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January 2018

28 Dist 13 mtg in Bertrand Post 5304 to host at City Hall at 2:00. Snack to follow.

February 2018

1-3 Mid Winter The Cornhusker 333 South 13th St Lincoln, NE

10 Norfolk Veterans Home Valentine's Day Party 2:00 pm 600 E Benjamin Ave Norfolk, NE

11 Grand Island Veterans Home Valentine's Day Party 2:00 pm 2300 W. Capital Ave Grand Island, NE



March 2018

1 Eagle Scout Entry to Post

17 Cheyenne VA Medical Center St. Patty's Day Party at 10:30 am 2360 Pershing Blvd Cheyenne WY

17 Scottsbluff Veterans Home St. Patty's Day Party at 7:00 pm 1102 W 42nd St Scottsbluff NE

18 Hot Springs VA Medical Center St. Patty's Day Party at 11:00 am 500 North 5th Hot Springs SD

31 Scholarship Student Applications to Department

April 2018

(T-4) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (Jan 1 to March 31)

1 Eagle Scout State Entry to Department

8 Dist 7 mtg in North Bend Post 8223 to host at the Post at 1:30 lunch to follow Auxiliary same time and place

15 Dist 3 mtg in Norfolk Post 1644 to host at 12:00 reg \$5.00 Meeting at 1:00 . Auxiliary same time and place.

Lunch to follow

22 Dist 1 mtg in Gering Post 1681 to host at 1:30. Lunch at 12:30 \$5.00 reg. fee. Auxiliary same time and place

22 Dist 6 mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at 2:00, pot luck to follow meeting. Auxiliary same time and place.

Election of officers at this meeting

30 Post Service Officer entry to Department



Roster changes:

Pg: 30 Post 1765 Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Pg: 30 Post 1765 QM Jackie Turner 524 Morton St Falls City, NE 68355 402-883-7368

Pg: 46 Post 5757 QM Dwayne Heer 308-269-2746

Pg: 54 Post 7725 QM Gary Wemhoff 718 9th St Platte Center NE 68653 253-310-1487 email: gwemhoff@gmail.com

Pg: 61 Post 6928 QM Eugene Case PO Box 575 Pender NE 68047

Pg: 63 Post 10042 QM Bradley Owen 402-430-6744 email: brad_k_owen@yahoo.com

Pg: 63 Post 10045 Cmdr Ronald Nejezchleb email: ronn@gtmc.net

Happy New Year

Exceptional **Fabulous** *Fantastic*
 CONGRATULATIONS
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Fantastic **Fabulous**
Terrific **OUTSTANDING**
Fabulous **OUTSTANDING** *Exceptional*
Terrific

Total Sales of Calendars this Year

\$44,220.00!!!!!!

2018

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National Chaplain of the Year Award

At the National Council of Administration workshop held on Sunday, August 27, 2016 provisional approval was given to move forward in presenting a National Chaplain of the Year Award.

The following criteria will constitute the basis for nominations, and also a proposed procedure and timeline to receive nominations for this award.

Chaplain of the Year Criteria

1. Performance of Duties:
 - A. Exemplary character and conduct: e.g., A person of upmost integrity, professional execution of duties, dependability, punctuality, and timely submission of reports, etc.
 - B. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.
2. Personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW and the Department in the best possible way.
3. Commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain, as reflected by service to comrades and their families and responsiveness to needs.
4. A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District, and Department.

Review Committee Composition and Instructions

1. A committee assembled by the National Chaplain will review nominations for the award and recommend a recipient.
2. The committee shall include:
 - A. The National Chaplain
 - B. Three Past National Chaplains
 - C. The most recent past recipient of the Chaplain of the Year Award.
3. Instructions to the Committee
 - A. The committee shall follow procedures and criteria as outlined in this document. However, if no candidates are nominated or judged by the committee to meet the criteria for Chaplain of the Year, the committee shall not recommend a recipient.
 - B. All proceedings of the committee must be kept strictly confidential.
 - C. The National Chaplain will review with the National Commander and the National Adjutant General the recommendation for Chaplain of the Year prior to announcing the award recipient.

Procedure

The following procedure is recommended for receiving and reviewing nominations:

1. Information concerning this award will be distributed to the National Council of Administration each year following the National Council of Administration August meeting. The members of the National COA can then present this information to their respective Department Commanders and Adjutants when they give their report.
2. The National Chaplain will email information concerning the Chaplain of the Year Award, and begin to solicit nominations from Department Commanders and Adjutants, beginning in October.
3. All nominations should be submitted to the National Chaplain by April 1. Nomination letters should be emailed, faxed, or sent USPS to the National Chaplain. Contact information is listed below.
4. A nomination shall address the above criteria and shall not exceed two type written pages.
5. The committee shall review each nomination according to the selected criteria and recommend a recipient by April 30th.
6. The National Chaplain will review the Committee's recommendation for Chaplain of the Year with the National Adjutant General.
7. The Chaplain of the Year Award will be presented at the recipients Department Convention.
8. The National Chaplain will notify the respective Department, and if feasible, request attendance to present the award.
9. The recipient's Department will notify the recipient of the National Chaplain of the Year Award and request attendance at the Department Convention to receive the award.

