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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades,

August means we have finished our National Convention and I am so happy to see all the activity that has already been going on with Posts and Districts hosting events, doing fundraisers, recruiting, and working hard to help veterans. It really is an awesome sight to see our State working so hard.

Virginia had an amazing list of All-American honorees which included five Districts, 18 Posts, and our State. I enjoy bragging on Twitter about all that you do, and this is exactly the kind of news that gives us all something to brag about! I encourage you to print the program guides and simplified checklists we made for both All-American and All-State and use them to guide your way to victory.

We also completed the "District Tour" for the 8th District in July and it was a huge success. My thanks go out to everyone in the 8th District for the hospitality you showed and for the awesome work you do. I can happily report that the 8th District works hard to prove that "Every Day Is Veterans Day".

Our VFW Riders had a big month in July. Escorted by the "Old Guard", the Riders placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Our Riders never fail to amaze me, and I urge everyone to support their many great activities as the Riders exemplify all that the VFW was founded to be.

This month we will bid farewell to a long-time servant of Virginia. Kim DeShano has been our State Adjutant/Quartermaster for 15 years and his last day will be August 19th. He has a long and distinguished resume highlighted by selfless service to the VFW. So, it should be no surprise that he was selected by our National HQ's to serve as the next Assistant Adjutant General in our Kansas City office. He will do a fantastic job. We also thank Susie DeShano for her eight years at State HQ's and we wish them both the best.

As such, I will appoint Past All-American State Commander Tom Gimble as the State Quartermaster Pro Tempore in accordance with the National By-laws. A special election will be held at the State Council of Administration meeting on September 15th, 2018 at 9am at the State HQ's in Staunton to fill the position for the remainder of the term. All members in good standing, as defined by the National By-laws, are eligible for election to this position. Currently, Tom Gimble has stated he will stand as a candidate and any others interested will need to either be present or have a letter on file at State HQ's stating such. The National By-laws require the State Council of Administration to be the ones who vote on this.

At the urging of many people including past State Commanders and current state officers, I will serve as the State Adjutant while also serving as the State Commander. We will move to hire someone to serve as the Assistant State Service Officer and we plan to send them to training in January.

This is a major change for us and I am 100% confident we will manage it in a smooth manner. You should expect your State HQ's to continue to fulfill its responsibilities to you and the organization. I promise that this will be exactly what you see.

Have a safe, fun, and productive August and please let me know if I can ever help you.

Ken Wiseman
State Commander
Department of Virginia

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

<p>1st Date: 08/25/18 SOI: 9:30 AM Lunch: to follow SOI Meeting: to follow Lunch Location: Post 3219, Phoebus 122 E. Mellen Street Rep: Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice CDR Geoff Lyster, State Inspector</p>	<p>5th Date: 08/18/18 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: to follow Lunch SOI: to follow Meeting Location: Post 4637, Martinsville 2327 Old Chatham Rd Rep: Tom Hines, Chief of Staff Eddie Reasor, Surgeon</p>
<p>2nd Date: 08/18/18 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 12 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 392, Virginia Beach 2408 Bowland Pkwy Rep: Ken Wiseman, Commander Geoff Lyster, State Inspector</p>	<p>6th Date: 08/12/18 Meeting: 1:00 PM Lunch: to follow Meeting SOI: To follow Lunch Location: VAMC, Roanoke 1970 Roanoke Blvd, Building 5 Rep: Butch Schupska, Judge Adv Eddie Reasor, Surgeon</p>
<p>3rd Date: 08/18/18 Meeting: 10:00 AM SOI: to follow Meeting Location: Post 9808, Mechanicsville Rep: Eric Mallet, Jr. Vice CDR Butch Schupska, Judge Adv.</p>	<p>7th Date: 09/08/18 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 2447, Edinburg 100 Veterans Way Rep: Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice CDR Eddie Reasor, Surgeon</p>
<p>4th Date: 08/11/18 SOI: 9:30 AM Lunch: to follow SOI Meeting: to follow Lunch Location: Post 9954, Victoria 1000 Marshall Ave. Rep: Eric Mallet, Jr. Vice CDR Tom Hines, Chief of Staff</p>	<p>8th Date: 08/19/18 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7589, Manassas 9304 Centreville Rd Rep: Eric Mallet, Jr. Vice CDR Butch Schupska, Judge Adv.</p>

