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"Meehan's Bequest: A Legacy Through Giving"



Hallam American Legion Post 294 was in for a surprise on September 27 when they attended a lunch to honor Joe Meehan, a World War II veteran and a seventy two-year member of the Hallam Post. Little did Post members Marilynn Grotrian, Bill Kerns, and Bruce Trautwein know that they would be receiving a check for \$38,220.50.

Joe Meehan grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska and would forever call the city home. In 1943, at the age of 18, he was drafted into the US Army and sent to Aberdeen Proving Grounds for basic training. Meehan went to Automotive School in Aberdeen and was discharged on March 13, 1946. Just thirteen days after returning home from the service, Meehan joined VFW Post 1450 and American Legion Post 3.

His automotive training helped him get a job at Cushman Motor Works. Following a strike, Meehan quit Cushman and joined the 52-20 club, which allowed former World War II soldiers to get \$20 a week for fifty-two weeks without having to work. In 1955 he started working for the Post Office and retired in 1975 when he was put on disability.

Meehan had spent his entire life collecting World War II memorabilia, starting with two rising sun Japanese flags from downed fighters at Pearl Harbor. He opened his own World War II Library and Museum in 1978 at Greenwood exit 420 on Interstate 80, and he soon amassed a collection of items that were worth almost \$1,000,000. Students from local schools would visit the museum and hear Meehan's stories and see World War II history in a much more interactive way than sitting in a classroom. Throughout his life, Meehan brought World War II history to life and created a program that was seen by over two million people. He marched in parades, talked to newspapers, and did tv interviews to share his message and history.

In 2012 Meehan decided that at 87 years old it was time to slow down and sell his museum and all the memorabilia in it. Most of the items were sold to private collectors, but some were given to the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward and other military museums. Meehan believed it was better to help others and donated to veterans organizations and other local foundations until his death in February 2018. His estate was split between ten local non-profit organizations.

Hallam Post 294 Adjutant Marilynn Grotrian remarked that, "Joe used to ride with me and a few other members to our monthly Post meetings. He was a great guy and we are thankful for his generous gift and the past donations he gave as well."

Planned giving to The American Legion or your local Post can be a way to continue your legacy of service and help your Legion brothers and sisters. The Nebraska American Legion has numerous programs such as Boys' State, Legion Baseball, the Oratorical Contest, Junior Law Cadet, Scholarships, etc. that would benefit from your support. Contact Adjutant Dave Salak at Department Headquarters if you have questions or would like more information about planned giving.

2019 Mid-Year Conference Make Your Reservations Now



The 2019 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 18-20, 2019 at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites in Norfolk. Rates are \$93.00 a night with breakfast is included.

This Mid-Year will include a visit from Midwest Region National Vice Commander James Stephen Sweet (MS) and National Auxiliary President Kathy Dungan (MS). National facilitators will be doing a special presentation on Resolutions. A guest speaker on suicide prevention will present during the Saturday joint session.

A draft agenda of the weekends events can be found to the right. If you would like more information about the conference, please contact Department Headquarters.

Norfolk Lodge and Suites - 4200 West Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk and call 402-379-3833 for reservations. Reservations need to be made by December 28 to get the Legion rate.

Mid-Year Agenda

Friday, January 18, 2019

10:00 a.m.	DEC Meeting
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Registration

Saturday, January 19, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	Joint Session
1:00 p.m.	LEAD Training
3:00 p.m.	Chaplain Training
6:00 p.m.	Oratorical Contest

Sunday, January 20, 2019

7:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	Joint Religious Service
9:00 a.m.	Joint Session
10:20 a.m.	Lottery Drawing

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2019 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 29,566 NOVEMBER 19TH TOTAL: 21,080 - 71.78%

DISTRICT 3—77.55%	DISTRICT 7—75.33%	DISTRICT 13—75.26%	DISTRICT 9—75.12%	DISTRICT 12—74.90%
DISTRICT 11—74.25%	DISTRICT 2—73.62%	DISTRICT 15—73.07%	DISTRICT 6—72.79%	DISTRICT 10—72.11%
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Commander's Corner

Lyle Bartels
Department Commander



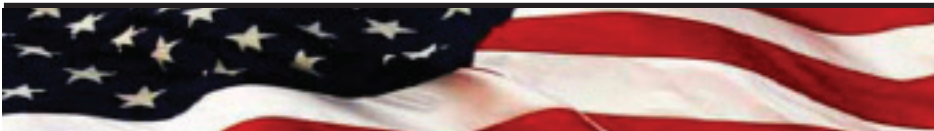
Greetings American Legion Family.
Recently I attended The American Legion Fall Meetings in Indianapolis. The Fall Meeting was



a very informative and educational experience. I enjoyed getting to know the Department Commander from many other states. These Departments seem to have some of the same challenges that we have here in Nebraska.
While I was in Indianapolis, I also had the opportunity to visit with our National Vice Commander. He is really an outstanding Legionnaire. Our National Vice Commander will be visiting our state twice, once during our District One Membership Tour and then again for our Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. Make your plans now to attend at least one of these events and meet National Vice Commander James Sweet.


It came as no surprise that membership was a hot topic at our Fall Meetings. Our National Commander is very concerned about the continuous slide that we have had in membership in recent years. We need to work hard to retain the members that we already have and to also ask every eligible veteran to join our American Legion Family.
Lately, I have attended several Fall Round-Ups and County Meetings. I have also been involved in several parades and attended a homecoming banquet for the Department President and Detachment Commander. Everywhere I travel I have always received a warm welcome and some great hospitality. I would to thank you all for the kindness that you have shown me.

“Working Together to Make a Difference”



Straight Talk

Philip Dittbrenner
Department Service Officer



Being a service officer, whether it is a Post, Department, National or any other, is a very demanding job.
First you must be aware of all of the options for veterans and their dependents. Medical, education, compensation and pension are just a few of the items that we are often asked about. I have found that the VA and its programs are always changing and it can be difficult to keep up with the changes. We must educate ourselves on what is going on. There is a lot of information and misinformation on benefits and who may be eligible, it seems like the VA will make a statement that they have implemented a new program, and after we look into it, we find that there is little to no change in what has been offered prior.
I have found that talking to other veterans is a great way to get information also, there have been many times when someone will tell me of a program or benefit that I was unaware of. So even if you are not a service officer, please educate yourself and help spread the word on what you learn from the medical center or the compensation side of things. Networking with other veterans can lead to many good things for all involved. If you are the Post Service Officer, get some information from the Legion magazine or VA Web site, and take it to a meeting and present it to everyone, and if you don't know the answer to a question just ask your County Service Officer or feel free to give me a call.
While we are talking about networking with our fellow brothers and sisters don't forget to invite a veteran to join your post or to come to a meeting and get involved with activities that your post may offer, there is always a need for volunteers to help with many different things to include funerals, feeds or post maintenance, don't be shy, we have a great impact on our communities and want to keep it that way.

Cancer Can Occur at Anytime

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality estimates that the direct medical costs for cancer in the US in 2013 were \$74.8 billion. If you get cancer, your share alone may run into the thousands of dollars. Despite huge strides in cancer research, the odds of getting cancer are still bleak. According to statistics from the American Cancer Society men have a 1-in-2 risk and women 1-in-3 risk of developing cancer.
This is why The LIT offers the Cancer Care Plan. We want to send you benefits if you find yourself caught in a battle with cancer. The individual benefits within the plan are subject to their own lifetime maximums and vary per benefit. This plan will provide cash benefits you can use toward: hospitals, operations, doctors, drugs and more.
Because the LITrust Cancer Care Plan is a group plan that was negotiated on behalf of over 1.7 million Legionnaires you pay group rates. These are likely more competitive than rates you could find on your own and cannot change unless they change for the entire group. Better yet, you are guaranteed acceptance in this plan if you're an eligible Legionnaire and have not been diagnosed with Cancer in the last 10 years.
For additional information regarding the LITrust Cancer Care plan, visit www.TheLIT.com or call 1-800-235-6943 and one of our representatives will assist you.

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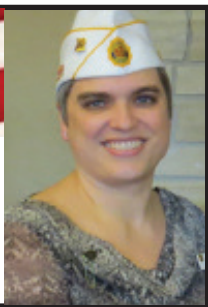
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It's History

Jennifer Salak
Department Historian





Department of Nebraska kicks off “Year of The American Legion”



In a packed room at the historic State Capitol Building, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska kicked off its Centennial Celebration on September 17 with help from Governor Pete Ricketts. Joined by nearly 100 Legionnaires, including Department Commander Lyle Bartels, Past Department Commander Jim Costello and Nebraska Department of Veterans’ Affairs Director John Hilgert, Governor Ricketts signed a special proclamation dedicating the next year in the state of Nebraska as the “Year of The American Legion.”

According to Governor Ricketts, a longtime supporter of Nebraska’s veterans, signing the proclamation provided an opportunity to thank Legionnaires for their service and bring awareness to an organization that has continued to serve the Nation and communities since it was chartered by Congress nearly 100 years ago.

