

New Calendar of Events

Events on Page 2 for Fun, Games, and Entertainment

PLEASE HELP VERIFY OUR POST'S MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.

VFW POST 2543 is verifying their membership information. Please call the Quartermaster at 402-290-5102 or Email: vfw2543@gmail.com to ensure your contact information is correct. Thank you.

ELVIS RETURNS

to the Plattsmouth VFW
Saturday,
April 18th, 2020 at 8 PM



Veterans of Foreign Wars
Leper-Wolever Post 2543
510 1st Avenue
Plattsmouth, NE 68048
402-296-9905
vfw2543@gmail.com
www.vfw2543.com

The DEFENDER
Newsletter

Post Meetings are now scheduled on the
3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.



Emergency Medical Care outside the VA for enrolled veterans

During a medical emergency, Veterans should immediately seek care at the nearest medical facility. A medical emergency is an injury, illness or symptom so severe that without immediate treatment, you believe your life or health is in danger. **If you believe your life or health is in danger, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department right away.** *Veterans **do not** need to check with VA before calling for an ambulance or going to an emergency department. During a **medical emergency**, VA encourages all Veterans to seek immediate medical attention without delay. A claim for emergency care will never be denied based solely on VA not receiving notification prior to seeking care.

***SPECIAL NOTE:** It is, however, very important to **promptly notify VA** after receiving emergency care at a community emergency department. Notification needs to be made **within 72 hours of admission** to a community medical facility. This allows VA to assist the Veteran in coordinating necessary care or transfer, and helps to ensure that the administrative and clinical requirements for VA to pay for the care are met.

Handing your ID card to the receptionist at the treating facility is not notifying the VA, **YOU MUST CALL THEM!!!**

For the Nebraska/Iowa Healthcare network call: (402) 995-3249 or (402) 995-3250 24/7 to report your care.

When you call, advise the person on the phone the following information:

- Name of Community hospital where seen .
- Date presenting to the facility
- Chief complaint/symptoms. (Describe what happened or if you are aware of your diagnosis).

- Were you admitted?

For more information check out VA Mission Act online and there are many available resources to assist you.

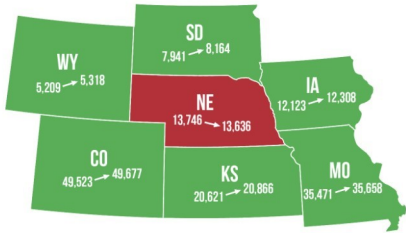
VFW Post 2543 NEEDS NEW COLOR GUARD MEMBERS



It has become increasingly difficult to honor our comrades and serve our community. Parades, dedications, events and funerals are requesting our Color Guard to participate at these events. But due to advancing age or disabilities our post has not always able to honor these requests. If you are able to contribute by volunteering a bit of your time, please call Larry Cook at 403-452-8909 or email the post at vfw2543@gmail.com.

LB 153 WOULD EXEMPT 50% OF MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY FROM NEBRASKA INCOME TAX

COMPARED WITH OUR NEIGHBORS, NEBRASKA IS THE ONLY STATE TO SHOW A DECREASE IN MILITARY RETIREES



IN FISCAL YEAR 2018...

MILITARY RETIREMENT SYSTEM PAYMENTS TO NEBRASKA'S MILITARY RETIREES HAD A TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF \$401.3 MILLION

RETIREMENT AND PENSION SPENDING BY NEBRASKA'S MILITARY RETIREES GENERATED 3,021 NEW JOBS IN NEBRASKA, RESULTING IN \$123.5 MILLION IN COMPENSATION TO NEBRASKA WORKERS



VFW POST 2543 ELECTION OF OFFICERS SCHEDULE

1st Round Nominations:

Wednesday,
March 13, 2020 at 7 PM

2nd Round Nominations & Election of Post Officers:

Wednesday,
April 15th, 2020 at 7 PM

IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE, YOU ARE ONE OF US.
BECOME A MEMBER!



