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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

I was pleased to see the large attendance at our Winter Council of Administration meeting in Portsmouth. It was also a pleasure to see the large presence at our banquet where we honored the top winners of our Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year contests. First place Voice of Democracy winner Sophie I. L. Crowder from our 4<sup>th</sup> District presented her essay to a hushed crowd and it was clear why she was the winner. I am confident that she will place highly at the National awards ceremony in Washington DC in March. Sophie was presented a check for \$10,000 by me and Bob Jekanowski from Powerhouse Gaming. Sophie left with over \$11,000 thanks to additional awards added to the total.

Past Commander-in-Chief Glen Gardner was our National representative and gave an inspirational speech to the audience. I commented that the media will cause many to believe that our country is going downhill. However, the presence of these students and teachers proves that patriotism is alive and well and that these folks will be the future leaders of our country. I also stated that this wasn't only happening in Virginia, but it was occurring in all the VFW Departments.

On January 15 we sent a delegation to Richmond to lobby for changes in the charitable gaming statutes that will level the playing field with non-charitable gaming. Currently, due to antiquated rules, we are hampered in our efforts to raise charitable funds through gaming while those who run for-profit gaming face no regulation whatsoever. There are also numerous gaming machines throughout the commonwealth which were placed based on loopholes in the gaming laws, but to the true spirit of the law, need to be addressed. We were able to meet with the Chair of the committee addressing these issues as well as many other powerful legislators. We feel that they were sympathetic to our concerns and we have hope for a satisfactory outcome. We plan to visit again on January 29 to continue our efforts.

On January 16, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Jim Gierlak, Membership Chair Kathy Goodall and I joined a group of veterans for breakfast at Lee's Restaurant in Kilmarnock. We discussed forming a new Post in the Northern Neck and received several applications. We are currently about 2/3 of the way to having the required number of applicants to get it done. Future events are being planned.

Our successes at recruiting at gun shows continues. With the current activity on gun legislation in Virginia attendance at these shows has been phenomenal. This gives us a huge audience to approach about our programs and benefits of membership. I thank all of you who have taken time out of your weekends to support our efforts.

Again, I'd like to stress the mantra "Membership, Membership, Membership". It is only through a strong membership that we can continue to have influence with our legislators and continue the programs that benefit our veterans, their families and our youth. Imagine how strong we'd be if each member recruited one new member.

Rick Raskin  
State Commander

**2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

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| <p>1<sup>st</sup>     Date:            3/28/20<br/> Meeting:        11:00 AM<br/> Location:       Post 176 Newport News<br/>                      21 Forrest Drive<br/> Rep:                Jr. Vice Butch Schupska</p>                                | <p>6<sup>th</sup>     Date:            2/9/20<br/> Meeting:        2:00 PM<br/> Location:       Desmond Doss Academy<br/>                      19 George Street, Lynchburg<br/> Rep:                Jr. Vice CDR Butch Schupska</p>                                |
| <p>2<sup>nd</sup>     Date:            2/15/20<br/> Lunch:           Noon<br/> Meeting:        1:00 PM<br/> Location:       Post 8545 Smithfield<br/>                      223 Washington Street<br/> Rep:                Chief-of-Staff Tom Hines</p> | <p>7<sup>th</sup>     Date:            5/16/20<br/> Lunch:           11:30 AM<br/> Meeting:        1:00 PM<br/> Location:       Post 9760 Berryville<br/>                      425 S. Buckmarsh Street<br/> Rep:</p>   |
| <p>3<sup>rd</sup>     Date:            2/29/20<br/> Meeting:        10:00 AM<br/> Location:       Post 9808 Mechanicsville<br/>                      7168 Flag Lane<br/> Rep:                Surgeon Geoff Lyster</p>                                  | <p>8<sup>th</sup>     Date:            2/22/20<br/> Lunch:           12:00 Noon<br/> Meeting:        1:00 PM<br/> Location:       Post 7728 Morrisville<br/>                      12496 Harpers Run Rd, Bealeton<br/> Rep:                Inspector Gary Adams</p> |
| <p>4<sup>th</sup>     Date:            2/8/20<br/> Meeting:        1:00 PM<br/> Location:       Post 8759 Amelia<br/>                      16440 Five Forks Rd.<br/> Rep:                Jr. Vice CDR Butch Schupska</p>                               | <p>9<sup>th</sup>     Date:            5/16/2020<br/> Lunch:           12 Noon<br/> Meeting:        1:00 PM<br/> Location:       Post 7726 Independence<br/>                      115 Klondike Rd, Independence<br/> Rep:</p>                                      |
| <p>5<sup>th</sup>     Date:            2/15/20<br/> Meeting:        1:00 PM<br/> Location:       Post 4637 Martinsville<br/>                      2327 Old Chatham Road<br/> Rep:                State Commander Rick Raskin</p>                       | <p>10<sup>th</sup>    Date:            3/1/20<br/> Meeting:        1:00 PM<br/> Location:       Post 1503 Dale City<br/>                      14631 Minnieville Road<br/> Rep:                State Commander Rick Raskin</p>                                      |

