



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



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Nebraska Voice of Democracy Winner takes 4th at National

Nathan Fleecs was named fourth place winner and recipient of the \$7000.00 LeRoy Moorehead Memorial Scholarship. Nathan was sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4688 in Imperial. Nathan plans a career in the United States Marine Corps. Nathan is pictured accepting his award with the National Auxiliary President Ann Panteleakos and the National VFW Commander John Stroud. The state Patriot's Pen champion Tatum Cool placed tenth at National and received \$1,250.

Nathan is also pictured with VFW Nebraska State Commander Bernie Brosnihan during the ceremony. (Continued on page 2)





Larry Gerlt
Nebraska State Judge
Advocate

Will your post exist in the
22nd Century?

Do you aggressively recruit new members?
Do you aggressively seek to regain former
members? Do you aggressively seek to
retain your current members?

If you didn't answer yes to all three of the
questions, your post will shrivel and fade
away, just like an old soldier!

So, what do I mean by aggressively?

Have you ever requested a roster of all the
unpaid relocated members and unpaid
members from Department? Depending on
where your post is, there may not be very
many, but even one or two recruitments can
make a difference.

Do you ever visit past members of your post
and try to get them to sign back up? Even
those whose membership lapsed 5, 10, or
even 15 years ago? I have been contacting
comrades whose dues lapsed as far back as
2001 and signing them back up. They are
just as willing to rejoin as members whose
dues lapsed only two or three years ago!

Do you conduct an annual membership drive
in Jan/Feb where you at least call and
preferably visit, your unpaid members?

Do you have a post news letter? Do you
recognize deceased members? Does anyone
attend their funeral or send flowers or a card
on behalf of the post? If hospitalized, does
anyone visit them or at least send flowers or
a card? If housebound, does anyone visit or
call them to see how they are doing?

I can't tell you that my post does all this for
every comrade, but we try. If we aren't
tryin', we're dyin'!

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides
compensation to the veterans who assemble the
poppies, provides financial assistance in
maintaining state and national veterans'
rehabilitation and service programs and partially
supports the [VFW National Home For Children](#).



(Continued from page 1) Our state V.O.D. winner
Nathan Fleecs will be attending the Spirit of America
Youth Leadership Program at the Freedoms Founda-
tion at Valley Forge. This event takes place June 18th
-21st. Pictured at the National Competition below is
Nathan and his mother and sister and Nathan with
State Commander Brosnihan and his sister.



Legislative Day on Capital Hill

The VFW Nebraska National Legislative Chairman Richard Morrison met with the Nebraska State Senators and Representatives in Washington D.C. He was joined by the Nebraska National Councilman Dan Petersen. They are pictured starting below with Representative Jeff Fortenberry, Senator Deb Fisher, Representative Adrian Smith, Senator Ben Sasse and Representative Brad Ashford.





The United States
Army Field Band


THE VOLUNTEERS

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army • Washington, DC



The Volunteers Rock the House

The VFW Nebraska helped sponsor the concert on March 15th at the Boys Town Music Hall. Since its inception in 1981, the Volunteers have been telling the Army story through rock, pop, country and patriotic music. Its members have played for millions in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Kuwait and Iraq.

The VFW Nebraska Calendar Program will continue. In an effort to make it more useful and economical, we will be designing a pocket calendar. Please submit photos that you would like to be seen in the calendar by May 1st.



Four local veterans received quilts from the "Quilts of Valor" program. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Department Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack was among the recipients on March 20th.





3rd ANNUAL NEBRASKA STATE VFW SHOOT-OUT

WHEN: Sunday April 26, 2015
TIME: Sign-in from Noon to 1pm (1200-1300)
 Early registration also available at www.nebraskashooters.com
WHERE: Nebraska Shooters Range, 3200 Gage Road near Firth, NE
WHO: All persons 14 and over are welcome
COST: \$35.00 per person
COURSE: 11 Marksmen Stations to rotate through
ARMS/AMMO: All firearms and ammo provided
LUNCH: Lunch available from the Boy Scouts
PRIZES:
 1st Place- \$100.00 and CCW Course
 2nd Place- \$75.00
 3rd Place- \$50.00
 Door prizes!
 50/50 raffle!
 Possible raffle to shoot vintage WW II on full automatic!
QUESTIONS? Contact Dave Wieting at 402-217-3973



SPONSORED BY: VFW POST 10848, BRINCLON NE AND NEBRASKA SHOOTERS

AMVETS ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2015

Friday May 22, 2015
 Shotgun Start - HIGH NOON
 WILLOW LAKES GOLF COURSE
 Location : 12301 So. 25th St.
 Bellevue, Ne
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
 \$75.00 PER. PERSON / \$300.00 PER TEAM



