



Recognition Banquet for National Vice Commander Mike Landkamer

The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, is hosting a dinner at the Columbus New World Inn Saturday, June 27, 2009, to honor Michael Landkamer on his election to the office of National Vice Commander. The dinner is being held in conjunction with our 91st Annual Convention.

The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m., with a social hour (cash bar) followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and a short program. Tickets for the dinner are available at \$15.00 per person, and must be purchased in advance. They will be mailed to you at the address on the form.

Please send the form below with your check for the number of tickets needed. Ticket orders must be received no later than 12:00 noon, June 24, 2009. The mailing address is:

Nebraska American Legion, P.O. Box 5205, Lincoln, NE 68505.

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If you are a veteran or [next-of-kin of a deceased veteran](#), you may now use to order a copy of your military records. For all others, your request is best made using a [Standard Form 180](#). It includes complete instructions for preparing and submitting requests. **Please Note: All requests must be in writing, signed and mailed to us at the address shown to the right.**

Fifteen Awarded Jensen Memorial Scholarships

High school students can tell you that getting ready for college requires many things; studying hard, locating the right school, and lots of money. For the 21st consecutive year, the Nebraska American Legion has done its part in helping Nebraska students with scholarship money.

This year, 15 students have been awarded the Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship. They are: Bobby T. Smedra of Mason City, Ryan J. Schroer of Lawrence, Desirre D. Younger of Bertrand, Shelby M. Miller of Fremont, Shari M. Spilinek of Elba, Jordan M. Schmidt of Dakota City, Harold M. M. Dewey of Neligh, Jason A. Jagels of Davenport, Joseph W. Aschoff of Randolph, Desiree A. Erikson of Comstock, Jesse T. Smidt of Lyons, Nicholas K. Beebee of Ashland, Kelsey J. Smidt of Malmo, Jaclyn S. Kreifels of Dunbar and Erin M. Reeh of Blair.

The scholarship that these students will receive began in 1989 as The American Legion Scholarship.

It was renamed in 1992 in memory of Past Department Commander Maynard Jensen of Aurora.

The program is designed to provide \$500 grants to as many deserving students as possible. Annual funds are derived from the interest earned on the principal scholarship fund. Every year the competition for scholarships has grown as more students seek financial assistance.

American Legion Department Commander Bill Crosier and the Department of Nebraska offer congratulations to this year's winners. Thanks to all students who applied for this annual scholarship.

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APRIL IS CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH

James Linkletter, Department Children and Youth Committee

Children: "Our Nation's Most Precious Natural Recourse" is The American Legion's national theme for "April Is Children & Youth Month."

As Americans, we need to remember amid the problems we face daily with the environment, crime, unemployment and financial uncertainty, the one constant which will make or break this nation is our young people. They are our future.

Our dreams and hopes for a better tomorrow rest in their hands.

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have been actively involved with children's issues since the early 1900's. In 1938, April was formally designated as the Child Welfare Month (now called Children & Youth Month) and has continued on an annual basis.

In many instances, we have been the driving force on the federal, state, and local levels representing their interests and voicing their concerns. During this special time, we urge each of you to show your community that The American Legion family is committed to Children.

Each year at our Spring Meetings, your National Commission on Children & Youth selects several areas of concern, which directly affect our nation's young people.

These may include:

Child Health - • Children's Miracle Network • Spinoza "Buddy Bear" Projects • The "Josh" Project • Immunization Programs • School Nutrition Programs • Prevention of Teen Pregnancy

Child Safety - • Child Pornography, • Drugs and Drug Abuse • Drug Trafficking, • Alcohol Abuse Prevention • Child/Sexual Abuse and Neglect, • Teenage Suicide Prevention • Mc Gruff Safe Kids Program

Family Preservation - • National Family Week Activities, • Day Care Safety • Foster Care • Temporary Financial Assistance, • Missing Children.

All members are encouraged to become active in these or any other worthwhile programs for youth. Such participation will perpetuate our goal of "A Square Deal for Every Child" and strengthen our total commitment.

Legislation to improve conditions for children is a focal point of The American Legion's Children & Youth program. By working on behalf of sound legislation, the Legion, in accordance with mandated positions, strives to bring into enactment the laws necessary to meet the needs of all children.

