



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



Department of Nebraska Newsletter

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Pittsburgh Welcomes VFW for 116th National Convention

Members voted on organizational by-laws, attended workshops and business sessions and networked with other veterans. President Barack Obama, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolfe, VA Secretary Bob McDonald and Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Director Mike Linnington were just a few guests to address convention delegates. Those in attendance were made to feel very welcome and many volunteers made welcome bags. Included in the awards presentation were Nebraska All-American Commander Andrew Packer, pictured below with VFW National Commander 2014-2015 John Stroud. Andrew commanded Nebraska VFW Post 2704 in Omaha and along with Quartermaster Larry Gerlt achieved 139% in membership for 2014-2015. Larry, Andrew and Nebraska Commander Mike Medina are pictured at top left.

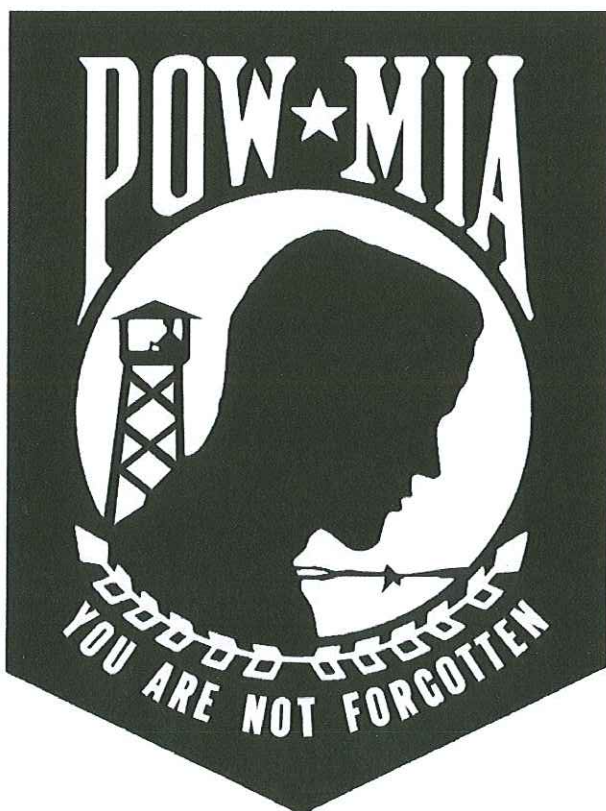


Nebraska National Councilmember Eric Williams was sworn in with the rest of the National Council.





*Thank you to all of the
volunteers for their help
with post and
department mailings.*



All Veterans are encouraged to enroll in the VA Butler Healthcare.

Call Today to learn more about VA care, other specialty needs, and applying for VA health care benefits and services.

Pre Registration Office 1-800-362-8262 ext. 5011

Your health care team is committed to educating you about your health and keeping you informed so that you become proactive in preventing disease and maintaining good health. We are committed to raising the awareness of healthy behaviors and encouraging and supporting Veterans in their efforts to adopt healthy lifestyles. To facilitate this, nine "Healthy Living" messages were developed:

[Be Involved in Your Healthcare](#)

[Be Tobacco Free](#)

[Eat Wisely](#)

[Be Physically Active](#)

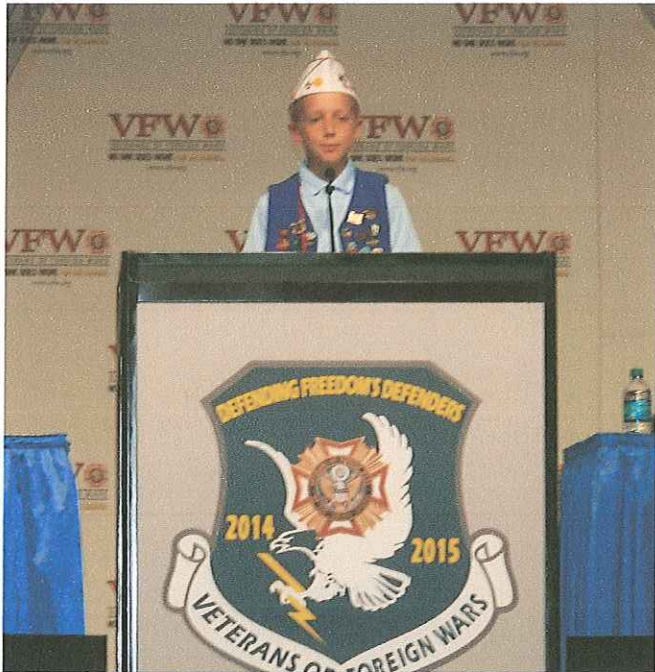
[Strive for a Healthy Weight](#)

[Limit Alcohol](#)

[Get Recommended Screening Tests and Immunizations](#)

[Manage Stress](#)

[Be Safe](#)



Dinner for Department of Nebraska

Stories were shared by those in attendance as shone by the smiles. There was also a dinner for the VFW Department of Nebraska members at the event Monday evening. Chicken and pulled pork were served.