9th Date: 09/16/18
SOI: 10:00 AM
Meeting: to follow SOI
Location: Post 1184, Pulaski
2 Dora Hwy
Rep: Ken Wiseman, Commander
Tom Hines, Chief of Staff

10th Date: 08/12/18
SOI: 9:00 AM
Lunch:
Meeting:
Location: Post 7916, Woodbridge
204 Mill Street
Rep: Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice CDR
Geoff Lyster, Inspector

11th Date: 09/22/18
SOI: 9:00 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 12:30 PM
Location: Post 1499, Lexington
105 Memorial Lane
Rep: Ken Wiseman, State Commander
Eddie Reasor, Surgeon

12th Date: 09/08/18
SOI: 10:00 AM
Registration:
Meeting:
Lunch:
Location: Post 6975, Bristol
14 16th Street
Rep: Eric Mallet, Jr. Vice CDR
Tom Hines, Chief of Staff

13th Date: 08/11/18
SOI: 9:00AM
Meeting: 12:00 Noon
Location: Post 8947, Mineral
201 Mineral Ave.
Rep: Ken Wiseman, Commander
Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice CDR

3. ALL-AMERICAN:

Congratulations to the Department of Virginia for being an All-American Department and to the following Districts and Posts that made All-American!!

District 3, Department of Virginia

District 8, Department of Virginia

District 10, Department of Virginia

District 12, Department of Virginia

District 13, Department of Virginia

VFW Post 8252 District 1, Gloucester Ct. House, VA

VFW Post 2582, District 2, Suffolk, VA

VFW Post 2894, District 2, Chesapeake, VA

VFW Post 3160, District 2, Norfolk, VA

VFW Post 4411, District 2, Franklin, VA

VFW Post 1426, District 3, Midlothian, VA

VFW Post 4639, District 3, Williamsburg, VA

VFW Post 6364, District 3, Richmond, VA

VFW Post 9501, District 3, Aylett, VA

VFW Post 9808, District 3, Mechanicsville, VA

VFW Post 10654, District 3, Richmond, VA

VFW Post 5313, District 4, Nottoway, VA

VFW Post 1503, District 10, Dale City, VA

VFW Post 3150, District 10, Arlington, VA

VFW Post 5412, District 10, Burke, VA

VFW Post 7916, District 10, Woodbridge, VA

VFW Post 8652, District 12, Coeburn, VA

VFW Post 1827, District 13, Charlottesville, VA

4. ALL-STATE:

Congratulations to the following Posts who made All-State since the last list in the General Orders.

VFW Post 5500 District 1, Hampton, VA

VFW Post 9954, District 4, Victoria, VA

VFW Post 12145, District 4, Dinwiddie, VA

Yours in Comradeship
Kim DeShano
Department A/Q

5. BUDDY POPPY:

Contact your Department Quartermaster to place your order for “Buddy”® Poppies. Remember that your Poppies should be ordered a minimum of 12 weeks in advance of your distribution date. *Be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required; do not use, “ASAP.”* Miscellaneous items (coin cans, caps, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddypoppy> or the VFW Store/Emblem and Supply Catalog.

“To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.” The Manual of Procedure provides that Post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Youth Essay, Citizenship Education, and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairmen guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organizations, exempt from taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of “Buddy”® Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the Post general fund.

6. CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE QUARTERMASTER:

I, Tom Gimble, declare myself as a candidate for State Quartermaster for the special election to be held on September 15th, 2018.

7. COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:

Do you, your Post, or a needy veteran need a computer? How would you like to get one for free? That’s right, FREE!