Within each community, there is a great deal of local legislative action, which deserves continued attention.

City ordinances affecting children and youth, appropriations for schools and school budgets, immunization, child abuse and neglect statutes, juvenile courts, local public welfare departments, playgrounds, traffic regulations and other such matters relating to the health and welfare of children are some of the many pertinent issues that we could be involved in.

There is a great need for informed public participation in local government matters. And when it comes to local matters affecting our children and youth, The American Legion should make itself heard.

Many informative pamphlets and brochures are available from your Department or from The National American Legion. If you have questions or ideas contact your local Post or, AMERICANISM AND CHILDREN & YOUTH DIVISION, THE AMERICAN LEGION, P.O. BOX 1055, INDIANAPOLIS, IN. 46206 317-630-1200 On the web go to; www.legion.org - legion programs

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Do You Need Help?

The reality of suicide is not something most people want to spend much time thinking about or talking about. For 32,000 people a year in the U.S. suicide is the solution they choose to resolve their suffering and conflict. It is estimated that for every completed suicide as many as six others will make an attempt. Some surveys indicate that a majority of Americans will at least think about suicide at some point in their lives. For veterans the rate is two to three times higher than for the general population. Why is this happening?

Edwin Shneidman, a pioneer in the study of suicide, described the person who becomes suicidal as feeling overwhelmed, hopeless and unable to see better solutions. They choose suicide not because there are not better options to deal with their pain, but because in that moment they cannot identify what those options might be. This pain and sense of being overwhelmed is often caused by problems in relationships, financial stress, loss of a loved one, loss of a job and is often made worse by alcohol and/or drug use. It is often not a single event that causes someone to contemplate suicide, but a combination of issues which leads to the person feeling trapped and hopeless.

Servicemen and women who have been exposed to the horrors of war or other traumatic event while serving their country are at increased risk because they often experience depression, anxiety, readjustment difficulty and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). They may experience nightmares, flashbacks, difficulty sleeping, extreme discomfort around groups of people, constantly scanning for danger or threats, difficulty concentrating/focusing, guilt, rage, a sense of alienation (no one understands), feelings of worthlessness, emotional and mental exhaustion and hopelessness. Because of fear of being labeled weak or "crazy",

a lack of understanding of mental health treatment, pride and/or denial, many veterans just try to "gut" through it. Many will self-medicate with drugs or alcohol. Some will become workaholics. Others will engage in high risk behaviors like gambling, driving at high speeds or fighting in an attempt to distract themselves from the miserable thoughts and feelings. Multiple redeployments and extended tours take a heavy toll on the serviceperson as well as their family. Sadly, this storm of stress and chaos sometimes leads even the strongest among us to seek peace through suicide.

The good news is there are always options. In future articles we will discuss solutions and strategies that can help the individual regain hope and a sense of control over their lives. Some immediate relief can be found through the

National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255. The VA and Vet Centers has trained professionals to assist in beginning the road to recovery. Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) are available to help with benefit issues and other resources. There are community mental health providers, clergy and peer support in many Guard units. Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647 is a great resource for those who are active duty and their families. Allow someone to help you see the options that you may not be able to see through your pain. "It takes the courage and strength of a warrior to ask for help."

Written by Colette Wheeler and Dave Tuttle, Suicide Prevention Coordinators. Dave Tuttle, 402-995-4063(Omaha), Colette Wheeler 402-489-3802 ext 96616(Lincoln, Grand Island) 1-800-273-8255 (Talk)

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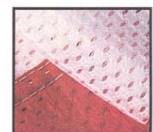
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Department Convention Housing

The following is a list of lodging choices in Columbus, the site of the 2009 Department Convention June 25-28. The New World Inn is the Convention site for the American Legion Family. Reservations are the responsibility of individual Legionnaires.