11<sup>th</sup> Date:  
Lunch: 11:30 AM  
Meeting: After Lunch  
Location: Post  
  
Rep:

12<sup>th</sup> Date: 2/8/20  
Meeting: 11:00 AM  
Location: Post 6975 Bristol  
14 16<sup>th</sup> Street Bristol, TN  
Rep: Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor

13<sup>th</sup> Date: 2/8/20  
Meeting: 12:00 Noon  
Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville  
1170 River Road  
Rep: State Commander Rick Raskin

### 3. OFFICE CLOSURE:

The State Headquarters and the Hopewell, Dale City and Norfolk Service Offices will be closed February 17, 2020 in observance of President's Day.

### 4. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAL ROESCH'S HOMECOMING:

Volunteers are needed to support the Homecoming of our own Hal Roesch, who will be Commander-in-Chief next year. People are needed for various committees including drivers, decorations, and various other activities. Contact Eric Mallett at [svicedr@vfwva.org](mailto:svicedr@vfwva.org) if you would like to help. The Homecoming packet is enclosed.

### 5. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

The National By-Laws provide for only one type of membership; active membership. There are no provisions in the National By-Laws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards. Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW By-Laws or procedures.

### 6. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:

All Officers should obtain current 2020 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2020 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 120<sup>th</sup> National Convention, which became effective on August 23, 2019.

### 7. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

The National and Department By-laws are the governing document of the organization. Along with the National Manual of Procedure and National Ritual, there is nothing not covered but none of these are permanent documents. Should your Post or District feel there is a need for change, propose and pass the change you wish to see. Please send those adopted recommendations, with a cover letter signed by the Post or District Commander stating when the motion was adopted, to the State Headquarters **NO LATER THAN MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**. Those properly recommended will be considered at the State Convention in June.

Eddie Reasor  
State Judge Advocate  
By-laws and Ritual Committee Chairman

## 8. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 Resources, 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 **VFW#2019** 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](mailto:cdrpost176@vfwva.org) where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

[adjpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:adjpost176@vfwva.org)  
[qmpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:qmpost176@vfwva.org)

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

[adjdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:adjdist1@vfwva.org)  
[qmdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:qmdist1@vfwva.org)

## 9. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy General Orders are \$30.00 for the year (**please note new price**). Contact State Headquarters for more info.

## 10. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 11-14, 2020	State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$131.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Annual Convention"; Cut-off Date May 11, 2020.
July 18-23, 2020	National Convention, Reno, Nevada
August 27-30, 2020	National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch's Homecoming, Portsmouth, Virginia
Oct 29-Nov 1, 2020	Southern Conference, Asheville, North Carolina
January 7-10, 2021	Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$94.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Winter Council Meeting"; Cut-off Date December 7, 2020.

**11. LIFE MEMBER DRAWING:**

Congratulations to Blacknall-Chess Post 4639 as the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Blacknall-Chess Post 4639 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 95% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the January 3, 2020 deadline.

The next drawing will be March 2, 2020 for Posts who show at least 100% in membership.

**12. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), click on JOIN, scroll down to Legacy Life Membership and then click on the video on the right. This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are 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.

