

# VFW Nebraska Genmail

CALENDAR OF EVENTS As of 7-19-2019

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## July 2019

**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**

**8 Dist 7 Mtg in Tekamah Post 3304 to host at 1:30 lunch to follow. Auxiliary same time and place.**

**13 Annual Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars Golf Tournament 2019 (information form enclosed)**

**15 Dist 15 Mtg in Albion Post 736 to host at 1:30 for Reg. \$5.00, 2:00 for mtg lunch to follow. Auxiliary same time and place.**

**29 Dist 13 Mtg in Red Cloud Post 5641 to host at the Community Center 142 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. at 2:00, snack to follow. Auxiliary same time and place.**



## October 2019

**(T-2) Trustee Quarterly Report to Department (July1 to Sept 30)**

**3 Dist 3 Mtg in Bloomfield Post 4996 to host at 12:00 for Reg. \$5.00**

**11-12 Homecoming and Fall Council**

**13 Dist 10 Mtg at 2:00 Location TBD**

**18-20 Big 10 Conference Doubletree by Hilton (information enclosed)**

**20 Dist 3 Mtg in Bloomfield Post 4996 to host at 12:00 for Reg. \$5.00 Lunch at 1:00 mtg to follow. Auxiliary same time and place.**

**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!**

Homecoming and Fall Council will be held in Norfolk, NE. at the Diviots Center on  
October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. .....More information will follow.....



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA**



**Big 10 Conference**



**October 18-20, 2019**

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON  
OMAHA DOWNTOWN  
1616 DODGE STREET**

**402-346-7600 CODE: VFW**

Please call direct to make your reservation:

Make sure and ask for the VFW/Big Ten Conference block

The room rate is \$119.00 Plus tax

Airport shuttle

Accessibility is amazing

Pool

Fitness Center

Lounge and Restaurant

Gift shop

Local area transportation

**Reservation cutoff date is September 16th, 2019**



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**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](mailto:jodys@vfwne.org)**

**Deadline for ads is September 13th.**

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





# Big 10 Conference

## October 18-20, 2019



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'oeuvres

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Aux (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Department of NE Veterans of Foreign Wars  
PO Box 4552; Lincoln, NE 68504

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA  
2019-2020 SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA - JUNE 9, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Commander Joe Smith.

Roll Call of Officers was taken.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the rules by Gary E Bush Sr. Seconded by Dan Kramer, motion approved.

Motion was made by Dan Kramer to approve the appointment of officers and committee chairmen. Seconded by Steve Calkin, motion passed.

Motion was made by Dionne Gorji to approve the budget for 2019-2020. Seconded by Chris Beaty. Motion passed unanimously.

Department standard operating procedures had additions #22 and #23, motion to approve by Dan Kramer and seconded by Steve Calkin. An alternative allowing 1 signature if checks are approved by the Commander prior to distribution was presented. The amendment to approve was made by Dan Kramer, seconded by Steve Calkin, amendment passed. Motion was approved as amended.

Motion was made by Dionne Gorji to approve canteen rules for 2019-2020. Seconded by Dan Kramer. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Jeff Baker made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Irreverent Warriors. Seconded by Steve Calkin, motion passed.

Meeting was concluded at 4:00 p.m.

This date: June 9, 2019

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Liebsack".

Attest: John Liebsack, VFW Nebraska Quartermaster

Department of Nebraska, VFW  
Council Meeting  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Saturday

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


Commander Bush called on State Adjutant John Liebsack to give the 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 Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith to excuse all three officers. Seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer, motion passed.

Motion was made to approve previous minutes as printed and mailed by State Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith. Seconded by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, motion carried.

State Quartermaster John Liebsack presented 11 month budget report. Motion to approve by District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji, seconded by District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay, motion passed.

The Council Meeting closed in due form.

This date: 6-8-19  
June 8, 2019

Attest:   
John Liebsack, VFW NE Quartermaster

Department of Nebraska  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
2019-2020  
General Orders #1

1. Having been elected and installed as the Commander of the Department of Nebraska, Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Annual Convention held in Omaha, Nebraska. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, I hereby assume command.