Berkey Motel Hwy 30 & 81 3220 Eighth St Ph: (402) 564-2729 (800) 288-3658	Victorian Inn 3919 23rd St 402-562-7595	Hwy 81 RV Park (fee) 3 mi N.W. on Hwy 81 Ph: (402)-564-2691
Days Inn 371 33 rd Ave S Hwy 81 Ph: (402) 564-2527 (800) 329-7466	Sleep Inn 303 23 rd St Hwy 30 E Ph: (402) 562-5200 (800) 753-3746	Lake North 4 mi N on US 30 & 18 th Ave Jct, Ph: (402) 564-3171
EcoLux Inn 3803 23 rd St Ph: (402) 564-9955	Super 8 Motel 3324 20 th St Ph: (402) 563-3456 (800) 800-8000	Loup Park 4 mi N at US 30 & 18 th Ave Jct., then 1 ½ mi W Ph: (402) 564-3171
New World Inn * 265 33 rd Ave Hwys 30 & 81 S Ph: (402) 564-1492 (800) 433-1492	Bed & Breakfasts Traditions Bed & Breakfast 2905 14 th St Ph: (402) 563-3333 (877) 563-3311	Powerhouse Park 3 mi N on US 30 & 3 rd Ave Ph: (402) 564-3171 (888) 564-3171
Holiday Inn Express 524 E 23rd St Hwy 30 E 402-564-2566	Campgrounds Headworks Park 6 mi W of Genoa on Hwy 22 Ph: (402) 564 3171	Southgate Campground Jct Hwys 81 & 30 S Ph: (402) 564-9027
		Tailrace Park 4 mi. E on 8 th St, 1 ½ mi. S Ph: (402) 564-3171

“The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, “A Constitutional Speech Contest” is the new name of our endeavor!

The following is a list of recommendations for member who are concerned enough about the continuance of this beneficial program at any level in our department.

A concern of many Blue Cappers in the state is that many teachers and students as to “We don’t have time left in our curriculum, or our daily activities are too consuming.” To which we say, “What other program could provide \$18,000.00 for your college education.?”

We need to get this program to the students, and their parents, in February to May, to give them time to work on their preparation and delivery for local post contests in October. We need to get to the schools at several times every year and talk about all programs at each visit.

We have only a handful of the numbers this program generated years ago. **This year on April 19, The National Finals Contest will be “telecast” on Legion TV via the Internet @ www.legion.org.**

Get to know your Educational Service Unit’s Director, and ask to address the Principals and /or Superintendents when they have a group meeting. Talk about all of our programs while suggesting our Speech Scholarship program may help their Social Studies, English, Drama, History, Journalism, and Speech Teachers. Give each a brochure, show them our websites., Post, Department and National.

During our Americanism Committee meeting we addressed the problem caused of losing the Area Vice Commanders. District Commanders must be District Oratorical Chairmen. The Dist. Commanders can appoint chairmen, but will be responsible for their action or lack thereof.). District Commanders (in the capacity of the Oratorical Chairman) rotate on a low to high district number the chairman for their respective areas. This example for Area “D”, District 1 Commander is host December 2009, District 4 Commander host December 2010, District 5 Commander host December 2011, and District 9 Commander host 2012, Dist. 1 2013, etc. District Commanders must work with and assist the Local Post Commanders. It is the local post who has to provide the initiative for this program to work. Use and follow your Oratorical Chairman’s Guide. Please follow the National rules as in the guide. Our DVD on how to conduct the contest, it also has Instructions for the Judges, which will keep you from overlooking some important part, or detail. If you only have one contestant, go through all the proper steps to get practice conducting the contest. This will also give your post contestant the very important practice he/she needs to succeed. Post contests need to be conducted by early October, Districts by Nov.15, Area by Dec.15, to be ready for the finals in early January. On the local, District level we can use 3 judges, but on the Area and Department Levels, we should use 5 judges, we use 7 for the Department Finals. The goal of the contest operation is invisibility, therefore letting the contestant shine through. For God and Country, Russ Wood, Chairman, American Legion Oratorical Program. H-308-364-9211, Cell 308-340-1901, **E-mail-rwood@swnebr.net** . OtherWebsites, National, **www.legion.org** .-Department of Nebraska, **www.nebraskalegion.net** , Search Nebraskalegion.net for links to local post websites.



The Mariner/Marlin Association 27th Annual Reunion-

April 23-25 in Tucson Arizona. Anyone who was involved with the PBM and or the P5M Navy seaplane. Contact Al Schipporeit, 43007 Schipporeit Road, Brewster, NE 68821 or call 308-547-2474.

