

VFW Department of Nebraska Genmail

Calendar of Events As of 12/2/20

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December 2020

15 VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher due to Department

January 2021

T-3 Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Oct 1 to Dec 31)

1 Top Membership District Commander and 100% District Inspection

1 Public Servants Award (EMT, FIRE, LAW) to Department

5 Calendar Drawing

10 District 7 Meeting—Arlington—1:00 PM (No Food)

15 VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher summaries due to Department

16 Final deadline 20 Questions Department

February 2021

~~4-6 Midwinter and Council of Administration (The Graduate—Lincoln)~~ **Canceled**

March 2021

1 Eagle Scout Entry to Post

31 Scholarship Student Applications to Department

April 2021

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

1 Eagle Scout State Entry to Department

15 Cut Off for All-State Commander & QM for State Convention

15 Cut Off for Top District Commander for State Convention

15 12-month Program reporting due to Department

18 District 15 Meeting—Albion Post 736—1:30 PM

30 Post Service Officer entry to Department

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May 2021

- 1 Cut off for Election Reports
- 1 Americanism—Post Scrap Book to Department
- 1 Blood Report (information in Genmail)
- 1 Chaplain Memorial Report to Department Chaplain
- 1 Community Service Record Book to Department
- 1 Post Color Guard Report to Department
- 1 Youth Activities- Post Scrap Book to Department
- 1 Volunteer of the Year (Letter of Nomination)
- 15 Delegate Registration due to Department

Comrades,

First, I want to wish all of you and your families a Happy Holidays from my family to yours!

I have been asked a lot about my opinion about this virus and how it is being handled, while I am currently in the Department Surgeon position I am not a medical doctor or in any medical field so my opinion is not a medical one!

During my travels from Lincoln to North Platte, Culbertson to Naper I have seen and heard a lot of different opinions and attitudes. I get it, we are all tired of the different and the consistently changing guidance and recommendations from our government at all levels but we need to remember that this is a new virus that we are dealing with so the more the medical community learns about it the more there will be changes and that goes for that vaccine as well. While we do not know what tomorrow will bring and how soon we can get back to what we use to think of as a normal life style, I believe that the best thing we can do is to follow our local health care directives until then. From east to west and north to south we live in a very diverse state, we have health districts that cover a county or multiple counties and they all have to be handled in a manner that is best for that area. What works and is needed in Omaha may not be needed or work in Stapleton, so we need to remember that and follow the guidance for the area you are in. We have some cities that add restrictions to the requirements of the health districts, and that is ok, because they are the elected officials that are responsible for that community.

The one thing that bothers me the most is the reports I am hearing about people being verbally and physically assaulted about wearing or not wearing a mask, yes I have heard from law enforcement that have been called to stores and conflicts in parking lots about this very issue. Once again, my opinion, but I think that if the mask is required to be worn in the store, then either wear it in, or do not shop there, so simple. It is not worth having an altercation with someone over, especially if it leads to you being in trouble with the law. Show some respect and tolerance for one another and we will get through this.

Finally, we have members across the state that have shut themselves in for many different reasons during this time so please, be there and help one another not just physically but also mentally. Call and check on one another, help one another as best you are able, and we will get through this!

Ken Yount

Department Surgeon

2020-2021

“Let us try”



**Fall Council of Administration Meeting
Ramada Wyndham Hotel
North Platte, NE October 3, 2020**



October 3, 2020 Saturday 9:00 A.M.

Commander Kramer opened the meeting in due form. Roll call of officers. All present except District 3 Commander Tom Nelson.

Commander Kramer introduced National Representative Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic and Nebraska National Council Member Larry Gerlt.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack reported on calendar sales and VOD and Patriot Pen awards sponsors.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack handed out the rules of conduct for the meeting.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack to read minutes of the August Council. A motion by Past State Commander Joe Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them, as all entitled received them in the mail. Motion seconded by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, motion carried.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack to pass out the budget report. State Adjutant/Quartermaster John Liebsack read the budget. A motion by District 11 Rex Gallino to approve as read, seconded by District 4 Commander Gary E Bush Sr. and motion approved.

Commander Kramer called on Chairmen for their reports: Reports given: Americanism, Loyalty Day Chairman Chris Beaty; Buddy Poppy Chairman Dale Wittrock; Editor John Liebsack; Homeless Veterans Chairman Jerry Ludwig; State Legislative Jim Lutz; National Legislative/ MAP/ Outreach Chairman Jeff Baker; Membership Larry Gerlt; National Home Chairman Jeff Baker; Photography David Dietze; POW/MIA and Scouts Chairman Gary E Bush Sr; Sgt-at-Arms Chuck Roberts; Sports Joe Smith; Veterans Home Board John Liebsack and Joe Smith; Women's Veterans Chairman Anne Ream and Youth Activities Chairman Ken Yount.

During reports Past State Commander Joe Smith presented a check for \$500.00 from the 2020 VFW Golf Tournament.

Commander Kramer called for any other business. State Adjutant/Quartermaster led discussion relating to the current HQ staffing status. He indicated that after discussion with Commander Kramer, Council Members and past Commanders he will be moving forward with making structural changes to the current staffing positions and will be hiring Assistant Adjutant Jeff Baker and making this position a full time position and that support staff would be brought

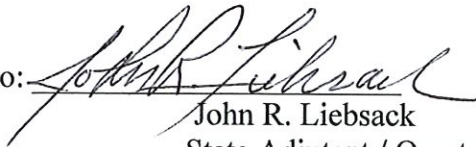
on at a future date once any additional position became open. He welcomed feedback from the Council regarding this change and all expressed their support.

There being no further business:

Chaplain delivered closing prayer.

Commander Kramer announced the next Council of Administration meeting will be Mid-Winter at Lincoln, NE; February 4-6, 2021, Graduate Hotel, 141 9th Street, Lincoln, NE

Attest to:


John R. Liebsack

Date: October 3, 2020

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