



# POST 331 NEWS



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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings to all Post 331 members and their families...Spring is just around the corner.

HEAD'S UP: May 4th is nomination of officers at our General Membership meeting. It is a good time to step up and get involved in your Post and your Post function operations and volunteering for a position on E-Board, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Vice Commander and Commander. Please take this seriously...the success of this Post and Club depends on it.

On Saturday, March 7th, NEBRASKA WARRIORS (disabled veterans) Hockey Team is having a Chili Feed, from Noon-5:00 p.m., at our Post 331 for their hockey program. The 1st HERO'S CUP was held February 8th at Ralston Arena, Veterans vs. First Responders (GUNS and HOSES). It was an exciting evening for everyone. Thank you to those who came out in support of our Veterans.

American Legion Birthday Dinner is Saturday, March 14th. Please make reservations with the Bartender. Menu will be Chicken Fried Steak. Attendance last year was good and the food was great! Hope to have more in attendance this year to show how proud you are of your Post 331. Tim Eriksen will be chef for the evening. See you there!

March 29th is Vietnam War Veterans Day as proclaimed by our Governor Pete Ricketts. However, the program will be held on March 27th at 10:00 a.m. in Lincoln at the State Capitol, Room 1524. Please remember those men and women veterans.

Children's Easter Party will be held Saturday, April 11th, noon to 2:00 p.m. Please bring your children and grandchildren in for a fun-filled afternoon. And also...a friend who may be thinking of joining Post 331.

Many thanks to Marv and Pat Mollner and Joe Smejkal for their very generous donations which put us over the top. Congratulations to all members who donated to the HVAC Fund. I personally thank each of you very much!

Appeal to our members to let the Commander or any Officer know if any member is taken ill or is in the hospital so we can get a card out and prayers for that individual. This is important to me, as Commander, and need your help. Thank you!

A note to all that your Club is available (downstairs only) for gatherings, birthdays, anniversary parties, up to 70 people at NO CHARGE on Friday or Saturday, if available. Contact Brad for dates that are open. Bring your own food. Beverages must be bought at the bar.

Thanks to Tim and Patty Svoboda for the Hot Roast Beef Dinner and to Tim Eriksen for the Lasagna Dinner...each very successful attendance. If you have not come in...you are missing out on a great meal for \$8.00.

Congratulations to our new Century Club \$100 Winners:  
January: Kelly Kolb; February: Brad and Traci Sutton

BELIEVE THAT FRIENDSHIP IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE!

For God and Country,  
Chuck Gilmore  
Post 331 Commander

## MADAME PRESIDENT'S BY-LINE

Hello Everyone!

Well spring is just around the corner but don't hold your breath just yet, we can still get a lot of cold weather and snow.

Everybody SAVE THIS DATE: March 29, 2020. Our annual "Ham It Up" Bingo. Lunch at noon; Bingo at 1:00 p.m. We'll have plenty of hams and door prizes to give away. If you would like to donate prizes, they need to be new items and should be brought to the Legion or given to one of the officers by March 12, 2020. This is our main event of the year to raise money for our scholarships and other things we do during the year. Please come down and support our Auxiliary, win hams and just have a lot of fun.

If you have a daughter, son or grandchild that is a senior in high school, we are giving scholarships again this year. If they would like to apply for one, you can pick up an application at the Legion, just ask a bartender by March 31st. Mail them to the address on the application.

If you have not paid your dues for 2020, you are delinquent so please get them paid. Dues are \$30 for the year. We have a number of ladies who have not paid as of yet. Please take the time to come down to a meeting once a month. We need you and we would really like to see more of you participate and give us your input and new ideas and support.

### Dates to Remember:

Auxiliary Meetings: Mondays, March 9th and April 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Hamburger Nights: Mondays, March 16th and April 20th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ham it Up Bingo: Sunday, March 29th, Lunch @ noon; Bingo @ 1:00 p.m.

