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## Dear Permanent Members

I'd like to congratulate you for your many years of service to the American Legion. It's a commitment that makes this Department of Nebraska American Legion what it is today!

When you joined as a permanent member, you were to be paid up for life and you are. The reason for this letter is to tell you what is happening to this fund. It has fallen on some tough times. Some of the problems were unforeseen when started --many of us are living longer--(that's good); low interest rates --(that's bad); dues increases and selling permanent memberships to 80 year olds for fifty dollars.

No matter the reason for buying this membership, you certainly did save money. All of us saved over \$100.00--some up to \$400.00. Each year Department is committed to pay National \$13.50 for your portion of the dues. Department should get \$11.25 from this fund.

The D.E.C. froze this amount several years ago to help prolong this fund. That is a total of \$24.75, the remaining part of your dues stays with your post.

As a volunteer organization, our main source of income are dues paid by its members. With this fund nearly depleted, we are asking you to help in anyway you can maybe by paying dues again or a dona-

tion of your choice, etc. There are approximately 6500 members in this account. Last year we sent a letter to all permanent members and received a response from 1404 members that netted nearly \$40,000.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Most of us paid less than \$200.00 for our membership. Certainly this is a great savings. Considering most post dues are now \$30.00 per year. If you purchased your permanent membership in 1962, 1969, 1980, etc, at \$30.00 per year that is less than seven years of membership at today's prices.

Last year Department held a rifle raffle and with funds from other income sources, still fell short of the amount needed to pay National.

The Department of Nebraska is committed to you just as the term says--Permanent Member. As stated before, we're in trouble and your volunteering help would be gratefully appreciated. Whatever help you can give will certainly make it a lot easier on the rest of the membership.

As our preamble starts: For God and country we associate ourselves together. By following this we could and will pull our way out of this problem. With your help, we will all be pulling together. Thank you for your attention and understanding.

**Still Serving America,  
David Konz,  
Past Department Commander**

## Chapter 13 - Replacing Military Records

### From The Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors

#### Replacing Military Records

If discharge or separation documents are lost, veterans or the next of kin of deceased veterans may obtain duplicate copies by completing forms found on the Internet at <http://www.archives.gov/research/index.html> and mailing or faxing them to the NPRC.

Alternatively, write the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Specify that a duplicate separation document is needed. The veteran's full name should be printed or typed so that it can be read clearly, but the request must also contain the signature of the veteran or the signature of the next of kin, if the veteran is deceased. Include the veteran's branch of service, service number or Social Security number and exact or approximate dates and years of ser-

vice. Use Standard Form 180, "Request Pertaining To Military Records."

It is not necessary to request a duplicate copy of a veteran's discharge or separation papers solely for the purpose of filing a claim for VA benefits. If complete information about the veteran's service is furnished on the application, VA will obtain verification of service.

### COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

Cortland Post 253 cordially invites you to the homecoming of

Department Commander Leon Deunk.

Saturday September 19, 2009 at Beatrice American Legion Post 27

6:00 P.M.. Social Hour

6:30 P.M.. Dinner, Program and Live Music.

\$12.00 per person

Dinner will consist of salad, two meat buffet with the trimmings and dessert.

All members of the American Legion family and friends are welcome.

R.S.V.P. by September 11, 2009 to

State Commander Leon Deunk,

P.O. Box 16 Cortland, NE 68331

e-mail [lpdeunk@windstream.net](mailto:lpdeunk@windstream.net)

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P.O. Box 5205  
Lincoln, NE 68505-



1979

# It's History

## Thirty Years Ago

By Department Historian Debra Day

*The following is from the September, 1979 issue of this newspaper.*

### Retired Admiral Blasts U.S. Foreign Policy

HOUSTON, TEX. - (ALNS) Admiral Thomas Moorer, USN (Ret.), and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, borrowed a line from comic strip character "Pogo," in characterizing the apathy of the United States in its policy of retrenchment in national defense since World War II. saying, "We have met the enemy, and they is us."

Appearing before a joint session of the Legion National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions during the 61st Annual National Convention here, the admiral said, "No nation can retain its greatness if it refuses to use its power to support good over evil".

Citing the Panama Canal treat-

ties as an example, he said: "If the United States gave up the canal, everyone would love us. If we kept the canal, everyone would hate us. So, we retreated against our own national interest and further endangered our own security".

He continued to say that nations do not go to war to kill people or to destroy their natural resources; the point in going to war is to stop another government from doing something that is detrimental to ours.

He stated unqualified opposition to the proposed SALT II treaty saying, "It is so tilted in favor of the Soviet Union the Russians are laughing at us because it is such a wonderful thing for them."

