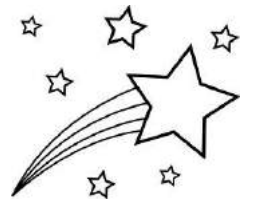




# The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nebraska

# The Star

January/February 2019



## Veterans – Our Soul & Heart's Inspiration

Hello, Members.

Well, the Gifts Shops are complete. I was unable to make it to the events in either Omaha or Grand Island.

We completed the District Fall meetings and then Dollar Days and Gifts for Yanks at our Veteran facilities in Nebraska. I started the District One Tour, but once we completed business in Valentine, we headed home before the big snow storm in northeast Nebraska. We had a wonderful time in District One,

# New year

HAPPY

and the Legion Family is strong and thriving. Keep in mind we cannot do everything, but we are able to do something --- and that something needs to be what works where you live, work, and play. Thank you to all for the hospitality, treats, and well wishes shared this fall with our travels and visits. You are all doing great things, and it is a shame we cannot all get in one place and share all that is being done for our beloved veterans, military, families, children and youth, and communities. Just keep up the good work.

When you get into a new position, there is a learning

curve; and, believe me, there is one this year. As one who signs checks for the Department, it is very important to me to understand the best practices or lack thereof concerning what it is we do, why we do it, and for whom. I have been one to ask many questions for clarification, purpose, and understanding.

In that process, I have heard from members and dearly appreciate their comments and guidance. There are areas where I believe we need to be more accountable, clear, and do best practices across the board in unison. The phrase “we have always done it that way” cannot and should not be used when finances are involved. Those who write vouchers for obtaining funding should do so all in the

same manner. There are special funds available, and they should be requested in advance; i.e., Dollar Days and Gifts for Yanks Who Gave events. Any unused funds should be sent back to the Department to use for similar purposes in the coming year(s). They cannot and should not be used for purposes other than as intended.

While attending these events, I have been given the extra funds and have personally taken them to the Department. I do appreciate the work and commitment of our veteran-facility representatives. They are doing a fabulous job and put many hours into their work. I am still learning and expect to learn more as we move forward. I will continue to ask the questions; and, if I am thinking wrong, I will be the first to admit it and let you know the same.

I am looking forward to the next few months as Department President and hope you have enjoyed the journey thus far. For we are not done, and we do need each member to step forward and take a lead in a favorite area or purpose. Each and every member has merit and value --- and you are what keeps us rounded and moving forward. Thank you for all you do. God Bless to All.

*Beverly A. Neel  
Department President.*



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Department of Nebraska  
President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
2018-2019

## GRAND ISLAND VETERANS HOME



A huge crowd came to share the last Gift for Yanks at the Grand Island Veterans Home. There were many American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of American Legion members who attended. Several units brought cookies, and the veterans and their spouses were given tokens of appreciation.

There were 11 Past Department Commanders present. They honored Nancy Klimek, Manager of the Activity Department, with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The first hour was filled with the wonderful music by the musical group County Jammers. They donated their time to fill the hearts of the veterans with musical, Christmas joy. After the entertainment was finished, the volunteers went to the veterans' units to hand them their gifts.

Next year, Gift for Yanks will be held in Kearney at the new Central Nebraska Veterans Home.



Culbertson Unit #133 hosted a “Purse Event” on December 11th. Donations of purses and feminine products were requested from the community through the local CIP and FROGs communication. An evening was spent packaging products and filling the purses that will be delivered in January to Norfolk at the Mid-Year Conference. The more than 50 purses prepared will be given to homeless veterans in Nebraska.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

# Girls<sup>★</sup> STATE 2019

## CORNHUSKER GIRLS STATE IS COMING JUNE 2-8, 2019!

### REMINDER CALENDAR DATES:

- Early January 2019 - go to local schools and talk to the Junior girls about what Girls State is and how it can change their lives for the better.
- Early January 2019 – Girls State information will be coming to the units.
- March 1, 2019 – Applications must be submitted.
- April and early May – District Orientations for Girls State.

Please contact Ashlyn Wilkes or Roxanne Hiatt with questions.

Ashlyn Wilkes  
Cornhusker Girls State Chairman

## 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

8-10 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



VA & R

There are 2.2 million female veterans today, accounting for about 10 percent of the overall veterans population. Female veterans have different needs than their male colleagues and often find it difficult to get help.

There are wish lists from the Veteran Medical Centers and Homes across Nebraska. Have you heard about the Purses for Homeless Lady Veterans? Take one out of your closet / tote and fill it with feminine hygiene products, personal care items, and snacks. You know all those soaps and shampoos you take from motel rooms? Place them into individual plastic zip bags, put them in the purse (please no mouthwash or fragrance items) along with beef jerky, dried fruits, bags of tuna, crackers, etc.

It’s winter. A nice pair of gloves or a warm scarf would be nice. Just think of what you use and need and put it

in the purse. You don’t need a gigantic purse, but a nice one would be good. They are to be collected at Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk in January. If you don’t make it to Norfolk, take it to one of the Veterans facilities or give it to one of the Department officers or District Presidents.

Don’t forget to say “Thank You for Your Service” to lady Veterans, too!

Another project is the plastic mats for Homeless Veterans. Save your plastic bags (make sure they are not biodegradable), fold them, and give them to the people who make the mats. For those who make the mats, please let our ladies know who you are so that we can get the plastic bags to you. You can also give them to Department Officers or District Presidents, too.

Renee Van Winkle  
VA&R Chairman



Three Veterans from Davenport --- Lloyd Holtzen, DuWayn Holtzen, and Dale Wittrock --- received Quilts of Valor on Veterans Day. The Davenport American Legion Auxiliary presented them, and the quilts were made by the Piecemakers of Ohiowa/Bruning.



Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit #222 held their Annual Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 2nd. Linda Patchen and Lynette and Will Surman showed their Shubert homes with all of the proceeds to be given to the Nebraska Homeless Veterans.

SCHOLARSHIPS – “UNIT VERIFICATION FORM”

Hello, Unit Presidents and Education Chairs:

The “Unit Verification Form” that accompanies each scholarship application has a misspelled word on it. The word “INDIVIDUALS” is missing the “I” at the beginning of your instructions where it states “Applications will not be accepted by Individuals” and is enclosed in a box.

Please note that the correction has been made to our master copies, but THERE

WILL NOT BE NEW FORMS sent to the Units. Use the form you have with your scholarships; and, next year, all should be in order.

Sorry for this error --- and, yes, ladies, it is your Department President --- me --- who is responsible for the misspelling. But, this will clear it up for you now. If you have any questions, please contact me via email bbneel1912@gmail.com or phone 402 369 0152. Thanks.

I just wanted to let you know we are aware of this and have corrected the master copies so it will not be repeated in the next year. Thank you. Have a Blessed Holiday Season. Keep up the good work.

Come to Mid-Year in Norfolk January 18-20, 2019 and learn more about how to work with students through the scholarship application process.

