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CALENDAR OF EVENTS As of 08-21-2017

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August 2017

- 13 Dist 6 mtg in Beatrice at the Post at 2:00. Auxiliary same time and place. No Lunch to follow. **Rep: Dan Kramer**
27 Dist 9 mtg in Wahoo Post 4502 to host at 2:00. Lunch to follow. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Joe Smith**

September 2017

- 1 Bonds Due to Department
1 Annual Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars Golf Tournament 2017 (information enclosed)
10 Dist 7 mtg in Hooper Post 10535 to host at 12:00. Lunch to follow. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Larry Gerlt**
17 Dist 4 mtg in Stapleton at the Post 8258 at 12:00. **Rep: Dan Kramer**
17 Dist 15 mtg in Albion Post 736 to host. Registration at 12:30 meeting at 1:30. Lunch to follow Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Larry Gerlt**
17 Dist 11 mtg in O'Neill at Courthouse Annex 128 N 6th St, 926 to host. Auxiliary to meet at the Post 410 S. Harrison St. at 2:00. **Rep: Gary Bush**
24 Dist 13 mtg in Cozad Post 890 to host 1319 N St at 2:00. **Rep: Gary Bush**



October 2017

- (T-2) Trustee Quarterly Report To Department (July 1 to Sept 30)
6-7 Fall Council of Administration & Homecoming (**Reservation form & Dinner Reservation form enclosed**)
8 Dist 3 mtg in Creighton Post 1151 to host at 1:00 lunch at 12:00 Auxiliary to meet at the Senior Center.
Rep: Jerry Chlopek
8 Dist 10 mtg TBD **Rep: Sam DeJohn**
22 Dist 1 mtg in Gearing at Post 1681 at 1:30. Lunch will be at 12:30. There will be a \$5.00 reg fee. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Joe Smith**

November 2017

- 1 20 Questions to Department
1 Inspection 100% District
1 VOD and Patriot Pen Entry to Post Level
1 Membership Chairman to Department (10 pts)
12 Dist 6 mtg in Beatrice at 2:00 at the Post. Auxiliary same time and place. Potluck lunch to follow. **Rep: Dan Kramer**



Roster changes:

- Page 13: Jr. Vice Cmdr William J "Doc" Schmitz
Page 13: Adjutant General Brian Duffy
Page 23: Cmdr 181 Howard Mattix 531-203-1557
Page 23: QM 247 Michael Miloni 3531 Madison St Omaha NE 68107
Page 30: Cmdr 2243 Kristopher Nitz 2645 Road 63 E Dix, NE 69133 308-250-1478 email: Kristopher.nitz@cabelas.com
Page 38: Post 4836 Dues \$38.00
Page 65: Qm 10725 Kenneth Glover 15721 Gertrude St Omaha, NE 68136 402-884-4336





State Jr. Vice Commander Joe Smith

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying your summer.

I attended the VFW national convention in New Orleans last week and got to meet the new class of State Jr Vice Commanders and Presidents, all are fired up and ready for the challenge of going forward. The new Commander in Chief is Keith Harmon and is from the Big Ten. I'm looking forward to his leadership in the coming year.

On Tuesday afternoon we had luncheon for the Jr Vice's and last year's Commander Brian Duffy came in to talk to us and wish us well. The one thing he was very upset about was the lack of people in the General business session. He stated that if you were on National's dime you needed to attend the business sessions. His comments were that if you couldn't attend the business session that they may start reducing the number of people from states that didn't have their folks at the meetings. Roll call was taken during Tuesday morning's session, so if you weren't there it is known.

Homecoming

Join Larry & Carol **October 6th** for their Homecoming!!

Omaha Comfort Inn Suites

7000 Grover Street Omaha NE

Meal: Grilled Rib-Eye Steak 12 oz.

mixed green salad, baked potato, vegetable, dinner roll,
freshly brewed coffee & iced tea.

Choice of: Assorted Cheesecakes & Carrot Cake

\$10.00 Per Person

Names of attendees:

Cocktails at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00

Mail to Department of Nebraska by September 22nd

2431 N 48th

Lincoln, NE 68504

Enjoy a fun filled night of Karaokeing

By Blame it on the Karaoke!!!

