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(T-1) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (April 1 to June 30) 4 Independence Day

### 16 Jody's Birthday!!!!!! Don't forget to wish her a very Happy B-Day!!

20-24 National Convention Orlando, FL

28 Dist 10 Mtg in Papillion Post 9675 will host at the Post. 1:30 Budget mtg then mtg to follow at 2:00

August 2019

3 Council Meeting and August Training. Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street in Seward NE., 9am to 4pm

Auxiliary to meet same time and place.

11 Dist 6 Mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at 2:00 pm at the Post. Auxiliary same time and place.



September 2019

1 Bonds Due to Department 13 Annual Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars Golf Tournament 2019 (information form enclosed)

#### October 2019

- (T-2) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (July1 to Sept 30)
- 11-12 Homecoming and Fall Council
- 27 Dist 1 Mtg in Gering Post 1681 to host at 1:30. Auxiliary same time and place.
- 31 Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher to Post level
- 31 Happy Halloween!!!

## Homecoming and Fall Council is coming in October!







# DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY

# **Advanced Registration**

\$125.00 registration fee includes:

2 drink tickets for Friday's hospitality or Saturday's dinner

Friday Hors D'ouevres

**Lunch Saturday** 

Banquet ticket for Saturday

Advanced Registration Deadline is October 1st, 2019

Onsite registration fee is \$135.00.

# Please make checks payable to: Dept. of NE VFW

Names and titles:		
Address _		
	Email:	
Dept:	Post/Aux (circle one)	
•	etary needs:	
Total # of r	registrants: Amount enclosed:	
Mail to: De	epartment of NE Veterans of Foreign Wars	

PO Box 4552; Lincoln, NE 68504

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA



# Big 10 Conference



October 18-20, 2019

# PROGRAM AD BOOK

WE INVITE YOU TO PLACE AN AD IN OUR BIG 10
CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK. POSTS, AUXILIARIES
AND LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE INVITED TO PLACE AN AD
AS WE HOST THE VFW BIG 10 CONFERENCE.
THE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FULL PAGE: \$200.00 HALF PAGE: \$125.00

QUARTER PAGE: \$75.00 LINE LISTING: \$25.00

Make checks payable to the Department of NE V.F.W.

PO Box 4552; Lincoln, NE 68504

Email Ads to: jodys@vfwne.org

Deadline for ads is September 13th.

Call Jody at 402-464-0674 if you have any questions.

# ANNUAL NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2019

September 13, 2019 (Friday) Willow Lakes Golf Club 1PM Shotgun Start 12301 South 25th St., Bellevue NE

Willow Lakes is the only Robert Trent Jones designed course in Nebraska

Format: Four Person Texas Scramble

\*Cost: (\$80.00) Per Person

Money raised goes towards New Buses needed for the Veterans

Homes and VFW Scholarships

Entry fee includes: Golf/Golf Cart
\*\*Food\*\*Flag Prizes\*\*Door Prizes\*\*

Questions or for reservations: call Joe Smith (402-661-9875) Or email: <u>vfwgolfhack@cox.net</u>

Mailing address:

Joe Smith

1416 Betz Rd

Bellevue, NE 68005

Sign up early: Entry Deadline 3 Sept 2019

Soft spikes or soft soled shoes only Golf appropriate attire

Lunch will be served at the course before we tee off.

\*AGF Holders (\$65.00, E1 – E4 \$75.00)

Clip and Mail To: Joe Smith; 1416 Betz Rd; Bellevue, NE 68005 Make checks payable to: VFW Post 2280 (Memo VFW GOLF)

Names:		
Address:		•
City:	State Zip	
Entry fee enclosed: \$	(\$80.00 per person, \$320.00 per team	)(Tax deductible)
Total remitted \$		(sports)



# Department of Nebraska VFW Golf Scramble Corporate Sponsor Form



YES we want to help the Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars with my tax deductible donation by being a (check one) \_\_\_ Eagle \_\_\_ Birdie \_\_\_ Par \_\_\_ Tee Box Sponsor

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ntact:		
dress:	City:	State:Zip:
one:	Email:	

- · Professionally appointed wall plaque or Heirloom stone for your company's office
- Article in the Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars news paper/VFW gen mail for 1 year
- · Two company foursomes at the State golf tournament
- Recognition and marketing opportunities at State golf scramble

