



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



Department of Nebraska Newsletter

August 2019

Orlando Welcomes the 120th Annual National VFW Convention

Delegates representing VFW and Auxiliary members met on July 20th through the 24th to attend business sessions, vote on organizational by-laws and network with other veterans. They elected new leadership to guide the organization as well as recognize prominent individuals and organizations for their support of veterans and military personnel. Past State Commander Doug Whitaker was elected National Judge Advocate for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He addressed the group in Orlando on the final day of the Convention.



The event drew approximately 10,000 veterans and military family members. Their mission during the week-long convention is to approve new national priorities to guide the organization in its advocacy and business efforts throughout the ensuing year. The Nebraska Auxiliary delegation at the National Convention is pictured below left.





State Commander Joe Smith

I just returned from the National Convention in Orlando. Thank you to all who attended and went to their committee meetings. Congratulations to Past State Commander Doug Whitaker for being elected as the VFW National JAG for the coming year. I had the honor of nominating Doug, the second was by Sharon Cooper from VFW Post 2503.

September 13 is the VFW golf tournament at Willow lakes in Bellevue, this is the only Robert Trent Jones course in the state. Get a team together and come on out for an enjoyable day.

Remember to get your DNA on file at DPAA if you have a MIA in your family, the DNA is not shared with anyone else.

The Call

That's what Brothers are for



VFW Names 2019 Scout of the Year Winners

California Gold Scout takes top national prize of \$5,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 9, 2019) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is proud to announce the selection of the top three winners of its 2018 - 2019 Scout of the Year scholarship competition.



Enacted in 2001, the Scout of the Year competition was designed to reward eligible members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturing Crew or Sea Scouts who have risen above their peers in exemplifying standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with college scholarships of up to \$5,000.

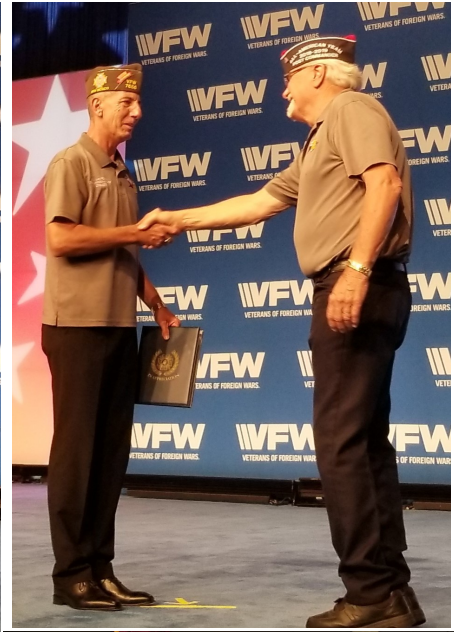
This year's first-place winner, Elizabeth Bock, was sponsored by VFW Post 3208 in Sierra Madre, Calif. She was selected for her activism with local youth and government programs, dedication to serving others and her work advocating for women's issues and gender equality. As the first-place recipient, Elizabeth will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Owen Sumter, sponsored by VFW Post 9675 in Bellevue, Neb., was selected as the second-place winner for his notable community service work, his work supporting the homeless community through food and dental hygiene drives, and for his history of work within the Boy Scouts. Owen will receive a \$3,000 college scholarship.

Sponsored by VFW Post 8466 in Wake Forest, N.C., Megan Rogers was selected as the third-place winner for her work combating the gender disparity in science-related fields, dedication to serving and improving her local community, and her positive leadership skills. Megan will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship.

All American Post Commander

Membership in the VFW grew in 2018-2019 for the first time in 27 years. On July 22nd, the VFW celebrated this monumental achievement while in Orlando with a "Make It Happen" celebration. At the celebration, Nebraska Past State Commander and Post 3755 Commander Gary E Bush Sr. received his All American Post Commander hat.



Patriotic Celebration At Convention

The line up for the parade was lively. Several convention delegates enjoyed some laughs and caught up with member delegates from other states they hadn't seen in some time.





Nebraska Night

Commander Joe and President Liz enjoyed a meal with friends and family at the Nebraska night dinner in Orlando.