The proclamation, drafted by Department Adjutant Dave Salak, highlights the impact the Department of Nebraska, consisting of nearly 31,000 Legionnaires in 359 local posts, has had throughout the state including: serving as the sole sponsor of Cornhusker Boys State for nearly 80 years; maintaining the third largest American Legion baseball program in the Nation with nearly 300 teams participating; sponsoring the first American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program in the country; and awarding nearly \$10,000 a year in educational scholarships to high school and Reserve Officer Training Corps students.

Now that the “Year of The American Legion” has officially begun in Nebraska, I would encourage Legionnaires to continue working hard developing events that celebrate the past 100 years and showcase our organization’s continued commitment and vision for the next 100 years. There are numerous resources available online to help you with planning events – visit <https://centennial.legion.org/tools> for more information. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with questions and thank you for all you have done and continue to do for communities throughout Nebraska.





POW/MIA

Donald Nelsen
POW/MIA Liaison



Before I start this article, I need to say it was taken entirely from an article written by Olivia B. Waxman for National POW/ MIA Recognition Day on September 21. Entitled "His Face Was Used to Symbolize Vietnam Prisoners of War” it is his real story.

U.S. Navy Lt Commander William M. Tschudy was pictured on the cover of Time Magazine on December 7, 1970, along with smaller pictures of Airmen James Hutton, James Young, and Commander Charles Tanner. It is interesting to note that the photo was supplied by Communist sources to the AP and UPI news services.

On July 18, 1965, US Navy Lt. Commander William M. Tschudy and co-pilot, Commander Jeremiah Denton were on a mission over Vietnam's Song Ma River to bomb North Vietnam Army ships. Due to being hit by fire or malfunction of their plane, they were forced to eject. Reaching the ground in their parachutes, they were immediately captured, becoming the 13th and 14th US prisoners of war in the Vietnam War.

Tschudy told Time Magazine the following on his remembrance: "They unhooked me from my parachute and took part of my clothes away from me: shirt, trousers, boots and walked me to a camp. The next night, they blindfolded us, put us in jeeps and drove us to Hanoi and put us in the main prison. I was there for the next seven- and one-half years.”

It was about five years into that ordeal that Tschudy's face appeared in dramatic fashion on the cover of the Dec. 7, 1970 issue of TIME magazine.

His name did not appear in the cover story, which was a look back at a failed attempt to rescue some POW's and was only mentioned in a note explaining that the cover image was composed of photos supplied by Communist sources to news agencies. Commander Tschudy, who goes by Bill, thinks the photo was taken shortly after he was captured. As he recalls, his captors were hoping their prisoners would offer information to verify what they thought they already knew.

When he once went along with their incorrect story and they found out the truth, he was beaten. The NVA was highly attuned to information published about POW's and MIA's in American media, and very quickly knew Bill lived in Virginia, and had one son, while Commander Denton had seven sons. Bill said he and his fellow inmates spent the next seven- and one-half years in groups of ONE. Denton is actually considered the first to relay the message home of his torture, by blinking TORTURE in Morse code.

Bill's wife Janie and many other POW wives soon learned that being quiet as they were told to be: Doesn't Work, and The National League of POW/MIA Families formed on May 28, 1970.

Bill had his homecoming, getting released in February, 1973. To this day while some may refer to Vietnam as the unwinnable war, Bill says he did not see it that way then and still doesn't. He said "We could have made it a military success. There was more America could have done. I felt America gave up on the war and its mission too soon. There could have been a better ending!"

He continues: " The whole time I was up there, I never had a feeling that I would never get out. In fact, I hadn't thought about death then as much as I do now."



To each and every Legionnaire, members of the Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and to their families, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year!

Nebraska American Legion Press Association

The Nebraska American Legion Press Association (NE-ALPA) will be holding a meeting during the Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. The meeting will be on Saturday, January 19, in the Veranda at 11:30 a.m. Please come and learn more about NE-ALPA and find out how you can be active in our state and communities. Contact Amanda at Headquarters with questions.

Sons of The American Legion Membership		
As of November 15, 2018		
District	2018 Members	2019 Members
1	274	89
2	523	190
3	215	81
4	349	15
5	131	72
6	1,399	342
7	678	274
8	1,035	422
9	261	121
10	279	19
11	1,024	273
12	229	86
13	148	39
15	174	0
Total	6,719	2,123

Chaplain's Corner
Dr. William Jackson, Jr.
Department Chaplain



S.A.L. Notes
Robert "Bud" Neel
Detachment Commander



(Government vs Economy)

Once upon a time, there was this land far, far away, which boasted of riches beyond compare, and living that could not be matched anywhere. It was even said that money grew on trees, near a fountain of youth for all who longed for a long life. Wow...that sounds soooo....heavenly doesn't it? Yeah...heavenly... Wake up! You overslept again. The spouse is nagging you again about possibly loosing your job, while the kids are doing a "full court press" on you for lunch money, new phones, and a host of other "gotta-haves."



You manage to briefly shower, dab some antiperspirant on, and even a little after shave splash before finding yourself contending with other fellow late people for that next exit you can not afford to miss...this time...

Amazing! Your boss is late, too, so you assume your most innocent pose as you catch up water cooler gossip, local news, and other business affecting your employment. But then it hits you. Did I hear that right, you say to yourself? There are people out there that are pushing for more government "hand-outs" while dismissing where those excess funds will come from? You remember somewhere that New York's Statue of Liberty from France, one of our world allies, is a reminder that America IS the land of opportunity and success, as

long as YOU, the individual, are willing to work towards that goal of self-sufficiency, as the Lord has ordained since Eve's and Adam's role/job/stewardship in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:15).

Later on during your workday, you're still pondering how some people believe that working people—whether rich or poor—are to economically support those who DON'T work, just so that image of America as that land of opportunity may continue to be fulfilled. You ponder a little more. I may not be the best disciple of Christ out there, you're thinking, but something sure smells fishy about some people pushing those with funds to help others not willing to help themselves. Now I know that some seniors, disabled veterans, and similar folk should be supported, but they have put in their time working and earning their way to their present state of need. I really don't know about giving a "leg up" to any one not willing to do for themselves by their sweat and blood.

Your day wears on towards its completion, but it still bugs you about your nation's sense of government and economy. The former leads its people and looks after their welfare by the consent of the governed, as with Scripture's tithing (Malachi 3:8-10) and the 10 commandments (Galatians 3:24). The latter features how that government controls the ebb-n-flow of financial resources for trade, business, and care of its citizenry. You also remember that ANY government CANNOT take care of its own people. Government leads by direction of its people banding together as a nation (common bond of culture, history, etc.) and society (an ordered arrangement for cultural expression). Economy is the process of how resources are used to further its people's desires as a nation and society.

After you return home, you share with your spouse your dream, and your day's ruminating over what appears to God's way of getting your attention about something, and you review the day. Is American truly that land of opportunity that the Statue of Liberty proclaims, and what some people here are claiming means an open door to everyone, whether we can afford to help them or not? Are we headed to a socioeconomic way of life that emphasizes blatant socialism to heal ALL of our nation's woes? What about our tried-n-true capitalistic economy, dating back to Genesis when private ownership meant people voluntarily contributed towards the good of all (e.g., tithes, taxes, etc.), and EVERYBODY worked until they weren't able to do so?

With socialism, people are forced to give up their wealth in support of those less well-off. With capitalism, the reverse is true: people voluntarily donate for the benefit of those around us. The rich get richer at the expense of others when they are not made equal partners within a given community. The rich go where they are wanted to make their wealth.

Now that you're ready for bed again, how will this night find you in the morning? Well, you ponder, although it's a lot to fathom, but from a Scriptural viewpoint. The Lord has His greatest creation, humankind, as money-makers, not money-takers. We help our country because we know it's what God would have us to do as His stewards on earth. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)



Hello everyone.

I hope everyone is getting into the Holiday season spirit as it is approaching rapidly.

In October, NEC George Seveck and I attended the Fall National Executive Committee Meeting and Commander's Conference in Indianapolis. It was a long trip but I met some very nice Sons Commanders and spouses. We have the Sons Blue Book on a CD now, so you don't have to print all 194 pages.

We gathered some information from other Commanders on their fundraisers and shared information with them. Also, in attendance was PNC Danny & Donna Smith, National Chaplain Dave Rippe, and Seth Rippe.

In November, American Legion Auxiliary President Beverly and I attended the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Des Moines, Iowa. Weather was not the best, but we did enjoy ourselves. On Saturday, we sat at the table with American Legion Past National Commander Dave Rehbein and his wife, Ann, from Iowa, some Michigan representatives hosting the 2019 Creative Arts Festival, and the Director of the Fort Dodge Military Museum during the awards presentations. On Sunday, we attended the live performance of the Veterans who won their category for singing, dance, drama, poetry and art. The emcee for the three hour show was Michael Peterson. All the Veterans did an outstanding job in their categories. It was well worth the trip. Next year the program will be in Kalamazoo, Michigan. I doubt that we will make the trip there.

As of this writing for the December paper, we may not make our November 15 membership target date. Nebraska is sitting at 25.644% and we need 35% by that date. We need to work on hitting the December target date and exceed it. All members need to help with the renewals. Adjutants and membership chairman, let your members know who needs to renew, work as a team for renewals and new members.

