



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



Department of Nebraska Newsletter

August 2018



Patriotic Celebration

State Auxiliary President Linda Vogel, Terrie Stokes, Vicki Luebbe and State Commander Gary E Bush Sr. lead the Nebraska VFW and Auxiliary members in Kansas City during the Patriotic celebration on Tuesday at the National Convention. Sailor Jerri and Six-String Soldiers performed after the parade of Departments.

K.C. Welcomes 119th National Convention

On July 21st to the 25th, members from all of the Departments were in attendance to receive awards, attend business sessions and vote on organizational by-laws. Kansas City is home to the VFW's national headquarters and they welcomed more than 10,000 VFW and Auxiliary members. President Donald Trump addressed the group on Tuesday. On Monday, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Joe Dunford received the highest award. The Department received All-American Department under Past Commander Larry Gerlt. In total, the state earned 7 All American awards.



All American District Commanders

The Department had 4 All American District Commanders; District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay, District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji, District 10 Commander Chris Beaty and District 11 Commander Ken Yount. They are pictured below attending the business sessions and lining up to receive their awards.



Our own Dan Kramer, the 2017-2018 Supreme Commander for the Military Order of the Cootie, addressed the group.



Post 8223 in North Bend Commander Jerry Halladay and Post 1581 in Omaha Commander Chris Leighter made All American Post Commanders. The Outstanding Community Service Post for 2017-2018 was Post 1581 in Omaha. Pictured with the award is Post Quartermaster Steven Youngberg and Post Commander Chris Leighter.



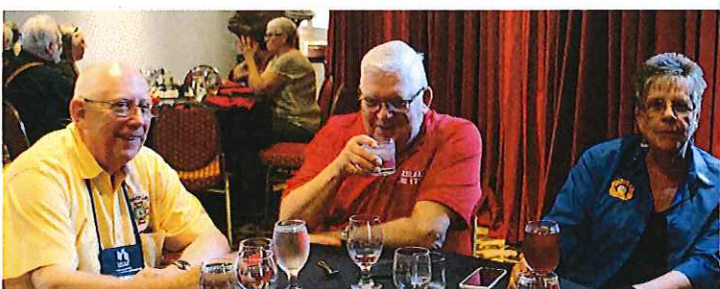
Also coming to town Sunday was country music legend Trace Adkins.





Nebraska Night at National Convention

Members of the Department VFW and Auxiliary had dinner on Monday night. It was an opportunity to socialize as well as discuss initiatives that affect Nebraska veterans and their families.





Korean War Veterans Honored

The Auxiliary to Post 5289 in Pawnee City partnered with the American Legion to present area veterans with a quilt for their service to our country. "Quilts for Pawnee County Veterans" had its' second quilt presentation on May 29th. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended and the celebration.



Carrier Get Together

VFW Post 8223 in North Bend hosted a gathering of individuals who served on an Aircraft Carrier. Post Commander Jerry Halladay organized the gathering for the second year.

National Memorial in Superior

The Remembering Our Fallen Tribute Towers arrived in Superior on Thursday the 12th of July. It was on display through the weekend. The memorial was designed to be a travelling memorial honoring our country's military Fallen from The War on Terror. It is a photographic memorial containing both military and personal photos.



HE'S ON WATCH.
SO ARE WE.



We always watch out for our own. And right now, our fellow veterans need us. Membership dues alone cover only 15% of the cost of VFW programs. With two wars and an aging veterans' population, demand is unprecedented. Please donate to your Department mailings. They're counting on us.

Photo: DoD

Pender Honors Past President

Gladys Prokop was honored at an Auxiliary social for her 28 years as President of the Lloyd E. Mc Laughlin VFW Auxiliary #6928. She was presented with a patriotic wall hanging and a check for \$100.00 on June 11th at the Veterans Room at the Pender Community Center. Presenting her with the award is Past State President June Wilhelm who is also the current President of the Pender Auxiliary.



