



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

**November 2010**

## Upcoming Events

- **November 10:** Marine Corp Birthday
- **November 11:** Veteran's Day Program, 1 p.m.
- **November 20:** Bull Fry & Karaoke
- **November 29:** Legion Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- **November 29:** Veterans Covered Dish, 6:30 p.m.

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Frank "Spot" Spotanski graduated from Loup City High in 1967 and worked at a filling station before receiving his draft notice. He left Nebraska for Ft. Lewis, Washington, on June 19, 1968, for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). Frank recalls that being in the service was a "hell of a shock" for a nineteen year old from rural America. Frank left his wife, Sharon, and daughter who had just turned one year old in Loup City.

After infantry training, Frank was assigned to D Company, 1st Bn, 502d Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobil). He was flown from California to Saigon and then was choppered (with four others) into the field on November 20, 1968. The unit was responsible for day and night patrols, setting up ambushes, and guarding perimeters on the demilitarized zone (DMZ).

Spot's duty days consisted of spending 2-3 weeks in the field before being taken to a Fire Base where four soldiers were assigned to each bunker to guard the perimeter for three to five days and then they were sent out to the field again.

When Spot first arrived in Vietnam, he was first assigned as an assistant machine gunner. Spot carried and fed the ammunition into the gun until the machine gunner was wounded and then he became the machine gunner. Because there was a continual turnover of troops, Spot also volunteered to carry the radio for a time. During the TET Offensive over 50 people were injured or killed from Spot's unit. Spot said, "Many times we'd go out on patrols with 28 guys and come back with 10 or 20." When asked about friends or buddies from the unit, Spot said, "It was hard to make friends because you knew they may not be there tomorrow. We had great leadership except lieutenants would not last very long. One lieutenant was killed two days after arriving at our unit."

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## October Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander Randy Stocker opened the monthly meeting of the Gibbon Post #310 Bradley Buck Post on October 25, 2010 at 7:33 p.m. Twelve members and Manager Ryan Brehmer were present. Our Legion donated the leftover t-shirts of the Baseball Tournament from this past summer to the Veterans Home/Medical Center in Grand Island. Tim and Pokie Oliver made and donated soup and sandwiches for the District 6 meeting held in October. We received the remainder of the Erwin Lasich Memorial money to pay for the concrete for the handicapped parking.

The previous minutes were read; Mick Darnell made a motion to accept as read. Motion carried. Adjutant Julie Schnitzler gave the membership report: 102 members are paid for this year. Our goal is 132 members. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The District 6 Round-Up was held on Sunday, October 17 in Gibbon. The Mountain Oyster feed, held on October 16, brought 120 people into the Legion. A ribbon cutting was held on Thursday, October 14 to honor the Lasich family for donating money to pay to pave the handicap parking spaces. Thank you's were also expressed to Frank Spotanski, Rick Lange and Randy Stocker and especially Stacy and Dean Brown for loaning the equipment and also their time and talent. Gibbon Post #310 also hosted the District 6 officers on the Membership tour. They brought news that in 2012 the baseball teams will have to buy a specific bat.

NEW BUSINESS: On November 29 at 6:30 p.m. the Auxiliary will honor the Veterans with a covered dish supper prior to the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The NET TV will honor Veterans

"We were also responsible for blowing our own landing strips in the jungle to get the choppers in to get us out. One time we had just loaded the first helicopter with six of our soldiers; then when it took off, the prop hit a tree and the helicopter came back down in flames. The three crewman and our six guys were all killed. "Five minutes earlier we had been talking to them and then we were pulling their bodies out of a burning chopper, pretty tough."

"Christmas was the hardest part. There by yourself, 100+ degrees everyone was pulled back to a firebase on that day.....it was hard to believe it was Christmas. We were in the jungle." During the monsoon season, it would rain 12 to 20 inches in a day. We would set up camp in a hill, as the jungles below us would be under water. Spot said their patrols would "walk like cows down a trail" because of the dense jungle. A soldier with a dog was in the front, in back of the point man." If a "local" dog would wander into their occupied area, they would often shoot it to avoid issues with the American dog.



