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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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June 2018

30 Cut Off (For All Awards Fall Council Oct 5-6, 2018) All State Commander & QM/ Top Dist Cmdr

July 2018

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

4 Independence Day

15 Dist 10 mtg in Papillion Post 9675 to host at the Post at 2:00

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

21-25 National Convention Kansas City Mo

28 Aircraft Carrier get together in North Bend. Anyone who served on an Aircraft Carrier is invited. Contact Jerry Halladay 402-719-1014.



August 2018



**11 Council Meeting and August Training. Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street in Seward NE., 9am to 4pm
Auxiliary, same time and place.**

19 Dist 6 mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 will host at the Post at 2:00. Auxiliary same time and place.

September 2018

1 Bonds Due to Department

7 Annual Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars Golf Tournament 2018 (information enclosed)

October 2018

(T-2) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (July 1 to Sept 30)

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

31 Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher to Post Level



Homecoming in October Information:

Homecoming and Fall Council will be October 5th and 6th in Ogallala at Front Street Steakhouse.

The meal will be \$10.00 per person and will include hamburgers, brats, cowboy beans, chips and cobbler.

More information will follow.....



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

Company: _____
 Contact: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Eagle (\$1000.00)

- 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

Birdie (\$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

Par (\$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

Tee Box Sponsor (\$125.00)

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

Special 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 available. Here are a few examples: small monetary donations, flag prizes, raffle donations, lunch sponsor, and cart or hat sponsors. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Tournament is 7 Sept 2018 at Willow Lakes Golf Course, Bellevue, NE.

Mail with your check to: Checks payable to VFW Post 2280 (memo VFW Golf), (Checks due by 27 August 2018)

Joe Smith
 1416 Betz Rd
 Bellevue, NE 68005

List Players names on back of this form

ANNUAL NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

September 7, 2018 (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
FoodFlag Prizes**Door Prizes**

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

Mailing address: Joe Smith
1416 Betz Rd
Bellevue, NE 68005

Sign up early: Entry Deadline 27 AUG 2018

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)
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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 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Saturday June 9, 2018

97th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Friday

Commander Gerlt opened the VFW Nebraska 97th annual Convention business session with a call to order:

Commander Gerlt called for State Adjutant Liebsack to give a roll call of officers. Past State Commander Doug Whitaker was absent.

Commander Gerlt called for Parliamentarian Jim Pierce to read the rules of conduct of this convention. A motion was made by State Jr. Vice Commander Joe Smith to dispense with the reading of the rules. Seconded by State Sr. Vice Commander Gary E Bush Sr., motion passed.

Commander Gerlt introduced VFW National Representative Past National Commander Treadwell, Steve Van Bergen from the National Home for Children and Nebraska National Council Member John Iossi.

Greetings from other dignitaries: DAV Commander Mike Jackman, Nebraska Association of Professional Veterans Advocates Jeff Baker.

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: Dick Morrison Chairman.

Credentials: Sam DeJohn Chairman.

Convention Corporation: Chairman Dave Beran and Barry Caster.

Voting Tally Committee: Steven Youngberg Chairman, Gary Krause and Grove Dalton.

Chief of Staff Sam DeJohn reported posts ineligible to vote.

Recessed until 1:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Commander Gerlt for the joint opening of the VFW Nebraska 97th Annual State Convention.

Greetings from other dignitaries: District 10 Commander Chris Beaty, District 10 President Katlyn Abboud and the Mayor of Omaha Jean Stothert who addressed the group.

A letter was read for Don Bacon by Sr. Constituent Liaison Dean Mathison.

Commander Gerlt introduced Nebraska National Council member John Iossi and VFW National Representative Past Commander in Chief Tommy Treadwell.

Commander Gerlt introduced State Auxiliary President Carol Brosnihan, National VFW Auxiliary representative Past President Dixie Hild.

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

Commander Gerlt presented the Scout of the Year award: Jacob Sykora, entered by VFW Post 9675 in Papillion, Post Commander Ernest Garcia.

Commander Gerlt presented the emergency service awards:

Nebraska Law Officer: Antonio Espejo, entered by VFW Post 1581 Omaha NE, Post Commander Chris Leighter.

Nebraska EMT: Ashleigh Larson, entered by VFW Post 3755, Ogallala NE, Post Commander Gary E Bush Sr.

Nebraska Firefighter: Ted Minarick, entered by VFW Post 8223 North Bend NE, Post Commander Jerry Halladay.

VFW Nebraska Post Service Officer of the year was awarded to Joe Peters, nominated by VFW Post 3755 Ogallala, Commander Gary E Bush Sr.

State Volunteer Recognition: Jane Nelson, nominated by VFW Post 131 Lincoln, Post Commander Norman Anton.

Bob Kavan, nominated by VFW Post 8223 North Bend, Post Commander Jerry Halladay.