<u>Enrollment Cost:</u>	<u>Annual Payouts:</u>		
<i>Levels</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Departments</i>	<i>National</i>
Gold- \$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

**13. NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

121st VFW National Convention housing will officially open Feb. 18, 2020. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the VFW website at [vfw.org/convention](http://vfw.org/convention). The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information for Reno, Nevada, July 18-23, 2020, including a tentative agenda. **Please note the convention is one day longer beginning in 2020.**

**14. POSTS IN ARREARS FOR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:**

Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National Bylaws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council and District meetings; County Council, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

**15. RAFFLE:** The Department conducted its raffle at the recent Winter Conference. The winners are as follows:

Ken Gilman, Mike Danesi, Brysn Ramsbottom, Post 7854, Chris Blodgett

**16. RESOLUTIONS:**

At this time of year, the term “resolutions” enters many conversations. While we may individually resolve to eat healthier, exercise more, or ditch bad habits, we in the VFW resolve to assist veterans through “Resolutions” passed by our National Convention and brought to the attention of our elected officials. Your Resolutions Committee monitors events in Washington and Richmond to evaluate whether they impact veterans. Such issues as delayed VA Medical appointments, municipal contract set-asides that do not include service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOB), or availability/cost of medications garner our attention and may serve as the sources of

Resolutions. Now is the time to identify issues and draft resolutions even though our Department Convention is six months away. The Resolutions Committee (James Brown – Post 9501, Barney Campbell – Post 10654, and I) stands ready to assist in building Resolutions into the proper format. (Reference April 2018 General Orders, pages 17 and 18, for formats).

M. C. "Connie" Agresti  
[mcaiii@aol.com](mailto:mcaiii@aol.com)  
Chairman, Resolutions Committee

**17. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 138:**

The records of disciplinary action ordered by the Commander of VFW Post No. 1115, against GARY W. LOWE, Life Membership No. 9385799, Grover King Post No. 1115, Hillsville, Virginia, have been received. A disciplinary hearing was conducted whereupon the Disciplinary Hearing Panel imposed the penalty of SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for a period of six (6) months. After appealing to the Department Commander, he concurred with the hearing panel's imposed penalty.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED because there was no timely appeal to the Commander-in-Chief, that GARY W. LOWE be removed from the rolls of Grover King Post No. 1115, Hillsville, Virginia, for a period of six (6) months commencing October 6, 2019 and ending on April 6, 2020. On completion of the suspension period, his membership will be transferred to Department of Virginia Member-at-Large after which time he will be eligible to transfer to a Post of his choosing in accordance with Section 107.

By order of  
William "Doc" Schmitz  
Commander-in-Chief

**18. STATE CONVENTION:**

**[Book your group rate for Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2020](#)**

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

**Event Summary:**

**Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2020**

**Start Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020**

**End Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

**Last Day to Book: Monday, May 11, 2020**

**Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:**

- Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel for 131 USD per night

**[Book your group rate for Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2020](#)**

Official:



Ken Wiseman  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Rick Raskin  
State Commander



# RENO WEB VERSION

## PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE

### July 18-23, 2020

*Note: This information will be updated periodically.*

#### **WELCOME TO RENO**

Reno Tahoe is a premier four-season destination with countless activity options for visitors including award-winning craft breweries, bars and restaurants, diverse outdoor excursions, exciting art and cultural activities, and historical attractions. Recent investments in the Midtown District, Brewery District and downtown Reno all make the destination even more amazing! This is a great time to enjoy the Reno Tahoe experience!

And with Lake Tahoe just a 40-minute drive from downtown Reno, additional opportunities for pre- and post-convention activities are accessible and abundant. To find out how to get the most out of your time in Reno, go to [VisitRenoTahoe.com](http://VisitRenoTahoe.com).

#### **CONVENTION LOCATION**

Convention activities will take place at the Reno Sparks Convention Center located at 4590 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV

#### **LOCATION**

**Reno-Sparks:** Located at the base of the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, 13 miles east of the Nevada-California state line on Interstate 80. **Lake Tahoe:** Bisected by Nevada-California borders, Lake Tahoe is 40 minutes southwest of Reno in the Sierra Nevada.

Nine major airlines service the Reno-Sparks area making it accessible from most U. S. cities. Reno-Tahoe International Airport welcomes 120 daily [flights](#) with more than 50 airports nationwide offering either non-stop or one-stop air service.

Reno-Sparks averages more than 300 days of sun each year with wide variations in temperatures during a 24-hour period. Its dry, mild climate makes it attractive to visitors year-round. Rand McNally rates the area #1 for outdoor activities.

Average temperature in Reno during July: High – 90, Low-58, Lake Tahoe: High 80s, Low-40s

#### **WHAT TO WEAR**

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are an award recipient (for example, Community Service Post, All American Commanders) and may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken during those functions. You may wish to bring and wear patriotic or themed apparel for the Tuesday night Patriotic Celebration. (*See Patriotic Celebration information in this document*).

