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**February 1, 2026**

Staunton, Virginia 24401  
In Virginia 800-888-3521

**GUIDE TO THE GO:**

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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

**Comrades,**

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our Mid-Winter Council Meeting. I hope you found it both enjoyable and educational. A special thank-you goes to our National Commander-in-Chief, Carol Whitmore, for joining us as our National Representative. She had nothing but praise for our members and our Auxiliary, and I couldn't be more proud.

As always, your feedback is important. Please feel free to share any thoughts or suggestions so we can continue improving and make our future Council Meetings and Conventions even better.

**Legislative Focus**

The next few months will be heavily focused on legislation. Here in Virginia, the General Assembly is in session, and once again we are working hard to combat claims sharks. I will be sending periodic emails requesting assistance at the state level, please watch for those messages and lend your support whenever possible.

On the national front, our annual Washington, D.C. Conference will take place from March 1st through March 5th. During that time, we will meet with our Senators and Representatives to advocate for veterans' issues. Commander-in-Chief Whitmore will also testify before Congress, and I am confident it will be an outstanding presentation on behalf of all veterans. If you have the chance to attend, even for a single day, I strongly encourage you to do so.

**Membership Outreach**

Now is the time to reach out to members whose dues expired at the end of the year. Please pick up the phone and remind them that their voice matters, both in our local efforts and on the national legislative stage. Encourage them to renew their membership and stay engaged in our mission.

Thank you once again for all the support you have shown so far this year. I am looking forward to finishing the year strong and ending it with a bang!

**Yours in Comradeship,**  
*Douglas Hoffman*  
State Commander

**2. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:**

The National Bylaws provide for only one type of membership: active membership. There are no provisions in the National Bylaws, 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 Bylaws or procedures.

**3. BONDS:**

**ALL BONDS EXPIRED AUGUST 31, 2025.**

Please see July or August General Orders for the rate schedule for the cost of your bond and return completed forms and payment to State Headquarters. Please note Quartermaster Bond rate **is for** the Post Officers. There is a separate schedule for your canteen employees and others who are not Post Officers but need to be bonded. Remember that persons on any/or all accounts the Post has **MUST BE BONDED.**

**EACH PERSON BONDED MUST BE ON A SEPARATE FORM. EXAMPLE DO NOT PUT QM AND COMMANDER ON SAME FORM, THERE MUST BE TWO FORMS COMPLETED BEFORE BONDS CAN BE PROCESSED. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHICH FORM YOU SHOULD BE USING CONTACT STATE HEADQUARTERS.**

**4. DELINQUENT:**

District	Post	Fee	Audits	District	Post	Fee	Bonds	Audits
2	12217		September	9	4667		Expired	
3	7167		June, Sept	9	7136			September
4	7819	\$ 10.00		11	9339		Expired	
5	873		September	12	7360	\$ 10.00		
6	2157		September	12	9864	\$ 10.00		
9	2719		September	13	8947			September

**5. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:**

All officers should obtain current 2026 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2025 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 126th National Convention, which became effective on September 11, 2025.

## 6. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Date: 5/16/26 Meeting: 10:00 am Location: Post 3219 Phoebus (sponsored by Post 960) Rep: State Surgeon Todd Taylor	7 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 5/16/26 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 9660 Broadway 14550 Runion Creek Road Rep: St Judge Advocate Randy Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Date: 2/14/26 Meeting: 9:00 AM Location: Post 2894 Chesapeake 3329 Battlefield Blvd S Rep: St Chief-of-Staff Joanne Smith	8 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 2/7/26 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2524 Culpeper 12210 Sperryville Pike State JVC Charles Bush
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Date: 2/28/26 Meeting: 10:00 AM Lunch: To follow Meeting Location: Post 637 Hopewell 335 South 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave Rep: State SVC Mark Maggio	9 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 5/16/26 Meeting: 10:00 am Location: Post 4667 Marion 861 Goolsby Street Rep:
4 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 2/14/26 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 9954 Victoria 1000 Marshal Ave Rep: St Cmdr Doug Hoffman	10 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 3/14/26 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Road Rep: St Judge Advocate Randy Coker
5 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 2/21/26 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 1425 Greensboro Road Rep: St Inspector Beth Ford	11 <sup>th</sup>	Date: TBD Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: TBD Rep:
6 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 4/4/26 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1264 Roanoke (sponsored Post 4491) 4930 Grandview Avenue NW Rep: State Surgeon Todd Taylor	12 <sup>th</sup>	Date: TBD Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: TBD Rep:
		13 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 2/28/26 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville 1170 River Road Rep: St Cmdr Doug Hoffman

## 7. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts will reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails the week after the State Convention. 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 username is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).