WW II China-Burma-India- Veterans will meet April 24-25 at the Comfort Inn, York, NE. All CBI) WWII veterans are encouraged to attend and keep the organization going. Call Earl Redding at (402) 362-2787

20TH Air Police Squadron. RAF Wethersfield, 1950’s Cops. Reunion at the famous “Cho-Choo”, Chattanooga, TN, 12 - 14 May 2009. MSgt Earl Czech (ret) e-mail: **CEarlretired@aol.com**. 763 784-8975 or 4682 - 104th Ave

NE, Circle Pines, MN 55014.

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.3rdiv.orgpr** or Henry Burke 1.803.782.7517. E-mail: **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.

Events Calendar

April (Children and Youth Month)

- 12 Easter
- 17-19 72nd Annual National Oratorical Contest
- 5-11 American Legion Child Welfare FoundationWeek

May

- 1 Baseball Entry Deadline
- 10 Mother’s Day
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 25 Memorial Day

June

- May 31-June 6 Cornhusker Boy’s State
- 14 Flag Day
- 21 Father’s Day
- 8-12 Junior Law Cadets-Female
- 15-19 Junior Law Cadets-Male
- 26-28 Department Convention, Columbus Riverside Inn

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 17-24 American Legion Boys Nation, Washington, D.C.

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

I guess you all know by now the Grande Cheminot was canceled due to inclement weather. I don't know if it will be rescheduled. I attended Voiture 1018 at Herman, NE again on the 12th of Feb. There were 4 of us from Voiture 206. Then on the 16th of Feb, we distributed treats at the VA Hospital. On the 23rd, I had the honor to visit Voiture 136 (Grand Island) at Central City. They had a very good turnout and a very good meal. They met at Lincoln Manor Steakhouse the wives participated in the meal. Afterwards, the ladies had an 8&40 meeting. My wife attended with me along with Marion Charron, Grand Chef de Train and his wife Charlene. On the 11th of March I attended a funeral of a very good friend in Norfolk, NE. Then on Thursday evening, the 12th of March, Marion Charron and I attended the Promenade of Voiture 1279 at the American Legion Club in Kearney, NE. We enjoyed a good meal, followed by an impressive Promenade conducted by Chef de Gare Tom McCoy. I reminded them all that the Grande Promenade is to be held at the Howard Johnson Motel at 72nd & Grover in Omaha on the 29, 30 & 31 of May 2009. At this time several planned to attend. I might remind all of the Voitures at this time to mark your calendar and plan to attend the Grande Promenade. Again, let's all work on membership. Until next time, driver carefully and good health to all.

Virgil Strecker Grand Chef de Gare du Nebraska

Columbus 841 The Promenade was held in Shelby, NE. At the A&B Cafe. We all enjoyed good grits, Steak covered in white gravy for the most part. Minutes for the past month: Notion made, seconded and passed to suspend the reading of the minutes for Jan. Finance report: A report has been put on file with the Correspondant, if you would care to view it please get with the Correspondant after the Promenade. Sickness and Distress: A moment of silence for Larry Adams whom, we have been informed has come upon foreboding seas. The next promenade will be at the Seven Mile Steak House (aka Social Hour) 6 PM, Supper at 7 PM, and Promenade at 8 PM. At least we try to start with these times. Fines: Arney, & Owen, \$2.00, Mikie and Bucky \$1.00. Old Business: Making money for nurses training was thoroughly discussed and after some serious thought, Chef Dowling set his hand to appoint Dave Bruckner and Alben Moore to look into a trip or resort package to be raffled off, as it was thought not everyone wanted a rifle. New Business: Monsieur Toure Conducteur is checking on the annual Offutt Air Show for the possibility of another bus trip this summer, Monsieur Toure Conducteur will report his findings at a later Promenade. For the Good of the Voiture: Mike Landkamer invited all to attend his homecoming as National Vice Commander of the American Legion, being held at the New World Inn, during the Department of Nebraska Convention June. Hard date to follow in later notes. The homecoming will be done in the format of a ROAST so start thinking up your remarks now.

