



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



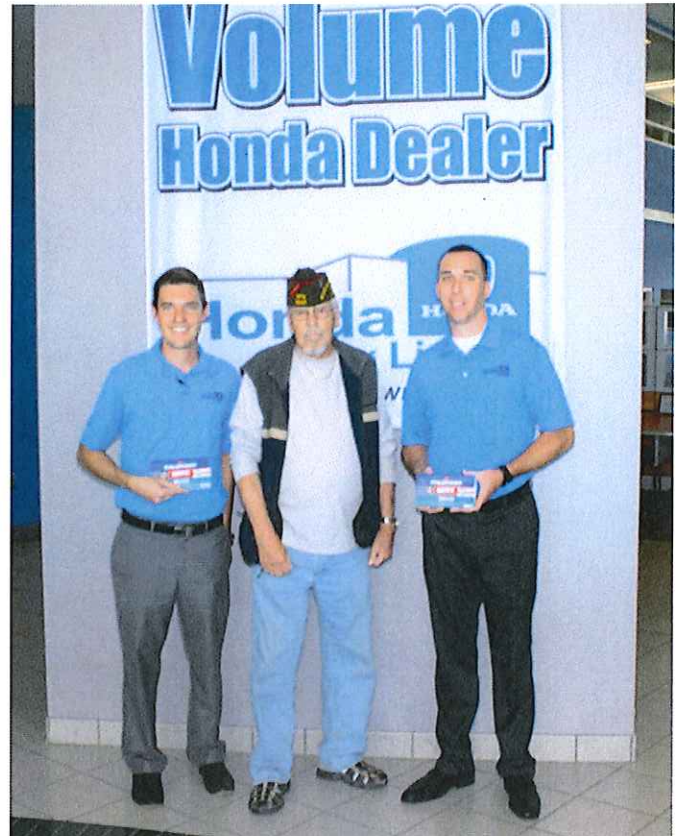
Department of Nebraska Newsletter

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Patriotic Parade in Fort Calhoun

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5637 took first place for their float at the Fort Calhoun Heritage Day Parade on September 5th. Pictured is Paul Schuler the Commander of Post 5637.



Selling calendars in Lincoln

Parliamentarian Jim Perce was out again on November 2nd selling calendars at the Honda store. Pictured left to right is Jason Williams, Jim Pierce and Justin Wiley.

POST COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Are you looking for monetary assistance for an upcoming community service or military support project? The VFW Foundation has grants that your Post or Auxiliary may qualify for. Login to vfw.org to apply.

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Greetings Comrades

I know with the approaching Holidays our thoughts are often consumed with shopping and family gatherings; however, please remember our Veterans in the Hospitals and Veterans Homes. Add a card or two to your mailing list to be sent to them. I know it would thrill them beyond measure.

I would first like to thank all those that attended President Kim's and my Homecoming. I would also like to thank all those who brought gifts, they were much appreciated. I hope everyone had a good time, I know I did. I would also like to thank the Millard Post and Auxiliary as well as the DAV for the outstanding job they did in the decorations and meal. I heard nothing but compliments.

It has been a busy time for myself and Joyce. After Homecoming we had District Inspections, only one left, and of course Big 10 Conference. With Veterans Day upcoming the busy time continues.

Now to get serious, our Membership count is down by over 1000 compared to last year at this time. Comrades, I know we harp and harp about this but to keep our voting power in Congress, we must continue to grow. Please get your Membership Chairman and his Committee to get out there in their area and talk to the members who need to send in their dues on time. If you need any help

at all, call me or my Membership Chairman and we will do anything you need.

It seems that my year is flying by and I have no idea where it has gone. I would like to thank all of you who have assisted me so far in my duties. I would like to especially thank Quartermaster Liebsack and his staff, Trudie and Jody, for their invaluable assistance.

