



NEBRASKA VFW NEWS



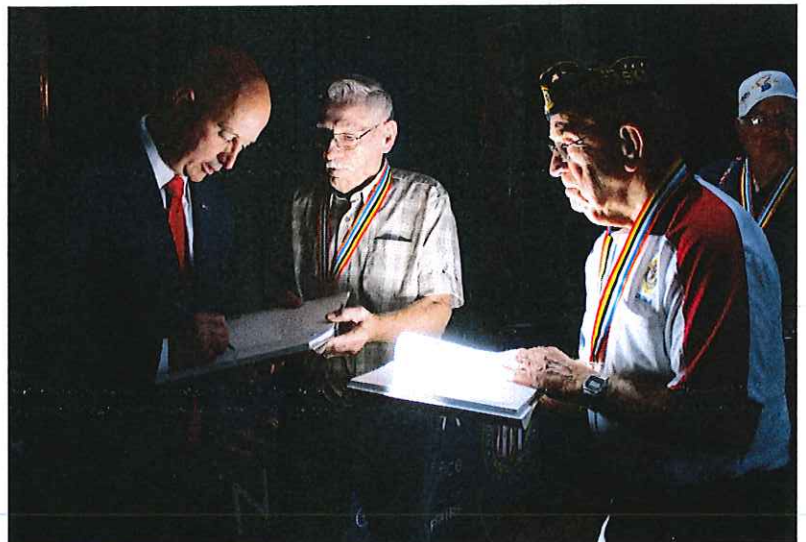
Department of Nebraska Newsletter

September 2018



Korean War Veterans Honored

A ceremony hosted by Governor Pete Ricketts to honor Nebraska veterans that served in the Korean War was held on July 27th. Ambassador for Peace medals were handed out at the event held at the Capital Rotunda and a proclamation was signed. Over 300 people were in attendance as he praised the bravery of those who fought. Governor Pete Ricketts was joined by Dongham Yang, deputy consulate general of the Republic of Korea in Chicago and John Hilgert, Nebraska Veterans Affairs Director. July 27th is National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day in America, which marks the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement. This year is the 65th anniversary of the signing of the proclamation. The agreement halted fighting but no peace treaty ever was signed. Neither side officially won the war and the two countries remain divided.





**Sr. Vice Commander
and Membership
Chairman
Joe Smith**

Greetings Comrades,

It is hard to believe that we are already starting our third month of the membership year. Have you recruited 1 new member this year? If all of us would recruit just 1 new or reinstate member every year, we would grow to numbers that we have never seen in this state. That is my challenge to each of you, sign up at least 1 new member this year.

If you are going to have a recruiting event in your town or district, please let me know if you need any supplies or help at your event.

All annual members will now expire at the end of the month that they are signed up. This is a new change out of National so it is supposed to make it easier to track when annual members expire.

On the 25th of August, the ribbon cutting for the new Central NE Veterans home was held in Kearney. It was well attended by VFW members. The State Commander and the State Auxiliary President, State Sr. Vice Commander, State Quartermaster, District 11 and 13 Commanders and the Hospital Chairmen were there along with many other VFW and Auxiliary members from the local area. They are looking at an opening date for the home in late October or November.



District 9 meeting in Lincoln

Post 3606 hosted the District 9 meeting which was well attended. State Commander Gary Bush was the representative.



Thank you for the donations to Past Commander Larry and Past President Carol's special project. Your donations to the VFW National Home are much appreciated.

Past State Commander Larry Gerlt



Central Nebraska Veterans Home

The ribbon cutting for the new Veterans Home in Kearney was on August 25th. The 225 bed Home is a 338,000-square-foot facility that is comprised of ten buildings on 67 acres. There will be a special care unit, a skilled care unit and an independent living area. State leaders opened the new home to the public and praised local, state and federal efforts to provide funding for the facility. Governor Pete Ricketts, Senator Deb Fisher, Director of Veterans Affairs John Hilgert and Mayor Stanley Clouse all addressed the over 500 strong group that attended the event.





