

Gibbon American Legion
1029 Court Street
Gibbon, NE 68840

June 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 Bill Manfull

Legion member Bill Manfull graduated from Gibbon High School in 1962. His parents, Clifford & Lois, raised four boys on a farm on the Elm Island Road. Bill was the oldest brother of James, David, and Ronald. Bill joined the Navy on a deferred enlistment on September 29, 1965, after a class reunion when he learned classmate Tom Mercer had enlisted in the Navy. Bill hadn't traveled outside the Midwest when he was taken to the Military Entrance Processing Station in eastern Nebraska, given a physical, discharged from the Navy Reserve and then immediately sworn into the Navy and then flown to San Diego, California, for Basic Training. When he got off the airplane, Shore Patrol rounded up the recruits and told them to stand at attention on the spots painted on the curb until the bus arrived. Bill said, "This was the point at which I knew I wanted my Mom." Bill and Tom trained together in Basic Training with 98 other guys, but went to different Naval bases for their advanced training. Bill had to list three jobs that he wanted, so he wrote fireman and boilertender and couldn't think of third job; he was counseled to list aviation hydraulic mechanic, which turned out to be the job he received. From mid-August to December 1966, Bill trained in Millington, Tennessee, located 20 miles north of Memphis. Bill has pictures of himself at the gates of Elvis' home; Elvis was in California when Bill stopped by to visit. His permanent duty station was in Miramar, California, in Fighter Squadron 126 that employed 150 enlisted men and 37 officers. The Squadron provided jet instrument flight training for F4, F8 and A3 Fleet replacement pilots. The Squadron's motto was "Without Equal" and the nickname was the "Fighting Sea Hawks". Bill worked an eight-hour day, repairing hydraulics on whichever aircraft he was assigned. In 1969 Bill received an Honorable Discharge; he had to refuse his E5 promotion as he didn't have the time on his enlistment and at the time, Bill did not want to re-enlist. "I did shore duty for four years and since



Upcoming Events

June 5: Baseball Raffle, Bases Loaded Band

June 14: Flag Day

June 15: Father's Day

June 24 : Lunch & Learn, noon

June 30: Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Officers

Commander

Rick Lange

Vice Commander

Gene Giger

Financial Officer

Mick Ross

Adjutant

John Arias

Sergeant at Arms

Jim Myrick

Chaplain

Frank Spotanski

Service Officer

Cliff Tillemans

Newsletter Editor

Julie Schnitzler

Manfull (cont. from page 1).



50% of a seaman is spent at sea, I knew where my next duty station would be if I decided to stay in the Navy. I am not a good swimmer, so I was glad to go home.”

Upon returning to Gibbon, Bill drove for Rayburn Truck Lines. In 1972 he started working at Eaton’s as a forging technician until he retired in 2004. “I operated a press,” said Bill. “I never used the military training I received as there wasn’t a need and no parts. “ Bill also attended Kearney State College studying Industrial Education for three years, using his educational benefits he earned from his service. Because money was tight raising children, Bill also took a part-time job at Schuster’s Implement for just over a year.

Bill met his wife, Juanita, in California and they married in 1969. She had two children Susan and Nancy, and then Bill and Juanita adopted her sister’s children (Raymond and Julie) when

she was killed in a car accident. “We drove to New York and adopted them when they were 8 and 13 years of age.” Juanita died in 2011 from complications from heredity blood vein disease.

Bill enjoys riding his Harley Davidson, hunting, and fishing. He is a part-time truck driver for Summer’s Cattle Company, hauling cattle and corn and working the harvest.

American Legion Rifles arrive

Gibbon Legion members were able to unpack 15 M1 Garand rifles equipped with blank firing adapters on Thursday, May 8. After a lengthy process and motivation from two generous donors (Lee Slater and Terry Moffett), Julie Schnitzler was able to follow a process with the US Army TACOM Cycle Management Command, in Warrin, Michigan, to the exchange the ceremonial rifles.

Gibbon Post #310 had 18 rifles in their inventory: five Remingtons (19A3), five Smith Coronas and four Eddyston (M1917).

Of these rifles, 8 worked, 6 were unfireable and four are hanging in a static display at the cemetery. The 1917 rifles were sent to the Post in 1946 when Ivan Miller was the commander. The 19A3 rifles were sent to the Legion in 1960 (Ted George, Commander). An additional three rifles were received in 1968 when Francis Schlosser was the commander. According to TACOM records, in 1968 a theft report was filed for two rifles. In 2006, another report was made of a stolen rifle. When checking serial numbers to return the rifles, the 1968 rifles were in the Gibbon inventory.



Rick Lange, Bud Stall, Julie Schnitzler admire a M1.

Gun enthusiast Stacy Brown contacted Lonnie Meyer, owner of Run-N-Iron in Bertrand, Nebraska, who donated lubricant and cleaning supplies for the rifles. The rifles will be used at the Gibbon Memorial Day Ceremony and all Honor Guard details. These rifles remain the property of the United States Government and cannot be loaned, sold, transferred, or given to anyone.