2. All Previous appointments having expired are hereby null and void.

3. The following officers elected or appointed and installed:

<b>Department Commander: Joe Smith</b>	2280
1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005	402-661-9875
<b>Sr. Vice Commander: Dan Kramer</b>	8258
PO Box 53, Stapleton NE 69163	308-636-8359
<b>Jr. Vice Commander: Jerry Chlopek</b>	3704
3075 39 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Columbus NE 68601	402-910-6687
<b>Quartermaster: John Liebsack</b>	1581
PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	402- 464-0674
<b>Judge Advocate: Mike Dunn</b>	5539
355 N Dakota St, Superior NE 68978	402-879-5297
<b>Surgeon: Dionne Gorji</b>	10648
4201 West Bluestem Rd, Martell NE 68404	402-580-1731
<b>Chaplain: Gerald Ludwig</b>	7998
10533 N 152 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, Bennington NE 68007	402 498-2735
<b>Past State Commander: Gary E. Bush Sr.</b>	3755
P.O. Box 213, Ogallala NE 69153	308-284-0816
<b>Adjutant: John Liebsack</b>	1581
PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	402- 464-0674
<b>Chief of Staff: Bernie Brosnihan</b>	10727
3121 Monroe St, Omaha NE 68107	402- 514-7377
<b>Inspector: Roger Broeker</b>	1504
216 East Walnut St, Maywood NE 69038	308-362-4995
<b>Parliamentarian: James" Jim" Pierce</b>	5547
150 Oak St, Syracuse NE 68446	402-269-5108
<b>3 Year Budget Advisory Committee Member: James" Jim" Pierce</b>	5547
150 Oak St, Syracuse NE 68446	402-269-5108
<b>3 Year Convention Corporation Member: Bernie Brosnihan</b>	10727
3121 Monroe St, Omaha NE 68107	402- 514-7377

**Service Officer:** Matt Starkey  
1224 Aberdeen Ave, Lincoln NE 68512

1077  
402- 429-6389

**District Commanders**

<b>District 1 Commander:</b> Thomas Arends	1681
1035 11th St, Gering NE 69341	308-631-1198
<b>District 3 Commander:</b> Steve Pojar	1151
302 N 5th St, Plainview NE 68769	402-582-4514
<b>District 4 Commander:</b> Gary E. Bush Sr.	3755
P.O. Box 213, Ogallala NE 69153	308-284-0816
<b>District 6 Commander:</b> Steve Calkin	1077
102 Mulberry, Beatrice NE 68310	402-239-9429
<b>District 7 Commander:</b> Jerome Halladay	8223
2249 Pathfinder Dr, Fremont NE 68025	402-652.3397
<b>District 9 Commander:</b> Jeff Baker	4755
320 S B St, Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
<b>10 Commander:</b> Chris Beaty	9675
4403 Amos Gate Dr, Bellevue NE 68123	402-968-8942
<b>District 11 Commander:</b> Rex Gallino	5138
96262 Nollett Rd, Valentine NE 69201-1757	402-322-9121
<b>District 13 Commander:</b> James Lutz	759
1311 11 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Kearney NE 68845	308-293-3636
<b>District 15 Commander:</b> Don Eckstein	4836
509 Elk St, Schuyler NE 68661	402-352-3573

4. The following comrades are appointed as Committee Chairmen:

<b>Americanism/Loyalty Day:</b> Dionne Gorji	10648
4201 West Bluestem Rd, Martell NE 68404	402-580-1731
<b>Blood &amp; Insurance:</b> Dionne Gorji	10648
4201 West Bluestem Rd, Martell NE 68404	402-580-1731
<b>Buddy Poppy:</b> Dale Wittrock	10579
PO Box 216, Davenport NE 68335	402-364-2585
<b>By-Laws &amp; Ritual/Community Activities:</b> Mike Dunn	5539
355 N Dakota St, Superior NE 68978	402-879-5297
<b>Editor:</b> John Liebsack	1581
PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	402-661-0674
<b>Hospital Chairman:</b> Mike Medina	3113
1116 3 <sup>rd</sup> St, Fairbury NE 68352	402-300-0971
<b>Legislative Chairman:</b> Jeff Baker	4755
320 B St, Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
<b>Membership:</b> Gerald Ludwig	7998
10533 N 152 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, Bennington NE 68007	402 498-2735



Gary Steckelberg	10535
14158 County Road 3, Nickerson NE 68044	402-654-2296
<b>Military Service Committee (MAPS, UNMET Needs):</b> Jeff Baker	4755
320 S B St, Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
<b>National Home:</b> Jerry Chlopek	3704
3075 39 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Columbus NE 68601	402-910-6687
<b>Photography:</b> Dan Petersen	131
3521 N 72 <sup>nd</sup> St, Lincoln NE 68507	402-770-0856
<b>Publicity:</b> Marty Riemenschneider	1581
16282 Manderson St, Omaha NE 68116	402-960-5291
<b>POW/MIA:</b> Gary E Bush Sr	3755
PO Box 213, Ogallala NE 69153	308-284-0816
<b>Scholarship Chairman:</b> Jerry Chlopek	3704
3075-39 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Columbus NE 68601	402-564-6442
<b>Scouts:</b> Gary E Bush Sr	3755
PO Box 213, Ogallala NE 69153	308-284-0816
<b>Veterans Home Board:</b> John Liebsack	1581
PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	402-464-0674
<b>Veterans Home Board:</b> Joe Smith	2280
1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005	402-661-9875
<b>Veterans Volunteer (Vv):</b> Kenneth Yount	5820
910 Verona Ave, Ravenna NE 68869	308-455-0438
<b>VFW NE Riders/Sports:</b> Ron Packard	10648
405 Lincoln Ave, Cortland NE 68331	402-890-0333
<b>VOD/Youth/Patriot Pen/Teacher:</b> John L. Iossi	3704
2766 Pershing Rd, Columbus NE 68601	402-720-0098
<b>Women's Veterans Advocate:</b> Anne G. Ream	2280
12718 S. 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Bellevue NE 68123	402-312-5534