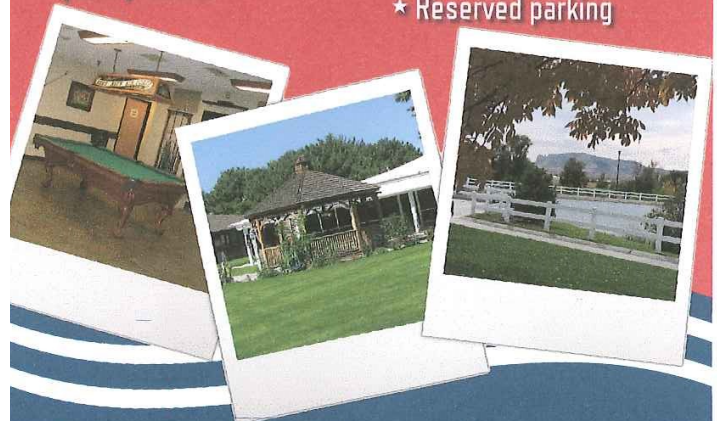
The Presentation of Flags and the 2019-2020 Department Presidents took place on the final day of the National Convention.



VETERANS

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- ★ Housekeeping services
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- ★ Quality Meals
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Fourth of July Celebration in Lincoln

Members of VFW Posts 131 and 3606 in Lincoln, along with the girl scouts, retired the colors at the Uncle Sam Jam at Oak Lake on the 3rd of July. In addition to fireworks, there were also bands and family activities at the park.



The 2020 calendars are available! Payouts are daily and total \$16,040.00! Enter for your chance to win! Call or email Department Headquarters to get your calendars today!

Legacy Life

Member Incentives

| | Bronze \$400 | Silver \$800 | Gold \$1200 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card | ● | ● | ● |
| Lapel Pin | ● | ● | ● |
| Hat Pin | ● | ● | ● |
| Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life members | ● | ● | ● |
| Framed Legacy Life membership Certificate | ● | ● | ● |
| Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program | ● | ● | ● |
| Special Legacy Life Plaque | ● | ● | ● |
| Hat Patch | ● | ● | ● |
| Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza | | | ● |
| VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) * | 5% | 10% | 15% |
| Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance * | \$2000 | \$3500 | \$5000 |
| Annual Endowment: Post | \$6 | \$12 | \$18 |
| Annual Endowment: Department | \$6 | \$12 | \$18 |



Gibbon Fourth of July Parade

State Commander Joe Smith took a ride on Kearney VFW Post 759's float entry. Pictured (left to right) Auxiliary 759 President Marge Ruder, State Commander Joe Smith and Post 759 Commander Ramon Rivera. The Post and Auxiliary members walked with colors and passed out brochures and candy to the crowd. It was a great way to promote the VFW to the surrounding community and celebrate the Freedom Festival activities. District 13 Commander Jim Lutz provided the truck and decorated it.



Commander Receives Quilt

The Gold Star Mothers of America and Post 2634 Auxiliary of Nebraska City recently presented a Quilt of Valor to Past Commander Roger L. Kopf for his years of active participation in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and his nearly thirty years of military service in both the Navy and Army. The quilt was made and presented by Barbara Worthman of Treynor, Iowa, a Gold Star Mother. Pictured are Barbara Worthman, Roger and Paula Waterfield, Roger's wife and President of the local VFW Auxiliary.



Golf With Us

Don't forget to register for the 2019 Golf Tournament on September 13th at Willow Lakes. Money raised goes toward scholarships and vans for the Veterans Homes. Deadline is August 27th. Contact Joe Smith at 402-661-9875 for more information.

Calendar of Events

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.

8 Dist 11 Mtg in O'Neill Post 926 to host at 2:00 Reg: \$2.00 Lunch TBD

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.

15 Dist 4 Mtg in Stapleton Post 8258 to host at 12:00 central time, 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 3rd Ave. at 2:00, snack to follow. Auxiliary same time and place.

October 2019

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

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!!!

November 2019

17 Dist 6 Mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at 1:00. Auxiliary same time and place.

August Calendar Winners...

