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1. COMMANDER’S MESSAGE:

We will be attending the Winter Council of Administration this month in Williamsburg. We are well into the second half of the year. While we have accomplished much in the first half we have a lot left to do in the remainder of the year. We have finished the first two months of the second half reporting cycle. As we go press 86 of the 135 Posts have begun to report with 45 of those Post already 100% reported in all categories. I am pleased to announce that all 10 Posts in District 2 are 100% reported. Thank you for your hard work and timely reporting. However, we have 49 of the 135 Posts that have not started their second half reporting. Now is the time to start your reporting. In the first half all 135 Posts were 100% reported in all five of the required categories and this is believed to the first time for all Posts in Virginia to be 100% reported. Thanks to all members that came together and made this happen. Let’s work together and make sure that all Posts in the Department of Virginia are 100% reported in the second half cycle.

In December, we bid farewell to Past Department Commander George McCracken and Past Department Commander Paul Moore. As we all know George and Paul were both a wealth of knowledge and great mentors. They will be missed by all.

Our annual Day on the Hill in Richmond will be January 19, 2017. The meeting format will be different. In the past we visited the Hill on the second day of the session which is a very popular day. Many other groups have their day on the hill that day. Our meeting this year will be one week later so that we won’t have to compete with the other groups. Please review the schedule contained in these General Orders.

Membership is always a challenge and the Department is over 87% in membership. The National average is 87.46% and Virginia is ranked in 27th place of 53. Our challenge is to make a minimum of 100%. To do this we need each Post to start contacting the annual members and encouraging them to renew and continue to recruit new members. I am encouraged at the number of recruiting events that have been held or scheduled throughout the State.

The State judging for the Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot’s Pen (PP) have been completed and the finalists selected. This year the Awards Program will be held at 16:00 on Saturday afternoon. There will not be a Saturday night banquet this year. The three finalists in both the VOD and PP will be attending and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners
will be announced at the dinner. Make sure that you mark your calendars and attend this event. I would like to thank Geoff Lyster and his VOD Committee and Joe Martin and his PP Committee for their hard work on these two very important programs.

We still have work to do this year such as Buddy Poppies, Military Assistance, and Legislative to name a few. We also need to recruit, reinstate and renew little over 4000 members to meet our goal of 100% membership for 2016-2017. It will take the efforts of every member of Team Virginia to accomplish our mission.

Yours in Comradeship,
Tom Gimble
Department Commander

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Registration: 10:00 AM  
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Location: Sponsored by Post 1994 Moose Lodge  
5605 Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon  
Rep: Mike Boehme  
State Sr. Vice Commander  

13th  Date: 01/28/17  
Lunch: 12:00 Noon  
Meeting: To follow Lunch  
Location: Post 7638, Gordonsville  
1027 Gordon Ave  
Rep: Ken Wiseman  
State Jr. Vice Commander  

3. CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD:  
   The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Nominations of outstanding teachers in three categories: grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. See attached flyer for more information.  
   
   Chris Birch  
   Chairman  

4. CLOSING:  
   State Headquarters will be closed on January 2, 2017 and January 16, 2017.  

5. COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:  
   *** Supply Limited ***  
   Does your Post or a needy veteran need a computer? How would you like to get one for free? That’s right, FREE. I periodically have desktop PCs available but at the present time they are almost all taken. These are typically computers that have been replaced in commercial environments by IT suppliers and donated to the VFW. They are fully functional in today’s office environment. While you won’t particularly want to run high-end graphic programs on them, they are perfect for day to day office use and high speed Internet. All of them will be loaded with Windows 7 and include a keyboard and mouse. If you need get a monitor, from my experience, lots of CRT monitors are available either free or very cheaply. Please contact me at 703-369-2732 if you are interested.  
   
   Rick Raskin  
   Department Judge Advocate  

6. DAY ON THE HILL:  
   Comrades, our annual Day on the Hill in Richmond will be January 19, 2017. The Day on the Hill is our time to present the issues that are important to Virginia Veterans to our Legislators at the State Capitol. I encourage you to plan to attend this very important event, remembering that there is strength in numbers. We will meet at Post 9808 in Mechanicsville at 0800 to have a short planning and organizational meeting. The comrades from Post 9808 will once again provide transportation to the Hill and back to the Post if you want to go directly to the hill we will be meeting in room 3 in the Capital were we will be having Senators and Deligates come see us as a group. We will be finished and back at the Post by 1500. I hope to see you all on January 19, 2017.  
   
