



# NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



Department of Nebraska Newsletter

June 2017



## Final Flight and a Warm Welcome Home

Several VFW members took the final honor flight on May 1st. The flight took 653 Vietnam Veterans on four planes to Washington D.C. for the day. It was the largest group of Vietnam Veterans from one state to ever visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Thousands, including several VFW members attended the Welcome Home that evening at the Lincoln Airport. There was live music from 3 Chords and a Cloud of Dust. There was a parade, people distributed flowers and the High School band played. Patriotic Productions organized the flights as well as the ceremony at the airport.



## Flag Retirement Invitation

The Ogallala VFW Post 3755 will be holding their 9th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14th at 6:30 pm MT. We have prepared and folded 765 flags so far and expect more before the retirement date. Everyone is invited to attend the event and I hope to see you there.

Jr. Vice Commander Gary E. Bush Sr.

## Our Community

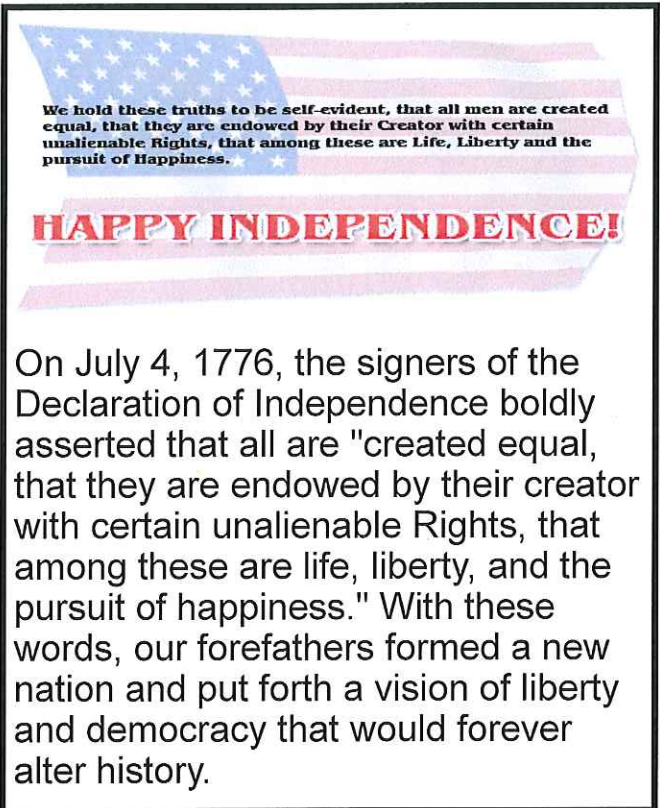
Families find a healing calm in a tranquil, rural, small-town community. Tree-lined streets connect 42 single-family homes with facilities like our gym, library, computer and science labs, Day Care Center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more...

Functioning much like a town, we have our own water wells, water treatment facility and sewage system as well as provide phone and Internet service.



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Jr. Vice Commander Gary E Bush Sr. and Jr. Vice President Linda Vogel joined other Jr. Commanders and Presidents at the Jr. Vice Orientation at the VFW National Home for Children on May 18th thru the 20th. In addition to the informative meetings, their was a tour of the homes.



On July 4, 1776, the signers of the Declaration of Independence boldly asserted that all are "created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." With these words, our forefathers formed a new nation and put forth a vision of liberty and democracy that would forever alter history.

