



GENOA SCOUT NAMED "EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR"

Brandon C. Drozd, 17, Genoa has been selected as 2009 Eagle Scout of the Year by the Nebraska American Legion and has received a \$500 cash award. As the Nebraska winner, Drozd is now eligible for a schol-



arship of \$10,000 in The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year competition. This is the second consecutive year Drozd has won the state competition.

A junior at Twin River Public Schools, Drozd is a member of the Student Council (Vice President), Future Business Leaders of America. He has participated in Band, Football, Baseball, Speech and One Act Plays. He is a lifetime member of the Sons of The American Legion.

Selected for Second Place and a \$300 cash award was Jacob Kringle of Ashton. Third Place and a \$200 cash award was presented to Mathew Turpen of Papillion.

The selection of the national American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will be announced in the National Americanism Commission Report to the National Executive Committee during the 2009 spring meetings of The American Legion, held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Based on the principle of duty to God and country, the Scouting program is for all youth, ages 6 through 21, regardless of ethnic background, creed, or physical or mental ability. Scouting provides effective character building, citizenship training, and personal fitness opportunities for youth. Since the first National Convention of The American Legion, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1919, the Legion has supported the Scouting movement and in 1922, Scouting was included in the activities of the Americanism Commission. Boy Scouting encourages boys to develop physical, mental and emotional fitness and to adopt and live by meaningful personal standards as a cornerstone for success in life. The American Legion supports the Boy Scouts of America in its efforts to maintain and practice traditional family values with regard to their membership and their leadership standards. The American Legion, Department of Nebraska salutes each candidate who participated in this year's program.

Columbus to Host 91st Annual Department Convention

The 91st Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska will be held at the Columbus New World Inn,



National Vice Commander Michael Landkamer

June 25-28.

Prior to the convention, the Department Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. and continuing on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. The joint opening session of the convention and memorial service will start Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

This year's Department Convention is hosted by Columbus Post 84. The Post Color Guard will be advancing and retiring the colors for the ceremonies.

There will be special guests and speakers at the convention, including Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy

and National Vice Commander Michael Landkamer

Friday's session will include the selection of convention committees, presentation of awards, and reports from the Finance Officer and National Executive Commit-



Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy

teeman Douglas Boldt.

Saturday morning will start early with the American Legion Press Association (NALPA) breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to

the breakfast, as well as the business meeting afterwards.

The convention business session continues on Saturday with awards, special presentations, and greetings from representatives of many veterans organizations.

Sunday morning's activities will include the American Legion and Auxiliary religious services.

The Clarence "Cody" Kerr Award for outstanding community service will be presented, and final reports will be made. Election of officers to lead the organization for the next year will finalize the annual session. Installation of officers for 2009-10 will complete the convention business.

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It's History

Thirty Years Ago

By Department Historian Debra Day

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

VA Spends \$147 Million In Nebr. During FY78

The Veterans Administration disbursed almost \$147 million in Nebraska during fiscal year 1978, an increase of almost \$6 million over the previous year.

James C. Smith, director of the VA regional office in Lincoln, reported today on the federal agency's estimated expenditures in the state. He said that the largest portion, \$60.2 million, represented disability compensation and pension checks to veterans, their dependents and survivors.

Approximately \$29.2 million provided for GI Bill educational and vocational rehabilitation programs for Nebraska veterans, and \$47 million went toward VA hospital and regional office operating costs, he said.

The remainder was expended for GI insurance and indemnities (\$6.8 million), direct home loans (\$213,42), and construction and related costs (\$2.9 million).

The VA has five facilities in Nebraska, including medical centers (hospitals) in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island, a regional office in Lincoln and Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell.

In Douglas County, disbursements totaled \$54.5 million, of which \$17.9 million was paid in the form of compensation and pensions, and \$25.4 million for operating costs at the Omaha VA medical center. Another \$8.7 million was expended for veterans' schooling and vocational rehabilitation programs, Smith said.

In Lancaster County, where the Lincoln VA medical center is lo-

ated, the VA expended \$27.7 million, with \$7.4 million for compensation and pension benefits, and \$13.5 million for hospital and regional Office operating costs.