By DJ Anthony Infante



Raffle Calendars Available

Total cash prizes of \$16,000.00.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

WITH THE INCREASED NEED TO SELL MORE RAFFLE CALENDARS, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL.

IF YOU ARE NEEDING HELP IN YOUR COMMUNITIES TO GO OUT AND SELL THE NEW CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

PLEASE SUBMIT PATRIOTIC PHOTOS TO THE DEPARTMENT OR VIA EMAIL TO JODYS@VFWNE.ORG.

13 PHOTOS ARE NEEDED BY NEXT MAY.

ONE WAY TO PEAK INTEREST IN YOUR COMMUNITY ABOUT THE CALENDAR IS TO HAVE A PICTURE OF A MEMORIAL, A POST OR CEMETERY IN THE CALENDAR.

You can earn up to 35 points this year toward a white hat for selling calendars. When sending in your calendar tickets, be sure and fill out the form in your program book and we will make sure you are awarded points.

Council of Administration and August School of Instruction

Post 4755 in Seward, NE August 5th, 2017

August 5, 2017 Saturday 9:00 am.

Commander Gerlt opened the meeting in due form.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the rules by State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack and seconded by State Jr. Vice Commander Joe Smith. Motion passed.

A motion was made by State Jr. Vice Commander Joe Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as they were mailed out. Motion seconded by State Judge Advocate Dan Kramer and motion passed.

State Adjutant John Liebsack passed out the final budget report. State Adjutant John Liebsack read the budget. A motion by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin to approve as read, seconded by State Jr. Vice Commander Joe Smith. Motion passed.

Roll call of officers, absent was Sr. Vice Commander Gary E Bush Sr. A motion was made by State Jr. Vice Joe Smith to excuse him, seconded by State Judge Advocate Dan Kramer and motion passed. Absent also was State Chaplain Jerry Ludwig. A motion was made by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin to excuse him, seconded by District 13 Commander James Lutz. Motion passed.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack passed out the District checks for the Skill Game machines.

After reviewing the bids for the State Convention for 2020 and 2021, a motion was made to go to the Divots in Norfolk by State Quartermaster John Liebsack, seconded by State Jr. Vice Commander Joe Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had to increase the per diem rate for Conference and Convention stay from \$90.00 to \$110.00 per Standard Operating Procedures. After council vote, it was passed to increase to \$110.00.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster Liebsack discussed the sale of the building of VFW Post 7299 in Peru as the Post surrendered their charter. The offer was made by Ruth Heywood to purchase the building for \$31,989.00. A motion was made by State Judge Advocate Dan Kramer to accept the offer, seconded by State Chief of Staff Sam DeJohn. The motion passed unanimously.

Commander Gerlt began School of Instruction by reviewing procedure for how to conduct a meeting. Commander Gerlt called on Adjutant Lieback to address how to complete Trustees Reports, bonds and District Commander responsibilities. Office personnel Trudie Hammers went over State website and program reporting on the State website. Commander Gerlt and Parliamentarian Jim Pierce went over calendar sales.

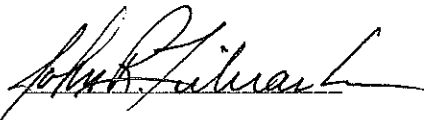
Commander Gerlt called on Chairmen for their reports. Reports were given by: Membership and Scouting Chairman Larry Gerlt, Life/Legacy Life Chairman Bernie Brosnihan, Americanism/Loyalty Day and Scholarship Chairman Jerry Chlopek, Buddy Poppy Chairman Dale Wittrock, By-Laws & Rituals and Community Activities Chairman Dan Kramer, Editor John Liebsack, Hospital Chairman Mike Medina, Legislative Chairman Jeff Baker, National Home and Veterans Home Board Chairman Joe Smith, Photography Dan Petersen, Sports/NE Riders Chairman Ron Packard. A Motion was made to have the second annual dart tournament at Post 759 in Kearney by State Surgeon Jerry Chlopek, seconded by

District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay and motion passed. Motion to have fishing and the gun shoot in Princeton made by State Jr. Vice Commander Joe Smith and seconded by District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji. Motion passed. Finishing up reports were Womens Veteran Chairman Anne Ream and Youth Activities Chairman John Iossi.