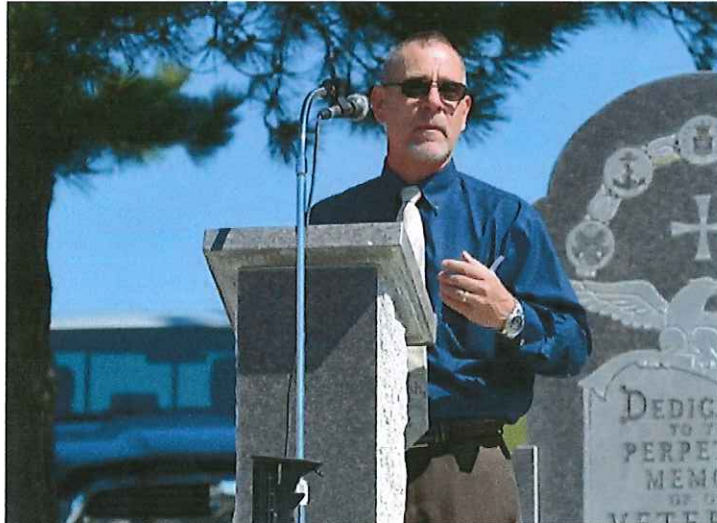


## General Dynamics Supports Veterans

State Photographer Danny Petersen presents a certificate of appreciation to General Dynamics for their donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the State MAP program.

# A Beautiful Day of Remembrance in Sidney

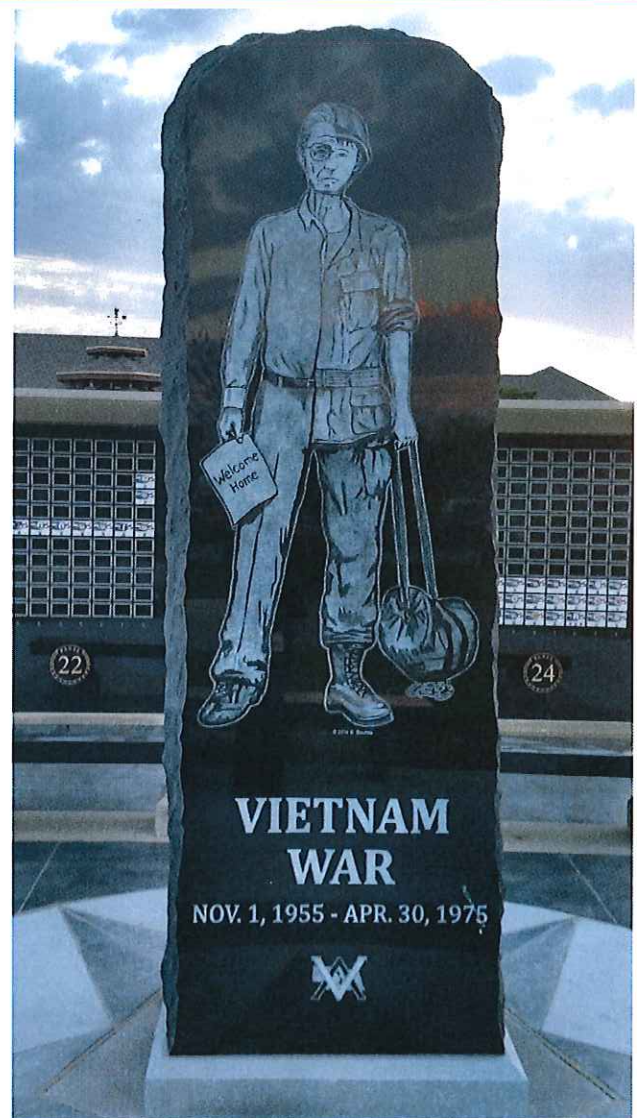
VFW Post 610 celebrated Memorial Day in style with an amazing crowd. The Post hosted the event at Greenwood Cemetery and assisting was American Legion Post 17 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 40. Post Quartermaster Fred Wiedeburg emceed the events. The speaker was Pastor Scott Bloomquist, USMC, RET. Singing the National Anthem and God Bless America was Nathan Morgan.