He continued to say, "Our European allies are not laughing. They are sitting over there in a state of

nervous expectation. They do not wish to oppose the policy of the United States, nor do they wish to offend our President, and at the same time they are afraid of the Soviet military build-up aimed in their direction. Before we approve SALT II, we should build up our own defense forces", he said.

In closing, the admiral deplored the emasculation of United States intelligence gathering agencies, the FBI and the CIA, and recommended as a solution to the problem to get out and vote and find those who don't vote and get them to the polls.

Leslie W. Downs Post 71, Arlington, organized Sept. 30, 1919 with John Antrim, Commander; V. V. Marshall, Adjutant.

## Welcome Home Mike and Donald

By John Smithberg, POW/MIA Liaison

Captain Mike Speicher, shot down over Iraq in 1991 is now home. His remains were finally found, identified and returned to his home town. Our own Donald Grella, missing for over 40 years has been found and identified. His remains may still be in Hawaii as of this writing. Those that want to attend any ceremony for Don, can give me their e-mail address and I will pass on all information. God bless our returning heroes.

My attempt to gather information from the Carthage Mo. Marian Days was denied. I will "attack" in another venue next year. This meeting of up to 60 thousand Vietnamese happens every year about the same time as the Ne. Vietnam Veteran's Reunion-end of first week in August.

I ask all posts to do something

special for this year's National POW/MIA Recognition Day [third Friday in Sept]. My post will again invite a number of POWs from WWII and maybe one from VN. I of course, will also recognize our POWs that are still held.

I always get a boost by attending the VN reunion. This year it was held in Grand Island. This was the site of the first one 25 years ago.

Most everyone wears some type of patch or pin honoring our missing. One also sees more POW stickers on the vehicles. Thank you guys and gals.

I was challenged in that town. Next time I'm there-Legion Conference maybe-, I will take them up on it too. T-Bone restaurant has my name on a 4pound steak challenge. I'm told only one of ten can do it. If I can eat 7 whoppers-did

that at one Legion conference years ago-, I can do this.

Keep praying. I have a feeling a guy will walk out of the woods soon.

jpsmithberg@yahoo.com

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## Straight Talk

Steve Burger  
Department Service Officer

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**Dementia**

Dementia can be a devastating illness for patients and their caregivers. Current research is focusing on the causes and manifestations of dementia, new medications and treatments, and education and support for caregivers. News from the various arenas of dementia research and expert advice includes:

- Ongoing studies hope to determine if Alzheimer's dementia can be predicted and diagnosed by scanning the optic nerve. The same laser technology now used in an ophthalmologist's office to monitor glaucoma is being used to visualize distinctive optic nerve shapes that occur in Alzheimer's disease patients.
- Studies at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., and the University of Pittsburgh show the drug memantine (Namenda) might play a valuable role in treating Alzheimer's dementia, especially when given in combination with other drugs such as Aricept and Exelon.

• The Alzheimer's Foundation Medical Advisory Board has published reversible risk factors for preventing dementia. Although these factors cannot overrule the role of age, genetics, and medical disease, they are avoidable risks that you have control over. The list includes:

- a.) Being a couch potato: Inactivity impedes blood flow to vital organs and the brain, which is necessary to repair and replenish brain cells. So start exercising!
- b.) Tipping the scale: Being overweight or obese alters insulin production in the body that can lead to brain inflammation. Obesity also increases the risk for diabetes, high cholesterol, and other medical conditions that are risk factors for dementia.
- c.) Rising blood pressure: High blood pressure can damage blood vessels in the brain and other major organs. However, hypertension can be tricky to diagnose, as there usually are no symptoms until your blood pressure is very high. It is important to have your blood pressure monitored and promptly begin treatment if you're diagnosed with hypertension.
- d.) Drinking alcohol: Prolonged and heavy consumption of alcohol causes a specific type of dementia known as alcohol-related dementia. Researchers also note that individuals with dementia who drink on a regular basis typically have a higher incidence of confusion, delirium, and behavior problems.

• The American Geriatrics Society has reported that 25 percent of dementia diagnoses are missed due to inadequate screening.

The organization recommends memory screening for people age 65 or older and those younger than 65 who are at higher risk for dementia. Memory screening is a simple evaluation tool that assesses memory and other intellectual functions and indicates whether further testing is indicated.

• The Caregivers Coalition has posted a set of tips for dementia caregivers:

- 1.) Prioritize. Learn to put aside rigid schedules and be flexible. Caregivers need to be able to adapt and go with the flow.
- 2.) Don't assume your children are too busy to help you. Ask them for assistance, and let them make their own decisions.
- 3.) Look for community resources. Many caregivers are not aware of the free and low-cost services available in their own communities. Take time to do a little research.
- 4.) Be aware of your feelings. Your body and your mind will tell you when you need to take a break or get respite. Listen to the subtle signals, and recognize them before it is too late.

