

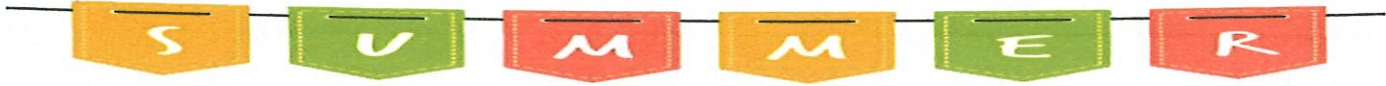
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July 2020

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

4 Independence Day

16 Jody's Birthday



August 2020

8 Council Meeting and August Training. Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street Seward, NE

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

September 2020

1 Bonds Due to Department

4 Annual Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars Golf Tournament

27 Dist 7 Mtg in Wisner Post 5767 to host at 1:30, noon lunch. Auxiliary same time and place.

October 2020

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

2-3 Fall Council & Homecoming (information to follow next month)

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

31 Halloween



ANNUAL NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2020

September 4, 2020 (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 26 Aug 2020

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)

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
2020-2021 SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEWARD, NEBRASKA - JUNE 20, 2020**

Meeting was called to order by Commander Danny Kramer.

Roll Call of Officers was taken. All were present except District 1 Commander Tom Arends.

Motion was made by Cathy Winegarden to approve the car stickers. Seconded by Steve Calkin and motion carried.

Motion was made by Joe Smith to approve the appointment of officers and committee chairmen. Seconded by Matt Whitaker. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by John Liebsack to approve the budget for 2020-2021. Seconded by Joe Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Joe Smith to approve the Department standard operating procedures and canteen rules for 2020-2021. Seconded by Steve Calkin. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Joe Smith to authorize the Quartermaster to change the bank signature cards and other documents including authority for loans. Seconded by Steve Calkin. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was concluded.

This date: June 20, 2020

 7-2-20

Attest: John Liebsack, VFW Nebraska Quartermaster

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Saturday June 20, 2020

99th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

9:30 a.m.

Commander Smith opened the VFW Nebraska 99th annual Convention business session with a call to order.

Commander Smith called for State Adjutant Liebsack to give a roll call of officers. State Surgeon Dionne Gorji and District 1 Commander Tom Arends were absent. Sr. Vice Commanders for Districts 3 Tom Nelson and 7 Cheryl Feala were present for the absent Commanders Steve Pojar and Jerry Halladay.

Commander Smith presented awards.

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

The winner: VFW Post 1581 in Omaha – Commander Chris Leighter

Charles G. Klingman Memorial Annual Award presented annually to the Post in the Department which is judged as the best all – around post.

The winner: VFW Post 2280 in Bellevue – Commander Jeffrey Fox

75 year certificates from National:

VFW Post 3704 in Columbus and VFW Post 1346 in Hastings.

The following were appointed to the **Voting Tally Committee**: Dale Wittrock, Judy Mulligan and Medicine Flower Blue Star.

Commander Smith made call for nominations.

State Commander: Dan Kramer nominated, Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Dan Kramer.

State Sr. Vice Commander: Jerry Chlopek nominated, Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Chlopek.

State Jr. Vice Commander: Jeff Baker nominated, Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Jeff Baker.

Department Quartermaster: John Liebsack nominated, Chief of Staff Bernie Brosnihan cast one unanimous ballot for John Liebsack.

State Chaplain: Jerry Ludwig nominated, Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Jerry Ludwig.

State Judge Advocate: Chris Beaty and Ken Yount nominated, Chris Beaty was elected. Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Chris Beaty.

State Surgeon: Ken Yount nominated, Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Ken Yount.

3 – Year Budget advisory Committee: Joe Smith was nominated, Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Joe Smith.

3 – Year Convention Corporation: Barry Caster was nominated, Adjutant Liebsack cast one unanimous ballot for Barry Caster.

New Council of Administration to meet immediately after Installation.

Commander Smith called for any other business. There being none, Commander Smith adjourned the 99th State Convention of the Department of Nebraska VFW in due form.

Attest:


John R. Liebsack

State Adjutant & Quartermaster
Department of Nebraska, VFW

This Date: 7-2-20

June 20, 2020

Department of Nebraska
Veterans of Foreign Wars
2020-2021
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 20th, 2020, I hereby assume command.
2. All Previous appointments having expired are hereby null and void.
3. The following officers elected or appointed and installed:

