



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS

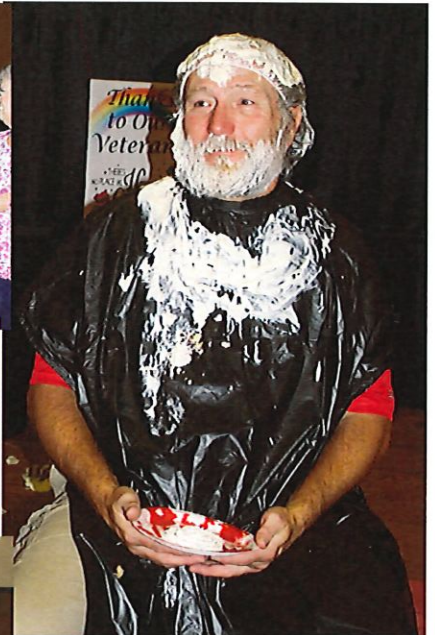


Department of Nebraska Newsletter

October/November 2019

Homecoming Raises Money for Special Project

The Divot's in Norfolk is where Commander Joe Smith and President Liz Davis chose to celebrate and enjoy dinner with friends. Representing the National organization of the VFW was National Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz and for the Auxiliary was District 21 Representative Sandee Bellows. The October 11th event was emceed by Past State Commander Jim Pierce and was pretty messy. There were sacrifices to be made to raise money for Commander Joe and President Liz's special project including an auction to raise money to make a mess on both the State and National Commander's faces. The auction raised over \$1,000.00 for service dogs for veterans. There was a singalong for President Liz and plenty of gift giving.





Pictured above is Jr. Vice President Sharon Thorne, Sr. Vice President Bonnie Gerlt, President Liz Davis, National President Peggy Haake, Past National President Dixie Hild and State Chaplain Vicki Luebke.



National President Visits Nebraska

The first weekend in October, National President Peggy Haake was welcomed for a visit by State President Liz Davis and several others as they toured several attractions. Her visit started with a lunch hosted by Auxiliary 4755 at the Seward post. She was awarded a key to the city by Mayor Josh Eckmeier. In Lincoln, her visit included a trip to the Veterans Memorial Garden as well as a tour of Robbers Cave. There was a dinner at VFW Post 3606 hosted by the Auxiliaries to Posts 131, 10648 and 3606.



Javelan Service Dogs for Heroes speaker Bob Deanalong with support dog Duke, spoke about the work they are doing with veterans assisting them in getting support dogs trained to fit their physical and mental needs prior to dinner.





Fall Council In Norfolk

The Fall Council meeting included a couple of guest speakers. Carrie Brown PhD addressed the group about identification of those POW/MIA's through her work as a Forensic Anthropologist and Laboratory Manager at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Andreea Baker continued the discussion about suicide prevention with QPR training. As well as Chairmen reports, Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz addressed the group and presented Department Commander Joe Smith with his Commander certificate.



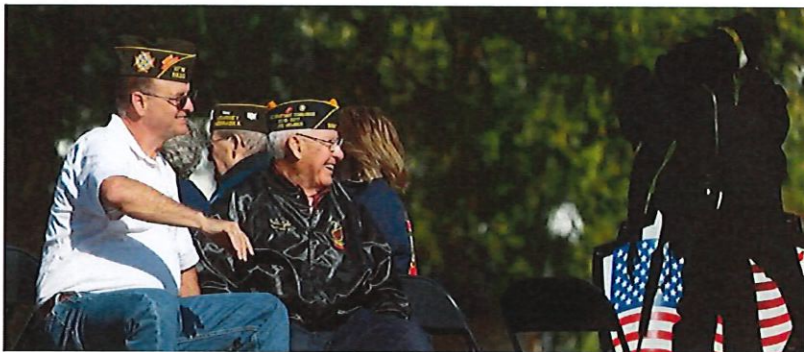
Flag Raising at Perkins

The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts worked with VFW Posts and Auxiliaries 131 and 3606 in Lincoln as well as American Legion Post 3 and it's Auxiliary to raise the flag at the new Perkins in Lincoln.



UNK Homecoming Parade

Post 759 had a float and handed out flyers at the University of Nebraska at Kearney homecoming parade. Pictured in the top photo are Dan Kreager and Garth Scism. In the bottom photo are Post 759 Commander Ramon Rivera and District 13 Commander Jim Lutz with Post 759 SVA representative Tim Bogosian. Enjoying the parade from the float are Volunteer Veterans Chairman Ken Yount from Post 5820 in Ravenna and Chuck Ogle from Post 759.



Veterans Day

November 11, 2019



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Osmond Veterans Memorial

Sr. Vice Commander of Post 131 in Lincoln, Patrick Stanoscheck found his name at the Veterans Memorial in Osmond on September 8th.

