

Gibbon American Legion  
1029 Court Street  
Gibbon, NE 68840

September 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

District #6 Legion Members Volunteer at the  
Grand Island Veterans Home Annual Picnic

## Upcoming Events

Sept 1: Labor Day

Sept 2: Blood Drive

Sept 6: Fish Fry Fundraiser

Sept 11: Patriots Day

Sept 29: Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sept 30: LUNCH & LEARN, noon

## 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



**August 17  
2014**

## MINUTES of the August 27, 2014 meeting

Commander Rick Lange opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with 20 members present. Steve VanMeter and Ryan Brehmer were also present. MEETING MINUTES: Greg Brodine made a motion to accept minutes as read; motion carried. FINANCE REPORT: The profit and loss statements are completed through June. In the Legion and SAL bank accounts there is a total of \$34,793. Our mortgage total of \$143,000. Bud Stall inquired as to the amount of gate money that was taken. Chet Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes; motion carried. MANAGER'S REPORT: Ryan reported on the August and September events. Fiddelke Heating and Air loaned us equipment until ours arrived. ADJUTANT'S REPORT: We have 80 memberships paid. Three Gibbon Legion members volunteered at the Grand Island Veterans Home picnic on August 17. They grilled 300 hamburgers. Lunch & Learn will be held on the topic of the conceal and carry laws. VICE COMMANDER REPORT: The weapons on static display at the cemetery were removed and are being stored in the Legion office. The Howitzer at the Gibbon Cemetery needs to be repaired or replaced because of rust. Rick Lange asked Julie Schnitzler to research the process of the Howitzer. SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Cards were sent to Bob Thomson, Jim Sidel, and George Strung. SGT AT ARMS: Colors were presented the first day of school. SAL LIAISON: Steve VanMeter gave the report. The SAL is hosting a Fish Fry on September 6 to raise funds for the Korean Hero Flight (September 17-20). A piece of metal has been powder-coated white and will be hung behind the blue sign hanging on the front of the Legion building. The SAL is planning to help lay the pavers in the beer garden. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bud Stall thanked those who supported the cream can supper. Lee Meents, Cemetery Weapons Chairman, reported on the progress of the silhouettes. Four rifles will be made in steel and be mounted on the brick. Greg Brodine made a motion to cross the M1 and the M16. Motion carried. Frank Spotanski asked for information on pouring cement for parking. Tentative date is in September. Peach sales are lagging. NEW BUSINESS: Rick Lange turned in a claim for the damage to the roof from the hail storm earlier this summer. Structurally the roof is sound. We have 100% coverage on the roof which will no longer be available. We received a check for \$89,284 for the roof. The membership was asked to consider paying down the mortgage which would save \$55,000 in interest. A vote will be taken at the next meeting. Rick Lange received the Legion Oratorical contest information and asked Greg Brodine to coordinate with Gibbon Schools. GOOD OF THE ORDER: On September 1, Veterans are admitted free to the Nebraska State Fair. The Boelus Post will be performing the Post Everlasting Ceremony. On September 6, Mike Helms Appreciation Dinner. On Sunday, October 5, District 6 fall round-up will be held.



## Sons of the American Legion August Minutes

The meeting was opened at 4:06 p.m. by Commander Pat Paitz. Present were Steve VanMeter, Ryan Brehmer, Aaron Bombeck, Juan Arredondo, Mick Darnell, and Eric Garrels. VanMeter gave the Finance Report. A \$1500 donation was accepted from the Spenser Family, and it will be passed on to Legion. VanMeter also stated that SALs have sent 387 "We Care" packages since the program began. VanMeter and Spot will lay bricks on Monday. Members who have email addresses should provide them to Brehmer and Vanmeter to save postage and facilitate communication. Officers for the 2014-15 membership year were

elected: Steve VanMeter, Commander; Pat Paitz, Vice Commander; Ryan Brehmer, Adjutant; Aaron Brombeck, Finance Officer; Mick Darnell, Sergeant of Arms; Eric Garrels, Historian; and Ryan Prescott, Chaplain.

The Post #310 Sons of the American Legion will host a Fish Fry on September 6 to raise funds for the Korean Hero Flight.

The Legion requested assistance to lay cement for parking. Stacy Brown is the project supervisor.

The meeting was adjourned 4:33 p.m.

**"RIDING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT"**

**BOSS HOG BIKES**

**ALL AMERICAN RIDE**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE NORFOLK VETERAN'S HOME GENERAL FUND

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**GRAND OPENING**

**BOSS Hogs BIKES**  
(ALCO PARKING LOT)  
**8:30AM - 11:00AM**  
(VETS WILL BE AT GRAND OPENING)

**POKER RUN TO FOLLOW**  
ALL VEHICLES WELCOME  
\$20/RIDER WRISTBAND GIVEN  
9:30AM - 11:00AM SIGN IN  
LEAVE AT 11:00AM

**DINNER AT AMERICAN LEGION**  
6:00PM

**MUSIC BY COOL J**  
8:00PM

**Silent Auction**

**WEST POINT, DECATUR, PENDER,  
WAYNE, STANTON VFW, NORFOLK LEGION**

 **2nd Annual**  
**Poker Run** 

Oregon Trail Riders  
Chapter 180  
Hebron, NE

ALL BIKES  
AND CARS  
WELCOME

**Saturday Sept. 20, 2014**

Sponsored By  
**American Legion Riders**  
**Chapter 180**  
**Hebron, NE**  
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Drawings  
And  
Food!

