



# Department Membership Bulletin



## North Dakota State Headquarters

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**"HIT A HOMERUN WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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## TEN DISTRICTS WELL EXCEED 65% TARGET DATE GOAL

The Fourth Target Date goal was 65% and congratulations to all 10 Districts for exceeded this percentage. GREAT JOB!!!! The 7th District came out on top with 82.50% and the 10th District came in second with 81.15%.

The Eastern Region is on top with 77.36% of goal followed by the Eastern Region with 76.98%. Third is the Western Region with 76.88%. The Department as a whole is sitting at 78.04% of our 2010 goal which is ahead of last year's 77.01%.

There were 188 posts out of 219, that either met or exceeded the 65% Fourth Target Date goal.

### District Standings

Seventh	82.50%
Tenth	81.15%
Second	79.03%
Fifth	78.94%
Eighth	76.52%
Fourth	75.82%
Ninth	75.29%
Third	75.13%
Sixth	74.96%
First	73.81%

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### Upcoming Events

#### November

26 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

#### December

7 Target Date (75%)

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**Scranton Post #151 Wins  
Target Date Drawing of \$25**

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**Next Target Date  
December 7 (75%)**

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## Baseball Hall of Fame Award

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## North Dakota American Legion Press Association Award

For the Press Association Award the nominee must be a resident of the state of North Dakota. A posthumous award is allowable only if the nominee's death occurred within the dates in which the award is being presented. Membership in The American Legion shall not be a requirement or consideration in qualifying any nominee for this award. No previous winner may be certified for consideration of this award.

## How Department HQ's of ND Can Best Answer Posts

We are looking for a very effective, strong 2009-10 Legion year and want each of our posts to thrive. To best accomplish that goal, however, each post needs to understand who to contact with questions; a knowledge that is often currently lacking.

The Department Headquarters receives daily phone calls, letters, and emails for posts with questions. We are here to serve the post to the extent we are able. The problem arises when we receive questions for which headquarters is bypassed and sent direct to National HQ's.

As a basic "rule of thumb" as post questions arise, realize the Department Headquarters welcomes membership, programs and veterans' services questions. Headquarters cannot assist with elections, or lounge issues, or concerns that are of a civil nature. Again, neither state nor National Headquarters has any jurisdiction in these areas. Those questions must be addressed and resolved at the post and district levels, or again in some cases, with civil authorities.

Another important point for each post to remember is that "The American Legion charters posts, not bars." A significant portion of calls into headquarters relate to bar/lounge issues. Those questions are governed by civil licensing, not Legion Headquarters.

A second "rule of thumb" for post questions of a problematic nature is to understand the "chain of command", just as in the military. A post's first line of inquiry is through its District Commander. That person can assist a post in many areas and with most challenging questions such as elections, meeting decorum, etc; that is the district commander's role in the chain of command.

If a post is in doubt as to who its District Commander is, you may find that information on the Department Web Site at [www.ndlegion.org](http://www.ndlegion.org).

Lastly, a post should not pose questions directly to national headquarters. To do so, which happens often, simply slows down finding answers for a post. All National does is refer those questions back to State Headquarters where we refer them back to the district or post; again, follow the chain of command.

Your Department Staff is ready, willing and able to assist each post in any way it legitimately can. Please, remember, however, we can be even more effective in helping a post be active, accurate, and involved, when the post just realizes the nature of its relationship with the Department and National Headquarters and utilizes the assistance of its District Commanders. Those Commanders are well versed, well experienced, and very willing to assist any of their posts when contacted.

I have been a Past Post Cdr, Adj. & Finance Officer. As I attended a two day course, put on by National Headquarters this fall, I was thankful for this information. Keep Up the "Great Work" you all do for veterans. And..."Thank You for your Service"!