| | | | | |
|----|---------|----------------------|------------|------|
| 1 | \$40.00 | Julie | Kint | 2288 |
| 2 | \$40.00 | Jeffery and Jennifer | Stevens | 1524 |
| 3 | \$40.00 | Jim | Harris | 3658 |
| 4 | \$40.00 | Shannon | Josjor | 2732 |
| 5 | \$40.00 | Cory | Walcott | 634 |
| 6 | \$40.00 | Gude Mortuary | | 1055 |
| 7 | \$40.00 | Kay | Schmid | 3120 |
| 8 | \$40.00 | Ron | Callihan | 383 |
| 9 | \$40.00 | Joe F | Peters | 811 |
| 10 | \$40.00 | Albert | Muller | 3464 |
| 11 | \$40.00 | Rose | Kerner | 4040 |
| 12 | \$40.00 | Scott | Dall | 988 |
| 13 | \$40.00 | Landon | Lempka | 3379 |
| 14 | \$40.00 | Thomas | Michaelson | 3965 |
| 15 | \$40.00 | Jerry | Halladay | 3717 |
| 16 | \$40.00 | Dan | Ienn | 502 |
| 17 | \$40.00 | Charles | Borg | 3144 |
| 18 | \$40.00 | Brooks | Larson | 2344 |
| 19 | \$40.00 | Robert | Jensen | 3853 |
| 20 | \$40.00 | Rick | Cherek | 2841 |
| 21 | \$40.00 | Len | Leavitt | 984 |
| 22 | \$40.00 | Shannon | Cole | 516 |
| 23 | \$40.00 | Debbie J. | Hoehne | 1168 |
| 24 | \$40.00 | Joe F | Peters | 832 |
| 25 | \$40.00 | Bruce | Smith | 2740 |
| 26 | \$40.00 | Lynn | Lupkes | 3398 |
| 27 | \$40.00 | Ken | Kunze | 2669 |
| 28 | \$40.00 | John | Mauch | 2378 |
| 29 | \$40.00 | Frank | Conradt | 1730 |
| 30 | \$40.00 | Joe F | Peters | 811 |
| 31 | \$40.00 | Jerry | Jilek | 2653 |

Save the Date...

Celebrate with the 2019-2020 Commander Joe Smith and President Liz Davis in October. Homecoming is Friday the 11th in Norfolk. See you there!



VOTE FOR KEN YOUNT DEPARTMENT SURGEON

- POST 5820 QUARTER MASTER 2017-PRESENT
- POST 5820 COMMANDER 2014-2016
- DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER 2017-2019
- ALL-AMERICAN DISTRICT COMMANDER 2018
- NATIONAL-AID-DE CAMP 2019
- GOLD LEGACY LIFE MEMBER OF POST 5820
- LIFE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL HOME
- LIFE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND DAV



The remains of Mr. Carrier a World War II veteran were discovered by his family after seventeen years of being missing. In Mr. Carrier's will, he requested that his remains be brought to Seneca, Nebraska for the final resting place.

His nephew Dale Finney, a member of the In-Country Motorcycle Club, volunteered to bring his remains back. Since that time other relatives and numerous motorcycle clubs, Veteran organizations and other riding clubs expressed interest in joining this ride to honor Mr. Carrier.

The initial starting point is Redding, Ca., On August 15, 2019, final service is scheduled at 2pm, on August 18, 2019, in the Seneca Cemetery. A nearby pastor, Assemble of God Pastor Masten, will conduct the service. The Village of Seneca will have refreshments at the community center. All are welcome to join this event.

This is an Honorable quest, an itinerary for the route and activities is attached or available. May God bless this request.

If there are any questions, please call: Mr. Dale Finney at (402) 980-1669

Itinerary

| City, State | Dates | Departure Times | Miles Between | Reason for Stops |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Redding, Ca | 8/15 | 0800 | Start Travel 112 | Meeting at 0730 |
| Susanville, Ca | | 1030 | 118 | Fuel |
| Fernley, NV | | 1330 | 131 | Lunch, Fuel |
| Winnemucca, NV | | 1600 | 54 | Fuel |
| Battle Mtn, Nv | 8/15 | | | Overnight |
| Battle Mtn, Nv | 8/16 | 0800 | 121 | Meeting at 0730 |
| Wells, NV | | 1000 | 55 | Fuel |
| Wendover, NV | | 1230 | 121 | Lunch, Fuel |
| Salt Lake City, UT | | 1430 | 82 | Fuel |
| Evenston, WY | 8/16 | | | Overnight |
| Evenston, WY | 8/17 | 0800 | 101 | Meeting at 0730 |
| Rock Springs, WY | | 1000 | 108 | Fuel |
| Rawlins, WY | | 1300 | 100 | Lunch, Fuel |
| Laramie, WY | | 1500 | 50 | Fuel |
| Cheyenne, WY | 8/17 | | | Overnight |
| Cheyenne, WY | 8/18 | 0800 | 100 | Meeting at 0730 |
| Sidney, Ne | | 0930 | 124 | Fuel |
| North Platte, NE | | 1130 | 81 | Lunch, Fuel |
| Seneca, Ne | 8/18 | | | Service at 1400 |

Share what is going on in your posts and communities. Please send news for the VFW Nebraska Newsletter to Department Headquarters at 2431 N. 48th Street in Lincoln, NE 68504 or better yet email to jodys@vfwne.org.