



### **By Mary Pierce**

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3755 Comdr. Gary E. Bush Sr. has achieved All-American status as a post commander, one of only 204 selected worldwide for the recognition. He was presented the award July 22 during the national VFW convention at Louisville, Ky.

National Cmdr. John Hamilton said the criteria for the award is based on outstanding achievements in membership growth and participation in VFW programs that benefit veterans and their communities.

Bush was the only one from the Cornhusker state to earn the recognition. During the ceremony, Bush received an All-American commander's hat and a diamond commander's pin. Bush also accepted, on behalf of Post 3755 Quartermaster Tim Hudson, a diamond quartermaster pin, an All-American streamer for the flag, as well as All-American pins for post members.

Post 3755, which now includes Keith and Perkins county veterans, was chartered on Oct. 20, 1938.

During those 75 years, this is the first time the local post commander has been recognized as an All-American commander.

Bush said the post is active in many VFW programs, including Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests, educator of the year, completing a scrapbook on Americanism, and selling poppies.

In addition, the post met its goal of increasing its membership by 10 percent last year.

Hudson also is quartermaster for the VFW District 4, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans.

Bush, who is in his eighth year as the local commander, served two years as the district commander, two years at the department of Nebraska POW/MIA chairman and two years as the department of Nebraska Sergeant of Arms.

Under his leadership, the VFW Post 3755 has been one of the top 11 posts statewide, and was

recognized as an all-state post five of the last seven years.