Payments in Hall County, where the Grand Island VA medical center is located, totaled \$11.8 million, with \$8.6 million for hospital operating costs. Compensation and pension payments amounted to \$1.9 million.

Post No. 59; Callaway Post, Callaway, Organized September 30, 1919 by Dr. Roy D Bryson. Officers: 1919 Roy D. Bryson, Commander; 1920 R.D. Bryson, Commander; Robert E. Moran, Adjutant; 1921 W.W.F. Haycock, Commander; R. E. Moran, Adjutant, 1922 James C. Overgard, Commander; R. E. Moran, Adjutant.

An Activist Is Buried

By John Smithberg, POW/MIA Liaison

Thanks to Patty Hopper and Task Force Omega, I was recently introduced to a Ted Sampley. He was a fellow Vietnam vet who was intensely involved in the POW issue.

He too believed that the U.S. and Vietnam government never fully accounted for all the American soldiers who were known to be alive at the time of their capture.

He once led a group "back" into Laos to pressure that government to account for the hundreds of men that were captured there.

He was an integral member of the "Last Firebase". This group held a 24-hr. vigil near the Lincoln Memorial from 1986-2003. He was the founder of "Rolling Thunder". The list goes on.

I only wish that I could have met

him. Ted died recently and will be sorely missed by those who still believe in the cause.

On another note closer to home, please say a prayer for Laurel Neb's missing son Donald Grella. His aircraft was finally discovered a short while ago. Very little was found at the crash site as to human remains. We will know more soon. Pray that we can start to close this terrible loss that has gone on for over 40 years. I will keep you posted.

Looking forward to attending the upcoming convention in Columbus June 25-28 2009.

Keep praying

LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR POST OR SQUADRON ARE DOING We take items for articles and pictures by e-mail at comdirlegion@windstream.net.

Straight Talk



Steve Burger
Department Service Officer

Disability Compensation for Sexual or Personal Trauma

A number of women and men suffered sexual or other personal trauma while serving in the military. These veterans may still struggle with fear, anxiety, embarrassment, or profound anger as a result of these experiences. We cannot undo the past; however, if a veteran suffers from the effects of trauma in military service, VA may be able to help them. How Does VA Define Sexual or Personal Trauma?

Sexual or personal trauma are events of human design that threaten or inflict harm. Trauma is defined as any lingering physical, emotional, or psychological symptoms.

Examples of trauma are:

- Rape,
- Physical assault,
- Domestic battering, and
- Stalking.

Can You Receive Compensation for Your Disabilities?

Yes. If it is determined that your disabilities are a result of or have been made worse by injuries or diseases incurred during military service, you may receive compensation. You must have been separated under *other than dishonorable* conditions to be eligible, and must currently suffer from a disabling condition to receive compensation. A common disability resulting from a sexual or personal trauma is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Secondary to Sexual or Personal Trauma

PTSD is a recurrent emotional reaction to a terrifying, uncontrollable, or life-threatening event. The symptoms may develop immediately after the event or may be delayed for years.

They include:

- Sleep disturbances and nightmares,
- Emotional instability,
- Feelings of fear and anxiety,
- Impaired concentration,
- Flash-backs, and
- Problems in intimate and other interpersonal relations.

How Can You Apply?

You can apply for disability compensation by filling out VA Form 21-526, *Veterans Application for Compensation and/or Pension*. VA counselors and Women Veterans Coordinators are available for assistance.

You can also apply online through the VA web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

Legionnaires who have questions can contact their Post Service Officer of this office at 402-420-4021.

Department Of Nebraska 91st Annual Department Convention

New World Inn, Columbus, Nebraska, June 25-28

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

1:30 p.m.

Department Executive Committee Meeting – Post 84

6:00 p.m.

Past Department Commanders Banquet – Magellan

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m.

Department Executive Committee – Courtyard Main

11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH LUNCHEON – Courtyard West

1:00 p.m.