Beverly A. Neel,  
Department President



Cook Unit 360 held a potluck supper to honor veterans in the Cook area for their military service and their service to American Legion Post 360. Saylor Rother presented her Americanism Essay, and Logan Anderson spoke on his experiences at Boys State. *Pictured front row (l to r): Logan Anderson, Louis Bentzinger, Danny Doeden, Robert Fisher, Rich Roesener, Bob Burns, and Saylor Rother. Back row (l to r) Ken Cast, Mike Carman, Howard McNiff, Ken West, Bill Cropp, David Eisenhauer, and Gordon Budt. Picture courtesy of the Tecumseh Chieftain.*



The Wolbach American Legion Auxiliary Unit #236 honored veterans at an appreciation dinner for local veterans at the American Legion on Sunday, November 11th. Sixty-seven people, including 25 veterans, attended.

FROM THE  
SECRETARY’S  
DESK  
HELP WANTED

Ladies,  
As we are getting ready for another amazing Mid-Year Educational Conference, please remember that putting this all together means: I NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

I need 6-10 Ladies to work the registration desk. The more that work, the less time you must spend out in the hall. If you would like to meet more of your Auxiliary sisters, this is a great way to do it. Everybody must register to attend the conference.

Please help me out and volunteer to work a few hours at the registration table --- and thanks for your help!!!!

Lisa D. Moore  
Secretary/Treasurer  
402-466-1808 - PO Box 5227  
- Lincoln, NE 68505

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Two very important projects within the Children and Youth Program are the Youth Hero Awards / Good Deed Awards and the Star Spangled Kids.

The Youth Hero Awards / Good Deed Awards are a way that the ALA can recognize youth in your community who demonstrate good citizenship through either a brave physical act or a good deed. Look through your newspapers, TV, and neighborhoods for children and youth who have performed a heroic act of physical valor, such as performing CPR, helping evacuate someone in the event

of a fire, or calling 911 for emergency help, etc. Remember, they do not have to be members of our organization.

It is a good idea to contact your local schools, churches, and youth groups to make them aware of the Youth Hero / Good Deed Awards. Don’t forget to leave your unit contact information with them.

The second project that I would like to talk about is the Star Spangled Kids. This project is a good way to educate children and youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism,

and the U.S. Constitution. How fun and interactive would it be to make a “Star Spangled” kids presentation to your local schools. Invite post members to help students learn how their military service was meaningful in defending the U.S. Constitution.

Thank you for all you do for our Children and Youth. If you have any questions, please contact me. You will find my contact information in the ABC Book.

Marge Suchy  
Children and Youth  
Chairman



Millard American Legion Post 374 family along with Millard United Elite baseball players and their coach and parents packed 37 care packages for Nebraska service members deployed overseas. Also, four big boxes and one smaller box were sent to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

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.....	#355 Denton .....	#62 New Castle .....	#230 Thedford .....	# 364 Naponee.....	#232 Malmo
May .....	#19 York .....	#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 Table Rock
October.....				#307 S Sioux City .....			#243 Plymouth
November.....		#225 Eddyville.....	#288 Farnam .....	#307 S Sioux City .....	#288 Farnam .....		#20 Fremont
December .....		#218 Exeter.....		#357 Brunswick .....			

Rising City will be doing tray favors at Omaha V A Med Center in March. Thanks to Fremont for doing tray favors at Omaha VA Med Center in December 2018.  
Service to Veterans Chairwoman: Vicki Colson Ph: (308) 289-4836 - Email: colson.vicki@yahoo.com



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Mother Nature had her way with the District 1 tour. I made it to Valentine, and from there headed home. What a disappointment that was. So many members with whom I did not get to visit and no Christmas party at Hot Springs, SD.

But, in the towns I was able to visit, the same statements were made. “Our members are getting older, and we just have trouble getting the younger people to sign up.” But then, we would start a conversation and would listen to all the wonderful programs they did and all the wonderful

events that were attended. Just think of all the people in the community that were touched by their work and all the veterans who received that extra bit of attention and care. This is not happening just in District 1. This happens in everyplace I have had the privilege to visit.

Sometimes, we look at the numbers and forget to focus on what we as members have accomplished. Young men and women would not be able to attend Boy’s / Girl’s State or the Law Cadet program. Scholarships would not be handed out or Poppy Posters

made. There would be no Dollar Days, Gifts for Yanks, or Gift Shops for Christmas. All these happen because you, our members, care about our communities and our veterans. You do it because you care, and we are all better people for the care we show others. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. Galatians 6:9-10

Elizabeth Paes  
Department Vice President



Recipients of the quilts are, L-R: Jim Clark, who served in the Navy during the Korean War; Chuck Herndon, Army, Korean War; Dave Muff, Army, Vietnam War; and Evan Wahl, Army, Korean War. Not pictured is Gene Horky, Nebraska Air National Guard, Korean War. Crete Unit 147 presented Quilts of Valor to five veterans during their November 6th meeting at Veterans and Friends. Recipients were draped with their quilts and spoke briefly about their experiences in the service.



On November 12th, the Hampton ALA Unit #141 hosted a luncheon in honor of our Veterans. Jody LaBrie, a member of Doniphan American Legion Post 300, was the winner of our door prize. Pictured with Jody is Roger Bamesburger, who donated the door prize.



West Point Unit 70 members Mary Jo Lueckenhoff, Adeline Hanel, Mary Kempf, and Vicki Furchert volunteered at the Gift Shop at the Omaha VA Medical Center. The elf, reindeer, and candy cane head gear brought many smiles and comments as they wrapped and delivered presents to the hospitalized veterans

EDUCATION

There are eight Department Scholarships available to students. Please follow the guidelines in your ABC book. They are well written; and, if followed, will give the applicants a better chance of being awarded a scholarship.

Units need to do a good job of going over the applications before they are sent on to Department. Make sure all deadlines are followed. Applications are due to the local unit by March 1st --- and are due to Department by March 15th.

Refer to the yellow pages in the ABC book for information about the Education Program, and the Department scholarship forms are in the back of

the book.

If you have any questions, be sure to call, write, or email me so that I can answer questions for you. My information is on the yellow sheets under Education.

Hopefully, your local units are sponsoring a scholarship for students in your local area. Don’t overlook the scholarships available at the National level. You need to go on line to get those applications.

I am looking forward to judging a lot of good quality scholarship applications this year. Good luck to all students from your area who are sending in scholarship applications.

Jan Steenson  
Education Chairman.

NATIONAL SECURITY

With the holiday season upon us, there is often an increased need in the blood supply. Please have your unit get involved with the local Red Cross in sponsoring blood drives.

Presenting Blue and Gold Star Banners to military families is a way to honor them for their family’s dedication to service to our country. With this program, an issue arose as to the safety of the families displaying banners in their windows. To prevent these families from being targeted for having a family member

deployed, encourage those receiving banners to keep them displayed within their homes.

This can also be true with the tradition of tying yellow ribbons. Make yellow ribbons a neighborhood project to support the families of deployed service members.

I tried to find a new source for units wanting to send Christmas Cards to deployed military this year, as the Red Cross no longer did the “Holiday Mail” project. I did not receive a response from another possible outlet that I had contacted. There are units

statewide, however, that do send packages; and those units may be who we need to contact for distribution. If you are a unit that regularly sends packages throughout the year and could use cards to insert, please contact me (402.659.6689 or mazur\_kathy@yahoo.com) and I can start a list to share.

Thanks to all of you who have remembered the active duty military with care packages. And --- remember --- they aren’t just for holidays anymore.

Kathy Mazur  
National Security Chr.

MEMBERSHIP

Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right!

The second 2019 dues renewal notices will be sent out January 15th from National Headquarters in Indianapolis to all members who did not have their 2019 dues paid by December 7, 2018.