   Yours in Comradeship  
   Dan Boyer  
   Legislative Committee Chairman
7. **DUES RESERVE FUND:**

The attention of Post Commanders and Quartermasters is directed to section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duties of Quartermaster, which provides for the Dues Reserve Fund. The Post Quartermaster is required to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than fifty percent of the Post’s part of the current year’s dues paid by each member prior to July 1, including life membership dues payouts received from the National Organization as set forth in section 717 of the Manual of Procedure.

8. **E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:**

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of June 20th. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers.

You will receive all General Orders, special notices and any other documentation that you need via email. This will help cut down on postal expenses and speed up the response time for you receiving the information.

Here are directions for logging into your new account for the first time.
1. Go to Department web site [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org)
2. Click on Member Tools, VFW webmail.
3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be veteran.2017! Once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it, it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

For District Officers your address will be cdrdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com or adjdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com or qmdist1@va.vfwwebmail.com for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your District #.
For Post Officers your address will be cdrpost176@va.vfwwebmail.com or adjpost176@va.vfwwebmail.com or qmpost176@va.vfwwebmail.com for Post other than 176 just replace the 176 with your Post #.

All Posts should prepare now for the full transition to the computer age. You can always find a library to get online.

9. **GENERAL ORDERS:**

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy via USPS for General Orders are $24.00 for the year. Please contact State Headquarters for more info.

10. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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11. **LEADERSHIP REFERENCE GUIDE:**

The “Leadership Reference Guide” has been discontinued in its traditional format. In an effort to better serve the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, we have created “VFW Training and Support,” where you will find training material relating to Membership Recruiting and Retention; Community Service, Youth Scholarships and Activities; Media and Public Relations; Post Service Officers; Member & Officer Training, Forms and Templates; and Veterans & Military Support. To utilize these valuable training guides, videos, forms and templates, please login at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), proceed to “My VFW” and click the link “VFW Training and Support.”

The online “Document Repository” will be maintained as a system of managing documents utilized primarily by Department Officers and members of the National Council of Administration.
12. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Legacy Life Membership: This prestigious program is available to all Life Members. Three levels of membership each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life Member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

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What will your Legacy be?

13. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Christmas and New Year’s Day celebration. We are starting the second half of the Membership year. So far we are about average with most of the Departments in our Organization. We are running low mid pack nationally and seventh this morning in the Southern Conference. We had climbed into sixth for a few days, but Alabama blew past us over the weekend. Why is this noteworthy and why am I even relaying this information to you? My question to you is, are we satisfied with just average? I studied the National Memstats page this morning and could hardly believe that we are doing as well as we are. What I discovered this Morning December 20th is that a few of our Post are really doing great, they are pulling the weight of the whole Department.

We have 39 Post with no New or Reinstated Members after six months of effort.

We have 97 Post with no Reinstated Members yet after six months of effort.

WE ONLY HAVE 135 POST IN THE STATE, YOU DO THE MATH. SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE IS A LOT OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Comrades, believe me I know how difficult it is to find those new members, however we are doing fairly well signing them up. The area that is killing us is Reinstated Members; of course this area includes all of the annuals that we haven’t renewed yet this year. I know you have sent them an email and in some cases a letter from the Post asking them to renew. Is that all the effort that a former member is worth? Sometimes a member doesn’t renew because of health reasons, family problems, financial problems, or in some cases he is angry at someone at the Post or just doesn’t feel like he is welcome at the Post. Post Commanders and Post Members, I strongly encourage you to visit these former members and talk with them and see why they haven’t renewed. Some could be helped by the Post Relief Fund and some could be persuaded to renew. When you visit tell them how important it is to be a member even if they can’t be active at the present time. Take a VFW Fact Sheet with you and show them all the great work their dues help us accomplish.

