



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



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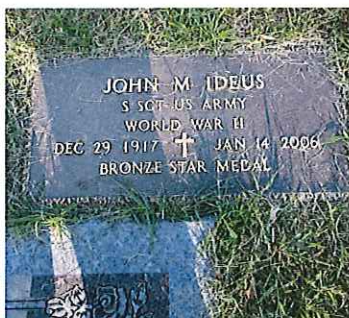
October 2018

Annual Memorial Ride

The VFW Riders continue their ride to raise money. Department Chairman Ron Packard (pictured at right) organized the ride which is open to both veterans and non-veterans. The riders earn points based on visiting memorials, national cemeteries and veterans in the homes. The memorial ride was put together to raise money for the National Home for Children and took place on September 1st and 2nd. Pictured below are Bob Howard and Julie Bischof visiting the Alliance veterans cemetery.



Francis Lohnes is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery. Participants earn 3 points by visiting the grave of a Medal of Honor recipient.



I wish to thank Department and those districts, posts and members who contributed to Carol Brosnihan's and my special project last year, a Nebraska flagstone for our National Home for Children Home Tribute Park. My wife Bonnie accompanied Carol and myself there over the weekend of September 20th to the 22nd to view it. Our flagstone was completed in early September. Unlike general donations, where the money goes for the current year's budget, the funds over and above the cost of the stone and engraving are placed in an endowment fund and will provide monetary assistance in future years. I urge each post and member to make an annual contribution to the tribute park so that one day the endowment fund can totally fund their annual budget. No one does more for veterans than the VFW (and Auxiliary) and no one does more for an individual military (veteran) family than our National Home!

Larry M. Gerlt All American Past State Commander



VFW Expands Benefit Offerings for Members

VFW members to gain access to impressive discounts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (September 12, 2018) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is proud to announce it is teaming up with [UNA](#), the nation's fastest-growing group purchasing organization, to expand its offering of benefits to VFW members to include discounts on hotels, office supplies and entertainment tickets.

With this new offering, VFW members gain access to an exclusive hotel booking platform that connects them to deeply discounted hotel rates – saving an average of 26 percent below publicly available rates at more than 150,000 hotels across the globe, and with a free mobile app available, members can book on the go!

In addition to exclusive hotel discounts, more benefits will be rolled out over the next few months which will allow members to save up to 80 percent off list price on office essentials and everyday low copy and print pricing, up to 40 percent off tickets for top theme parks, movie tickets and shows nationwide, as well as up to 25 percent off car rentals.

“We’re constantly looking for ways to make life a little more enjoyable for VFW members, and we’re glad to be able to offer them access to exclusive discounts they wouldn’t be able to find anywhere else,” said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. “Our members have sacrificed greatly for our country, and this benefit expansion, from family vacations to experiencing a concert from the front row, provides them the opportunity to enjoy life.”



Post 759 Member Honored

Carl Moffett is a life member of the Kearney Post and on September 17th he was presented with the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. Carl was presented the Medal by Major General Roger Lempke at the Burwell Nursing Home. He served in the U.S. Army from September of 1950 to September of 1953 and in the Korean War from May of 1951 until March of 1952. Carl was also presented with an Admiralship from the State of Nebraska from MAJ Wymer from Gibbon. Attending the event was District 11 Commander Ken Yount and Carl's family.



Roger Broecker

for Nebraska National Council
of Administration

Past State Commander

8 years on the State Budget
Committee

8 Years as State Inspector

I would be honored to serve
the State of Nebraska.

Vote Kenneth Yount 2019-2020 State Surgeon



At the Post level, I have been Membership Chairman, Jr. Vice, Sr. Vice and Commander and am currently serving as the Post Quartermaster

At the District level, I have been Membership Chairman, Inspector, Jr. Vice, Sr. Vice and am currently serving as District 11 Commander.

ALL-AMERICAN DISTRICT COMMANDER 2018-2019

National Aid-de-Camp 2018-2019

GOLD LEGACY LIFE MEMBER of VFW Post 5820 and Life Member of the VFW National Home

Life Member of the American Legion and the DAV

Wounded Warrior Project Alumni

I retired from Active Duty Army with over 20 years of service and I have 3 Combat Tours in Iraq, I also served in Afghanistan as a Defense Contractor.



BE A HERO.
**HELP A
HERO.**

Josh Pickering - Scholarship Recipient

Sport Clips has awarded \$4.9 million + in scholarships to more than 1,115 veterans and service members since January 2014 through VFW's "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship"

District 11 Donates to Memorial

This picture was taken at the District 11 meeting held on 16 September in Ravenna. Host Post was Ravenna 5820. Bob Harpst gave a briefing on the Central Nebraska Veterans Memorial that will be located directly across the street from the new Veterans Home in Kearney, Nebraska. The District donated \$1000 towards the memorial taking the overall donations from Military Organizations to the \$100,000.00 mark!