Mitch Olson, Department Adjutant



**North Dakota American Legion**  
**Baseball Hall of Fame Award**  
**Official Nomination Form**



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**DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM: TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. NOMINATION SHALL NOT EXCEED 8 PAGES INCLUDING THIS FORM. ATTACH A 5x7 PHOTO OF NOMINEE. ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS OR ADDED PAGES WILL BE DISCARDED.**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Legion Baseball Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ (give name of city, town, county, etc)

Is Nominee Living: \_\_\_\_\_ Or Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

How many years as:        Manager \_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_ Player \_\_\_\_ Worker \_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_

**Exhibit 1** – 5x7 photo of Nominee

**Exhibit 2** – List candidate’s experience, accomplishments, awards and/or committee appointments on separate sheet not to exceed 2 pages.

**Exhibit 3** – Submit biographical sketch of nominee – including education, family, church affiliation (if any), social organizations, or other data suitable for background for presentation purposes, not to exceed 1 page.

**Exhibit 4** – Explain why this candidate should be inducted into the North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame. Use a separate sheet not to exceed 2 pages.

**Exhibit 5** – Attach news clippings of this candidate’s accomplishments not to exceed 2 pages.

Date of Submission \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures of:

Post Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Post Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Rejected Date \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

North Dakota American Legion  
**Baseball Hall of Fame Award**  
Award Submission Instructions



The Department Athletic Committee invites posts to submit nominations for the North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The objective of the North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals from and throughout the state who have contributed to the promotion of The American Legion Baseball Program in North Dakota and persons who have participated in the Legion Baseball Program and have gone on to excel in the field of Baseball or other endeavors.

Any American Legion post within the Department of North Dakota may nominate one or more candidates for the Hall of Fame. The recommendations and qualifications of the candidate shall be submitted on a nomination form. A picture of the candidate (5x7) MUST accompany the nomination.

Nominations MUST be submitted to Department Headquarters, PO Box 5057 West Fargo, ND 58078, by February 1 of each year. Incomplete applications will be considered.

Candidates must qualify under one of the following criteria to be eligible for Hall of Fame consideration:

1. American Legion Baseball Players who have completed Legion Baseball competition and have advanced to major leagues or have accomplished something outstanding in the field of baseball or community service (plus noteworthy contributions to Legion Baseball program).
2. American Legion Baseball Coaches who have spent years in coaching, including record and outstanding personal achievements, plus any other coaching achievements (college, amateur, etc.)
3. Umpires who have retired from Legion Baseball or are still active, but have an exceptional record.
4. Devoted Legionnaires, veterans and non-veterans who have sacrificed much time and effort to maintain American Legion Baseball on a high level of excellence. Sportscasters, reporters, etc. may be considered for outstanding coverage and/or promotions for the good of Legion Baseball.

Nominations will remain under consideration for two years, after which they will be returned to the nominating post...but may be resubmitted at any time.

Additional nomination forms are available upon request from Department Headquarters American Legion, Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078, or 701-293-3120.



# North Dakota American Legion Press Association Award Official Nomination Form

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nominee must be a resident of the State of North Dakota. A posthumous award is allowable only if the nominee's death occurred within the dates in which the award is being presented. Membership in The American Legion shall not be a requirement or consideration in qualifying any nominee for this award. No previous winner may be certified for consideration of this award.

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/station/newspaper/agency affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_  
(give name of city, town, county, etc.)

Current position: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Owner, editor, reporter, director, etc.)

**Exhibit 1** – List nominee's experience on separate sheet not to exceed 2 pages.

**Exhibit 2** – Submit biographical sketch of nominee – including education, family, church affiliation (if any), social organizations, or other data suitable for background for presentation purposes, not to exceed 1 page.

**Exhibit 3** – Explain what makes this candidate outstanding in their field on a separate sheet not to exceed 2 pages.

**Exhibit 4** – Please attach any letters of recommendation from supervisors, co-workers, etc. In addition to the supervisor's letter, you may submit one additional letter of recommendation, if desired.

**Exhibit 6** – Attach news clippings of nominee's accomplishments not to exceed 2 pages.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Commander's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Adjutant's Signature



# North Dakota American Legion Press Association Award Submission Instructions

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Nominations need not be confined to the communications media.
2. Recipient may be an individual, a group, newspaper, television station, radio station or a school organization.
3. Nominations shall be made through The American Legion or Auxiliary
4. Nominee must be a resident of North Dakota.
5. Nomination must be based on accomplishment above and beyond regular employment.