**For more information on dementia and caregiving research, refer to the following Web sites:**\*Alzheimer's Association [www.alz.org/index.asp](http://www.alz.org/index.asp) \*The American Geriatrics Society [www.americangeriatrics.org](http://www.americangeriatrics.org) \* The Rosalynn Carter Caregiver Institute [www.rosalynncarter.org](http://www.rosalynncarter.org)



## 2009 Cornhusker Boys' State and Junior Law Cadet



Pictured (l-r) Driving Award winner Riley Hall, Marksmanship winner Nicholas Schrunk, Outstanding Junior Law Cadet Anthony Mangiameli and keynote speaker Nebraska State Patrol Major Tom Schwarten.



As two Junior Law Cadets stand outside of their room, they may admit the first day is not all that easy.



Shown with (l-r) Department Commander Bill Crosier, Outstanding Junior Law Cadet Christine Herrick, Marksmanship winner Araceli Vazquez and Driving Award winner Megan Fischer.

### Nebraska American Legion Boys' State

The 2009 edition of Cornhusker Boys' State came to a successful conclusion on Saturday, June 6. Nebraska's Boys Nation delegates were announced, the principals are Bryce Cain, Omaha; Edson DeOliveira, Ewing alternates Shaun Florance, Papillion and Benjamin Loschen, Wilcox. Bryce Cain of Omaha was elected Boys' State Governor and gave his inaugural address. Other winners of the top elective offices at Boys' State: Lt. Governor, Matthew Ruiz, Papillion. Chief Justice, Benjamin Loschen Wilcox.

Outstanding Citizens of Boys, State were Nick Campos, Red Cloud; James Kerrigan, Benning; Tom Cravey, Grand Island; Benjamin Loschen, Wilcox; Jon Smith, Pender; Austin Wacker, Gordon; Carson Klute, Hampton and Wyn Lincoln.

The outstanding town was Belleau Wood and the athletes were Robert Osberg of Grand Island and Chris Spanel of Lincoln.

The winner of the Samsung Scholarship was Michael A. Blaha of Blair.

### Nebraska American Legion's Junior Law Cadet

Lt. Frank Peck, of the Nebraska State Patrol, and member of the Americanism Committee of the Nebraska American Legion, reported that 40 boys and 32 girls reported to the 42th Annual Junior Law Cadet program held at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Grand Island.

Topics during the one week of intensive training included authorities representing the municipal police, county sheriff, health department, game commission, department of motor vehicles, Nebraska National Guard, court administrator and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The cadets have the opportunity to drive the patrol cars, learn how radar and VASCAR work, shoot a duty weapon, make traffic stops, learn self-defense, alcohol enforcement, fingerprinting, drug education, traffic law enforcement, accident investigation, first aid, human relations, alcohol education Air Wing and other topics.



Michael A. Blaha of Blair is the 2009 winner of the \$1000 Samsung Scholarship.



Boys' State Governor Bryce Cain addressed the audience after taking his oath of office from Chief Justice Benjamin Loschen.

Eight Boys' Staters were honored as the "Outstanding Citizens" of their respective towns at Boys' State. They were front row (l-r) Ben Loschen, Wilcox; Jon Smith, Pender; Austin Wacker, Gordon; back row (l-r) James Kerrigan, Bennington; Nick Campos, Red Cloud; Tom Cravey, Grand Island; and Wyn Wiley, Lincoln. Not pictured Carson Klute, Hampton.



## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS AT 2009 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

- **Membership Recruiter of the Year Plaque** - Wilbur Bechtolt, Havelock Post 342
- **Gold Brigade Award - recruiting 50 or more new members** - None
- **Silver Brigade Award - recruiting 25 to 49 new members** - None
- **100% District Commander Pins** - none
- **1st Place District Commander & Vice Commander as of May 15 analysis-\$25.00 each**  
District 12 Commander Kermit Reisdorph & District 12 Vice Commander Samuel Bethune
- **1st Place District Commander plaque as of June 23 analysis** - District 12 Commander Kermit Reisdorph
- **District Race Toward Goal - 1st Place - \$100.00** - None  
2nd Place - \$ 75.00 - None 3rd Place - \$ 50.00 - None
- **Post Membership Achievement Award** - Post in each of five categories with greatest percentage increase in membership by May 31 over membership on July 31, 2008  
Category I - Chappell Post 217, Floyd Stahr, Commander (22.58%)  
Category II - Louisville Post 353, Jon Deacon, Commander (23.28%)  
Category III - Havelock Post 342, Judd Reeves, Commander (7.27%)  
Category IV - Papillion Post 32, Gary Barrows, Commander (4.68%)  
Category V - no winner  
Special Award to District 6 Commander George Cyboron

## THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The American Legion Riders have had a busy month. With everything that we have been doing. All Chapters seem to be growing with new riders. That helps the membership in all Posts to grow. New riders are always welcome. Contact a Legion Rider and see if you are eligible to join.

