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Homecoming Celebration for Commander Mike and President Kim

The Homecoming dinner for 2015-2016 State Commander Mike Medina and Auxiliary President Kim Abboud was on Friday, October 2nd. It was held at VFW Post 8334 in Omaha. Emceeding the event was Sam DeJohn who, along with lots of others, had a few stories to share about Mike and Kim. Gifts were presented and dinner was plentiful and delicious. Donations of food and clothing were encouraged and raised approximately \$1,100.00 for New Visions Homeless Services and the VA Food Pantry.





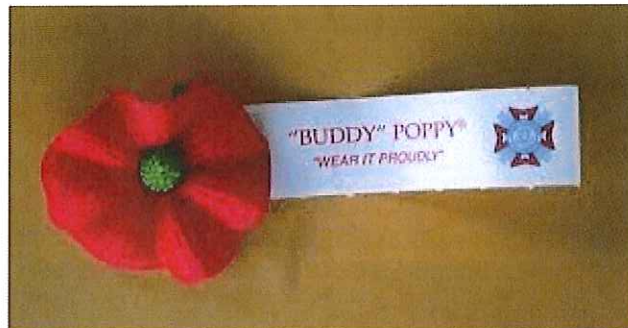
Larry Gerlt State Jr. Vice Commander

Service Hours – the life blood of the VFW

Quartermasters & Commanders - Do your post members report their service hours to you? Do you record them on-line or submit the bi-annual report? Did you know it is service hours that are key to our maintaining our not-for-profit status with the IRS?

I am this year's Community Service Chairman. While I am primarily concerned with community service hours, I would like to address all service hours. Mainly, what constitutes a service hour. Do you have members who help with Little League/Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts/Church group, mow the lawn of an elderly person, visit a friend or relative in a nursing or rehab center, help their parents/children/neighbors in any way? Literally anything and everything a VFW or Auxiliary members does for/on behalf of another person qualifies as service hours.

Last year, the VFW reported over 1.6 million service hours. We do more! Let's report more!



Massage Envy SPA

MASSAGE ENVY TO PROVIDE "MESSAGE FOR MILITARY" ON VETERANS DAY

Who: Massage Envy Spa Omaha Region, the pioneer and national leader of professional, convenient and affordable massage and spa services.

What: "Message for Military" an event honoring active military personnel and veterans

When: Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th

Where: 5 convenient Omaha Massage Envy Spa locations

Details: In appreciation for their service, Massage Envy Spa locations in the greater Omaha area will provide a complimentary 1-hour massage or facial session to any active duty military personnel or U.S. Military veterans on Veterans Day. This special one-day event will take place on Wednesday, November 11th, 2015 during regular business hours (*hours may vary by location.*) Advance appointments are encouraged as availability is limited. A valid military ID must be presented at the time of service to receive this special offer.

There are 5 Massage Envy Spa locations in the Omaha Area. To find the nearest location to you visit MassageEnvy.com.

About Massage Envy Spa

Massage Envy, based in Scottsdale, Arizona, is a national franchisor, and through its franchised locations, is the leading provider of therapeutic massage in the United States. The national franchise is dedicated to providing professional and affordable therapeutic massage and services to members and guests with busy lifestyles of convenient times and locations. Founded in 2002, Massage Envy has more than 1,000 franchise locations in 49 states and over 1.5 million members. In addition, the average unit volume for a franchise location is \$1.35 million. Through its national partnership with the Arthritis Foundation, Massage Envy has raised more than \$3 million in four, one-day Healing Hands for Arthritis events. The company was recently ranked #1 Best Franchise with an initial investment of \$500,001 and up by Forbes, #79 in Franchise Time's Top 200, #54 in Entrepreneur's 2014 Franchise 500 and #27 in its Fastest Growing Franchise rankings. Massage Envy is a member of the International Franchise Association (IFA) and was named a 2013 Military Friendly Franchise. For more information, visit MassageEnvy.com

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Council of Administration Meeting

The fall council meeting was held in conjunction with homecoming. The meeting was held at Post 8334 in Omaha. Past National Commander and this meetings National Representative was Thomas Pouliot. He is pictured above with Commander Medina, Sr. Vice Commander Doug Whitaker and Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack. The program chairmen gave their reports including NMS/MAP/Outreach Chairman John McNally, pictured below. In addition to the reports and announcements, Golf Chairman Joe Smith presented Commander Medina with a check for \$2,000.00 for the bus program.



After his Buddy Poppy report, Adjutant/Quartermaster of Post #10579 in Davenport Dale Wittrock presented Commander Medina with a check for \$500.00 to be used for the state MAP program.



Reminder....