The Tech4Troops Project is now accepting requests. Any veteran is eligible to receive a FREE laptop computer. These are refurbished machines running Windows 7 and a have a free office suite of software installed. There are also some desktop computers available.

All you need to do is contact our point person District 3 Senior Vice Commander Jose Rivera at 804-241-2045 or by email: jose_e_rivera@hotmail.com. Jose will make arrangements with Tech4Troops for delivery to you.

Please do not contact Tech4Troops directly.

I still have some desktop systems available for which you can contact me at 703-369-2732.

Rick Raskin
Department Jr. Vice Commander

8. DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Members now have the ability to download their digital version of their membership card. Depending on whether a member has an iPhone or Android, they will be able to download and access their digital membership card from the VFW app.

This will not replace the physical VFW membership card - we will still be sending out membership cards to all our annual and Life members. This is intended as another option for our members' convenience. When asked to show a VFW membership card, a member can either produce their physical card out of their wallet or display their digital card on their smart phone.

9. DUES NOTICE SCHEDULE:

Annual members will receive a *mailed renewal* notice five months, three months, and one month prior to their subscription end date. Annual members with a valid email address will also receive an *emailed renewal notice* six months, four months, and two months prior to their subscription end date.

Annual members will receive a *mailed lapsed notice* one, three, and five months following their subscription end date.

10. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 19th**. 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.
2. Click on Member Tools, Microsoft 365.
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 Vfw2019# 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 Post Officers, your address will be cdrpost176@vfwva.org where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

adjpost176@vfwva.org
qmpost176@vfwva.org

For District Officers your address will be cdrdist1@vfwva.org for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district #

adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

11. 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.

12. IMPORTANT DATES:

September 15, 2018	Fall Council of Administration Meeting, Staunton, VA
September 20-23	National Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming, Albuquerque, NM
October 18-21	Southern Conference, Louisville, KY
January 11-13, 2019	Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA. Phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$86.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars-Winter Council Meeting". Cut-off Date December 11, 2018.

13. INCORPORATION:

The attention of the Post Commander is directed to section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the procedure for the Incorporation of Units. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

Posts should take the necessary steps to incorporate under the laws of the state in which the Post is located. Financial responsibility laws, as interpreted by the courts, may cause members of unincorporated Posts to be at risk. Incorporating under the provisions of section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and the laws of the state will provide protection for Post members. Posts are urged to contact their Department Adjutant to obtain the proper forms for incorporating. The Articles of Incorporation must be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief prior to forwarding them to the proper state authorities.

14. IRS FORM 8822-B:

IRS form 8822-B. It is now a requirement by the IRS that all Posts submit this form. This form must be submitted any time the Post Quartermaster changes and/or the Post address changes. This was effective January 1, 2014.

Here is the link to get the form and instructions – <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf>
This will also apply to all Auxiliaries that have their own EIN number.

15. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Legacy Life Membership: This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past 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.

<i>Enrollment Cost:</i>	<i>Annual Payouts:</i>	<i>Post:</i>	<i>Department:</i>	<i>National:</i>
Levels: Gold- \$1200.00		\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00		\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

What will your Legacy be?

16. LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAY-OUT:

The following will be the 2019 Life Member payout.

- Plan ABC - A total payout of \$10.44 for each life member (\$3.48 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$11.58 for each life member (\$3.86 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$22.50 for each life member (\$7.50 to each Post, Department and National).

As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2018 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2018. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2019 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

17. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders

First, I would like everyone for all the effort and commitment that was put forth last year. WHAT A GREAT DEPARTMENT WE HAVE! We should all strive to raise the bar a little each year. Having said that, what goals have been set at your Post concerning Membership? If you read the July Membership paragraph you know I set the goal very high this year. Yes, I truly believe that every Post is capable of reaching 100% Membership this year. If we work all year, not just the last four months, I believe it's possible. Post Commanders please go over your membership plans at every meeting. Getting your members to accept your goal and help achieve it is the key to your success.