The January Mid-Year Conference will be held in Norfolk on January 18-20. I hope to see many new faces at the Conference, bring a friend or Squadron member that has not attended. We need to bring in new ideas, faces and up and coming leadership for the Detachment. There will be some minimal training, but with the schedule of joint sessions, time will be limited. Also, the High School Oratorical contest will be held on Saturday evening. If you are interested in seeing very good Constitutional orations by high school students, this would be worth the time.

If you did not attend your District Fall Round-ups, please consider attending your District Spring Conventions. We will be assigning Detachment Officers to attend the Spring Conventions at Mid-Year Conference, so we hope to see you all there.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Best of luck in 2019.



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“A Week That Shapes a Lifetime”

By: Luke Stara - 2018 Boys’ State Graduate

My name is Luke Stara from Ulysses. If someone told me two months ago that I would be giving a speech on Boys’ State, I would’ve told them no immediately and use any excuse not to. I have never been one to put myself on the spot, let alone give a speech. However, one week at Boys’ State taught me to get out of my comfort zone and to not be afraid of trying new things. I’ll be honest, when I was told about Boys’ State, I didn’t really take it seriously and just thought of it as another camp. I didn’t get my application in until the last day, after numerous reminders from my parents and principal, and forgot about it until summer hit.

As May turned to June, I saw that week at Boys’ State as a mark on my calendar where I could be hanging out with friends or going to movies, but I would be stuck on UNL campus doing something I was going to be bored of and hate. As June 3rd came along, I was a nervous wreck. Being the youngest child of five, I am used to peace and quiet with only my mom and dad at home. I couldn’t imagine rooming with one other person, be on a floor with fifty people, and another 350 boys on different floors. As I walked up to Harper Hall, the dorm we roomed in, I wanted to be anywhere else but there. I got my bright red shirt, lanyard, and started the march up to the seventh floor. This is when something incredible happened. I was greeted by the counselors that would be, as they would say, all our parents for the week. Then, I met all of the boys on my floor and I realized something at that moment. They were all just like me. None knew what to expect this week and some, like me, didn’t want to come at all. Little did I know that we would go from complete strangers to brothers in just a week.

For those who don’t know, the 400 boys are split into towns, each a different battle in US military history. There are eight floors: Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Yorktown, Gettysburg, Manila Bay, Bataan, Belleau Wood, and the best of them all, my town Alamo. Before Boys’ State, we were given a choice to be in athletics, band, choir, or newspaper. Doing well in activities would result in your town earning points. However, athletics were not as important as elections. On the first day, we held our town elections, in which we chose our mayor, city council, school board, legislature, and county supervisor.

Most of the speakers talked about different aspects of government and politics. For me, it was enlightening to see different points of view and how opinions differ from city to town to village. Most of our speakers were only with Boys’ State, but there were a few speakers where we had a joint session with Girls’ State and those were some of my favorites. One of the most impactful speakers on me was a talk on Diversity in Leadership. The speakers who talked were Don Wesley, a former Lincoln mayor, John Maisch, an activist for banning alcohol at Whiteclay, Thomas Christie, an African-American LPS school teacher, and Frank LaMere, a Native American activist for the Winnebago tribe. Listening to points of view never shown to me before was an experience I never will forget.

From where I am from, most would agree with me that we in David City and surrounding areas are conservative or leaning conservative. Listening to people who don’t agree with you is something that I believe everyone should experience in life. The talks during the week were perfect examples of this. There was an entire hour debate between Kenny Zoeller, the Executive Director of the Nebraska Republican Party, and Jane Kleeb, the Nebraska Democratic Party Chairman, and it was amazing, especially in the current climate in the United States, to see how friendly the two were after the debate and how civil the discussion was. This was a lesson that all young men and women need to learn to further our country’s success. Just because someone disagrees with you doesn’t mean that you have to be mortal enemies. Compromising was something that we had to learn if we wanted our “laws” to pass. Even when we went back to our dorms, some people got into discussions on how they would do things. For example, we had an interesting discussion about the legalization of marijuana and how it could provide benefits for the state of Nebraska, but also how it could be a detriment to the health of the people of Nebraska. Listening to a great idea or a theory about what could happen is something that is only interesting if you have it happen firsthand.

Now back to my personal story. While I may have made it sound like hell on earth, it was anything but. Attending the talks, at first, was something I wasn’t looking forward to at all. My goal, I thought, was going to be to try to stay awake and that’s all. The first joint session we had was Dr. Joanne Owens-Nauslar, we had to participate, and she made sure that no one was falling asleep during that talk. My favorite speaker I ever heard was by Scott Backovich who, not only made me look at decisions and choices I made that have hurt people, but how I can improve in the future and be a catalyst for change. Listening to Ben Sasse talk about my generation’s future and how, with advance in technology, we need to change our current retirement system was something that, at face value, sounds boring but he made it incredibly interesting and easy to understand.

While the talks were inspirational and amazing, I believe the interactions with people were my favorite part of Boys State. I met people from all the way out in Danbury, a good four and a half hours away, to as close as Columbus. I did have some friends attend Boys’ State with me, but I never did end up talking to them that much during the week. When you know someone for a long time, you never have that many new stories to tell. Listening to some of the stories that my fellow boys of Alamo had to tell was incredible. As I said, we didn’t know a single fact about each other. By Saturday, some were in tears that we had to say goodbye to each other and others were already planning a day in a few years for us to meet up again.

During the nights at Boys’ State, we had leadership discussions in which we were to tell about things that had happened on that day. The toughest day we had with leadership discussion was that Thursday’s discussion which was Reflecting on Boys’ State. Though none may admit it, many were in tears reflecting on hardships that they had to go through to get to Boys’ State and current hardships they had to face when they got back home. Boys’ State was a form of escape from those hardships to just hang out with some guys for a week and compete with each other whether that is in athletics or in the elections that were held. While we did get deep in those discussions, it wasn’t always talking about hardships. It was also asking questions of the other boys to find out what they liked. What sports do you play? What places have you traveled to? Warriors or Cavaliers? Is Nebraska ever going to be good again? These are the types of questions that need answering!

I learned so much from Boys’ State, but words could never describe what lessons I was taught, so I’ll try my best. I would never get caught speaking in front of anyone before Boys’ State, but I had to learn to suck it up and give a speech in front of 600 people about the Battle of Belleau Wood. That’s what Boys’ State taught me. I had to learn to be confident in what I did when I got to interview Larry Frost, Scott Frost’s father, for an article that was to be published on the Boys’ State website. That’s what Boys’ State taught me. I had to learn that everyone I meet has taken a different path to get where they are and have had their own trials. That’s what Boys’ State taught me. Most importantly, Boys’ State taught me to get out of my comfort zone. As the great Civil Rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy” and I don’t think a better quote could sum up Boys’ State. I cannot thank Boys’ State enough for giving me the opportunity to graduate their program and I encourage any parent out there with a child still in high school to send their kid to Boys’ State. As their motto says, “A Week that Shapes a Lifetime”.

Candidate Announcements

Gary Wooten



Gary Wooten has announced his candidacy for the high office of Department of Nebraska Commander. Gary has been a member of Louis-Milan American Legion Post 101 in Wilber since 2005. He earned his eligibility for membership in the American Legion by serving in the U.S. Air Force as a medic from 1969 through 1973.

Gary is currently the Department Senior Vice-Commander. He served eight years as the Commander of Wilber American Legion Post and is currently an Executive Board member as well as a member of the Post Honor Guard. Gary has also served as District 11 Vice-Commander and Commander, the Area C Vice-Commander, and Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms. He is also a member of the local school board and is active in several local organizations. Gary attends the Wilber United Methodist Church.

He is retired from the United States Department of Agricultural, working about 30 years for several agencies. He has worked in every state except Alaska, Hawaii, and Rhode Island. He has worked on National policies and regulations during two different tours in Washington, DC. He has two children and four grandchildren who live in New Mexico and North Carolina.

Doug Frahm

Doug Frahm is a candidate for Senior Vice Commander Department of Nebraska with the full support of his Post, District and most importantly his wife, Mary. Doug and Mary live in the small town of Amelia, Nebraska where he manages the family ranch for his mother.



Doug is a Vietnam veteran having served in the USAF and ANG for a total of 26 ½ years. After retiring in 2005, he joined the American Legion and has been a continuous member for 13 years. Doug has served as Chambers Post Commander for the past 11 years. Other offices he has held include Holt County Commander, District 2 Commander and Area B Vice Commander for 2 terms. He has attended all Department Conventions and Mid-Year Conferences since 2008, serving on the Department Executive Committee for 5 years. Doug has also been a Department of Nebraska delegate to National Convention for the past 2 years and has served on the National Security Council as a delegate for the past 2 years. At the 2017 Department Convention, he was appointed as the Junior Shooting Sports Program Liaison. Doug attend the National American Legion Collage and is a 2017 graduate.