## **CRITERIA:**

The objective of the Press Association in offering this award is to recognize individuals or groups from and throughout the state who have made major accomplishments in publicizing or promoting any of the many fields in which The American Legion is interested in and active. Consideration for the award should encompass a wide field, including Americanism, conservation, state loyalty, public service, agriculture and industry, ethnic and veterans coverage, religion and education and national prominence.

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

Postmarked by June 1 – mailed to:

**American Legion State Headquarters  
PO Box 5057  
West Fargo, ND 58078**

## **SELECTION:**

Department Selection by Press Association at upcoming Department Convention in June  
Notification letter to state winners by June 30  
Presentation at next year's Winter Conference in February

## **SUBMISSION PACKAGES:**

Only nomination submitted on the **Official Nomination Form** will be accepted  
CAN NOT exceed 10 pages (printed one side) in length, excess pages will be ignored.  
A 5x7 photo of nominee **MUST** be attached and does not count as one of the 10 pages.  
Nominations will remain under consideration for three years.

**Membership Tabulation As Of: November 16, 2009**

Nov-16 65 % Target Date

**Vice Commander Robert Krause (Fargo) Eastern Region 2010 Goal is 7,782 : Nov-16 Target is 5,058**

**2010 Region Membership is 6,020 77.36 % of Goal 86 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2009 Region Membership 7,557**

District 1: Commander Robert Bergman : (701) 282-7777 1714 Evergreen Way, West Fargo ND 58078				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/! Binford	21	14	17	17
Buffalo	94	61	58	95
/ * Buxton	22	14	23	24
/ Casselton	82	53	69	80
/ Cooperstown	88	57	69	92
/ Dazey	38	25	23	37
/! Erie	33	21	32	32
/ Fargo	1,430	930	983	1,328
/ Fingal	16	10	9	16
/ Finley	96	62	83	97
/ Galesburg	33	21	24	30
/ Gardner	27	18	26	29
/ Hannaford	46	30	8	43
/ * Harwood	150	98	152	166
/ Hatton	104	68	62	103
/ Hillsboro	134	87	105	122
/ Hope	99	64	82	95
/ Horace	27	18	19	25
/ Hunter	28	18	22	28
/ Kindred	46	30	28	39
/ Leonard	38	25	30	32
/ Mayville	81	53	64	83
/ Nome	12	8	10	13
/ Page	29	19	22	24
/ Portland	88	57	68	88
/ * Sanborn	56	36	59	61
/ Sharon	26	17	18	22
/ Valley City	259	168	199	246
<b><u>Dist 1 Totals</u></b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>3,067</b>
	<b>28 Posts</b>		<b>73.81 % of Goal</b>	

District 2: Commander Eugene Kachena : (701) 284-6913 P.O. Box 45, Pisek ND 58273				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Pekin	21	14	10	20
/ Pembina	93	60	81	96
/ Petersburg	51	33	41	50
/ * Pisek	38	25	38	40
/ Reynolds	10	7	8	11
/ St. Thomas	60	39	48	57
/ Thompson	53	34	41	54
/ * Tolna	44	29	45	46
/ Walhalla	125	81	88	110
	<b>2,823</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>2,755</b>
<b><u>Dist 2 Totals</u></b>	<b>33 Posts</b>		<b>79.03 % of Goal</b>	

  

District 10: Commander Kenneth Wiederholt : (701) 678-2366 P.O. Box 87, Gwinner ND 58040				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Abercrombie	34	22	28	30
/ Cayuga	12	8	10	14
/ Cogswell	29	19	16	24
/ Edgeley	62	40	52	60
/ Ellendale	96	62	60	96
/ Fairmount	50	33	48	52
/ Forbes	35	23	27	34
/ Forman	26	17	23	24
/ Galchutt	21	14	16	21
/ Gwinner	79	51	78	81
/ Hankinson	110	72	99	118
/ Havana	30	20	28	29
/ Kulm	23	15	21	24
/ LaMoure	82	53	56	69
/ Lidgerwood	111	72	99	113
/ Lisbon	85	55	68	81
/ Milnor	60	39	49	60
/ Mooreton	24	16	19	24
/ Oakes	216	140	185	214
/ Rutland	19	12	15	18
/ Sheldon	46	30	32	45
/ Verona	17	11	14	16
/ Wahpeton	364	237	265	363
/ Walcott	44	29	42	46
/ Wyndmere	81	53	75	79
	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,735</b>
<b><u>Dist 10 Totals</u></b>	<b>25 Posts</b>		<b>81.15 % of Goal</b>	

