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District 9 Teacher and Student Awards in Waverly

The District 9 meeting was held on Sunday January 25th in Waverly at VFW Post 9875. The Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Award for the District went to Ryan Mueller for grades 9-12. Mr. Mueller was sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4502 in Wahoo. He teaches at Wahoo High School and is pictured left with District Chairman Iva Carlson, District 9 Commander David Wieting, District 9 Auxiliary President Vicki Luebbe and District Chairman Hank Sauer. Above right is the District 9 Voice of Democracy winner Tymber Long. Tymber was sponsored by VFW Post 3606 Lincoln. Tymber attends Southeast High School. Bottom right is the District 9 Patriot's Pen winner Taylor Schweers, sponsored by VFW Post 131 Lincoln. Taylor attends Lux Middle School in Lincoln.



MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP VISION

To show continued growth and thrive through the dedication and involvement of members at all levels of the organization.

MEMBERSHIP MISSION

Recruit, retain and mentor a stable membership base, including all generations of veterans, which is well-versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

TOP TEN RECRUITERS (as of 12/19/2014):

Kenneth L. Kraft - 248

VFW Post 12140, Dept. of OR

Stephen A. Ward - 181

VFW Post 27, Dept. of EU

Dennis F. Flynn (CNR) - 157

VFW Post 2866, Dept. of MO

Sanford Rosenthal - 146

VFW Post 3586, Dept. of UT

Jack P. Lewis - 123

VFW Post 194, Dept. of MD

Crisoforo Vieyra, Jr. - 108

VFW Post 8397, Dept. of TX

Rick L. Higgins (CNR) - 102

VFW Post 4039, Dept. of OR

Brian L. Juergensmeyer - 101

VFW Post 5917, Dept. of IL

Larry M. Gerlt - 82

VFW Post 2704, Dept. of NE

Daniel L. West (CNR) - 78

VFW Post 3413, Dept. of TX



While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. Senator Steven Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas was the first to propose the measure, and in 1879 President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. At the time, Washington's Birthday joined four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays—Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Independence Day and Thanksgiving—and was the first to celebrate the life of an individual American. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, signed into law in 1983, would be the second.

Thank You Veterans

by: Justin
Meek Elementary School
5th Grade

Thank You for the Job Well Done
Thank You for the Battles Won
Thank You for the Battles Fought
Thank You for the Freedom Bought

Thank You for the Time You Served
Thank You for the Freedom Earned
Thank Your Families for Sharing You
I Know They Miss You, They Really Do

I'm Sorry for the Lives That Were Lost
Freedom Isn't Cheap,
It comes at a Very High Cost

I Love My Freedom,
My Red, White, and Blue
Thank You Veterans For All That You Do

VFW 3113 Fairbury Patriot's Pen Winners

The Fairbury VFW Post and Auxiliary held their winners award ceremony in December. Pictured below are Post Commander Stan Schiermeyer, 3rd Place Winner Joshua Robertson, 1st Place Winner Taylor Runge, 2nd Place Winner Melia Mitchell and Program Chairman Joyce Medina. Winners received certificates and checks. Family and friends attended the ceremony and lunch was served afterwards.



A Tough Race for Post 7722

Park Middle School took a big part in this years Patriot's Pen writing completion. They had 26 entires. VFW Post 7722 presented certificates to the participants. Quartermaster Merle Thompson is pictured with the 8th grade students.



Be sure and support your Post and District Winners at Midwinter. We look forward to celebrating the students and recognizing their efforts. The winners of the State of Nebraska Smart/Maher VFW Citizenship Education Teacher Award have all been notified. The three teachers have been made aware that they will be sent to National VFW to compete on the national level. The winners also were made aware that they will be honored at the State Convention in June. Letters were also sent to the nominating post Commanders and the Commander from the District that sent them to State Competition. Thank you to everyone who supports these programs.



GIVE A THUMBS UP TO WOMEN VETERANS

Legislative Day is February 6, 2015

Warner Chambers

State Capitol

Nebraska Veterans Council

Is the voice of the Nebraska Veterans

The general purpose of the Council shall be charitable, benevolent, educational, civic and patriotic in character and its objective to be:

1. To coordinate a state-wide intelligent, aggressive and serviceable organization for the purpose of promoting all activities found to be for the benefit of all veterans and their dependents and/or survivors of the State of Nebraska.
2. To provide a practical means by which veteran's organizations throughout the state may effectively contribute to the betterment of all veterans and their dependents and/or survivors as follows.
 - State legislation affecting veterans and dependents and/or survivors.
 - Concern for the general programs for veterans and all veterans organizations represented. To include medical care, employment and social activities.
 - To establish a system of public relations to inform the public on behalf of all veterans and veteran organizations.