Congratulations to the Creighton, Crofton, and Howells units for reaching 100% of their unit’s 2019 Membership goal! This is going to have to be a year of change. In order for the Auxiliary to thrive in Nebraska, we are going to have to recruit and retain new members as well as mentor them to take over as unit officers in the future. Change is hard, but it is necessary.

We Can Do It Nebraska!

Angie Foster  
Membership Chairman

Now is the time to promote the Poppy Poster Contest in your local schools. It would be a great way to teach patriotism and to promote the story of the poppy.

You should also be thinking about entering the Poppy Centerpiece Contest. The theme for this year is “Veterans – Our Soul & Heart’s Inspiration,” and the symbols are “the Bible, Old Glory, and Extended Hand (the flag cannot be used in centerpieces). Your centerpieces should be taken to your District Convention for judging. The winner from each district will be displayed at the Department Convention where the final judging will also take place.

We have so many talented members in our organization, so I’m hoping we have an abundance of centerpieces this year. You can get the information for all your Poppy projects from my article in the ABC Book.

Please complete and submit a report of all you have done with poppies this year and attach pictures. I’ve seen some awesome pictures on Facebook, so please send them to me along with an article. Your Poppy Reports are due to me by May 15, 2019.

I would like to share a poem I found in the May 2018 American Legion magazine –

“Such sacrifice through valor made,  
A debt too deep to be repaid,  
From their courage freedom born,  
To remember them the poppy worn.”

Adaline Hanel  
Poppy Chairman

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	1631	76.36%
5	Vought Vindicator	914	595	69.11%
7	Douglas Devastator	2210	1385	68.70%
11	Brewster Buccaneer	2529	1628	68.29%
13	Ryan FR Fireball	779	480	66.30%
1	Gruman Wildcat	1502	994	66.18%
3	Lockheed Lightning	1109	725	65.37%
12	Bell Airacobra	2016	1142	64.37%
9	Boeing Flying Fortress	711	446	64.08%
10	Douglas A26 Invader	1589	868	61.96%
8	Martin B26 Marauder	2178	1167	59.88%
6	Boeing P26 Peashooter	2881	1580	59.65%
4	Republic Thunderbolt	817	440	56.99%
**500**	*Douglas Banshee*	*34	*32	*84.21%
TOTAL		21,405	13,113	65.53%
Who can get their plane built first? 100%				

TRIVIA FOR THE JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2019 STAR

1. In what year was The STAR first published?
2. How many Districts did Nebraska originally have?
3. What Department President handed in her resignation, but had it rejected by the Executive Board?
4. Originally, what were State and National Dues?

Answer to December Trivia  
The terms “Green Pepper,” “Red Pepper,” “Pinch of Salt,” and “Salt of the Earth” refer to the Membership Program: Green Pepper – recruited 3 members; Red Pepper – recruited 6 members; Salt of the Earth – recruited 10 members, and Pinch of Salt – a Junior member who recruited members. Members who recruited were initiated into the “Salt and Pepper Club” (received certificates).



CORRECTION

Marg Streeter of Louisville ALA Unit 353 was incorrectly identified in the last issue of the STAR.



thank you

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire American Legion Family for the many thoughts and prayers in the past events surrounding the sudden passing of my wife, Diane Craigie. A special thanks for all of the memorial donations made to Cornhusker Girls State in Diane’s name. There were enough donations that we will be able to send five girls to Cornhusker Girls State in the future.

Again, from the entire family and me, we thank you for all of the love, prayers, and support.

Fred C. Craigie and the family of Diane Craigie

Thank you so much for your kindness to the veterans. We enjoy Dollar Days.

Jerry and Jim Lewis  
Scottsbluff, NE

Thank you for the \$5 that has been deposited into my husband’s Trust account at the Norfolk Veteran’s Home. If my husband was able, he would be saying Thank-you, also. We are very pleased with the Home in Norfolk. Thanks again.

Carolyn Schmet for  
Henry (Hank) Schmet  
Osmond, NE

I would like to thank you for all that your group does for us veterans and our families at the Veterans’ Home in Grand Island. I hope you will keep it up when we move to Kearney. I know I thank you. I am a veteran myself, and I wouldn’t know what to do without support.

Patricia Abbott  
Grand Island, NE

Dear American Legion Auxiliary,  
I want to thank all of the members of the Legion who came to show support of American veterans. The donuts and juice were a nice treat, one we don’t often see. It’s been a year and a half since I’ve eaten a donut.

The real treat for me was the in-person love brought by the four wonderful women who were present. I felt special and am happy to have been involved.

I thank God for the spouses of our military like you. This is the saddest time in my life, and it was so nice to see your smiling faces. It brings me hope in a place filled with sadness.

Truly yours,  
Dustin Salisbury  
Lincoln, NE

A huge “Thank you” to all the Auxiliary members who contributed to the VAMC Omaha Christmas Gift Shop on December 3rd to 6th. We touched the lives of 125 veterans and their families. Without the help of the Auxiliary Christmas Elves, the gifts would not have been chosen or wrapped for the veterans. We really appreciate your help making this Christmas season a little brighter for our veterans.

Rose Sheehy and Rea Woltman,  
ALA/VA&R Representatives

CONGRATULATIONS, LOTTERY WINNERS!

Dec. 1, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Lorene Bartos .....	Lincoln
Dec. 2, 2018 .....	\$75 .....	ALA Unit 164 .....	Shickley
Dec. 3, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	ALA Craig Unit 127 .....	Uehling
Dec. 4, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Judy Vieth .....	Fremont
Dec. 5, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Norma Buresh .....	Valparaiso
Dec. 6, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Ardith Schulz .....	West Point
Dec. 7, 2018 .....	\$125 .....	Michael Thompson .....	Sutton
Dec. 8, 2018 .....	\$250 .....	Teresa Beed .....	West Point
Dec. 9, 2018 .....	\$75 .....	Clarence Tichota .....	Beemer
Dec. 10, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Dan Compton .....	Pierce
Dec. 11, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	ALA Unit 266 .....	Bennington
Dec. 12, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Steve Davis .....	Roca
Dec. 13, 2018 .....	\$75 .....	Mary Benes .....	Raymond
Dec. 14, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Karen Ohlrich .....	Norfolk
Dec. 15, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Bonnie Reinke .....	Neligh
Dec. 16, 2018 .....	\$75 .....	Steve Schwisow .....	Lincoln
Dec. 17, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	ALA Unit 3 .....	Lincoln
Dec. 18, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Lindsay Heitman .....	Omaha
Dec. 19, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Steve Davis .....	Roca
Dec. 20, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	AL Post 21 .....	Fairmont
Dec. 21, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Carolyn Ekstrand .....	Stromsburg
Dec. 22, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Lorraine Brehm .....	Talmage
Dec. 23, 2018 .....	\$75 .....	Betty Snyder .....	Talmage
Dec. 24, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Chelsy Heinemann .....	Wallace
Dec. 25, 2018 .....	\$500 .....	Karol Lockmon .....	Rushville
Dec. 26, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	AL Post 264 .....	Dorchester
Dec. 27, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Jolene Smith .....	Pierce
Dec. 28, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	ALA Unit 229 .....	Elgin
Dec. 29, 2018 .....	\$50 .....	Brandy Weisgerber .....	Alliance
Dec. 30, 2018 .....	\$75 .....	Jessie Kiser .....	Dannebrog
Dec. 31, 2018 .....	\$200 .....	Keith Batenhorst .....	West Point

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

10	“THE STAR” articles are due. Please submit them by the 10th.
14	Valentine’s Day
18	President’s Day – Department Headquarters closed

FOR YOUR ADVANCED PLANING

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 November 10, 2018 to December 10, 2018

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MUSIC

Hello, Members.