Now on to Life Membership. Let's make an effort this year to start new recruits off as Life Members, either on the installment plan or paid in full up front. It was my experience last year that our younger recruits overwhelmingly went for the life program. If you explain the VFW has been helping veterans and establishing the VA health care system and making sure that compensation isn't eroded for over 119 years AND they must carry this forward for the next generation of veterans, most will opt for Life. I also let them know that after about 10 years they will start losing money by staying annual. Let's get Life Members this year.

Remember to have your POST Membership at 25% by August 25. This will keep us on schedule to be 100% by the State Convention and have All Post reach 100% Membership this year. Remember to hold on to the JULY General Orders and review the Membership Check List at every meeting. Let's RALLY AROUND OUR YOUNGEST COMMANDER EVER and make this Department Greater this year.

Please take advantage of your State Membership Team early and often this year. Again, thank you for all that you do. Please take precautions during the hot months at your recruiting events, stay hydrated and use a canopy if outdoors.

REMEMBER WE ARE SPONSORING THE RACE AT LANGLEY SPEEDWAY ON AUGUST 25th. HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE.

Tom Hines, PDC
Membership Team

18. MILITARY TRIBUTE BANNERS:

This program is designed honor our veterans and active duty members in our local communities, municipalities, towns and cities. As briefed by then District 10 CDR Chuck Wilson and VFW Post 7916 Senior Vice CDR Nick Roper at the VFW Department Convention, the town of Occoquan has partnered with District 10's Post 7916 in honoring local US Military veterans with patriotic banners hung, now approaching 30, utility poles around Occoquan. This is a win for our veterans, a win for our towns, and a win for the VFW! To inquire how to start a Military Banner Program in your community, contact Post 7916 CDR Jeff Lett at cdrpost7916@vfwva.org, Sr. Vice CDR Nick Roper at njroper@outlook.com, or Mike Martin at michaelm@militarytributebanners.com. "

19. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. This edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

20. 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.

21. POST OFFICER'S DUTIES:

Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

22. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:

Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within sixty (60) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

23. REPORTING:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report, Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth or Hospital report you should 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.

24. ROSTER UPDATES:

Correct Address
Hampton Deputy
Antoine "Butch" Toti
1021 Boundary Dr.
Suffolk, VA 23434

Correct Phone Numbers
District 5 Sr. Vice Commander
David Gilleran
Home 276-632-9264
Work 276-638-2050
Cell 251-209-8154

District 7 Commander
Mitch Rubenstein
Post 2447

VFW Post 8163
Moved to District 5

Correct Address
VFW Post 6364
Commander
J. Steven Bryan
5308 Windingbrook Rd
Richmond, VA 23230

VFW Post 6975
New Commander
Charles Reisler
1324 Poco Dr
N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

VFW Post 6975
New Sr. Vice Commander
Roy Davis
216 Elizabethton Hwy
Bluff City, TN 37618
423-967-7226

VFW Post 6975
New Jr. Vice Commander
Nicole Wright
331 Adams Chapel Rd
Blountville, TN 37617
423-676-1566

Correct Address
VFW Post 8241
Quartermaster
Thomas Yee
502 W. Broad St. **Apt 503**
Falls Church, VA 22046

Correct Address
VFW Post 8545
Commander
Christopher Garrett
403 Jefferson Dr.
Smithfield, VA 23430

Correct Address
VFW Post 9382
Quartermaster
George Henderson
3800 Pughsville Rd. **Trlr 167**
Suffolk, VA 23435

Correct Phone Number
VFW Post 9760
Quartermaster
James Braithwaite
540-303-2297

Correct Address
VFW Post 10574
Quartermaster
Mike Depue
12 Lawrence Ln.
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

VFW Post 12145
New Jr. Vice Commander
Adrian Klaas
PO Box 774
Dinwiddie, VA 23841
804-469-5414

VFW Post 12145
New Quartermaster
Roy York
1326 Birdsong Rd
S. Prince Geo., VA 23805
804-731-0449

25. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY THEMES:

The 2018–19 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Vincent "B.J." Lawrence.