#### rdie (\$500.00)

- · Professionally appointed certificate for your company's office
- Article in the Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars newspaper VFW gen mail for 1 year
- One company foursome at the State golf fund scramble
- Recognition and marketing opportunities at State golf scramble

#### r (\$350.00)

- · Professionally appointed certificate for your company's office
- · Company's name in VFW gen mail for 1 year
- Two players for the tournament
- Recognition and marketing opportunities at State golf scramble

#### Box Sponsor (\$125.00)

· Sponsors name on tee box, VFW gen mail 1 year

ecial Sponsor Opportunities: Contact Joseph Smith, 402-661-9875 or email vfwgolfhack@cox.net

In the event you are interested in other types of sponsorships to this worthy cause there are many options tilable. Here are a few examples: small monetary donations, flag prizes, raffle donations, lunch sponsor, and t or hat sponsors. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Tournament is 13 Sept 2019 at Willow kes Golf Course, Bellevue, NE.

il with your check to: Checks payable to VFW Post 2280 (memo VFW Golf), (Checks due by 3 Sept 2019)

Joe Smith 1416 Betz Rd Bellevue, NE 68005

List Players names on back of this form

#### DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Saturday June 8, 2019

#### 98th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

#### 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Friday

Commander Bush opened the VFW Nebraska 98th annual Convention business session with a call to order.

Adjutant Liebsack handed out Big 10 program book ads and discussed registration for the Big 10.

Commander Bush called for State Adjutant Liebsack to give a roll call of officers. State Judge Advocate Jerry Chlopek, State Surgeon Mike Dunn and District 3 Commander Steve Pojar were absent. A motion was made by District 9 Commander Dionne Gori to excuse all 3 officers. State Jr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer seconded, motion passed.

Commander Bush called for Assistant Parliamentarian John Iossi to read the rules of conduct of this convention. A motion was made by State Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith to dispense with the reading of the rules. Seconded by State Jr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer, motion passed.

Commander Bush introduced VFW National Representative NE National Councilmember John Iossi, and Steve Van Bergen from the National Home for Children.

Greetings from other dignitaries: VA Regional Office Assistant Service Center Manager Kim Kuhl and American Legion Senior Vice Commander Gary Wooten.

The following Committee appointments were announced and will report at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday. Service and General Resolutions committee: Bernie Brosnihan Chairman.

By-Laws: Roger Broeker Chairman.

Credentials: Larry Gerlt Chairman.

Convention Corporation: Chairman Larry Gerlt.

Voting Tally Committee: Jeff Baker Chairman, Medicine Flower Blue Star and John Iossi.

Recessed until 1:00 p.m.

#### 1:00 p.m. Saturday: VFW Nebraska Joint Session

The meeting was called to order by Commander Bush for the joint opening of the VFW Nebraska 98th Annual State Convention.

Greetings from other dignitaries: District 10 Commander Chris Beaty, District 10 President Katlyn Abboud and a letter was read for Don Bacon by Sr. Constituent Liaison Dean Mathiesen.

Director of Veterans Affairs John Hilgert addressed the group.

Commander Bush introduced Nebraska National Council member and VFW National Representative John Iossi who greeted the award recipients as well as Steve Van Bergen from the VFW National Home. Commander Bush introduced State Auxiliary President Linda Vogel, National VFW Auxiliary representative Past President Dee Guillory.

Commander Bush announced that the "Teacher" awards would be presented at the banquet on Saturday night.

Commander Bush announced that the Scout of the Year award: Owen Sumter, entered by VFW Post 9675 in Papillion, Post Commander Ernest Garcia was presented to him at a Post ceremony.

Commander Bush presented the emergency service awards:

<u>Nebraska Law Officer</u>: Joseph Collins, entered by VFW Post 2704 Omaha NE, Post Commander Alexander Cherubin.

<u>Nebraska EMT:</u> Lincoln Wagner, entered by VFW Post 759, Kearney NE, Post Commander John Kruse.

<u>Nebraska Firefighter:</u> Ted Minarick, entered by VFW Post 3755, Ogallala NE, Post Commander Gary E Bush Sr.

VFW Nebraska Post Service Officer of the year was awarded to Jim Pierce.

State Volunteer Recognition: Marvin "Irish" Krepel, nominated by VFW Post 8223 North Bend, Post Quartermaster Cheryl Feala.

Dr. Dan Endorf, nominated by VFW Post 8223 North Bend, Post Commander Jerry Halladay.