We still have time to make this an All American Year for the Department. I encourage you to continue working toward that goal. If your Post is struggling with its effort, help is only a phone call or email away. We have recruiters all over the State, that can help you plan, or execute a recruiting event, or help you reach out to the ones that haven’t renewed. Challenge you members at the next Post Meeting to try and sign up just one member before June. A lot of hands working helps lighten the load of the few that are working. Please reach out to the Membership Team if your Post would like help.

Tom Hines-PDC
Membership Team

14. MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES:

Comrades

We have adjusted the Membership Program to include the following for Post having less than 50 members:

Posts having less than 50 members are not eligible to compete in the All State Program.
A Post with less than 50 members that completes all the requirements outlined in the All State Program will receive a citation and a check for $200.

Please pass this on to the Posts having less than 50 members.

Thanks
Tom Gimble
State Commander

15. MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR TRAINING:

Continuing Membership webinar training will be held on the second Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. CST. All interested parties are encouraged to participate, and each session will be recorded for those unable to participate live.

16. PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM:

Have You Heard About the VFW’s Partners in Patriotism? – Would you like to support the VFW’s life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail? The VFW has developed an option that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of $10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department Donor Services at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at partners@vfw.org with “Partners in Patriotism Application” in the subject line.

17. PATRIOT’S PEN:

6 judges read the Patriots Pen essays, top 3 were selected and they will be reading their essays at the Winter Council meeting in Williamsburg on January 14th. Please come and support these students that worked hard.

Thank you
Joe Martin
Chairman

178. POST WEBSITE:

Post Website update -- Information Needed

If your Post has its own website and it is listed on the Department’s website on the Post Information Page, please check that the link to your Post works.

If you have changed your web page’s address please inform Department so that it can be updated.

Rick Raskin
State Judge Advocate

19. POW/MIA:

December 09, 2016
MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of remains of one American who had been missing in action from Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Army Sgt. Stafford L. Morris was a member of Battery A, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. His unit was operating just north of Kujang-dong, North Korea, when it was attacked by overwhelming Chinese forces and was forced to withdraw through an area referred to as “The Gauntlet.” Morris was declared missing on Dec. 1, 1950. Interment services are pending.
The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of remains of 12 Americans who had been missing in action from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

**Navy Seaman 2nd Class Floyd F. Clifford** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Clifford was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

**Navy Fireman 3rd Class Kenneth L. Holm** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Holm was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

**Navy Seaman 1st Class Harold W. Roesch** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Roesch was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

**Navy Yeoman 3rd Class Edmund T. Ryan** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Ryan was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

**Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Byron H. Nelson** was a nose gunner aboard an American B-24G Liberator bomber with the 721st Bomb Squadron, 450th Bomb Group, 15th Air Force. During a bombing run near Varese, Italy, on April 25, 1944, Nelson’s aircraft and two others were separated from the formation due to dense clouds and later attacked by German fighters. Of the 10 crewmen, six parachuted from the aircraft and escaped capture, two parachuted and were captured by German forces, and two perished in the crash. Nelson was reported to be one of the two who perished. Interment services are pending.

**Army Air Forces Capt. Albert L. Schlegel**, of Cleveland, Ohio, disappeared Aug. 28, 1944, while piloting his P-51D Mustang on a ground strafing mission near Strasbourg, France. In his final communication, the fighter “ace” radioed he’d been hit by heavy anti-aircraft fire and would need to bail out. Interment services are pending.

**Army Cpl. Gerald I. Shepler** was the lead scout on a reconnaissance patrol for Company K, 3rd Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, near Hajoyang-ni, North Korea, when his patrol was ambushed by enemy forces. Shepler was unaccounted for after the mission, and the U.S. Army declared him deceased on Nov. 29, 1950. Interment services are pending.

**Army Sgt. Homer R. Abney** was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, when his unit was engaged in heavy fighting with Chinese forces on the road from Kunu-ri to Sunch’on, North Korea — later named “The Gauntlet.” After several days of fighting, his regiment declared Abney missing on Nov. 30, 1950. Interment services are pending.

**Army Cpl. James T. Mainhart** served with Company I, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The RCT was attacked by an overwhelming number of Chinese forces in late November, 1950. Mainhart was among 1,300 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory. He was reported missing as of Nov. 30, 1950. Interment services are pending.