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY

Poker Run Starts at the City Park  
Downtown Hebron - 4th & Lincoln  
Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.  
Last bike out at 12:00 p.m.  
Last bike in at 5:00 p.m.  
Registration fee: \$20.00 driver / includes meal  
\$10.00 passenger with hand / includes meal  
Extra Hand: \$10.00

Contact: Director Norm Caudy 402.768.6519 email: [caudytrucking@yahoo.com](mailto:caudytrucking@yahoo.com)

## The History of American Gold Star Mothers

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, George Vaughn Seibold, 23, volunteered, requesting assignment in aviation. He was sent to Canada where he learned to fly British planes since the United States had neither an air force nor planes. Deployed to England, he was assigned to the British Royal Flying Corps, 148th Aero Squadron. With his squadron, he left for combat duty in France. He corresponded with his family regularly. His mother, Grace Darling Seibold, began to do community service by visiting returning servicemen in the hospitals.

The mail from George stopped. Since all aviators were under British control and authority, the United States could not help the Seibold family with any information about their son. Grace continued to visit hospitalized veterans in the Washington area, clinging to the hope that her son might have been injured and returned to the United States without any identification. While working through her sorrow, she helped ease the pain of the many servicemen who returned so war-damaged that they were incapable of ever reaching normalcy.

But on October 11, 1918, George's wife in Chicago received a box marked "Effects of deceased Officer 1st Lt. George Vaughn Seibold". The Seibolds also received a confirmation of George's death on November 4th through a family member in Paris.

On Sunday, December 15, 1918, nine days before Christmas Eve, the following obituary appeared in the Washington Star newspaper:  
*Lieut. G. V. Seibold Killed in Action  
Battling Aviator, Recently Cited for Bravery in  
France, is War Victim.*

*Lieut. George Vaughn Seibold, battling aviator, cited for bravery in action some time ago, lost his life in a fight in the air August 26, last. His father, George G. Seibold...has been officially notified of his son's death by the War Department.*

*Lieut. Seibold was a member of the 148th U. S. Aero Squadron. He was first reported missing in*

*action, though a number of circumstances led to the fear that he had been killed. Hope was sustained until now, however, by the failure to receive definite word.*

George's body was never identified.

Grace, realizing that self-contained grief is self-destructive, devoted her time and efforts to not only working in the hospital but extending the hand of friendship to other mothers whose sons had lost their lives in military service.

She organized a group consisting solely of these special mothers, with the purpose of not only comforting each other, but giving loving care to hospitalized veterans confined in government hospitals far from home.

The organization was named after the Gold Star that families hung in their windows in honor of the deceased veteran.

After years of planning, June 4, 1928, twenty-five mothers met in Washington, DC to establish the national organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

The success of our organization continues because of the bond of mutual love, sympathy, and support of the many loyal, capable, and patriotic mothers who while sharing their grief and their pride, have channeled their time, efforts and gifts to lessening the pain of others.



Grace Darling Seibold

# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Blood Drive</i>	3	4 <i>Basket Night</i>	5	6 <i>FISH FRY</i>
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Basket Night</i> <i>Patriot's Day</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Constitution Day</i>	18 <i>Basket Night</i>	19 <i>POW/MIA</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Basket Night</i>	26 <i>Gibbon High Homecoming</i>	27
28 <i>Gold Star Moth-</i>	29 <i>Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm</i>	30 <i>Lunch &amp; Learn</i>			BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING	



# LUNCH AND LEARN

**WHEN**  
**Tuesday, Sep. 30**  
**Noon – 1 p.m.**

**WHERE**  
**Gibbon American Legion**  
1029 Court Street, Gibbon, NE 68840

**FEATURING - Buffalo County Sheriff's Department**

**AMBER ALERT MISSING PERSONS**

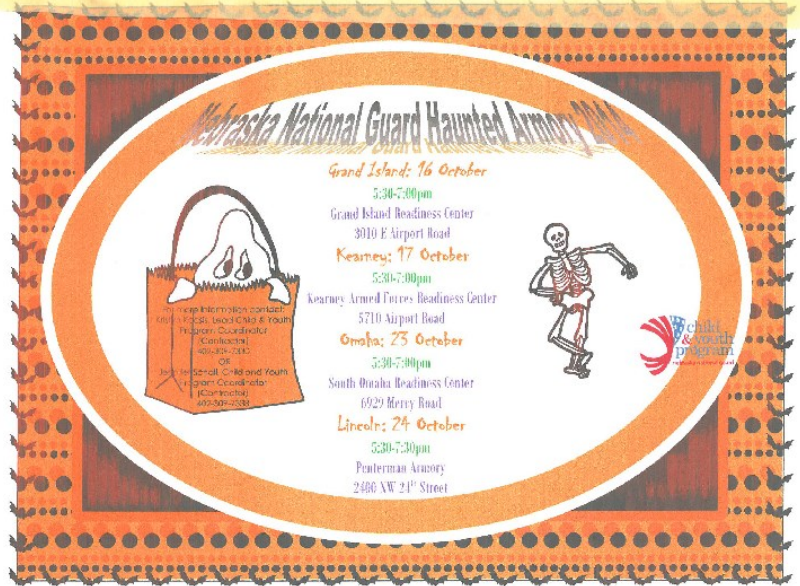
**LUNCH OFFERED**  
Order the Lunch special or off the menu

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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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