



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS

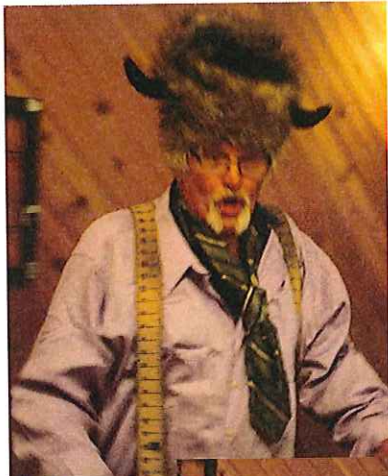


Department of Nebraska Newsletter

November 2018

Homecoming a Lively Celebration

Commander Bush and President Vogel hosted a party in Ogallala on October 5th at the Front Street. Their hoedown homecoming included a delicious meal and the opportunity for the group to congratulate, celebrate and play a few harmless jokes on them. Past Commander in Chief James Mueller addressed the group and presented Commander Bush with his certificate of congratulations from National Commander B.J. Lawrence.



Emceeding the event was Chief of Staff Bernie Brosnihan and entertainment was once again provided by Gary and Linda.



Happy
Thanksgiving

Fall Council in Ogallala

The Council meeting was held in conjunction with homecoming in Ogallala on October 6th. Past National Commander Jim Mueller addressed the group and presented All-American Post award to Post 8233 Commander Jerry Halladay. Pertinent reports were made and State Golf Chairman Joe Smith presented Commander Bush with a check for \$1,800.00 for the van fund.



Awards Presentation

The All-State team was awarded their white hats. Captain of the All-State District Commanders was District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay pictured above. Captain of the All-State Post Commanders was Matthew Whitaker pictured below. The Captain of the All-State Post Quartermasters was Past All-American Commander Larry Gerlt.





Native American Cultures Celebration

The 27th Annual Fort Omaha intertribal powwow was held on September 15th. VFW Post 1581 had a table there and participated in the opening ceremonies event. The Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow honors the traditional dance, music, artistry, oral history and foods of various tribes across Nebraska and the surrounding region including, but not limited to, Ponca, Omaha, Santee Sioux and Winnebago. Pictured below, left to right are Post Quartermaster Dr. Steven Youngberg, Trustee Marty Riemenschneider, members Medicine Flower Blue Star and Arturo Calderon, Post Trustee and Department Quartermaster John Liebsack, Medicine Flower Blue Star's daughter and Post Commander C.L. Leichter.





Auxiliary Member Honors the Fallen

Patricia Fedler-Konyha is a life member of VFW Auxiliary 131 in Lincoln. Patricia started a Facebook Group named Taps Across the Nation on August 26th. Her idea was to try and get as many trumpet/buglers across the United States to stand up where they live and play taps for John McCain at 2pm EDT on Sunday September 2nd as a last sound off. 229 people decided to play Taps at that time when John McCain would be buried at Annapolis. Patricia recognized everyone who volunteered to play and she made a map to show locations of the players. Forty four states had individuals playing TAPS all at the same time from various locations. When all had finished playing on Sept. 2, they sent videos and pictures of themselves. Pat took the videos and photos and made a single video to send to John McCain's family. She is pictured at the Vietnam War Memorial in Wichita on September 2nd.

Sponsorship Needed For Competitions

WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT AWARDS TO ALL 10 DISTRICT VOD WINNERS AND THE TOP 3 DISTRICT WINNERS OF THE PATRIOT'S PEN. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. YOU CAN BE RECOGNIZED PERSONALLY, AS AN ORGANIZATION, OR AS A MEMORIAL DONATION. LAST YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO AWARD A TOTAL OF \$8,600 TO THESE 13 STUDENTS. SPONSORING THESE PROGRAMS ENABLES US TO REWARD THESE STUDENTS FOR THEIR LOVE OF COUNTRY AND SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT TO THE VFW.

Helping Out the Homeless

Post 2704 participated in this years Stand Down in Omaha. The Post Chaplain Francis Durham presented a check for \$200.00 to the VA on September 27th. Stand Downs are just one part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless Veterans. Stand Downs are typically one to three day events providing services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as health care, housing, employment, and substance use treatment.





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VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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VFW Post 8597 in Dodge honored the Howells-Dodge volleyball team with carnations and praise. Pictured is Brooklyn Macholan and Post Service Officer Casey Jones.