4. Your default password will be **VFW2025!** 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 # **Please note District Senior Vice Commander's now have an email address**

[srvdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:srvdist1@vfwva.org)  
[adjdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:adjdist1@vfwva.org)  
[gmdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:gmdist1@vfwva.org)

## **8. 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. Contact State Headquarters for more info.

## **9. IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 27 - 30, 2026	State Convention, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$99.00 per night. Cutoff Date is April 26, 2026, by 5:00 pm.
July 25 - 29, 2026	National Convention, Reno, Nevada
October 22 - 25, 2026	Southern Conference, Mobile, Alabama
January 14 - 17, 2027	Winter Council, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$110.00 per night. Cutoff Date is December 12, 2026, by 5:00 pm.
June 10 - 13, 2027	State Convention, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$119.00 per night. Cutoff Date is May 5, 2027, by 5:00 pm.
July 31 - August 4, 2027	National Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 13 - 16, 2028	Winter Council, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$119.00 per night. Cutoff Date is December 11, 2027, by 5:00 pm.
June 22 – 25, 2028	State Convention, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night. Cutoff Date is May 20, 2028, by 5:00 pm.
August 5 - 10, 2028	National Convention, San Antonio, Texas

## **10. 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 anytime the Post Quartermaster changes and/or the Post address changes. This has been 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 numbers.

## 11. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), click on JOIN, and 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.

### *Enrollment Cost: Annual Payouts:*

<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

*What will your Legacy be?*

## 12. LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Posts with Post Homes must have liability insurance and list State Headquarters and VFW National Headquarters as additional insurers. State Headquarters does not need a copy of your whole insurance policy, only a copy of the Certificate of Insurance listing State Headquarters and VFW National Headquarters as additional insurers.

The Certificate of Insurance needs to be sent to State Headquarters every year and it can be emailed to [statehq@vfwva.org](mailto:statehq@vfwva.org), faxed 1-866-416-0586 or regular mail to VFW State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at State Headquarters.

Ed Mann  
State Adj/QM

## 13. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

As we start seeing better and warmer days, hopefully, we are still moving forward. Thank you so much for continuing to work toward our goal of 101%. We have 7 Districts above the State Average or 94.95% and several more gaining ground on it. Please check your Post or District average and if you are behind, try to catch up and help lead us to victory. Remember that judging for All State is mid-April so check your to do list. If any Post or District would like assistance with recruiting, retention, or planning, reach out to any member of the Membership Team or State Headquarters and we will assist you.

Tom Hines PSC  
Membership Team Chairman  
Cell. 434 774 7729

## 14. NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The 127th National Convention housing will open, **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at [vfw.org/convention](http://vfw.org/convention). The

convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form, tentative agenda, and links to other convention related information for Reno, Nevada – July 25 - 29, 2026.

**15. OFFICE CLOSURE:**

State Headquarters will be closed February 16, 2026, in observance of President's Day.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster Mann will be available by phone and email.

**16. 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.

**17. 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](http://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.

**18. ROSTER CHANGES:**

Post 637 Cmdr  
James Harrison  
2900 Pickett Street  
Hopewell, VA 23860  
804-720-4706  
[cdrpost637@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost637@vfwva.org)

Post 1503 SVC  
Robert Adamczyk  
5749 Rhode Island Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-763-6189  
[mrcheck@gmail.com](mailto:mrcheck@gmail.com)

Post 637 SVC  
William D. Eagen  
13601 Littlebury Court  
Chester, VA 23831  
931-362-8695  
[william.eagen@gmail.com](mailto:wiliam.eagen@gmail.com)

Post 1503 JVC  
Daniel Walczyk  
13400 Carrageen Drive  
Manassas, VA 20112  
703-791-3211  
[moniunddan@aol.com](mailto:moniunddan@aol.com)

**19. STATE CONVENTION:**

The link for VFW's 2026 State Convention below. This block's cutoff date is **April 26th, 2026**.