Department Commander: Dan Kramer	8258
PO Box 53, Stapleton NE 69163	308-636-8359
Sr. Vice Commander: Jerry Chlopek	3704
3075 39 th Ave, Columbus NE 68601	402-910-6687
Jr. Vice Commander: Jeff Baker	4755
320 S B St, Box 67 Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
Quartermaster: John Liebsack	1581
PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	402- 464-0674
Judge Advocate: Chris Beaty	9675
4403 Amos Gate Dr, Bellevue NE 68123	402-968-8942
Surgeon: Ken Yount	5820
910 Verona Ave, Ravenna NE 68869	308-455-0438
Chaplain: Gerald Ludwig	7998
10533 N 152 nd Ave, Bennington NE 68007	402 498-2735
Past State Commander: Joe Smith	2280
1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005	402-661-9875
Adjutant: John Liebsack	1581
PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	402- 464-0674
Chief of Staff: Roger Broeker	1504
216 East Walnut St, Maywood NE 69038	308-362-4995
Inspector: Roger Broeker	1504
216 East Walnut St, Maywood NE 69038	308-362-4995
Parliamentarian: James" Jim" Pierce	5547
150 Oak St, Syracuse NE 68446	402-269-5108
3 Year Budget Advisory Committee Member: Joe Smith	2280
1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005	402-661-9875
3 Year Convention Corporation Member: Barry Caster	8334
1623 N. 105 th Street, Omaha NE 68114	402-496-7567

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

1077
402- 429-6389

District Commanders

District 1 Commander: Thomas Arends 1035 11th St, Gering NE 69341	1681 308-631-1198
District 3 Commander: Thomas Nelson 308 S Pine St, Tilden NE 68781-8000	7603 402-640-4129
District 4 Commander: Gary E. Bush Sr. P.O. Box 213, Ogallala NE 69153	3755 308-284-0816
District 6 Commander: Steve Calkin 102 Mulberry, Beatrice NE 68310	1077 402-239-9429
District 7 Commander: Jerome Halladay 2249 Pathfinder Dr, Fremont NE 68025	8223 402-652.3397
District 9 Commander: David Wieting 210 West 9 th St, Cortland NE 68331	10648 402-217-3973
District 10 Commander: Matthew T Whitaker 6618 S 87 th St, Omaha NE 68127	2704 402-686-9803
District 11 Commander: Rex Gallino 90262 Nollett Rd, Valentine NE 69201-1757	5138 402-322-9121
District 13 Commander: Cathy Winegarden 603 Lane D, Hastings NE 68901-6626	1346 402-460-8028
District 15 Commander: Don Eckstein 509 Elk St, Schuyler NE 68661-2450	4836 402-352-3573

4. The following comrades are appointed as Committee Chairmen:

Americanism/Loyalty Day: Chris Beaty 4403 Amos Gate Dr, Bellevue NE 68123	9675 402-968-8942
Blood & Insurance: Ken Yount 910 Verona Ave, Ravenna NE 68869	5820 308-455-0438
Buddy Poppy: Dale Wittrock PO Box 216, Davenport NE 68335	10579 402-364-2585
By-Laws & Ritual/Community Activities: Chris Beaty 4403 Amos Gate Dr, Bellevue NE 68123	9675 402-968-8942
Editor: John Liebsack PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	1581 402-661-0674
Hospital Chairman: Gary Steckelberg 14158 County Road 3, Nickerson NE 68044	10535 402-654-2296
Legislative Chairman: Jim Lutz 1311 11 th Ave, Kearney NE 68845	759 308-293-3636
Membership: Larry Gerlt 8510 Monroe Street, Ralston NE 68127	2704 402-618-2731

Military Service Committee (MAPS, UNMET Needs): Jeff Baker	4755
320 S B St, Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
National Home: Jeff Baker	4755
320 S B St, Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
Photography: Larry Cushing	10725
20108 Cornhusker Rd, Gretna NE 68028-3707	402-332-2606
Public Relations: Marty Riemenschneider	1581
16282 Manderson St, Omaha NE 68116	402-960-5291
POW/MIA: Gary E Bush Sr	3755
PO Box 213, Ogallala NE 69153	308-284-0816
Scholarship Chairman: Jerry Chlopek	3704
3075-39 th Ave, Columbus NE 68601	402-564-6442
Scouts: Gary E Bush Sr	3755
PO Box 213, Ogallala NE 69153	308-284-0816
Veterans Home Board: John Liebsack	1581
PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504	402- 464-0674
Veterans Home Board: Joe Smith	2280
1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005	402-661-9875
Veterans Volunteer (Vv): Tony Anton	131
192 Pinedale Ave, Lincoln NE 68506-6519	402-304-8543
VFW NE Riders/Sports: Ron Packard	10648
405 Lincoln Ave, Cortland NE 68331	402-890-0333
VOD/Youth/Patriot Pen/Teacher: Ken Yount	5820
910 Verona Ave, Ravenna NE 68869	308-455-0438
Women Veterans Advocate: Anne G. Ream	2280
12718 S. 28 th Ave, Bellevue NE 68123	402-312-5534

