



# NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



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## 65 Year VFW Member

Ron Olson is honored for being a member of VFW Post 131 Lincoln for 65 years. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a 65 year pin by Post Quartermaster Bill Bechtolt.



**Garden Estates Celebrates Veterans**  
June 22nd was an opportunity to celebrate at music night at Garden Estates in Lincoln Nebraska. Trudy DuMay (opposite page) was singing the songs the residents love to hear and did a patriotic salute to all of the veterans. "We loved receiving the American Flags donated by the VFW and would like to thank them for the fine work they do."





**Larry Gerlt**  
**State Junior Vice**  
**Commander**  
**VFW Department**  
**of Nebraska**

## ***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.

### Online Membership System.

I have frequently had a quartermaster or other post member tell me they are trying to straighten out their post membership roster because the Online Membership System is incorrect. Quote, "We have paid members not on our online roster."

As a Post Quartermaster myself, and one who has repeatedly emailed and called the National Membership Department, I can tell you what is online is what is correct!

Why is "John Smith" not on our roster? – a. National was notified directly by "other means" (usually a family member) that the member passed. No notification or online history is available to the post quartermaster. b. The member transferred to another post. c. The dues were NOT paid online and were not received at National.

They show members in our post I don't have on my local roster. Answer. QM failed to add the member to his local copy of the roster when member transferred in. (When you process a bunch of renewals and transfers in one session, it is easy to miss a step!

Believe me when I say, if you want to work on your membership roster, make it agree with the Online Membership System! Email or call the National HQ Membership Department, they will gladly answer your questions or get back to you with the answers if they need to research it.

Thanks!



**Ladies Auxiliary to the**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**Est. 1914**

The Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home is in need of men's house slippers (Must have heels). There is an ongoing need for these in sizes medium, large and extra large. They could also use a few for the ladies. If anyone would like to donate a pair or so, we will have a box at August Council to collect them and I will deliver them on behalf of the Department.

**IT'S A HOSPITAL PROJECT!**

Thanks,  
 Carol Brosnihan  
 Department Jr. Vice



VFW Post 131 sold poppies on May 22nd and 23rd at Tractor Supply Company. Manning the table are Sue Ann Busing and Doug Walls.

*Thank You*

*I appreciate all of the support and encouragement as Commander of this wonderful organization over the past year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Past State Commander Bernie Brosnihan*



The VFW and one of its major supporters, Sport Clips Haircuts, have again partnered to help our veterans and their families. The VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" will provide service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way to say "thank you" to those who deserve it the most. Go to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) for eligibility requirements.

## THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Veterans Freedom Music Festival and Welcome Home event was held June 20th at the Lincoln VA Clinic campus. This year's festival was held in conjunction with a Welcome Home event, hosted by the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System. Welcome Home serves two purposes: it's a VA information fair with myriad vendors from the Department of Veterans Affairs and community agencies that provide services to veterans. The event is also designed thank active-duty service members and veterans. 5 bands performed and there were activities for children during the afternoon. Pictured below at the VFW booth are Post 131 Lincoln Quartermaster Bill Bechtolt and State Photographer Dan Petersen.



**Summer Time!**

## All-American

**CONGRATULATIONS TO POST COMMANDERS ANDREW PACKER, VFW POST 2704 IN OMAHA AND DAVID WIETING, VFW POST 10648 IN PRINCETON. THEY ARE 2 OF ONLY 130 VFW POST COMMANDERS SELECTED WORLDWIDE FOR ALL AMERICAN COMMANDER. VFW NATIONAL COMMANDER JOHN STROUD SAID, "THE ALL AMERICAN COMMANDERS HAVE OBTAINED THIS HONOR BASED ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND PARTICIPATION IN VFW PROGRAMS. THEY ARE A FINE EXAMPLE OF VFW LEADERSHIP. THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE MISSION AND VALUES OF OUR ORGANIZATION HAS RIGHTLY EARNED THEM THIS GREAT HONOR."**



The Department of Nebraska VFW and Auxiliary donated 62,467 volunteer hours between May 1st and April 30th, 2015. For all that you do and the individuals you support and teach, there are not enough thanks.



### AN IMPORTANT SCAM NOTIFICATION FROM USAA

**SOCIAL MEDIA SCAM TARGETING SERVICE MEMBERS**

**DO NOT** provide your personal banking information through social media.

There is a social media scam, predominately seen in Instagram, which is targeting military service members. This scam has been around for over a year, but has picked up steam over the past few months and more and more people in and out of the military are falling prey to fraudsters.

The fraudsters are targeting military, veterans and their families. In exchange for their personal banking information, they are promised the ability to make easy money. The victim provides their log in/password information and the fraudster gains the ability to deposit fraudulent funds directly into their account. They immediately pull out their fee, before the institution can identify the credibility of the deposit, and the victim is left responsible for the used funds. The amounts range from \$2K to \$20K, growing the debt of the victims in a matter of minutes.