DINNER TO BE SERVED AFTER
 PRIZES : HOLE - TEAM -- & -- INDIVIDUAL

HELP SUPPORT The Dept. of Nebraska AMVETS
 NEED NOT BE A VETERAN TO ENTER

For Information contact
 RON Lechner : 402-560-3342
 WILLOW LAKES GOLF COURSE : 402-292-1680

IF INTERESTED SPONSOR A HOLE - GOLD \$100, SILVER \$75, Bronze \$50
 Proceeds support AMVETS PROGRAMS

Names: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Entry fee enclosed: \$ _____ (\$75.00 per person; \$300.00 per team)
 Total remitted: \$ _____

Don Eckstein

for State Surgeon



Nebraska VFW members, I am currently serving as the Commander of Post 4836. I am seeking your support and asking for your vote for the position of State Surgeon for the 2015-2016 year for the Department of Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars.

VA's Golden Age Games

Registration is now open for the VA's National Veterans Golden Age Games, the premier senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the United States, and the only national multi-event sports and recreational seniors' competition designed to improve the quality of life for all older Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities.

The Games are being held in Omaha Aug. 8 – 12.

Registration is online at: <http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/gag/> along with specific criteria and information for those who are interested in participating.

The Games are open to Veterans, ages 55 or older, who receive health care from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Don't miss the opportunity to compete with fellow Veterans. Get fit for life.

Register today.

VFW State Convention Program Booklet

*Ads are available for the program booklet
for VFW Nebraska 94th State Convention
in Norfolk, Nebraska June 4-7, 2015*

Ad costs:

1/2 page (3 3/4" X 4") ad copy \$ 25.00

Full page (7 1/2" X 4") ad copy \$50.00

Back Cover \$75.00

*Line (4") copy \$5.00 per line
recognize your Post / Auxiliary / or Memorial names*

Ad Copy:

Ad size _____ \$ _____ amount paid

Name & or Title: _____

Ad copy attached : yes _____ No _____ Email: jodys@vfwne.org _____

Line Copy _____

**Send payment and information to: VFW State Headquarters; PO Box 4552; Lincoln NE 68504
Phone : 402-464-0674**

VFW Nebraska 94th Annual State Convention

June 4-7, 2015

Divots Conference Center and Norfolk Lodge & Suites

4200 W. Norfolk Avenue; Norfolk, NE 68701

402-379-3833

Room Rates: \$79.99 + Tax

VFW Department of Nebraska 2431 N. 48th St. Lincoln, NE 68504

Travel Request Form for State Convention

email to: trudie@vfwne.org

Deadline for Reservations is May 11, 2015

Personal and Billing Information	
Traveler name	
E-mail	
Post	
Phone	
Billing address	
Badge name(s)	
Credit card number	
Credit card expiration date	
Lodging Information	
Destination	Norfolk Lodge & Suites at the Divots
Check in date?	
Check out date?	
Cost per night	\$79.99 plus tax
Number of people	
Room preference (e.g., king, double, single)	
Special requests?	

ANNUAL NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2015

September 4, 2015 (Friday)
Willow Lakes Golf Club

1PM Shotgun Start
12301 South 25th St., Bellevue NE

Willow Lakes is the only Robert Trent Jones designed course in Nebraska

Format: Four Person Texas Scramble

*Cost: (\$80.00) Per Person Money raised goes towards New Buses needed for the Veterans
Homes and the MAP Program

Entry fee includes: Golf/Golf Cart
FoodFlag Prizes**Door Prizes**

Questions or for reservations: call Joe Smith (402-661-9875)
Or email: vfwgolfhack@cox.net

Mailing address: Joe Smith
1416 Betz Rd
Bellevue, NE 68005

Sign up early: Entry Deadline 21 AUG 2015

Soft spikes or soft soled shoes only
Golf appropriate attire

Lunch will be served at the course before we tee off.