Apple Jack Festival Parade

On September 21st in Nebraska City the Color Guard in Nebraska City participated in the Apple Jack Parade. They had assistance from the STRAT-COM people for Offutt AFB. Roger Kopf and Shelley Ramage of the VFW Auxiliary participated.



Horses for Heros Event

VFW Auxiliary member Betty Wintermote and her family have been helping with the organization which helps veterans with post traumatic stress and other related disabilities. Betty is a member of Auxiliary 759 in Kearney. She is pictured with her daughter Lisa Harder and granddaughter Rachel Harder.



Red Cloud Hosts District 13 Meeting

The Nebraska VFW District 13 Post and Auxiliary members met September 29th, hosted by Webster County on September 29th, for a quarterly meeting. Jim Lutz, District 13 Commander conducted the Post meeting with Terrie Stokes, District 13 Auxiliary President conducting the Auxiliary meeting. State Surgeon Dionne Gorji represented the VFW and President Liz Davis represented the Auxiliary. (Photos from Judy Workman) A 50/50 drawing was held and Liz Davis drew Lee Carskaden as the winner.



Fairbury Celebrates 150th

Auxiliary 3113 in Fairbury had a party to celebrate the monumental birthday on September 14th with a booth. Pictured are Carrie Siebe, Cynthia Newman, Romano Endorf, Cheryl Eisenberg and T.J. Scheirmeyer.





Post Gets Help With Poppy Distribution

The buddy Poppy kids for VFW Post #1077 and Auxiliary are Jase and Kami Murdock. Pictured above with them is District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, Auxiliary #1077 President Faye Hagan and VFW #1077 Commander Brad Thompson. Jase and Kami are the children of Steve and Christine Murdock.



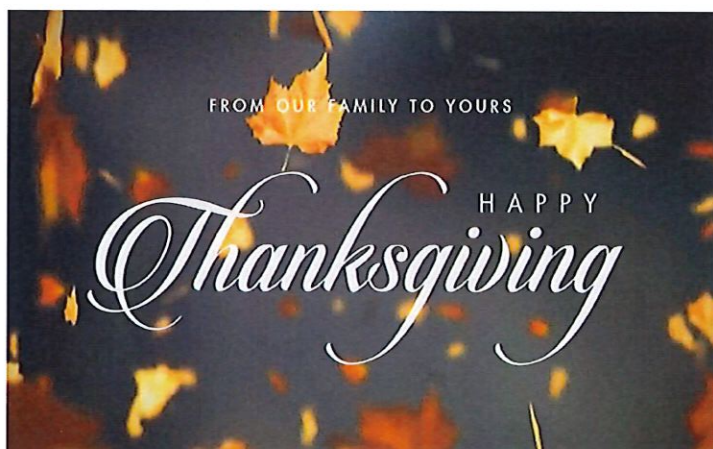
Patriot's Day in Broken Bow

VFW Post 3576 raised the flag at the ceremony to remember 9/11 hosted by the High School. The veterans raised the flag and lowered it to half staff for the ceremony. The Broken Bow High School band played the National Anthem and the third graders sang America the Beautiful with help from the Broken Bow choir.



1077 Auxiliary Presents Quilts

Arnold Jurgens and Keith Goman were honored by the Beatrice Auxiliary on September 15th. Ann Frasse of the Quilt Stitches gave a short presentation about the Quilt of Valor program as well as a summary of each veteran's service. Wives and children then presented each with their quilts.



6928 President Celebrates Milestone

June Wilhelm has 65 years of service to the Pender Auxiliary. President Liz Davis and District 7 President Jane Petersen attended the meeting in Pender to recognize her for her volunteer work. June was also Past Department President during the 1984-1985 year.



At the September 10th meeting, Burtons Bend VFW Post 9357 Quartermaster Glenn Monter was presented an appreciation plaque. Glenn has served as Quartermaster/Adjutant for 10 years. Pictured below is Post Trustee Kelly Evans, Glen and Post Commander Duane Phillips.





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October Calendar Winners...

