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Community to honor military at Veteran's Appreciation Ceremony at 5-State Fair

By ROBERT PRICE
Leader & Times

Shortly after graduating from Liberal High School in 1968, Doug Jacobs joined the military and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California when he went to 'RVN' stationed Santabaa in Vietnam with the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Army National Guard.

Jacobs was presented its lieutenant colonel in 1991, and in 2004, he retired from the Army National Guard. He, then, went to work for the Department of Defense, working in training and coordinated Activities of the Military Guard's Department with duty at the Pentagon and the Summer National Guard in Iraq.

Jacobs has been back to Liberal every once since 1968, and walked the Liberal Veterans Day Parade with the 5th School Class Reunion. On Friday, Aug. 2, Jacobs will once again return to Liberal to take part in the events celebrating the centennial of the Seward County Five States Fair.

Jacobs will be the guest for the 2013 Five State Fair Veterans' Appreciation Ceremony that evening starting at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstands at the Fairgrounds.

Jacobs said he was asked by fair officials to be the guest speaker at the event, and he said he was honored to accepted the chance to talk to the community' [illegible]

"It is an honor to be asked to do this and very, and he said even though he currently resides in Topeka, he is a member of the Liberal American Legion post 17.

Jacobs added that although he came to be a veteran during the Vietnam War, he did not seem to that war much, but he did serve in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Every soldier has his or her place to play," he said. "Not everyone wants to wear Dick's pant sizes up the ass."

Jacobs said one of the most important things he has done since when he served as a paratrooper in the Marine Corps was in Beirut, Lebanon. He was a small piece of the puzzle from Liberal, Kan., he said.

Jacobs said he was honored to be a veteran and to be the guest speaker, but he has "no idea what to expect as far as surprises."

Jacobs has been involved with Veterans Affairs since he was a part of the National Guard museum, he brought that museum to Mobile Alabama, exhibit to Liberal's Mid America Air Museum, and he has been involved in the planning of the other traditions celebration - Memorial Parade Day.

"I've seen what the Army has changed since the end of the conflict.

"I've had friends from combat, but they sign up to protect and defend our country," he said. "That's what it means to be a vet."

The cost of this fairs Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, the first show will include a motorcycle parade, entrance by the Patriot Guard Riders, the Liberal Legion Post 17 Color Guard, fireworks, and a reception.

Guest speaker from the American Legion Commander and the National Guard will be on hand, as well a drum line from "Dust Liberal Band.

There will be entertainment singing and dancing by the Liberal Dance Academy, including artist Abby Ames.

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Opening ceremonies include a motorcycle parade around the race track at the fairgrounds with the Patriot Guard Riders, the American Legion Riders and the H.O.G. Riders. The Liberal Dance Academy singing patriotic songs as well as other guest speakers, including Seward County Sheriff Sgt. David Medina and band author Lidia Stein-Gray with a book on the 100th anniversary of the fair association and the military's ties to Liberal.

Let's go!

This youngster holds on with all his might while swing during 'Motion Bucket' at the Seward County Fair in Liberal. Around 70 youngsters signed up for the competition, which was a double-header against riding a sheep. Turn to Page 1A for the story and see the animal side of the fair in more photos of Friday night's rodeo on PAGES 1A and 1B. LEF photo by Lucia Lee

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Today

Gene Mills

• Community Center Closed/ Ag Building Open 5:00 pm.
• Greenhands Open for Stock Car Racer 7:30 pm.
• Stock Car Racer Greenhands

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• Community Center Closed/ Ag Building Open 5:00 pm.
• Seward County 4-H Fashion Revue rehearsals/ Ag Building 5:00 pm.
• Fashion Revue Set-Accounting, Ag Building 5:00 pm.- 10:00 pm.
• Quilt Lodging, Activity Center 5:00 - 9:00 pm.
• Quilt Lodging, Activity Center 7:00 pm.
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There is no sound curfew at fairgrounds during the 5-State Fair by county resolution

The county has no sound curfew in effect during the 5-State Fair, but the Seward County Sheriff's Office has complete three nights of rocking to establish the fair champions in various divisions and to accommodate the number of tours that show up for the annual event.

NO SOUND CURFEW

Saints welcome new coach

By GISELLE HARDENBURG
Leader & Times

The new coach at Seward County Community College is a Liberal native who is not only coming a lot of familiarities to the panel, but she can show them how to get the scoreboard the game.

Tracy Wells has been named the Saints' new fence and clean coach.

It's not something that's new at either - she has been coaching and teaching for quite a long time (her age of 5 "Clean it or else!/ Ma, ma!

That changing cause started on the east coast of Florida and then she moved out to Kansas where she high at 5.

Now was a cheerleader in middle school and captain of the cheerleaders in high school. In her senior year, she was a dance student at DMB Studios and Gymnastics.

She went to Allen County Community College in Iola on a theater scholarship where she was also recruited to be on the cheerleading team.

She then moved to Seward County Community College where she served as captain of the Cougar Club under Bonnie Neville. Neil became coach for Neville's last year.

She graduated with a degree in philosophy and theatre education and started coaching at Humboldt High School, Iola Middle School and Iola High.

From there, Wes started coaching in a whole of area schools around Hutchinson: Nickerson High School, Sterling Valley High and Hutch High. She became the head cheer and dance coach at Hutchinson.

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