post 500 Members, Members in My Area, Project Stay Active, etc...
  - Additional Membership Training Request: \_\_\_\_\_
- Post Adjutant Guidebook Items
  - Adjutant Duties
  - Reports: Post Officers, Post Data Report (PDR), Membership Goal Questionnaire....
  - Additional Adjutant Training Request: \_\_\_\_\_
- Post Officer Guidebook Items
  - How to conduct a meeting
  - Parliamentary Procedures
  - Color Guard: Ordering Ammo and Rifles
  - Flag Etiquette
  - Additional Officer Training Request: \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership Awards
- Consolidated Post Reports (CPR)
- Emblem Sales Flag Program
- History of the American Legion
  - Topic of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Training Topics Not Listed Above: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring a laptop (if you are able) for the MyLegion training. Please sign up for MyLegion one week in prior in case there are any issues with registering your MyLegion account.

One-on-one additional training may be available following the training session if able.

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**Please RSVP to the American Legion Department of ND one week prior to the training session by mailing this form to ND American Legion, PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078 or emailing [info@ndlegion.org](mailto:info@ndlegion.org).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post Location \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Training in Jamestown on 4/27/2025

Attending Training in Scranton on 5/24/2025

Do you currently have a MyLegion account? Yes / No

If yes, Do you have access to the Post info under MY GROUPS on MyLegion? Yes / No

If no, contact the Department at 701-293-3120

If no, please register your account one week prior in case there are any issues with registering your account and having access to MY GROUPS.



## **2025 NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT AWARD**

This form must be completed and mailed to Department Headquarters, PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078, by May 15, 2025. Forms received after that date will not be accepted.

### **AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

**Regional Recruiter of the Year** (by Post Size Categories) - 4 new member recruiters in each region who signed up the highest number of new members with a minimum of 5 will receive a special designed cap pin.

**Department Recruiter of the Year** - One individual selected from the Regional winners who signed up the most new members will receive travel allowance to the Dept Convention in Fargo to include round-trip mileage, one night hotel accommodations and honored. They will also receive a plaque from National and their name will be entered in the National competition for a chance to win a trip to the National Convention.

**Gold Division Membership** - Department award given to any recruiter who signs up 25 new members. They will receive a Gold Division Baseball Cap and Membership Shirt and Fleece Jacket.

**Gold Platoon Membership** - Department award given to any recruiter who signs up 15 new members. They will receive a Gold Platoon Baseball Cap and Membership Shirt.

**Gold Squadron Membership** - Department award given to any recruiter who signs up 5 new members. They will receive a Gold Squadron Baseball Cap.

### **NEW 2025 MEMBER RECRUITER CERTIFICATION**

All new members must be enrolled by May 1st and their membership mailed to Department Headquarters by May 15th to qualify. A NEW MEMBER is defined as any member signed into The American Legion for 2025 that was not a member of The American Legion for the 2024 membership year. Therefore, reinstated members, who last paid dues in 2023 or earlier, are considered NEW MEMBERS. **\*\*You MUST include a list of names of new members recruited for each recruiter being certified for an award!!!!**

Recruiter's Name	Complete Address and Phone Number	**No. of New 2025 Members Min. 5 to qualify - attach list

Name of Post Officer & Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_





# DEPARTMENT PREPARES TO ESTABLISH 2026 MEMBERSHIP PLAN

Again this year, we are forwarding the below questionnaire and asking that the Post Adjutant, and Membership Chairman get together with others from their post to complete and return this form. The information provided will be used, with other factors, in setting post membership goals.

Keeping in mind that the goal for the Department will be set by National Headquarters for the 2026 membership year at approximately 11,000, we ask that you consider a membership goal that is attainable and yet challenging. If every post requests goals that are below that of the previous year, we will have a difficult time reaching our National Goal.

We use the following factors when establishing membership goals:

- Losses to the post due to deaths and transfers-out;
- Gains to the post through the Direct Membership Solicitation Program and transfers-in;
- Veteran population in county area compared to membership enrollment;
- National's Goal set for the Department.

In order for us to use the requested information in setting your 2026 Membership Goal, we MUST have your completed questionnaire returned to our office by May 31st. Last year less than half of the posts returned the form. If we do not get the form in time, we will set goals the best we can.

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## 2026 MEMBERSHIP GOAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please Complete and Mail to ND American Legion, PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078  
or email to [programs@ndlegion.org](mailto:programs@ndlegion.org) by May 31st

POST NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF MEMBERS DURING THE PERIOD 1 JUNE 2024 - 31 MAY 2025 WHO DIED:  
BEFORE 2025 DUES WERE PAID \_\_\_\_\_ AFTER 2025 DUES WERE PAID \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF 2025 PAID MEMBERS TRANSFERRED OUT DURING SAME PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL 2026 MEMBERSHIP YOU FEEL YOUR POST IS CAPABLE OF ATTAINING \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS AND/OR COMMENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S 2026 MEMBERSHIP PLAN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please be sure that only one copy of this form is sent in before the May 31st deadline.

