



# Department Membership Bulletin



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## DEPARTMENT HITS MEMBERSHIP GOAL AT 66.51%

The Third Target Date goal was 55% and congratulations to all 10 Districts for exceeding this percentage. The 3rd District came out on top with 70.06% and the 10th came in second with 69.79%.

The Central Region came in on top with 69.45% of goal followed by the Western Region with 65.83% Third is the Eastern Region with 65.24%. The Department is at 66.51% of our 2020 goal.

### District Standings

Third	70.06%
Tenth	69.79%
Fifth	69.65%
Seventh	69.54%
Sixth	68.98%
Third	68.52%
Eighth	64.80%
Second	64.45%
First	63.42%
Ninth	60.21%

### National Vice Commander To Be Decided at the Winter Conference

The position of a National Vice-Commander from the Great State Of North Dakota is scheduled to be decided at the Winter Conference on January 24-27, 2020, at the Bismarck Ramkota Hotel.

If you know of anybody who is interested in becoming the National Vice Commander, please let the office know. You must have an endorsement from your local post.

This nomination will be for the year 2021.

### NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The American Legion's National Emergency Fund provides direct financial assistance to Legion Family members and posts impacted by natural disasters like the recent hurricanes. A full 100 percent of donations to the National Emergency Fund are turned into grants for individuals, families and posts impacted by natural disasters.

To help with this fund, the ND American Legion is asking that all Posts in North Dakota donate a \$1.00 per member and send to the Department Headquarters by December 31, 2019. Please make checks payable to: ND American Legion (NEF), PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078. All Donations will be forwarded to the National Headquarters. Donations are tax-deductible, and are not used to cover administrative or promotional costs.

**Nest Target Date  
November 12th (65%)**

### **2019-2020 Schedule of District Oratorical Contest**

Listed below is the schedule of the 2019-2020 District Oratorical Contests for your information. Posts that will have a contestant to compete in the District Contest are urged to alert the student and the school of the scheduled contest in your District and to see to it that arrangements are made for any transportation that may be necessary for that student.

<b><u>DISTRICT CONTESTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>CITY</u></b>
9th	Nov 16 (Sat)	1:00 pm	New Town High School 300 Eagle Drive	New Town
3rd	Dec 7 (Sat)	9:00 am	Leeds High School Library 530 1st St. SE	Leeds
5th	Dec 7 (Sat)	1:00 pm	AMVETS 2402 Railroad Ave.	Bismarck
8th	Dec 7 (Sat)	10:00 am	Dickinson State Univ. Klinefelter Hall, 291 Campus Drive	Dickinson
2nd	Dec 11 (Wed)	1:00 pm	Legion Hall 102 5th St. E.	Park River
7th	Dec 14 (Sat)	10:00 am	Almont American Legion 10 Main St.	Almont
6th	Dec 14 (Sat)	10:00 am	Vet Hall 104 N. Main St.	Bottineau
1st	Dec 21 (Sat)	1:00 pm	West Fargo VFW 3088 Sheyenne St.	West Fargo

<b><u>DIVISION CONTESTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>CITY</u></b>
East	Jan 11 (Sat)	1:00 pm	High School 605 6 <sup>th</sup> St. W. Door 7 (N. Side)	Park River
(Winners of Districts 1-2-3-4-10 will compete in the East Division Contest)				
West	Jan. 4 (Sat)	10:00 am CST	Intermediate School Media Center, 100 3rd St. NE	Watford City
(Winners of Districts 5-6-7-8-9 will compete in the West Division Contest)				

<b><u>STATE FINALS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>CITY</u></b>
	Jan. 25 (Sat)	1:00 pm	Ramkota 800 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Bismarck

Winners and Runners-up in East and West Division Contest appear at the Winter Conference for the 2020 State Championship.

