



# NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



Department of Nebraska Newsletter

May 2017



## Officers Sworn in in District 9

Past State Commander Dave Beran swore in the officers for District 9 at their District meeting on April 23rd in Seward. Pictured are elected officers (left to right) Don Kobza, Mark Talbert, Pat Stanosheck, Troy Paisley, Ralph Sabatka, Merle Thompson, Jeff Baker and Dionne Gorji.

### District 9 Meeting Awards Teacher

Zach Nathan was awarded the Citizenship Teacher Award. He received an award check and certificate. Mr. Nathan teaches music at Yutan High School. Presenting the award is District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji



Are you helping your Auxiliary?

Many posts no longer have an Auxiliary. Some posts don't seem to get along with this important partner. Most posts complain about their lack of "manpower" to work our programs such as poppies. Many of the Auxiliaries we have are hurting for members as bad or even worse than the post they are affiliated with.

Everyone knows this, but few do anything about it.

My post recently chartered an Auxiliary. Here is just a quick list of what we are doing for them in return for all we ask of them:

1. When we recruit a new/reinstated/transfer member into our post, we obtain the spouses name and ask if our Auxiliary can contact them. If yes, we get their phone number as well!
2. We ensure the Auxiliary President and Treasurer are provided the means (\$) to attend Department meetings if their spouse is not already being paid by the post.
3. We share the proceeds of money makers based on man-hours worked.
4. We think a head and coordinate our requests of them two meetings in advance.

It took me about 18 months and several dozen hours of work to obtain the required # of applications to form and charter an Auxiliary. But, they are well worth the effort and not just for helping out with programs and events. Our younger veterans want family oriented activities. Getting spouses and older children involved is one of the keys to retaining active members.

What are you doing for your partner or doing to get/regain your partner, the Auxiliary?

**By Larry Gerlt  
State Sr. Vice  
Commander and  
Membership  
Chairman**



**Vote for  
GARY E BUSH SR.  
FOR STATE OF NEBRASKA  
SR. VICE COMMANDER  
2017-2018  
I will serve with honor  
and pride.**



**Vietnam Veteran**

**U.S. Navy 1965-1968**

**Life Member VFW Post 3755**

**Gold Legacy Life Member**

**National Home Life Member**

## AWARDS BANQUET IN KEARNEY

The award recipient of the Citizenship Education Teacher award for Post 759 is Stacy Bean. She is pictured below with Shirley Scholl, Genevieve Wietjes and Jim Lutz. The awards banquet was on March 16th at the Post. The dinner was prepared by the Auxiliary and served by Post officers.



## Post 759 Scouting Awards

VFW Post 759 in Kearney Quartermaster/Adjutant Jim Lutz presented Eagle Scouts Devin Stroh and Connor Brown with certificates and cash scholarships. Conner was the 1st place winner for local VFW Post 759 as well as the District 13 winner.



Genevieve Wietjes and Shirley Scholl are the youth chairs from VFW Post and Auxiliary 759. They reviewed 38 Voice of Democracy and 87 Patriot's Pen essays. The top 7 winners of the Patriot's Pen read their essays and received award certificates, backpacks and a cash scholarship. The seven are pictured below with District 13 Commander Jim Lutz and Post 759 Auxiliary President Genevieve Wietjes. The 1st place winner was Josie Morse from Sunrise Middle School in Kearney. Se is pictured top right with her parents.



## ROTC Awards in Lincoln

On April 20th at Cook Pavilions was the Joint Service Chancellor's Review. Award Recipients of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award for are Cadet Armando Chavez, Midshipman Zachard R. Hytrek and Cadet Kathleen Todd. The awards are presented to a student in each department who has demonstrated achievement and concentrated effort in military and academic subjects. Presenting the awards was State Photographer Dan Petersen, pictured below with Chancellor Ronnie Green and Professor of Naval Science Captain Richard E. Thomas.



## Recruiting at Fort Riley

Attending the job fair at Fort Riley were Parliamentarian Jim Pierce and Adjutant and Quartermaster John Liebsack. The event on April 26th was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to assist hundreds of men and women who will be seeking employment.

## This Is Memorial Day

*By LTC RET, Samuel Lombardo*

*This is Memorial Day*

*In our land of the free,*

*It's because of those who sacrificed*

*Whose graves you're here to see,*

*They fought on foreign lands*

*And across the open sea,*

*And paid the ultimate price*

*To keep you and I free.*

*So put all things aside*

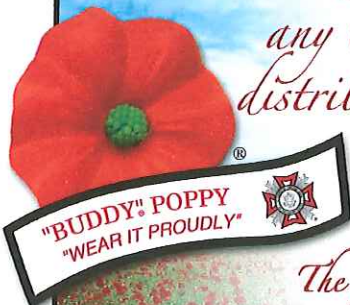
*And honor this important day,*

*Which we have dedicated*

*As our Memorial Day.*

**REMEMBER:**

Show your *support*  
any time of the year by  
*distributing* Buddy Poppies.



*The flower of remembrance*  
They Gave, Will You?

Honor the Dead by Helping the Living



## VFW Nebraska State Convention

June 8-11, 2017

Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center

110 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Kearney, NE

Room Rates: \$99.95+tax

**Call Department or mail in form for Reservations!!**

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**Deadline for Reservations is May 10, 2017**

Personal and Billing Information	
Traveler name	
E-mail	
Post	
Phone	
Billing address	
Badge name(s)	
Credit card number	
Credit card expiration date	
Lodging Information	
Destination	Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center
Check in date?	
Check out date?	
Cost per night	\$99.95 + tax
Number of people	
Room preference (e.g., king, double, single)	
Special requests?	