Doug’s goal is to make the entire Department of Nebraska American Legion Family **Strong Again**. Legion family strength comes from our membership in the Legion, the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the Riders. He also believes that the programs we support and sponsor are what makes us strong in our communities and our state. Our membership and our programs are what made us strong in the beginning, but he knows that our numbers have declined significantly over the years. Why? **Retention:** something we can do something about but don’t seem to be getting the job done. We need to bring our lost members back into the family. There is a reason they left; we need to give them a reason to come back. **Recruitment:** an area we are all guilty of neglecting. There are a lot of eligible members in Nebraska, but they are not going to come to us. We need to actively and physically go to them and give them a reason to join our organization. Doug has many ideas on how to accomplish these objective’s, but it will take all of us to become a strong organization again.

Doug will work closely with the Department Commander and Department Staff to make a difference.

Doug asks for your **support** and your **vote** for Senior Vice Commander Department of Nebraska.



Legionnaire in the Spotlight

Stanley Victor Stanek

Stanley was born on November 16, 1918 to parents of Czech heritage in the Brown park neighborhood of South Omaha. He was the youngest of eight children and had three brothers and four sisters. As a teen, he had a job delivering grocery orders for a small neighborhood store.



Stanley, who was 21 at the time, was one of the first drafted in September of 1940 from Brown Park. He was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, a new training post that was located in the Ozark region of Missouri.

He said “Fort Leonard Wood just opened up, we was the first ones in there, first troops to be stationed there in Missouri. It was hell, the camp was new and the training was new and it was tough goin through all that. We marched all the time and there was red dirt everywhere down there. No matter how much the laundry washed our uniforms, they couldn’t get that red stain out of the bottom of our jeans! We walked from Fort Leonard Wood down through Arkansas and over to Texas. We saw a sign in Arkansas that said “Omaha” and the guys started laughing and said we should all go to Stan’s house for a hot meal!”

“I was drafted the same time as a buddy I knew that lived up the street from me. That was Pitlone. There was a bunch of guys drafted from St. Louis that went in to our outfit and all of them started hanging out with Pitlone and

I. We was sitting on our bunks the first day we was in there and a guy named Whittaker was sittin in the corner bunk with an angry look on his face. Pitlone said “Look at that mean mug on that guys face. Boy he’s mean lookin!” He was rough lookin, but then all he wanted to do was hang out with Pitlone and I all the time.” Sitzter and Pop Schroder were two other guys that were hanging out with us. Pop Schroder got his nickname from being older than the rest of us. He and I were going to go into business after we got out, but he never made it out of there. That was a rough time.

“The Army did a lot of training when we first went in. They had a bunch of guys in trucks in convoys at night. And every once in awhile them trucks would turn over with all the guys in there. There were some guys that got killed that way just in training.

Stan wanted a job in the motor pool and asked his buddy to put his name in while he was on furlough although he didn’t think he would get it. He said, “Pitlone got me in on that because I was home on furlough. I told him if they ask for anybody to go in the motor pool, put my name down. He did, and I got in there!” He was a Jeep driver for the duration of his tour in the Army during which he served in New Guinea and the Philippines. He served for 5 years.

He remembers sleeping was hard in the jungle because the enemy could sneak up on them at any time and there was the possibility of waking up with a huge snake for a bedmate. Also, the bugs were much bigger than at home and were in everything from clothing to food. He told us about trying to get some sleep on a particular night in the Philippines. “I don’t know what we was thinkin, we was going quite a ways and the guy riding with me said “let’s take a nap”. It was along a big forest with a lot of trees so we pulled over and who comes by and wakes us up but McArthur! He said “We don’t care about you if you don’t care about your lives, but take care of that jeep, that’s government property!

He was shot on his thumb in the Phillipines and we asked him to tell us about that. “I was in the Philippines and it was night and they was shooting. I was a jeep driver and I got in a hole that was there, it was an enemy’s hole they had dug for when they were fighting and had left it. There was another GI in there too. So, we just took over their hole this guy and me. I had my hand up on top, and doggone if they didn’t shoot my thumb. We thought it was the enemy shootin at us, but it was a different company! One of our company’s was shootin at us and we was shooting at them! That’s how I got shot, from one of them. Ohhh, and I didn’t want the Purple heart from that and I didn’t want them to send it to my home. My mother would have died if she had got a telegram saying I was hurt, you know. So I said, don’t say nothin”.

Stanley served in the Army for 5 years as a PFC before returning to live with his parents in South Omaha. He applied for a job at the Metro Area Transit company where he became a driver and worked for the company for 38 years. That is where he met his wife, Norma, who was riding the bus back and forth to her job at Jubilee. They married, built a home and raised their family in South Omaha where they both grew up. They have been

married sixty-seven years. They still reside at that same house after all these years. We all enjoy visiting with them and hearing their stories, especially their grandsons, Brian and Justin, (In the middle picture with Stanley). These stories are a part of our family history and we are blessed to have Stanley and Norma in our lives.

Stanley is a 67-year Department Life Member of South Omaha Post 331.

A special thanks to his daughter-in-law Deborah Stanek for all of this great information! Picured in the bottom picture are Brian, Justin, Amanda (editor), Deborah, and Stanley.

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American Legion Riders

Winterizing Your Motorcycle

Here are ten easy steps to winterize your motorcycle.

Surface Prep

Wash your bike and give it a thorough cleaning before storage. Bug guts or water spots will sit on your paint and can corrode it. Dry it completely to get all the moisture off the surfaces. Add a coat of wax, which will act as a barrier against moisture and rust. Finally, spray exposed metal surface with WD-40 to displace all moisture and to give them a protective coating against corrosion.

Oil and Filter Change

Change your oil and filters so you have fresh oil in your bike. Use a winter weight 5W30 oil so it starts easier. If you store your bike for 4 months or more, you will want to protect your engine’s internals against moisture by coating them lightly with oil.

Lube All Moving Parts

Keep all of the moving parts lubed during the winter to keep moisture from building up on them. Any part of your motorcycle that needs to be lubed at any point should be lubed again before storage. Some parts to check are: chain drive, cables, controls, fork surfaces, and any other pivot points.

Prep the Fuel System

Gas tanks tend to rust when not in use, and untreated gas breaks down and becomes gummy. To prevent rusting and make sure your fuel is ready to run, you’ll want to fill your tank completely and add a fuel stabilizer. Another method is to drain the tank and fuel system completely. This is more troublesome to do and requires that you treat the inside of the tank with fogging oil to prevent rusting. This method may be preferred for very long-term storage, but for winter storage a full tank of treated fuel is easier and completely safe.

Safeguard Battery

Batteries self-discharge when sitting over time, especially when they remain hooked up to the bike. The easiest way to combat this is to hook up a battery tender to monitor the charge and keep the battery topped off without overcharging. Otherwise, you should pull the battery from the bike for storage.

Protect Tires

If your tires are left to sit in the same position all winter long, they could develop flat spots. Put the bike up on stands for storage. If you don’t have stands, try to get at least the rear tire off the ground, or you can rotate your tires by rolling your motorcycle slightly every few weeks. If you need to leave your tires down on concrete, put a piece of carpet or plywood under them to keep any moisture from seeping into them.

Check Coolant/Anti-freeze

If you’ll be storing your bike somewhere that gets below freezing, make sure you have adequate levels of anti-freeze in your coolant system. This is very important; if you run straight water in your coolant system and it freezes, you could come back to a cracked head in the spring!

Plug Out Pests

Mice and other rodents are notorious for hiding from the cold inside exhaust pipes and making homes out of air filters. If order to avoid any furry surprises when it’s time to ride again, plug up your pipes with an exhaust plug. You can stuff your air intake and the ends of your exhaust with some plastic bags.

Keep it Covered

With your motorcycle fully prepped for winter, invest in a proper motorcycle cover. A quality motorcycle cover will not only keep dust off the bike but will keep the moisture out so it doesn’t get trapped underneath it, and create corrosion or rust.

You may not be able to ride in the snow, but nothing is better than starting your bike up in the spring and having it fire right up without any problems. Proper winterization is key to keeping your bike in great condition.

Mid-Year Conference Program

It’s time to start putting together our Mid-Year Conference Program and the Department is selling space in the program for individuals or businesses to advertise. Please ask around your community to garner support. All ads and payment must be received before January 7, 2019. The program is 8.5 x 5.5 in size. Please contact Amanda at Headquarters.

- \$10.00 page split into eight sections
- \$20.00 page split into four sections
- \$30.00 Page split into two sections
- \$60.00 Full page



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Trebold, Dwayne, Campbell, Lebanon/Grenada
Tuttle, George E., Fort Calhoun, Vietnam
Uhlik, Bohuil J. Jr., Malmo, Korea
Uhrmacher, Dale, Nelson, Vietnam
Verbeek, Gerald D., Fremont, WWII
Vestal, Lowell A., Lincoln, Vietnam
Vinkavich, Michael L., Papillion, Panama
Waner, John L., Lyons, Korea
Ward, John M. Jr., Papillion, WWII
Watson, Gene D., Columbus, Korea
Welty, Dennis L., Loup City, SAL
Westerman, Lyle F., Valparaiso, WWII
Whaley, Robert C., Grand Island, Vietnam
White, Leonard P., Fort Calhoun, Vietnam
Wiese, Robert W., Benson, WWII
Willard, Leland L. Kearney, Korea
Willers, Ronald D., Clearwater, Korea
Willits, Lynn B., North Platte, WWII
Winkelbauer, Loren, Belden, Vietnam
Wise, Keith M., Omaha, WWI
Woerth, Joseph, Bellevue, Vietnam
Woolley, Donald, Miller, Vietnam
Worden, Irvin V., Friend, Korea
Zimmerman, Marvin E., Nebraska City, Korea
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Events Calendar

1-2 New Years Holiday - Office Closed
18-20 Mid-Year Conference - Norfolk
21 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

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South Omaha Post 331 presented WWII veteran Stanley Stanek a certificate for his 100th birthday. Pictured (L to R) Department Adjutant Dave Salak, PDC Jim Costello, Post Commander Chuck Gilmore, and Stanley Stanek.