JOINT OPENING SESSION & MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, & S.A.L. – Main Courtyard

Department Commander Bil Crosier, presiding
Advancement of Colors – Columbus Post 84 Color Guard

Invocation – Department Chaplain Father Brian Kane
Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Auxiliary Officers & Guests – Marva Kasl, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary

Introduction of The American Legion Officers & Guests – Bil Crosier, Department Commander

Introduction of Sons of The American Legion Officers & Guests – Karl Frederickson, Detachment Commander

Address of Welcome:

Honorable Mayor, Michael L. Moser City of Columbus
Commander Ed Cerny, Columbus Post 84
President Patty Landkamer, Columbus Auxiliary Unit 84

Memorial Service – presided over by Marva Kasl, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary

Placing of Wreaths

POW/MIA Remembrance – John Smithberg, Liaison Officer

Post Everlasting – Columbus Post 84 Color Guard

Prayer in Memoriam – Seth Rippe, Detachment Chaplain, Sons of The American Legion

Memorial Eulogy by the Father Brian Kane, Department Chaplain, The American Legion

Memorial Tribute by Bonnie Erickson, Department Chaplain, American Legion Auxiliary

Retirement of Colors and Adjournment

2:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BUSINESS SESSION –

Advancement of Colors – Columbus Post 84 Color Guard

Invocation – Department Chaplain Father Brian Kane

American Legion Post 84 Chorus-Director Dave Mullin

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

Reading of the Convention Call and Rules & Procedures

Greetings & Remarks:

Loren Miller, Director, VA Regional Office, Lincoln

Announcements of Convention Committees:

Credentials, Nominations, Resolutions, Constitution & Bylaws

District Caucus to select members of Convention Committees and to recommend delegates & alternates to National Convention

Greetings & Remarks:

RON BEHNKE, The Nebraska American Legion Riders
Report from Department Finance Officer

Richard Vasina

Presentation of Service Awards – Department Rehabilitation Chairman Dick Arington & Department Service Officer Steve Burger

Presentation of Nebraska ALPA Awards – Wilbur Bechtolt, President

Announcement of Convention Committees

Recess until Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

4:15 p.m. approx.

Convention Committees Meet – Locations to be announced

7:00 p.m.

Legion Riders-Arawak Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 a.m.

NALPA Breakfast & Annual Business Meeting – Megellan Room-Everyone is welcome.

9:00 a.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BUSINESS SESSION –

Opening Ceremonies

Salute of Colors

Invocation – Department Chaplain Father Brian Kane

Greetings & Remarks:

John Hilgert, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs

Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Commander, Disabled American Veterans

President, Paralyzed Veterans of America

Commander, AMVETS

Commander, American Ex-Prisoners of War

Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart

President, Vietnam Veterans of America

President, County Service Officers Association

Report from Committee on Credentials-

Jess Johnson, Chairman

Preliminary Report from Constitution & Bylaws

Committee – Judge Advocate Jess Johnson

Report from National Executive Committeeman

Douglas Boldt

Presentation of Citizenship Medal Awards –

Commander Bil Crosier

Presentation of Education Awards – Commander Bil Crosier

Presentation of Membership Awards – Roy Vap, Membership Committee Chairman

Presentation of Youth Champions – Representing

Achievement in American Legion Programs –

Commander Bil Crosier

Report of Resolutions Committee - Samuel Bethune

Chairman

1:00 p.m.

Presentation by Mark Musick

AMERICAN LEGION BUSINESS SESSION

'Operation School Talk' Program Recognition –

Commander Bil Crosier

Presentation of Teacher of the Year Awards –

Commander Bil Crosier

Officer Candidate Campaign Talks

Recess until Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. approx.

AREA CAUCUSES – Locations to be announced

5:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC MASS – ALA Main Ballroom

7:00 p.m.