Veterans in the Classroom certificates presented to VFW Post 3755 Commander Gary E Bush Sr. for distribution.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS** presented by Commander Bush and Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE: CERTIFICATE AND CHECK FROM DEPARTMENT

- 1st \$100.00 Check and Framed certificate: VFW Post 131 Lincoln.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75.00 Check and Framed certificate: VFW Post 3606 Lincoln.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50.00 Check and Framed certificate: VFW Post 8223 North Bend.

#### FIRST DISTRICT TO REPORT 100% IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

FIRST PLACE District 13 Cmdr Jim Lutz, \$75.00 Check

Outstanding Youth Activities presented by Commander Bush and Chairman John Iossi.

Youth Scrapbook:

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$75.00 Check and Framed certificate to VFW Post 8223 North Bend.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50.00 Check and Framed certificate to VFW Post 3755 Ogallala.

**LOYALTY DAY & AMERICANISM ACTIVITIES** presented by Commander Bush and Chairman Ann Thieman.

<u>AMERICANISM</u>: Scrapbook 1<sup>st</sup> place: VFW Post 8223 North Bend, Cmdr Jerry Halladay; framed certificate and \$75.00 check.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: VFW Post 3755 Ogallala, Cmdr Gary E Bush Sr; framed certificate and \$50.00 check.

**LOYALTY**: Scrapbook VFW Post 3755 Ogallala, Cmdr Gary E Bush Sr, framed certificate and \$75.00 check.

BUDDY POPPY AWARDS presented by Chairman Dale Wittrock and Auxiliary Chair Joyce Witt.

Greatest numerical increase (3yr Average) in Poppy purchases by membership groups

**DIVISION I: 1 TO 100 MEMBERS** 

First Place - VFW Post 7722 Lincoln \$75.00 Check / Certificate

**DIVISION II**: 101 TO 300 MEMBERS

First Place - VFW Post & Aux 759 Kearney \$75.00 Check and Certificate

**DIVISION III: 301 MEMBERS AND OVER** 

First Place - VFW Post & Aux 2503 Omaha \$75.00 Check and Certificate

Commander Bush presented Buddy Poppy pins to Chairman Dale Wittrock and Aux. Chair Joyce Witt.

Commander Bush announced National certificates to be picked up for: Community Service – Jerry Chlopek; Buddy Poppy – Dale Wittrock; Auxiliary Buddy Poppy – Joyce Witt; VOD, Youth, Patriot Pen, Teacher – John Iossi; Loyalty Day – Ann Thieman; Scouting – Gary Bush; Veterans & Family Support – Gayle Beran; VFW Auxiliary Scholarships – Jane Petersen; VFW Auxiliary Americanism – Eleanor Pacas; VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities – Katlyn Abboud; Outstanding Community Service Program Activities – VFW Post and Auxiliary 1681 Gering, VFW Post and Auxiliary 1077 Beatrice, VFW Post and Auxiliary 5767 Wisner, VFW Post and Auxiliary 7102 Geneva; Outstanding VOD Program Activities – VFW Post and Auxiliary 4755 Seward and VFW Post 9558 Springfield; Outstanding Patriot's Pen Program Activities – VFW Post and Auxiliary 4755 Seward and VFW Post and Auxiliary 5136 Lexington; Outstanding Scouting Program – Post 2280, Post 3755, Post 4755, Post and Auxiliary 131, Post 9675, Post and Auxiliary 2503 and Post and Auxiliary 1347. National Veterans and Military Support Programs to Jeffrey Baker, VFW Post 10648 and VFW Post 3704.

Joint session was recessed to reconvene business meeting at 2:45 p.m.

2;45 p.m. Commander Bush resumed the business meeting and presented the All-State Awards. White Hat Commanders 2018-2019

- 13. Post 10725 Gretna Commander Gregory Larson
- 12. Post 2503 Omaha Commander Mike Rosso
- 11. Post 4836 Schuyler Commander Don Eckstein
- 10. Post 1581 Omaha Commander Chris Leighter

- 9. Post 2280 Bellevue Commander Jeffrey Fox
- 8. Post 5537 Heartwell Commander Matt Cavanaugh
- 7. Post 8221 Tecumseh Commander Tom Rother
- 6. Post 8223 North Bend Commander Jerry Halladay
- 5. Post 4688 Imperial Commander Eldon Kuntzelman
- 4. Post 854 Fremont Commander Alton Crook
- 3. Post 2704 Omaha Commander Alexander Cherubin
- 2. Post 7722 Lincoln Commander David Tunnison

Captain: Post 3755 Ogallala Commander Gary E Bush Sr.