Dalton Post 301, Dalton Squadron 301, and Potter Post 291 honor guard led the Oktoberfest Parade in Sidney. District 4 Commander John Sanna and President Melody Sanna drove in the parade with their District 4 float.



Lincoln Post 3 held an informational table at the Governor's Welcome Home event. Pictured (L to R) Area C Vice-Commander Wade Graft, Susan Burgess, Department Commander Lyle Bartels, Commander Dave Timmerman, First Vice-Commander Pam Umphenour, District 15 Vice-Commander Jack Sibert, and District 15 Commander Gerry Wolf.



Wilber Post 101 displays a "Missing Man" table at their Legion Post to honor all POW/MIAs. Department Senior Vice Commander Gary Wooten set up the display.



Albion Post 162 member George D. Parli was presented with a Quilt of Valor from a quilting group in Schuyler. Parli is a Korean War veteran and a 61 year member of The American Legion. Pictured (L to R) Jenice Stevenson, George Parli, and North Central Nebraska Quilts of Valor Coordinator Eileen Krumbach.



Culbertson Post 133 Commander Paul Kennedy and Unit 133 Chaplain Peggy Kennedy presented a Quilt of Valor to World War II veteran Paul Confer for his 100th birthday.



Crete Post 147 presented Alvin Pomajzl (Crete Post) and Elmer Nemec (Wilber Post) with Quilt of Valor made by Missy Quilts of Lincoln at the Crete City Park. Pictured (L to R) Alvin Pomajzl and Elmer Nemec.



South Omaha Squadron 331 received a Children's First Gift Club Plaque and Gold Medallion for donating over \$1,000 to CWF. Pictured above (L to R) Rich Klinger, Doug Kleymann, Pat Zymola, Bill Peters, Commander Brian Kurtzuba, David Locke, Karl Frederickson, Brad Sutton, and Ken Wenninghoff. They also presented a check for \$1,000 to the Victory Apartments Pantry in memory of Post 331 member Betty Little. Pictured below (L to R) Karl Frederickson, Linda Dickens, Jim Titus, and Leslie Flynn.



Ainsworth Post 79 member Jack Anderson set up a display in his front yard honoring the 100th year of the American Legion. He keeps displays like this up all year to honor veterans.



Allen Post 131 American Legion Family had their Boys' and Girls' Staters and Junior Law Cadet participant report on their week-long experience at pot luck. Pictured (L to R) Katie Bathke, Girls' State, Kassidy Thomas, Junior Law Cadet, and Isaac Verzani, Boys' State.



Norfolk Squadron 16 Commander Thomas Landkamer and Legion/Sons member Tony Cole worked with Norfolk Catholic High School to honor POW/MIA Remembrance Day during the homecoming game.



The District 6 American Legion Family held their annual picnic for the Grand Island Veterans Home residents. Members from Districts 6 and 10 helped prepare, cook, and serve the food.



Arcadia Post 251 had 15 American Legion Family members march in their town Labor Day parade. This is one of ten parades the Arcadia American Legion Family does each year.



The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nebraska

The Star

December 2018



Veterans – Our Soul & Heart's Inspiration

Hello, Members. I just do not know where to start, but I bet I can think of something on everyone's mind.

ABC Book --- what took so long? Well, blame it on your Department President, me. One of the most important tasks as Chairman of the Department Executive Committee (DEC) is to ensure we are operating on best practices, using our funding wisely, and investing in our members and what they do. So, I put a squash on mailing the ABC Book until I was satisfied we could spend less in postage. And, after discussions and research, we are able to save over 50% on this item from last year. Was the delay worth it? You bet it was. The monies which channel through our Department are given in trust that they will be used wisely, generously, and deliberately. I do not apologize for the decision, but I do congratulate the Department and members for your support and understanding.

From baseball games to county visits, the State Fair Parade, and Fall meetings, I have also gone to Abilene, Kansas for the Eisenhower Pilgrimage. I was very impressed with the Chapman, Kansas Unit ladies and the fine meal they served. And then, the laying of the wreaths was very heartwarming. That was followed by a noon "Homecoming" luncheon for the Kansas Department Vice Commander and Vice President. They get their "Homecoming" out of the way before they take the helm as Commander and President, respectively.

I travelled to Des Moines, Iowa on November 3rd & 4th to attend the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. As the Department of Nebraska is a donor to this annual event, we were given two tickets to attend a luncheon on Saturday afternoon and then the stage show and banquet on Sunday. Our veterans have talent, and it was well displayed over these two days. The stage show was fabulous. Kalamazoo, MI is the location in 2019.

Hope that you have January 18-20, 2019 on the calendar and that you plan to be at the 2019 Mid-Year Conference at the Norfolk Lodge & Suites in Norfolk. Our National President Kathy Dungan will be our distinguished guest. President Kathy's focus this year is Female Veterans and Homelessness. We will have Sandra Gessler (from

Norfolk) there to tell her story of being in the service, being a homeless veteran, and also competing in the 2017 MS Veteran American and 2018 MS Senior America pageant and preparing to compete in the 2019 MS Senior America pageant once more. Sandy will be there in gown, jewels, and combat boots. I believe these two special guests will find time to visit, learn, and share. Please join them in Norfolk.

During my travels, we get some interesting questions, comments, and concerns; and they all have merit. One of those was "how can we shorten up our meetings so we can save on hotel rooms, eating out, and not having to listen to all those reports?" I found that topic very important and timely because, as a unit member, I have asked that many a time. We get a booklet with reports in print, we all can read, and yet we still have to listen again to what we read with a few additions. I tend to agree with our members that we can be more adaptive to making our conferences and conventions more exciting, less boring, with less reporting, and less expensive. So, ladies, if this is something about which you want to share your thoughts, please do so. It will be brought up at Mid-Year. There is never a bad idea – it is only bad when it is not shared. So, now you are invited to be frank, supportive, and perhaps share

how you would approach a resolution. It takes us all to make things better, so I am counting on hearing from as many members who wish to join in this conversation. You may reach me at bbneel1912@gmail.com for purposes of your comments. I appreciate your input.

Some housekeeping issues we have overcome. The internet outages, copier shut downs, loss of phone service, and more. Ladies, our Department has experienced this all and hopefully it is back to "doing business" in a timely manner. Patience and understanding go a long way, and our support of the Department is imperative. Thank you, Lisa (Department Secretary/Treasurer), for answering my questions and for your patience when more details are needed. Keep up the good work.

I have shared this thought with members of the DEC. When a concern or inquiry is presented, we need to stop, think "what is the concern," who can best answer our inquiry, and more. So, as an example, if you are the Unit Membership Clerk, any questions you may have on membership can be directed to the Membership Chair Angie Foster, Department Secretary Lisa or me. However, if you have sent your transmittal form and check into the Department, your only logical person to ask questions of is in the

Department Office. Once you release these items, your inquiry needs to go to the Department as it is the only one to know the answer on status. No one else can possibly know. This method of logic would apply to each of our programs – so let's stop, consider who would know an answer, and ask away.

Ladies, we are into the holiday season and at no other time is it more important that we look out for our fellow members. Winter is setting in. Check on your neighbor and offer a ride to meetings, doctor appointments, or grocery shopping. Many of our members would simply enjoy being remembered by a phone call, a sweet note of "thinking of you," or a visit to share fresh baked cookies or bread. Be thankful and enjoy the holidays in the spirit of "Veterans – Our Soul & Heart's Inspiration." God Bless you all! Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

*Beverly A. Neel
Department President.*



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2019 MID-YEAR CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – NEBRASKA JANUARY 18 – 20, 2019

NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES, 4200 W. NORFOLK AVENUE
NORFOLK NE – ROOM C Meeting Room

REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE: 9 AM – 4 PM (Friday & Saturday)

Seniors \$5.00 Juniors \$2.50

FRIDAY – JANUARY 18, 2019

9 AM-12:30 PM National President Kathy Dungan's visit/tour
Norfolk Veterans Home
10:30-11:15 AM ... DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS – ROOM C
1 PM FORMAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE – ROOM C
4 PM RECESS CONFERENCE FOR THE DAY
4:30-6 PM 8 & 40 Meeting – ROOM C

SATURDAY – JANUARY 19, 2019

9-11 AM JOINT SESSION – ROOM A-B
10 AM RECONVENE AUXILIARY CONFERENCE – ROOM C
5 PM AUXILIARY CONFERENCE ADJOURNED
6 PM DEPARTMENT FINALS OF ORATORICAL CONTEST – ROOM A-B

SUNDAY – JANUARY 20, 2019

7:30 AM CHOIR PRACTICE – ROOM C
8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE – ROOM C
9 AM-NOON JOINT SESSION – ROOM A-B

Members this is a very basic schedule – we do have a lot to share between us
– so please join us. Beverly A. Neel, Department President

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S RED TICKET RAFFLE WINNERS

1st – Shirley Clinton of Clearwater NE – 20' flag pole
2nd – Elizabeth Cline Grand Island NE – Wall Rug
3rd – Bonita Dickinson Sidney NE – Pledge Tapestry

Thanks to all who participated. Prizes will be brought to
Mid-Year Conference – Norfolk NE
January 18 – 20, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please send articles and pictures for future editions of "THE STAR" to Lorene Bartos, Editor at 7441 San Mateo Lane, Lincoln, NE 68516 or email to: ALATheStarNE@yahoo.com. Send photos as jpg attachments. Material for the next issue needs to be submitted by December 10, 2018



On Sunday, October 14TH, the Millard American Legion Post 374 family held a kids' Halloween party. Over 30 children enjoyed food, games, crafts, and costume judging. Pictured (L to R) judges Robin Rainsy, Tara Scott, and Sally Johnson as they discuss who will take home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for best costume in five age divisions.