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State Commander & Membership Chairman Larry Gerlt

Post Health – for the past several weeks, I have been chatting with Post Quartermasters and Commanders (if the QM isn't available). Why did I choose the QM instead of the Commander? The Commander is the head of the post, but the QM is the heart. Cold hard facts about the post aren't enough to determine if a post is healthy. The QM not only knows the facts, but because he IS the QM for years on end, he knows more about where his post has been and where it is headed. He not only knows which VFW programs the post is participating in, but also the budget for those programs, how hard/easy it is for the post to pay their bills, AND usually has the history of funds earned/expended for over a decade. He knows which post officers are annual (subscription) dues members and when they will lapse. He is the only one who can make sure they DON'T! He not only knows the post membership statistics, but knows who will/won't pay dues with a dues notice, who needs to be called, whose door needs to be knocked, and who just ain't interested. More importantly, he is the one who knows if there are enough unpaid member who will pay to make a 100%. If your post QM is new, he probably doesn't know all this. If he has been around for several years and doesn't know all this, doesn't do all this, doesn't care about all this, it's time for a transplant. The body (post) can't function well with a weak, erratic heart (QM)!

I'm sure most of you think I am only doing this to discuss membership and either not keeping track of what I discussed with each post but nothing could be farther from the truth. Before calling a post QM/CC, I not only look at their membership (how close they are to 100%, but how many they need, how many unpaids are on their roster, who has lapsed and who has yet to pay, and how many former (reinstates) live within X miles of their post meeting place. More importantly I look at their All State standing (what programs they have participated in or NOT participated in). What do I do with the information I gather and what the Post leader tells me? I designed a database to record it in so that I can refer back to that post with everything I have learned from my research and what the post leader tells me! It takes me about 15 – 20 minutes to prep for the call. While some calls are as short as 10 minutes, many are over 30 minutes. If a post leader tells me they have issues getting members to attend post meetings, we discuss possible solutions, activities or ways to encourage participation. Why am I will to spend all this time for each post? Because I CARE! I just want each post to make 100% membership, I want them to succeed, to be here next year, and the year after that, and! This is our department and it is comprised of YOUR posts. Without you and your Posts, we will cease to be! If I can help, if you just want to chat, if you can think of any way I or Department can help, LET ME KNOW! My complete contact information is not only in our roster book, it is on every letter and email I send. Although I am nearly always busy planning or executing something for the VFW, I return calls, emails, and text messages as promptly as I can. HELP ME HELP YOU!!!!

Quote of the month: If you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

General Orders No. 6


2017-18 Series

1. Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2018 Memorial Day "Buddy"® Poppy Campaign. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW "Buddy"® Poppies.
2. Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District meetings, County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.
3. Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall:
 - a. At least monthly, review the Monthly Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Quartermaster.
 - b. Not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, at the direction of the Post Commander, properly audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant and any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of the Post and submit a Post Trustees Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector.
 - c. The Report shall be in accordance with and upon such form as may be prescribed by the Adjutant General. The audit shall be signed by the Post Commander and Trustees, who shall, by their signatures, certify to the accuracy of the information contained therein.
 - d. Perform such other duties as may be incident to the office or may from time to time be required by the laws and usages of the organization or lawful orders from proper authority.
4. Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers: All Posts, Districts and Departments should be reminded of the provisions of Sections 216, 416, and 516 of the Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant and properly reviewed.
5. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post Nos. 10753 and 5332 are consolidated as Post No. 10753, South Sioux City, Nebraska
Post Nos. 10094 and 9643 are consolidated as Post No. 10094, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida

BY COMMAND OF
KEITH E. HARMAN
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:


Brian J. Duffy
Adjutant General

71ST ANNUAL MID WINTER BANQUET

MENU

A BUFFET OF:

GARDEN SALAD WITH DRESSINGS

CENTER CUT SIRLOIN

BEEF LASAGNA

GREEN BEANS AMANDINE

ROASTED POTATOES

ASSORTED ROLLS WITH BUTTER

ICED TEA WITH LEMON

HOT TEA

FRESHLY BREWED REGULAR &
DECAFFEINATED COFFEE

DESSERT SHOTS:

CARROT CAKE

CHOCOLATE MOUSE

TIRAMISU

**TICKETS ARE \$35.00 AND CAN BE
PURCHASED AT CONVENTION**



VALPARAISO VFW POST 10491 PRESENTS

LETTERS FROM HOME

“AMERICA’S BOMBSHELL DUO”



RAYMOND CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GYM

JUNE 15TH, 2018 7:00 PM

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$15.00

UNDER 12 \$7.00

THE MISSION OF LETTERS FROM HOME IS TO TRAVEL THE COUNTRY, HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES BY REVIVING PATRIOTISM THROUGH MUSIC. (FROM THE 1940'S)

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL SUPPORT VFW PROGRAMS LOCALLY, AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

FOR A PREVIEW: GO TO [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com) AND SEARCH LETTERS FROM HOME SINGERS