

New Calendar of Events

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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.

Sweetheart Valentines Dance
Friday February 14, 2020
8:00 PM
Music by The Shadow Ridge Band
No Cover Charge
Need not be a member to attend.

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
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The DEFENDER Newsletter

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



NE Legislative Bill 153 to Reduced Military Veterans Retirement State Income

The Nebraska Legislature is well on the way to passing a bill that grants a 50% state income tax exemption on a pension paid to military veterans.

LB153, introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon on behalf of Gov. Pete Ricketts, is advocated as a way to attract and retain veterans in Nebraska. Iowa, Kansas and Missouri don't tax military retirement benefits and have become the new homes of retirees leaving Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base.

Ricketts made this bill one of his top priorities for the current legislative session, saying it will help keep Nebraska competitive with surrounding states.

He has said that veterans are a great cultural fit for the state, and he wants more of them to live here.

"Military families are some of the most dedicated, patriotic citizens in our society," Ricketts said in a recent op-ed column published in The Independent. "They're responsible, disciplined, and ready to give back to their community. Since many military personnel can retire after 20 years of service, they often finish their military service in their 40s or 50s. At this age, they're still looking for ways to actively invest their wealth of skills and experience in a new job."

The governor emphasized that Nebraska needs talented workers and can't afford to have military retirees leave for a more favorable tax situation in a neighboring state.

Some veterans have complained that the bill only provides a tax break on one specific pension received by a small percentage of the state's veterans. But this is seen as the step Nebraska can afford to take now. It will cost the state \$12.6 million in lost revenue by fiscal year 2022, according to the Legislative Fiscal Office.



The Veterans of Foreign Wars hosts Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The more people present = Bigger Prizes.

The games are run by both VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

Times:
Kitchen is Open until 8:00 PM
Sales Start at: 6:00 PM
Early Bird: 6:30 PM
Regular Play: 7:00 PM



The Veterans of VFW Post 2543 had a wonderful guest speaker at our post meeting. Joslyn Stamp is a 12 year old girl currently in the 6th grade.



She explained how she is working on a two year 4-H & Library of Congress project aimed at preserving the stories of our veterans, called the Veterans History Project.

The Library of Congress will conduct the actual interviews. Because of her age she is not permitted to conduct the veteran interviews herself, but with the approval of both organizations she has accepted the challenge to promote this effort through speeches and organized events that will collect the stories.

She has sign-ups available for those who want to be interviewed as well as those who are willing to complete the interviews. There will be events at the Cass County 4-H where volunteers and veterans will be matched up. Ms. Stamp has all the necessary paperwork needed for those who wish to participate.

Ms. Stamp can be reach via her mother Margaret Stamp at 402-312-4289, or via e-mail, juniorrangerjoslyn@gmail.com



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 2543 Auxiliary News

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

Nebraska Game & Parks Veteran & Military Permits

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is proud to offer special permits to veterans age 64 and older, deployed military and disabled veterans at reduced or no cost. The following permits are available for veterans and members of the military.

Veteran Permit

Veterans age 64 and older who are legal residents of Nebraska are eligible for a Veteran's Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit for \$5. This permit includes all state stamps. A copy of a DD214 or a Veteran Indicator on the applicant's Nebraska Driver's License must be presented in person at the time of application. If a copy of a DD214 is not available, an application form and signature from a Veteran's Service officer is required. The Veteran Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit must be renewed annually for \$5. It may be renewed at any Game and Parks office, online or at one of our vendor locations. Renewal does not require a copy of a DD214 or an application form. To apply for a Veteran's Permit via the mail, fill out the application below and enclose a copy of your DD214 and a check for \$5. Mail to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, PO Box 30370, Lincoln NE 68503-0370.

Deployed Military Permit

Nebraska resident who is or has been deployed out of the state with a

branch of the United States military within the last 12 months shall, upon returning to the state, be eligible to receive an Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit on a one time basis for \$5. This permit includes all state stamps. A copy of deployment paperwork must be presented in person at the time of application. To apply for a Deployed Military Permit via the mail, fill out the application below and enclose a copy of your deployment papers and a check for \$5. Mail to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, PO Box 30370, Lincoln NE 68503-0370.

Disabled Veteran Permit

Disabled Veterans who are legal residents of Nebraska and who have been deemed 50 percent or more service related or 100 percent disabled non-service connected and receive a pension from the Veterans Administration, are eligible for a Disabled Veteran's Lifetime Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit at no fee. This permit includes all state stamps.

An application form and signature from a Veteran's Service officer is required. The application can be presented in person when applying for this permit.

To apply for a Disabled Veteran's Permit via the mail, fill out the application below and have it signed by a Veteran Service Office. Mail to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, PO Box 30370, Lincoln NE 68503-0370.

Applications may be found at:
<http://outdoornebraska.gov/veteransandmilitarypermits/>

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.

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

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ■ 1:30 PM Plattsmouth Boat Club ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke
2 ■ 7:00 PM Super Bowl	3 ■ 12:00 PM Defender - Publication Date ■ 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting - Meeting	4 ■ 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting	5 ■ 6:00 PM Bunco Game	6 ■ 7:00 PM American Legion Meeting	7 ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke	8 ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke
9	10 ■ 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting - Meeting	11 ■ 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting	12	13 ■ 6:00 PM VFW Bingo	14 Valentine's Day ■ 8:00 PM Shadow Ridge Band	15 ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke
16 ■ 2:00 PM CVMA MEETING	17 Presidents' Day ■ 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting ■ 7:00 PM VFW2543 House Committee	18	19 ■ 6:00 PM Bunco Game ■ 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting ■ 7:00 PM VFW 2543 Post Meeting	20 ■ 12:00 PM Defender - Publication Date ■ 2:00 PM VFW Auxillary Meeting	21 ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke	22 ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke
23	24 ■ 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting ■ 7:00 PM Membership Meeting -	25 Mardi Gras ■ 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting ■ 7:00 PM Lions Club Board of Directors	26	27 ■ 6:00 PM VFW Bingo	28 ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke	29 ■ 8:00 PM Karaoke