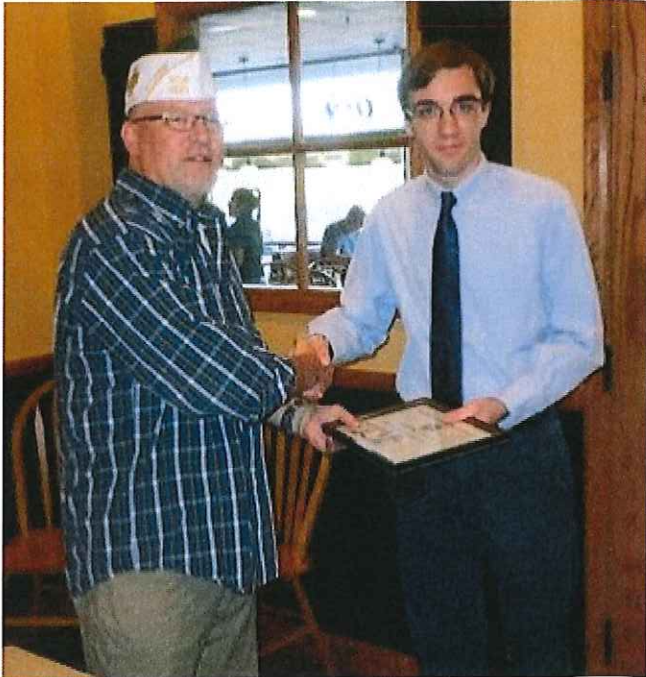


### Norfolk Vietnam Veterans Memorial

State Judge Advocate Joe Smith attended the dedication ceremony in Norfolk on April 30th of the Vietnam War Memorial. Joe is pictured above with the Nebraska American Legion Commander Beth Linn. Pictured at right is the Memorial.



On May 7th VFW Post 2243 in Kimball was presented with a check for \$250.00 from the Red Knight motorcycle club for veteran aid.



## VFW Post 1581 Scout Award

On May 6th Commander C. Lee Leighter presented Eagle Scout Jared Baumert with a cash award and a certificate. Jared was the Post Scout of the Year. The State Scout of the Year will be awarded on June 9th in Kearney.

## Ord Volunteers Recognized

VFW Post 7029 in Ord had their awards banquet on April 15th. Included in the awards ceremony was presentation of the American Legionnaire to Gerald John and the VFW Veterans of the Year to John Smedra.



## Thank you Donors for Supporting VFW Post 9357 Waffle Feed Fund Raiser

Burtons Bend VFW Post 9357 hosted it's first Waffle supper April 23rd at the Holbrook Community building. Waffle flour was donated by TNT farm service, cups from Ag Valley, sausage from Lone Wolf. Many other individuals do so much to support of the VFW programs at Holbrook. The Post hopes to have several more successful feeds.



# ANNUAL NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017

September 1, 2017 (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 VFW Scholarships

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 20 AUG 2017

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

## June 2017

8-11 State Convention at the Holiday Inn in  
Kearney

14 Flag Day

18 Father's Day

## July 2017

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

4 Independence Day

22-26 National Convention in New Orleans

31 Membership Chairman reported to  
Department

## August 2017

5 August Training and Council Meeting in Seward

13 District 6 meeting in Beatrice at the Post at  
2pm.

## September 2017

1 Bonds due to Department

4 Labor Day

11 Patriot Day

15 POW/MIA Recognition Day

29 VFW Est. in 1899

## October 2017

Trustees Quarterly Report to Department

9 Columbus Day

November 2017

1 20 Questions due to Department

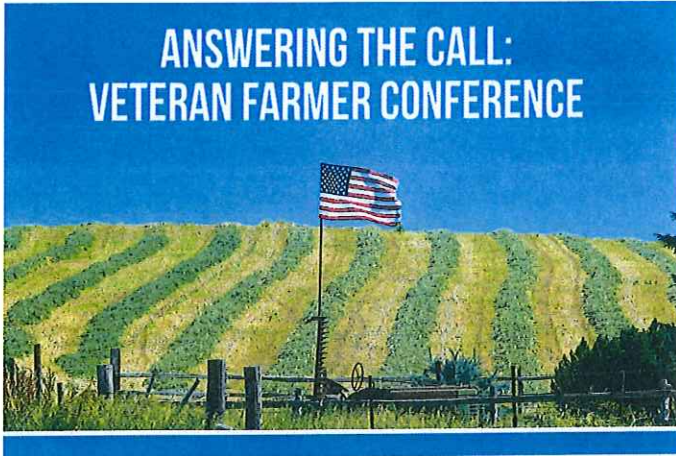
1 VOD and Patriot's Pen entries due to Post

