

Gibbon American Legion
1029 Court Street
Gibbon, NE 68840

July 2014

LEGION HOURS:

Sunday—Tuesday: 6 a.m.— 7 p.m.

Wednesday— Thursday: 6—10 p.m.

Friday—Saturday: 6 a.m.—midnight

Bradley Buck #310

Meet Don Jones

Veteran and Legion member, Don Jones, graduated from Kearney High School in 1967. Don's father, John, was also a Veteran, serving as a Medic in World War II (all six major campaigns) because he had lost his right eye as a youngster. A knife had been left on the couch and when John jumped on the couch, the knife went into his eye and took his eyesight. By coincidence John's wife, Ruth, also lost her eyesight as a child in a similar accident.



Don was drafted in the first round in 1971 when the lottery was created. He attended Basic Training in Ft. LeonardWood, MO. "I shared the same cubicle as Ken Jones in Basic Training and on graduation day his orders indicated he was an MP and I was a truck driver; our social security numbers had been transposed. We had to see the First Sergeant to straighten out the error." Don was ordered to Ft. Gordon, GA, where they trained the Women's Army Corp, the Army Security Agency and Military Police (MP). "Our training included exercising, weapons, driver training (sedans, jeeps and trucks), and the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)."

Don was stationed at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, and performed MP police duties – confinement and line or sentry duty. "I preferred to perform line duty. We could drive around the post and took turns on sentry duty. There were two majorly secured buildings, Hayes and Greeley Hall, and even when alarms went off, the MPs were not allowed to enter the buildings. We were to be on guard and ask



Upcoming Events

July 4: Independence Day, Legion closes at 5 p.m.

July 4: Meadow Muffin @ 1 p.m.;
Road Rally @ 4 p.m.

July 28: Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

July 29: LUNCH & LEARN

August 17: Cream Can Dinner

Officers

Commander

Rick Lange

Vice Commander

Gene Giger

Financial Officer

Mick Ross

Adjutant

John Arias

Sergeant at Arms

Greg Brodine

Chaplain

Frank Spotanski

Service Officer

Chet Morgan

Newsletter Editor

Julie Schnitzler



Don Jones (continued from P. 1.)

for everyone's identification. My unit also performed traffic stops and started investigations for burglaries. "There were only 77 MPs for a 10,000-person fort."

Don's unit also coordinated with local law

enforcement. "One night we were detailed to look for lost kids. We had found paw prints of a cougar in the area and were concerned for their safety. They were found. Our Post was 25 miles from Tombstone, the sight of the famous OK Corral. The Military Police were asked to attend the demonstrations of the infamous gunfight to police military personnel." Don didn't like confinement duty. "It was boring, tedious – just sitting and watching so inmates didn't escape. One of my responsibilities was to transport soldiers who were found guilty to Ft. Leavenworth and Ft. Riley. I took seven or eight trips with prisoners and none ever escaped."

For fun, Don participated on the MP softball team. "We were good". After two years of service Don had earned the rank of E4 and an Honorable Discharge. He re-

turned home as his dad was legally blind and Don wanted to use his GI Bill and attend college. Don earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He worked for several local grocery stores before working in the United States Postal System. In 1983 Don started as a substitute driver and carried mail until January 31, 2014 when he retired. Don drove a 22-mile route with 966 mailboxes.

Don met his wife, Lavonne, in 1984 when he was substitution route carrier. "Lavonne's first husband had died and she moved back to work for the Kearney Post Office. In 1990 I was tasked to carry mail in Lexington and she was transferred to Lexington in 2000 when Kearney downsized. We were married in 2004. Lavonne has a daughter, Renae, and son, Greg. We have nine grandchildren and five great-grandkids." Don enjoys hunting and fishing, especially taking with his grandsons.

Don was the oldest of a sister, Judy and brother Ron. Don's Uncle was also a veteran, serving on a machine gun squad WWII.



Gibbon American Legion Honor Guard



**Any Gibbon Legion member
who needs a ride to a**

Membership

Meeting

CONTACT

Sergeant At Arms

Greg Brodine

308-216-0739 cell

308-468-6344 home

June Membership Meeting Minutes



Commander Rick Lange opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with 21 members and Manager Ryan Brehmer present. DONATIONS: Myrtle Halkyard thanked the Legion for the graveside honors for Don and will donate the memorial money to pave handicap parking in front of the Gibbon Legion. Stacy Brown will donate his labor and leadership to oversee completion of the project. Barb Christy reported on Peach Sales; they will sale for \$34 a lug. They will arrive in September. Dale Abbott donated a motion-sensored light for the front of the Gibbon Legion. The Gibbon Art