**Army Cpl. Edward Pool** was reported missing in action on Nov. 30, 1950, while serving with 31st Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. His unit was part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Pool could not be accounted for after several days of intense fighting. Interment services are pending.

**Army Cpl. Jules Hauterman** was a medic with the Medical Platoon, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, attached to the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The RCT was attacked by an overwhelming number of Chinese forces in late November, 1950. Mainhart was among 1,300 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory. He was reported missing as of Dec 2, 1950. Interment services are pending.

**Army Cpl. George A. Perreault** was part of Support Force 21, assigned to Headquarters Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, near the Central Corridor in South Korea. While supporting Korean-led attacks on Chinese forces, they were caught in a massive Chinese counterattack on Feb. 11, 1951. Perreault was declared missing on Feb. 13, 1951. Interment services are pending.

"Until They Are Home"
Joe Martin
Chairman

20. REPORTING:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report, Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth or Hospital report you will have to visit the Department website (www.vfwva.org).

The website is updated daily. If you have any questions please call State Headquarters.
There will be no form for Homeless when reporting for assistance to a homeless veteran please put it on a Community Activity report under aid to others.

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22. SCOUTING:

VFW Scouting Support for 2016-17

Our Scouting efforts are already underway and information can be found at our Virginia Scouting website:  
[www.vfwvascouting.org](http://www.vfwvascouting.org) maintained by Rick Raskin. There is a write up of what your Posts and Auxiliaries can do, applications for Scout of the Year and a Scouting team list. Applications must be submitted to a Post by 1 March 2017 and Post winner to District by 15 March with winners to Department by 1 April. We are looking for additional members of our Scouting team and those interested may contact Stan Hunter at rangerstan@msn.com. Anyone needing help or questions please don't hesitate to send email. Thanks to all who have supported out scouting effort.

23. SURGEON:

Walgreens pharmacies join the TRICARE retail pharmacy network on Dec. 1, 2016. CVS pharmacies, including those in Target stores, will leave the network on the same day. The revised network will have more than 57,000 locations, and still ensures timely access to retail pharmacies for TRICARE beneficiaries.

Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) manages the TRICARE retail pharmacy network under a contract with the Department of Defense. ESI reached a new network agreement with Walgreens, but not CVS.

Most pharmacy locations in the network aren't changing, including other major chains like Rite Aid and Walmart,
grocery stores, and thousands of community pharmacies around the country. About 98 percent of TRICARE beneficiaries still have a network pharmacy within 5 miles of their home.

If you fill a prescription at CVS after Dec. 1, it will be a non-network pharmacy. This means you will have to pay the full cost of the medication upfront, and file a claim for partial reimbursement. Starting on Dec. 1, you can transfer your prescription to Walgreens, or any other pharmacy in the TRICARE retail pharmacy network. TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and military pharmacies may also be lower cost choices for some beneficiaries.

The ESI website has more information on the revised network, and can help you find a new retail pharmacy location near you, or call ESI at 855-778-1417.

24. TWITTER:

VFW VIRGINIA JOINS TWITTER

All of those who are supporters of the VFW in Virginia are invited to follow our Twitter page. We are using @virginiavfw as our call-sign and we will be promoting things that impact our Department from wherever they may occur.

Ken Wiseman
State Jr. Vice Commander

25. VFW RIDERS:

Comrades,

July 2017 the VFW Riders Virginia are going to ride to the VFW National Convention in New Orleans LA. Our goal is to raise money to carry to the VFW National Convention Howard E Vander Clute ride prior to the start of the Convention. Last year we donated $11,000 from the Dept. of Virginia, various Posts of Virginia and the VFW Riders Virginia. I am asking for donations from you to help us raise money for the Howard E. Vander Clute Jr. Memorial Motorcycle Ride.

The monies raised this year will go to help out our veterans through the National Military Services program (NMS).

This year with your help and monies raised by the VFW Riders Virginia we are hoping to surpass last year’s numbers.

Thank you Comrades for all you do for our veterans.

Please send your donations to
Kim Deshano
Department of Virginia Quartermaster
403 Lee Jackson Highway Staunton, Va. 24401.

Earmark your donations VFW Riders Virginia Howard Vander Clute Memorial Ride.