# AWARDS

**District Contest** - All District Oratorical Contest Champions will receive a District Oratorical Contest Champion Medal. In addition, through the Chuck Schroeder Memorial Oratorical Fund, the top three finishers of each District Contests will also receive cash awards as follows:

District Champion \$300 Cash Award  
2nd Place \$200 Cash Award  
3rd Place \$100 Cash Award

## **Division Contest**

**West Division Champion** \$300 Cash Award and Desk Pen Set  
**West Division Runner-up** \$200 Cash Award and Desk Pen Set

**East Division Champion** \$300 Cash Award and Desk Pen Set  
**East Division Runner-up** \$200 Cash Award and Desk Pen Set

## **State Finals Contest**

**State Champion** \$ 250 Cash Award from ND American Legion Foundation,  
\$ 175 Cash Award from Sam Tolchinsky Endowment Fund

**2nd Place** \$ 200 Cash Award from the North Dakota American Legion Foundation  
\$ 125 Cash Award from the Sam Tolchinsky Endowment Fund

**3rd Place** \$ 150 Cash Award from the North Dakota American Legion Foundation  
\$ 50 Cash Award from the family of the late John K. Kennelly

**4th Place** \$ 100 Cash Award from North Dakota American Legion Foundation

Plaque awards are also presented to the four finalists in the State Contest. In addition, our State Champion will receive the C. W. Leifur Traveling Trophy for display at the winner's school.

National All State Champions will compete at the National Oratorical Contest under a new 3-round format. This year's National Contest will be held in Indianapolis, IN, on the IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis) Campus. All contestants and chaperones will arrive at the IUPUI Conference Center Hotel on Friday, April 17, 2020, where they will be housed. The first and second rounds of competition will be held on Saturday, April 18 beginning with nine separate contests with 6 contestants each. The winners of these 9 contests will then advance to the second round. All contestants participating in the first round will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the final round, will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. Those contestants eliminated in the first and second rounds will remain and become members of the audience. The three (3) second round winners will participate in the Finals on Sunday, April 19 and have an opportunity to earn scholarships of: 1st Place - \$18,000; 2nd Place - \$16,000; 3rd Place - \$14,000. A banquet honoring all contestants will be held Sunday afternoon at the IUPUI Conference Center. All contestants and chaperones will then depart Indianapolis late Sunday afternoon April 19.

Jerry Samuelson, Chairman, Department Oratorical Contest Committee  
PO Box 1036, Watford City, ND 58854. Phone C-701-770-7147



# So You Want To Be A Delegate To The National Convention?

By virtue of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National American Legion, the Department of North Dakota is entitled to approximately 19 delegates each year.

The selection process for Delegates takes place annually at the Department Winter Conference by the Delegate Selection Committee. According to the Department Constitution and By-Laws, the Commander, Adjutant and Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be included as delegates by virtue of office. In addition, the following individuals are automatically enrolled in the selection process:

- Immediate Past Department Commander**
- 3 Outgoing Department Vice Commanders**
- 10 District Delegates and Alternates elected at Spring District Meetings**

The remaining delegates are selected from individual applications made prior to the Department Convention. Individuals not selected will be listed as alternates with the potential to be elevated if a delegate is unable to attend. Each delegate will be provided with expenses for roundtrip airfare not to exceed \$500.00. Any delegate that is compensated by National Headquarters for attending the Convention shall not receive the Department allowance. Alternates may also choose to travel to the National Convention at their own expense.

To assist individuals wishing to be considered for delegate selection, we have developed the attached application form. An individual can use this form or can send a letter into the Department Headquarters to arrive at least one week before the Winter Conference.

## EXPECTATIONS OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The Department Executive Committee adopted the following list of expectations at the 1995 Winter Conference. The list is to be provided to all interested members to be used in determining if they wish to be a department delegate to the National Convention.

- 1. Visit ND HQ room upon arrival to get registration packet and leave your room location information.**
- 2. Attend assigned committee meetings and prepare a brief report for the ND caucus.**
- 3. Attend pre-parade meeting and participate in parade if physically able to do so.**
- 4. Attend the scheduled ND Caucus on Tuesday afternoon.**
- 5. Maintain a reasonable presence and visibility on the convention floor in the ND area to provide input should there be a roll call vote through the close of business on Wednesday.**
- 6. Delegate expense allowance will be given out Wednesday on the convention floor.**

## The 101<sup>ST</sup> National Convention – August 28-Sept 3, 2020 – LOUISVILLE, KY

To: Delegate Selection Committee  
c/o Department Headquarters  
PO Box 5057  
West Fargo, ND 58078