During Chuck Carmen’s command, we received the M98 Howtar, which is on display at the Gibbon Cemetery. The Howtar is a towed, mortar 107mm artillery that was briefly fielded in Vietnam with Marine Artillery Units. The Gibbon Legion is responsible for submitting triennial reports to demonstrate our proper maintenance of the loaned military equipment.



Stacy Brown, Lee Meents and Greg Brodine stack three M1 Garands.

MINUTES from the May Membership Meeting

Commander Rick Lange opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with 13 members present. DONATIONS: Lee Meents made a motion to donate \$50 to the Gibbon Tractor Pull. Motion carried. Julie Schnitzler made a motion to donate \$25 for the Dale Reed Memorial golf tournament. Motion carried. Duffy Mayo informed members of the Gibbon Education Foundation Golf Tourney on Memorial weekend. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Webster approved corrected minutes as read by Adjutant Arias. Motion carried. FINANCE REPORT: Frank Spotanski approved as read by Mick Ross. Motion carried. MANAGER'S REPORT: Ryan Brehmer shared that we had 120 people for Mother's Day. Events: May 24, Alumni weekend; May 27, craft club. Memorial Day buffet from 11:30—2:00 p.m. Kathy Thomas will have a procedure at Kearney hospital on May 20. ADJUTANT'S REPORT: 150 members paid to date. 27 members haven't renewed the past two years. Postcards will be sent to members who haven't renewed. Lunch & Learn on May 27. SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Sent cards to Mick and Anita Ross, Bill Dupree and George Sturm. SGT AT ARMS: Received a card of appreciation from Don Cline family. Retired school colors today. Performed Shelton graveside service today. Cleaned rifles on Friday. Looking for volunteers to clean 7 rifles. Eleven volunteers for the Memorial Day ceremony. Greg would like to purchase an electronic bugle. A business will donate \$100 toward bugle. One new rifle has a bent gas rod. Lee Meents made the motion to purchase an electronic, programmable bugle. Shelton Memorial Service will be at 9:30 a.m. Gibbon at 11:00 a.m. BASEBALL COMMITTEE: Baseball raffle tickets available for purchase. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Meadow Muffin tickets are for sale; the Meadow Muffin will be held July 4. Lunch & Learns are held the last Tuesday of the month: May 27, fraud and scams and June 24: conceal/carry laws. NEW BUSINESS: Next month (June) is officer elections. Now taking nominations for officers. Picking up flags from cemetery on Monday @ 5 p.m. Chet Morgan made a motion to accept Mike Lange's bid to install air conditioner system in office and kitchen. Operation Ice Cream Toppings will be donated to Grand Island Veteran's Club. Father's Day buffet; 5 p.m. Discussion was held on at-large members on executive committee. June 14 Flag Day—retire the flags @ 6:30 p.m. NEXT MEETING: June 30, 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Gibbon American Legion Post 310
Legion Baseball Fundraiser

1st Prize

4 rounds of golf with carts at Aawari
Dunes

2nd Prize

\$150 Cash

3rd Prize

\$100 cash

4th Prize

Cubela's propane cooker/smoker

5th Prize (2)

1 each Nebraska state wide Buck Hur

6th Prize (2)

\$50 cash each

7th Prize (2)

1 each 5 qt oil change-lube & Filter
Service

8th Prize (2)

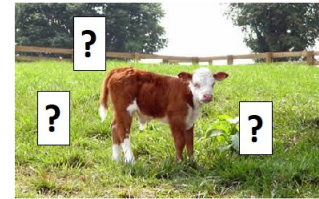
1 each Kearney Valentino's Family
Pack certificate

One for \$5, Three for \$10,
or ten for \$35

Baseball Raffle Tickets are on sale now; stop at the Gibbon Legion or see a Legion member. The raffle will be held on Saturday, June 5. More details will be shared in the next monthly newsletter.

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.

Gareth Stroh



Gareth Stroh, junior at Gibbon High School, will join nearly 400 other high school juniors from across Nebraska to participate in the **American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State**, June

1-7, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Gareth has participated in football (quarterback and wide receiver), basketball, track and played baseball on the Shelton/Gibbon Legion Baseball team. For the past three years, Gareth has played first base and pitcher. He has demonstrated his leadership skills in the classroom and was selected for the National Honor Society. He was also elected as President of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Oth-

er honors include A Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Big Red Stars, and winning the School Geography Bee in 2010. Gareth has attended Sutherland Elementary School (Chicago, IL) and Waverly and Gibbon Public Schools in Nebraska. He enjoys competing in athletics and collecting baseball cards. Gareth has two younger brothers, Devin and Seth, and is the son of Paul and Deb Stroh. After his graduation next May, Gareth is planning to attend college. Gibbon Legion Post #310 is sponsoring Gareth. Gareth decided to attend Boys State to learn more about our government and build relationships with people throughout Nebraska.



"We are honored to send students to American Legion opportunities which provides leadership skills to our youth," said Legion Commander Rick Lange

Aubrey High



Gibbon High School Junior, Aubrey High, has been selected to attend **Junior Law Cadet**, representing Gibbon American Legion, Post #310. Aubrey and 45 other high school junior women will attend the American Legion program in Grand Island and the Law Enforcement Academy.