The deadline for student entries for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen competitions is November 1st. The Patriot's Pen theme for this year is "What Freedom Means to Me" and is open to students in grades 6-8. The national winner will receive a \$5,000 award. The VOD theme for this year is "My Vision For America" and is open for students in grades 9-12. The national winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship.



Nebraska's POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony 2015

Arnold Air Society Joyce-Johnson Squadron AFROTC Detachment 465 hosted the POW/MIA ceremony held at the UNL Greenspace. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Legion Honor Guard presented the colors and did the firing. A reception followed at the Pershing Military & Naval Science Building. Matt Jones was the POW Speaker. Matt is a life member of VFW Post 7722 in Lincoln.



Selling points to get those calendars sold

- It is a raffle.
- You have the opportunity to win up to \$500.00 in a day.
- The raffle pays out \$16,000.00
- It pays every day. If you win your name still goes back in the drawing so you can win multiple times.
- There are 2 \$500.00 payouts, 8 \$100.00 payouts and 355 \$40.00 payouts.
- They are all drawn on January 5, 2016 at Department Headquarters.
- The complete listing of winners will be posted on our State website by January 11th, 2016. vfwne.com
- Any amount over the raffle amount goes to support veterans and their families.
- Scholarships for children and grandchildren of veterans.
- Scouting scholarships
- Emergency relief for veterans in need
- Teacher and Student programs to promote patriotism
- Veterans Homes and Hospitals
- VFW Auxiliary programs



Wonderful Day for Annual Golf Tournament

Pictured above is Commander Mike Medina, Past Commander Bernie Brosnihan, Judy Mulligan and Simeon Dunker. Pictured below are the tournament winners Christina Merrill, Geoff Merrill, Joe Smith and Jason Shock. Bottom photo is Gary Morgan, Ron Lechner, Merle Thompson and Jim Pierce. The outing raised \$2,000.00 for the state bus fund.



Post Honors Gold Star Sister

Ryan Post 5543 Oakland Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met at the Oakland Veterans Building on Tuesday September 15th, 2015. The meeting was held to honor Marie Dauber who lost her brother Wayne in WWII. Standing left to right are Alice Douglas, Mary Pearson, Evelyn Swensen, Deloris Nielsen, Kathy Semerau, Millie Sandquist, Matty Nelson, Mary Ann Hawkins, Frelan Danelson and Lavonne Martin. Seated are Marie Daubert and Hilda Benne.

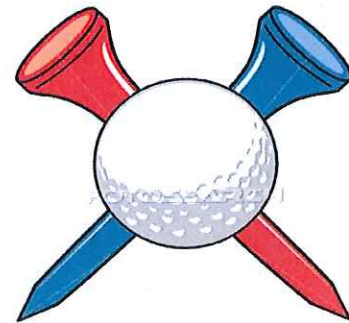


State Essay and Coloring Contest Winners

Auxiliary of the VFW Post #5547 Syracuse presented essay and coloring awards at their August meeting. Margaret Donavon received her 1st Place Certificate and money for winning the 3rd grade coloring contest. Ethan Wittler was presented with his 3rd Place Certificate and money for his 6th grade essay. They attend school at the Syracuse Public School. Not pictured is Kamden Masters.



Department Junior Vice President Carol Brosnihan, dedicated a POW/MIA mural painted by Auxiliary 10727 Junior Vice President Marie Weilandt. The mural will be permanently attached to the entryway of Post 10727. The presentation was made immediately following the Brosnihan's POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony on September 18th at the post.



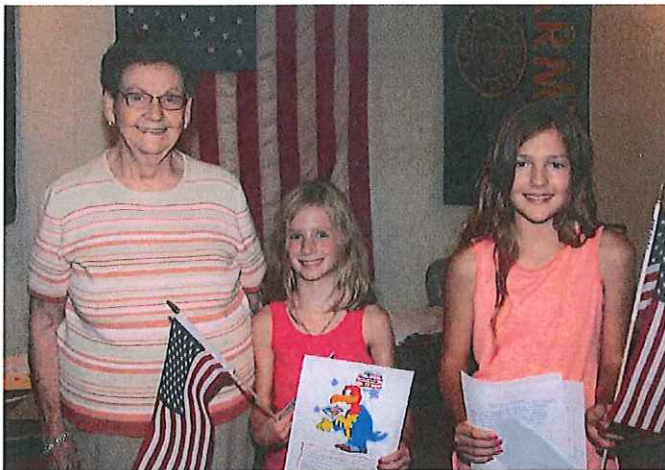
Annual Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament

Imperial Auxiliary 4688 held its 1st annual Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament on August 1st at the Ender's Lake Golf Course. There were door prizes donated and after all of the payouts there was a net profit of \$592.00. A successful tournament and we look forward to many more.