Kearney - 1279 met in Promenade on March 12th. Ten Voyageurs attended, including 3 officers, 5 voyageurs, Grand Chef de Gare Virgil Strecker, and Grand Chef de Train Marion Sharon. Chef de Gare Tom McCoy convened the promenade at 7PM. Opening and closing prayer was offered by Aumonier Frank Dineen. Minutes were read and Financial report was made by Publiciste Don Sluti. No voyageurs of 1279 are known to be sick or in distress. Coming up on March 22nd is the nurses scholarship pancake breakfast. Voyageurs are asked to sell as many tickets as they can. Correspondent Darryl Fisher will contact KGFV radio to have publicity for the event. Chef de Gare Strecker spoke and stressed the need for membership recruitment and renewal. Chef de Gare gave this year's password; which for security reasons is not published herein. He also led a discussion of the relaxed membership qualifications that were passed at the Nationale. He reminded the Voiture that the locale has the right to require Legion membership as a prerequisite for 40 & 8 membership, even though the Nationale does not require such membership. The American Legion. Chef de Trains Sharon spoke in agreement. The Nebraska 40 & 8 Grand Promenade will take place on May 29-31 at the Omaha Holiday Inn. Chef de Gare Strecker urged 1279 to send representation. Make your plans to attend. The Voiture will conduct a Las Vegas Night at the VA Hospital in Grand Island on May 7th. A tasty bacon-wrapped ground beef steak and chicken nuggets were available as the entree. The April Promenade will be held on April 9th at 7PM at Post 52.

Omaha 206 Our current membership stands 10 short of our membership last year. The Engine Crew has scheduled their semiannual breakfast to be held on April 19th. Proceeds from the breakfast will help support the many requests that are received for the Locomotive to appear in parades this spring and summer. Voyageurs and their guests are very pleased with the food being served by John and Chris Bird who are handling the kitchen chores at the Chateau



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Acton, Allen R., Liberty, WWII
 Aden, Melvin R., Wymore, WWII
 Albino, Samuel J. Sr., Beatrice, Lebanon/Granada
 Albracht, Edward A., Omaha, WWII
 Albright, Chester A., Beatrice, Korea
 Aliano, Sam, South Omaha, WWII
 Anderson, Donald A., Madison, WWII
 Anthony, Conrad H. "Tony", Colon
 Armstrong, Darrell K., Dodge, Korea
 Aubert, Harold, Brunswick
 Babcock, Iradell, Scotia
 Bartels, Edsel, Lincoln, WWII
 Baumert, Arthur, Dodge, Korea
 Baumfalk, Marvin G., Beatrice, Korea
 Beetley, Merle L., Fairbury, WWII
 Bennett, Donald A., Falls City, WWII
 Berge, Melvin L., Millard, Korea
 Berkey, Duane L., Nebraska City, WWII
 Bernat, Charles, Norfolk, Korea
 Berthold, Ervin A., Nebraska City, WWII
 Bever, Joe, Beatrice, WWII
 Billesbach, Vincent C., Omaha, WWII
 Bitting, Wayne F., Beatrice, WWII
 Bizzarri, Michael J. Sr., Millard, WWII
 Black, Elton L., Dakota City, WWII
 Blohm, Nelson M., Atkinson, Korea
 Bonk, John M., Columbus, Korea
 Borges, Harold H., Dalton, WWII
 Bosak, Frank C., Columbus, WWII
 Briese, Anne N., Albion
 Bro, Kenneth R., Omaha, WWII
 Broeker, Oral R., Edison, WWII
 Brown, Jerry J., Norfolk, Korea
 Brown, Nelson, Broken Bow, WWII
 Brownback, Clarence E., Omaha, WWII
 Bri, Henry F. Jr., Lincoln, WWII
 Brubaker, Guy E., Beatrice, WWII
 Buckingham, Ben, Ashland, WWII
 Bunte Meyer, Edward, Deshler, WWII
 Bush, Frank, Stromsburg, Vietnam
 Calhoon, William R., Norfolk, Korea
 Carmichael, Gerald V., Fairbury, WWII
 Carr, Charles D., Garland
 Carttar, Gerald L., Lexington, WWII
 Cassell, James, Cedar Bluffs, Korea
 Chmelka, Frank, Malmo
 Cizek, Kenneth, Wilber
 Clark, William J., Mitchell, Vietnam
 Collinson, Robert L., Doniphan, Vietnam
 Coon, Larry K., Beatrice, Vietnam
 Copley, Don L., Syracuse
 Cornelius, Andrew G., Hastings, WWII
 Cox, Orvin R., Mason City
 Dallman, Darold E., Hartington, Korea
 Decker, John A., Alma, WWII
 Dee, James W. Sr., Millard, Vietnam
 Devine, Frank S., Lincoln, WWII
 Dierksen, William M., Chadron, WWII
 Diers, Orville O., West Point, Korea
 Doeden, John, Cook, WWII
 Dohse, Harold A., Gordon
 Drda, Larry, Norfolk
 Dring, Walter W., Lincoln, Korea
 Ducey, Don R., Hubbell, Korea
 Eklund, Betty J., Omaha, WWII
 Edwards, William T., Lincoln, WWII
 Eggers, Walter J., Ruskin, WWII
 Emal, Clarence V. Jr., Beatrice
 Engelmeyer, Vincent, West Point, WWII
 Eusterwiemann, John H., Howells, WWII
 Ewer, Russell E., Beatrice, WWII
 Farr, Edward M., Cedar Bluffs, WWII
 Fetters, Jerry L., Scottsbluff, Korea
 Feusner, Darrell E., Holdrege, Korea
 Fickle, Monty, Chadron, Vietnam
 Firley, Albert, Weston, Korea
 Fletcher, Albert P., Maxwell, Korea
 Forman, Frank J., South Omaha, WWII
 French, Arthur M., Stapleton
 Fulton, Vaughn C., Geneva, WWII
 Galus, Edmund S., South Omaha, WWII
 Gappa, Melvin L., Grand Island, WWII
 Gebhard, Warren R., Falls City, Korea
 Gill, Dale E., Hastings, WWII
 Glasco, Marion, South Omaha
 Goble, Eldon F., Beatrice, WWII
 Gordon, Charles, Omaha Benson, WWII
 Gourley, Dale C., Superior, WWII
 Govier, Everett O., Broken Bow, WWII
 Gregor, Raymond, Elgin
 Griffith, Wesley W., Lincoln, WWII
 Haiar, Francis H., Millard, Korea
 Hallgrimson, Harold L., Omaha, Korea
 Hamm, Duane H., Lincoln, WWII
 Hana, Leroy J., Madison, WWII
 Hardin, Don, Edison, WWII