We had our State Romp on July 24 thru the 26th. It was held in Norfolk this year. We had 8 Chapters present for the Romp. We had around 100 riders there this year. At the present time we don't have a Chapter that has said they will hold the Romp next year. When I find out I will let you all know. It always nice to visit with the other Chapters to find out what they are doing.

We had a poker run and ended up in Tilden to view the Moving Wall. The police from Neligh were

nice enough to escort us all to Tilden. That was a sight to see with so many bikes riding into Tilden.

Several Chapters have raised money to give to American Legacy Fund. In the next letter I will tell you the total dollar amount that was raised. Thanks to all Chapters that helped with this project.

Remember if you are interested in starting an American Legion Riders group in your town give me a call and we will send someone to help you.

Until Later  
Ron Behnke  
ALR Liaison for The American Legion Department of Nebraska  
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email address  
rbehnke@cableone.net



**The Third Infantry Division Society and attached units 90th Reunion** - September 16-20, 2009. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65804. (1.417.883.6500). Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax. Includes a free breakfast. Free airport transportation. For information, contact Linda Irvine: 1.360.663.2521. E-mail: info@theReunionBrat.com. The Society is seeking those who served in the 3rd and attached units or special interest to join the Society. Visit our Website at [www.3rddiv.org](http://www.3rddiv.org) or Henry Burke 1.803.782.7517. E-mail: [pennieburke@sc.rr.com](mailto:pennieburke@sc.rr.com).  
**Moroccan Reunion Association All Branches** - Sept. 9-13, 2009 in Raleigh, N. C. Contact Robert Sieborg, (402)496-1498 2717 N. 120th Ave. Omaha, NE, 68164

## Golf Tournaments

### STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

American Legion 331 has been awarded the state golf tournament - via Aurora's decision to cancel!

We will have a one day tournament at Johnny Goodman golf course Omaha, NE  
6111 S 99 ST

It will be a 2 person scramble (1 day) Saturday Oct. 3rd  
9:00 am shotgun \$55.00 per golfer  
Includes golf, cart, dinner (ribeyes) pin, flag, flight prizes!  
contact Jim Zach 731-5185 for further info

MAIL CHECKS TO ;  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 331  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
4830 S 21 ST  
OMAHA, NE 68107

### 1st Annual American Legion/ Alpha Gamma Mu and Post 3 Legacy Scholarship Golf Open

Date Friday, September 11, 2009  
Time 12 Noon - Lunch  
1 pm - First Tee Start  
Place Mahoney Golf Course  
7900 Adams, Lincoln, NE 68507  
402-441-8969  
Early Entry Deadline Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009  
Late Entry Deadline Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009  
Formal 2-person "Best Ball" Scramble  
\$75 per player includes green fee, cart and lunch.  
Team Registration - 2 Players - \$150.00  
For more information contact Allen Kruse, American Legion Post 3 phone: 402-890-2942 email: [allen.kruse@gmail.com](mailto:allen.kruse@gmail.com)

### 35th Annual Golf Tournament

2 person scramble  
American Legion Post 27  
Beatrice  
Date Sunday September 13, 2009  
Place - Hidden Acres golf course  
Times sign in at 8:00 am  
Shotgun tee-off at 9:00 am (rain date September 20, 2009)  
Entry deadline September 1, 2009

Teams can consist of any combination of Legion Family members and family or bring a friend  
Fees: Entry fee is \$100 per team, includes 18 holes golf, dinner, banquet (at post home), prizes  
Questions call Dave Warren 402-228-1491 or 402-230-9092 or call the club at 402-223-2700

## Events Calendar

### September

- 7 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day
- 18 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 19 Leadership School (10:00a.m.)  
Cortland Community Center
- 19 Commander Deunk's Homecoming at the Beatrice Post 27 in the evening.  
(See page 1 for details)
- 18-20 National Children and Youth Conference in Indianapolis
- 25-27 National Americanism Conference in Indianapolis



### October

- 12 Columbus Day (Observed)
- 31 Halloween



### November

- 3 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 22-28 American Education Week
- 22-28 National Family Week
- 26 Thanksgiving Day