NEBRASKA
VETERANS' AFFAIRS



**We're working to
better serve the men
and women who
bravely served us.**

**CNAs in our veterans'
homes now start at
\$14.04/hr,
with paid training and great
state benefits.**



August Training

Join us in Seward for valuable training on August 11th at the Seward Civic Center. The meeting will begin at 9am at 616 Bradford Street. Lunch will be provided. Free-will donations will be welcomed.

2018-2019 Scholarship Recipients

Nuts & Bolts Scholarship:

Craig Driver	\$500.00
Lydia Robertus	\$500.00
Sydney Long	\$500.00

VFW 3704 Scholarship:

Natalie Drozd	\$1000.00
Amber Mazankowski	\$1000.00
Miles Putnam	\$1000.00
Maria Lynes	\$1000.00

VFW 2503 Scholarship:

Brooke Karm	\$1000.00
Alexis Overman	\$1000.00

VFW Nebraska Scholarship:

Garrett Miller	\$500.00
Tymber Long	\$500.00
Sarah Kreitman	\$500.00
Alexis Allgood	\$500.00
Carter Thoene	\$500.00
Morgan Peters	\$500.00
Kamryn Timm	\$500.00
Alison Raszler	\$500.00

Grossman Scholarship:

Rachel Page	\$200.00
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Thibault Scholarship:

Rachel Thigpen	\$350.00
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Past Commanders Scholarship:

Mason Hahne	\$400.00
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Post 131 Scholarship:

Kelsey Todd-Anton	\$1000.00
Jacob Swanson	\$1000.00

Phillips Scholarship:

Hannah Polacek	\$1000.00
Madison Haney	\$1000.00

Bellows Scholarship:

Amanda Bond	\$300.00
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Post 1504 Scholarship:

Leiauna Alberts	\$500.00
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Haines Scholarship:

Regan Miller	\$250.00
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Hildreth Scholarship:

Sam Anderson	\$500.00
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Post 2704 Scholarship:

Dylan Reynolds	\$250.00
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Connie Liebsack Scholarship:

Austin Reynolds	\$250.00
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OPERATION ENGAGE AMERICA

A Resource Fair for Veterans, Military, First Responders and their families and for those in the community who want to help or learn more about Post Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and Military-to-Veteran transition issues

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Waverly VFW Post 9875, 13820 Guildford, Waverly, NE 68462
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

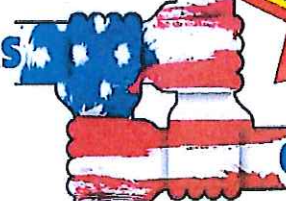
RESOURCES - SPEAKERS - JOB OPPORTUNITIES - NETWORKING - LEARNING

For many, living alone with
PTS & TBI makes it hard to
SURVIVE

CAREGIVERS

FAMILY

**FREE LUNCH
AND
ENTERTAINMENT!**



COWORKERS

Website:
OperationEngageAmerica.org

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Build a Community
that helps everyone
THRIVE



Our Event Partners



Operation Barnabas - Ministry
to the Armed Forces

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 \$ _____

Welcome Ya'll to the Old West Homecoming for Gary & Linda



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

Front Street Steakhouse

(Upstairs - Elevator available)

519 East 1st - Ogallala, Nebraska

Belly Up to the Bar: 5:00 p.m. MT

Grub: 6:00 p.m. MT

All Ya Can Eat Buffet

Hamburgers, Brats, Cowboy Beans,

Chips, Cobbler

\$10.00 per Person

If ya'll gots it, dress in Cowboy/Cowgirl Duds
(no suits required)



FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

Roundups (Meetings): 9:00 a.m. MT

Please RSVP by September 21st

Name _____

Number of Persons _____

Mail to: Dept. of Nebraska VFW, P.O. Box 4552, Lincoln, NE 68504

Calendar of Events

August 2018

11 August training in Seward. Everyone will meet at the Civic Center.

Join us for some good information and an opportunity to connect with other members and officers.