Aubrey has been on the A Honor Roll while participating in drama, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, Volleyball, Basketball, Trapshooting, Show Choir and the Buffalo

County Youth Advisory Board (2 years). She also holds the office of Parliamentarian in FBLA and Student Council. Aubrey has been recognized as Best Actress at the district level and earned 2nd place in the Scholastic Art Award - Drawing. Aubrey has work experience at Brick Street and LaserTec. Her hobbies include trapshooting, hunting, dancing, reading, exercising and all forms of art.

After graduation, Aubrey would plans to attend Colorado University in Boulder, studying political law. Aubrey has a younger sister, Allie in 7th grade, and is the daughter of Trent and Anna High.



Grand Island Veterans Home Wish List

Food Items:

- Little Debbie's or Hostess Cupcakes
- Soft Cookies
- Milky Way or 3 Musketeers small candy bars
- Ice Cream Toppings – Caramel, Chocolate, Strawberry, Butterscotch
- Angel Food Cakes
- Cake Mixes
- Canned Frosting
- 2-liter Sodas (Rootbeer, Coke, Diet)
- Mini-Cans of Soda (Regular & Diet)
- Popcorn (Kernels or Micro-wave)
- Popcorn Puffs
- Cheese Puffs/Balls
- Bread Mixes for Bread Machines

Equipment:

- Bread Machines
- Fishing Poles (poles that collapse and push button Zebco reels)
- Pool Cues
- Portable Boom Boxes (CD's/Cassettes/Radio/MP3 stations)



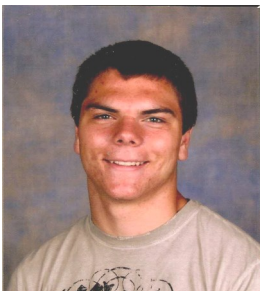
- MP3 Players & Headphones
- CD's (country western, Rock and Roll)
- DVD Movies (new releases)
- Music Videos/DVD's (of rock and roll bands, country bands, etc.)

Miscellaneous: (We currently have an ample supply of lap robes)

- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Amazon, Shopko, Oriental Trading Company, Hastings Video Store, etc.)
- Shawls
- Wheelchair Pedal Totes
- Body Pillows & Body Pillow Cases
- Husker/Big Red items (hats, XL – XXXL shirts, etc.)
- Small Stuffed Toys (like Beanie Babies for prizes)
- Word Search Books
- Gripper Socks

Contact: Nancy Klimek, Recreation Manager, (308) 385-6252, ext. 458 or nancy.klimek@nebraska.gov

Austin Schnitzler



Austin Schnitzler, a junior at Kenesaw High School, was selected to attend **Junior Law Cadet** and **American Legion Cornhusker Boys State**. Austin participates in football, basketball, track, one-act play, journalism, student council, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), K-Club, and the Gibbon Trap Team. This past winter Austin traveled to Washington, DC and New York with the junior class. Austin has served the

community by volunteering to for the Salvation Army Toy Drive and the FBLA Toy Drive and is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Austin is a registered lifeguard for Kenesaw and Lochland pools and also works maintenance for the Village of Kenesaw. He has umpired Little League baseball games. Austin enjoys reading science fiction, hunting and fishing.

Austin is undecided as to which college he will attend after graduation. Austin is the second oldest son of Craig and Julie Schnitzler. He has two brothers, Tyler, and Preston and a sister, Hannah.




Memorial Day 2014




June 2014


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>New York Strip</i>	5 <i>Basket Nit</i>	6 <i>Baseball Raffle</i> Bases Loaded Band	7
8	9	10	11 <i>New York Strip</i>	12 <i>Basket Nit</i>	13 <i>Prime Rib</i>	14 <i>Flag Day</i>
15 <i>Fathers Day</i>	16	17	18 <i>New York Strip</i>	19 <i>Basket Nit</i>	20 <i>Prime Rib</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>Lunch & Learn</i>	25 <i>New York Strip</i>	26 <i>Basket Nit</i>	27 <i>Prime Rib</i>	28 <i>Annual Wardog Fundraiser</i>
29	30 <i>Membership Mtg, 7:30</i>			Breakfast Every day!!!		<i>Meadow Muffin JULY 4</i>



Gibbon Post #310
American Legion
Operation Ice Cream Topping




Help the Grand Island Veterans Home celebrate Special Occasions.
 Please donate assorted ice cream toppings (Caramel, Chocolate, Strawberry, Butterscotch) between June 1-30 at the Gibbon American Legion. (308) 468-5845. We will present the Legion Family donations before 4th of July to the Vets Home.




Father's Day Buffet

Sunday, June 15, 2014
 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Call for reservations,
 please!



LUNCH AND LEARN

WHEN
Tuesday, June 24
Noon – 1 p.m.

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

FEATURING - Buffalo County Sheriff's Department

CONCEALED WEAPONS CARRY-USE OF DEADLY FORCE?

LUNCH OFFERED
 Order the Lunch special or off the menu

EVERYONE WELCOME

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

FUTURE PRESENTATIONS being conducted the last Tuesday of every month.

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