Harper, William R. Jr., Kennard
 Hart, Jack D., Nebraska City, WWII
 Hawk, Donald R., Syracuse, Vietnam
 Heckman, Harley F., Ralston, Vietnam
 Helligso, Arthur E., Omaha, WWII
 Helmers, Donald R., Nebraska City, Vietnam
 Hemphill, Donald Wayne, Lincoln, WWII
 Henderson, Robert J., Cedar Bluffs, Vietnam
 Hickens, Lloyd E., Hastings, Korea
 Hilgenfeld, Charles, Humboldt, Vietnam
 Hoelting, Francis, Doniphan
 Hohnoth, Walter G., Nebraska City, WWII
 Holley, John A., Kearney, Vietnam
 Holm, Kenneth E., Mason City
 Hosek, George, Comstock, WWII
 Hoth, Edwin C., Omaha, WWII
 Houser, Lumir R., Wilber
 Hughes, Roland, York, WWII
 James, Grover E., Wymore, Korea
 Jarosik, Bernard A., South Omaha, WWII
 Jensen, James R., Bridgeport
 Johnson, Lester H., David City, WWII
 Johnson, Merlin L., Lincoln, WWII
 Johnson, Ralph E., Lincoln, WWII
 Johnson, Walter P., Beatrice, WWII
 Junkin, Vaun, Bertrand, Korea
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 Kube, Norman, Crofton, WWII
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 Leitschuck, T.R., Odell, Korea
 Leopold, John M., Lincoln, WWII
 Liebaert, Maurice C., Lincoln, Korea
 Lipps, Robert E., Lincoln, WWII
 Lively, James C., Omaha, Korea
 Lowe, John III, Kearney, Korea
 Luber, Marlin G., O'Neill, Korea
 Luevane, Sanford J., Yutan, WWII
 Mallett, Brad W., Millard, S.A.L.
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 McCawley, Harry E., Hyannis, WWII
 McClure, Kenneth W., Lincoln, WWII
 McConville, Leo, Indianola, WWII
 McGill, Timothy R., Lincoln, Vietnam
 McGinness, William F., Fremont
 McKay, Tom, Hickman, Vietnam
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 Mead, Clyde N., Saint Paul, WWII
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 Mercier, Loren L., Grant, Korea
 Meyers, Ambrose W., Edison, WWII
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 Moore, Lynn E., Tilden, Vietnam
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 Morse, Dale W., Beaver City, WWII
 Myers, William H., Hay Springs
 Neerman, Charles E., Nebraska City, WWII
 Niemeier, Delbert L., Beatrice, WWII
 Norton, Robert E., Beatrice, WWII
 Nustrom, Gustav A., Ashland
 O'Malley, John G., Lincoln, WWII
 Oelsligle, Ronald M., Tilden, Vietnam
 Oviatt, Otis W., Beatrice, WWII
 Parmenter, Ralph E., Genoa, Vietnam
 Patzel, Donald F., Madison
 Paul, Elmer C., Superior, WWII
 Paxton, William N., Lincoln, WWII
 Pearson, Carroll E., Craig, Korea
 Pedersen, Glen M., Omaha Benson, WWII
 Peters, Norman, Pierce, Korea
 Peters, Robert L., Oakland 46, WWII
 Pettit, Harry F., Millard, Vietnam
 Podoll, Harvey J., Norfolk, WWII
 Portrey, Gary J., Havelock, Korea
 Prellwitz, Frank L., Fairbury, WWII
 Preston, Charles F., Central City, Korea