Have a Great Year and a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Yours in Comradeship,

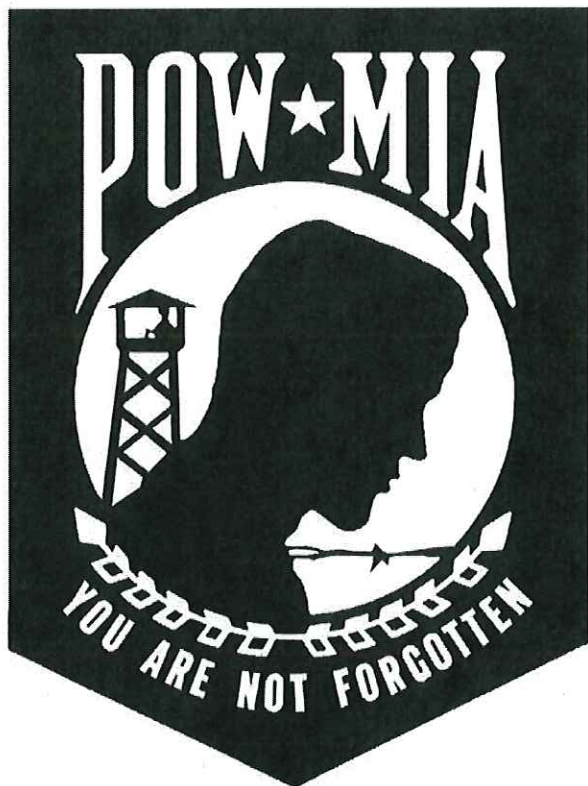
Mike Medina
State Commander





Yellow Ribbon Event

Jim Pierce and Jim Rall worked the yellow ribbon event at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln on October 30th. They recruited new members at the event. The Yellow Ribbon program is designed to help students avoid up to 100 percent of their out-of-pocket tuition and fees associated with education programs that may exceed the Post 9/11 GI Bill tuition benefit.



BURGER KING® Franchisees Launch Annual VFW Unmet Needs Fundraising Campaign

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation is pleased to announce that, for the ninth consecutive year, participating franchisees of the BURGER KING® system will host a fundraiser to benefit the *VFW Unmet Needs* program. During the month of November, guests of participating BURGER KING® restaurants are encouraged to donate \$1 to the program.

The Unmet Needs program assists service members and military families during times of financial hardship. The program helps with basic life necessities like rent, mortgage and utility payments, vehicle repair, medical expenses, food and basic assistance. Since 2004, the Unmet Needs program has provided approximately \$5.3 million in aid. Through its annual fundraiser, BURGER KING® franchises have contributed more than \$3.2 million to the program to date.

“BURGER KING® franchisees are incredibly patriotic Americans. Moving into our ninth season of giving to the Unmet Needs campaign, the enthusiasm of my fellow franchise owners continues to grow,” said Mike DeRosa, BURGER KING® brand franchise owner. “BURGER KING® restaurant guests realize their donations actually make a difference and they have been extremely generous over the years,” he added.

“All too often, America’s service members, veterans and their families face incredibly difficult challenges and the VFW is dedicated to ensuring financial hardship doesn’t compound these issues,” said Richard Freiburghouse, VFW Foundation manager. “The support we receive from participating BURGER KING® restaurants and their loyal guests is crucial, and helps to ensure the Unmet Needs program continues to provide these brave men and women the support they need and deserve during life’s most difficult times.”





Wreaths Presented to Veterans

Lincoln VFW Post #131 Auxiliary President Terrie Hultquist and 7 members presented certificates, small flags and wreaths to twelve veterans at Holmes Lake Manor on Veterans Day. The wreaths were made by Girl Scout Troop #20657. Troop leader Danielle Tuttle helped with the presentations. Small flags were also given to residents who had family members serving or who had served in the military.



Scott School Supports Veterans

Scott Middle Schoolers made lots of cards for veterans for Veterans Day. The cards were shared with the veterans at the local retirement centers.



Health Note....

Cold homes have a significant impact on people's health. One of the best ways of keeping yourself well during winter is to stay warm.

Keeping warm over the winter months can help prevent colds, flu or more serious health conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Calendar of Events

November 2015

- 15 **Dist 6** mtg in Fairbury at 1:00 pm at post home 3113. Auxiliary same time and place
- 15 Patriots Pen and VOD to District Level
- 22 **Dist 1** mtg in Gering at Post 1681 at 1:00 pm. Lunch to follow. \$5.00 reg fee.
Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Gary Bush**
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

December 2015

- 13 Patriots Pen, and VOD Entry to Department
- 15 Patriots Pen and VOD Summaries to Department
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 Membership dues current for the 2015 year (all elected post officers)

January 2016

- (T-3) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (Oct 1 to Dec 31)
- 1 Cut off (Mid Winter Conference Feb 4-6, 2016)
- 1 Top Membership District Commander – Mid Winter
- 1 Inspection 100% District
- 1 Public Servants Awards (EMT;FIRE;LAW) to Department
- 10 **Dist 9** mtg in Seward at Post 4755 at 2:00 p. Lunch to follow Auxiliary same time and place.
- 16 Final deadline 20 Questions Department
- 17 **Dist 4** mtg in North Platte at Post 1504 at 12:00 pm CDT. Registration \$7.50 lunch to be served. Auxiliary same time and place.
- 17 **Dist 11** mtg in Broken Bow at Post 3576 at 2:00 pm. Registration \$1.00. Evening lunch to follow. Auxiliary same time and place.