Testimonial Dinner for National Vice Commander

Michael Landkamer – Courtyard Main

5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 a.m.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY CHURCH SERVICES

ALA Convention Hall

9:00 a.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BUSINESS SESSION

Opening Ceremonies

Salute of Colors

Invocation – Department Father Brian Kane

Awarding of Clarence 'Cody Kerr' Award – Dave

Kontz

Activity Report of Department Commander

ADDRESS

MICHAEL LANDKAMER, NATIONAL VICE COM-

MANDER

Report of Resolutions Committee-Samuel Bethune

Chairman

Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws Committee –

Judge Advocate Jess Johnson

Report of Nominations Committee - Ron Ingram,

Chairman

Presenting Nominations for:

Delegates & Alternates to National Convention

Senior Vice Commander

Department Commander

Nominating and Seconding Speeches

Ten-minute recess for caucus for determining

votes for candidates

Presentation of newly-elected Detachment Com-

mander, Sons of The American Legion

Balloting for Department Officers

Presentation to Immediate Past Department &

District Elective Officers-Commander Bil Crosier

Acceptance remarks of Newly-Elected Department

Commander

Installation of Newly-Elected Department & District

Officers

Closing Ceremonies

Benediction – Department Chaplain Father Brian

Kane

Retirement of Colors by Columbus Post 84

Adjournment of the 91st Annual Department Con-

vention, The American Legion, Department of

Nebraska

***Meeting of new Department Executive Commit-

tee immediately following adjournment of Con-

vention

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

Days Inn
371 33rd Ave
S Hwy 81
Ph: (402) 564-2527
(800) 329-7466

EcoLux Inn
3803 23rd St
Ph: (402) 564-9955

New World Inn *
265 33rd Ave
Hwys 30 & 81 S
Ph: (402) 564-1492
(800) 433-1492

Holiday Inn Express
524 E 23rd St
Hwy 30 E
402-564-2566

Victorian Inn
3919 23rd St
402-562-7595

Sleep Inn
303 23rd St
Hwy 30 E
Ph: (402) 562-5200
(800) 753-3746

Super 8 Motel
3324 20th St
Ph: (402) 563-3456
(800) 800-8000

Bed & Breakfasts
Traditions Bed & Breakfast
2905 14th St
Ph: (402) 563-3333
(877) 563-3311

Campgrounds
Headworks Park
6 mi W of Genoa on Hwy 22
Ph: (402) 564 3171

Hwy 81 RV Park (fee)
3 mi N.W. on Hwy 81
Ph: (402)-564-2691

Lake North
4 mi N on US 30 & 18th Ave
Jct,
Ph: (402) 564-3171

Loup Park
4 mi N at US 30 & 18th Ave
Jct., then 1 1/2 mi W
Ph: (402) 564-3171

Powerhouse Park
3 mi N on US 30 & 3rd Ave
Ph: (402) 564-3171
(888) 564-3171

Southgate Campground
Jct Hwys 81 & 30 S
Ph: (402) 564-9027

Tailrace Park
4 mi. E on 8th St, 1 1/2 mi. S
Ph: (402) 564-3171

In Memory of Keith Smith

It is with profound sadness and deep sense of loss that The American Legion family announces the death of Past Department Commander Keith Smith (92-93) of Ceresco, Nebraska. Past Commander Smith joined the Post Everlasting on Wednesday, April 28, ending a life time of service to his country and his community.

Smith has held all offices of the Ceresco Post, as well as two terms as Saunders County commander and District 7 commander. On the Department level, he served as assistant sergeant-at-arms, Area B vice commander and Department Senior vice commander as well as membership on the Constitution

& Bylaws committee. A frequent attendee at National conventions, Smith has also served on two National committees. He also was a member of the Saunders County Veterans Service committee.

Funeral service were held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 2, at Evangelical Covenant Church, 208 W. Pine, Ceresco, NE. Interment and graveside military honors were held at Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Saturday at 2:00 PM.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be directed to the family to be shared with favorite organizations at: P. O. Box 141, Ceresco, NE 68017.



We reserve the right to edit and select letters for publication. Letters published do not necessarily express the policy of the American Legion.

Dear American Legion Family;

Thank you for your sympathy at the time of Hugh's death. We appreciate the memorials, cards and flowers. Your prayers and kind words have been a great comfort to us.