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Address \_\_\_\_\_

From Post # \_\_\_\_\_ hereby submit my name for consideration as a delegate to the 102<sup>ND</sup> National Convention in LOUISVILLE, KY on August 28-Sept 3, 2020. To aid in the selection, I provided the following information concerning my involvement in The American Legion:

Post Offices/Committees (position & dates): \_\_\_\_\_

District Offices/Committees: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Offices/Committees: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_



**Membership Tabulation As Of: October 8, 2019**

Oct-7 55 % Target Date

Vice Commander Perry Nesdahl : Ispwn@hotmail.com : Eastern Region 2020 Goal is 5,362 : Oct-7 Target is 2,949

2020 Region Membership is 3,498 65.24 % of Goal 88 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2019 Region Membership 5,253

Dist 1 : Cmdr Bennett Bush : bennett.g.bush.nfg@mail.mil Vice Cmdr Dennis Kubischta : dmk@ictc.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ Binford	8	4	1	7
/ Buffalo	57	31	36	54
/ Buxton	17	9	14	16
/ Casselton	58	32	41	57
/ Cooperstown	63	35	35	63
/ Dazey	23	13	15	23
/ Erie	30	17	22	29
/ Fargo	625	344	327	592
/ Fingal	13	7	6	12
/ Finley	62	34	44	62
/ Galesburg	33	18	25	32
/*! Gardner	20	11	20	20
/ Hannaford	30	17	25	29
/ Harwood	212	117	146	212
/ Hatton	63	35	44	58
/ Hillsboro	90	50	66	89
/ Hope	65	36	51	63
/ Horace	26	14	15	25
/ Hunter	18	10	12	17
/ Kindred	25	14	10	24
/ Leonard	19	10	10	18
/ Mayville	65	36	55	66
/*! NDSU	1	1	1	1
/ Nome	14	8	11	13
/ Page	18	10	12	18
/ Portland	76	42	54	75
/ Sanborn	51	28	42	50
!/ Sharon	16	9	15	15
/ Sibley	20	11	1	19
/ Valley City	150	83	92	139
/ West Fargo	88	48	56	87
<b>Dist 1 Totals</b>	2,056	1,134	1,304	1,985
	31 Posts		63.42 % of Goal	
Dist 2 : Cmdr Paul Daley : Vice Cmdr Troy Estvold : testvold80@gmail.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ Adams	27	15	25	26
/ Aneta	25	14	2	24
/ Cavalier	94	52	66	96
/ Crystal	49	27	37	48
/ Drayton	28	15	16	27
/ Edinburg	49	27	40	48
/ Fordville	27	15	14	26
/ Forest River	43	24	30	47
/ Grafton	86	47	58	90
/ Grand Forks	460	253	283	459
/ Hoople	21	12	15	20
/ Lakota	52	29	32	53
/ Lankin	81	45	55	80
/ Larimore	158	87	80	157
/ Manvel	127	70	77	129
/ McVille	65	36	46	65
/ Michigan	35	19	26	35
/ Minto	51	28	34	53
/ Mountain	35	19	13	34
/ Neche	29	16	23	28
/ Northwood	86	47	56	83

Dist 2 : Cmdr Paul Daley : Vice Cmdr Troy Estvold : testvold80@gmail.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ Park River	143	79	111	142
/ Pekin	14	8	4	13
/ Pembina	63	35	44	63
/ Petersburg	38	21	17	37
/ Pisek	39	21	32	39
/ Reynolds	5	3	1	4
/ St. Thomas	29	16	21	28
/ Thompson	47	26	29	46
/ Tolna	39	21	26	38
/ UND	2	1	1	2
/ Walhalla	74	41	53	73
<b>Dist 2 Totals</b>	2,121	1,169	1,367	2,113
	32 Posts		64.45 % of Goal	
Dist 10 : Cmdr Todd Rikke : toddrikke@gmail.com Vice Cmdr William Carroll : wfcarrolljr0870@yahoo.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ Abercrombie	21	12	13	20
/ Cayuga	12	7	8	11
/ Cogswell	20	11	8	19
/ Edgeley	48	26	33	47
/ Ellendale	60	33	32	52
/ Fairmount	36	20	19	35
/ Forbes	20	11	13	19
/ Forman	15	8	10	14
/ Galchutt	18	10	8	17
/ Gwinner	76	42	47	75
/ Hankinson	80	44	67	79
/ Havana	20	11	11	19
/ Kulm	12	7	10	11
/ LaMoure	56	31	32	54
/ Lidgerwood	70	39	59	69
/ Lisbon	61	34	37	60
/ Milnor	36	20	28	35
/ Mooreton	17	9	4	16
/ Oakes	139	76	106	138
/ Rutland	27	15	19	26
/ Sheldon	29	16	25	28
/ Verona	13	7	7	12
/ Wahpeton	210	116	163	213
/ Walcott	28	15	24	25
/ Wyndmere	61	34	44	61
<b>Dist 10 Totals</b>	1,185	654	827	1,155
	25 Posts		69.79 % of Goal	