#### 5. Budget Advisory Committee

<b>1 Year:</b> Ron Hild	8334
6618 S 147 St, Omaha NE 68137	402-895-2630
<b>2 Year:</b> Sam DeJohn	8334
15322 "R" St, Omaha NE 68137	402-515-8386
<b>3 Year:</b> James "Jim" Pierce	5547
150 Oak St, Syracuse NE 68446	402-269-5108

#### 6. Convention Corporation

<b>1 Year Member:</b> Barry Caster	8334
1623 N. 105 <sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha NE 68114	402-496-7567

<b>2 Year Member:</b> Dave Beran	1504
1220 Eugene, North Platte NE 69101	308-650-9230
<b>3 Year Member:</b> Bernie Brosnihan	10727
3121 Monroe St, Omaha NE 68107	402- 514-7377

7. The following are appointed as the State Color Guard

<b>Sgt at Arms:</b> Anne G. Ream	2280
12718 S. 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Bellevue NE 68123	402-312-5534
<b>Color Guard:</b> Judy Mulligan	10727
14501 S 17 <sup>th</sup> St, Bellevue NE 68123	402-312-1443
<b>Color Guard:</b> Cathy Winegarden	1346
1620 E Idlewilde Rd, Hastings NE 68901	402-460-8028
<b>Color Guard:</b> Medicine-Flower Blue Star	1581
16615 France St, Omaha NE 68130	619-518-5951

8. The following are reappointed as **VAVS Representatives and Deputy**

<b>Cheyenne VAMC:</b> Thomas Arends	1681
1035 11 <sup>th</sup> St, Gering NE 69341	308-631-1198
<b>Grand Island VAMC:</b> Dennis Niemann	1347
2936 Rose Lawn Dr, Grand Island NE 68801	308-384-8685
<b>Hot Springs VAMC:</b> Thomas Krotz	5639
6652 – 370 Trl, Rushville NE 69337	308-327-2063
<b>Hot Springs VAMC (Deputy):</b> Benny L. Martin	1375
223 N Chadron Ave, Chadron NE 69337	308-432-8426
<b>Lincoln VAMC:</b> Dan Petersen	131
1111 S 70 <sup>th</sup> Apt 337, Lincoln NE 68510	402-770-0856
<b>Omaha VAMC:</b> Wayne Cox	2503
5024 N 42 <sup>nd</sup> St, Omaha NE 68111	402-669-8410
<b>Omaha VAMC (Deputy):</b> Frank Durham	2704
4227 O St, Omaha NE 68117	402-669-8410
<b>Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home-Bellevue:</b> Joe Smith	2280
1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005	402-661-9875
<b>Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home (Deputy):</b> Ann Thieman	1581
4716 Seward St, Bellevue NE 68123	402-639-5075
<b>Central NE Veterans Home:</b> John Kruse	759
3111 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Kearney NE 68845	308-234-3678
<b>Central NE Veterans Home (Deputy):</b> James Lutz	759
1311 11 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Kearney NE 68845-6543	308-293-3636
<b>Norfolk Veterans Home:</b> John J Barbaglia	3704
3483 21 <sup>st</sup> St, Columbus NE 68601	402-563-1462
<b>Norfolk Veterans Home (Deputy):</b> Raymond Stroszick	3704
2163 NW Calle Columbo St, Columbus NE 68601	402-564-2901
<b>Western Nebraska Veterans Home:</b> Willard R. Loose	1681

2107 Avenue O, Scottsbluff NE 69361	308-635-3482
<b>Western Nebraska Veterans Home (Deputy):</b> Ray Elwood	1681
4412 Cottonwood Ave, Scottsbluff NE 69361	308-220-4167