God Bless America  
Beverly Hofsheier  
Post 331 Auxiliary President

**HALL FOR RENT UPSTAIRS**  
**Call 402-731-5185 for details and rates**

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Due to an injury, the S.A.L. Commander will not be submitting an article for this newsletter.

Rich Klinger  
S.A.L. Commander  
Squadron 331

## ADJUTANT'S CORNER

Greetings!

District 8 Convention was held February 8th in Valley, Nebraska. It was an enlightening meeting. Main topic (as always) membership, membership, membership!! Can't stress enough the need for new members. President Donald Trump signed into law that Veterans, 1941-present, are eligible for membership in the American Legion. We have many potential members just waiting to be asked to join a Veteran's organization. If each member would sign up a new member, we could meet our membership goal and beyond!!!!

Rich Klinger  
Adjutant

## HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard was proud to donate \$150 to the Nebraska Warriors Hockey Team and \$50 to Goodfellows.

Military Honors were performed at the funerals of veterans listed below:

12-26-19 James Caywald	01-24-20 Richard Dyers
12-27-19 Alexander Edwards	01-25-20 John Collin
01-03-20 Waldo Olson	02-03-20 Donald Stoltenberg
01-11-20 Melvin Carter	02-08-20 Ronald Griffin
01-15-20 Raymond Crane	02-14-20 John Singer
01-18-20 Allen Kratzeh	

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Volunteer Hours: 264  
Volunteer Miles Driven: 1,320

### Post 331 Honor Guard Members:

Tim Svoboda, Captain	Dick Olson, Lieutenant
Brian Cabello	Marvin Mollner
Mark Dreier	Richard Murcek
George Hallman	Jim Murphy
Dave Miller	Stan Petrulic
Greg Miller	Carl Vleck, Major

Respectfully Yours,  
Timothy J. Svoboda, Captain  
Post 331 Honor Guard

## "CENTURY CLUB" RAFFLE

South Omaha American Legion Post 331 "Century Club" Raffle tickets are available for purchase. All proceeds go to the Post 331 Scholarship Fund. This raffle is how we award scholarships to members' children or grandchildren entering college. Last year, we awarded five \$500 scholarships.

Cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets are good for 12 monthly drawings of \$100 each. If you win one month, your ticket goes right back in the raffle bin for the next month's drawing.

Drawings are held at Post 331's monthly General Membership Meeting. Everyone and anyone may purchase as many tickets as they would like. You need not be present to win.

Tickets are on sale at the Club either behind the bar or from any officer.

## BELLEVUE POST 339 NEWS

Post 339 would like to thank Post 331 American Legion Family for their past support and donations to Post 339 for the Vets at the Victory Apartments.

Bingo/Pantry nights will be the second Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m., in the Victory Apartments Gym, South Entrance. Making a monetary donation to the Food Pantry will help keep the Food Pantry stocked. You can make a donation by contacting Jim Costello, 402-630-1841, or Don Kiviniemi, 402-689-1113.

Post 339's monthly meetings are the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

The Post 339 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held on March 18, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Cascio's Steakhouse, 1620 S. 10th Street, Omaha; cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Dave Coombs, Post 339 Adjutant, 402-850-8688, for tickets.

## VFW POST 2704 NEWS

### Post Calendar:

Mar 7 – 8:30-11:30 a.m., Membership Team, Village Inn, Fort Crook Rd, Bellevue  
Mar 10 – 7:00 p.m., 2704 **Auxiliary** Meeting, American Legion Post 331, 4830 S. 21st St., Upstairs Meeting Room  
Mar 25 – VFW Post Meeting, 7:00 p.m., American Legion Post 331, 4830 S. 21st St., Upstairs Meeting Room (First Call Post Elections)  
Mar 30 – 6:15 p.m. – Bingo at ENVH  
Apr 4 – 8:30-11:30 a.m., Membership Team, Village Inn, Fort Crook Rd, Bellevue  
Apr 14 – 7:00 p.m., 2704 **Auxiliary** Meeting, American Legion Post 331, 4830 S. 21st St., Upstairs Meeting Room  
Apr 28 – VFW Post Meeting, 7:00 p.m., American Legion Post 331, 4830 S. 21st St., Upstairs Meeting Room (Post Elections)  
May 2 – 8:30-11:30 a.m., Membership Team, Village Inn, Fort Crook Rd, Bellevue  
May 9 – Poppy Drive, Location TBD  
May 12 – 7:00 p.m., 2704 **Auxiliary** Meeting, American Legion Post 331, 4830 S. 21st St., Upstairs Meeting Room  
May 27 – VFW Post Meeting, 7:00 p.m., American Legion Post 331, 4830 S. 21st St., Upstairs Meeting Room – Officer Installations and Banquet