#### All-State District Commander - District 13 Commander Jim Lutz

White Hat Quartermasters 2018-2019

- 13. Post 10725 Gretna Quartermaster David Dietze
- 12. Post 2503 Omaha Quartermaster Daniel Raabe
- 11. Post 4836 Schuyler Quartermaster Marvin Hladky
- 10. Post 1581 Omaha Quartermaster Steven Youngberg
- 9. Post 2280 Bellevue Quartermaster Joe Smith
- 8. Post 5537 Heartwell Quartermaster Ron Keen
- 7. Post 8221 Tecumseh Quartermaster John Baum
- 6. Post 8223 North Bend Quartermaster Cheryl Feala
- 5. Post 4688 Imperial Quartermaster Bud Statz
- 4. Post 854 Fremont Quartermaster Marty Kotik
- 3. Post 2704 Omaha Quartermaster Larry Gerlt
- 2. Post 7722 Lincoln Quartermaster Merle Thompson

Captain: Post 3755 Ogallala Quartermaster Timmy Hudson

Cliff Polk Memorial Annual Award presented to the top post in membership.

The winner: VFW Post 3755 in Ogallala - Commander Gary E Bush Sr.

<u>Charles G. Klingman Memorial Annual Award</u> presented annually to the Post in the Department of Nebraska, which is judged as the best all - around Post.

The winner: VFW Post 3755 in Ogallala – Gary E Bush Sr. Commander

<u>Voice of Democracy:</u> National Certificates and state certificates were presented by State Chairman John Jossi to District Commanders.

<u>Patriot Pen:</u> National Certificates and state certificates were presented by State Chairman John Iossi to District Commanders.

**Blood Program:** Certificates were presented to District Commanders for distribution.

<u>Color Guard</u>: Commander Bush presented the awards with the assistance of Sgt-At-Arms Chuck Roberts.

Certificates for record of participation were presented to District Commanders for distribution.

#### Awards: Color Guard Division #1: (0 - 250)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Certificate and \$50.00 VFW POST 4996, Location: Bloomfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Certificate and \$75.00 VFW POST 5537, Location: Heartwell

1st Place: Certificate and \$ 100.00 VFW POST 854, Location: Fremont

#### Awards: Color Guard Division #2: (251 and up)

3rd Place: Certificate and \$50.00 VFW POST 1644, Location: Norfolk

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Certificate and \$75.00 VFW POST 131; Location: Lincoln

1st Place: Certificate and \$ 100.00 VFW POST 2503; Location: Omaha

Commander Bush and made 1st and 2nd call for nominations.

State Commander: Joe Smith nominated

State Sr Vice Commander: Danny Kramer nominated State Jr Vice Commander: Jerry Chopek nominated Department Quartermaster: John Liebsack nominated

State Chaplain: Gerald Ludwig nominated State Judge Advocate: Mike Dunn nominated

State Surgeon: Ken Yount and Dionne Gorji nominated

3-Year Budget Advisory Committee: Jim Pierce nominated

- 3 Year Convention Corporation: Larry Gerlt and Bernie Brosnihan nominated
- 4 Year National Council: Larry Gerlt and Roger Broeker nominated

Final call for nominations will be Sunday at 1:00 p.m. End of Saturday's business session.

Commander Bush announced no host cocktail party at 6:00 P.M. followed by the banquet at 7:00 P.M. and at that time the recognition of the State's Teacher Citizenship awards.

#### Sunday, June 9, 2019

9:00 A.M. Commander Bush called the meeting to order.

Commander Bush called for the National General Resolutions/By-Laws Chairman Roger Broeker to report. Roger Broeker moved to accept resolutions 401 through 419. Dick Morrison seconded, motion passed.

The following Nationally approved change to the State by-laws was presented **ARTICLE III** 

#### **SECTION 5**

- a) The Department shall elect the following officers: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, and Chaplain.
- b) The Department Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Inspector, Chief of Staff and a Service Officer.
- c) The Department Commander may appoint such chairmen and committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Department or as may be required by Department bylaws.
- d) All salaried employees shall be appointed by the Department Commander subject to the approval of the majority vote of the Department Council of Administration.
- e) A Budget Advisory Committee of three (3) members shall be elected at the Department Convention for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years and thereafter one member elected annually for a three (3) year term.