As the radio operator, Spot was responsible for calling in air strikes. "I called them close to us several times because the Viet-cong were so close. "You could have all the beer you wanted in the field, but you had to carry it where ever you went, so we never had more than one per day and had to drink it hot. We would get resupplied every three to four days with ammo, food and mail. My unit had been pulling guard duty at a fire base when we were asked to reinforce a Marine unit that had been overrun to the south of us. That night after we left and another unit took our place in the bunkers Vietnamese soldiers attacked the fire base perimeter, throwing a grenade in the bunker that I and five others had occupied the night before, killing the six American soldiers."

Spot received letters from family members or "Care packages that arrived all beat to hell." We'd ask for ketchup and hot sauce and the glass bottles often broke in route. When asked if he wrote home, Spot said, "Yes, mostly lies. You don't tell family that 5 people were killed or hurt today. I wrote home saying it was hot and rainy."

The soldiers ate LERPs (ready to eat) meals that required water to be added or c rations in the field. "We'd sometime go days without water and had to drink water from the bamboo. One time we filled our canteens with water and from a stream then as we went up stream we found that the stream had bones of people who had been massacred laying in and around it. We had to always add tablets to purify the water."

Soldiers started counting down their days in country when they had 150 days left. When they had 60 days or less, they would draw a helmet setting on boots on their steel helmets to show that they only had a short time left. Spot was flown back to the United States on November 19, 1969, out of Saigon to California and then took his leave at home. He finished his tour at Ft. Carson serving in the Honor Guard. He had been assigned to a tank unit in Fort Carson and didn't want to go to more training, so he volunteered to serve in the Honor Guard. Every morning for six months, Spot would report, check the board and often be gone for several days to performing firing squad duties at Veteran funerals in Colorado.

After serving his country for two years, Spot was discharged on June 18, 1970. Spot earned the National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation with Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device and the Army Commendation Medal. He drove home to Loup City, and went to work in a filling station for four years and then worked for a rancher for four years before accepting a job in 1977 with Nebraska Public Power District. Spot also served on the Shelton Fire Department for 15 years.

Spot's parents, Bruno and Elaine (Whitehead), farmed and had 10 children. Spot and one brother served in the United States Army. Spot and Sharon had two girls, Annette Neilan (Gibbon) and Cindy Hawn (Parker, CO), before divorcing in 1984. Spot married Darlene in 1986 who signed him up as a member of the Wood River American Legion. They transferred their memberships to Gibbon after two years and Spot has served as the Commander, Vice Commander and Chaplain of the post and has been a member for 23 years. Spot and Darlene raised Darlene's granddaughter, Amanda McCormick as their own when Amanda's mother died when she was two. Darlene died from cancer in 2008. He married Linda DeWitt on Valentine's Day this year. Linda has three children of her own. Spot has ten grandchildren.



**502 Parachute Infantry Regiment:** The blue of the shield is for Infantry and the grasping eagle's claw is a representation of the airborne functions of the organization. The bayonets refer to the capture of Carantan, Normandy, by bayonet charge. There are two bayonets in reference to the Regiment's two Distinguished Unit Citations and its two assault landings in WWI. The eagle feather stands for the unit's airborne function. The orange, the national color of the Netherlands, refers to the liberation of Best, Holland. The white four-bastioned fort encircled by a black background represents Bastogne, Belgium, surrounded the the German salient in the Battle of the Bulge. The motto "Strike" is expressive of the power of the organization. Source: Wikipedia





## ***Marine Corps Birthday***

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution, established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776, under the command of Captain (later Major) Samuel Nicholas. Nicholas, The Treaty of Paris in April 1783 brought an end to the Revolutionary War and as the last of the Navy's ships were sold, the Continental Navy and Marines went out of existence.

Following the Revolutionary War and the formal re-establishment of the Marine Corps on 11 July 1798, Marines saw action in the quasi-war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli". Marines participated in numerous naval operations during the War of 1812. During the Mexican War (1846-1848), Marines seized enemy seaports on both the Gulf and Pacific coasts. A battalion of Marines joined General Scott's army at Pueblo and fought all the way to the "Halls of Montezuma," Mexico City. Marines also served ashore and afloat in the Civil War (1861-1865). It saw active service in the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902), the Boxer Rebellion in China (1900), including Nicaragua, Panama, Cuba, Mexico, and Haiti. In World War I the Marine Corps distinguished itself on the battlefields of France as the 4th Marine Brigade earned the title of "Devil Dogs" for heroic action during 1918 at Belleau Wood, Soissons, St. Michiel, Blanc Mont, and in the final Meuse-Argonne offensive. Marine aviation, which dates from 1912, also played a part in the war effort, as Marine pilots flew day bomber missions over France and Belgium.