VFW National Home for Children

James R. Mueller above spoke on behalf of the home as well as the Buddy Poppy child Zane (top photo). Jim serves as the President of the VFW National Home for Children's Board of Trustees. He chairs the Program Committee. He also serves on the Marketing & Development Committee and was elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee. The home is celebrating its 90th anniversary year this year. The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America's veterans by helping our nation's military and veteran families during difficult times.



Katlyn Abboud, Dixie Hild and President Kim Abboud pose for a photo. A rally was held at Heinz Field where Dan Petersen, Carol Brosnihan, Joyce Medina and Commander Mike Medina are. In Addition, country star Toby Keith made a visit at the VFW's Patriotic Celebration on Tuesday night.

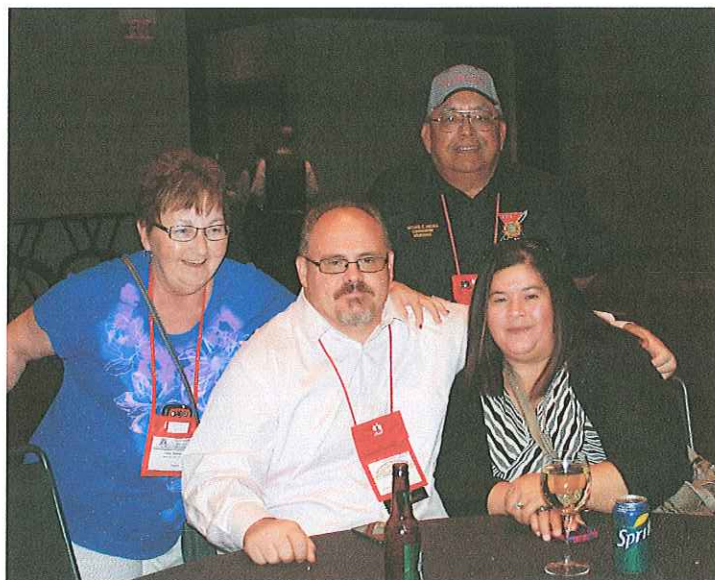


National Commander Sworn In

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States concluded its 116th National Convention by electing Pittsburgh-native John A. Biedrzycki Jr. as its new national commander. In his acceptance speech, the VFW's new leader called on the organization's nearly 1.4 million members to recommit themselves in service to others, which was one of the primary reasons his organization's founders formed in 1899, and formerly merged here in Pittsburgh in 1914. He also urged everyone to consider how much poorer the country would have been had the VFW never existed. Below, Joyce and Mike Medina and Eric and Pam Williams enjoy the festivities.



State of NE Commander Mike Medina, State Surgeon Joe Smith and National Council Member Eric Williams attended the conference meetings.





Facelift for Post 8334 Millard

The Herman Godberson VFW Post 8334 has a new look. Scott LoBaido painted a 3D mural of the American flag on the side of the building July 15th. The mural is part of his Flags Across America tour, where he aims to paint at least one flag in all 50 states. "These flag murals are a gift to all the men and woman who served our great country. What better way to thank them by painting a beautiful 3D version of our beloved Star Spangled Banner on the facade of their Veteran's posts."



VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM

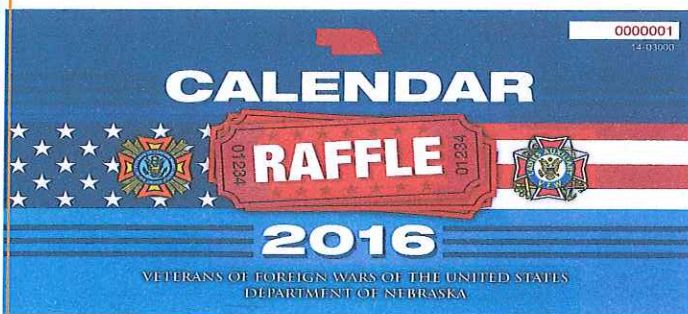
Veterans play an important role in educating our nation's youth about the founding principles upon which America was founded. As combat veterans, VFW members can provide students with insight into the great sacrifices our service members make to maintain freedom for all of us.