After we have celebrated through the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and more, we certainly had an occasion or two where music was a focal area of that celebration. Music in our veterans’ facilities will lend itself to the residents to tap their toes, snap their fingers, clap their hands, smile, and sing aloud.

What better reward for us volunteers than to have these fine people react with joy, peace, love, and a few tears as they

remember when. That is the purpose of music – remember when. Sometimes that will date us, but are we so fortunate to say “those were the days” when we hear that familiar tune from years gone by and we can still relate and perhaps recall where we were when we first heard that song.

These are the things music can do for our veterans, and we should be willing to share music at every occasion. Please take time in this New Year and find that tune that reminds you of why you are a member of the American Legion

Family and why you find our work as volunteers so rewarding. I take grandkids to our local Good Samaritan every week for an hour of hymns. The residents love to sing, and the kids learn the old songs and grow so attached to the residents. I would recommend this activity to anyone who is looking for a worthwhile use of time!

Thanks for all you do. Have a blessed Christmas! Bless you all.

Louise Wheeler  
Music Chairman

CHAPLAIN’S CONNECTION

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love....  
Ephesians 4:2-3

This is the time of year when we think of new beginnings. We have finished off the old year, and the hustle and bustle of the holidays is settling down. Many plans are made for the new year, and some people make resolutions to make things better than last year. It’s a good time to look into our hearts and remind ourselves that it takes teamwork to accomplish our

missions.

Being humble and treating others with gentleness are very important in creating the atmosphere we need to get more ladies interested in being members of our great organization. Patience is also a virtue that takes nurturing to grow. Sometimes, it takes many suggestions and lots of discussion to come up with a solution to the issue at hand. We all come from different backgrounds and have different “baggage,” but, by “bearing with one another

with love,” we can overcome our differences and keep up the tasks that we need to succeed in our mission.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Please remind us that we are all working towards the same goals Teach us to be humble, patient, gentle, and loving one another. Bless our new year and the plans that we make. In Jesus name, Amen.

Pat Wiseman  
Department Chaplain

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## Nebraska Patriotism Fuels the Nation

By: Amanda Washburn



When the Good Shepherd Funeral Home in Omaha posted an online obituary for Stanley Stoltz in the Omaha World-Herald inviting the community to attend the interment for the Vietnam veteran with no known family, they had no idea how far their request would reach. By the end of the day, people had shared Stoltz's obituary all over social media and there were numerous comments on his obituary thanking him for his service.

People from all over the nation became aware of the Vietnam veteran who would be buried in Omaha, but had no family. Over the next week Nebraska Veteran Service Organizations, veteran support groups, and community members made it their mission to make sure that there were people at the funeral for Stoltz.

On Tuesday, November 27, the funeral for Stoltz took place at the Omaha National Cemetery. Stoltz was no longer alone, there were almost 2,000 people from all over Nebraska who converged at the cemetery. Most, if not all,

of the people in attendance had no personal tie to Stanley, they just felt a call to honor him. This soon became national news and tv stations and newspapers came to cover the story of how Nebraskans came together to honor a hero. Those attending the funeral were active duty and retired military members who displayed to this Nation that we never forget our veterans.

Facebook was a buzz with posts from people all over the country following the service. James Long from New York said, "From a Vietnam era veteran, Thank You Nebraska, you have made us proud!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Joseph Oaks from Utah stated, "THIS is the America I know. This is the love the people have for our military and veterans. R.I.P. brother! Thank you for your service. Thank you, people of Nebraska, for the love shown to this vet!"

The accolades go on and on and speak volumes about the people of Nebraska.

Stoltz was a member of the Bennington Post 266 American Legion.

Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral and honored Stoltz and his service.



### Legion Seeking to Open Up Membership

Membership eligibility in The American Legion is determined by Congress through the establishment of specific dates of declared hostilities in which U.S. military personnel were activated. Since its founding in 1919, membership in The American Legion has been open to veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama and Gulf War/War on Terrorism.

There are at least 12 known combat operations that required an activated military personnel, such as the Cold War, Libyan Conflict and Persian Gulf Conflicts, and resulted in about 1,600 U.S. military men and women casualties. However, because these operations are unrecognized by the U.S. government as a period of war, those who served during these timeframes are not eligible for membership in The American Legion.

The American Legion's National Executive Committee passed a resolution during its annual Fall Meetings in Indianapolis Oct. 17 to change that.

Resolution No. 1, "Unrecognized armed hostilities recognition," calls on Congress to declare that the United States has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941 to present, and for Congress to direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to qualify a wartime veteran as any military service personnel who served honorably under Title 10 for at least one day from December 7, 1941 to present.

Following the passing of Resolution No. 1, the NEC adopted Resolution No. 2, "Unrecognized armed hostilities membership date change," which will change membership dates for The American Legion. This resolution will only be put in motion once the actions of Resolution No. 1 are approved by Congress. Once approved, membership in The American Legion will be open to the following war periods: April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to the date of cessation of armed hostilities as determined by the U.S. government.

The American Legion believes that membership in the organization should be extended to all U.S. military personnel who served on active duty during the hostile events that are not seen as a period of war.

### 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. Religious Service  
9:00 a.m. Joint Session  
10:20 a.m. Lottery Drawing

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# Commander's Corner

**Lyle Bartels**  
Department Commander



The Nebraska American Legion Mid-Year Conference will be held January 18-20 at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites. If you have never attended a Mid-Year Conference or haven't attended for a few years, please join us for this one. I think you will find it very informative and enjoyable.

The 2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin will be coming sometime in early 2019. Proceeds from the sale of these coins will be used to help support various American Legion programs. For more information, you can visit [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov) or [legion.org/coin](http://legion.org/coin). They expect that all of these coins will be sold very quickly, so if you are interested do not hesitate, as they might all be gone.

I was very honored to speak at the Veterans Day program at the Fairbury Schools and at the dedication of the Brainard Veterans Memorial. Remembering and honoring our veterans is very important and I would like to congratulate all Posts who did something to remember Veterans Day.



On November 28, myself, Bill Crosier, and Larry Kaspar met our National Vice Commander at the Omaha airport and drove to Ainsworth to begin the District 1 membership tour. We were able to visit several American Legion Posts before an incoming snow storm forced us to return home before the tour was complete. Even though we did not get to finish the tour, we had a great time and the hospitality that was shown to us from all of the people of District 1 was greatly appreciated.

One last word about membership. It is very important that we all work hard on making sure that every eligible veteran is asked to join our American Legion Family. This is the only way we can solve our membership decline.

*“Working Together to Make a Difference”*



# Straight Talk

**Philip Dittbrenner**  
Department Service Officer



As much as the Department of Veterans Affairs frustrates me, when I take the time and look at how they have progressed over the years, it is promising.

When I got out of the service, I do not remember being told anything about the VA, now maybe I was just happy to move onto my next stage of life and didn't care. I hear this a lot from veterans that served prior to 2001.