5. Budget Advisory Committee

1 Year: Sam DeJohn	1581
15322 "R" St, Omaha NE 68137	402- 515-8386
2 Year: James" Jim" Pierce	5547
150 Oak St, Syracuse NE 68446	402-269-5108
3 Year: Joe Smith	2280
1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005	402-661-9875

6. Convention Corporation

1 Year Member: Dave Beran	1504
1220 Eugene, North Platte NE 69101	308-650-9230
2 Year Member: Bernie Brosnihan	10727
3121 Monroe St, Omaha NE 68107	402- 514-7377
3 Year Member: Barry Caster	8334
1623 N. 105 th Street, Omaha NE 68114	402-496-7567

7. The following are appointed as the State Color Guard
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| Sgt at Arms: Chuck Roberts | 3755 |
| 3020 West 4 th St, North Platte NE 69101 | 308-530-6667 |
| Color Guard: John Koperski | 3755 |
| 1140 Highland Dr, Ogallala NE 69153 | 308-284-6307 |
| Color Guard: Mike Moos | 3755 |
| 2500 Myrtle St, Sious City IA 51103 | 712-333-2328 |
| Color Guard: Darrel Munson | 3755 |
| 1240 Highland Dr, Ogallala NE 69153 | 308-289-6612 |
| Color Guard: John Van Velson | 3755 |
| 715 Cherry St, Brule NE 69127 | 308-289-1756 |
8. The following are reappointed as **VAVS Representatives and Deputy**
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| Cheyenne VAMC: Thomas Arends | 1681 |
| 1035 11 th St, Gering NE 69341 | 308-631-1198 |
| Grand Island VAMC: Dennis Niemann | 1347 |
| 2936 Rose Lawn Dr, Grand Island NE 68801 | 308-384-8685 |
| Hot Springs VAMC: Thomas Krotz | 5639 |
| 6652 – 370 Trl, Rushville NE 69337 | 308-327-2063 |
| Hot Springs VAMC (Deputy): Benny L. Martin | 1375 |
| 223 N Chadron Ave, Chadron NE 69337 | 308-432-8426 |
| Lincoln VAMC: Dan Petersen | 131 |
| 1111 S 70 th Apt 337, Lincoln NE 68510 | 402-770-0856 |
| Omaha VAMC: Frank Durham | 2704 |
| 4227 O St, Omaha NE 68117 | 402-669-8410 |
| Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home-Bellevue: Joe Smith | 2280 |
| 1416 Betz Rd, Bellevue NE 68005 | 402-661-9875 |
| Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home (Deputy): Ann Thieman | 1581 |
| 4716 Seward St, Bellevue NE 68123 | 402-639-5075 |
| Central NE Veterans Home: John Kruse | 759 |
| 3111 12 th Ave, Kearney NE 68845 | 308-234-3678 |
| Central NE Veterans Home (Deputy): James Lutz | 759 |
| 1311 11 th Ave, Kearney NE 68845-6543 | 308-293-3636 |
| Norfolk Veterans Home: John J Barbaglia | 3704 |
| 3483 21 st St, Columbus NE 68601 | 402-563-1462 |
| Norfolk Veterans Home (Deputy): Raymond Stroschik | 3704 |
| 2163 NW Calle Columbo St, Columbus NE 68601 | 402-564-2901 |
| Western Nebraska Veterans Home: Willard R. Loose | 1681 |
| 2107 Avenue O, Scottsbluff NE 69361 | 308-635-3482 |
| Western Nebraska Veterans Home (Deputy): Ray Elwood | 1681 |
| 4412 Cottonwood Ave, Scottsbluff NE 69361 | 308-220-4167 |

9. National Appointments

National Programs: Ken Yount	5820
910 Verona Ave, Ravenna NE 68869	308-455-0438
National NMS/MAP: Jeff Baker	4755
320 B St; Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
Nebraska Council Member (NDCM): Larry Gerlt	2704
8510 Monroe Street, Ralston NE 68127	402-618-2731
National Legislative: Jeff Baker	4755
320 B St; Box 67, Milford NE 68405	402-525-7937
Certified National Recruiter: Larry Gerlt	2704
8510 Monroe Street, Ralston NE 68127	402-618-2731
Certified National Recruiter: 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. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68504 or email to 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, 2020 (for 10 Points) or by January 16, 2021 (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 2020-2021 Chairman is Sam DeJohn.

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.

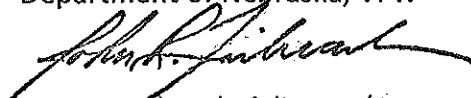
28. All Commanders are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure - Control of Units, requires that any activity, unit or club sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County 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:



Danny Kramer, Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Department of Nebraska, VFW

Attest:



John R. Liebsack, Adjutant/Quartermaster
Department of Nebraska, VFW
June 20, 2020