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# Chaplain's Corner

Father Brian Kane  
Department Chaplain

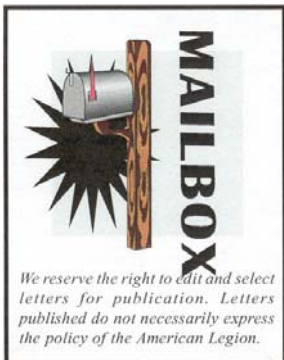


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We stood on the marble steps looking out at the meticulously cut grass spotted with crosses and sang the National Anthem. When that didn't seem to be enough we continued with God Bless America. Two tall flagpoles proudly displayed the American flag and the Italian caretakers, who were the only other people there, stopped and stood at attention to watch and listen. It was a beautiful and moving opportunity to express our thanks to Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen who perished in Italy during World War II. Our simple tribute took place this summer when I had the privilege of visiting the 77 acre Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial in Nettuno, Italy with a group of seven young people during a pilgrimage to Rome. An hour's train ride from Rome, the cemetery is the final resting place of 7,861 American service members who gave their lives during World War II. On January 22, 1944 British forces landed in Italy, north of Anzio, and American forces landed near Nettuno to the east. These landings were met by fierce resistance, major German reinforcements, and three major German counter offenses. Eventually Allied forces broke through to liberate Rome on June 4, 1944. As you walk through the memorial you want to stop and read each bright white marble Cross or Star of David. Many of the markers simply indicate "Known to God Alone". There are 23 sets of brothers buried side by side as well as a group of nurses who died when a shell exploded at what is now the entrance of the cemetery.

Our faith in God and in eternal life moves us to honor the dead and the sacrifices they made. Jesus said in the Gospel of St. John "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The ultimate sacrifice made then by so many, and the same sacrifice that members of our armed forces continue to make today should inspire us who remain to strive for what the Gospel calls us to do, to live with our eyes set on heaven and our heart set on the care of those around us. How strong is our faith if we are not willing to make those sacrifices today? When you walk across the green blanket covering the thousands of graves in Italy, or watch the funeral of a soldier killed in Iraq or Afghanistan today we should be moved to do two things, pray for those who have offered their lives for us and ask that we are worthy of their gift by the way we live.

**LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR POST OR SQUADRON ARE DOING**  
**We take items for articles and pictures by e-mail at comdirlegion@alltel.net.**  
**The pictures can be sent either as a Jpeg or tiffs**



### Dear American Legion S.A.L. and Auxiliary Families;

Your presence at Kenneth's funeral was deeply appreciated. Your cards and phone calls meant so very much to me and my family. Thank you for being a part of our lives, the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are very special.  
Bonnie Dumler, Past Department President and family, Cindy, Mark and Jon

### Dear American Legion;

I would like to thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship. It will be very helpful when paying for college expenses. Please extend my thanks to the Scholarship committee and those who made this scholarship possible.

Thanks again,  
Jordan Schmidt

### American Legion;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for providing myself and others with the enriching opportunity of attending the Junior Law Cadet Program. It was a worthwhile experience that I will always remember.

Thank you once again for the opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Schwarz

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# S.A.L. Notes

Karl Frederickson  
Detachment Commander



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Greetings to all members of The American Legion, and The American Legion Family of the Department of Nebraska.

With the start of a new membership year there are many new officers taking over positions within your Legion Post and Squadrons. One of the most demanding and sometimes daunting is the office of the Adjutant. An Adjutant must be familiar with many issues and also be willing to spend the time needed to process and keep track of membership. Post Commanders, please work with your Squadron officers and make sure they know what is expected of them. With the success the Detachment of Nebraska had last year with membership, the Squadron Adjutant is a key member of your Squadrons success. I have served as Adjutant of South Omaha Squadron 331 the past 4 years, and we have been 300 plus members each year, so I am speaking with some knowledge of the Adjutants role.

Post Commanders, if you or any of your members are planning on attending the Nebraska Leadership School please invite your Squadron officers and members to attend. There are many important subjects discussed, and many good points of information are passed on at this.

If nothing else this will give your Squadron members some exposure to things going on outside their home Squadron. I have found this day always interesting and informative.

Post Commanders, I want to once again remind you that there were a number of "0" Squadrons reported at the summer convention. If this happens to be your Squadron get with them and make sure they take action to get membership turned in before December 31, 2009. At the D.E.C. meeting in January this matter will be looked into again. Also make sure your Squadron sends in a new officers list to headquarters. Later this year we will be calling Squadrons across the state, and having the correct information is extremely valuable.

The Veteran's Day Celebration at the State Fair will be held Friday September 4, 2009 starting at 9:00AM and there will be a parade. This will be the last celebration held in Lincoln, so urge all members of your American Legion Family to attend. This is a fun event and always a lot of fun.

In closing, on behalf of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Nebraska I want to thank each and every veteran who gave of themselves to protect our country. And please remember and say a prayer for our brave men and women who are in harms way.