William J Shepherd
VFW Riders Virginia Chairman

26. VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND:

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the organization raising funds for construction of a museum on the Mall in Washington DC. Since there is no room for additional memorials above ground, the VVMF will be built underground. It will feature an interactive visual display of the faces of those listed on the Wall. It will also display many of the items left at the Wall by visitors which are presently stored at the Smithsonian and are unseen by the public. The intent of the VVMF is to collect photographs of all those listed on the Wall, and display their faces on their birthdays.

Obviously, gathering over 58,000 photos dating back nearly fifty years is an arduous task, and there are only a few individuals working on the project in their spare time.
Perhaps you can help. Many of us know of someone killed in Vietnam and could obtain a photo of that person. Prior to submitting a photo please visit www.vvmf.org/thewall and search for the person you knew. If a picture exists then no further action is needed. If however there is no picture please send me a copy of what you have. Please also include the home of record along with the full name of the individual.

Submit photos to Joel Chase, 6925 Mill Valley Dr, Warrenton, VA 20187-9212 or by email joelchase07@comcast.net.

Submitted photos will be forwarded to the project coordinator for inclusion in the Wall of Faces exhibit

Sorry, photos cannot be returned.

Joel Chase
Chaplain, VFW Post 7589

Official:
Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:
Tom Gimble
State Commander
The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Nominations of outstanding teachers in three categories: grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12

### Dates To Remember

**February 15, 2017:** Nominations to Post

**February 28, 2017:** Post judging completed

**March 15, 2017:** District judging completed

**March 20, 2017:** District winners to State Chairman

**March 30, 2017:** State judging completed

**April 5, 2017:** Department winners to National Chairman

**June 15, 2017:** State winners at Department Convention in Williamsburg.

### Required Documents

1. Original entry form and essay of 350 words or less signed by the person who has nominated the teacher. All words must be counted including one-letter words.

2. Official Post Teacher Entry Form with signatures at Post, District and Department level.

3. One page resume (no more than two sides)

4. Up to 5 pages (both sides) of additional documentation.

5. Good quality head & shoulder photograph (no poor quality or computer pictures).

### Important Information:

1. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Nominations made by relatives or the teacher are ineligible.

2. Home School Teachers – are not eligible - primarily because of the half-day in a classroom environment requirement teaching citizenship education specific courses.

3. Photograph requirement – is a time factor. The time from when the winners are selected to the time the publicity process begins usually does not allow time to have to go back to the winners and secure a photograph. The size of the photo can vary from wallet size on up to 3” x 5”. Please make sure it is a good quality photograph.

If you have trouble getting information on the program or getting any of the necessary forms, please contact me and I will mail you what you need.

**Remember:** Nominations can be submitted in each of three categories: K-5, 6-8, 9-12.

Chris Birch, Chairman  
304 E. Main St  
Berryville, VA 22611-1306  
home: (540) 955-3311  
cell: (540) 539-5446  
email: bigredtruk@comcast.net  
cdrdist7@va.vfwwebmail.com
### DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND VFW AUXILIARY**

Winter Council of Administration Meeting  
January 13 - January 15, 2017  
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center  
Williamsburg, Virginia  
757-220-2250

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

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VOD & PP BANQUET TICKETS: $25.00  
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE.

Department Hospitality Room - Kearney’s  
Tenth District Hospitality Room – 367  
Third District Hospitality Room – 467

(Tentative schedule subject to change)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 6th

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 13 – 15, 2017
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 757-220-2250 ~ $76.00 Per night

(Group Rate Deadline is December 21st)

PRE REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET
$25.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION AND DINNER BANQUET

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.

Pasta Buffet
Pasta
Salad
Alfredo and Marinara Sauces
Grilled Strips of Chicken
Garlic Bread
Chef’s Choice of Dessert
Regular & Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY JANUARY 6, 2017. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Check, Discover, American Express, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name)__________________________________ Phone:___________________________

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number or Auxiliary number:

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Card Number: __________________________________________________Exp. Date: ______________Billing Zip Code________________

Mail form to:  State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401

You may also e-mail this form to:  stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com or fax it to: 1-866-416-0586 if paying by Credit Card only

Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.