Deputy Director of Veterans Affairs John McNally introduced Governor Pete Ricketts who addressed the group.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS presented by Commander Gerlt and Chairman Danny Kramer.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: CERTIFICATE AND CHECK FROM DEPARTMENT

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

FIRST DISTRICT TO REPORT 100% IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

FIRST PLACE District 7 Cmdr Jerry Halladay, \$75.00 Check

SECOND PLACE District 6 Cmdr Steve Calkin, \$50.00 Check

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

Youth Scrapbook:

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

LOYALTY DAY & AMERICANISM ACTIVITIES presented by Commander Gerlt and Chairman Jerry Chlopek.

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

2nd 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 Carol Philbrick.

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

DIVISION I: 1 TO 100 MEMBERS

First Place - VFW Post & Aux 10042 \$75.00 Check / Certificate as well as National Certificate of Recognition.

DIVISION II: 101 TO 300 MEMBERS

First Place - VFW Post 1581 Omaha \$75.00 Check and Certificate

DIVISION III: 301 MEMBERS AND OVER

First Place – VFW Post 2704 Omaha \$75.00 Check and Certificate

Commander Gerlt presented Buddy Poppy pins to Chairman Dale Wittrock and Aux. Chair Carol Philbrick.

Commander Gerlt announced National certificates to be picked up for: Community Service – Dan Kramer; Buddy Poppy - Dale Wittrock; VOD, Youth, Patriot Pen, Teacher – John Iossi; Loyalty Day – Jerry Chlopek; Scouting – Larry Gerlt; Veterans & Family Support – Gayle Beran; VFW Auxiliary Scholarships – Kim Abboud; VFW Auxiliary Americanism – Eleanor Pacas; VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities – Katlyn Abboud; Outstanding Community Service Program Activities – VFW Post 1347; Outstanding VOD Program Activities – VFW Post 4755 Seward; Outstanding Patriot’s Pen Program Activities – VFW Post 4755 Seward; Outstanding Teacher Award Program Activities VFW Post 3755 Ogallala; Outstanding Scouting Chairman – Steven Youngberg, Shane Sutton, Greg Larson, Jerry Halladay, Pat Stanocheck, John Henry-Pearcy, Jim Jensen, Ryan Smith, Russell Ethridge and Gary E Bush Sr and VFW National Military Services Silver Level of Recognition VFW Department of Nebraska – Larry Gerlt Commander.

Joint session was recessed to reconvene business meeting at 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Commander Gerlt resumed the business meeting and introduced the VFW State Service Officer Matt Starkey and from the VA Hospital Dave Conrad.

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

The winner: VFW Post 2704 in Omaha - Commander Matthew Whitaker.

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

The winner: VFW Post 3606 Lincoln – Earl Motschenbacher Commander

Voice of Democracy: National Certificates and state certificates were presented by State Chairman John Iossi to District Commanders.

Patriot Pen: 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 by program chairman Jerry Chlopek.

Color Guard : Commander Gerlt presented the awards with the assistance of Sgt-At-Arms Sharon Cooper.

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

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

3rd Place: Certificate and \$50.00 VFW POST 5537, Location: Heartwell

2nd Place: Certificate and \$ 75.00 VFW POST 4996, Location: Bloomfield

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

2nd Place: Certificate and \$75.00 VFW POST 1346; Location: Hastings

1st Place: Certificate and \$ 100.00 VFW POST 1347; Location: Grand Island

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

State Commander: Gary E Bush Sr. nominated

State Sr Vice Commander: Joe Smith nominated

State Jr Vice Commander: Danny Kramer nominated

Department Quartermaster: John Liebsack nominated

State Chaplain: Gerald Ludwig nominated

State Judge Advocate: Jerry Chlopek nominated

State Surgeon: Mike Dunn and Ron Sibal nominated

3-Year Budget Advisory Committee: Sam DeJohn nominated

3 - Year Convention Corporation: Dave Beran nominated
1 - Year Convention Corporation: Larry Gerlt and Bernie Brosnihan nominated

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

Sunday, June 10, 2018

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

Commander Gerlt called on Convention Corporation for report. Dave Beran gave his report.

Credential Committee report by Chairman Sam DeJohn.

Commander Gerlt called for the National General Resolutions/By-Laws Chairman Dick Morrison to report. Dick Morrison moved to accept resolutions 401 through 419. Gary Krause seconded, motion passed. A motion to vote against removing Almighty God and from the rituals was made by Larry Gerlt and seconded by Joe Smith, motion approved.

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.

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. 2503 Omaha \$50.00

1st Place - Post & Aux. 1347 Grand Island \$75.00

Category III - Artistic or Decorative Use of Buddy Poppies.