The efforts made by the American Legion and other service organizations to educate our service men and women has paid off. All service branches do a great job educating these veterans.

We very seldom get a young veteran that comes in that hasn't filed a claim prior to their discharge. One thing that they do, is provide the new veteran with so much information that some gets lost in the transition.

Remember these are 20 some year old's, and they want to move on with their life too, so not all that information is retained. The one thing that they do have and are willing to use is technology, I have seen these new veterans do everything from checking the status of their claim status, scheduling medical appointments and ordering prescriptions all on their phones. The VA has come a long way in the use of technology and it has been a good thing. Don't feel that all of this is only for them. It is not only new veterans that are using computers and phones, I have seen several WWII veterans using this technology for information, appointments, etc.

If you use a computer, or smart phone don't be afraid to look into what you can do with it. I started to use them to do research, and now have found that it can save me time and frustration. Well maybe there will be frustration at first, but believe me it gets better.

With all of these options we as veterans still like to have the contact with a person that we can talk to about our claims, and other benefits. And we are not going to fail the veterans by not being there for them. So, if you do use the gadgets and phones to help out remember, there are still people out here who care about you and your benefits.

I hope that you all have a great 2019.

## Volunteers for Baseball Tournament



information. Check out [hastingsbaseball.org](http://hastingsbaseball.org) if you would like to learn more about the tournament.

Hastings Post 11 has been selected to host the Mid-South Regional Baseball Tournament in 2019 at Duncan Field in Hastings.

Russ Kindig of Post 11 is looking for volunteers to help with the tournament. The Regional Tournament will be held August 7-11, 2019. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Russ at [russ.kindig@5pointsbank.com](mailto:russ.kindig@5pointsbank.com) for more

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# It's History

Jennifer Salak  
Department Historian



At the end of November on “Giving Tuesday” I had the opportunity to represent The American Legion at a charity fair being hosted at my work as part of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is the largest workplace charity campaign throughout the country and overseas that raises millions of dollars each year for approved charities thanks to donations from current and retired federal employees and active duty and retired military. Two American Legion programs that are approved to be included in the CFC are the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) and The American Legion Endowment Fund.

**Child Welfare Foundation (www.cwf-inc.org/)**

The concept for the CWF started in 1952 when Dr. Garland Murphy, Arkansas Department Commander, approached The American Legion with an offer to make a substantial contribution to the organization; however, he wanted his donation to be used solely for the wellbeing of children. After much study and discussion on how to accommodate Dr. Murphy’s wishes, the National Executive Committee (NEC) approved the establishment of the CWF in October 1953 and entered into a trust agreement. Upon the CWF’s legal incorporation under the laws of the State of Indiana in 1954, Dr. Murphy assigned deeds to fractional mineral rights on nearly 10,000 acres of land



in the oil-rich Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota to the CWF. In 1955, the CWF gave its first three grants totaling \$22,500. Since its inception, the CWF has awarded over \$15 million to organizations who contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth across the country.

Nebraska has benefitted from CWF grants throughout the years, including this year. Father Flanigan’s Boys’ Home of Boys Town was awarded \$35,000 for their project, “Boys Town National Hotline: Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Outreach.” This project will fund 18 weeks

of online outreach in 2019 for the Boys Town Hotline. In addition, the Children’s Hospital and Medical Center Foundation of Omaha was awarded \$12,000 for their project “Safe Sleep Education Program.” This project will fund providing Halo Sleep Sacks to 1,500 hospitals in North America.

**American Legion Endowment Fund (www.legion.org/donate/endowment\_fund)**

The American Legion Endowment Fund is almost as old as our organization itself. Started in 1925 by World War I veterans, the Endowment Fund has provided nearly \$29 million in financial assistance to disabled veterans and military families. Money donated to the fund is held in trust and carefully managed by the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation, whose members are selected by the NEC. Income from funds invested is used to support programs under the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) and Children & Youth (C&Y) pillars of the American Legion.

Under the VA&R Commission, several programs are funded in part by the Endowment Fund including Department Service Office School training, Board of Veterans Appeals training and representation from the National Veterans Legal Services Program through a memorandum of agreement with The American Legion. These programs ensure a cadre of highly trained and qualified individuals exists throughout the country who can assist veterans with navigating the challenge of the VA Claims process.

The Endowment Fund also supports the Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) Program. This C&Y Committee Program was established to help veterans provide for the basic needs of their minor children when they have fallen on hard times and are unable to do so. These basic needs could include shelter, utilities, clothing, food and medical care. Thanks to the Endowment Fund, TFA can distribute more than half a million dollars annually to assist thousands of children across the country.

I chose to have my CFC contribution this year go to The American Legion Endowment Fund. The good news is, you don’t need to be a federal employee or active duty military to donate to these worthy American Legion programs. Anyone can donate any amount at any time – just visit the websites listed above and click on the donate buttons. You tax deductible gift will go a long way to help our veterans and children in need.

## Veterans’ Dental Day at Family Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

By: Lorraine Lieswald, Atkinson Graphic reporter

Forty veterans were gifted over \$19,000 of dental care during the Veterans’ Dental Day held at Family Dentistry and Dental Hygiene in O’Neill on Friday, November 16.

“This was our way to say ‘Thank You’ to those who have served our country. We work freely, speak freely and pray every morning because of our freedoms protected by our armed forces,” Dr. Jon Jessen, who spearheaded Veterans’ Dental Day, said.

“I got the idea from an implant training I completed in Arizona. The population we served in that clinic were veterans. Our dental team (Family Dentistry and Dental Hygiene) is amazing and worked very hard to support the idea and make it a reality.”

Other dentists helping with Veterans’ Dental Day were Dr. Jerry Brockman and Dr. John Alden. Dental hygienists were Therese Sullivan, Jenny Osborne, Sara Young, Hillary Burival, and Diane Alden. Other team members were Amanda Welke, Jessica Schluns, Helen Stutman, Mendy Spencer, Cindy Soukup, Diane Luth, and Melissa Moore. Dental supply companies donating supplies were Patterson, Goetze, Henry Schein, Darby Dental City and Colgate.





# POW/MIA

Donald Nelsen  
POW/MIA Liaison



This article is and hopefully always will be seen as a tribute to the men and women who were or are prisoners of war or missing in action.

It is to the superior strategies and good fortune of our armed forces that these numbers for this past year are down, that is referring to the past year (2018). One is too many, but when we compare to the numbers of World War II, Korea, or Vietnam, we are encouraged. As it always seems, the younger generation does not realize what older generations have gone through until they have to themselves. I am living proof of this as I almost took our World War II for granted, until I started paying attention to their lives, sacrifices, and now nearly all of them are gone to a better place.

Recently saw another article where Dr. Carrie Brown and her colleges at Offutt AFB have matched the DNA of another of our sailors on the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor and that man will be reunited with his family. We need never forget it is our duty to leave no one behind and never end trying to return our Veterans to their homes.

Pearl Harbor Day was December 7th and I will never forget the small programs we used to have for our remaining Pearl Harbor Veterans. They were all so quiet and shared very little info during the programs, but when the crowd left, the rest, just those veterans, would sit down among themselves. What great conversations they had. We would try to act like we were cleaning up, but listened just as hard as possible; learning from those memories that only they could share.