The Voice of Democracy theme will be "Why My Vote Matters" and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "Why I Honor the American Flag."

26. SHOP AMAZONSMILE AND DONATE TO THE VFW FOUNDATION:

Even though the holidays have passed, VFW members and supporters can continue to support VFW programs and services by shopping through AmazonSmile and Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation. Purchase items that are eligible for donations are indicated on the products pages.

Copy and share the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1758998> with your fellow VFW members and supporters and begin shopping to help support the programs and services of the VFW through the VFW Foundation. Bookmark the AmazonSmile link and support the VFW Foundation every time you shop on Amazon.com.

27. SPECIAL ELECTION:

In accordance with Section 520 of the National By-laws and Manual of Procedure, a special election will be held September 15th at 9am during the Fall COA meeting at State HQ's in Staunton, Virginia. The election will fill the position of State Quartermaster. Those who wish to run must be a member in good standing as defined in the National By-laws and Manual of Procedure. Additionally, you must either be present at the election or have a letter on file stating you will accept the position if nominated or elected. Also, per the National By-laws and Manual of Procedure, only the members of the Council of Administration will be allowed to vote.

28. VFW FRIENDS OF FREEDOM:

If you are not already a member of the VFW's online community, please visit www.vfw.org and look for the banner that says "Find Out What's Happening" to sign up. As a member of the VFW's Friends of Freedom, you will receive special emails with breaking VFW news, legislative alerts and unique opportunities to help the VFW in assisting our nation's veterans, service members and their families. You may also visit www.vfw.org/vfwatwork and click on "**Read VFW success stories**" to learn how the VFW is fighting for veterans' rights, assisting veterans in need, educating our youth and aiding military families across the nation. Check back often to see newly posted stories!

29. VFW NIGHT AT THE RACES:

The VFW will host the race night at Langley Speedway on August 25th, 2018. Gates open at 2pm with racing starting at 7pm. We expect six races that night. Come out and wear something that shows your VFW pride!

30. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition 2018-2019

The Voice of Democracy (VOD) is the VFW's premier scholarship program. Each year over 40,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. This year's theme is "Why My Vote Matters." All program rules, forms and brochures are available at <http://www.vfw.org>.

2018-2019 Program Reporting Deadlines

October 31 - Student entries to the Post
November 15 - Completion of Post judging
December 15 - Completion of District judging
December 22 – Department VOD Selection Board
January 10 - Completion of Department judging
January 15 - District Participation Reports due to Department Chairman
January 15 - Department winners due to National

The top three awards will be presented to the Department winners at the Department Winter Council meeting on January 12, 2019. Please be sure to send your District Chairman all the information that is required. This includes the completed Official Student Entry Form. A typed script, audio CD or a flash drive (one student per CD) and a photograph of the District winner. Please verify that your recorded CD plays on a standard CD player. If you do not include the information that is required in the VOD guidelines, your District winner will not be eligible to compete at the Department level. District Chairmen must also complete the District Participation Report. The District first place winning submissions shall be mailed to the Dept VOD Chairman at: **P.O. Box 1196, Warrenton, VA, 20188**. All submissions must be received by December 21, 2018. The Department VOD Selection Board will be held on December 22, 2018 in Warrenton, Va.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards

The top three finalists will be invited to the Winter Council Luncheon in Portsmouth on January 12, 2019. All three finalists will receive their awards and be expected to present their audio essays at the luncheon awards ceremony. The specific places - first, second and third place will be revealed at the awards ceremony. The winning first place student will receive \$2,000.00 from the Department; \$500.00 from the Commander's Club and an additional check from the Auxiliary. The second-place winner will receive \$1,000.00, and the third-place winner will receive \$500.00. Each Post that Participates in the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a Department Citation.