February 2016

- 15 Teacher entry to Post Level (form in next genmail)
- 21 **Dist 6** mtg in Pawnee City Post 5289 to host at the American Legion 512 6th St. Lunch to follow. Auxiliary to meet Same time at 849 F st. Church. VOD & PP Award Ceremony to follow.

March 2016

- 1 Teacher entry to District Level
- 1 Eagle Scout Entry to Post (form in next genmail)
- 15 Teacher entry to Department
- 31 Scholarship Student Applications to Department (form in next genmail)

November Calendar Winners

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|----|----------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 | \$40.00 | Jerry | Wachtel |
| 2 | \$40.00 | Deb | Proskocil |
| 3 | \$40.00 | Cinda | Jones |
| 4 | \$40.00 | Vets Club | |
| 5 | \$40.00 | Jim | Cada |
| 6 | \$40.00 | Lonny | Gowery |
| 7 | \$40.00 | Cathy | Richardson |
| 8 | \$40.00 | Jana | Kendall |
| 9 | \$40.00 | James | Peterman |
| 10 | \$40.00 | Lyle | Fenske |
| 11 | \$100.00 | Virginia | Schlender |
| 12 | \$40.00 | Dan | Smith |
| 13 | \$40.00 | Adams Bank and Trust | |
| 14 | \$40.00 | Scott | Herrmann |
| 15 | \$40.00 | James | Harris |
| 16 | \$40.00 | Beau | Hartman |
| 17 | \$40.00 | John | Hultquist |
| 18 | \$40.00 | Bob | Soukup |
| 19 | \$40.00 | Debbie | Schafer |
| 20 | \$40.00 | Rick | Greenlee |
| 21 | \$40.00 | VFW Post 5759 | |
| 22 | \$40.00 | VFW Post 4996 | |
| 23 | \$40.00 | Scott | Schrage |
| 24 | \$40.00 | VFW Post 4996 | |
| 25 | \$40.00 | Brent | Harsin |
| 26 | \$40.00 | Scott | Albert |
| 27 | \$40.00 | Duane | Thompson |
| 28 | \$40.00 | William | Marr |
| 29 | \$40.00 | LAVFW 247 | |
| 30 | \$40.00 | Don | Norman |

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

JUDGING SHEETS FOR THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN COMPETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT VFW.ORG OR BY CALLING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 402-464-0674.



OUR VISION:

Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Visit us on the web at vfwne.com

Nebraska as of Friday, November 06, 2015

| State | Post | Dst | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Adjusted Prior Year | Percent |
|-----------------|------|-----|-------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------------|---------|
| District Totals | | 1 | 483 | 2 | 1 | 85 | 571 | 688 | 82.99% |
| District Totals | | 3 | 1179 | 4 | 0 | 191 | 1374 | 1587 | 86.57% |
| District Totals | | 4 | 922 | 1 | 3 | 141 | 1067 | 1245 | 85.70% |
| District Totals | | 6 | 1051 | 9 | 6 | 200 | 1266 | 1464 | 86.47% |
| District Totals | | 7 | 811 | 5 | 2 | 177 | 995 | 1169 | 85.11% |
| District Totals | | 9 | 1466 | 10 | 4 | 277 | 1757 | 2063 | 85.16% |
| District Totals | | 10 | 3346 | 42 | 15 | 486 | 3889 | 4584 | 84.83% |
| District Totals | | 11 | 888 | 4 | 0 | 170 | 1062 | 1203 | 88.27% |
| District Totals | | 13 | 997 | 1 | 0 | 135 | 1133 | 1241 | 91.29% |
| District Totals | | 15 | 753 | 2 | 0 | 105 | 860 | 1009 | 85.23% |
| District Totals | | 99 | 697 | 16 | 29 | 142 | 884 | 1064 | 83.08% |
| State Totals | | | 12593 | 96 | 60 | 2109 | 14858 | 17317 | 85.80% |