The 100 year anniversary is fast approaching and there will be a number of articles about the American Legion throughout the year. Who would have thought someone would sneak membership into the POW/MIA article? 3.1 million members in 1992 and struggling to get 2 million in 2019. Recently ran into a legionnaire from a nearby post and he showed me a list of 44 members he had gone out to visit and picked up their dues for the coming year. That post is 100%. Maybe we all can take a lesson from him. Don't leave it up to someone else, go do it yourself (and do it face to face)!

It is so easy to criticize others, to write articles or respond to something said which you disagree with. In this great and wonderful world of today, where many spend all day on their iPad, tweeting, or on computers making sure they have all their connections and being careful not say the wrong thing. Try talking to a real person. Go to a senior citizens home or a VA hospital and spend a little time with those who gave up part of their lives so you could have all the freedoms we have.

In this time of the Holiday Season, I wish you a Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!



**Lincoln Post 3 members visited local nursing homes and assisted livings to present Vietnam Veteran pins and certificates to residents on Veteran’s Day. Pictured above (L to R) Dave Timmerman placing a pin on a Vietnam veteran and Wade Graft looking on. Pictured below (L to R) Wade Graft and Gerry Wolf presented pins to veterans at Bickford Senior Living.**





# Chaplain's Corner

Dr. William Jackson, Jr.  
Department Chaplain



(Eschatology & You)

Ever ponder what the “end” will be like? You know: when our Lord and Savior, Jesus, returns triumphantly to set things right again (Matthew 16:28)? In Biblical studies, this arena of inquiry is known as Eschatology: the study of the end times. It’s Greek origins state eschatos as last, and ology as the study of.

This forecasting of the Parousia (Greek for “arrival” of Christ) or the “Rapture”, has always been a stumbling block for human kind, considering that even Jesus himself didn’t know the Father’s timetable (Matthew 24:36). So, what’s all the fuss about what only God the Father knows for sure? Well it has to do with preparation or how will you know when to be ready for His return?

If you further examine this field of end times forecasting, there is often some confusion with the issue of “last days” (2 Timothy 3:1). Actually, we’re currently living in those “last days” Scripture acknowledges. This period of Biblical reality began after Jesus’ ascension (Acts 1:9). The “end times” won’t be happening until the “Troubles”, the “Great Persecution”, or the “Tribulations” begin. When this last issue takes place, there’s not much time before the Day of Judgment arrives; i.e., Jesus’ triumphant return as Lord and Master of all humankind (Matthew 12:36).

Now considering Eschatology in the light of the Great Tribulation, there are a number of views theologians put forth. Some say believers in Christ will face Parousia before those dreaded times. Some say that disciples of Christ will face the initial horror of Jesus’ coming Judgment, then face Parousia. Then there’s the idea of believers enduring the Troubles while seeing Jesus descend from the sky.



Some bit of explanation here. That period of Jesus’ rule on earth is the Millennium, or 1,000 years. Again, some theologians assert a “Premillennial” view: Parousia before the Tribulations.

There’s also the “Postmillennial” view: Parousia after the Millennium. Then there’s the “Amillennial” view that the imperfect church of Christ’s disciples will experience their “millennium” in heaven with Jesus, not on earth.

But what does all that Biblical something or other have to do with you going to be with the Lord? Nothing. Absolutely nothing...if you’re not ready for your Savior...now. He’s advised us to watch and pray (1 Peter 4:7). Are you doing that? No judgment from me or others with your preparation—or not—to meet the Lord. But if Jesus IS your savior, what’s holding up your readiness for Him?



Calling all Legionnaires! The American Legion Department of Nebraska needs chaplains—men and women—that’s YOU, to fill the ranks around the state. We particularly desire chaplains to fill positions in our 14 Districts. Please contact me at: [wjdoc@gmail.com](mailto:wjdoc@gmail.com) @LegionNEChap or Facebook: American Legion Nebraska Chaplain #williamcjacksonjr



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# S.A.L. Notes

Robert “Bud” Neel  
Detachment Commander



Hi everyone:  
Hope your Christmas and New Year were joyful.

A new year and the Mid-Winter Conference will be in Norfolk at the Divots Center on January 18-20, 2019.

If your membership dues have not been paid by January 15, you cannot attend, until you have a 2019 membership card. Sorry, I don’t write the rules, we just all have to abide by them.

Since we did not make the October or November target dates and did not look like we would make the December 12 target date (not sure as I have to type this letter and have it in by December 10th ), we will be checking membership cards and/or collecting dues.

Everyone needs to step up and help the membership renewals get collected to make the January target date.

My projects this year are: National Emergency Fund and Children & Youth. I am selling raffle tickets with the proceeds going to these two programs. The tickets are \$5.00 each and 1st prize is a 20 ft. telescoping flag pole with a 3X5 flag, 2nd and 3rd prizes are \$100.00 and \$50.00 cash, respectfully. You can contact Bud Neel, 57580 847th Road, Wayne, NE 68787 for tickets. If you would like to help sell tickets, call me at 402-369-1873 and I will mail some to you. Drawing will be at the Mid-Winter Conference. Please bring them with you.

Hope to see you in Norfolk in January.



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District	2018 Members	2019 Members
1	274	135
2	523	306
3	218	134
4	351	179
5	131	90
6	1,399	573
7	678	431
8	1,036	558
9	261	130
10	279	37
11	1,024	587
12	230	96
13	148	48
15	176	144
Total	6,728	3,448

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## District News

### District 3 – Daryl Harrison



District 3 has been an insane hub of activity this year. September 22 was the Homecoming for State SAL Commander Bud Neel and his wife Beverly, the State Auxiliary President.

The next day was the District Fundraiser event hosted by Dakota County that took place in Jackson.

Post 159 Beemer Legion Riders drew for a new Harley Davidson on September 17. These riders have only been around for five years and have already donated over \$75,000 toward veteran centric activities and local scholarships.

Not a week goes by that I'm not checking to see if I have won the Winside SAL "Gun a Week" Raffle. They have donated over \$150,000 toward community programs using the proceeds from this raffle.

Post 70 has been very active in building the Veterans' Memorial in West Point. Stop in West Point to see this spectacular memorial. The dedication took place on November 11, Veteran's Day.

If your flying up I-29 or you know you'll never see the actual Vietnam Veteran's Wall, South Sioux City is where you want to stop! Post 307 continues to make huge improvements at the Siouxland Freedom Park, home of a replica of the Vietnam Veterans' Wall and new Interpretive Center.

District 3, it's where you want to be!

### District 4 - John Sanna



The activities of the 19 Posts in District 4 vary from many activities reported, to none at all.

On a sad note, the Post's attended numerous funerals of members from their Posts that have passed away. The loss of these members shows the decrease in the Post's activities and membership.

Alliance Post 7 performed 32 Military Honors at the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery as well as local churches and city cemeteries. Several Posts have a combination of Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders that perform Military Honors.

There were 25 boys selected by the Posts in District 4 to attend the annual Cornhusker Boys State program on the campus of the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Junior Law Cadet program only had 4 candidates apply and 2 were selected and sent to Grand Island.

Posts 7, 17, 36, 291, and 301, Squadron 36, 291, and 301 have an Honor Guard that have presented the flag at numerous events like baseball games, high school football games, and several community parades. Their flag presentations in these events shows local communities, the American Legion is still active.