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

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Calendar of Upcoming Events As of Jan 20th, 2015

February

5-7 Mid Winter Conference Holiday Inn 141 N 9th Lincoln NE.

6 Post 131 Steak Night from 5-7 pm. Every one welcome 5721 Johanna Rd.

8 Post 131 Sunday Brunch 9-11:30 AM. 5721 Johanna Rd.

8 Grand Island Veterans Home Valentines Party. MOC meeting at 11:00 in conference room.

Lunch at 11:30 and party begins at 1:30

14 Norfolk Regional Center Valentines Party 10:00

14 Norfolk Veterans Home Valentines Party 1:30

March 2015

1 Eagle Scout Entry to Post

31 Scholarship Student Application to Department

April 2015

1 Eagle Scout Entry to Department

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

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

19 Dist 11 mtg in O'Neill at Post 926 at 2:00 pm \$1.00 registration fee evening lunch, Rep TBA

Ladies auxiliary same time and place

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

Lunch to follow. Ladies same time and place

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

Ladies Auxiliary same time and place. Election of officers after meeting.

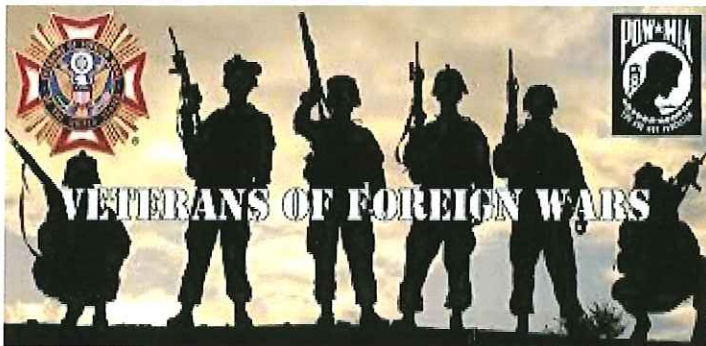
30 Post Service Officer State Entry to Department

February Calendar Winners

1	\$40.00	Roy	Kempf
2	\$40.00	Julie	Sorenson
3	\$40.00	Gary	Wailer
4	\$40.00	Diane	Emanuel
5	\$40.00	Alicia	Paxton
6	\$40.00	Dustin	Parde
7	\$40.00	Doug	Finch
8	\$40.00	Brenda	Stolpe
9	\$40.00	Don	Norman
10	\$40.00	Donald	Bernhardt
11	\$40.00	John	Carr
12	\$40.00	Bill	Norden
13	\$40.00	Guy	Nelson
14	\$40.00	Arnold	Ross
15	\$40.00	Ed	Tullis
16	\$40.00	Tim	Slaughter
17	\$40.00	Chantel	Bishop
18	\$40.00	Dale	Wittrock
19	\$40.00	Tom	Stritt
20	\$40.00	Pat	Baney
21	\$40.00	Nicholas	Driggs
22	\$40.00	Eugene	Custer
23	\$40.00	Linda	Brower
24	\$40.00	Allen	Beaty
25	\$40.00	Charles	Karloff
26	\$40.00	Bill	Hughes
27	\$40.00	Cinda	Jones
28	\$40.00	Richard	Schwenka

Nebraska as of Thursday, January 29, 2015

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	531	4	4	142	681	756	90.07%
District Totals		3	1282	4	6	267	1559	1650	94.48%
District Totals		4	990	5	6	229	1230	1322	93.04%
District Totals		6	1154	7	2	301	1464	1615	90.65%
District Totals		7	858	4	7	298	1167	1252	93.21%
District Totals		9	1525	24	12	409	1970	2179	90.40%
District Totals		10	3460	56	117	828	4461	4778	93.36%
District Totals		11	941	5	4	253	1203	1284	93.69%
District Totals		13	1051	9	4	177	1241	1305	95.09%
District Totals		15	824	2	5	154	985	1024	96.19%
District Totals		99	705	26	10	221	962	1123	85.66%
State Totals			13321	146	177	3279	16923	18288	92.53%



Calendar update.....

Thank you to all who participated in the calendar program. It is because of everyone that we were able to sell 1868 calendars this year. A special thanks to those who went above and beyond to make this program successful. Dale Wittrock, Matt Cavanaugh, Jerry Halladay, Jim Pierce, John Iossi and all of those who helped them, your work is much appreciated.

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

VFW 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