Festival is asking for a donation. Frank Spotanski made a motion to donate \$25; motion carried. Mick Ross explained the Nebraska Veterans First committee is raising money for the Veterans residing in the Veterans' Home. Sue Webster donated cleaning supplies. MEETING MINUTES: Lee Meents made a motion to accept the minutes as read by Adjutant John Arias; motion carried. FINANCE REPORT: Profit & Loss report not available as we are transitioning to a "Point of Sale" system. Jim Myrick made a motion to accept the Finance Report as read by Mick Ross & Ryan Brehmer; motion approved. MANAGER'S REPORT: Father's Day buffet served 80. Flag Retirement was held with a Boy Scout from Grand Island; Thanks for all the volunteering by Legion family and those who help with security. The Legion will close at 5 p.m on July 4. ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Sent 22 postcards to members who haven't paid for 2014. LB 93 allows Veteran to be printed on your drivers license. Lunch & Learns are coordinated with Bob Anderson. The State Convention was held this past week. Resolution 4 (Background Checks) was rejected by the resolution committee. National Emergency Fund resolution was passed. Gibbon Legion won the membership award which Rick Lange accepted. Editor Julie Schnitzler accepted the 1st place plaque for Club Newsletter. Operation Ice Cream Toppings will be delivered to the Veterans' Home this week. VICE COMMANDER REPORT: No report. SERVICE OFFICER: Sympathy Cards to Myrtle Halkyard and Nadine Nutter. Thank you card received from Tina Royale. SGT AT ARMS: August 14 is the first day of school and the Gibbon Legion will provide a detail for presenting the Colors. A Bugle has been purchased and already used to play "Taps". A Thank you was received from Gibbon Public Schools for closing ceremony to end school year. We need help with security on July 4. SAL LIAISON: Flagpole arrived. Greg Brodine would like to attend SAL meeting to have rifle training. BASEBALL COMMITTEE: Randy Stocker announced Baseball Raffle Winners. A profit of \$1,269 was made on the raffle. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Meadow Muffin will be held at 1 p.m. on July 4. Greg Brodine made a motion to keep By-laws as is. Motion carried. Bud Stall will prepare a cream can supper in August. 17. He is asking for a donation for the meat. Lee Meents made a motion to put a white background behind the blue sign on the building. Motion carried. NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers who are pictured above: Rick Lange, Commander; Gene Giger, Vice Commander; John Paul Arias, Adjutant; Mick Ross, Financial Officer; Greg Brodine, Sergeant at Arms; Chet Morgan, Service Officer; and Chaplain, Frank Spotanski. Installation of new officers will be held at the July General Membership meeting. GOOD OF THE ORDER: The next general membership meeting will be held on July 28. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m

Our Sympathies to the
families of
Don Halkyard &
Jim Nutter



Flag Retirement



Photos courtesy of Sheila Stocker

June 14

May Lunch & Learn



Investigator Joe Andersen has been with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department for 7 1/2 years and was the guest speaker on the topic of "Fraud" at the May Lunch and Learn. Angela Smyth, a representative from the Gibbon Insurance Agency, introduced Joe to the 12 people in attendance.

Anderson spoke about the different types of Frauds and Scams: telephone calls, emails, and letters asking people for personal information, bank routing numbers, credit card numbers or asking people to send money to help victims of robbery or accidents.

He encouraged those who were victims of a scam to report it to the Sheriff's Department immediately. The Federal government will be notified; however, unless fraud involves over \$100,000, they will not pursue the criminal outside the United States. Once the scam reaches over \$100 million, U.S. officials will arrest the individual on foreign soil with the permission of foreign governments.

Andersen also spoke about contractors asking for money up front to pave the driveway or roof a house and not doing the work or doing a poor job. This is considered fraud because the contractor is not following through with his commitment. The following website can be accessed for further information or to file complaints: www.ic3.gov



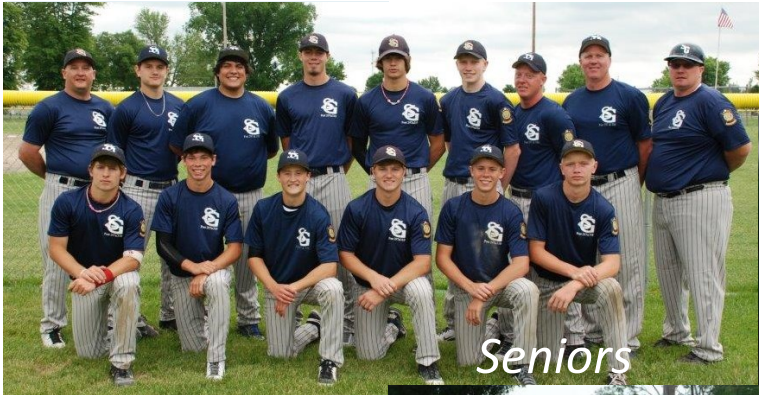
Gibbon Legion receives 3 honors at State Convention in Kearney