Thank you,
The Hugh Short Family

Dear American Legion;

Thank you for selection me a recipient of the Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship.

Please extend my thanks to the scholarship committee and those who are connected with the selection process, I am proud and honored that I have been chosen. I will fulfill my responsibilities by maintaining a high GPA in college. Your generosity has enabled me to pursue my career goals. I appreciate your kindness. Thank you again!
Sincerely, Jaelyn Sue Kreifels

Maynard Jensen Scholarship Fund;

I recently received word that I was selected to receive the Maynard Jensen Scholarship. I would thank you for your confidence in me. I appreciate what you are doing to make the cost of a college education more affordable for students,

Thanks again,
Shari Spilinek

Maynard Jensen Scholarship Fund;

Thank you for the scholarship I received. I am very grateful for it and it will be used very wisely.

Thanks again,
Erin Reeh

2009 Edgar J. Boschul T Memorial Scholarship Recipients



At the Joint Service Chancellor's Review Department Commander Bill Crosier presented scholarships to (l-r) Cadet Logan Will Suhr, Lincoln; Midshipman Adam Darrell Flannery, Atkinson; Commander Crosier, Cadet Christopher Scott Jeffers, Lincoln; and Cadet Marshall Herman, San Jose, CA and not present Veteran Joshua Calebs Kats, Lincoln.

Events Calendar

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.
24-28 Senior-Junior Class A State Tournaments
24-28 Junior Class B and C State Tournaments
31-Aug.4 Senior Class B and C State Tournaments



August

1 Class A Senior State Championship Series Nationals (home) vs American
9 Class B vs C State Play Off
4-8 Jr. Shooting Sports Championships, Colorado Springs, CO.

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

On Tuesday, March 17th, I visited Voiture 841 in Columbus. Their Promenade was held at the 7 Mile Steak House south of Columbus on highway 81. Chef de Gare Arnold Dowling conducted the Promenade after a great dinner and was informed by "Loud" Larry Adams that V-841 was not only 100% but were 3 over and were contemplating an additional 10 more. Fine job guys! Attending with me were Grand Chef de Gare Passe Jim Rush and Grand Chef de Train Marion Charron. On Wed, Mar 18th, V-206 in Omaha appointed our nominating committee for officers for the coming year. In my term in office, I have visited all the Voitures in the state except one and that is Norfolk #121 In checking I find that I will not make that Promenade as they only meet every other month and in April my wife and I were in Wilmington, DE to spend Easter with our daughter & her family. We all went up to Penn State to spend Easter with our grandson who is a Junior there. From April 30th to May 3rd, we were in Wichita, KS for Central States and had a very enjoyable time. Then on May 7th my wife and I went to Independence, MO where I was invited to lay a wreath on the gravest of Harry S. Truman during Truman Days. This is an annual event and I was very honored to be asked to participate in the ceremony. Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois and Missouri were also represented by their Grand Chef de Gares. On Thursday, May 14th, myself, Marion Charron, Jim Ruth, Ray Tillwick and George Thorpe attended the Traveling Voyager at V-1018 in Ashland. What a great catfish dinner. I want to remind all of the Grand Promenade to be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel at 72nd & Interstate 80 in Omaha on May 29, 30 & 31. I hope to see a lot of you then. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Grand Chef de Gare and I want to thank everyone for their support God bless all and drive safely.

Virgil Strecker, Grand Chef de Gare du Nebraska

Omaha 206 The Voiture was well represented at this year's Central States Promenade held in Wichita, KS. Voyageurs Attending were Grand Chef Virgil Strecker, Jim Rush, Marion Charron, John Barnes, Leroy Scott, Les Horton, Emil Karasek, and Bill Swendowski. Several outside activities had to be postponed due to inclement weather. The annual Calvin Kain Memorial Service was held at the Chateau in the evening of May 24th. The Service honors all of the departed Voyageurs who have died the last year.
Fremont 1018—A great crowd of voyageurs gathered on April 9th at the Ft Calhoun Legion Club for outstanding steaks. Guests present were four from Voiture 206, Omaha. On sick call were Melvin Holtorf, Cedar Bluffs Post and Dick Root, Ashland post. Elections were held and one more was elected to membership. Donations to Nurses Fund were \$50.00 from the Yutan voyageurs. It was voted to purchase a new pole for the 40 & 8 flag. A report on the Box Car program was given by Grand Directeur Steve Totten.