Contact our quartermaster:
Terry D. Tilson at 402-290-5102 or vfw25432@gmail.com.

VFW MEMBER IN DISTRESS: We are saddened to announce out current Post Chaplain, Steven Zweibahmer, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer

Steve is residing at Hillcrest Health & Rehab 1702 Hillcrest Dr. in Room #65. Hus family encourages Veterans to visit and thanks all for their prayers and kind thoughts.



VFW’S Mission

The VFW was established to assist veterans. Our mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts and to serve our veterans, the military and our communities and advocate on behalf of all veterans. The purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.

Cass County

Nebraska

V.E.T.S.

Veterans, Education, Training, & Support

Sunday, June 7, 2020
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Weeping Water Community Building
101 West Eldora Avenue, Weeping Water

Panel of Speakers

Chuck Wess - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – presentation on Whole Health and the Components of Proactive Health and Well-Being

Ken Colson - *Mobile Vet Center* — acts as a traveling resource, providing assistance to veterans with readjustment counseling and more

Representative from Moving Veterans Forward - helping veterans placed in homes receive basic furnishings and home goods to start anew

You will have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with the guest speakers to answer your veteran affairs questions.

Find us on Facebook

Cass County V.E.T.S.
(Veterans, Education, Training, & Support)

Primary Goal: To assist all veterans, their spouses, and children.

Mission: To meet informally to inform, network, and share the opportunities for assistance as related to education, training, and support available for veterans & their families.

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All veterans and families are invited (not just Cass County)

—Veterans Helping Veterans—

For information contact: Ed James (402) 981-7405 or Bonnie Brewer (402) 994-5315

Don't miss the

NATE BRAY BAND

Saturday, 14th of March 2020
8 PM

VFW 2543 Auxiliary News

Please note: The VFW Auxiliary has changed its meeting time to 2:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Have you ever wondered how you can help to support our local veterans?

One way is to join the VFW Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary provides additional support to our community, active duty service members, veterans and their families.

The Auxiliary is no longer named the ‘Ladies Auxiliary’ because now open to men and has been for some time.

To be eligible for membership, you must be 18 years or older and related to a VFW member as listed below:

Husband, Wife, Mother, Sister, Daughter, Grandmother, Granddaughter, Grandson, Grandfather, Son, Brother, Father.

If interested, please contact Carol L. Tilson at vfw2543aux@gmail.com or call 402-943-9959 (mobile).

If you are a current or lapsed member, please contact us as well. We would welcome your experience and advice.

PLEASE HELP VERIFY OUR AUXILIARY ROSTER.

We are verifying their membership information. Please call the 402-943-9959 or Email: vfw2543aux@gmail.com to ensure your contact information is correct.

March 2020							
Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed	
Thu		Fri		Sat			
10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	• Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30 PM	• Super Tuesday (regional holi... 6 PM	• Girl Scouts Meeting 6 PM	• Bunco Game 6 PM	• American Legion Birt... 6:30 PM	• American Legion Meeting 7 PM	• Karaoke 8 PM
11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
• Daylight Saving Time starts	• Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30 PM	• Girl Scouts Meeting 6 PM	• SENCA Poverty Simulation 1 PM	• VFW Bingo	• Karaoke 6 PM	• Karaoke 8 PM	• Band - Nate Bray Band 8 PM
12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
• CVMA MEETING 2 PM	• Blood Drive 6:30 PM	• St. Patrick's Day	• Bunco Game 6 PM	• Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM	• VFW 2543 Post Meeting 7 PM	• VFW Auxiliary Meeting 2 PM	• Defender - Publication D... Noon 8 PM
	• Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30 PM	• VFW 2543 House Comm... 7 PM				• Karaoke 8 PM	
13	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	• Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30 PM	• Girl Scouts Meeting 6 PM	• Lions Club Board of Dire... 7 PM	• VFW Bingo	• Sean Flint Music 6 PM	• Karaoke 8 PM	• Karaoke 8 PM
14	29	30	31				
	• Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30 PM	• Girl Scouts Meeting 6 PM					

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