During the two decades before World War II, the Marine Corps began to develop in earnest the doctrine, equipment, and organization needed for amphibious warfare. The success of this effort was proven first on Guadalcanal, then on Bougainville, Tarawa, New Britain, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Peleliu, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. By the end of the war in 1945, the Marine Corps had grown to include six divisions, five air wings, and supporting troops. Its strength in World War II peaked at 485,113.

Studies were undertaken at Quantico, Virginia, which concentrated on attaining a "vertical envelopment" capability for the Corps through the use of helicopters. Landing at Inchon, Korea in September 1950, Marines proved that the doctrine of amphibious assault was still viable and necessary. After the recapture of Seoul, the Marines advanced to the Chosin Reservoir only to see the Chinese Communists enter the war. After years of offensives, counter-offensives, seemingly endless trench warfare, and occupation duty, the last Marine ground troops were withdrawn in March 1955. The landing of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Da Nang in 1965 marked the beginning of large-scale Marine involvement in Vietnam. By summer 1968, after the enemy's Tet Offensive, Marine Corps strength in Vietnam rose to a peak of approximately 85,000. The Marine withdrawal began in 1969 as the South Vietnamese began to assume a larger role in the fighting; the last ground forces were out of Vietnam by June 1971. In the spring of 1975, Marines evacuated embassy staffs, American citizens, and refugees in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Saigon, Republic of Vietnam. The 1980s brought an increasing number of terrorist attacks on U.S. embassies around the world. Marine Security Guards, under the direction of the State Department, continued to serve with distinction in the face of this challenge. In August 1982, Marine units landed at Beirut, Lebanon, as part of the multi-national peace-keeping force. In October 1983, Marines took part in the highly successful, short-notice intervention in Grenada. Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama in December 1989 to protect American lives and restore the democratic process in that nation. ***(Continued on page 5)***

**History of Veterans Day– November 11**  
 World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”



**Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect.**

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926.

Our sympathies to the family of Veteran Kermit Belau. A 52-year member of Gibbon Legion Post #310.



**Our new paved handicapped parking spaces are complements of the Lasich family, in memory of Erwin. Thank you!**

## It's time to open the envelopes!



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(October minutes, cont. from page 1) with programming on November 11.

MANAGER REPORT: Every Saturday the back room is booked. Rick Lange donated spices for the Bull Fry. Over 45 District 6 members attended the meeting. On November 2, the Legion will serve as a Voting Station. Karaoke will be held on November 5 and 25 as well as after the Bull Fry on Saturday, November 20.

SAL Report: SAL members assisted at the Bull Fry and will meet on October 31.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Lee Meents reported that the Wood River Commander was impressed with the Gibbon Legion facilities and building maintenance and that we had an excellent manager. The Veteran's Day program will be held on Thursday, November 11 at 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Please call the Legion if you are available to help. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

NET Television is honoring the dedicated men and women who've fought to protect our country with several programs. The programming schedule is listed below. For more information: [www.netNebraska.org](http://www.netNebraska.org)

**(Marine, cont from p3)** Less than a year later, in August 1990, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait set in motion events that would lead to the largest movement of Marine Corps forces since World War II. Between August 1990 and January 1991, some 24 infantry battalions, 40 squadrons, and more than 92,000 Marines deployed to the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Desert Shield. Operation Desert Storm was launched 16 January 1991, the day the air campaign began. The main attack came overland beginning 24 February when the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions breached the Iraqi defense lines and stormed into occupied Kuwait. By the morning of February 28, 100 hours after the ground war began, almost the entire Iraqi Army in the Kuwaiti theater of operations had been encircled with 4,000 tanks destroyed and 42 divisions destroyed or rendered ineffective.

In December 1992, Marines landed in Somalia marking the beginning of a two-year humanitarian relief operation in that famine-stricken and strife-torn nation. In another part of the world, Marine Corps aircraft supported Operation Deny Flight in the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1999, Marine units deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Allied Force. Soon after the September 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., Marine units deployed to the Arabian Sea and in November set up a forward operating base in southern Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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**"Nebraskans Before the Battle: Soldiers and Families Prepare for War"** an NET News Special that provides an in-depth look at how Nebraska Army National Guard soldiers and their loved ones prepare for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m. & 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 & 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.