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

19 Dist 9 mtg in Lincoln Post 3606 to 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

9 Dist 7 Mtg in Oakland Post 5543 to host at the Post at 1:30 lunch at 12:30, Auxiliary same time and place.

16 Dist 4 Mtg in North Platte Post 1504 to host at the Post at 12:00 \$7.50 for lunch, Auxiliary same time and place.

16 Dist 11 Mtg in Ravenna Post 5820 to host at the Fire Hall at 2:00 reg fee: \$2.00 light meal after meeting. Auxiliary to meet at the City Auditorium. There will be a presentation of the Central Nebraska Veterans Memorial.

30 Dist 13 Mtg in Kearney Post 759 to host at the Post at 2:00. Light snack after, Auxiliary same time and place.

30 Dist 15 Mtg in Humphrey Post 7725 to host at the Community Center at 1:00, light snacks will be served. Auxiliary same time and place.

October 2018

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

5th and 6th Homecoming and Fall Council in Ogallala at Front Street Steakhouse. \$10.00 per person.

August Calendar Winners...

1	\$40.00	Wendell	Nutt	3505
2	\$40.00	Owen	Anderson	761
3	\$40.00	James	Chlopek	1710
4	\$40.00	Michael	Vculek	3701
5	\$40.00	Bob & Mici	Book	2669
6	\$40.00	Ralph	Olson	1180
7	\$40.00	Stacy	Wiese	673
8	\$40.00	Stephen	Lauer	1803
9	\$40.00	Merle	Thompson	685
10	\$40.00	Brett	Weaver	3869
11	\$40.00	Kristen	Hunea	3171
12	\$40.00	Dave	Bondegard	3634
13	\$40.00	Joe	O'Flaherty	3768
14	\$40.00	Scott	Biltoft	188
15	\$40.00	Paul	Morgison	1605
16	\$40.00	James	Pierce	3792
17	\$40.00	Merissa	Weaver	3909
18	\$40.00	Lori	Schroeder	228
19	\$40.00	Kay	Banner	2452
20	\$40.00	Jerry	Johnson	3705
21	\$40.00	Zachary	Grams	3877
22	\$40.00	Janet	Green	2682
23	\$40.00	Jerry	Halladay	2636
24	\$40.00	Lane	Aspegren	3871
25	\$40.00	Sharlene	Wilson	3622
26	\$40.00	Mel	Horton	1450
27	\$40.00	Brayden	DeJager	2691
28	\$40.00	Jeremy	Borchers	2032
29	\$40.00	Rona	Apel	3788
30	\$40.00	Susie	Anderson	407
31	\$40.00	Carol	Sullivan	878

Come celebrate Commander Gary and President Linda! Homecoming and Fall Council of Administration is October 5th and 6th in Ogallala. The Lonesome Dove Lodge is booked. There are other hotel options. If you are looking for suggestions, please call Department Headquarters.

We would love to hear what is going on at your posts as well as communities.....

**Send articles to
Department of NE VFW**

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Happy
Labor Day
Weekend



Calendars are available

If you need calendars prior to distribution, please contact Headquarters.

Nebraska Membership as of August 6th, life members not yet included

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	0	1	0	9	10	612	1.63%
District Totals		3	0	0	0	19	19	1292	1.47%
District Totals		4	0	0	0	14	14	1040	1.34%
District Totals		6	0	0	0	15	15	1178	1.27%
District Totals		7	0	0	0	18	18	1120	1.60%
District Totals		9	0	5	2	30	37	1947	1.90%
District Totals		10	0	14	0	75	89	4425	2.01%
District Totals		11	0	2	1	11	14	1097	1.27%
District Totals		13	0	1	1	10	12	1095	1.09%
District Totals		15	0	0	0	11	11	851	1.29%
District Totals		99	0	7	1	13	21	1041	2.01%
State Totals			0	30	5	225	260	15698	1.65%