The Post that sponsors the Department's first place winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy at the Department Convention on June 13, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this year's VOD program, please let me know. Thanks.

Geoffrey D. Lyster
Chairman, Voice of Democracy Program

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Ken Wiseman
State Commander



DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
TRAVELERS CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA



Dear Comrade Commander:

Application for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage

August 1, 2018

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns the bond of your Unit Quartermaster. Section 703 of our National By-Laws requires that each accountable officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety and the By-Laws places the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. In any business it is customary to bond any officer handling funds. **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER MUST BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES. THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 218 OF THE NATIONAL MANUAL OF PROCEDURES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a schedule bond for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. This bond runs for a year – from September 1 to August 31 – premium payments are made on that basis. All bonds expire on August 31 and premium for New Year is due on September 1.

Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a bond with some other surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters schedule bond. But the matter should be given prompt attention because if your Accountable Officer had previously been bonded through the National Headquarters, **a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2018 and delinquent after this date.**

IF BOND IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2018, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.

COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRE THAT:

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each “employee and/ or volunteer”.

If the above is not complied with, the Surety Company will refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.

2. The Surety Company will not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an “employee” to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.

3. “Employee” means any duly elected position, as listed in the policy schedule.

4. POST MUST SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FORM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DATE OF DISCOVERY OF THE LOSS. Proof of loss resulting from dishonest acts on the part of the bonded officer is required in settlement of claims.

THIS BOND IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO AUGUST 31, 2019.

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2019.

DETACH AND RETURN THIS SECTION WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

 Give Post # and City Location

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft (Surety Bond) in the amount of \$ _____ for the position of _____ For the year from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

Number of Persons Bonded: 1 Number of Locations: 1 Post Annual Income: \$ _____ Dated: _____

Has the post had any bond losses over the past three years? _____
 If yes, provide a description with date and amount of loss on a separate sheet.

DEADLINE FOR BONDING IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 – AFTER THIS DATE YOU WILL BE DELIQUENT AND NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE VFW BY-LAWS.

 Commander or Adjutant or Sr. Vice Signature

 Phone Number

 Street Address and City

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND

\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$ 3,000.----\$10.50
\$ 4,000.----\$14.00
\$ 5,000.----\$17.50
\$ 6,000.----\$21.00
\$ 7,000.----\$24.50
\$ 8,000.----\$28.00
\$ 9,000.----\$31.50
\$ 10,000.----\$35.00
\$ 11,000.----\$38.50
\$ 12,000.----\$42.00
\$ 13,000.----\$45.50
\$ 14,000.----\$49.00
\$ 15,000.----\$52.50
\$ 16,000.----\$56.00
\$ 17,000.----\$59.50
\$ 18,000.----\$63.00
\$ 19,000.----\$66.50
\$ 20,000.----\$70.00
\$ 21,000.----\$73.50
\$ 22,000.----\$77.00
\$ 23,000.----\$80.50
\$ 24,000.----\$84.00
\$ 25,000.----\$87.50

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)
\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$ 26,000.----\$ 65.00
\$ 27,000.----\$ 67.50
\$ 28,000.----\$ 70.00
\$ 29,000.----\$ 72.50
\$ 30,000.----\$ 75.00
\$ 40,000.----\$ 100.00
\$ 50,000.----\$ 125.00
\$ 60,000.----\$ 150.00
\$ 70,000.----\$ 175.00
\$ 80,000.----\$ 200.00
\$ 90,000.----\$ 225.00
\$100,000.----\$ 250.00
\$110,000.----\$ 275.00
\$120,000.----\$ 300.00
\$130,000.----\$ 325.00
\$140,000.----\$ 350.00
\$150,000.----\$ 375.00
\$160,000.----\$ 400.00
\$170,000.----\$ 425.00
\$180,000.----\$ 450.00
\$190,000.----\$ 475.00
\$200,000.----\$ 500.00
\$210,000.----\$ 525.00
\$220,000.----\$ 550.00
\$230,000.----\$ 575.00
\$240,000.----\$ 600.00
\$250,000.----\$ 625.00