**God Bless America,**  
**Karl Frederickson**  
**Commander**  
**Detachment of Nebraska**

## The Grande Voiture du Nebraska



La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveux

Virgil Strecker, Grand Chef de Gare

Jess Johnson, Grand Aumonier  
John Dickinson, L'Editeur

### Grande Voiture du Nebraska

In July, I was privileged to help install the officers in my home Voiture (103). I plan to visit V-1018 in Colon on August 13th, V-675 in Sutton on the 15th, and V-121 on the 19th of August. Remember, Friday, September 4th is Veteran's Day at the Nebraska State Fair. Be there!

### Jess Johnson, Grand Chef de Gare du Nebraska

**Columbus 841** Promenade was held at the First Chance/Last Chance Steak House on old US highway 30 in Schuyler. We all enjoyed good food, steaks for the most part. At 8:20 PM, the Promenade was called to order by Chef Dowling. Roll Call of Officers: All present or accounted for. Minutes for the past month: Notion made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Finance report: We are in the black, notion made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of finance report.

Reports of Officers and Committees: Monsieur Toure Conducteur, Dean Pearsoll updated us on the Offutt Air show bus trip August 29, 2009. New Business: Dues, I have the new 2010 membership cards, 10 of us have already paid, so if you want to join us please remit you dues ASAP, lets be 100% again this year. The dues are still \$20.00 you can send me a check at 606 1st St. Columbus, NE. 68601-7923.

**Omaha 206** The final outing for the Locomotive was made on August 1st. The Engine Crew entertained a nice crowd of watchers along the parade route. The firing of the cannon adds to the excitement. For some reason, some of the dogs did not appreciate the noise. The Chateau has recently undergone work on the grill in the kitchen. Many changes had to be made to conform with the fire codes. The fire extinguishers were out of date and new ones were installed.

**Lincoln 103 Voiture 103** and Salon 832 held their annual family picnic in the Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter on July 21. Approximately 50 voyageurs, partners, and their spouses or guests attended. No business was transacted. Grand Chef de Gare Jess Johnson installed Bill Bowman as the Chef de Gare for the coming year.

### NOTICE

### 2009 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, September 4, 2009 Nebraska State Fair Park Open Air Auditorium 9: am Join us in honoring those who are serving and have served

including a special to Honor Flight and W.W.II Veterans Free Admission for all personnel with Military ID.

THE FORTY AND EIGHT NEEDS GOOD VETERANS\*\*\*\*\*LIKE YOU\*\*\*\*\*ASK ANY VOYAGEUR ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER



### Guard & Reserve

The men and women of The American Legion salute and welcome into our ranks America's activated Guard and Reserve troops.



# TAPS



Able, John W., Auburn  
Abramson, Harold, Loomis, Korea  
Adolf, Victor W., Papillion, WWII  
Alms, Laverne N., York, Vietnam  
Atwell, Hubert L., Fremont, Korea  
Bacon, Gerald, Decatur  
Bacon, Richard, Ogallala  
Bacon, Richard, Ogallala  
Ball, Robert J., Bennington, WWII  
Ballard, John C Jr., Chadron, Korea  
Bando, Ralph H., Nebraska City, WWII  
Banks, Harold, Falls City, WWII  
Bartzatt, William H., Lincoln, WWII  
Bellanti, Vincent S., Papillion  
Beranek, Joe T., Wahoo, WWII  
Berg, Milton S., Arnold  
Blackburn, Bill, Holdrege, Korea  
Bourlier, Vernon J., Kimball, WWII  
Bowhay, Colten L., Liberty, S.A.L.  
Bowman, Gene D., Kimball, Korea  
Branson, Miles, Hyannis  
Briner, Milford C., Chappell, Korea  
Brinkman, Winston, Havelock  
Brooker, Kenneth A., Lincoln, Vietnam  
Brown, Loren H., Grant, Korea  
Broz, John S., Imperial, Lebanon/  
Grenada  
Brubaker, Roland J., Maywood, WWII  
Brunkow, Almon F., Tobias, WWII  
Buchholz, Albert H., Plattsmouth, WWII  
Burrows, Robert L., Genoa, WWII  
Busing, Dean, Ashland, Vietnam  
Carlson, David J., Lincoln, WWII  
Carr, Glenn D., Wilcox, Korea  
Carr, James, Blue Hill, WWII  
Chadwick, R.L., Omaha, Korea  
Chadwick, Robert L., Omaha, Korea  
Christiansen, Harold, Minden, WWII  
Cook, Father John N., Greeley, WWII  
Cox, Clifford L., Overton, Vietnam  
Dankert, Earl, St Paul, Korea  
Davis, K. M., Bassett, Vietnam  
Deaver, Leland A., Nebraska City  
Decker, Robert J., South Omaha, S.A.L.  
Deford, Robert E., Alliance, WWII  
Dempsey, Bryan J., O'Neill, WWII  
Dubois, John, Hebron, Korea  
Dumler, Kenneth C., Davenport, WWII  
Dunovan, Charles F., Central City, Korea  
Durham, Lyle E., Lincoln, WWII  
Eacret, Harry R., Nebraska City, Korea  
Eastburn, Gerald D., Arnold, WWII  
Eaton, Glenn F., Lexington, Korea  
Edward, Jack, Bennington, Korea  
Edwards, Lloyd J., Ashland, WWII  
Eiting, Glenn E., Davenport, WWII  
Engberg, Arno M., Monroe, WWII  
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Evans, Donald L., Millard  
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Ferna, Neil H., Ainsworth, WWII  
Felding, Ken S., Millard, Vietnam  
Forejt, Joe L. Jr., Verdige, Korea  
Fredrickson, Robert D., Dodge, WWII  
Frew, John A., Eustis, WWII  
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Fritz, Cyril L., Bassett, WWII  
Gienau, Glenn L., Grand Island, WWII  
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Greenspan, Maurice I., Omaha, WWII  
Greenwell, Terry H., Oakland 37, Vietnam  
Griffin, James H., Sutherland, WWII  
Hansen, Ervin J., Gretna, WWII  
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Hanson, Donald R., Tilden, Korea  
Harris, John A. Sr., North Omaha, Korea  
Hartman, Harold E., Bennett, WWII  
Hassett, Jerry, Omaha, WWII  
Hawk, Donald S., Bancroft, Vietnam  
Herian, Donald D., Alliance