2nd Place - Post & Aux. 8223 Pawnee City \$50.00

1st Place - Post & Aux. 8223 North Bend \$75.00

There was a discussion about having official VFW sports. Ron Packard moved to have state winners in the golf, darts, fishing and shootout. Dan Kramer seconded the motion and motion carried.

It was announced that the Grand Island Veterans Home was going to have a fireworks display. Mike Medina made a motion to contribute \$200.00 to the event. Grove Dalton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Sunday afternoon session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

Commander Gerlt instructed Chairman Youngberg of the voting tally committee, Gary Krause and Grove Dalton to set up.

Commander Gerlt 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.

Auxiliary President Carol Brosnihan and National Auxiliary Representative Dixie Hild brought greetings to the group

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

State Commander: (Gary E Bush Sr). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Gary E Bush Sr for State Commander was made by Danny Kramer, second by Joe Smith, motion carried unanimously. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Gary E Bush Sr for State Commander.

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

State Jr. Vice Commander: (Danny Kramer). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Danny Kramer for State Jr. Vice Commander was made by Gary Steckelberg, second by Roger Broecker, motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Danny Kramer for State Jr. Vice Commander.

State Judge Advocate: (Jerry Chlopek). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Chlopek for State Judge Advocate by Danny Kramer, second by Joe Smith, motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Chlopek for State Judge Advocate.

State Surgeon: (Mike Dunn/Ron Sibal). Mike Dunn was elected after Ron Sibal withdrew.

Department Quartermaster: (John Liebsack). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for John Liebsack for State QM by Sam DeJohn, seconded by Joe Smith, motion passed. Chief of Staff Sam DeJohn 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 Dionne Gorji, motion passed.

3-Year Budget Advisory Committee: (Sam DeJohn). Motion to cease nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Sam DeJohn was made by Dick Morrison, seconded by Dan Kramer, motion passed.

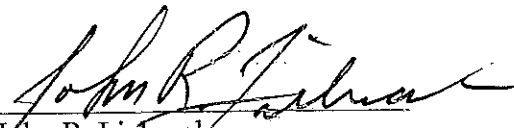
3 - Year Convention Corporation: (Dave Beran). Unopposed, Joe Smith made a motion to cast unanimous ballot for Dave Beran for 3-Year Convention Corporation, second by Roger Broeker. Motion passed. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Dave Beran.

1 – Year Convention Corporation: (Larry Gerlt/Bernie Brosnihan). Larry Gerlt was elected after Bernie Brosnihan withdrew.

Commander Gerlt 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.

New Council of Administration to meet immediately after Installation.

Commander Gerlt called for any other business. There being none, Commander Gerlt adjourned the 97th State Convention of the Department of Nebraska, VFW in due form.

Attest: 
John R. Liebsack
State Adjutant & Quartermaster
Department of Nebraska, VFW

This Date: 6/10/18
June 10, 2018

Department of Nebraska, VFW
Council Meeting
June 9th, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Saturday

Commander Gerlt opened the VFW Nebraska 97th annual Convention Council meeting with a call to order.

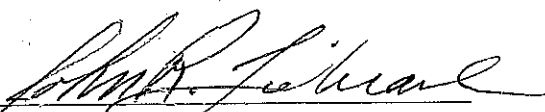
Commander Gerlt called on State Adjutant John Liebsack to give the roll call of officers. District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji was absent as was Past State Commander Doug Whitaker.

Motion was made to approve previous minutes as printed and mailed by State Judge Advocate Dan Kramer. Seconded by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, motion carried.

State Quartermaster John Liebsack presented 10 month budget report. Motion to approve by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, seconded by State Inspector Roger Broeker, motion passed.

The Council Meeting closed in due form.

This date: 6/9/18
June 9, 2018

Attest: 
John Liebsack, VFW NE Quartermaster

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
2018-2019 SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OMAHA, NEBRASKA - JUNE 10, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Commander Gary E Bush Sr.

Roll Call of Officers was taken. All were present.

Motion was made by Dan Kramer to approve the appointment of officers and committee chairmen. Seconded by Dionne Gorji. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dan Kramer to release the dues reserve. Seconded by Joe Smith. Motion passed.

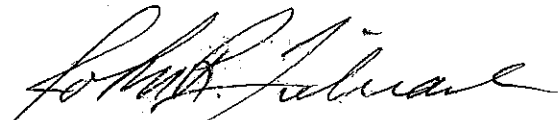
Motion was made by Larry Gerlt to approve the budget for 2018-2019. Seconded by Dione Gorji. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dan Kramer to authorize the Quartermaster to change the bank signature cards. Seconded by Jim Lutz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dan Kramer to approve the Department standard operating procedures and canteen rules for 2018-2019. Seconded by Jerry Chlopek. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was concluded at 4:00 p.m.

This date: June 10, 2018



Attest: John Liebsack, VFW Nebraska Quartermaster