Putman, Randy C., Gretna, S.A.L.
 Rager, Otis C., Gordon
 Rager, Robert, Thurston, Korea
 Rakestraw, Wilbur C., Nebraska City, Vietnam
 Ratkovec, Virgil V., Millard, WWII
 Reed, Robert F., Kearney, Korea
 Reppert, Ray F., Pender, WWII
 Rickman, Charles E., Beatrice, Korea
 Rinehart, Charles L., Alliance, WWII
 Rinne, Ronald F., York, Korea
 Robak, Hilbert J., Silver Creek
 Roberts, Gomer, Wymore, WWII
 Roth, William T., Greta, S.A.L.
 Rowe, Harold M., St Paul, WWII
 Rutter, David E., Osceola, WWII
 Ryland, Gary M., Stapleton
 Salber, Melvin B., Elgin, Korea
 Samples, Gifford, Edison, WWII
 Sanne, Bob D., Tilden, Korea
 Saum, Hal C., Elm Creek, WWII
 Sayles, Russell O., Kearney, WWII
 Scheinost, Nadine, Norfolk, WWII
 Schelbitzki, Lloyd, Ohio, WWII
 Schfield, Howard, Ashland, WWII
 Schmidt, Darrell, Sterling, Vietnam
 Schmitt, Don L., Dannebrog, Korea
 Schnirl, Frank M., Fremont, Korea
 Schofield, Howard, Ashland, WWII
 Scholz, George A., Brainard, Korea
 Schroeder, Ray F., Kearney, WWII
 Schurteff, Vernon, Fremont
 Schwab, Harold D., Beatrice
 Scott, Kenneth C., Beatrice, Korea
 Seier, Anthony, Petersburg, WWII
 Seifert, Edward H., South Omaha
 Sheehan, Thomas, Omaha Benson, WWII
 Shields, Gerald, Ralston, Korea
 Short, Hubert A., Greta, WWII
 Shultz, Francis M., Arcadia, WWII
 Sidak, Louis E., O'Neill, WWII
 Siemonsma, John, Decatur, Vietnam
 Siracuse, Joseph L., Millard, Korea
 Smith, Vern, Central City, WWII
 Smolla, Edwin E., South Omaha, WWII
 Spellman, Marvon, Kearney, Korea
 Stapert, Beulah C., Nehawka, WWII
 Steffen, James L., Yutan, Grenada, Lebanon
 Steffes, Donald D., Omaha, Vietnam
 Steiger, Roger D., Sutton, Korea
 Stertz, Lloyd, Edgar, WWII
 Stevens, Jack E., Beatrice, WWII
 Stoll, Paul E., Nebraska City
 Stromberg, Hollis, Polk, WWII
 Strong, Charles W. Sr., Omaha, WWII
 Sturzenegger, Emil, Ashland, Vietnam
 Stych, Fred, Milligan, WWII
 Surber, Clare, Sidney, Korea
 Tennant, Don L., Loup city, Vietnam
 Terifaj, Frank A., Grant, WWII
 Terrill, Dean, Fairbury, WWII
 Thompson, Marvin D., Mitchell
 Thompson, Neal C., Holdrege, WWII
 Varwig, Walter H., Dolton, WWII
 Violett, Ralph L., Omaha Benson, WWII
 Volden, Joe C. Jr., Lincoln, WWII
 Vondracek, George Jr., Verdigris, WWII
 Walford, Bernard L., York, Korea
 Walford, William A., York, Korea
 Wangler, Charles J., Columbus
 Warfield, Frank L., Colon, WWII
 Washburn, Donald R., Ashland, Korea
 Weakland, Raymond J., Beatrice, Korea
 Weible, Paul, Nebraska City, Korea
 Weideman, Clifton D., Pleasant Dale, Korea
 Weiler, Norman, Ogallala
 Wergin, Helena S., Lincoln, WWII
 White, Roland A., Beatrice, WWII
 Wicht, Merle W., Ashland
 Wiens, Charles, Beatrice, Korea
 Willeford, William J., Tobias
 Willey, Elmo, Beatrice
 Wilmot, Paul D., Kearney, WWII
 Winkler, William, Nehawka, WWII
 Witkowski, Raymond A., Beatrice, WWII
 Wood, Albert E., Lincoln, WWII
 Workman, Gary L., Columbus, Vietnam
 Wright, Eldon E., Beatrice, WWII
 Wright, Roger D., Osceola, Korea
 Yonkers, Keith F., Scottsbluff, Korea
 Ziska, Kenneth, Atkinson, Korea
 The following name were listed incorrectly in last months TAPS' Listed James M. Corner, Blur Hill Post 176. Listed as deceased is Peter Peterson, Oakland Post 46 is very much alive.