Honoring POW/MIA Day

The VFW Auxiliary Post 4755 put an MIA/POW table in the U S Cellular Store Window in Seward in honor of National POW/MIA Day. The table was in the store window from September 19th through September 27th.

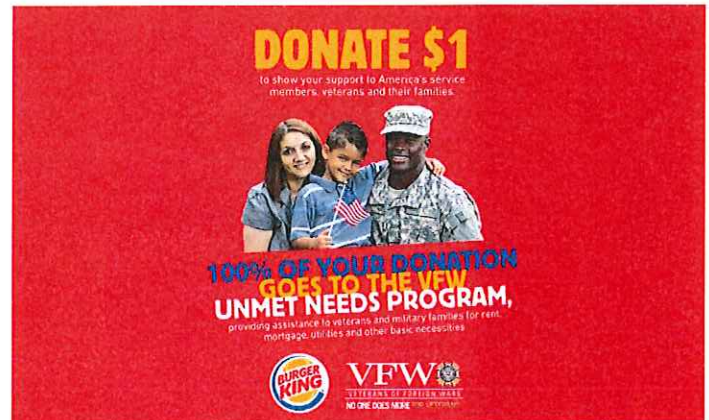




Post 2704 Honors Namesake

Post QM Larry Gerlt and Past Post Commander Matt Whitaker along with Post Chaplain Frank Durham rendered honors at the grave side of Rudolph Deml for the 100th Anniversary of his death in WWI. PVT Rudolph Deml was killed in action in the Argonne Forest only 13 days prior to the Armistice on October 29th, 1918.

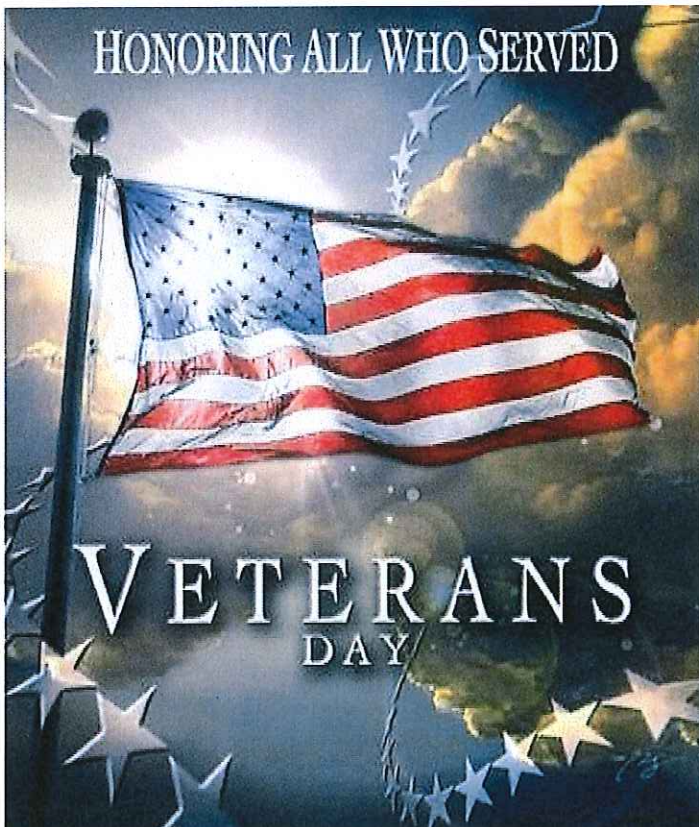
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (October 29, 2018) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is pleased to announce that for the twelfth consecutive year, participating BURGER KING® franchisees will be raising funds throughout the month of November for the [VFW's Unmet Needs](#) program. Patrons are encouraged to donate \$1 or more to the program upon checkout. The fundraising campaign officially begins Nov. 1, and last year raised nearly \$800,000.



“America’s military and veteran families have given so much to our country, and not being able to make their rent or mortgage payment is a stress they shouldn’t have,” said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. “Every year, BURGER KING® franchisees and their loyal patrons set the bar of support higher and higher, helping to ensure the VFW can keep meeting the needs of America’s service members and veterans and provide them with the support they deserve.”