Columbus 841 - The Promenade was held at the Seven Mile Steak House. We all enjoyed good food, steaks for the most part. They have a 16 oz. rib eye for \$15.95 and it was fantastic. The Promenade was called to order by Chef Dowling. Virgil Strecker, Marion Charron and Jim Rush brought us greetings from the Grande Voiture du Nebraska. Sickness and Distress: Doug Zikmund still recovering from back surgery number two. New Members: Discussed making all Columbus Honor Guard members eligible for 40&8 (except SAL and Aux.) Fines: Dean \$2.00, Arney \$1.00. Old Business: 1st Order. After looking into trips for a raffle, Dave and Albin came up with an idea for a trip to Branson for about \$700.00, a trip to Las Vegas for \$1052.00 for 3 days, a trip to Cancun for \$1929.00 (6 days) includes airfare, or a trip to Maui, Hawaii (6 nights) for around \$2000.00. Discussion followed and it was decided to continue more discussion at the April Promenade. 2nd Order. Monsieur Toure Conducateur gave out some preliminary information for the Offutt Air Show bus trip. It will be August 29th and we should plan on selling or filling 45 to 50 seats on the bus. For the Good of the Voiture: Discussed Medicare for veterans. PS. If you have e-mail address, please make sure to forward it to me somehow.

Lincoln 103 Prior to the opening of the April 21st promenade, Chef de Gare Mark Novak called upon Nurses Training Director Al Wasenius for the purpose of a presentation. Introduced were Susan Noler from the Southeast Community College (Division of Health) and Phylliss Holomon from the Bryan/LGH College of Health Sciences—who announced that she would be retiring in August. Also introduced and offering comments was nursing student Terri Kaufmann. Following remarks, checks for \$750 were presented to the R. N. Riddle Scholarship Funds at each institution. Jess Johnson reported that Gene Denner and his wife were residing at the Homestead Care Center and that Gene welcomed visitors. Americanism chairman Jerry Salber gave a report on the history of the Medal of Honor. The correspondent reported that another dues notice had been mailed out and it resulted in 7 renewals. The list of the remaining 11 delinquent members was read. Several Legionnaires reported on membership and other activities in their posts. Keith Hatfield's name was drawn for the Pot of Gold, but he was not present. The jackpot climbs to \$30 for May.

Kearney 1279 Chef de Gare, Tom McCoy convened the April & May Promenades. Opening and closing blessings were invoked by Aumonier Frank Dineen. Minutes and financial reports were given. The Nurses Scholarship Pancake Breakfast raised \$1,486, a \$153 more than last year's event. Thanks were given to Voyager Darryl Fisher for his efforts to make the Pancake Feed a success. Las Vegas Night was held on May 7th at the Grand Island VA Hospital, voyageurs Tom McCoy and Darryl Fisher dealt blackjack and Texas hold 'em poker. A moment of silence was given in respect of Delbert Gould, who passed away. The Grand Promenade will take place in Omaha on May 29-31 at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Nurses pins were made available for sale to Voyageurs. Locale 1279 is down to 24 dues paying members. The issues of declining membership and poor attendance at the locale's promenades was discussed. The locale will donate three cans of coffee to the benefit pancake breakfast at The American Legion post. The annual cream can dinner will be held at the Legion post on Sunday, July 26th. This was the last gathering of the season for locale 1279. The next promenade is to be held on Thursday, September 10th.