Commander Gerlt called for any further business, being none the meeting was closed in due form. Chaplain delivered closing prayer.

Commander announced the next Council of Administration meeting will be at Fall Conference in Omaha and the Comfort Inn & Suites.

Attest to:



Date: August 5, 2017



John Liebsack, State Adjutant/Quartermaster Department of Nebraska, VFW

2017 - 2018 MEMBERSHIP & WHITE HAT PROGRAM

State Commander's Theme ... "Be the Solution"

Chairman: Larry Gerlt

All State White Hat Competition Guideline

(Post must have 10 members)

ALL STATE CRITERIA: This criteria applies to BOTH the Post Commander and Quartermaster. There will be 10 possible white hat winners. (10 Cmdrs. & 10 QMs) **The items in red are required items.**

1. **Post MUST be 100%, or above, in membership by June 30th, 2018.** **20 points, 40 points max.**

Division 1 posts: One extra point will be given for each percentage point over 100%, max of 120%

Division 2 posts: One extra point will be given for each 1/2 percentage point over 100%, max of 110%

Division 3 posts: One extra point will be given for each 1/4 percentage point over 100%, max of 105%

2. **Post Commanders and Quartermasters MUST submit the completed Twenty (20) Questions from this program book. Ten (10) points** will be awarded if completed and received at Dept. HQ by Nov. 1st, 2017. **Five (5) points** will be awarded if completed and received at Dept. HQ by Jan. 16th, 2018.

3. **Post must have Post Service Officer.**

4. Each of the following programs carry a **twenty (20) point** value, **Post MUST complete a MINIMUM of four (4) of these core programs:**

(a) **Voice of Democracy Program (VOD)**

(d) **VFW State Scholarship**

(b) **Patriot's Pen Program**

(e) **Military Assistance Program (MAP) Donation by Division**

(c) **Citizenship Teacher's Award**

(f) **Scout of the Year Program**

(g) **Purchase at least five (5) Poppies Per-Member based on June 30, 2017 membership.**

Credit will be given for items a, b, c, d, e and f above if the Post sends in a donation for the proper amount by Division (see below). MEMBERSHIP WILL BE BROKEN INTO 3 DIVISIONS:

MEMBERS	DIVISION	DONATION	
		Amt. a-e	Amt. f (Scout)
0-200	ONE	\$50.00	\$20.00
200-400	TWO	\$100.00	\$40.00
401 & over	THREE	\$200.00	\$60.00

In lieu of entries for VOD, Patriot's Pen, Teacher and/or Scout, donations to these programs may be made.

5. **P** Purchase of Poppies below the 5 per member. **5 points**
6. Sell at least 10 Department of Nebraska raffle calendars. (Additional point for each additional calendar over 10 up to 25) **20 points, 35 points max.**
7. **C** Community Service Reports, 5 points each. **10 points max.**
8. Post Trustee reports completed and filed on time, 5 points each. **10 points max.**
- T1 Apr-Jun T2 Jul -Sep 3 Oct - Dec T4 Jan - Mar
9. **Y** Youth Activities Reports, 5 points each. **10 points max.**
10. **V** Veterans Volunteer Reports, 5 points each. **10 points max.**
11. **B** Post is Bonded according to Nat'l By-Laws. **10 points**
12. **A** Americanism Reports, 5 points each. **10 points max.**
13. Post Cmdr., Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and QM receive 1 point for attendance at the FALL and SPRING District meetings. **8 points max.**

