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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 19 Dist 13 Mtg in Kearney Post 759 to host at 2:00. Snacks served
- 26 Dist 6 Mtg in Pawnee City Post 5289 to host at the Thomas Little American Legion Building 512 6th St Pawnee City at 2:00 pm. Auxiliary to meet at the United Methodist Church 849 F St Pawnee City NE. VOD & PP program to follow lunch to follow program.

March 2017

- 1 Teacher entry to District level
- 1 Eagle Scout entry to Post
- 15 Teacher entry to Department
- 18 Cheyenne VA Medical Center St. Patty's Day Party at 9:00 am 2360 E Pershing Blvd Cheyenne WY
- 18 Scottsbluff Veterans Home St. Patty's Day Party at 7:00 pm 1102 W 42nd St Scottsbluff NE
- 19 Hot Springs VA Medical Center St. Patty's Day Party at 11:00 am 500 North 5th St Hot Springs SD
- 31 Scholarship Student application to Department

April 2017

- (T-4) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Jan to March 31)
- 1 Eagle Scout State Entry to Department
- 2 Dist 13 Mtg in Red Cloud Post 5641 to host at the Community Center at 2:00. Auxiliary same time and place. Rep: Roger Brocker
- 9 Dist 15 Mtg in David City Post 5814 to host at the Senior Center at 1:30 Reg starts at 2:00 \$5.00 reg fee. Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Evening lunch to follow. Rep: Joe Smith
- 9 Dist 10 Mtg in Omaha at post 247 at 2:00 Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Rep: Jim Pierce
- 9 Dist 11 Mtg in O'Neill Post 926 to host at the Courthouse at 2:00 \$1.00 reg fee Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Lunch to follow. Rep: Gary Bush
- 15 Cut Off (for all Awards State Convention June 8-11, 2017)
- 15 Top District Commander---State Convention
- 23 Dist 1 Mtg in Gering at Post 1681 at 12:00 for lunch \$5.00 reg meeting to follow at 1:00. Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Rep: Larry Gerlt
- 23 Dist 4 Mtg in Ogallala Post 3755 to host at Front Street Steakhouse 519 E 1st St at 12:00 mst Reg fee \$7.50 for meal. Auxiliary same time and place. Rep: Gary Bush
- 23 Dist 7 Mtg in Ft. Calhoun Post 5637 to host at Am Legion Hall at 1:30. Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Lunch to follow. Rep: Jerry Ludwig
- 23 Dist 3 Mtg in Hartington Post 5283 to host at the VFW Hall at 1:00 \$5.00 Reg fee. Auxiliary same time and place. Rep: Joe Smith
- 23 Dist 9 Mtg in Seward Post 4755 to host at the Post at 2:00 Auxiliary same time and place, lunch to follow. Rep: Dave Beran
- 30 Dist 6 Mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at the Post at 2:00 Auxiliary same time and place. Rep: John Liebsack
- 30 Post Service Officer entry to Department

May 1, 2017 Cut Off For Election Reports!!!!!





AD RATES

Newsletter State Convention Booklet

Please write what you would like

1/4 page

1/2 page

the ad to say:

\$75.00

\$50,00

1/2 page

full page

\$125.00

\$75.00

Full page

\$250.00



Ads for the convention booklet should be in by May 16th.

Ads for the newsletters should be in by the 25th of the previous month.

Send photo you would like to use to jodys@vfwne.org

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VFW FOUNDATION'S HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT COMPLETION GUIDE

ATTENTION: VFW POSTS -- TO APPLY FOR A HOME DEPOT COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT, BEGIN BY GOING TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants

Please, read through all information on the page before beginning the application so you will become acquainted with the process and the general rules. Do not worry that your Post is not a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. You can still apply as a 501(c)(19) nonprofit veteran's group.

Toward the bottom of the web page, you will see a bold line that says, "We are now accepting applications for the Community Impact Grants program." You may access an application using the links below and select NONPROFIT APPLICATION NOT GOVERNMENT APPLICATION.

PLEASE NOTE: All questions must be answered exactly like the screen prints on each of the following pages. Failure to do so might jeopardize your Post's ability to receive a grant. Once you have begun the application try to complete it without saving, using the "Save and Finish Later" option does not always work correctly.

Once you have clicked "NONPROFIT APPLICATION" you will arrive at the screen below.



Please Sign In

WELCOME TO THE HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION'S ONLINE APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS LOGIN PAGE.

Please enter your log in information below to access your saved applications or to view requirement forms that are due.

*If you are a **new applicant** then select "New Applicant?" below and create a new account. We highly recommend that you create only one account for your organization to be shared by all users.

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Click the "New Applicant?," button circled in red above.

Membership - the new terminology and what it means.