**"The War: Nebraska Stories"** an NET Television production in which the stories from veterans are presented in short videos, covering topics such as combat, reactions from the home front, the atom bomb and other horrors of war. Nine Nebraskans who lived through World War II share their personal memories of the worldwide catastrophe.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 9:30 p.m.

**"Scrappers: How the Heartland Won World War II"** features the 1942 Nebraska Scrap Metal Drive that supported the war effort. The drive brought together Nebraska's residents for a common cause and ultimately played a part in changing the course of World War II for the United States. Metal was needed to jump-start the nation's steel mills for the production of planes, tanks, ships and munitions.

Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 12:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 8:00 p.m.

**"Top Secret Rosies: The Female Computers of WWII"** tells the story of a secret military program launched to recruit women to the war effort. In 1942, soon after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, a search targeted female mathematicians who would become human "computers" for the U.S. military. The work and the technology these women developed helped win a war and usher in the modern computer age.

Monday, Nov. 8, 8:00 p.m.

**"When Families Grieve"** with Katie Couric and the Sesame Street Muppets, shares family stories about coping with the death of a parent. The program harnesses the unique power of the Muppets to support communication between adults and children with language and strategies that are child-appropriate and useful for the whole family.

Thursday, Nov. 11, 8:00 p.m.

**"Medal of Honor"** transports audiences to the battlegrounds of Little Round Top, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq through the inconceivable stories of veterans. The Medal of Honor dates from the Civil War and is presented to individuals for service "above and beyond the call of duty." Profiled in **"Medal of Honor"** is former Nebraska governor and U.S. Senator, Bob Kerrey, who received the award for his heroism during the Vietnam War.

Thursday, Nov. 11, 10:00 p.m.

# Membership News

✓ To date, 102 members have paid their 2011 dues. Renewal notices will be sent to all members who ✓  
✓ haven't paid their dues by January 1. If you'd like to avoid a third notice, pay now. Legion member- ✓  
✓ ships are great gifts for friends and family. If you would like to purchase a membership as a gift, stop ✓  
✓ the Legion or call Julie Schnitzler. ✓  
✓ **MEMBERSHIP GOAL:** We need 90% of our membership to pay their dues by December 1, so the ✓  
✓ Gibbon Legion will receive the Pearl Harbor Award. ✓

## Membership Update as of October 1, 2010

### Paid-Up-For-Life & Life memberships

|                 |                 |                |                  |              |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Marlin Westberg | Robert Thomsen  | Richard Shafer | Eldon Ruby       | Gerald Rose  |
| Patricia Cantu  | Lenard Pedersen | Rick Musil     | Julie Schnitzler | Ray Mayo     |
| Stephen Clark   | Mick Ross       | Joseph Hehner  | William DeBrie   | Kermit Belau |
| John Arias      | Lee Meents      |                |                  |              |

### The following members have paid their 2011 dues.

|                   |                  |                  |                   |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Neil Avery        | Tom Belau        | Dwight Bond      | Greg Brodine      |
| Dean Brown        | Stacy Brown      | Dick Burr        | Charles Carman    |
| Arthur Carpenter  | Terry Carpenter  | Vic Carpenter    | Frank Carr        |
| Ronald Catlin     | Don Cline        | Tom Christy      | *Joseph Crowder   |
| Phillip Darnell   | Daniel Dwiggin   | Donald Dye       | Terry Eatherton   |
| Larry Fox         | Paul Frink       | James Ganz       | Ben Garcia        |
| Eugene Giger      | Dean Grassmeyer  | Don Halkyard     | Alvin Hartman     |
| Ronald Hudson     | Delbert Johnson  | Elmer Jurgens    | Brandon Kee       |
| Calvin Kelly      | Rodney Keup      | *Jeff Krupp      | Dale Kruse        |
| Robert Kutsch     | Richard Lange    | Lloyd Leetsch    | Kim Lindgren      |
| Ken Macek         | John Mapel       | *Bill Manfull    | Alan McCall       |
| Ray McLaughlin    | Diana Merryman   | Ray Moffett      | Carl Moffett      |
| Terry Moffett     | Kelly Murr       | Jim Myrick       | James Nutter      |
| Chadd Ohlman      | Dwayne Olson     | Bob Owen         | Dale Pallett      |
| Dale Pearson      | Larry Puttergill | Joe Rayburn      | John Rinaker      |
| Danny Roeder      | William Ross     | Rodney Royle     | James Saalfeld    |
| LaVerne Scheidies | Martin Schmidt   | Orville Schuster | Vernon Schuster   |
| Clifford Shiers   | Larry Shiers     | Duane Sinn       | Shannon Slagle    |
| Tim Smallcomb     | Frank Spotanski  | Bud Stall        | Randy Stocker     |
| Pete Tannis       | Keith Thompson   | Dave Tracy       | Wendell Triplette |
| Alvin Volguardsen | Elton Weston     | Gene Willmes     | Lonnie Wilson     |