MEMBERSHIP

Hellen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This is very true when it comes to the Auxiliary.

For example, a single member can make a sandwich for a veteran; but an entire District can host a picnic for 60+ veterans. During WWII, Rosie the Riveters rolled up their sleeves and worked together to get those planes built and out of the factories to support their military. We are falling behind in getting our members' dues paid this year. Therefore, it is that critical time when we need to roll up our sleeves and get those dues mailed to headquarters. Remember that 2018 membership cards expire on December 31, 2018. So, get your 2019 dues paid now to

prevent a lapse in membership and benefits.

If you would like to receive my weekly membership email (which includes reports/updates), please email me at angiefoster214@gmail.com. (Unit Membership Chairman and Presidents: please turn in your transmittal sheets and dues into HQ in Lincoln on a weekly basis.)

Please do not wait until you have all of your unit members' dues to mail in the transmittal sheets. If you have concerns about the number of unit members showing as paid in reports compared to what you have submitted, please call the Department headquarters at 402-466-1808.) We Can Do It!

*Angie Foster
Membership Chairman*

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Items enclosed in the newsletter:

- A flyer about this years' Mid-Year Conference.
- Please replace the page in the Americanism Chairman's section with the corrected page. The theme and due date has been corrected in the attached page.
- Poppy Year End Reporting page
- 2019 Dues Rate Review - This is what your unit is being charged for dues for the 2018-2019 year.
- 2020 dues Change form - Even if your dues are not going to change, EVERY unit must fill this out and return it to the office.
- Enclosed is a list of everyone who currently has ALA MIS access. If you would like to have access to ALA MIS for your Unit, please fill out the ALA MIS Access form following the list and send it, along with a \$10 fee for the year 2019. Your access would begin as soon as I receive your fee.
- Unit Officers Form - I have a lot of these already, but if you are not sure or you haven't sent this in, please do so. I would rather have five from every Unit than not have one from a single Unit.
- Vice-President Elizabeth has spearheaded a project for homeless female veterans - The Great Purse Give-A-Way. Details are included.
- Information on the Community Membership Challenge
- A message from our Historian Barbie Meyer
- Wish Lists from various Veterans Homes
- A template for the Appreciation card for local businesses.

I would also like to let you know that Cindy Lukan, a member from District 11 and Alexandria Unit 194, has joined me in the office; when you call and she answers, make sure to welcome her.

If you need any other forms or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Lisa Moore
Department Secretary

MORSE BLUFF



The Morse Bluff American Legion Auxiliary Unit 340 of Morse Bluff had talked about doing this project a couple of years ago. This year, we finally decided it was time to get it done. And we are so glad we did.

Our goal was to get the pictures of past and present members of our American Legion post. We got their names, branch of service, rank at time of discharge, and years served during a conflict or other service. We collected 156 pictures and will probably have 8 more pictures soon to fill up the fourth frame.

The middle frame shows the original charter members of the Morse Bluff American Legion Post, and they are all World War I veterans. We found all the pictures --- except for two for which we are still searching. We also have a copy of the names listed on the charter. We put the frames up before our annual chicken barbecue, which was held in August.

Everyone enjoyed looking at all the pictures of the veterans in their uniforms. It was a fun project, and we are glad that we finally did get it done.

LEGISLATIVE

Election day has passed, and it is now time to congratulate the individuals who have been successful and let them know we are members of the American Legion Auxiliary supporting veterans, the military and their families, and wounded veterans --- and that we will be willing to work with them for our veterans. I believe a goal for each unit in the state would be to assign a member or your legislative chairman to contact county and state representatives of veterans and the Senators of their district to introduce themselves and hopefully develop a good rapport with the staff. Excellent public relations for all!!

Our National President Kathy is making one of her priorities Women Veterans. One of her projects has been introduced at a number of events; and, hopefully, everyone or unit will make an effort to fill a handbag we no longer need with items of need

for a woman veteran.

President Kathy is especially concerned about health services women within the VA system. We must remember that our legislative efforts must align with the Legion's priorities. Sign up for Legislative Alerts on the American Legion legislative page.

ALA members --- the addresses for our State Senators and Congressman and United States Senators (and the bills they are working to present) may be found on the internet. Let's work for our VETERANS!!!!

Following are two sites for members to “check out” to learn more about what is happening on the legislative side of the ALA. The first is www.legion.org/legislative. The second is www.legion.org.dispatch. Check out resources available at www.legion.org/legislative. You may find a new idea to share with the Auxiliary members from

Nebraska. Some of these sites allow you to sign up so that you are automatically sent items of interest.

Mid-year Legislative reports are due JANUARY 8TH to state Legislative Chairman. Please share unusual as well as the daily experience on voting day. Please relate your experiences working with veterans and military members and their families.

FEBRUARY 1ST
LEGISLATIVE DAY @ THE
CAPITAL!!! Please make
plans to attend this event. It
is very educational, and the
information presented makes
it easier to explain to others
the purpose of and the need
for the bills. Invitations will be
coming out in late December.

Please check out the ABC Book; and, if you have questions, please call. My information is in the ABC Book.

Kay Ebeler
Legislative Chairman

SALUTE TO VETS

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32 attended the Salute to Veterans Dinner hosted by the Papillion/La Vista Community Foundation on Thursday, November 8th, at the Embassy Hotel and

Conference Center in La Vista.

At the dinner, Papillion Post 32 Commander Schram accepted a check for \$1500 dollars from the Foundation for all the contributions the American Legion gives to

the community of Papillion / La Vista. It was a wonderful tribute to our veterans, and we are so lucky to have an organization to honor them.

Our Gold Star families were also given a yellow rose.



Pictured, L-R, are Armi, Bonnie, Ginny, Neola, Phyllis, Renee, Tess, Sue, Judy, Shellie, Irene, Charlene, Radine, Lea, Margaret, Beverly, and Eleanor. The little lady behind Irene is Jan.



The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary celebrated Veterans Day with a 5:00 p.m. supper for the American Legion Members, Veterans, and the community. Nebraska American Legion District 13 Commander Ken Mandl was the guest speaker for the evening.



Dollar Days was held at the Grand Island VA Medical Center on November 6th. Volunteers brightened the day for many hospitalized veterans by presenting a calendar, a thank you letter, and some spending money to each veteran.



Several youth from Ashton participated in a project stuffing "letters of thanks" into envelopes for the veterans at the Gifts for Yanks activities to be held at the Grand Island Veterans Home on December 4th.

2018-2019 CENTERPIECE AND TRAY FAVOR ASSIGNMENTS

	GI V.A. Med Center 10 Cntrpc	GI Veterans Home 215 Tray Fav	Bellevue Eastern NE VA Home 24 Cntrpc	Norfolk VA Home 20 Cntrpc	Western NE Home 13 Cntrpc	Western NE Home 90 Tray Fav	Omaha Med Center 75 Tray Fav
December	#108 Ashton.....	#209 Franklin.....	#136 Burchard	#127 Craig.....	#200 Bayard.....	#133 Culbertson ...	#222 Shubert
January	#126 Broken Bow.....	#264 Jr Dorchester...	#266 Bennington.....	#327 Bellwood	#7 Alliance.....	ALA Juniors	#371 Valparaiso
February	#176 Blue Hill	# 316 Elm Creek	#353 Louisville	#264 Sr Dorchester.....	#7 Alliance.....	#7 Alliance	#354 Pleasant Dale
March	#110 Dwight	#218 Exeter.....	#171 Miller	#283 Platte Center.....	#352 Deshler.....	#163 North Platte ..	#1 Omaha
April	#257 Eustis	#225 Eddyville.....		#62 New Castle	#230 Thedford	# 364 Naponee.....	#232 Malmo
May		#193 Ohiowa	#3 Lincoln.....	#243 Plymouth	#213 Wallace.....	#213 Wallace.....	#49 Utica
June	# 251 Arcadia.....			#302 Leigh.....	#12 Chadron	#12 Chadron.....	#235 Union
July	#335 Davenport	Girl State.....		#155 Howells.....	#133 Culbertson.....	#133 Culbertson ...	#197 Eagle
August		Girl State.....		#175 Jackson			
September ...	#145 Bloomington.....	#141 Hampton		#302 Leigh.....			#289 Tablerock
October.....				#307 S Sioux City			#243 Plymouth
November.....		#225 Eddyville.....	#288 Farnam	#307 S Sioux City	#288 Farnam		

Rising City will be doing tray favors at Omaha V A Med Center in March also

Service to Veterans Chairwoman: Vicki Colson Ph: (308) 289-4836 - Email: colson.vicki@yahoo.com

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Does a “Spir of Goodwill” just happen in our units? Of course not!