The Unmet Needs program provides financial assistance to service members and military families during times of financial hardship, providing them financial grants toward basic life necessities like rent, mortgage and utility payments, vehicle repair, medical expenses and food. Since its inception in 2004, Unmet Needs has provided more than \$10.5 million in aid to nearly 9,000 service members, veterans and their families.

Since 2007, BURGER KING® franchisees have raised more than \$5.3 million in support of the program. More than 1,000 locations nationwide participated in last year’s fundraising campaign with even higher participation expected this year.



November 2018

- 1 20 Questions to Department
- 1 Inspections-100% District
- 15 Patriots Pen and VOD to District Level
- 15 Teacher nominations to the District Level
- 18 Dist 6 Mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at the Post at 2:00, Auxiliary same time and place.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day

December 2018

- 1 Grand Island VA Medical Center Christmas Party
2:00 pm 2201 N Broadwell Ave Grand Island, NE
- 7 Lincoln Regional Center Christmas Party 10:00 am
801 Prospector Place Bldg 5 Lincoln, NE
- 8 Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Christmas Party
1:30 pm 12505 S 40th Bellevue, NE
- 9 Omaha VAMC Christmas Party 1:30 pm 4101
Woolworth Ave Omaha, NE
- 15 Patriots Pen and VOD Entry to Department
- 15 Teacher entry to Department
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2019

- (T-3) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Oct 1 to Dec 31)
- 1 Cut off (Mid Winter Conference Feb 7-9, 2019)
- 1 Top Membership District Commander-Mid Winter
- 1 Inspection -100% District
- 1 Public Servants Awards (EMT; FIRE; LAW) to Department
- 8 Raffle Calendar drawing
- 15 Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher summaries to Department
- 16 Final Deadline 20 Questions to Department
- 20 Dist 11 Mtg in Ord Post 7029 to host at 2:00 pm. Reg. fee \$2.00 Auxiliary same time and place. VOD & PP awards banquet.

November Calendar Winners...

1	\$40.00	Frank	Bruning	3630
2	\$40.00	Nick	Zoerb	1257
3	\$40.00	Henry	Bigge	1522
4	\$40.00	Richard	Wittrock	3641
5	\$40.00	Marsha	Weeks	3516
6	\$40.00	Geanne	Chlopek	1141
7	\$40.00	Elizabeth	Ondracek	1223
8	\$40.00	Rich	Lowe	2757
9	\$40.00	Bob	Anderson	3373
10	\$40.00	Walter	Sillik	2666
11	\$100.00	Cindy	Garringer	3949
12	\$40.00	Larry	Borcher	1417
13	\$40.00	Irene	Foster	1611
14	\$40.00	Deb	Schwenka	3469
15	\$40.00	Marjorie	Calkin	502
16	\$40.00	Murphy	Cooper	2096
17	\$40.00	Dave	Bordovsky	1188
18	\$40.00	Amy	Fernau	14
19	\$40.00	Kevin	Krull	3922
20	\$40.00	Jeff	Meyers	1595
21	\$40.00	Walt	Dewitt	3527
22	\$40.00	Ed	Foster	3521
23	\$40.00	David	Anderson	3808
24	\$40.00	Jake & Rutl	Simmons	2769
25	\$40.00	Elaine	Arens	2833
26	\$40.00	Teresa	Drelicharz	1866
27	\$40.00	Dan	Davis	963
28	\$40.00	Michael	Kint	2698
29	\$40.00	Nathen	Cummings	2634
30	\$40.00	Ed	Foster	3521

Nebraska Membership as of October 31st

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	438	2	0	47	487	610	79.83%
District Totals		3	1033	0	3	110	1146	1288	88.97%
District Totals		4	815	1	0	73	889	1031	86.22%
District Totals		6	869	2	1	124	996	1171	85.05%
District Totals		7	749	4	0	105	858	1108	77.43%
District Totals		9	1414	8	3	173	1598	1930	82.79%
District Totals		10	3395	37	13	307	3752	4367	85.91%
District Totals		11	828	4	1	84	917	1091	84.05%
District Totals		13	909	3	1	91	1004	1087	92.36%
District Totals		15	675	2	1	60	738	838	88.06%
District Totals		99	641	15	2	80	738	1033	71.44%
State Totals			11766	78	25	1254	13123	15554	84.37%



The VFW strives to thank our nation's educators year-round by arming them with helpful resources and visits to local classrooms. Loving America and all it stands for is what we do best. Let us help you educate our future leaders.

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

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Reminder...

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