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/ = Achieved Target Date Goal**

**Membership Tabulation As Of: November 16, 2009**

Nov-16 65 % Target Date

**Vice Commander Kevin Semmens (New Rockford) Central Region 2010 Goal is 4,622 : Nov-16 Target is 3,004**

**2010 Region Membership is 3,558 76.98 % of Goal 57 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2009 Region Membership 4,540**

District 3: Commander Kent McDougall : (701) 266-5586 6556 98th St. NE, Rocklake ND 58365				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Belcourt	53	34	42	54
/! Bisbee	27	18	23	23
/ *! Brocket	13	8	13	12
/ Cando	91	59	80	94
/ Devils Lake	62	40	45	54
/ Dunseith	34	22	24	33
/ Edmore	32	21	15	27
/ Hampden	17	11	16	17
/ Knox	19	12	15	17
/ Langdon	218	142	152	211
/ Leeds	34	22	23	26
/ Maddock	77	50	57	74
/ Milton	32	21	28	32
/ Minnewaukan	34	22	30	37
/ Oberon	23	15	18	22
/ Osnabrock	15	10	10	14
/ Rolette	101	66	96	102
/ Rolla	127	83	86	113
/ Rugby	182	118	132	172
/ Sarles	53	34	34	55
/ St. John	16	10	9	14
! Starkweather	7	5	1	0
/ York	32	21	27	32
<b><u>Dist 3 Totals</u></b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1,235</b>
	<b>23 Posts</b>		<b>75.13 % of Goal</b>	

District 4: Commander Dean Entzminger : (701) 485-3774 P.O. Box 257, Gackle ND 58442				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Bowdon	14	9	12	13
/ Carrington	115	75	89	110
/ Fessenden	79	51	76	81
/ Gackle	84	55	82	92
/ Goodrich	69	45	49	70
/ *! Hamberg	4	3	4	4
/ Harvey	86	56	70	82
/! Hurdsfield	9	6	8	8
/ Jamestown	346	225	219	328
/ Kensal	53	34	8	54
/ McClusky	47	31	40	48
/ McHenry	15	10	13	14
/ Medina	42	27	32	42
/ New Rockford	131	85	115	137
/ Streeter	58	38	50	58
/ Sykeston	61	40	41	64
/ Wimbledon	65	42	54	70
/ Woodworth	41	27	38	42
<b><u>Dist 4 Totals</u></b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,317</b>
	<b>18 Posts</b>		<b>75.82 % of Goal</b>	

District 5: Commander Kevin Slagg : ( ) - P.O. Box 502, Turtle Lake ND 58575				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Ashley	60	39	48	62
/ Bismarck	797	518	571	760
/ Dawson	72	47	62	70
/ Fredonia	30	20	29	32
/ Garrison	160	104	137	165
/ Hazelton	32	21	27	32
/ Lehr	28	18	18	26
/ Linton	170	111	159	178
/ Napoleon	155	101	123	157
/ Riverdale	34	22	24	33
/ Tappen	20	13	17	21
/ Turtle Lake	125	81	104	133
/ Washburn	135	88	120	140
/ Wilton	61	40	54	59
/ Wing	63	41	50	64
/ Wishek	62	40	39	56
<b><u>Dist 5 Totals</u></b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,988</b>
	<b>16 Posts</b>		<b>78.94 % of Goal</b>	

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Nov-16 65 % Target Date

Vice Commander Oran Keith (Sherwood) Western Region 2010 Goal is 6,357 : Nov-16 Target is 4,132

2010 Region Membership is 4,887 76.88 % of Goal 76 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2009 Region Membership 6,207