Brainard Legion Post 273 and Dwight Post 110 honored recipients of the Purple Heart at the at East Butler School, Brainard. Postmaster Sherry Helman of Brainard designed and constructed plaques for the honorees using Purple Heart Commemoration Stamps. She also read a short essay on VALOR. Pictured are: Post 273 and Post 110 officers recognized Dave Egr, Post 273 (VietNam); Milo Pelan Post 273 (WW 2) and Leonard Sissel Post 110 (Korea).



Dannebrog Post 241 Commander Bob Kapuska presented Chris Paulsen with his 60 year certificate for his continuous membership.



Pictured (l-r) back row Leo Schulte, Commander, Randy Ellwanger, Adjutant and Jerome Dopheide, Boyd County Commander of Robert L. Wills American Legion Post 51, Butte. Front row (l-r) Tyson Reiser, Cody Roth and Drew Lechtenberg all of Butte. They accepted the donation for the Stepping Out For Diabetes Walk held on February 14th in Butte. Over \$600.00 was raised which was used for the diabetes education day held on March 14th in O'Neill.



Beemer Post 159 held a Legion birthday party and guests were Bev Neel of Winside, the District 3 Membership Chairman and Bernie Hunke of West Point the new county Veterans Service Officer. Commander Chuck Liermann and Adjutant Arlen Lierman recognized Henry Heller for sixty years of continuous membership.



Melvin Divis presented the awards for continuous membership to Elwood Post 290 members: Dick Bennett 40 years, Keith Willets (43), Harlan Gydesen (54), Don Ringenberg (54), Don Foss (56) and Owen Brainard (43) years. Not pictured George Marquardt (56), J.C. Huerta (55), Edwin Cohagan (54), Bob Salisbury (63), Jay Beck (40), Norman Hoveling (49) and James Puls (41).



Dan Wacker of Lincoln was presented a plaque by Department Commander Bill Crosier for his many years on the Athletic Committee and for his contributions to the baseball program and the youth of our state.

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Fallen Heroes Appreciation Day, Ralston, (l-r): American Legion District 8 Commander Jim Costello, Ralston Squadron 373 Commander Jason Stawniak, Nebraska Detachment Commander Karl Frederickson