



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



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State Convention

A Warm Welcome for the Incoming Commander and President

2015-2016 State Commander Mike Medina and President Kim Abboud were sworn in at the State Convention in Norfolk on June 7th. Pictured below performing the honors for Commander Medina is Jim Pierce and for President Abboud is her mother Dixie Hild, her father Ron Hild looks on.



Commander Medina is congratulated by his wife Joyce Medina above after being installed. Below, State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack presents Mike with his Commander Certificate.



Scout of the Year Ethan Cople

Awards presentations began on Friday June 5th. They began with Scouting Chairman John Hilgert presenting Ethan with his \$500.00 award and certificate.

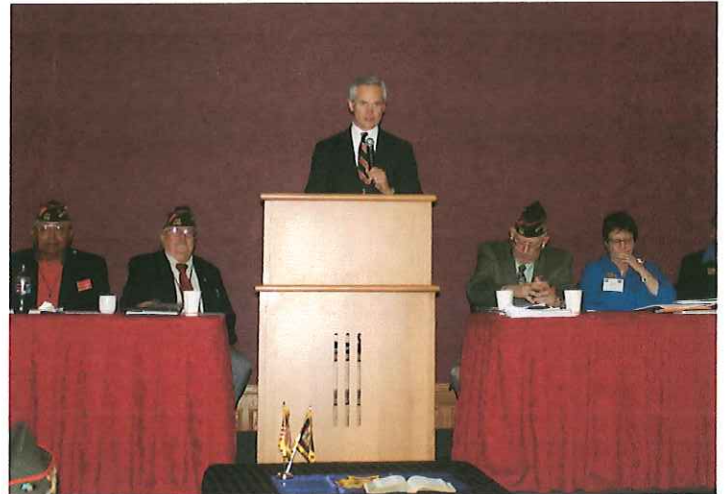


Emergency Service Awards

Volunteer Chariman Ron Packard assisted 2014-2015 State Commander Bernie Brosnihan in presenting Emergency Service Awards. The State Law Enforcement Officer is Alan Baldwin and the State EMT is Michelle Libal.



Many were gracious enough to share their time and address the members at the Convention. Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley is pictured below.



The National Representative was our Nebraska Representative Dan Petersen. Representing the National organization from the Auxiliary was Cortina Barnes. She is pictured with current State President Julie Brown and Past National President Dixie Hild.



Chief of Staff Sam DeJohn and Membership Chairman Jim Pierce presented the Cliff Polk Memorial Award to VFW Post 2704. Accepting is Larry Gerlt, Post Quartermaster and the State top recruiter. Larry recruited over 200 new and reinstated members.



National Recognition

Presenting Awards for National is Commander Bernie to Dale Wittrock, Buddy Poppy Award; Doug Whitaker, Community Service Award; Joe Smith, Loyalty Day Award; Ron Packard, Safety Award and Veterans and Military Support Silver Level Award, Adj/QM John Liebsack.



Receiving the Charles G Klingman Memorial Award was VFW Post 10727. Accepting is the Post Commander Judith Mulligan. Bottom photo, Dale Fenske accepts his award for All State District Commander.





Introducing Your All State Teams

White Hats were presented on Friday afternoon signifying All State Commander or All State Quartermaster. Top photo left to right are Commanders Dave Wieting, Mark Talbert, Michael Clark, Judith Mulligan, Joe Smith, P.J. Pajerski, Michael Hoffman, Elton Zimmerman, Jerry Chlopek, Gary Bush, Don Eckstein and Jerry Halladay. Not in attendance were Captain of the All State Commanders Andrew Packer, Donald Vorce, Barton Rath, Richard Hancock and William Wonch. Bottom are All State Quartermasters Bud Statz, Merle Thompson, Roanld Sibal, Hank Sauer, John Iossi, Mike Pesek, Leslie Yule, Dave DuBois, Dan Kramer, Marvin Hladky and Captain of the All State Quartermasters Larry Gerlt. Not pictured are Gaylord Rachow, Jason Schroeder, Kevin Claussen, Joseph Zink, Timmy Hudson and Russell Etheridge.



The Banquet Honors Teachers

It was a celebration to recognize and reward the state's top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions. The K-5th grade winner is Wesley Pokorny, grades 6-8 is Kevin Koopmann and grades 9-12 in Ryan Mueller. All are pictured with National Representative and Nebraska National Councilman Dan Petersen, the new Auxiliary President Kim Abboud and State Commander Bernie Brosnihan.



Above, incoming Commander Medina and President Abboud share a laugh. Below, Commander Bernie got up from his booster seat to thank everyone for their support and help throughout the year. Dan Petersen looks a little taller too.



Patty Thron and Donna Fenske pose for a photo. Donna was elected to take over for Patty as the National 21st District Council Member.



Installation of Officers

The VFW Department of Nebraska Council was installed on Sunday morning in Norfolk. Included was the newly elected Surgeon Joe Smith and five new District Commanders.