A motion was made by Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith to approve, seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer, motion passed.

Service Resolution Committee Chairman Bernie Brosnihan reported. A motion was made to approve service resolutions 601 through 628 by Bernie Brosnihan, seconded by Joe Smith and motion carried unanimously.

Credential Committee report by Chairman Larry Gerlt.

Commander Bush called on Convention Corporation for report.

Motion was made to go to Ramada in Kearney for 2022 and 2023 State Conventions by District 13 Commander Jim Lutz. Seconded by District 11 Commander Ken Yount, motion carried. After a discussion, Dick Morrison made a motion to go out 6 years for State Convention meeting location. District 10 Commander Chris Beaty seconded, motion passed.

Poppy Display Awards: Dale Wittrock

Category I - Public Promotion of Buddy Poppy Sales 2nd Place - Post & Aux. 759 Kearney \$50.00 1st Place - Post & Aux. 7998 Lyons \$75.00 Category II - Memorial or Inspirational Display.
2nd Place - Post & Aux. 5289 Pawnee City \$50.00
1st Place - Post & Aux. 247 Omaha \$75.00

Category III - Artistic or Decorative Use of Buddy Poppies. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Post & Aux. 8223 North Bend \$50.00 1st Place - Post & Aux. 1347 Grand Island \$75.00

Chaplain Ludwig closed the Bible, Commander Bush dismissed for lunch.

Sunday afternoon session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The 6 winners of the VFW raffle drawing were chosen: The Branson trip-Clay Nelson; \$500.00-Brittany Jacobsen; Lynn Kolbert-\$400.00; Ken Yount-\$300.00; Doug McAuliff-\$200.00 and Leddie Rodriguez-\$100.00.

Commander Bush instructed Chairman Baker of the voting tally committee, Medicine Flower Blue Star and John Iossi to set up.

Commander Bush resumed the meeting. He announced that:

No one will be allowed to enter during the voting. No one will enter during elections. If you leave, you will not be allowed to return. Guard to close the door and allow no one to enter. Final call for nominations proceeded. Adjutant Liebsack will do the roll call of posts when necessary and the committee will prepare for this.

Commander Bush called for third and final call for nominations for:

State Commander: (Joe Smith). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Joe Smith for State Commander was made by Dave Beran, second by Dionne Gorji, motion carried unanimously. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Joe Smith for State Commander.

State Sr. Vice Commander: (Dan Kramer). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Dan Kramer for State Sr. Vice Commander was made by Gary Steckelberg, second by Dave Beran, motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Dan Kramer for Sr. Vice Commander.

State Jr. Vice Commander: (Jerry Chlopek). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Chlopek for State Jr. Vice Commander was made by Dave Beran, second by Larry Gerlt, motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Chlopek for State Jr. Vice Commander.

**Department Quartermaster**: (John Liebsack). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for John Liebsack for State QM by Larry Gerlt, seconded by Dionne Gorji, motion passed. Chief of Staff Bernie Brosnihan cast one unanimous ballot for John Liebsack for State Quartermaster.

State Chaplain: (Jerry Ludwig). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Ludwig for State Chaplain by Joe Smith, seconded by Chris Beaty, motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Ludwig for State Chaplain.

State Judge Advocate: (Mike Dunn). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Mike Dunn for State Judge Advocate by Gary Steckelberg, second by Justin Brand, motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Mike Dunn for State Judge Advocate.

State Surgeon: (Ken Yount/Dionne Gorji). Dave Beran made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Jim Lutz. Dionne Gorji was elected.

- 3-Year Budget Advisory Committee: (Jim Pierce). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Pierce was made by Roger Broeker, seconded by Ron Hild, motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Pierce.
- 3 Year Convention Corporation: (Larry Gerlt/Bernie Brosnihan). Dave Beran made a motion to close nominations for 3-Year Convention Corporation, second by Joe Smith. Motion passed. Bernie Brosnihan was elected.
- 4 Year Nebraska National Council: (Larry Gerlt/Roger Broeker). Joe Smith made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Dan Kramer, motion passed. Larry Gerlt was elected.

New Council of Administration to meet immediately after Installation.

Commander Bush called for any other business. There being none, Commander Bush adjourned the 98th State Convention of the Department of Nebraska, VFW in due form.

John R. Liebsack

State Adjutant & Quartermaster Department of Nebraska, VFW

This Date: <u>6-9-19</u>
June 9, 2019