1	\$40.00	John	Chernesky	379
2	\$40.00	Michelle	Thomas	478
3	\$40.00	Al	Cherubin	261
4	\$40.00	Joe F	Peters	801
5	\$40.00	Mille	Myers	1944
6	\$40.00	Pauline	Norman	413
7	\$40.00	Kathleen	Dillon	2513
8	\$40.00	Joe F	Peters	806
9	\$40.00	Post 5820	Seneca	389
10	\$40.00	Teresa	Pierce	3443
11	\$40.00	Karen	Miller	1143
12	\$40.00	Grayson	DeJager	2289
13	\$40.00	Gary	Muth	2657
14	\$40.00	Jaclyn	Lane	2222
15	\$40.00	Gene	Huele	564
16	\$40.00	Nick	Larson	2428
17	\$40.00	Meyers Body Shop		3267
18	\$40.00	Nick	Zoerb	2443
19	\$40.00	Darrel	Munson	1573
20	\$40.00	Mike	Webb	1612
21	\$40.00	Larson-Peterson	VFW Auxiliary	3969
22	\$40.00	Ryan	Luttrell	1773
23	\$40.00	Jeff	Yates	3138
24	\$40.00	Konrad	Rus	121
25	\$40.00	David	Merryweather	2465
26	\$40.00	Lutton Law		285
27	\$40.00	Kevin	Krull	3326
28	\$40.00	Paul	Ruhlman	465
29	\$40.00	Judy	Erb	985
30	\$40.00	Kris	Huckman	1530
31	\$40.00	Jeremy	Borchers	2334

November Calendar Winners...

1	\$40.00	Richard	Wittington	1797
2	\$40.00	Brandon	Manchester	2478
3	\$40.00	Carol	Savain	1708
4	\$40.00	Terry	Warnke	1173
5	\$40.00	Earl	Martens	3255
6	\$40.00	Kurt	Barrel	2610
7	\$40.00	Vi	Irvin	17
8	\$40.00	Jeannie	Knight	1365
9	\$40.00	Rick	Kuehn	3346
10	\$40.00	Lyndsey	Davis	1654
11	\$100.00	Bart	Weaver	3375
12	\$40.00	Tony	Dibier	3137
13	\$40.00	Quentin	Kruze	3413
14	\$40.00	Jeannie	Knight	1365
15	\$40.00	Jerry & LaVonne	Schultz	515
16	\$40.00	David	Mausbach	2686
17	\$40.00	Mark	Perley	12
18	\$40.00	Cornhusker Glass		411
19	\$40.00	Terry	Warnke	1173
20	\$40.00	Gary	Groteluschen	526
21	\$40.00	Thomas	Rother	4026
22	\$40.00	John	Cimpl	2680
23	\$40.00	Diane	Current	2705
24	\$40.00	Clint	Younghans	3905
25	\$40.00	Perry	Delzer	1230
26	\$40.00	Martin	Seward	1603
27	\$40.00	Joshua	Wright	2756
28	\$40.00	Curtis	Hicks	1563
29	\$40.00	John	Liebsack	4005
30	\$40.00	Ron	Springer	2526

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 31ST, 2019

Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher to Post level

NOVEMBER 2019

1 20 Questions to Department

1 Inspection - 100% District

11 Veteran's Day

15 Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher to District level

17 District 6 meeting in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at 1pm. Auxiliary same time and place.

17 Trudie's birthday!

28 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2019

15 Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher to Department

25 Christmas

JANUARY 2020

1 Cut off Mid Winder Conference

Top Membership District Commander

100% Inspected

1 Public Servant Awards to Department

8 Calendar drawing

15 Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher summaries to Department

Hello,

Last year we introduced LB279 in an attempt to exempt Veteran Organizations and Clubs from having to pay sales tax on their food and beverage sales. We wanted to do this because we think this money would be better spent in the community and to lower the burden on the good work that your clubs provide. The problem, was that last year the fiscal note for our bill to remove this sales tax was incredibly high, and frankly, too high for it to pass which kept it in committee. The way that we can lower this fiscal note is to get information from the VFW, American Legion, and DAV regarding how much they are paying in food sales tax each year, and show that it would not be as high as the fiscal note claims it would be.

What would be great is if you could collect is how much money your post made in food and beverage sales last year, and how much you had to pay in sales tax from that. If it wouldn't be too much trouble, it'd even be great if we could get maybe the last three years information, but if nothing else, last years would be very helpful.

Thank you!

Noah Borgmann

Senator Bostelman Legislative Aide



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Department Membership as of October 28th...

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	390	0	0	45	435	535	81.30%
District Totals		3	937	0	0	102	1039	1185	87.67%
District Totals		4	719	4	1	62	786	942	83.43%
District Totals		6	791	5	6	91	893	1044	85.53%
District Totals		7	694	9	1	102	806	999	80.68%
District Totals		9	1318	13	1	133	1465	1767	82.90%
District Totals		10	3189	54	9	251	3503	4142	84.57%
District Totals		11	746	0	0	81	827	980	84.38%
District Totals		13	818	5	1	77	901	1026	87.81%
District Totals		15	627	1	0	50	678	786	86.25%
District Totals		99	577	17	1	68	663	818	81.05%
State Totals			10806	108	20	1062	11996	14224	84.33%