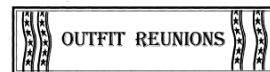
TAPS



Acuff, Warren K., Omaha, Korea
 Adams, Dixon G., Bellevue, WWII
 Aegerter, Ted, Gordon, WWII
 Allbery, Lyle, Gretna, Korea
 Anderson, William B., South Sioux City, Korea
 Annable, Richard L., Neligh, Korea
 Awiszus, Alfred H., South Sioux City, WWII
 Baeder, Al, Ord, Korea
 Bando, Ralph H., Nebraska City, Vietnam
 Barknecht, Everett R., Superior, Korea
 Barkhurst, Earl H., Millard, Korea
 Barta, Harold D., Verdell, WWII
 Bartels, Edsel, Lincoln, WWII
 Bartels, Gustav H., Wauneta, WWII
 Baumeister, David L., Paxton, Vietnam
 Befort, Aloysius, Grand Island, S.A.L.
 Berglund, William, Albion, WWII
 Bodensteiner, George J., Lincoln, WWII
 Bohn, Edward, Dubois, WWII
 Breifurst, Raymond, Monroe, Korea
 Breining, Duane A., Edison, Vietnam
 Brinkman, Herbert F., Omaha, Korea
 Brinkman, Lewis W., Plainview, Korea
 Bryant, Jack R., Tekamah, S.A.L.
 Carlson, Eldred L., Oakland 46, Korea
 Carpenter, George B. Sr., Millard, WWII
 Caspers, Laverne D., Johnson
 Childress Perry J., Hemingford, WWII
 Christiansen, Donald P., Tilden, WWII
 Crawford, David C., Lincoln, WWII
 Daniels, Duane G., Alliance, Korea
 Degarmo, John K., Greenwood, Granada/Lebanon
 Delancey, Eugene, Spalding, Korea
 Diehl, Melvin, Superior, Korea
 Dillon, Francis J., Gretna, Korea
 Doran, Vern J., Norfolk
 Eggink, Nicholas C., Grand Island, Vietnam
 Ele, Winfield L., Wauneta, WWII
 Eoriatti, Harry, Grand Island, WWII
 Erks, Elmer J., Utica, WWII
 Fencil, William, Brainard, WWII
 Firley, Albert, Weston, Korea
 Fothergill, Harold W., Grand Island, Vietnam
 Gahan, Dewaine, Uehling, S.A.L.
 Garcia, Raul H., Shelton, WWII
 Garrison, Richard D., Weeping Water, Korea
 Geery, Donald L., York, WWII
 Gentile, Sam., South Omaha, S.A.L.
 Gist, William W., Lincoln, WWII
 Grothe, Willard T., Craig
 Hackney, Lyle E., Dakota City, Korea
 Hagan, Dale O., Madrid, WWII
 Haith, Everett E., Nebraska City, WWII
 Hardin, Don, Edison, Vietnam

Harris, Kenneth E., Wymore
 Harris, Loren W., Dorchester, WWII
 Harris, Malvin, Homer, WWII
 Heckens, Henry, Ponca, WWII
 Heimark, Stanley J., South Omaha, WWII
 Hodge, Herbert H., Hastings, WWII
 Hoff, Clyde, Wauneta, WWII
 Huff, John R., Lincoln, Korea
 Humlicek, Frank, Brainard, WWII
 Jobman, Leroy, Beatrice, Korea
 Johnson, Donnell N., Omaha, WWII
 Johnson, Ralph D., Lincoln, WWII
 Johnston, James W., Wauneta, WWII
 Jones, William E., Bellevue, Korea
 Keim, Verle G., Davenport, WWII
 Keller, William D., Lincoln, WWII
 Kirkner, Clifford W., South Omaha, WWII
 Kocourek, Charles L., Millard, Korea
 Komenda, Anton, Valparaiso, WWII
 Krecklow, Earl H., Omaha, WWII
 Kresha, Charles R., Columbus, WWII
 Kruger, Alice M., Morse Bluff, WWII
 Larson, Donald H., Nebraska City, WWII
 Lauderbaugh, Lewis F., York, WWII
 Liebaert, Maurice C., Lincoln, Korea
 Lovelace, William Jr., Lincoln, WWII
 Ludemann, Ronald D., Springview, Vietnam
 Luther, Robert F., Grand Island, S.A.L.
 MacDonald, John W., Omaha, WWII
 Mayfield, Boyd A., Nehawka, WWII
 Maynard, Kenneth, Blair, WWII
 McCormack, James F., Fairbury, Vietnam
 Merryweather, Robert L., Valley, WWII