District 6: Commander Arnold Havelka : (701) 340-2965 4020 38th St. SE, Minot ND 58701				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ * ! Benedict	8	5	9	9
/ Berthold	45	29	40	42
/ Bottineau	140	91	107	138
/ Bowbells	36	23	30	36
/ Butte	111	72	93	112
/ Columbus	27	18	26	30
/ Donnybrook	41	27	40	44
/ Drake	62	40	58	64
/ Flaxton	19	12	15	21
/ ! Glenburn	12	8	11	11
Granville	56	36	34	50
Kenmare	67	44	21	63
Lansford	21	14	9	13
Lignite	21	14	13	24
/ * ! Makoti	59	38	65	65
/ * ! Max	9	6	11	11
/ Minot	720	468	504	607
! Minot AFB	24	16	10	10
/ Mohall	124	81	81	117
/ * ! Newburg	13	8	14	14
/ * Plaza	18	12	23	24
/ Portal	27	18	20	24
/ Ryder	25	16	15	25
/ Sherwood	70	46	65	74
/ ! Tolley	10	7	8	8
/ * Towner	20	13	20	21
/ Upham	28	18	23	30
/ Velva	180	117	130	168
White Shield	48	31	30	59
/ Willow City	52	34	44	51
<b>Dist 6 Totals</b>	2,093	1,362	1,569	1,965
	<u>30 Posts</u>		<u>74.96 % of Goal</u>	

District 7: Commander Oretta Kilen : (701) 843-8173 P.O. Box 158, Almont ND 58520				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ * Almont	21	14	21	22
/ ! Beulah	9	6	7	6
Cannon Ball	6	4	1	18
/ Carson	61	40	58	60
/ Center	76	49	61	72
/ Elgin	91	59	69	89
/ Flasher	106	69	104	108
Fort Yates	10	7	2	9
/ Glen Ullin	30	20	25	27
/ Hazen	83	54	79	85
/ Hebron	90	59	68	90
/ Mandan	495	322	391	474
/ New Leipzig	41	27	34	41
/ New Salem	76	49	66	76
Selfridge	9	6	5	9
/ ! Solen	5	3	4	4
Standing Rock	3	2	0	1
/ * Stanton	28	18	28	30
<b>Dist 7 Totals</b>	1,240	808	1,023	1,221
	<u>18 Posts</u>		<u>82.50 % of Goal</u>	

District 8: Commander Duane Lutz : (701) 523-5174 201 4th St. SW, Bowman ND 58623				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Beach	139	90	105	134
/ Belfied	242	157	182	261
/ Bowman	89	58	79	93
/ Dickinson	158	103	100	159
/ Halliday	50	33	41	48
/ Hettinger	115	75	56	105
/ Killdeer	104	68	82	112
/ Mott	157	102	128	159
/ New England	123	80	107	123
/ Reeder	49	32	44	48
/ Regent	53	34	41	51
/ Rhame	58	38	49	57
/ Richardton	90	59	78	95
/ Scranton	55	36	42	59
<b>Dist 8 Totals</b>	1,482	965	1,134	1,504
	<u>14 Posts</u>		<u>76.52 % of Goal</u>	

District 9: Commander David Rolfson : (701) 842-2040 3121 124th Ave. NW, Watford City ND 58854				
	2010 Goal	Nov-16 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Alexander	23	15	21	25
/ Crosby	90	59	78	93
/ Grenora	89	58	84	93
/ * Mandaree	14	9	17	18
/ New Town	113	73	73	118
/ Noonan	50	33	47	50
/ * Parshall	71	46	71	75
/ Powers Lake	34	22	26	31
/ Ray	36	23	23	35
/ Stanley	155	101	107	154
/ Tioga	115	75	97	110
/ Watford City	165	107	130	161
/ Wildrose	49	32	42	48
Williston	538	350	345	506
<b>Dist 9 Totals</b>	1,542	1,003	1,161	1,517
	<u>14 Posts</u>		<u>75.29 % of Goal</u>	

Department Totals	2009	2010
Department Membership Goal	19610	18,818
Post 500 Membership	271	176
Department Membership	18,575	14,641
Processed DMS Membership	0	0
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>18,575</b>	<b>14,641</b>

219 Posts                      2010 Percent of Goal is 78.04 %

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