The Nebraska American Legion State Convention was held June 27 -29 in Kearney, and the Gibbon Legion was recognized with three honors. Music teacher, Peg Sinnard, is honored by State Commander, Dave Bruckne, as Middle School Teacher of the Year; Rick Lange received the Membership plaque and Julie Schnitzler accepted the 1st place plaque in the State newsletter contest. Peg Sinnard accepted the award in memory of her father, Burton, WWII Veteran, who passed away this past year. Her brother, Larry & his wife, Judy, were present. John Arias welcomes National Commander Dan Dellinger. Pictures courtesy of John Paul Arias & Lee

Gareth Stroh, Evelyn Rocha, Aubrey High and Austin Schnitzler attended a Potluck Dinner in their honor before the general membership meeting on June 30. Each one described his/her experiences at Boys/Girls State or Junior Law Cadet. They were all appreciative of the opportunity to attend.



Shelton Gibbon Legion Baseball



Baseball Roster

Junior Team

- 1 Ricky Ramirez
- 3 Korbin Hynes*
- 5 Ozzy Rodriguez*
- 9 Mason Clark
- 16 Jaison Andrist*
- 20 Devin Stroh*
- 21 Jared Muhlbach*
- 26 Tanner Gideon*
- 32 Amador Castenada
- 46 Collin Dorzynski
- 47 Lane Brown
- 48 Samuel Kucra
- 49 Jose Murillo
- 50 Ethan Dale

*Plays on the Senior
Team also

Senior Team

- 4 Abie Rojas
- 8 Darrek Ellis
- 10 Gareth Stroh
- 12 Taryn Hawks
- 33 DJ Mayfield
- 44 John Harders
- 56 Ryan Neujahr

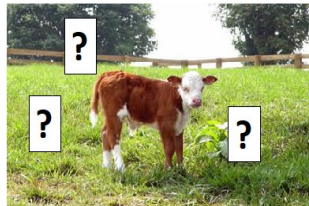


July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3Basket Night	4 Independence Day Meadow Muffin. 1pm	5
6	7	8Blood Drive	9	10Basket Night	11Prime Rib	12
13	14	15	16	17Basket Night	18Prime Rib	19
20	21Executive Mtg, 7:00 p.m.	22 Craft Club	23	24Basket Night	25Prime Rib	26
27	28 Membership Mtg, 7:30 p.m.	29 Lunch & Learn, noon	30	31Basket Night		Breakfast Everyday

Meadow Muffin!

Have fun AND Win \$250!!



July 4, 2014

Gibbon American Legion!

Lease a 2' x 2' foot section at the cost of \$5.

The calf will be released at 1 p.m. onto the section at the Gibbon Legion. When "nature calls" the owner of the leased section that the FIRST MEADOW MUFFIN falls on will receive \$250. In case the "Muffin" falls into two or more sections, all lease holders will become equal partners of the prize.

Tickets Now on Sale!

Available at the Gibbon Legion or from Selected Legion Members
Proceeds to support local Veteran programs.



2014 American Legion Fundraiser Order Form
Lincoln Saltdogs vs. Sioux Falls Canaries
Thursday, August 7th @ 7:05pm
(Games open @ 6:30pm)

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Work Phone _____ Fax _____ Home Phone _____
E-Mail _____ Post/Unit/Squadron _____

TICKET ORDER SUMMARY (Due By Monday, August 4th)

LEGION POST: _____
Contact Person: _____ / ADDRESS: _____
Phone Number: _____ / CITY, ST: _____
EMAIL: _____ / ZIP: _____

Number of Lower Reserved Seats (section 110): _____ @ \$12.00 each = \$ _____
(Possible \$6 per ticket going back to American Legion)
Number of Baseline Reserved Seats (section 112): _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____
(Possible \$5 per ticket going back to American Legion)
(If paying by check, please make check payable to: Lincoln Saltdogs)

I have read the above information, and understand that all orders are non-refundable.

Signature _____ Date _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Visa ☐ MC ☐
AMEX ☐ Discover ☐
Card holder name _____
Card # _____
Expiration _____
Signature _____

***NOTE - Any Legion Posts intending to participate in pre-game color guard will need to contact Brent Hagen-Pitt @ 402-464-6388.

Return to: Lincoln Saltdogs, Attn: Steve Zisch, 402 Line Drive Circle, Suite A, Lincoln NE 68508
Faxes accepted at 402-476-2254. For more information contact Steve at 402-464-6376 or steve@saltdogs.com.



LUNCH AND LEARN

WHEN

Tuesday, July 29
Noon – 1 p.m.

WHERE

Gibbon American
Legion

1029 Court Street, Gibbon, NE 68840

FEATURING · Buffalo County
Sheriff's Department

DRUGS-METH
LABS-TYPES
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LUNCH OFFERED
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or off the menu

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Gibbon American Legion
Buffalo County Sheriff's
Department
Buffalo County
Emergency Mgt.

FUTURE
PRESENTATIONS being
conducted the last
Tuesday of every month.

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