LaVern Yendra  
\*Denotes new members



# BUSINESSES HONOR VETERANS

**Applebee's Restaurant** - Free dinners to veterans throughout November 11th; selections will be from a new Veterans Day menu.

**Outback Steakhouse** - Free Blooming Onion and beverage.

**Golden Corral** - Free buffet dinner from 5-9 p.m. on Nov. 16 to anyone who has ever served in the U.S. military Staff.

**Subway**: In celebration of Veterans Day 11 Nov free six inch subs to all Veterans or Active Duty members.

On Nov. 7, **McCormick & Schmick's** restaurants will offer a free entree to military veterans.

**Krispy Kreme** - One free doughnut of any variety.

**UNO Chicago Grill** - Free entree or individual pizza with an entree or pizza purchase of equal or greater value.

**MarketPlace Grill & Express** - Veterans and active-duty military receive free entrees.

**Hy-Vee supermarkets** - The mid-western supermarket chain is offering a free breakfast to veterans.

**Lowe's & Home Depot** - Extra 10% off to active-duty military members, National Guard and reserve members, retirees, honorably discharged veterans and immediate family members.

**Sam's Club** - Over 25,000 Hugo canes will be given away to U.S. veterans in need of mobility assistance. Membership is not required, but supplies are limited, so check with your local store.

**Amazon.com** - Free "Veterans Day Honor" MP3 album download. The album includes 12 songs by The Bands and Ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Cabela's Outdoor Store** - Offers their employee discount to all veterans, active-duty military and reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel Nov. 11-12. Discounts vary from 5% to 50%, depending on the item.

**Build-a-Bear Workshop** - Members of the armed services including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Reserve Officer Training Corps, will receive a 20% discount Nov. 11-15 on any one transaction at Build-A-Bear Workshop.

**Dollar General** - 10% discount for all veterans, active-duty military, National Guard and reserve and their immediate families.

**Fashion Bug** - 20% off all plus-size and misses clothing purchases with a copy of military ID or spouse's military ID. National parks, forests and monuments - Admission is free to everyone on Veterans Day.

**Knott's Berry Farm** - Free park admission to U.S. armed forces personnel and a guest during Veteran's Month, November 1-26.

**Colonial Williamsburg** - Free admission Nov. 6-11 for active-duty military, guard and reservists, retirees, veterans and their dependents.

**San Jacinto Museum of History** - Free visits to the Observation Deck, theatre, and special exhibit for veterans, active duty military personnel, and their families.

**Historic Jamestown** - Free admission to veterans, current Armed Forces members and their family members.

**Battleship Cove** - Free admission and a special ceremony for veterans, active, duty and reservists.

**Vicksburg National Military Park** - Free admission for all.

**Vulcan Park and Museum** - In Birmingham, Alabama is offering discounted admission through November to the park and museum.

**Greenbay (WI) New Zoo** - Free admission to veterans and their families.

**Central Florida Zoo** - Free admission to the Sanford, Florida zoo with proper ID.

**Strategic Air & Space Museum** - Free admission for veterans Nov. 11-14 to the Ashland, NE. museum.

**National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum** - in Oklahoma City offers free admission to veterans and five guests from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Veterans Day.

**Anytime Offers:** MILITARY DISCOUNTS UPDATE 02: All these businesses offer military discounts; all you have to do is ask:

**Restaurants:** Arby's · A&W · Back Yard Burgers · Burger King · Captain D's · Chick-Fil-A · Cotton Patch · Denny's · Dunkin' Donuts · Farmers Boy · IHOP (20 percent discount with military identification) · Java Café · KFC · Long John Silver · Pancho's Mexican Buffet · Pizza Hut · Quizno's · Sizzler · Sonic · Taco Bell · Whataburger

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