#### **AIRPORT SHUTTLE**

The airport is 10 minutes from downtown. Most hotels, offer complimentary airport to hotel shuttle service. Taxis, limousines, buses and shuttles provide airport service to anywhere in the valley.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Taxis, buses and rental cars are available. Visit [www.visitrenotahoe.com](http://www.visitrenotahoe.com) for additional information. RTC RAPID is a limited-stop bus service designed to move swiftly along its route, similar to a light rail system. RTC RAPID makes only six stops as it traverses Virginia Street between downtown Reno and the Meadowood Mall. An electronic system permits drivers to control traffic signals as they approach intersections, eliminating long waits at red lights. RTC RAPID is equipped with new articulated 60-foot hybrid diesel/electric buses.



RTC RAPID runs every 10 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. It's every 30 minutes from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, RTC RAPID service is every 12 minutes from 6:36 a.m. to 7 p.m. and every 30 minutes from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## **PARKING**

Parking at most hotels is complimentary. Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center will be available at a later date.

## **REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP**

See on site convention agenda (event guide distributed on-site on 7/18/20) for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW and Auxiliary will be located in Hall 1&2 of the Reno Sparks Convention Center.

*Note: Want to get register early? Try Remote Registration.” Both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY** and want to pick up their name badges early. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, Grand Sierra and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, Atlantis.*

*Note: VFW- Your actual convention packet will be picked up at the center on Saturday, 7/18/20. Not pre-registered or on-site registration - If you haven't yet registered, you will need to do that beginning on Saturday, 7/18/20, 8a at the Convention center.*

### **Auxiliary 'remote' pre-registration:**

Atlantis - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

### **VFW 'remote' pre-registration.**

Grand Sierra - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

For additional visitor information go to [www.visitrenotahoe.com](http://www.visitrenotahoe.com)

## **PACKET PICK-UP**

See on site convention agenda (event guide) for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW and Ladies Auxiliary is in Hall 1 & 2 of the Reno Sparks Convention Center.

## **SHUTTLES**

Shuttle service will be provided from the following hotels: **Grand Sierra Resort**. The Atlantis hotel is connected via walkway to the Reno Sparks Convention Center. The following is a **tentative** schedule. If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number on your event schedule (*obtained on-site*). A final shuttle schedule will be included in the on-site event guide and will be updated on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

**Saturday, July 18, 2020**

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

**Monday, July 20, 2020**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

**Thursday, July 23, 2020**

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Housing opens in February (18<sup>th</sup>)– you may access a housing information, reservations form beginning in February by going to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) at the convention website. The two official convention hotels for the 121st National convention are:

- Grand Sierra Resort - *VFW Headquarters hotel*
- Atlantis –*Auxiliary headquarters hotel*

## **HOTEL PARKING**

Parking at each of the VFW Hotels is complimentary.

## **LUGGAGE STORAGE**

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

## **GRATUITIES**

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for taxicab drivers and hotel bell-staff.

## **PHONE MESSAGES**

Messages may be left with the hotel operator, who will make sure you get them as soon as you return to your hotel. In case of emergency, call the VFW National Headquarters 816-756-3390.

**SAFETY TIPS** (See *hotel information located in room*)

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

### **Scooter/Wheelchair Rental**

- Scootaround – 888-441-7575 – Reservations open 7 days a week

**Special Screenings** (Information available on-site at Health Fair located in Hall 1 & 2 of the Reno Sparks Convention Center.

**First Aid Room Location** - Reno-Sparks Convention Center, open during convention hours Thursday, July 16-Thursday, July 23.

**Emergency**--Emergency after hour's numbers provided before convention or call 911.

## **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

Catholic Mass is scheduled for Saturday, July 18 at 6p and Sunday, July 19 at 7a at the Reno Sparks Convention Center. Protestant Services are scheduled for Saturday, July 18 at 6p. *Check on-site event form for room locations.*

## **SUNDAY NIGHT CONCERT**

Join VFW and Auxiliary Members for a concert on Sunday evening, July 19, featuring The Heist playing music from the 50s60s70s.

## **VFW MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The VFW/Auxiliary Joint Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 19, 8:30am at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Hall 4&5.

## **VFW PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION**

Patriotic Celebration, Tuesday, July 21, 6:30p-8:30p. Patriotic March to be held at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Hall 4&5.

To keep in the Patriotic Spirit of this yearly event, why not buy some patriotic apparel? Go to <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/patriotic/apparel?page=1&size=100>

## **AGENDA**

See tentative web agenda at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) 121st VFW National Convention information. A final agenda will be provided on-site and can be found by downloading the VFW Mobile App approximately 2 weeks before the convention.