**9. National Appointments**

<b>National Programs:</b> John L. Iossi	3704
2766 Pershing Rd, Columbus NE 68601	402-720-0098
<b>National NMS/MAP:</b> Jeff Baker	4755
320 B St; Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
<b>Nebraska Council Member (NDCM):</b> Larry Gerlt	2704
8510 Monroe Street, Ralston NE 68127	402-618-2731
<b>National Legislative:</b> Richard Morrison	8334
5507 S. 170 <sup>th</sup> St, Omaha NE 68135	402-681-4251
<b>Certified National Recruiter:</b> Larry Gerlt	2704
8510 Monroe Street, Ralston NE 68127	402-618-2731
<b>Certified National Recruiter:</b> James "Jim" Pierce	5547
150 Oak St, Syracuse NE 68446	402-269-5108

10. ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS ARE REMINDED THAT NOTICE of District Meetings should be at Department Headquarters at least 30 days prior to meeting date so that the representative requested can be scheduled, if possible; and all requests for Department Representatives at any post or district function must be made through Department Headquarters.

11. All checks payable to Department Headquarters should be made payable to: VFW Department of Nebraska, not an individual.

12. Please mail any change of address or email to Department Headquarters, 2431 N. 48<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68504 or email to [johnl@vfwne.org](mailto:johnl@vfwne.org) so our records can be corrected, changed and sent to National Headquarters.

13. Post Quartermasters are urged to make sure that all money due Department Headquarters is paid currently.

14. All posts are expected and mandated by the National Constitution and By-Laws to audit the post books every three months; June 30, September 30, December 31, and March 31. The audit reports are due prior to the 30th of the following month.

15. All Post and District Commanders are urged to appoint their key Chairmen as soon as possible, if not done at this time, and notify Department Headquarters, as many District Chairmen may be on Department Committees and possibly Post Chairmen may be on District Committees.



16. **All Post Commanders and District Commanders** are urged and requested to keep the records pertaining to them. The All-State and All-American Post "20 Questions" found in the State Program book, needs to be returned to Department by November 1, 2019 (for 10 Points) or by January 16, 2020 (for 5 points) towards the white hat awards.

17. All Posts are reminded that they must register at least one member for the National Convention, according to National By-Laws (Section 222 /d). Cost \$25.00 prior to National Convention. Failure to comply may result in suspension of Post charter by National VFW Commander according to National By-Laws (Section 211).

18. All Posts requesting speakers or representatives must request them through the Department 30 days in advance of such occasion, in order to avoid confusion of Representative assignments.

19. Membership: When dues are paid at the Post, Quartermasters must ensure that **\$34.00** of the dues money is sent to National and National will forward Department dues to the Department.

20. Attention of Post Commander to Section 218/k of the Manual of Procedure which states, "the Commander or their representative shall attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings. Failure without just cause to perform this duty may result in removal from office."

21. VFW Posts operating clubs or canteens are hereby notified that operation of such clubs or canteens will be closed during regular or special Post meetings and that no alcoholic beverages will be allowed during any meetings of any type in the meeting room, be it Post, District, or Department meeting.

22. Attention is directed to the Budget Advisory Committee. The Chairman shall be the one-year member and the 2019-2020 Chairman is Rolland Hild.

23. The Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee shall notify the Department Commander, Department Quartermaster and other Budget Advisory Committee members of dates that are set for the meetings.

24. Officer Proof of Eligibility Requirements: All Posts and Districts are reminded that in accordance with the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to respective Adjutant for review and filing.

25. National By-Laws provides for only one type of membership: **active membership**. There are no provisions in the National By-Laws nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the

Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting nonmembers to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW By-Laws or Manual of Procedure.

26. The attention of all units is called to Section 1101 of the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which provides for the formation and control of the Auxiliary. This section provides that the Auxiliary shall be under the control of the corresponding unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars but shall be permitted to function in accordance with the National, and Department By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Auxiliary.

In addition to provisions of Auxiliary By-laws, solicitation of funds or donations to auxiliary units, including contracts with fund-raising organizations for greeting cards, calendars and/or label programs shall be subject to approval and ratification by the governing body of the corresponding unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

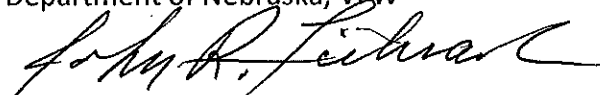
27. Only the official hat of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be worn at Post, District, and Department meetings. All others shall be removed during official meetings.

28. All Commanders are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure - Control of Units, requires that any activity, unit or club sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department and that all money, property or assets of any kind must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. All Commanders should ensure that all provisions of Section 709 are enforced.

By order of:

Joseph Smith, Commander  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Department of Nebraska, VFW

Attest:

  
John R. Liebsack, Adjutant/Quartermaster  
Department of Nebraska, VFW  
June 9, 2019