**State convention will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Kearney on June 8th thru the 11th. Don't miss out on the VFW awards, networking and information. It will be beneficial to all levels to be better equipped to lead your posts. Information is on the Department's website, [www.vfwne.org](http://www.vfwne.org). An agenda is included. Please be sure and fill out the room registration form if you haven't already and get it sent in. Banquet tickets and luncheon tickets can be purchased at the event from the Convention Corporation or in advance by sending payment to Department Headquarters. Delegate registration forms and fees are due to the Department by May 15th.**

# 96th Annual Department Convention

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Nebraska

JUNE 8TH THRU THE 11TH, 2017 HOLIDAY INN IN KEARNEY

### Thursday, June 8th (Training meetings are open to the Auxiliary)

2:30 to 4:00 pm QM school: Trustees reports, Bonds, Online program reporting, Service Officer school ( Room E )

### Friday, June 9th

8:00 to 5:00 Registration (including Poppy Displays)

8:00 to 11:30 Delegate registration ( Pre Function Area )

8:00 to 9:00 Council Meeting ( Room D,E,F )

9:30 to 11:30 Convention opening session ( Room D,E,F )

11:45 All Past Commanders luncheon ( Room A )

1:00 to 2:30 Joint session ( Room D,E,F )

Includes Guest Speakers and Volunteer Awards

1:00 to 5:00 Delegate registration ( Pre Function Area )

2:45 to 4:45 Reconvene VFW meeting ( Room D,E,F )

Nomination of Officers-1st call

All State Commander/QM Awards

5:30 Joint Memorial Service ( Room D,E,F )

7:30 Poppy Display judging ( Pre Function Area )

### Saturday, June 10th

8:00 to noon Registration and Delegate registration ( Pre Function Area )

8:00 Resume meeting ( Room D,E,F )

12:00 Lunch on your own

1:15 to 4:30 Resume meeting ( Room D,E,F )

Election of Officers

6:00 to 7:00 No host cocktail hour ( Room D,E,F )

7:00 pm Banquet ( Loper Hall North )

### Sunday, June 11th

9:00 Joint installation ( Room D,E,F )

Immediately following New Council Meeting ( Room D,E,F )

Reception to follow ( Room A,B )



# Calendar of Events

## MAY 2017

- 1 Americanism—Post Scrap Book to Department
- 1 Blood Report
- 1 Chaplain Memorial Record to Department
- 1 Community Service Record Book to Department
- 1 Loyalty Day (May1, 2016 activity) – Record book to Department
- 1 Post Color Guard Report to Department
- 1 Youth Activities—Post Scrap Book to Department
- 1 Volunteer of the Year (Letter of Nomination)
- 1 6 month Community Service Report (November to April)
- 10 Cut off for room reservations for Department Convention
- 15 Delegate Registration due to Department
- 15 Cut off for ads for the Convention booklet
- 29 Memorial Day observed

## JUNE 2017

- 8-11 State Convention Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center 110 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Kearney, NE Reservation form enclosed
- 30 End of fiscal year

## JULY 2017

- 1st Trustee Quarterly report to Department (April 1 to June 30)
- 4 Independence Day
- 31 Membership Chairman reported to Department



## May Calendar Winners...

1	\$40.00	Christian	Stuehm	670
2	\$40.00	Leonard	Schmitz	2232
3	\$40.00	Loretta	Caniglia	2861
4	\$40.00	Ann	Brandl	1137
5	\$40.00	David	Duren	2017
6	\$40.00	Bernie	Brosnihan	71
7	\$40.00	Paul	Weilandt	76
8	\$40.00	Kathy	Graham	2528
9	\$40.00	Alma	Fittro	2819
10	\$40.00	Rex	Haskell	2809
11	\$40.00	Karen	Carboneau	3479
12	\$40.00	Keith	Hartford	1011
13	\$40.00	Robert	Blair	2138
14	\$40.00	Ange	Michonski	1947
15	\$40.00	Donald	McCarthy	2177
16	\$40.00	Tim	Schultz	3443
17	\$40.00	Lily	Griess	535
18	\$40.00	Deb and Jo	Schueth	3047
19	\$40.00	Kenneth	Fink	3433
20	\$100.00	Ron	Packard	3185
21	\$40.00	VFW Aux	10579	3792
22	\$40.00	Vickie	Tschantre	2045
23	\$40.00	Brian	Farmer	2885
24	\$40.00	Amy	Cooper	2744
25	\$40.00	Ray & Gin	Staroscik	3042
26	\$40.00	VFW Post	1581	1838
27	\$40.00	Dave	Barnes	930
28	\$40.00	Ron	Packard	3185
29	\$100.00	Kurt	Baumert	933
30	\$40.00	John	Hoebing	3033
31	\$40.00	Kim	Egger	3006

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

**well as communities.....**

**Send articles to**

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**LEAVE A  
LASTING  
LEGACY  
FOR VETERANS.**



Our mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts and to serve our veterans, the military and our communities and advocate on behalf of all veterans. The purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.



**Nebraska Membership as of April 27th**

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>103.46%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1414</b>	<b>1479</b>	<b>95.60%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>95.75%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1402</b>	<b>91.51%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>97.42%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>96.71%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>3429</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>4417</b>	<b>4496</b>	<b>98.24%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>96.34%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>1170</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>98.56%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>94.65%</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>89.53%</b>
<b>State Totals</b>			<b>12489</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>3098</b>	<b>15965</b>	<b>16568</b>	<b>96.36%</b>