2015-2016 Scholarship Award Recipients

Nuts & Bolts	Taylor Pfiefer	\$500.00
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Nuts & Bolts	Jan Nelson	\$500.00
Grossman	Jordan Rapp	\$200.00
Thibault	Matthew Holloway	\$350.00
VFW #1	Jordan Miller	\$500.00
VFW #1	Makenzie Johnson	\$500.00
VFW #1	Amy Lewis	\$500.00
VFW #1	Drew Cavanaugh	\$500.00
VFW #1	Kale Peterson	\$500.00
VFW #1	Noel Bruner	\$500.00
VFW #1	Miranda Dunkel	\$500.00
VFW #1	Matthew Benes	\$500.00
Columbus 3704	Ashley Mazankowski	\$1000.00
Columbus 3704	Jessica Wojcik	\$1000.00
Columbus 3704	Taylor Wojcik	\$1000.00
Columbus 3704	Brandon Haney	\$1000.00
Benson 2503	Tyler Bienhoff	\$1000.00
Benson 2503	Ashley Butcher	\$1000.00
Past Cmdrs	Sydney Holcomb	\$200.00
Bellows	Mercedes Talbert	\$300.00
N. Platte 1504	Courtney Melanson	\$500.00
Haines	Amanda Chamberlain	\$250.00
Hildreth 6016	Kendra Staab	\$500.00
Phillips	Madison Hostetter	\$1000.00
Phillips	Samantha Dalton	\$1000.00

Raffle Calendars Available

The pocket raffle calendar has been reprinted and the numbers do now appear on the raffle slip so you do not need to write it in. The payout is \$16,000.00 and you have multiple chances to win. We will exchange calendars with anyone who already has some. Please exchange at August training or call Headquarters.



2015 ANNUAL CATFISH TOURNAMENT

VFW Post 10648 Princeton hosted the 30th State catfish tournament at Wagon Train Lake. Forty-four two person teams participated in the all night contest. Prizes were awarded at 8 am Sunday morning. Scott Hrbek brought in a 13 pound 4 ounce catfish. He is pictured below. 1st Place adult winners were Pat and Tanner Baker. 1st Place youth was Waylon Bozak. A total of 121 fish were caught for a total weight of 531.15 lbs.

VFW Post 10648 presented Steve Bozak a plaque from the family of Amos Prohaska, an avid fisherman who had participated in the annual tournament. The plaque was in "Appreciation of what veterans do for us, exemplifying the fishing spirit and supporting the program". Steve has participated for 6 years with his children. He has been a wonderful supporter of the VFW.

Post Commander David Wieting thanked all of the sponsors, donors and participants for supporting this annual event.



Lancaster County Fair

Membership Chairman Jim Pierce (left) and 3606 members including Commander Earl Motschenbacher (center) worked the VFW booth on August 4th at the Lancaster County Super Fair. The day was Armed Forces Appreciation Day.



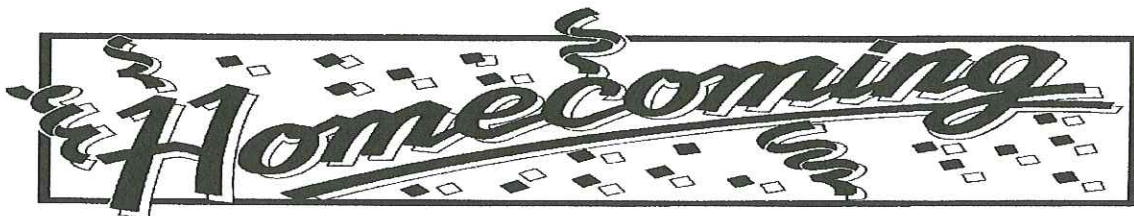
Plan on attending...

Homecoming: October 2nd, 2015, time to follow.

Mike and Kim would like to get a head count

Please register with Department by going online at the state website, filling out the form below or calling Headquarters at 402-464-0674.

The dinner will be chicken fried steak or chicken fried chicken. Freewill donations are welcome.



**I _____ will be attending
homecoming dinner at Post 8334 Millard.**

Number of people attending is _____.

Mail to:

VFW State Headquarters

P.O. Box 4552; Lincoln, NE 68504

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 \$ _____

Calendar of Events

August 2015

15 Council Meeting and August Training Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. VFW Post 4755

243 S. 9th Street Seward NE. Ladies Auxiliary to meet at the Seward Memorial Library 233 S 5th St

23 Dist 6 mtg in Beatrice at Post 1077 at 1:00 pm. Lunch to follow. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place.