**Membership.** We are currently at 66.96%. If you are an annual dues paying member, we need your support! You can pay your dues online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or mail your dues (\$40) to me (8510 Monroe St, Ralston, NE 68127). Checks should be made payable to VFW Post 2704. You may also call me (402.618.2731) with your credit/debit card information. New members and returning members are the life blood of a Post. Each year some members pass on, drop out, or relocate. Help keep our Post strong. If you have a family member, friend, or coworker who may qualify for the VFW, please give me their contact information and I will contact them about joining.

**Community Activities.** Our Post and Auxiliary applied for and received a \$1500 grant from National VFW which we used to purchase camping equipment for BSA Troop 1885. In December, we held bingo at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home. A good time was had by all who came. Our Auxiliary makes a monthly food donation to New Visions Homeless Veterans Shelter.

Larry M. Gerlt  
VFW 2704

**POST 331 OFFICERS**  
**2019-2020**

**ATTENTION GOLFERS**

The Tuesday morning 2020 Legion Golf League, coordinated by South Omaha Legion Post #331, has openings and is actively seeking teams/golfers.

The league starts April 21st and plays on Tuesday mornings at Tregaron Golf Course in Bellevue, starting at 0730. It is a nine-hole league, but you can play the entire 18 at no additional cost! The league is open to any and all golfers. Last year's cost was \$22 a week, plus an entry fee of \$25, which goes to the prize fund and end-of-year Luncheon/Fun Day.

The league is seeking interested golfers (men and women). This is an enjoyable league with a wide variety of ages and skill levels. If you're interested, please call. If you can't get a team together, call anyway. We will put you on a team or form a new team.

There will be a kickoff meeting on Tuesday, April 7th, at 1:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 331, 4830 S. 21st St. We would like to hear from you prior to the meeting.

Ed Remar, 402-238-6813  
Tim Yambor, 402-889-6929

**ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?**

If so, we'd love to have you join our Facebook page and stay in touch with what's going on around the Club and Post. Just search for American Legion Post 331, Omaha NE, request to join and one of the admins will add you!

Legion Post 331:

Commander  
1st Vice Cmdr (Membership)  
2nd Vice Cmdr (Children & Youth)  
3rd Vice Cmdr (Building)  
Adjutant  
Finance Officer  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Chaplain

Executive Board

Mark Dreier  
Rich Murcek  
Tim Svoboda

Auxiliary Unit 331:

President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Historian  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Chaplain

Executive Board

Dorothy Jury  
Shirley Livingston  
Past President

S.A.L. Squadron 331:

Commander  
1st Vice Commander  
2nd Vice Commander  
3rd Vice Commander  
Adjutant  
Finance Officer  
Chaplain  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Past Commander

Charles Gilmore  
Ronald Riley  
Sarah Kuenning  
Gary Roth  
Richard Klinger  
Mark Overgaard  
Terri Durham  
Vacant

Beverly Hofsheier  
Teresa Cherrier  
Vacant  
Debra Kalskett  
Marie Kaweck  
Becky Saathoff  
Vacant  
Mary Martinez

Dolores Semin  
Vacant  
Debra Kalskett

Richard Klinger  
Vacant  
Larry Gerlt  
Bill Peters  
Karl Frederickson  
Alan Kalskett  
Vacant  
Pat Zymola  
Alan Kalskett