NEBRASKA VFW PROGRAM DEADLINES 2017-2018

Due Date	Program	(White Hat Guide)	Date Complete
July, 2017	(T-1) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (April 1 to June 30)	(5 Points)	_____
September 1st	Bonds Due In Department	(5 Points)	_____
October	(T-2) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (July 1 to Sept 30)	(5 Points)	_____
November 1st, 2017	20 Questions to Department	(10 Points)	_____
November 1st	Inspection- 100% District		_____
November 1st	VOD and Patriot Pen Entry to Post level		_____
November 1st	Membership Chairman reported to Department	(10 Points)	_____
November 10th	6 month Community Service Report (May to October) first report	(5 points)	_____
November 15th	Patriots Pen and VOD to District Level		_____
December 13th	Patriots Pen, and VOD Entry to Department		_____
December 13th	Patriots Pen and VOD Summaries to Department		_____
January, 2018	(T-3) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Oct 1 to Dec 31)	(5 Points)	_____
January 1st	Cut off (Mid Winter Conference Feb 1-3, 2018)		_____
January 1st	Top Membership District Commander - Mid-Winter		_____
January 1st	Inspection —100% District		_____
January 1st	Public Servants Award (EMT; FIRE; LAW) to Department		_____
January 1st	Final deadline Membership Chairman to Department	(5 points)	_____
January 16th	Final deadline 20 Questions Department	(5 points)	_____
February 15th	Teacher entry to Post level		_____
March 1, 2018	Teacher entry to District level		_____
March 1st	Eagle Scout Entry to Post		_____
March 15th	Teacher entry to Department		_____
March 31st	Scholarship Student Applications to Department		_____
April, 2018	(T-4) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Jan 1 to March 31)	(5 Points)	_____
April 1st	Eagle Scout State Entry to Department		_____
April 30th	Post Service Officer entry to Department		_____
May 1, 2018	Cut off for Election Reports		_____
May 1st	Americanism--Post Scrap Book to Department		_____
May 1st	Blood Report (information in Genmail)		_____
May 1st	Chaplain Memorial Record to Department		_____
May 1st	Community Service Record Book to Department		_____
May 1st	Loyalty Day (May 1, 2015 activity) — Record book to Dept.		_____
May 1st	Post Color Guard Report to Department		_____
May 1st	Youth Activities — Post Scrap Book to Department		_____
May 1st	Volunteer of the Year (Letter of Nomination)		_____
May 1st	6 month Community Service Report (November to April)		_____
May 15th	Delegate Registration due to Department		_____
June 30th, 2018	Cut Off (For all Awards Fall Council Oct 5-6, 2018)		_____
	All State Commander & Q.M. / Top District Commander		_____

Notice of change to your 2017-2018 Program book

While the points for your Post Membership Chairman being reported to Department Headquarters is listed in your Program deadlines, it was not on the White Hat scorecard or program.

The deadlines for reporting your Membership Chairman have therefore been revised.

Report the Post Membership Chairman by November 1st and you will receive 10 points.

Report Chairman by January 1st and you will receive 5 points.

You may send this page in or report it on our website after it has been added to program reporting to receive credit.

Included in this mailing is the update to your pages that are affected.

Post: _____

Our Membership Chairman is:

VETERANS, HAVE YOU HEARD? YOU CAN SHOP AGAIN WITH THE ONLINE EXCHANGES

Soon, honorably discharged Veterans will be able to shop all online exchanges. These shopping privileges are being extended by the exchanges to recognize your sacrifice and courage and to bring the on-base shopping that you remember to your home.



VetVerify.org

HAVE YOU VERIFIED YOUR ELIGIBILITY?

GET VERIFIED

NOW

Go to VetVerify.org and submit a verification form to check your eligibility.

GET READY

May - October 2017

Follow the online exchanges on social media and their retail sites for ongoing updates.

GET SHOPPING

November 11, 2017

Eligible Veterans will be able to start shopping all online exchanges.



*This shopping privilege does not confer or imply endorsement for those veteran benefits granted under Title 38 of the U.S. Code by the Department of Veteran Affairs. Questions concerning veteran benefits should be directed to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

VFW Nebraska Fall Council of Administration and Homecoming

October 6-7, 2017
Comfort Inn & Suites
7007 Grover St
Omaha, NE 68106
Room Rates \$82.00 + Tax

Call Department or mail in form for Reservations!!

VFW Department of Nebraska 2431 N. 48th St. Lincoln, NE 68504

402-464-0674

email to: trudie@vfwne.org

Deadline for Reservations is September 22, 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	Comfort Inn & Suites
Check in date?	
Check out date?	
Cost per night	\$82.00 + tax
Number of people	
Room preference (e.g., king, double, single)	
Special requests?	