Annual Golf Scramble

State Golf Chairman Joe Smith welcomed golfers to the Nebraska VFW Tournament on September 7th. The event raised money for the vans for our veterans at the homes as well as the state Military Assistance Program.

Reminder...



The deadline for student entries for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen competitions is November 1st. The Patriot's Pen theme for this year is "Why I Honor the American Flag" and is open to students in grades 6-8. The national winner will receive a \$5,000 award. The V.O.D. theme is "Why My Vote Matters" and is open for students in grades 9-12. The national winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship.



Veterans Act of Kindness

Commander Tony Anton of VFW Post 131 in Lincoln received a call from an Oregon teacher last month. Patsy Nelson's father Bill Trumble, Commander of Three Rivers Post 1324 in Oregon City is in failing health. He has family buried in Lincoln at the Calvary Cemetery and can not make the trip to Lincoln to visit. Commander Anton and his wife went to the cemetery and took photos and a video of the gravestones. They were emailed to Patsy and she put together a video and photo album along with some genealogy for her father. It gave him great peace to watch the video and look at the album. She also shared the story with her classroom who were speechless listening to the tale of how veterans take care of each other.



50 Year Anniversary

General Squires VFW Auxiliary celebrated Virginia Roskilly on September 18th. She was presented her 50 year pin. Her son Brian Roskilly pinned it on her during their meeting in Fairbury.

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.**



Calendar of Events

October 2018

5-6 Fall Council of Administration and Homecoming.

14 Dist 3 mtg in Stanton Post 3602 to host at the Post at 12:00 for lunch mtg at 1:00 \$5.00 reg fee Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep:** Jerry Chlopek

14 Dist 10 mtg in Plattsmouth Post 2543 to host at 2:00 Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep:** Bernie Brosnihan

21 Dist 1 mtg in Gering Post 1681 to host at the Post at 1:30, \$5.00 reg fee 12:30 lunch.

Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep:** Bernie Brosnihan

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

November 2018

1 20 Questions to Department

1 Inspections-100% District

11 Veterans Day

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

December 2018

7 Pearl Harbor Day

15 Patriots Pen and VOD Entry to Department

15 Teacher entry to Department

25 Christmas

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 Calendar drawing

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

16 Final Deadline 20 Questions to Department

October Calendar Winners

1	\$40.00	Kevin	Kroon	3940
2	\$40.00	Cory	Ebert	239
3	\$40.00	Logan	Meyer	3875
4	\$40.00	Rebecca	Mika	2338
5	\$40.00	Morgan	Delezene	879
6	\$40.00	Linda	Wittrock	3620
7	\$40.00	Vince	Stremlay	957
8	\$40.00	Richard	Adams	1174
9	\$40.00	Tammy	Maybee	568
10	\$40.00	Scott & Kat	Schneider	3966
11	\$40.00	Jean	Kovar	3058
12	\$40.00	Dode	Haynes	7
13	\$40.00	Jeff	Bush	910
14	\$40.00	Ricky	Bussey	22
15	\$40.00	Joyce	Rieck	1148
16	\$40.00	Julianna	Hutsell	3802
17	\$40.00	Jon	Dorn	3859
18	\$40.00	Sharon	Statz	866
19	\$40.00	VFW Post 1077		1586
20	\$40.00	Patty	Miller	1613
21	\$40.00	Richard	Ott	2156
22	\$40.00	Jud & Jenni	Skavdahl	1787
23	\$40.00	Tarry	Lawson	1439
24	\$40.00	Glenda	Bienhoff	3440
25	\$40.00	Cheryl	Feala	2175
26	\$40.00	Meyers	Body Shop	3742
27	\$40.00	Roger	Houser	3320
28	\$40.00	Cathy	Kramer	848
29	\$40.00	Chase	Raffety	3928
30	\$40.00	Rich	Lowe	2757
31	\$40.00	Marsha	Granger	3482

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

Send articles to
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**THE VFW WORKS
TO SUPPORT
VETERANS, ONE
"BUDDY" AT A TIME.**

**WE HAVE RAFFLE CALENDARS
AVAILABLE. \$16,000 IN CASH
TO DISTRIBUTE.**

**THEY MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

**CONTACT DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS TO GET YOURS
TODAY AT 402-464-0674.**



***Our Vision:** Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.*

NE Membership as of October 2nd...

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	438	1	0	36	475	610	77.86%
District Totals		3	1033	0	2	88	1123	1288	87.18%
District Totals		4	814	0	0	64	878	1031	85.16%
District Totals		6	868	1	0	103	972	1171	83.00%
District Totals		7	749	2	0	93	844	1108	76.17%
District Totals		9	1413	8	3	140	1564	1930	81.03%
District Totals		10	3387	33	5	252	3677	4367	84.19%
District Totals		11	828	3	1	69	901	1091	82.58%
District Totals		13	906	3	1	79	989	1087	90.98%
District Totals		15	674	2	1	53	730	838	87.11%
District Totals		99	641	14	2	60	717	1033	69.40%
State Totals			11751	67	15	1037	12870	15554	82.74%