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)
\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$251,000.----\$ 502.00
\$252,000.----\$ 504.00
\$253,000.----\$ 506.00
\$254,000.----\$ 508.00
\$255,000.----\$ 510.00
\$256,000.----\$ 512.00
\$257,000.----\$ 514.00
\$258,000.----\$ 516.00
\$259,000.----\$ 518.00
\$260,000.----\$ 520.00
\$270,000.----\$ 540.00
\$280,000.----\$ 560.00
\$290,000.----\$ 580.00
\$300,000.----\$ 600.00
\$310,000.----\$ 620.00
\$320,000.----\$ 640.00
\$330,000.----\$ 660.00
\$340,000.----\$ 680.00
\$350,000.----\$ 700.00
\$360,000.----\$ 720.00
\$370,000.----\$ 740.00
\$380,000.----\$ 760.00
\$390,000.----\$ 780.00
\$400,000.----\$ 800.00
\$410,000.----\$ 820.00
\$420,000.----\$ 840.00
\$430,000.----\$ 860.00
\$440,000.----\$ 880.00
\$450,000.----\$ 900.00
\$460,000.----\$ 920.00
\$470,000.----\$ 940.00
\$480,000.----\$ 960.00
\$490,000.----\$ 980.00
\$500,000.----\$ 1,000.00

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)
\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$1.75 Per Thousand

\$501,000.---\$ 876.75
\$502,000.---\$ 878.50
\$503,000.---\$ 880.25
\$504,000.---\$ 882.00
\$505,000.---\$ 883.75
\$506,000.---\$ 885.50
\$507,000.---\$ 887.25
\$508,000.---\$ 889.00
\$509,000.---\$ 890.85
\$510,000.---\$ 892.50
\$520,000.---\$ 910.00
\$530,000.---\$ 927.50
\$540,000.---\$ 945.00
\$550,000.---\$ 962.50
\$560,000.---\$ 980.00
\$570,000.---\$ 997.50
\$580,000.---\$1,015.00
\$590,000.---\$1,032.50
\$600,000.---\$1,050.00

(\$501,000. And UP)
\$1.75 Per Thousand



Tallman Insurance

A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Dishonesty Bond)
VFW APPLICATION FOR CLUB EMPLOYEES &
BINGO TO BE COMPLETED BY BONDED
INDIVIDUAL

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

Bond Term: October 1, 2018 to October 1, 2019

1. a) Name of Post Post #

b) Post Address

2. a) Name of Person to be Bonded

3. Position to be Bonded Bond Requested \$

4. Number of Persons Bonded 1

5. Number of Locations 1

6. Post Annual Income

7. Has the post had any bond losses over the past three years?

If Yes, provide a description along with the date and amount of loss.

8. a) Have you ever been bankrupt or insolvent?

b) If yes, please give details in a separate confidential letter to the Insurance Company

9. a) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? (Other than Traffic Violations)

b) If yes, explain

IF BOND IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 10-1-2018, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.

If this is a replacement for a current position bonded, please advise what person you are replacing

Signed this day of (day) (month) (year)