## **CHARITY AUCTION**

The VFW will hold a silent auction from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, through Tuesday, July 21 at noon. Winners will be listed at the Auction booth Tuesday afternoon by 2:00 p.m. Items may be paid for and picked up from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 22. The following payment methods are accepted: cash (in exact amount), check (made payable to the VFW) and the following credit cards will be accepted: Visa, Master Card, AMEX and Discover. If an item has NOT been picked up prior to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, it will be packaged and shipped to National Headquarters to be dispersed from there. The winners will be contacted for a shipping address and shipping costs will be applied to their bid. Please be advised that the VFW National Headquarters will not be responsible for damage during shipping. Silent auction items that are donated by VFW Departments may be previewed in Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 of the Reno Sparks Convention Center. Auction proceeds will benefit the Veterans and Military Support program.

## **General Information Reno:**

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/insider-guide/> Ultimate Insiders Guide of Interesting Things to do. (Interactive with map)

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/restaurants/> Dining like a local

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/outdoor-activities/> Outdoor Activities

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/tours/> Tours

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/> Arts & Culture

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/spas/> Spas

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/shopping/> Shopping

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/nightlife/> Nightlife

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/travel-trade/clothing-and-climate/> Clothing and Climate

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/plan-your-trip/flights-to-reno-tahoe/> Flights

For more information:

**Visitor Information**

**Reno Tahoe USA... Far from expected**

Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority (RSCVA)

800-FOR-RENO (800-367-7366)

[www.VisitRenoTahoe.com](http://www.VisitRenoTahoe.com)

*1/8/20 - updated*

# Hal Roesch

Commander-in-Chief, 2020-2021  
Homecoming



August 27-30, 2020

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel  
425 Water Street Portsmouth, VA 23704

## **Hotel Information**

**THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS JULY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**USE NEWPORT NEWS/WILLIAMSBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS**

LINK TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1568730670876&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

CALL TO MAKE THE RESERVATION: 1-888-839-1775 (tell them you are attending the “Hal Roesch Homecoming” to get our rate)

The Department of Virginia has used this hotel for several years for our conventions and conferences. With beautiful views of the harbor, U.S. Navy warships, and historical and vibrant surroundings, this is the ideal location for a homecoming! The hotel is newly renovated with all rooms ready to welcome you in comfort and style. A modern, sleek approach to the well-known “Virginia Hospitality” awaits your arrival!

Rooms are \$135, plus tax, per night. Parking is \$10 per day. The rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi, a pool and exercise room, and the rate is good for three days before and three days after the event for those who want to stay longer. In addition to the hospitality provided by the Department of Virginia, a full restaurant and bar are available in the hotel.

**THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS JULY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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## Homecoming Agenda

### Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

11am-6pm: Registration

3pm: Hospitality room opens (**open bar**)

### Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

645am: Golf tournament departs from the hotel

10am-5pm: Registration

Tour groups depart

12pm: *USS Wisconsin* and Nauticus Museum

12pm: Tour of the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum

12pm-3pm: Hospitality room open (open bar)

630pm: Reception with a "Tailgate Party" theme. Guests are encouraged to wear the jersey of their favorite sports team (casual dress otherwise). Hospitality continues until late (**open bar**).

### Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

11am-4pm: Registration

Tour groups depart

11am: Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets

915am: 2-hour narrated Naval Base cruise (on a pleasure boat, 100-person max)

12pm-3pm: Hospitality room open (open bar)

630pm: Dinner with all guests encouraged to wear Hal's homecoming shirt (casual dress otherwise). Hospitality and entertainment continue until late (**open bar**).

### Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>

All Day: Guests depart

## Event Descriptions

### ALL EVENTS INCLUDE ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION

#### Thursday

**“The Local Nightlife”:** Our hotel is conveniently located near a pedestrian-only ferry (literally, beside the hotel) that takes you to the Norfolk side of the water where bars, restaurants, and entertainment goes late into the night. Maybe you catch an Uber into the historical Ghent neighborhood of Norfolk, just a few miles away, and enjoy amazing food. Within walking distance of the hotel is Portsmouth’s Old Towne district with local establishments, history, and easy to navigate streets. As you fly in and unpack, and easy night or a fun filled night are all at your disposal!