\* = Current Membership Goal ! = Previous Year's Membership + = Previous All Time High  
/ = Achieved Target Date Goal

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Oct-7 55 % Target Date

Vice Commander Wesley Widmer : wes.widmer@dlschools.org : Central Region 2020 Goal is 3,280 : Oct-7 Target is 1,804

2020 Region Membership is 2,278 69.45 % of Goal 52 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2019 Region Membership 3,216

Dist 3 : Cmdr Troy Reemtsma : midnightmoon1969@hotmail.com Vice Cmdr Bryce Crosby : crosby@gondtc.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ Belcourt	47	26	27	46
/ Bisbee	14	8	11	13
Brocket	9	5	4	8
/ Cando	71	39	58	68
/ Devils Lake	70	39	53	69
/ Dunseith	18	10	11	17
/ Edmore	13	7	8	12
/ Hampden	12	7	11	12
/ * ! Knox	10	6	12	10
/ Langdon	155	85	108	154
/ Leeds	26	14	23	25
/ Maddock	54	30	43	52
Milton	23	13	6	22
/ Minnewaukan	31	17	21	30
/ ! Osnabrock	10	6	9	9
/ Rolette	78	43	62	77
Rolla	83	46	44	76
/ Rugby	144	79	97	138
/ Sarles	38	21	33	40
St. John	8	4	0	7
/ York	18	10	12	17
<b>Dist 3 Totals</b>	932	515	653	902
	21 Posts		70.06 % of Goal	

Dist 4 : Cmdr Leroy Wolff : leroywolff@hotmail.com Vice Cmdr Duane Anderson : duane58@outlook.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ ! Bowdon	6	3	5	5
/ Carrington	61	34	41	60
/ Fessenden	40	22	27	37
/ Gackle	81	45	58	82
/ Goodrich	52	29	46	57
/ * ! Hamberg	1	1	1	1
Harvey	70	39	29	42
/ Jamestown	210	116	127	204
/ Kensal	56	31	44	54
/ McClusky	40	22	30	39
/ McHenry	15	8	8	14
/ Medina	25	14	21	25
/ New Rockford	86	47	62	87
/ Streeter	46	25	31	45
/ Sykeston	35	19	28	37
/ Wimbledon	64	35	44	63
/ Woodworth	30	17	27	29
<b>Dist 4 Totals</b>	918	507	629	881
	17 Posts		68.52 % of Goal	

Dist 5 : Cmdr Brad Huber : brad.huber69@yahoo.com Vice Cmdr :				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ Ashley	29	16	25	28
/ Bismarck	612	337	423	612
/ Dawson	35	19	26	38
/ Fredonia	21	12	19	23
/ Garrison	120	66	76	114
/ Hazelton	24	13	13	26
/ Linton	100	55	82	100
/ Napoleon	110	61	75	113
/ Tappen	13	7	11	12
/ Turtle Lake	95	52	61	96
/ Washburn	121	67	84	124
/ Wilton	48	26	42	47
/ Wing	51	28	35	50
Wishek	51	28	24	50
<b>Dist 5 Totals</b>	1,430	787	996	1,433
	14 Posts		69.65 % of Goal	

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Oct-7 55 % Target Date

Vice Commander Dan Brown : willistonlegion@yahoo.com : Western Region 2020 Goal is 4,288 : Oct-7 Target is 2,358