Quartermaster School

Seward once again hosted August training. It was held at the Seward Civic Center. In addition to setting up Post and District Quartermasters for success, District Commanders were equipped with the things they need for the year.



Post 8597 Provides School Supplies

The VFW Post in Dodge has a continued relationship with the local schools. They once again provided school supplies to assist students in the classroom for Howells-Dodge Elementary, St. Wenceslaus and Howells Community Catholic. Pictured are Post Service Officer Casey Jones, Program Coordinator Mrs. Klosen, Mrs. Giese and Mrs. Wisnieski.



Road Rally

The Department of Nebraska District 4 road rally will be September 27th through the 29th. Everyone is invited to attend the VFW Highway 83 rally to celebrate the 119th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The event begins and ends at the Veterans Memorial in North Platte. There will be a ceremony on the 119th anniversary at noon on the 29th. If you have questions, direct them to State Commander Gary E Bush Sr. at 308-464-2874.

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.**



Imperial Color Guard

VFW Post 4688 marched in the Chase County Fair Parade on Saturday the 18th of August. Pictured left to right are Rory Jens, Eldon Kuntzelman, Eric Gonzalez and Rick Jens.



Veterans Honored On Purple Heart Day

The Purple Heart is awarded to those who are wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Nebraska officials observed Purple Heart Day on August 7th with an official proclamation and purple lighting on the State Capitol. A ceremony hosted by Governor Ricketts was held at the Capitol for Purple Heart recipients. Pictured are Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs Director John Hilgert, Nebraska Military Order of the Purple Heart Commander Wade Jensen and Nebraska Purple Heart veterans.



James Mueller to Represent National for Homecoming and Fall Council



Commander-in-Chief 2005-2006 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

James R. Mueller was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on August 25, 2005, at the 106th national convention held in Salt Lake City. He is only the second member from Missouri to be elected to this position.

Jim served in the U. S. Army from 1966-68. As a senior truck driver with the 446th Transportation Company, 57th Transportation Battalion, Jim's unit played a key role in delivering essential supplies to combat ground and air units during the 1968 Tet offensive as well as assisting U.S. Special Forces evacuate Montagnard tribesmen from the area around Khe Sanh. He earned the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Mueller joined the VFW in 1970 at Post 5077 in O'Fallon, Mo. where he maintains his Life Membership. He has served in various positions at the Post level including Post Quartermaster and in 1987-88 he achieved All-State Post Commander. In 1992-93 he earned All-American Department Commander honors. Jim has served on various national committees including Voice of Democracy, Homeless Veterans, National Security & Foreign Affairs, POW/MIA and Buddy Poppy. He served a two-year term as a VFW national council member in 1997-1999 representing members from Missouri and Indiana. In 1999 Jim served as the national convention chairman when the VFW celebrated their 100th anniversary in Kansas City, Mo.

Over the years, he has been active in his community and his church. In 2000 he was named O'Fallon's volunteer of the year. In 1994 Mueller was presented an award for his outstanding loyalty and support of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Amvets, American Legion and Military Order of the Cootie.

Mueller is retired from General Motors Parts Division where he was employed for 34 years.

Jim and his wife Patricia have been married more than 40 years and have two children. They reside in O'Fallon, Mo.



VFW Post 1581 Feeds Veterans

VFW Post 1581 in Omaha partnered with Texas Roadhouse to feed 40 people at MOHMS Place on August 29th. New Vision services are related to addressing basic needs and helping to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness in the community. MOHMS Place is their meal site that feeds homeless and near homeless families and individuals. Participating in the event and pictured above are (left to right) New Visions Director Steve Roberts, Post 1581 Commander C. L. Leighter, Post 1581 Adjutant and Quartermaster Dr. Steven Youngberg and Post members Dr. Rudi Mitchel, Marty Riemenschneider and Dean Mathisen.

Calendar of Events

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.