September 2015

1 Bonds Due into Department

13 Dist 3 mtg in Stanton at Post 3602 at 1:00 pm. Evening Lunch to follow. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place, afternoon lunch.

13 Dist 7 mtg in Wisner at Post 5767 at 1:30 pm. Lunch to follow. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place.

20 Dist 11 mtg in Ord at Post 7029 at 2:00 pm. Lunch to follow. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place.

27 Dist 9 mtg in Wahoo at Post 4502 at 2:00 pm. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place.

October 2015

(T-2) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (July1 to Sept 30)

November 2015

1 20 Questions to Department

1 Inspection 100% District

1 VOD and Patriots Pen Entry to Post level

10 6 Month Community Service Report (May to October) First Report

15 Patriots Pen and VOD to District Level

December 2015

13 Patriots Pen and VOD entry to Department

15 Patriots Pen and VOD Summaries to Department

31 Membership dues current for the 2015 year (all elected post officers)

August Calendar Winners

\$40.00	Joseph	Pierce
\$40.00	Patty	Donley
\$40.00	Marianne	Rehnberg
\$40.00	Roley	Arterbum
\$40.00	Mike	Dirks
\$40.00	G. M. Heating & Air	
\$40.00	Alvin	Sorensen
\$40.00	Jane	Klassen
\$40.00	Misti	Munson
\$40.00	Shirley	Harkness
\$40.00	Shawna	Nathan
\$40.00	Connie	Nelson
\$40.00	Krista	Norton
\$40.00	Kristi	White
\$40.00	Wesley	Modlin
\$40.00	John	Hamilton
\$40.00	Duane	Otte
\$40.00	Jeremy	Schwanebek
\$40.00	Rick	Greenlee
\$40.00	Kelly	Andersen
\$40.00	Daryl	Stevens
\$40.00	Duane	Otte
\$40.00	Donna	Sullivan
\$40.00	John	Ginde
\$100.00	Fred	Allis
\$40.00	Kitt	Kelley
\$40.00	Randy	Heiman
\$40.00	Ron	Young
\$40.00	Glenn	Franzen
\$40.00	Dale	Vorce
\$40.00	Jess	Fullmer

Take a photo!

Send it in!

WE want to know what is going on at YOUR posts and in YOUR COMMUNITIES!

Send them to:

Department of NE VFW

John Liebsack

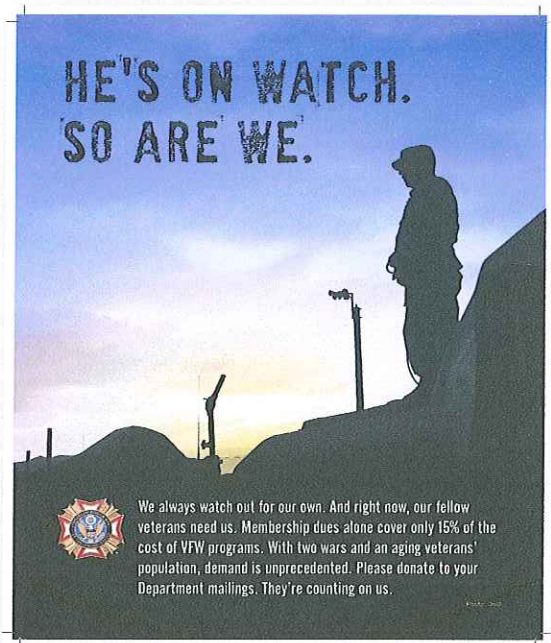
PO Box 4552

Lincoln, NE 68504

Or Email them: johnl@vfwne.org

Special

There will be free shipping on merchandise purchases on the VFW Nebraska website from September 15th to the 30th.



Visit us on the web at vfwne.com

Nebraska as of Tuesday, August 04, 2015

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	0	0	0	9	9	707	1.27%
District Totals		3	0	0	0	12	12	1615	0.74%
District Totals		4	0	0	0	18	18	1284	1.40%
District Totals		6	0	3	1	23	27	1520	1.77%
District Totals		7	0	0	0	15	15	1189	1.26%
District Totals		9	0	1	1	28	30	2105	1.42%
District Totals		10	0	8	5	63	76	4745	1.60%
District Totals		11	0	1	0	16	17	1244	1.36%
District Totals		13	0	0	0	13	13	1277	1.01%
District Totals		15	0	0	0	6	6	1027	0.58%
District Totals		99	0	7	4	17	28	1060	2.64%
State Totals			0	20	11	220	251	17773	1.41%