*AGF Holders (\$65.00, E1 – E4 \$75.00)

Clip and Mail To: Joe Smith; 1416 Betz Rd; Bellevue, NE 68005
Make checks payable to: VFW Post 2280 (Memo VFW GOLF)

Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Entry fee enclosed: \$ _____ (\$80.00 per person, \$320.00 per team)(Tax deductible)

Total remitted \$ _____

April Calendar Winners

1	\$40.00	David	Rafferty
2	\$40.00	Joel	Grams
3	\$40.00	Beau	Hartman
4	\$40.00	Ron	Miller
5	\$40.00	Patricia	Bock
6	\$40.00	Parker	Slattey
7	\$40.00	Clare	Jones
8	\$40.00	Bill	Bahrke
9	\$40.00	Jim	Cada
10	\$40.00	Dena	Hildebound
11	\$40.00	Alvin	Sorensen
12	\$40.00	Roger	Bauer
13	\$40.00	Philip	Wemhoff
14	\$40.00	Ardyce	Mayberry
15	\$40.00	Ron	Vlach
16	\$40.00	Kevn	Miller
17	\$40.00	Michael	Vculek
18	\$40.00	Bill	Scribner
19	\$40.00	Greg	Ourada
20	\$40.00	Chris	McMahon
21	\$40.00	Lisa	Langan
22	\$40.00	Iva	Carlson
23	\$40.00	Jim	Loneragan
24	\$40.00	Connie	Nelson
25	\$40.00	Iva	Carlson
26	\$40.00	Dallas	Steckelberg
27	\$40.00	Robert	White
28	\$40.00	Kitt	Kelley
29	\$40.00	American Legion Post 151	
30	\$40.00	Richard	Wesely

Calendar of Events

April 2015

(T4) Trustee Quarterly report to Department. (Jan 1 to March 31)

1 Eagle Scout Entry to Department

11 70th Anniversary WWII Okinawa Survivors Reunion Contact Tom Baye: 402-553-6248

Jack Bauerle at 402-894-0354

12 Dist 7 mtg in West Point Post 4912 to host at the Nielson Center 300 Anna Stalp Ave.

1:30 pm Reg:TBA Lunch to follow. Ladies same time and place. Rep: Mike Medina

12 Dist 9 mtg in Lincoln Post 3606 to host at 2:00 pm lunch to follow Ladies Auxiliary

Same time and place. Rep: Doug Whitaker

12 Dist 10 mtg in Millard at Post 8334 at 2:00 pm. Rep: Bernie Brosnihan

15 Cut Off (for all Awards State Convention June 4-7, 2015)

19 Dist 3 mtg in Norfolk at Post 1644 at 1:00 pm 12:00 Registration \$5.00 fee. Evening lunch

To follow. Ladies same time and place. Rep: Sammy DeJohn

19 Dist 11 mtg in O'Neill at Holt County Annex 128 N 6th at 2:00 pm \$1.00 registration fee

Evening lunch. Ladies auxiliary to meet at the Post 926 410 S Harrison. Rep: Larry Gerlt

26 Dist 1 mtg in Gering at 2710 N 10th st. Post 1681 to host at 1:00 pm. Registration fee of \$5.00

Lunch to follow. Ladies same time and place.

Rep: Mike Medina

26 Dist 4 mtg in Imperial at 12:00 mtg time. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place.

Rep: Bernie Brosnihan

26 Dist 6 mtg in Beatrice at Post 1077 at 1:00 pm lunch to follow. Ladies Auxiliary same time

And place. Rep: Doug Whitaker

26 Dist 13 mtg in Red Cloud at Community Center. Post 5641 to host at 1:00 pm. Lunch to follow

Ladies Auxiliary same time and place. Election of officers after meeting. Rep: Dan Petersen

26 Dist 15 mtg in Fullerton at the Legion Club 204. Post 5759 to host at 1:30 pm. Lunch to follow.

Ladies Auxiliary same time and place. Rep:

Gary Bush

30 Post Service Officer State Entry to Department

Running for Office? Now is the time to get your ad put together for the newsletter and the website.

VFWS NEWS AD Rates

Per monthly issue rates:

- 4" X 4" \$ 75.00
- 1/4 page \$135.00
- 1/2 page \$200.00
- Full page \$400.00



**Nebraska Membership
As of 4/2/15**



We would love to hear what is going on at your posts as well as communities.....

Send articles to

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State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	534	6	4	154	698	756	92.32%
District Totals		3	1286	16	6	289	1597	1650	96.78%
District Totals		4	989	7	6	259	1261	1322	95.38%
District Totals		6	1155	9	4	317	1485	1615	91.95%
District Totals		7	860	4	7	309	1180	1252	94.24%
District Totals		9	1530	33	13	452	2028	2179	93.07%
District Totals		10	3475	84	136	898	4593	4778	96.12%
District Totals		11	942	7	4	279	1232	1284	95.95%
District Totals		13	1051	10	5	189	1255	1305	96.16%
District Totals		15	825	3	5	163	996	1024	97.26%
District Totals		99	707	40	11	238	996	1123	88.69%
State Totals			13354	219	201	3547	17321	18288	94.71%