29 Road Rally ends with a Memorial in North Platte at noon to celebrate the 119th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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)

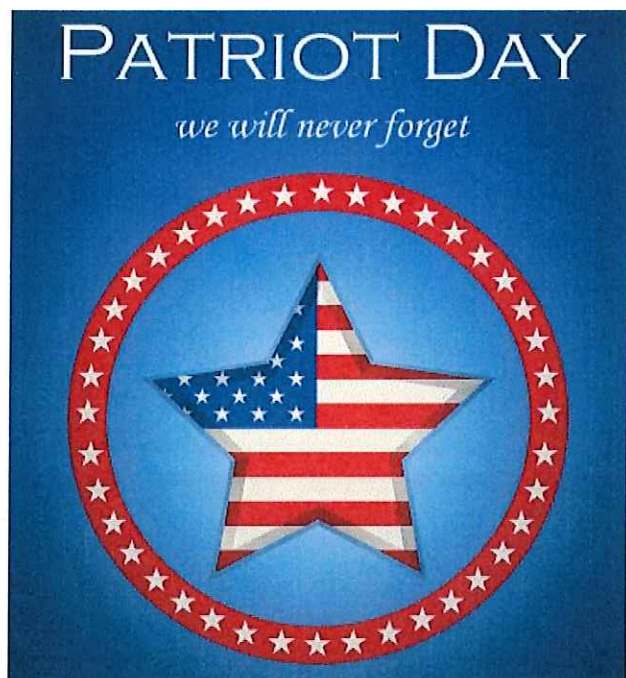
5th and 6th Homecoming and Fall Council in Ogallala at Front Street Steakhouse. \$10.00 per person.

14 Dist 10 Mtg in Plattsmouth

14 Dist 3 Mtg in Stanton

September Raffle Winners...

1	\$40.00	Mack	Gentert	3804
2	\$40.00	Scott	Weber	892
3	\$40.00	Max	Darnell	794
4	\$40.00	Rod	Johnson	2168
5	\$40.00	Richard	Strain	462
6	\$40.00	Jeri	Baker	2407
7	\$40.00	Gene	Machloan	1388
8	\$40.00	Deanna	Beatty	1594
9	\$40.00	Rudy	Brunkhorst	1696
10	\$40.00	Mary	Welton	2337
11	\$100.00	Casey	Anderson	955
12	\$40.00	Al	Crook	793
13	\$40.00	Jed	Lewis	2211
14	\$40.00	Barb	Vorthmanr	1553
15	\$40.00	Ben	McDowell	3835
16	\$40.00	Sarah	Klinetobe	2310
17	\$40.00	Richard	Fischer	3972
18	\$40.00	Senior Cen	Post 5820	2119
19	\$40.00	Francis	Maresh	2383
20	\$40.00	Margaret	Harter	2134
21	\$40.00	Joyce	Witt	3964
22	\$40.00	Joseph	Andersen	2091
23	\$40.00	Jeff	Lewton	3737
24	\$40.00	Jim	Longergan	79
25	\$40.00	Wid	Rogers	757
26	\$40.00	Scott & Kat	Schneider	3966
27	\$40.00	Sam	Boman	3669
28	\$40.00	Mike	Becker	1692
29	\$100.00	Sporhase P & H		3754
30	\$40.00	Sharon	Burmester	2684



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

Send articles to
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Homecoming Celebration

Come join us to celebrate Commander Bush and President Vogel in Ogallala next month. If you haven't notified Department Headquarters, please do so we can have a head count so we have plenty of food. See you there!



Nebraska Membership as of September 5th

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent
District Totals		1	438	1	0	14	453	610	74.26%
District Totals		3	1032	0	1	36	1069	1288	82.99%
District Totals		4	813	0	0	16	829	1031	80.40%
District Totals		6	864	0	0	36	900	1171	76.85%
District Totals		7	748	1	0	41	790	1108	71.29%
District Totals		9	1409	6	2	47	1464	1930	75.85%
District Totals		10	3372	22	2	133	3529	4367	80.81%
District Totals		11	824	2	1	27	854	1091	78.27%
District Totals		13	905	3	1	20	929	1087	85.46%
District Totals		15	672	0	1	20	693	838	82.69%
District Totals		99	639	11	2	25	677	1033	65.53%
State Totals			11716	46	10	415	12187	15554	78.35%