Meyer, Richard H., Lincoln, WWII
 Miller, Charles, Weeping Water, Vietnam
 Milner, Ronald R., Imperial, Korea
 Montgomery, Everett M., Kenesaw, WWII
 Morter, Clifford S., Lincoln, WWII
 Murphy, Francis J., Columbus, WWII
 Nannen, Emory, Hallam, WWII
 Nelms, Clarence A., Gothenburg, WWII
 Neverve, Lamont, Wauneta, Korea
 Nielson, Paul F., Gordon
 Olmsted, Myron, Tecumseh
 Oltman, Robert L., Wilber
 Orris, Paul D., Decatur, Vietnam
 Pokorny, Norbert, Columbus, Vietnam
 Pollock, Jack, Paxton, Korea
 Reagan, Billie, McCook, WWII
 Reta, John, Lincoln, WWII
 Richardson, Clinton H., Millard, Korea
 Robinson, Orville D., Cedar Rapids, Korea
 Roewert, Rueben O., Norfolk, WWII
 Roth, Don J., Hastings, Korea
 Rowland, Thomas A., Omaha, WWII
 Seminara, Louis A., Omaha, WWII
 Shadley, John D., Sumner, WWII
 Sheaff, Roy A., Lincoln, WWII
 Smith, Keith E., Cesco, WWII
 Streff, Larry, Kenesaw, Vietnam
 Sunblade, Stanley, Lincoln, Korea
 Tagel, John L., Grand Island, Vietnam
 Taylor, Ralph E., Sutherland, WWII
 Teten, Victor E., Nebraska City, WWII
 Tex, Clarence, Springfield
 Thiessen, Robert, Springfield, WWII
 Thompson, Ronald E., Elwood
 Trout, Bart H., Virginia
 Tucker, John G., Ralston, Korea
 Underwood, Robert K., Springfield, Vietnam



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Volden, Joe C. Jr., Lincoln, WWII
 Volkman, Gene, Gothenburg, WWII
 Wagner, James L., Lincoln, Vietnam
 Wahl, Edwin E., Lincoln, WWII
 Walsted, Paul F., South Sioux City, Vietnam
 West, Max L., Blair, WWII
 Weyer, Arvid, Barneston, Korea
 Whaley, Benson A., Callaway
 Whitacre, Donald, Kearney, Korea
 Willits, Ralph D., Stromsburg, WWII
 Wortman, Richard W., Millard, WWII
 Wright, Wayne Q., Hastings, WWII

The following name were listed incorrectly in last months TAPS' Listed as deceased were Bob Sanne and Lynn Moore, Tilden Post 170; Charles Carr, Garland Post 369; and Harold Dohse, Gordon Post 34 they are very much alive, and Harlan King, was listed as WWII is Korea.



A Nebraska Air National Guard KC-135 air refueling aircraft provides an aerial salute as its crew flies over a Spalding cemetery during Memorial Day ceremonies last year. More than 100 flags ring the cemetery and complete the avenue of flags shown above. Picture courtesy Stacy Bauer and Gerard Pritchard.



Homer American Legion Buckland Post 97 Commander Dave Rasmussen (left) presents Bud Vassar with a 60 year certificate for continuous membership in the American Legion.



Alma Post 118 Commander Bill Boston honored Ralph Schroeder (left) for 50 years of membership to the American Legion and Melvin Ruhs was honored for 60 years.



Jackson Harty-McNally Post 175 Birthday party was well attended. Front row (l-r) Bernard Geary, Frank O'Neill, Commander Virgil Kleve Back row (l-r) Erwin O'Neill, Milo Birkley, Keith Claypool, Howard Osterholt, Keith Dzuris and Dakota County Commander Arnie Andree.

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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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