Once upon a time, we had annual members whose dues expired on December 31st. Now we have subscription dues members and their dues expire 12 months from current expiration date if they pay prior to their expiration date or 12 months after they pay if their dues have already expired. We also have to know a few facts about this:

- 1. A member in good standing is all members whose dues have NOT expired.
- 2. An Unpaid member is all annual/subscription dues members who have NOT paid for the current membership year meaning their dues lapse prior to June 30th, the last day of the membership year.
- 3. You do NOT get credit for Unpaid members (to include members in good standing) until their dues are paid for the current membership year.
- 4. Unpaid members do not count as members when we lobby Congress!

So, what do you as a post Commander, post Quartermaster need to do? Let your subscription (annual) dues members know that they need to pay their dues at the START of the membership year (July & August) but certainly no later than December 31st.

If you are a subscription (annual) dues member and your membership lapses before June 30th, please pay your dues now! Your membership does not help us lobby Congress until you do. AND, we all know how well Congress takes care of us – not at all!

By Larry Gerlt

Membership Chairman and State Sr. Vice Commander



MID WINTER CONFERENCE

February 4th, 2017 Minutes Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln NE

Commander Doug Whitaker opened the Council meeting at 9:00 A.M. in due form. Adjutant Liebsack called the roll. Motion was made by State Judge Advocate to excuse Chief of Staff Sam DeJohn for illness. Seconded by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, motion carried. Absent also was District 15 Commander Bryce Preister. Motion was made by State Judge Advocate Joe Smith to remove him from office. Motion was seconded by District 6 Commander Steve Calkins, motion passed unanimously.

Commander Doug Whitaker introduced Assistant Adjutant General, Administration and Programs Kevin Jones who addressed the group. The VFW website was discussed after Kevin Jones addressed the group.

Parlimentarian Jim Pierce to read the rules of conduct for the meeting. A motion was made by State Sr. Vice Commander Larry Gerlt to dispense with the reading of the rules. Motion seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Gary E Bush Sr., motion carried.

Commander Doug Whitaker called for reading of the minutes. State Judge Advocate Joe Smith moved that the minutes be approved and not be read as they were mailed out in the general mailing. District 13 Commander Jim Lutz seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Commander Whitaker called for the budget report. Sr. Vice Commander Larry Gerlt made a motion to dispense with the reading and to pass out and review. Seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Gary E Bush Sr., motion passed. Judge Advocate Joe Smith moved for the approval of the budget report. Seconded by Sr. Vice Commander Larry Gerlt. Motion passed without opposition.

Commander Whitaker called on State Quartermaster Liebsack to discuss Publishing Concepts Inc. Judge Advocate Joe Smith made a motion to not sign contract for at least 2 years. District 6 Commander Steve Calkin seconded and motion passed.

Membership report was given and awards were presented by Membership Chairman Larry Gerlt.

Leaders of the Top District Commanders in the two membership divisions received a check for \$50.00.

Division 1: Districts 1, 7, 11, 13, 15

District winner is: District 13, Cmdr Jim Lutz with 95.20%

Division 2: Districts 3, 4, 6, 9, 10

District winner is: District 3, Cmdr Leroy Clausen with 92.83%

Commander Doug Whitaker called for the Inspection report and awards were presented by Inspector Roger Broeker and Membership Chairman Larry Gerlt.

District Commanders 100% District inspected by November 1st, received a Polo shirt and a certificate.

District Commanders were: District 1 Commander Thomas Arends, District 3 Commander Leroy Clausen, District 4 Commander P.J. Pajerski, District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay and District 11 Commander Russell Horst.

District Commanders 100% District inspected by January 1st, received a cap and a certificate.

District Commanders were: District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji, District 10 Commander Ron Sibal and District 13 Commander James Lutz.

Convention Corporation Barry Caster Chairman, members Mike Sweeney and Dave Beran reported on the upcoming dates of Convention and Conferences.

Reports given:

VOD, Patriot Pen, Youth Activities and Teachers by John Iossi; Buddy Poppy report by Dale Wittrock; Americanism & Loyalty Day report by Jerry Chlopek; Chaplain & Homeless Vets Jerry Ludwig; Hospital Chairman Mike Medina; Legislative Federal Richard Morrison; State Legislative Jeff Baker; National Home Chairman Gary E Bush Sr.; POW/MIA Chairman Dave Beran; Scholarship by Jerry Chlopek; Scouting Chairman Larry Gerlt; Volunteer Veterans Chairman Mike Dunn and Womens Veteran by Anne Ream.

Quartermaster Liebsack announced ad rates for 2017-2018 office, delegate registration forms and deadline for election reports.

Next meeting will be the State Convention June 8th thru the 11th, in Kearney NE at the Holiday Inn at 102 S 2nd Ave.

Date: 2-/4-/7

Meeting closed in due form at 12:00 p.m.

John R. Liebsack

State Adjutant & Quartermaster Department of Nebraska, VFW