# 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  
\*\*Food\*\*Flag Prizes\*\*Door Prizes\*\*

Questions or for reservations: call Joe Smith (402-661-9875)  
Or email: [vfwgolfhack@cox.net](mailto: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)  
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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(sports)

# Calendar of Events

## August 2015

**15 Council Meeting and August Training Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. VFW Post 4755**  
**243 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Seward NE. Ladies Auxiliary to meet at the Seward Memorial Library 233 S 5<sup>th</sup> St Seward. Limited rooms available at Cobblestone Inn 2575 Progressive RD Seward.**

**Phone: 402-646-1004 Room Rate: \$99.00 + Tax**

**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 (July 1 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**

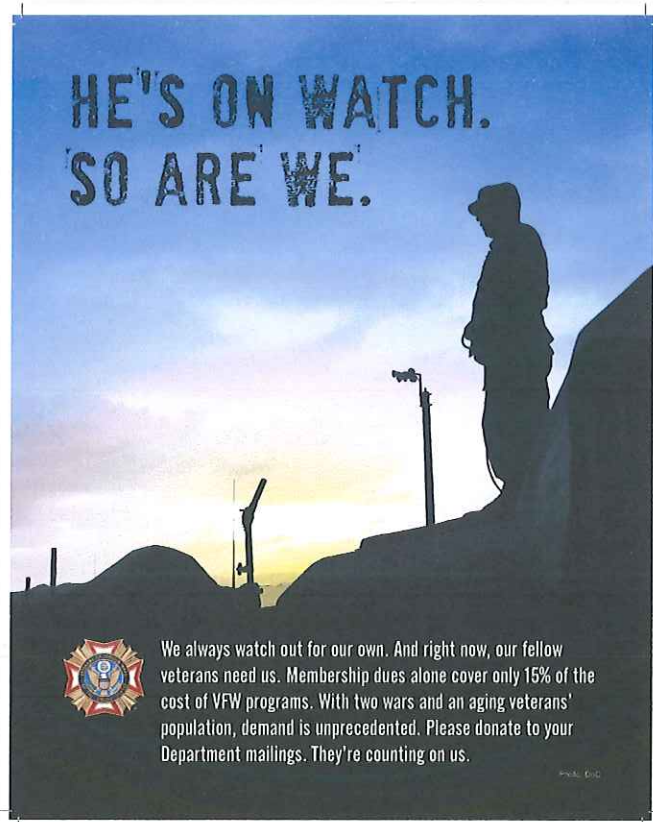
**15 Patriots Pen and VOD Summaries to Department**

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

## July Calendar Winners:

1	\$40.00	Ed Schvock
2	\$40.00	Darrel Johns
3	\$40.00	Anne Beaty
4	\$500.00	Main Street Appliance
5	\$40.00	Pat Brennan
6	\$40.00	Lynn Hellbusch
7	\$40.00	Jerry Prososki
8	\$40.00	Cory Syll1aasen
9	\$40.00	Dennis Paxton
10	\$40.00	Jarod Mickelsen
11	\$40.00	Frank Eyster
12	\$40.00	Katie McMahon
13	\$40.00	Linda Legenza
14	\$40.00	Ryan Hagemann
15	\$40.00	Kevin Valla
16	\$40.00	Nicholas Driggs
17	\$40.00	Teresa Chamberlain
18	\$40.00	Bev Musiel
19	\$40.00	Roy Kempf
20	\$40.00	Karen Stillmock
21	\$40.00	Matthew Cederburg
22	\$40.00	Lonny Jacobitz
23	\$40.00	George & Joanne Arends
24	\$40.00	Michele Filbert
25	\$40.00	Randy Cline
26	\$40.00	Josh Horton
27	\$100.00	Patricia Cauaher
28	\$40.00	Jane Petersen
29	\$40.00	Bill Leftwich
30	\$40.00	Richard Perkins
31	\$40.00	Jason Sinsel





**Raffle calendars are available to all who are ready to get out there and sell them. The payout is \$16,000.00 and the tickets go back in the barrel so you have multiple chances to win. Payouts daily up to \$500.00.**



**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**

**Come One Come All to VFW POST 10727's SUMMER BASH!!!!**

**WHAT: Fund raiser for Veterans and Family Support Programs**

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips**

**\$5.00 per person or Maximum of \$20.00 for Mom, Pop and minor children.**

**Raffles – Kids Activities- Horse-shoe Pit-Fishing-Dunk Tank (get even time)**

**WHEN: August 22, 2015 Noon til ??????**

**WHERE: VFW POST 10727**

**9501 S. 25<sup>TH</sup> ST. BELLEVUE, NE-  
CONTACT : RENE' AT 402-291-3437 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**