Higgins, Max M., Butte, Korea  
Hoffman, Ronald A., Lincoln, Korea  
Hogg, E. Wayne., Callaway  
Holmes, Robert M., Grant, WWII  
Hubbell, Robert Lee., Lincoln, WWII  
Hunke, Engelbert C., Norfolk, WWII  
Hupka, Gerald F., Millard, WWII  
Hurlburt, Dennis D., Arcadia, Vietnam  
Inman, Harold C., Stamford, WWII  
Jack, Robert, Eustis, Vietnam  
James, Alvin J., Fairbury, WWII  
James, Jerry D., Denton  
James, Vance G., Lincoln, WWII  
Johnsen, Willard, Friend, WWII  
Johnson, Cecil V., Millard, Korea  
Johnson, Elmer E., York, WWII  
Johnson, George W., Omaha, Korea  
Johnson, Jerry Jr., Omaha, Korea  
Jordan, Patrick R., South Sioux City,  
Vietnam  
Karsting, Dean E., Blue Hill, Korea  
Kasson, Curtis, Wilsonville, WWII  
Keane, Michael H., Alliance, Vietnam  
Keating, Keith O., Omaha, WWII  
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Keller, Melvin L., Gering, Korea  
Kelly, Robert L., Lincoln, Vietnam  
Kent, Jack Jr., Humboldt, WWII  
Knutson, Fred R., Dakota City  
Koepeke, Melvin H., Blue Hill, WWII  
Kopf, Melvin, Nebraska City, WWII  
Korring, Earl, Nebraska City, WWII  
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Kramer, Anton R., Hubbell, WWII  
Kretz, Everett L., Genoa, Korea  
Kuhl, Arthur D., Randolph, WWII  
Lang, George, O'Neill, WWII  
Lesley, Joseph T., Waverly  
Lewis, Ken R., Omaha, Korea  
Love, James L., Seward  
Magdanz, Kenneth W., Norfolk, Korea  
Mayhew, Ernest F., Schuyler, WWII  
McSweeney, John D., Ogallala, WWII  
McVey, Wilbur L., Ogallala  
Mercier, Robert G., Lincoln, Korea  
Miller, Darrell, Fort Calhoun, Korea  
Mills, E. J., Aurora, WWII  
Mindrup, Harry E., Millard, Korea  
Molthan, Orville D., Bruning, WWII  
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Neesley, John L. Dr., Winside, WWII  
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Olson, Vernon K., Genoa, Korea  
Osterhoudt, Howard A., Merna, WWII  
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Otto, J.C., Lincoln, Vietnam  
Owen, Bob, Gibbon, Vietnam  
Palik, Milo J., David City, WWII  
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Peck, Ralph R., Humboldt, WWII  
Peters, Luther, Wood River, Korea  
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WWII  
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Grenada  
Peterson, Ray E., Lyons, Vietnam  
Petjohn, Dale, Brunswick, Korea  
Pfeiffer, Leo A., Nebraska City  
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Phipps, Joel P., Dorchester, Vietnam  
Pierce, Thomas A., Papillion, Vietnam  
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Pope, Kenneth H., Shelby  
Pratt, Melvin, Bennet, Korea