County Government Day Programs were presented by Posts in Cheyenne, Deuel, Box Butte, Morrill, and Scottsbluff counties.

Veterans Day programs were presented in various schools through out the District. The event included bean feeds, coffee and rolls, and luncheons sponsored by Auxiliary Units and special interest clubs in the community.

Legionnaires from Alliance Post 7 and Sons from Gering Squadron 36 were involved in Operation School Talk and flag folding programs.

Fund raisers like fish fries, gun raffles, and hamburger feeds are held by Posts 10, 36, 301 and 309. Post 124 and Squadron 124 were collecting clothes and food for the needy Families in the Mitchell area.

Dollar Days and Gifts for Yanks handed out and a short Christmas program was presented at the Western Nebraska Veterans Home in Scottsbluff, NE. A Christmas Party is given by Dix Post 292 to the Veterans at the Cheyenne Medical Center Veterans Home, Cheyenne, WY.

### District 6 – Rich Lemmerman



District 6 has been very busy these past few months. There was a great turnout for the Fall Round-Up in Gibbon on October 7.

The District Oratorical Contest was held on November 4 with two senior and five junior contestants. Colin Thieszen of Aurora was our District winner.

Dollar Days was held at the Grand Island Veterans Home and Medical Center on November 6. Gifts for Yanks was held at the Grand Island Veterans Home and Medical Center on December 4. The Gift Shop at the Grand Island Medical Center was held on December 11. Thank you to everyone who helped with these events.

The District 6 Convention will be held Sunday, March 3 at Kearney Post 52 at 9:30 a.m.

### District 7 - Dan Benes



As District 7 Commander, I have traveled to 19 Legion Posts within our District. The special things the various Posts do to honor their Veterans is impressive.

This past August I attended the American Legion Membership Workshop in Indianapolis. It was a very informative and educational experience.

On November 18, Brainard Post 273 held their Veterans Memorial Dedication. Guest speakers were Sgt Ashley Delisle, Department Commander Lyle Bartels and State Senator Bruce Bostelman. It was a well organized event and was well attended.

I was honored to be the guest speaker at Cross County School on November 9 at their Veterans Program. Certain NFL football players could learn a great deal from the students regarding respect to our National Anthem and American Flag. November 11, I attended the Veterans Programs at Raymond Central and East Butler Schools. Post 371 Valparaiso, 110 Dwight, 273 Brainard, and 254 Prague were represented.

Our District 7 Fall Round-Up was at Dwight Post 110. We thank them for their hospitality and great lunch. Dwight Post does a great job honoring and displaying their members' military service with a continuous video of each member.

I have attended many Post meetings and been involved in several parades. Many more events took place in District 7, this is just a small snapshot of what our members do. I always meet great people and receive a warm welcome at the various events. It is an honor to represent District 7. Members, THANK YOU for all you do for the American Legion. Keep up the good work!

### District 9 – Melvin Divis



My first year as District Commander will be very interesting and challenging.

In August I was able to attend Membership Workshop in Indianapolis. It was very interesting, and I learned a lot.

On September 16, the District Officers met at the Arapahoe Post 96 to plan our Fall Round-Up and go over the events for the upcoming year. Because of the bad weather, our Fall Round-Up was cancelled.

Look for a quarterly newsletter to start soon. I will be sending them to Post Commanders and Adjutants to let them know what is going on in the District.

The District Oratorical Contest was held November 3 at the McCook Junior High School.

Thank you to District 9 Posts for hosting a Veteran's Day program at your local high school. The kids at the school enjoy learning from our veterans.

Some upcoming events to be aware of are District 9 Convention on Saturday, March 16 at Eustis Post 257 at 9:00 a.m. The Boys' and Girls' State Orientation will be Sunday, April 7 at the McCook Evangelical Church at 2:00 p.m. The Junior Law Cadet interviews will be Sunday, April 28 at the McCook Junior High School at 2:00 p.m.

### District 12 - Bonnie Brewer



Greetings from District 12 – covering a portion of the southeast corner of the state – Cass, Lancaster, Otoe, and Seward Counties. All our posts have been busy this past year with various events, most recently with Veterans Day programs whether it be helping with programs in the

schools or holding fundraisers. With the nice weather on Veterans Day weekend, it seems that all Veterans Day events exceeded expectations in attendance.

Upcoming events are scheduled throughout the district including breakfast buffets, soup nights, pork chop or chicken dinners. Many of the posts are known for these delicious meals, so if you're in the D12 area, check them out. These events will be posted on our District 12 face book page.

It is very heartwarming to hear how many of our posts are so involved in helping throughout their communities – flag disposal ceremonies with the boy and girl scouts, donating money to deployed service members families for the holiday season, donating to local ambulance funds, helping out local food pantries with monetary donations or "stuff the truck" campaigns, etc. In addition, it is always an honor to perform honor guard duties when requested for veteran's funerals.

Plans are underway for our upcoming District 12 Convention which will be held on March 9th in Talmage. Centrally located within the district, we're looking forward to a good turnout for the convention.

### District 15 - Gerry Wolf



Greetings from District 15.

As you read this post, Christmas and New Year's Day will be over. I hope that you and your family enjoyed a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On January 19th we have our Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk with the Oratorical Contest that evening. My wife and I just attended the Area C Oratorical contest in Seward and were very impressed. We are looking forward to seeing the State winner in Norfolk.

Veteran's Legislative Day at the State capitol will be on February 8th. We hope you can join us.

On March 12th at 7 pm, we will hold the District 15 Convention at the Elks Lodge, 5910 South 58th Street, Lincoln. Come join us for a burger at 6:30 and then stay for the Convention.

In April, we will hold interviews for Junior Law Cadet at the Department Office. Our young people applying are simply amazing. The Junior Law Cadet Program will be held at the State Patrol Training Center in Grand Island on June 10 – 13.

The Post 3 Honor Guard is looking for a "Few Good Men". This year we have rendered "Honors" at funerals for over 170 veterans and completed over another 40 events for the community. Our ranks are getting older and we are in need of some younger blood. We lost one of our 25-year members this year, Ray Mathis (RIP Ray). If you are interested, call the Post 3 Office (402-466-3958) to get in touch with our Commander, Fred Chrastil, or me, Gerry Wolf.





# Legionnaire in the Spotlight

## James Henderson



By: Amanda Washburn

On September 8, 1970, his 20th birthday, James Henderson was deployed to Vietnam for his first tour of duty. 50 years later, on September 8, 2018, James and his wife, RoAnn, flew to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to see his brothers in arms for their Vietnam Veterans Reunion.

The 108th Group 2nd Battalion 94th Artillery LZ Nancy C-2 1966-1972 Defenders of the DMZ Reunion was the first time that James had seen the men that he had fought with in Vietnam years ago.

James wasn't sure what the reunion would be like, or if anyone would remember him. That all changed when one of his buddies greeted him at the door and remembered him by the nickname he had given him.

Other guys from his battalion were standing there looking at pictures from their days in Vietnam. RoAnn overheard them talking about one guy whose name they couldn't remember. As she registered and said her last name, all of the guys started yelling ya that's him, where is Henderson? They were all excited to see each other and soon all of the guys were hugging each other and it seemed like they had never been apart at all.

During the trip the guys from the battalion were able to visit with Retired Lieutenant General Richard Trefry. Trefry had started the battalion and took it to Vietnam in 1966. They were also able to visit the War College in Gettysburg and tour the facility.