Those of us who have been in our units for a long time know the history and the work of the unit. We know what we have done for Veteran’s Day, Legion Birthday, Memorial Day, and all the other events that have taken place during the year. But, the member who has only been at two or three meetings does not. So, when she asks, “why do we do that?” you might want to ask yourself that question as well. New members bring new ideas. Listen to that member,

and you may find new ways to achieve events.

Goodwill does not stop at our meetings. Do we check in with that new member occasionally or call and ask if there are any questions she might have? We are all a part of the Membership Team, and if we members are not comfortable at meetings and events, how likely are we to invite others to join our organization? Would you want to belong to an organization where your voice is not listened to or valued?

Time and talent are the treasures that a new member

brings to your unit. They trust your unit will respect what they have to say at each meeting and event. When a question is asked about how this event is done, why not say, “We have done it this way in the past, do you have an idea?” Simple changes in our statements may have a huge change in our attitudes and help make a new member feel welcomed. Simple changes for large benefits.

Elizabeth Paes
Department of Nebraska Vice President

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND (AEF) HELPING OUR ALA SISTERS

“My house was just destroyed by a tornado; I have nothing left. What do I do now?” Imagine if this happened to you - where would you turn?

Grants are available through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) for members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years). These grants can be used in the wake of an eligible financial crisis.

How can we help ensure

funding is available for these grants? Hold a fund-raiser in your unit; ask members to contribute every month, or have more fun and bring back the “Water Bottle” challenge --- which was used successfully several years ago. Keep an empty water bottle and put it in your car cup holder for your loose change. Put one of these water bottles in your club or community center, with a label signifying donations are for the “Auxiliary Emergency Fund”. Bring those filled bottles to District or Department meetings. A 20-ounce water

bottle full of dimes adds up to \$100. Cut an opening in the top for larger coins.

Let’s help support this important program by raising money this year. You never know when you might need to get assistance from the AEF. Let’s give back as we have received.

In Service to God and Country,
Barbara Washburn
AEF Chairman
Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary
402-521-0016

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, & STANDING RULES THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY “HOUSE”

The Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules are the “home” of our organization. The Constitution is the foundation of the “house.” With the exception of minor repairs on rare occasions, it is not changed -- from National, to Department, to District, to County (if your county is so organized), to Unit.

Bylaws are the walls and roof structure. They may be changed, but it is not a simple process.

Standing Rules are the interior of the “house” -- paint, wallpaper, rugs, furnishings, and accessories. They are our day-to-day guides for operating at whatever level

--- and are reasonably easy to change.

All changes should be made through parliamentary procedure, giving each member in attendance a voice in the decision.,

Luayne Weisgerber,
Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

NEBRASKA ALA TRIVIA

Trivia Answers from October/November

The Department of Nebraska received their charter on March 18, 1922.

Nebraska’s first Department President was Minnie (Freeman) Penny from Fullerton.

The first Department Convention was held in Fremont September 30 – October 1, 1921 (yes, the first convention was held the fall before we received our charter).

The first unit to charter in Nebraska was Scottsbluff. (from History of the Nebraska American Legion by Frank B. O’Connell, copyright 1922).

December’s Trivia

The terms “Green Pepper,” “Red Pepper,” “Pinch of Salt,” and “Salt of the Earth” refer to one particular Auxiliary program. What program are they associated with and what do they represent?



The St. Paul American Legion Junior Auxiliary Unit 119 met on October 14, 2018. New officers for the 2018-2019 year were elected. They are, L-R, President Valerie Christensen, Historian Emily Hancock, Vice President Kiaya Radke, Sergeant-at-Arms Samantha Stepanek, Chaplain Maycee Radke, Treasurer Jossilyn Janulewicz,; and Secretary Ejanae Maly. Photo is courtesy of Barb Sack.



Steele City Unit 349 President Berdine Fayne presented a 50-year Continuous Membership Certificate to Virginia Roskilly at their October meeting. Pictured (l to r) are Dorothy Cassell, Zoba Quintana, Virginia Roskilly, and Berdine Fayne,

HISTORY HAPPENING (CORRECTION)

WWI began in 1914 with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of the then Austria/Hungary region. He was killed by a Serbian Nationalist, Gavrilo Princip. The title of Archduke was given to the heir apparent to become King. Archduke Ferdinand was seeking to acquire Italy for his country. Many historians and experts of war are still puzzled by the participating countries’ aggression and allies who joined them. Thank you for permission to clarify.

Barbie Meyer
Dept. Historian



The American Legion Auxiliary of Douglas County recently installed new officers. Pictured, L-R, are District 8 President and Installing Office Leatrice Doolen, Douglas County President Donna Donner (Benson Unit), Douglas County Vice President Paula Pillen (Elkhorn/Waterloo Unit), and Secretary/Treasurer Diane Warrick (Bennington Unit).

In Loving Memory MARG STREET



Marg Street has passed away after 72 years in the Louisville ALA Unit 353. She was presented a 70-year certificate 2 years ago. She was an active member of Unit 353 holding many offices. She was a partner of Cass County 8/40, serving as Chapeau in 1960. She also was a member of the United Methodist Church Women. Her daughter is a 35 year member of the Louisville Unit.

She will be dearly missed as she served as our Sergeant-of-Arms for many years. She joined the ALA in 1946 and passed away July 27, 2018.



The St. Paul American Legion Auxiliary Unit 119 held its membership party on October 3, 2018 at the American Legion Hall. Three members were recognized for their many years of consecutive membership. They are, L-R, Theda Van Horn (60 years), Burdette Jacobsen (70 years), and Marion Potts (60 years). Photo courtesy of Barb Sack.



Sarpy County had their annual meeting on Sunday, November 4th. All three units were represented by their Presidents. Pictured from (l-r) are Shellie McGlade Zeeb (Papillion Unit 32), Deborah Armentrout (Springfield Unit 143), Charlotte Pfeffer (Gretna Unit 216), and County President Mary Dolan (Gretna Unit 216).

NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY--"WE CAN DO IT" TOP 13 DISTRICT PLANE FACTORIES IN NEBRASKA

District	Plane Being Built:	2019 Goal	Total	% of goal
2	Curtiss Kittyhawk	2136	1426	66.76%
7	Douglas Devastator	2210	1283	63.64%
11	Brewster Buccaneer	2529	1402	58.81%
5	Vought Vindicator	914	499	57.96%
10	Douglas A26 Invader	1589	792	56.53%
12	Bell Airacobra	2016	995	56.09%
1	Gruman Wildcat	1502	826	54.99%
3	Lockheed Lightning	1109	595	53.65%
8	Martin B26 Marauder	2178	1033	53.00%
9	Boeing Flying Fortress	711	368	52.87%
13	Ryan FR Fireball	779	382	52.76%
4	Republic Thunderbolt	817	386	50.00%
6	Boeing P26 Peashooter	2881	1233	46.55%
500	*Douglas Banshee*	*34	*30	*78.95%
TOTAL		21,405	11,250	56.22%

CHAPLAIN’S CONNECTION

Luke 2:

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it,

they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Nothing can beat the Christmas story for beauty and excitement. As the shepherds sat in quiet and darkness, suddenly their world came alight with brightness and splendor. Then, a “multitude of heavenly host” began singing, which must have been the most wondrous music they had ever heard. It’s not surprising that they felt compelled to go see this amazing thing they had been told about. Then, they just had to tell everyone they could find about what they had seen and heard. We too need to share this story and wish peace on earth and goodwill to men.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we enter this holiday season, help us to celebrate the wonderful gift of your son. Let us share the story and your love with all around us. Bless our efforts to make the season special for our veterans. Send us your peace, good will to men, and glory to God in the highest. Amen.

Pat Wiseman
Department Chaplain



Five Juniors from Nebraska attended the National Junior Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on October 6th. Pictured, L-R, are Nebraska Honorary Junior President Brianna Capek (Dorchester), Allie Thede (Wilber), Allison Wiles (Dorchester), and Brianna and KayLynn Novak (Winside).