#### Friday

**USS Wisconsin and Nauticus Museum:** 12pm departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 for transportation plus whatever admission fee you select (average of \$16). Visit the “Big Whiskey” and the museum dedicated to the rich history of Hampton Roads and the U.S. Navy. Our region is forever tied to the Navy and we are proud to showcase that in side a massive museum. Situated with the battleship tied to the pier connected to the museum, it is a “one-stop shop” for all of the Navy history, pride, and fun you could ever imagine! While some parts of the battleship are not handicap friendly, parts of it are and the entire museum is.

**Tour of the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum:** 12pm departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 plus whatever other costs you incur (museum admission is free). Come and learn about General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and those wars he served in, including WWI, WWII, and Korea.

#### Saturday

**Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets:** 11am departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 for transportation plus whatever you spend at the mall. With nearly 70 stores, this is a chance for some deals!

**2-hour narrated Naval Base cruise on a pleasure boat (100-person max):** 915am departure from the hotel. \$30 per person. Set sail on the *Victory Rover* with a climate-controlled main cabin, large picture windows, and ample comfortable seating. More seating is available on the open-air bow and top deck. A large portion of our top deck has an awning to provide shade. In the main cabin are restrooms as well as a fully stocked ship store and bar with all your favorite refreshments and souvenirs.



**Homecoming Registration Form**

(Deadline July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**RREGISTRATION FEE: \$100 PER PERSON**

Registration includes:

Welcome packet

Friday dinner and entertainment

Saturday dinner and entertainment

Hospitality all weekend

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL DOCUMENTS WITH "FORMS" IN THE TITLE SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED:**

**VFW Department of Virginia**

**ATTN: HAL'S HOMECOMING**

**403 Lee-Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401**

**adj@vfwva.org**

**Call for payments: 540-886-8112**

**Airport Transportation Form**

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

State/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of passengers: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation will be available using this form for the period of August 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. We are unable to handle departures after Sunday.

**DUE TO THE EXPECTED NUMBER OF FLIGHTS, THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO ENSURE TRANSPORTATION.**

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## Homecoming Payment Form

(NOT INCLUDING FEES AND COSTS AT THE EVENT WHICH YOU PAY SEPERATLY)

Name of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Homecoming Registration Fee: Number of people \_\_\_\_ x\$100 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

USS Wisconsin and Nauticus Museum: Number of people \_\_\_\_ x\$5 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

MacArthur Memorial Museum: Number of people \_\_\_\_ x\$5 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets: Number of people \_\_\_\_ x\$5 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Naval Base cruise on a pleasure boat: Number of people \_\_\_\_ x\$30 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

### HOMECOMING SHIRTS \$35

(WOMEN SHOULD GET ONE SIZE MORE THAN THEY NORMALLY WEAR DUE TO DESIGN OF THE SHIRT)

POSTAGE FOR SHIRTS \$9 REGARDLESS OF ADDRESS

GENDER		SIZE	QUANTITY	COST	SHIP?	COST W/POSTAGE	TOTAL DUE
M	F	SMALL			Y N		
M	F	MEDIUM			Y N		
M	F	LARGE			Y N		
M	F	X-LARGE			Y N		
M	F	2X- LARGE			Y N		
M	F	3x- LARGE			Y N		

If you are picking up your shirt, where are you getting it?

2020 Washington Conference \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 National Convention \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 Homecoming \_\_\_\_\_

If you want it mailed, what is the address? \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to VFW Virginia c/o "Hal's Homecoming"

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# Hal's "Battle of the Fairway" Golf Tournament

## Where the Shankopotamus runs wild!



Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 8am

Captain's Choice, shotgun start, with a team of 4 (make your own team or get partnered)

\$50 per person gets 18 holes, cart, and lunch

Bide-A-Wee Golf Course 1 Bide-A-Wee Lane Portsmouth, VA

Multiple hole-in-one prizes and other raffles will be available!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of your partners (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for registration is July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Make checks payable to "VFW Department of Virginia" earmarked for "Golf Tournament"**

**Mail check and form to 403 Lee Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401**

**Transportation to/from the course will be provided from the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel and will leave at 645am**

**adj@vfwva.org Call for payment 540-886-8112**

**Hal's "Battle of the Fairway" Golf Tournament**  
**Where the Shankapotamus runs wild!**



**Support Hal's Homecoming by sponsoring a hole!**

Make checks payable to "VFW Department of Virginia" and earmark "Hole Sponsor"

All holes available and only \$75 per sign

Payment due by July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Person/Post/District/State sponsoring the hole: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and payment to 403 Lee Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401

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