This battalion meets every year in a different location to reconnect those brave soldiers who fought in Vietnam. James and RoAnn plan to never miss a reunion again.

James is a 17-year member of Denton Post 355. Thank you to RoAnn Henderson for the pictures and information for the article. Thank you for your service James.



“Legionnaire in the Spotlight” is a new section each issue. Please send in submissions to Amanda at [afwashburn@windstream.net](mailto:afwashburn@windstream.net) or mail them to Headquarters. Please limit them to 800 words and two pictures. Please call Amanda at 402-464-6338 with any questions.

### A Century of Service



Boelus Post 201 has a special family history over its 100 years of service to our veterans.

Harry Erickson was a World War I Army veteran who also happened to be a charter member and the first Commander of Post 201.

His son, Harry Kermit Erickson, kept the tradition alive when he served in the Army during the Korean war.

While Kermit was not a Post Commander like his father, he has held the job of Post Adjutant twice in his 65 years of membership. At 90 years old, he still attends Post meetings and helps out when he can.

Thank you to George Cyboron and Vicki Cyboron for the pictures and the information.



## Riders

Casey Walton  
Department ALR Liaison



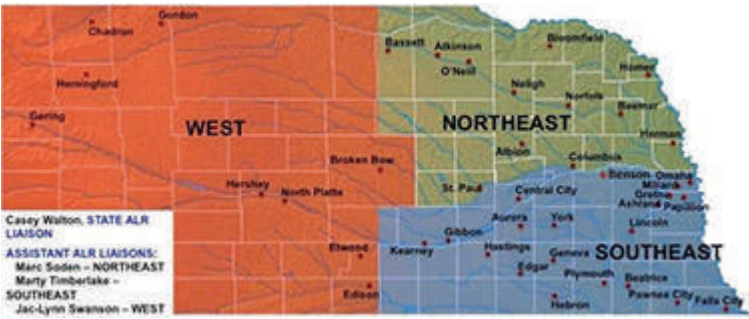
Hello American Legion Family.

I would like to bring you up to speed on what's going on with the American Legion Riders. We have now grown to 42 Chapters State Wide and have over 1200 riders. I am the current State Liaison and I have 3 assistants Marty Timberlake from Millard, Marc Soden from Beemer, and Jac Lynn Stefka from Hemingford. All 42 of our Chapters govern themselves with their appointed officers working the Commander of the post and the Executive Committee. We as Liaison's can offer guidance to show how it should be done but when the ball drops the decisions will be made within the Chapter. We have all the original start up rules from National that lay out the guidelines for the suggested way to start and run a chapter and love being available to assist.

A Riders Chapter can be a very good addition to your Post bringing in more membership from Son's as well as Veterans and Auxiliary. We as Legion Riders can be used in several different ways within the Legion Post. Helping with fund raisers, attending parades, flag lines at Veteran funerals, assisting with the Color Guard, just to name a few. We are the fastest growing Motorcycle Association in the United States today, with over 115,000 members nationwide. If someone in your post or surrounding area loves riding motorcycles as we do please ask them to join us. We have no set rules about the Chapter that you belong to but we would prefer that you start your own Chapter at your local Post. We have the Central Sandhills Chapter based out of Broken Bow that has riders from 6 different posts and over 100 members.

Being a member of the American Legion Riders can be one of the most rewarding experiences that you will ever do. Standing in a flag line at a Veterans funeral and having the family pass by and shake everyone's hand cannot be explained you just have to be there. Having a young child walk up to you and say thank you for honoring my Grandpa on this day will stick in your memory forever.

Once again me and my 3 assistants are very well versed on starting up new Chapters and also helping with existing ones that are in need. Please contact any of us and we will be glad to help in any way.



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Steele City Post 349 member Clinton Quintana decorated his truck to promote The American Legion and its 100th anniversary for the Lord's Acre parade in Endicott.



Syracuse Post 100 held their annual flag retirement ceremony with the help of the area Boy and Girl Scouts. Post 100 had the Junior Law and Boys' and Girls' State attendees speak after the ceremony. Pictured below (L to R) Justin Gress, Junior Law, Colton Nichols, Boys' State, Jackson Zastera, Boys' State, Emily Baier, Girls' State, and Joshua Fishpaw, Boys' State.



Plymouth Post 243 presented Quilts of Valor to three members. Pictured above (L to R) Emery Bessler, WWII, Loren Yost, Korea, and Art Wells, WWII. Pictured below is the Post 243 honor guard at their Veterans Day Ceremony.



Columbus Post 84 had Mayor Jim Bulkley sign a proclamation requesting that the church's in Columbus ring their bells 21 times with five second intervals on Sunday November 11th at 11 am to remember the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War (World War I).



Culbertson Post 133 participated in the towns 4th of July Parade on the Nebraska American Legion's 100-Years float built by member Dennis Kennedy and designed by Department Commander Lyle Bartels. Pictured (L to R) Milton Hegwood, Clem Kogl, Dennis Kennedy, Russ Eisenhart, Paul Confer, Harvey Spickelmier, and April Wagner.



Auburn Post 23 had their new Post officers installed by District 13 Commander Ken Mandl. Pictured (L to R) Adjutant Mark Volkmer, Commander Dan Stukenholtz, D13 Commander Ken Mandl, and Vice Commander Jim Reed.



District 13 Commander Ken Mandl was the guest speaker at the Johnson County Central Elementary and Middle School Veterans Day program. Elementary School Teacher-of-the-Year Dean Wellensiek was presented with his award and Middle School Teacher-of-the-Year Jeannette Palmer was congratulated on her award. Pictured (L to R) Jeanette Palmer, D13 Commander Ken Mandl, and Dean Wellensiek.



Springview Post 98 assisted with the high school Veterans Day ceremony that was coordinated by the pictured students. Pictured (L to R) front row Mrs. Alana Cardinal, Duane Swim, Rod Gierau, Bill Orton, and Stan Libolt. Middle row Stetson Kaufman, Stanley Cronk, Josh Wyrick, Zane Vigoren, and Wyatt Prewitt. Back row Ryan Painter, Jenna Rutar, Daisy Frick, Jenna Hallock, and Samantha Connell.



Eustis Squadron 257 was presented with their new charter and the Squadron officers were installed by Detachment Senior Vice Commander William Foster.



Shubert Post 222, Humboldt Post 269, and Table Rock Post 289 presented a "Why Remember" program at the Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer school. Pictured (L to R) Dave Wheeler and George Ketner.



Department Chaplain Dr. William Jackson and District 8 Commander Michael Sheridan gave two presentations at the Ralston High School Veterans Day Program. Pictured are Sheridan and Jackson with Ralston students.



Crete Post 147 member Bob Lorenz handed Halloween treats out to residents at Tabitha, Garden Square in Crete, and the Wilber Care Center. Pictured (L to R) Bob Lorenz and Leonard Kohl.



Valley Post 58 presented gifts of appreciation to their Boys' State delegates following their reports. Pictured above (L to R) Post Commander Dick Rowe, Lucas O'Connor, and Ethan Reule. Post 58 presented certificates for continuous membership and honored their Post namesake at the dinner on Veterans Day. Pictured below (L to R) Roger Fallon, 35 years, Joe Timm, 40 years, Post Commander Dick Rowe, and Joseph Ballweg, 35 years.