Signature: Person to be Bonded

VFW CANTEEN MANAGERS AND CANTEEN EMPLOYEES
 BINGO MANAGERS, GAMING MANAGERS AND GAMING WORKERS
 RATE SCHEDULE

\$6.00 PER THOUSAND

\$ 1,000.-----\$ 6.00
\$ 2,000.-----\$ 12.00
\$ 3,000.-----\$ 18.00
\$ 4,000.-----\$ 24.00
\$ 5,000.-----\$ 30.00
\$ 6,000.-----\$ 36.00
\$ 7,000.-----\$ 42.00
\$ 8,000.-----\$ 48.00
\$ 9,000.-----\$ 54.00
\$10,000.-----\$ 60.00
\$11,000.-----\$ 66.00
\$12,000.-----\$ 72.00
\$13,000.-----\$ 78.00
\$14,000.-----\$ 84.00
\$15,000.-----\$ 90.00
\$16,000.-----\$ 96.00
\$17,000.-----\$102.00
\$18,000.-----\$108.00
\$19,000.-----\$114.00
\$20,000.-----\$120.00
\$21,000.-----\$126.00
\$22,000.-----\$132.00
\$23,000.-----\$138.00
\$24,000.-----\$144.00
\$25,000.-----\$150.00

\$4.00 PER THOUSAND

\$26,000.-----\$104.00
\$27,000.-----\$108.00
\$28,000.-----\$112.00
\$29,000.-----\$116.00
\$30,000.-----\$120.00
\$31,000.-----\$124.00
\$32,000.-----\$128.00
\$33,000.-----\$132.00
\$34,000.-----\$136.00
\$35,000.-----\$140.00
\$36,000.-----\$144.00
\$37,000.-----\$148.00
\$38,000.-----\$152.00
\$39,000.-----\$156.00
\$40,000.-----\$160.00
\$41,000.-----\$164.00
\$42,000.-----\$168.00
\$43,000.-----\$172.00
\$44,000.-----\$176.00
\$45,000.-----\$180.00
\$46,000.-----\$184.00
\$47,000.-----\$188.00
\$48,000.-----\$192.00
\$49,000.-----\$196.00
\$50,000.-----\$200.00

\$3.00 PER THOUSAND

\$ 51,000.-----\$153.00
\$ 52,000.-----\$156.00
\$ 53,000.-----\$159.00
\$ 54,000.-----\$162.00
\$ 55,000.-----\$165.00
\$ 56,000.-----\$168.00
\$ 57,000.-----\$171.00
\$ 58,000.-----\$174.00
\$ 59,000.-----\$177.00
\$ 60,000.-----\$180.00
\$ 61,000.-----\$183.00
\$ 62,000.-----\$186.00
\$ 63,000.-----\$189.00
\$ 64,000.-----\$192.00
\$ 65,000.-----\$195.00
\$ 66,000.-----\$198.00
\$ 67,000.-----\$201.00
\$ 68,000.-----\$204.00
\$ 69,000.-----\$207.00
\$ 70,000.-----\$210.00
\$ 71,000.-----\$213.00
\$ 72,000.-----\$216.00
\$ 73,000.-----\$219.00
\$ 74,000.-----\$222.00
\$ 75,000.-----\$225.00
\$ 80,000.-----\$240.00
\$ 85,000.-----\$255.00
\$ 90,000.-----\$270.00
\$ 95,000.-----\$285.00
\$100,000.-----\$300.00

Southern Conference 2018

Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary

October 18-21, 2018

Louisville, Kentucky

Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Deadline is October 1, 2018

Name: _____ Title _____

Department: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Registration Fee is \$75.00 per person that will include the banquet, Hospitality Room and Friday night entertainment. (Registration fee at Conference: \$85.00)

BANQUET MENU

PRIME RIB

BAKED POTATO WITH BUTTER & SOUR CREAM

COUNTRY STYLE GREEN BEANS

FARMER'S SALAD W/RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING

DESSERT: DERBY PIE & CARAMEL APPLE PIE

COFFEE & TEA

RESERVATIONS AND OTHER INFO. PLEASE GO TO vfwky.org or call Hotel at 1-888-233-9527

Make check payable

Dept. of KY VFW

3031 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40217

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Request for Transportation

A courtesy shuttle will be provided by the Crowne Plaza Hotel to and from Louisville international airport.

Please complete the form below in order for the hotel to make sure they have enough shuttles available to make this transition a smooth one.

Name: _____ Airlines _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight# _____

Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight# _____

Mail Form to;

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Louisville, KY 40217

Fax 502-635-2639