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## Nebraska American Legion 2020-2021 Lottery Winners Announced

Lincoln (February 4, 2021) – The Nebraska American Legion, held the drawing for its annual lottery fundraiser at their Mid-Year Conference on January 17 in Columbus.

Lottery tickets are sent to Nebraska American Legion members for the opportunity to purchase tickets for the lottery. The proceeds and donations from the lottery are used to support the Nebraska American Legion's four pillars and programs.

The \$2,500 grand prize winner was Pat Wiseman of Homer. James O. Kugler of Ashton won \$1,000, and Alfred E. Wollenburg of DeWitt won \$500. The five \$200 winners were: Robert Neel of Wayne; Raymond J. Shaffer of Atkinson; Elvin M. Tonkison of Omaha; Kenneth J. Karel of Clarkson; and Arnold C. Nelson of Omaha. The five \$100-dollar winners were: Doug Boldt of Callaway; John Henry Pearcy of Papillion won twice; Keith Kearns of Rushville; and Gary Wooten of Wilber.

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. The youth Oratorical Competition is part of the Americanism pillar and helps to educate our youth on government.

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