1 Final deadline for Membership Chairman to  
Department

1 100 % of District Inspected

## JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS

1	\$40.00	Derek	Kissinger	816
2	\$40.00	Bradley	Welch	1174
3	\$40.00	Dustin	Reese	2301
4	\$40.00	Francisco	Vasquez	3809
5	\$40.00	Dave	Metschke	277
6	\$40.00	Dave & Sall	Hamilton	2489
7	\$40.00	Sandy	Seiler	320
8	\$40.00	Ruth	Bray	6
9	\$40.00	Sharon	Schneider	2478
10	\$40.00	Ron	Brunes	2266
11	\$40.00	Paul	Schuler	2887
12	\$40.00	Tom	Brauer	2230
13	\$40.00	Vickie	Nickel	849
14	\$100.00	Jim	Lutz	3825
15	\$40.00	James	Schultheiss	389
16	\$40.00	Jerry	Prososki	2074
17	\$40.00	John	Buller	985
18	\$40.00	John	Kotik	2621
19	\$40.00	Bernie	Brosnihan	70
20	\$40.00	Atkinson	Feed	2107
21	\$40.00	Angie	Moeller	216
22	\$40.00	Cheri	Dunn	89
23	\$40.00	Robert	Schultz	2238
24	\$40.00	Ron	Larsen	3062
25	\$40.00	Denise	Oschner	470
26	\$40.00	Action Auto	Supply	408
27	\$40.00	Greg	Tubbs	1938
28	\$40.00	Rex	Haskell	2809
29	\$40.00	Lynden	Rathke	1018
30	\$40.00	Jim	Snow	223



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**JUNE 22 | 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | FREE**

Seward Civic Center  
616 Bradford St., Seward, Neb.

Registration Required for Attendance:  
Register at [www.cfra.org/answeringthecall](http://www.cfra.org/answeringthecall) or 1-800-464-0258

Morning will include networking, presentations, and panel discussions on land access and financial resources. Afternoon will include farm tours at Ficke Cattle and Shadow Brook Farms (transportation provided).

Event sponsored by Center for Rural Affairs, Legal Aid of Nebraska and Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. Additional support provided by Green Acres Cover Crops and Ficke Cattle.

**CENTER for RURAL AFFAIRS**  
CFRA.ORG | 145 MAIN ST, PO BOX 136, LYONS, NE 68038 | 402.687.2100

**See you all at State Convention on June 8th thru the 11th in Kearney. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how to serve your communities and the organization. We will recognize those who have excelled this year in living the motto "No One Does More for Veterans".**

FLAG DAY FALLS WITHIN NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, A TIME WHEN AMERICANS REFLECT ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE NATION'S FREEDOM. THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTS FREEDOM AND HAS BEEN AN ENDURING SYMBOL OF THE COUNTRY'S IDEALS SINCE ITS EARLY DAYS. DURING BOTH EVENTS, AMERICANS ALSO REMEMBER THEIR LOYALTY TO THE NATION, REAFFIRM THEIR BELIEF IN LIBERTY AND JUSTICE, AND OBSERVE THE NATION'S UNITY. ON THE SAME DAY, THE UNITED STATES ARMY CELEBRATES ITS BIRTHDAY.

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

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**Membership as of May 31st, 2017**

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	471	30	17	143	661	635	104.09%
District Totals		3	1160	8	1	250	1419	1479	95.94%
District Totals		4	879	8	18	218	1123	1155	97.22%
District Totals		6	1018	9	3	261	1291	1402	92.08%
District Totals		7	804	10	3	287	1104	1128	97.87%
District Totals		9	1451	39	5	417	1912	1950	98.05%
District Totals		10	3438	110	64	866	4478	4496	99.59%
District Totals		11	864	16	3	229	1112	1150	96.69%
District Totals		13	987	13	1	174	1175	1187	98.98%
District Totals		15	726	7	2	139	874	916	95.41%
District Totals		99	707	43	13	208	971	1070	90.74%
State Totals			12505	293	130	3192	16120	16568	97.29%