4688 Auxiliary President Sue Moore

Coloring Contest and Essay Winners

Three Amherst students won the coloring and essay contest for the elementary level. The Auxiliary to the VFW Post 759 Kearney hosted the contest in the spring. They presented gift certificates and flags at the August meeting. Pictured below are contest chairman Genevieve Wietjes with coloring contest winner 3rd grade Lainy Mitchell and essay contest winner Stella Klingelhoefter. Not pictured is coloring contest winner Marge Whaley.



Patriotic Ceremony at 759 Auxiliary Meeting

A patriotic skit that included candle lighting and singing "American the Beautiful" was included at the Auxiliary 759 Kearney meeting on August 18th. Pictured left to right are President Jan Jurgens, Karen Reiter, Marge Ruder, Lu Kruger and Roxanne Bascom.

It's Good to be a guy! Oct 12—Nov 11

Visit Sport Clips for the ultimate MVP Haircut Experience!

- ▶ Stylists who know men's hairstyles – From the classic haircut to cutting edge, we have the expertise and experience to create the perfect look for you.
- ▶ No appointment ever, walk-ins are welcome – Just come in any time. You're always welcome for a mini Man Break.
- ▶ The MVP Experience – Precision haircut, legendary hot steamed towel, massaging shampoo and relaxing neck and shoulder treatment.
- ▶ Beard trimming and detailing – Keep your scruff neat and in line. We also provide free neck trims between visits.



VetJobs, a leading job board owned and operated by veterans for veterans, helps meet the shortage of qualified candidates in the civilian sector with highly trained veterans who can offer employers technical skills, management expertise and leadership. VetJobs provides veterans with the tools necessary to make job searching easy while making it easy for employers to employ members of the military community. Tens of thousands of candidates have found jobs with the thousands of companies who have used VetJobs.

Calendar of Events

October 2015

11 Dist 10 mtg in Omaha at Post 2503 at 2:00 pm. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Sam DeJohn**

11 Dist 15 mtg in David City Post 5814 to host at Senior Center 5925 D St 1:00 Reg 2:00 meeting Ladies same time and place.
Rep: Mike Medina

November 2015

1 20 Questions to Department
1 Inspection 100% District1 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
22 Dist 1 mtg in Gering at Post 1681 at 1:00 pm. Lunch to follow. \$5.00 reg fee. Ladies Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Gary Bush**

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)

October Calendar Winners...

\$40.00	Daniel	Tschantre Jr
\$40.00	Mary	Keenan
\$40.00	Ron	Hoffman
\$40.00	Becky	Sandman
\$40.00	Leva	Cochran
\$40.00	Jack	Taylor
\$40.00	John	Santo
\$40.00	VFW Post 131	
\$40.00	VFW Post 4996	
\$40.00	Charles	Bean
\$40.00	Jennifer	Shannon
\$40.00	Tami	Lee
\$40.00	Kinley & Brynlee	Boreu
\$40.00	Parker	Slattey
\$40.00	Tom	Hoff
\$40.00	Jeff	Merten
\$40.00	Todd	Bienhoff
\$40.00	Trevor	Courter
\$40.00	Alicia	Paxton
\$40.00	J	Trumbull
\$40.00	Sue	Sallinger
\$40.00	George	Matuella
\$40.00	Frank	Bruning
\$40.00	Ken	Curry
\$40.00	Nancy	Davis
\$40.00	Derek	Prosocki
\$40.00	Jerry	Wachtel
\$40.00	Stefanie	Osterhaus
\$40.00	Matthew	Baxa
\$40.00	Harold	Cockson
\$40.00	Alan	Bulin



**WE HAVE RAFFLE CALENDARS AVAILABLE,
\$16,000 IN CASH TO DISTRIBUTE.
PLEASE CONTACT HEADQUARTERS TO GET
YOURS TODAY. 402-464-0674.**



**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**



About the VFW and
She Serves
We protect and defend America's heroes.

Nebraska as of Wednesday, October 14, 2015

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	482	1	1	71	555	688	80.66%
District Totals		3	1177	4	0	168	1349	1587	85.00%
District Totals		4	922	0	1	128	1051	1245	84.41%
District Totals		6	1051	8	5	180	1244	1464	84.97%
District Totals		7	811	2	2	154	969	1169	82.89%
District Totals		9	1465	9	4	246	1724	2063	83.56%
District Totals		10	3331	34	13	430	3808	4584	83.07%
District Totals		11	886	4	0	156	1046	1203	86.94%
District Totals		13	997	1	0	119	1117	1241	90.00%
District Totals		15	753	2	0	94	849	1009	84.14%
District Totals		99	694	13	25	123	855	1064	80.35%
State Totals			12569	78	51	1869	14567	17317	84.11%