Price, Eugene W., Sutherland, WWII  
Rager, M. L., South Sioux City, Korea  
Rayman, Johnny, Lincoln, Korea  
Reifenrath, Arnold R., Laurel  
Rethmeier, Charles, Neligh, WWII  
Rice, Charles, Hayes Center, Korea  
Rieker, Gilbert, Eustis, WWII  
Rosenberry, Dale L., Shelby  
Ruf, Manuel, Wilsonville, WWII  
Salisbury, Vance., Pleasant Dale, WWII  
Schneider, Larry, Fairmont, Vietnam  
Schmeyer, George J., Lawrence, WWII  
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Schwerley, John D., Norfolk  
Sheets, David M., Valparaiso, WWII  
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Shiers, Clifford W., Gibbon, WWII  
Shurtliff, Milburn C., Lincoln, Korea  
Simpson, Dean L., Alliance  
Sims, Donald K., Ashland, WWII  
Sladky, Math J., Dwight, Vietnam  
Smith, C. Jerome., McCool Junction,  
Korea  
Sok, Stephen F., Craig, Korea  
Splichal, Joe Jr., Denton, WWII  
Staeher, Douglas, Stromsburg, Vietnam  
Stearns, Farrell M., Lincoln, WWII  
Steele, Billy D., Potter, WWII  
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Stockamp, Dennis, Scribner, Korea  
Stocking, Lowell S., Crofton, WWII  
Stokes, Bobby G., Cowles, Vietnam  
Storz, Arthur C., Omaha, WWII  
Sughrue, Elmo E., Bartley, WWII  
Swanson, Leo E., Newman Grove, WWII  
Tepley, Charles, Hayes Center, Vietnam  
Teter, Loy M., Bartley, Korea  
Thieme, Ed, Deshler, WWII  
Thomson, Harold L., Wymore, WWII  
Tilley, Cecil J., Hallam, WWII  
Tramp, Giles, Gretna, Korea  
Trieschman, Arthur F., Grand Island,  
WWII  
Trusty, Dwight L., Hayes Center,  
Vietnam  
Tucker, Donald, Hallam, WWII  
Tuelt, Virgil C., Omaha, WWII  
Ulrich, Frank L., Lincoln, WWII  
Uphoff, Edwin A., Deshler, Korea  
Ushio, Sam S., Alliance  
Van Deventer, Walter J., Humboldt,  
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VanDeventer, Ray A., Lincoln, WWII  
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Wear, Frank J., Omaha, WWII  
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Whitebeaver, Wilbur, Winnebago, WWII  
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Winkler, William, Nehawka, WWII  
Winters, Vernon, Laurel, WWII  
Wonka, Donald D., Blue Hill, Korea  
Woodka, Robert C., West Point  
Wormuth, Lester C., Blue Hill, Korea

The following name were listed incorrectly in last months TAPS. Bob Owen, Gibbion Post 310; Harry Pinneker, Scottsbluff Post 5; Donald Harms, Deshler Post 352; Guy E. Brubaker, Beatrice Post 27 and Edwin H. Arnold, Dakota City Post 376 listed as deceased very much alive.

## Around the State in Pictures



Anderson Post 25 of Wymore made presentations to 50 and 60 members of the post. Standing and making the presentations is Commander A. E. McClure. Seated (l-r) are Bob Warren, Raymond Eisenhauer and Richard Wellensiek all 50 years. Not present were 60 year members Walt Lange and Deoliver Wilson.



At Dakota City's Post 376 banquet the Legion Citizenship Medal was awarded to Legionnaire Charles E. Strong for his accomplishments during the past year in the 3rd District. Pictured (l-r) District Commander Bill Wiseman, Charles E. Strong and County Commander Arnie Andree. Charlie is a 46-year member and a charter member of the Dakota City Post.



Memorial Day Celebration, at Post 238, Red Cloud. Front Row Kneeling and in Wheel Chairs (l-r) Brick Stokes, Verle Johnson, Laverne Lambrecht, Harvey Merrill, Dean Shuck, Joe Shuck, Stasn Offner, Ron Gestring (County Veterans Affairs Officer), Larry Williams, Sgt. Jack West (Speaker from Grand Island), Donna Martin, Back Row (l-r) Leslie Henderson, Marlin Hoffman, Jim Carlton, Harry Sprague, Paul Hartranft, John Allen, Kenny Lovejoy, Alois Hubl, Carl Kucera, Norm Hamel, Joe Vogel (Adjutant Post 238).



Stanton Post 88 recognized Elvin Frank for his 60 years of service to the America Legion. Pictured (l-r) Post Adjutant Mason Moritz, Elvin Frank and Post Commander Jim Campbell.



Cortland Post 253 held a pancake feed and Post commander Bob Baker presented Scott Kohout a check for \$1330.10 for the Norris Titan Baseball Association.

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Dwight Post 110 Commander Alvin Semin presented a 50 year continuous membership award to Dennis Stastny.

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