Western Hospital Run

A big group made the trip to Scottsbluff to visit the veterans in the Western Nebraska Veterans Home. Current State Commander and President Bernie Brosnihan and Julie Brown included.

Auditorium Honors Veterans

The auditorium in Snyder took on a new name on May 11, 2015. Members in the community thought it would be fitting to honor and memorialize all veterans of the area by changing the name. The sign, courtesy of Snyder VFW Post #8439, was unveiled May 11th. Pictured left to right below are Post members Lowell Peters, Steve Nielsen, Casey Jones, Marla Prenzlou, Ardath Smeal, Mayor Joel Hunke, George Snell and Post Commander Kyle Schnoor.





Loyalty Day gift for the Veterans

Jane Petersen, President of Larson-Peterson VFW Auxiliary 854 Fremont presents a check to Pattie Howe, Volunteer Coordinator at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home. The money is for the residents to spend as they wish. This was in honor of the Veterans on Loyalty Day. The money was a grant from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation. The members of the auxiliary will also put on a root beer float party and bake cookies with the residents later this summer and fall.



A young boy pays tribute at the Memorial Wall when it passed through Imperial.

**LEAVE A
LASTING
LEGACY
FOR VETERANS.**



As a Legacy Life Member, future generations will know you not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran but for the contributions you made as a member. That's a legacy to be proud of.

I-80 Speedway

Is having VFW

Night at the Races

Friday, June 19th

13909 238th St. Greenwood, NE

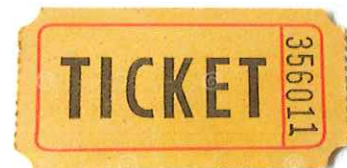
Gates open at 5:30

Racing starts at 7:15

Call or email for your tickets!

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VETERANS FREEDOM
MUSIC FESTIVAL

JUNE 20²⁰¹⁵

GATES OPEN-10 AM

OPENING CEREMONY-10:30 AM | CLOSING CEREMONY-5:45 PM

Top 5 Local Bands

WELCOME HOME EVENT: VA Health Care & Veterans Organizations

Kids Activities-Noon to 4 PM

Free Parking & Admission | Food

9,000 Can Eagle Construction Sculpture
provided by the Nebraska Pork Producers  Be inspired

Bring Lawn Chairs, Blankets, Coolers (Subject to inspection)
No Alcohol or Pets (Service Animals Only)

The appearance of event sponsors and/or contributors and their logos does not constitute endorsement by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System.

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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 \$ _____

(sports)

Calendar

June Calendar Winners

June 2015

14 Flag Day

July 2015

(T-1) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (April 1 to June 30)

4 Independence Day

18-22 National Convention Pittsburgh, PA

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 in Seward. Limited rooms available at Cobblestone Inn 2575 Progressive RD Seward.

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

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

1	\$40.00	VFW Post 4996	
2	\$40.00	Legion Post 170	
3	\$40.00	Karen	Sexton
4	\$40.00	Shawn	Wilbur
5	\$40.00	Linda	Brower
6	\$40.00	Monte	Fuller
7	\$40.00	Charles	Bean
8	\$40.00	Cinda	Jones
9	\$40.00	Chuck	Misek
10	\$40.00	Don	Haldeman
11	\$40.00	Kenneth	Hanel
12	\$40.00	Justin	Bateman
13	\$40.00	Greg	Ourada
14	\$100.00	Bryce	Cockson
15	\$40.00	Lee	Peterson
16	\$40.00	Scott	Schroeder
17	\$40.00	Darla	Johns
18	\$40.00	Randy	Olson
19	\$40.00	Lindsey	Davis
20	\$40.00	Dirk	Krepel
21	\$40.00	Douglas	Carlson
22	\$40.00	Alma	Fittro
23	\$40.00	Mark	Cavanaugh
24	\$40.00	Richard	Paul
25	\$40.00	Cassie	Dooley
26	\$40.00	Deb	Wehrli
27	\$40.00	Donne & Mark	Jurgens
28	\$40.00	Kelly	Mohr
29	\$40.00	Mindy	Walsh
30	\$40.00	Ralph	Jay

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 what is going on at your posts as
 well as communities.....

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Membership as of June 12, 2015



State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	534	8	5	159	706	756	93.38%
District Totals		3	1286	16	9	303	1614	1650	97.81%
District Totals		4	990	7	7	277	1281	1322	96.89%
District Totals		6	1157	14	6	339	1516	1615	93.86%
District Totals		7	861	5	7	314	1187	1252	94.80%
District Totals		9	1532	44	21	483	2080	2179	95.45%
District Totals		10	3495	102	176	954	4727	4778	98.93%
District Totals		11	942	8	5	289	1244	1284	96.88%
District Totals		13	1054	13	5	201	1273	1305	97.54%
District Totals		15	825	6	11	182	1024	1024	100.00%
District Totals		99	709	58	27	251	1045	1123	93.05%
State Totals			13385	281	279	3752	17697	18288	96.76%