St. Paul Junior Auxiliary Unit 119 participated in the Halloween Boo Bash at the St Paul Public Schools on October 31, 2018. The project provided safe trick-or-treating for over 600 children in the Saint Paul area. Junior Auxiliary President Valerie Christensen and friend Taylor Nall helped with the distribution of suckers and glow sticks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 10 Articles due for the January/February issue
- 24 Department Headquarters Closed at Noon
- 25 Christmas Day - Department Headquarters Closed

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day - Department Office closed
- 18-20 Mid-Year Education Conference
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Department Office closed

FOR FUTURE PLANNING

- January 18-20, 2019 Mid-Year Conference - Norfolk
- June 2-8, 2019 American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State, Lincoln
- June 20-23, 2019 Department Convention, Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE
- August 23-29, 2019 National Convention, Indianapolis, IN

In Memoriam

Notices received
September 10, 2018 to November 10, 2018

Elaine Lapuzza	Omaha	1
Audrey M Bak	Omaha	1
Shirley Oliver	Lincoln	3
Ann Meier	Lincoln	3
Diane L Craigie	Lincoln	3
Gladys Knadle	Lincoln	3
Dorothy A McKay	Lincoln	3
Elizabeth M. Sawyer	Lincoln	3
Margaret Kennedy	Central City	6
Pat Borg	Alliance	7
Elsie Moyer	Nebraska City	8
Barbara Yearsley	Nebraska City	8
Alvena Frost.....	Nebraska City	8
Rosemary Redden.....	Nebraska City	8
Bonnie Goodman	Nebraska City	8
Theola M Arneson	Hastings	11
Lucille Myers	Chadron	12
Jean Reitz	Chadron	12
Chloris E Naylor.....	Chadron	12
Beatrice E Weymouth....	Chadron	12
Denise Den	Auburn	23
Marguerite G Scott.....	Wymore	25
Dorothy Nickels	Beatrice	27
Joanne Kipf	Beatrice	27
Ruby Genrich	Beatrice	27
Betty L Stiles	Beatrice	27
Dolores Hochstein	Wynot	31
Norma Jean Skalka	Lawrence	45
Norma J Janulewicz	Loup City	48
Ann Hayward	Hyannis	57
Aurora Elizabeth Polt.....	Hyannis	57
Phyllis Delong	Callaway	59
Cozetta Rohan.....	Newcastle	62
Betty J Suhr.....	Creighton	74
Patricia A Mitchell	Wahoo	82
Eleanor C Slaymaker	Atkinson	86
Joyce Bertrang	Valentine	90
Connie J Peterson.....	Valentine	90
Donna R Wieseman.....	Osceola	91
Mae Dennis.....	O'Neill	93
Charol Tibbetts.....	O'Neill	93
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Dorothy L Olsen.....	Saint Paul.....	119
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Cecelia M Steckly	Beaver Crossing	178
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Donna Hergott.....	Hebron	180
Loretta Schleif	Hebron	180
Ladonna Heider	Hebron	180
Willia M Schutte	Nelson	187
Deanna Turner	Ohiowa.....	193
Helen Royal	Palmyra	195
Mary L Peters	Wood Lake.....	202
Jacqueline Cozad	Wood Lake.....	202
Bernadeen Larsen	Exeter.....	218
Carol Blue	Oxford.....	219
Kandy J Wheeler	Oxford.....	219
Beverly Gates	Saint Edward	226
Shirley Hasselbalch	Saint Edward	226
Charlene Beckman.....	Elgin	229
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Bonnie L Pojar	Millard	374
Jane M Cline.....	Millard	374
Leila Peden.....	Nebraska	500

CONGRATULATIONS, LOTTERY WINNERS!

Oct. 1, 2018.....	\$50	Terry Velasquez.....	Omaha
Oct. 2, 2018.....	\$50	Edwin Kleinschmit.....	Crofton
Oct. 3, 2018.....	\$50	Kathryn Cyboron.....	Boelus
Oct. 4, 2018.....	\$50	Lorraine Starfield	LaVista
Oct. 5, 2018.....	\$50	Diane Donnelly	Hershey
Oct. 6, 2018.....	\$50	Judy Bors.....	Dorchester
Oct. 7, 2018.....	\$75	Clarence Tichota	Beemer
Oct. 8, 2018.....	\$75	ALA Unit 171-Milford.....	Milford
Oct. 9, 2018.....	\$50	Lindsay Heitman	Omaha
Oct. 10, 2018.....	\$50	Bryan Young.....	Bloomfield
Oct. 11, 2018.....	\$50	Mary Alice Pearson.....	Oakland
Oct. 12, 2018.....	\$50	Dave Zeleny	Milligan
Oct. 13, 2018.....	\$75	Cindy Riggert	Pierce
Oct. 14, 2018.....	\$75	Richard Alan Baxter.....	Palisade
Oct. 15, 2018.....	\$50	David Odvody	Prague
Oct. 16, 2018.....	\$50	Sarah Smith	Brunswick
Oct. 17, 2018.....	\$50	Doris King	Bennet
Oct. 18, 2018.....	\$50	Michael Hermelbracht.....	Bancroft
Oct. 19, 2018.....	\$50	Pam Hutt	Bennet
Oct. 20, 2018.....	\$50	AL Post 75-Battle Creek ..	Battle Creek
Oct. 21, 2018.....	\$75	Danny Hietbrink.....	Sterling
Oct. 22, 2018.....	\$50	Barb Lefdal	Sioux Falls
Oct. 23, 2018.....	\$50	C.A. Schultz	Beemer
Oct. 24, 2018.....	\$50	Ester Svitak	Creighton
Oct. 25, 2018.....	\$50	Sandy Steinkamp.....	Lincoln
Oct. 26, 2018.....	\$50	Bob Wiegert	LaVista
Oct. 27, 2018.....	\$50	David Riggert	Pierce
Oct. 28, 2018.....	\$75	ALA Unit 79 - Ainsworth....	Ainsworth
Oct. 29, 2018.....	\$50	Dan Benes	Valparaiso
Oct. 30, 2018.....	\$50	Maxine Hurt	Ashton
Oct. 31, 2018.....	\$75	Dennis J. Hassler.....	Wakefield
Nov. 1, 2018.....	\$50	Diane Mooney	Utica
Nov. 2, 2018.....	\$50	Cheri Ward	McCook
Nov. 3, 2018.....	\$50	Margaret Magsamen	Albion
Nov. 4, 2018.....	\$75	Carmen Peetz	Neligh
Nov. 5, 2018.....	\$50	Susan Bratrsovsky.....	Lincoln
Nov. 6, 2018.....	\$50	ALA Unit 319 - Cody.....	CodyCody
Nov. 7, 2018.....	\$50	Willie Mahler	Beemer
Nov. 8, 2018.....	\$50	Gayla Schmid.....	Bellwood
Nov. 9, 2018.....	\$50	Karla Ostrander	Lincoln
Nov. 10, 2018.....	\$250 ..	Brad Lierman	Forsyth MO
Nov. 11, 2018.....	\$750 ..	ALA Unit 283.....	Columbus
Nov. 12, 2018.....	\$50	Irene Dresch	Primrose
Nov. 13, 2018.....	\$50	Judy Wobbenhorst.....	Belden
Nov. 14, 2018.....	\$50	Nathan Deke	DeWitt
Nov. 15, 2018.....	\$50	Deanna Riggins	Norfolk
Nov. 16, 2018.....	\$50	Jamie Balderson	Manhattan KS
Nov. 17, 2018.....	\$50	Bill Ward	Palisade
Nov. 18, 2018.....	\$75	Maureen Menke	Lawrence
Nov. 19, 2018.....	\$50	Frank Welchert.....	Ft. Calhoun
Nov. 20, 2018.....	\$50	Mike Jaeger	Randolph
Nov. 21, 2018.....	\$50	Susan Bratrsovsky.....	Lincoln
Nov. 22, 2018.....	\$200 ..	ALA Unit 259-Verdigre.....	Verdigre
Nov. 23, 2018.....	\$50	Michael Johnson	Lincoln
Nov. 24, 2018.....	\$50	Pat Heinemann	Wallace
Nov. 25, 2018.....	\$75	Diane Saale	Talmage
Nov. 26, 2018.....	\$50	Darlene Kliment.....	Valparaiso
Nov. 27, 2018.....	\$50	Rita Wagner.....	Elgin
Nov. 28, 2018.....	\$50	Rita Langhorst.....	Jackson
Nov. 29, 2018.....	\$50	Dawn Reitmater	Omaha
Nov. 30, 2018.....	\$50	ALA Unit 114.....	Coleridge

AMERICANISM

What is Americanism?
There are actually 2 different meanings. It can refer to the defining characteristics of the Unites States and can also signify loyalty to the United States and a defense of American political ideals. These ideals include, but are not limited to, self-government, equal opportunity, freedom of speech, and a belief in progress. This collection of ideals that forms the modern ideology of Americanism holds an enduring appeal to people from lands throughout the globe.

Your units, of course, cannot get involved in all activities that are considered part of the Americanism Program; but you do have many options. Promote proper respect for the American Flag by teaching proper flag etiquette, support the Citizens Flag Alliance, do not forget our POW/MIA's, and promote students participating in the American Essay contest.

This year, you will find a sheet in the ABC Book that has guidelines for completion of the essays. Be sure to encourage the students to follow those rules. One of the most important goals you should have this year is to be sure and send me a short story along with any pictures you may have about what you did to promote Americanism so I can share Nebraska’s story when I send my report to National

Sharon Scott,
Americanism Chairman



Plymouth Unit 243 Unit Secretary Dianne Ebke presented Pattie Maire with a 70 year Certificate of Continuous Membership.