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Nebraska American Legion Selects Maynard Jensen Memorial Scholarships

(Lincoln) April 12, 2019 – The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, selected twenty recipients of the Maynard Jensen Scholarship. The Maynard Jensen scholarship began in 1989 as “The American Legion Scholarship” and it was renamed in 1992 in memory of Past Department Commander Maynard Jensen of Aurora.

Jensen was a World War II Navy Veteran who served in the invasion of Normandy and then in Southern France. He served as the Nebraska American Legion Department Commander from 1971-72. Jensen also served on numerous Department Committees within The American Legion.

For the 31st consecutive year, the Nebraska American Legion has done its part in helping Nebraska students with scholarship money.

The recipients of \$500 scholarships are Kelsey Manchester of Swanton; Molly Andreasen of Columbus; Michyla Lihs of Mead; Alissa Gubbels of Stuart; Kara Swartz of Valparaiso; Rylee Kohmetscher of Lawrence; Emma Voichahoske of Fullerton; Bria Simmonds of McCook; Sydney Badura of Loup City; Colt Hesselstine of Halsey; Danie Brandl of Humphrey; Christian Timm of Eustis; Colby Grossart of Wolbach; Cierra Vanosdall of Ord; Trevor Linn of Cozad; Chad Niemeier of Beatrice; Julia Thiele of Clearwater; Nathan Burnett of Shelton; Molly Andreasen of Columbus; and Christopher Paitz of Litchfield.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans’ benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today’s armed forces.

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