2020 Region Membership is 2,823 65.83 % of Goal **69 Posts \*\*\*\*\*** 2019 Region Membership 4,172

Dist 6 : Cmdr Heather Thompson : hdthom@srt.com Vice Cmdr Allan Magnuson : magnusonallan@yahoo.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/! <i>Benedict</i>	9	5	8	8
/ <i>Berthold</i>	29	16	21	28
/ <i>Bottineau</i>	95	52	64	94
/ <i>Bowbells</i>	22	12	19	21
/ <i>Butte</i>	60	33	52	73
/ <i>Donnybrook</i>	42	23	23	41
/ <i>Drake</i>	43	24	24	42
/ <i>Granville</i>	36	20	27	35
/ <i>Kenmare</i>	36	20	28	35
/! <i>Lansford</i>	15	8	14	14
/ <i>Lignite</i>	24	13	20	23
/ <i>Makoti</i>	46	25	41	45
/ *! <i>Max</i>	6	3	6	6
/ <i>Minot</i>	455	250	286	442
/ <i>Minot AFB</i>	2	1	1	2
/ <i>Mohall</i>	65	36	45	64
/ <i>Newburg</i>	8	4	4	7
/ <i>Plaza</i>	21	12	14	20
/ <i>Portal</i>	13	7	10	12
/ <i>Ryder</i>	25	14	21	24
/ <i>Sherwood</i>	51	28	45	50
/ <i>Towner</i>	12	7	4	11
/ <i>Upham</i>	27	15	19	26
/ <i>Velva</i>	101	56	74	102
/ <i>White Shield</i>	30	17	13	14
/ <i>Willow City</i>	36	20	20	32
<b><u>Dist 6 Totals</u></b>	1,309	721	903	1,271
	26 Posts		68.98 % of Goal	

Dist 8 : Cmdr George Petermann : bmann@ndsupernet.com Vice Cmdr Marilyn Jacobs : msperidon@gmail.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ <i>Beach</i>	85	47	54	87
/ <i>Belfield</i>	170	94	104	171
/ <i>Bowman</i>	53	29	36	53
/ <i>Dickinson</i>	230	127	114	208
/ <i>Halliday</i>	40	22	38	39
/ <i>Hettinger</i>	72	40	44	71
/ <i>Killdeer</i>	83	46	47	82
/ <i>Mott</i>	105	58	76	112
/ <i>New England</i>	80	44	67	80
/ <i>Reeder</i>	34	19	24	33
/ <i>Regent</i>	30	17	19	29
/ <i>Rhame</i>	27	15	20	26
/ <i>Richardton</i>	73	40	56	72
/ <i>Scranton</i>	43	24	30	42
<b><u>Dist 8 Totals</u></b>	1,125	622	729	1,105
	14 Posts		64.80 % of Goal	

Dist 9 : Cmdr Thomas Ryan : tpryan1953@yahoo.com Vice Cmdr Lucinda Bolyard : lucinda.bolyard@yahoo.com				
	2020 Goal	Oct-7 Target	2020 Mbshp	2019 Mbshp
/ <i>Alexander</i>	12	7	8	13
/ <i>Crosby</i>	76	42	40	73
/ <i>Grenora</i>	66	36	45	65
/ <i>Mandaree</i>	41	23	1	40
/ *! <i>New Town</i>	100	55	102	99
/ <i>Noonan</i>	31	17	21	33
/ <i>Parshall</i>	54	30	35	52
/ *! <i>Powers Lake</i>	20	11	20	19
/ <i>Ray</i>	37	20	22	36
/ <i>Stanley</i>	93	51	59	93
/ <i>Tioga</i>	60	33	36	64
/ <i>Watford City</i>	130	72	76	122
/ <i>Wildrose</i>	33	18	24	31
/ <i>Williston</i>	300	165	145	292
<b><u>Dist 9 Totals</u></b>	1,053	580	634	1,032
	14 Posts		60.21 % of Goal	

Department Totals	2019	2020
Department Membership Goal	13,593	13,002
Post 500 Membership	72	48
Department Membership	12,713	8,647
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>12,713</b>	<b>8,647</b>

**209 Posts** **2020 Percent of Goal is 66.51 %**

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**October 7 Target Date 55%**