Booking link: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/110365?groupID=4846760>

**20. SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 132:**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 212 of the National Bylaws and upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, due to their failure to elect the required officers while under suspension, the Charter of Accomack Post No. 2296, Tasley, Virginia, mustered December 10, 1995, is hereby cancelled and the

Post declared defunct. Such cancellation includes a revocation of the right to use all trademarks and service marks, including the name, emblems/insignia, seals and logos, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

The Commander, Department of Virginia, will at once recover the charter, rituals, paraphernalia and all monies and other property of the Post in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.

By order of  
Carol L. Whitmore  
Commander-in-Chief

## **21. VIRGINIA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:**

As part of a continuing effort to recognize those who earned the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War, I submit the following:

John R. Kerry was born in Lincoln, NE in August 1943. He earned his BS in Pharmacy from the University of Nebraska in 1966. He completed Officer Candidate School in Newport in 1967 and went on to BUD/S (SEAL) training with Class 42 in December 1967. He deployed to Vietnam as an assistant platoon commander in SEAL Team One in January 1969. Kerrey was seriously wounded and lost the lower part of his right leg in combat on Hon Tre island near [Nha Trang](#) Bay on March 14, 1969. While suffering shrapnel wounds and blood loss, Kerrey organized his squad in a counterattack that killed or captured enemy Viet Cong. He was later medically discharged from the US Navy due to his wounds. On May 14, 1970, President Richard Nixon awarded Kerrey the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. His citation reads as follows:

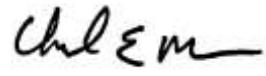
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on 14 March 1969 while serving as a SEAL Team Leader during action against enemy aggressor (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Acting in response to reliable intelligence, Lieutenant (jg) Kerrey led his SEAL Team on a mission to capture important members of the enemy's area political cadre known to be located on an island in the bay of Nha Trang. In order to surprise the enemy, he and his team scaled a 350-foot sheer cliff to place themselves above the ledge on which the enemy was located. Splitting his team in two elements and coordinating both, Lieutenant (jg) Kerrey led his men in the treacherous downward descent to the enemy's camp. Just as they neared the end of their descent, intense enemy fire was directed at them, and Lieutenant (jg) Kerrey received massive injuries from a grenade which exploded at his feet and threw him backward onto the jagged rocks. Although bleeding profusely and suffering great pain, he displayed outstanding courage and presence of mind in immediately directing his element's fire into the heart of the enemy camp. Utilizing his radioman, Lieutenant (jg) Kerrey called in the second element's fire support which caught the confused Viet Cong in a devastating cross fire. After successfully suppressing the enemy's fire, and although immobilized by his multiple wounds, he continued to maintain calm, superlative control as he ordered his team to secure and defend an extraction site. Lieutenant (jg) Kerrey resolutely directed his men, despite his near-unconscious state, until he was eventually evacuated by helicopter. The havoc brought to the enemy by this very successful mission cannot be overestimated. The enemy who were captured provided critical intelligence to the allied effort. Lieutenant (jg) Kerrey's courageous and inspiring leadership, valiant fighting spirit, and tenacious devotion to duty in the face of almost overwhelming opposition, sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, John Kerry earned the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Combat Action Ribbon in addition to various service and campaign medals. Following his Naval service, Kerry pursued a business career from 1972-1982. He ran for Governor of Nebraska and won, choosing to serve one term. In 1988, he was

elected to the United States Senate and served until January 2001. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Vice President in 1992, served on the 9-11 Commission and became a university president, retiring in 2010. John Kerry still resides in Nebraska.

Jeff Dombroff  
Chairman

Official:



Ed Mann  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Douglas Hoffman  
State Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

## CAFE Agenda

*Saturday, February 28, 2026*

National Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
Washington, D.C.

**Busses Depart Hotel..... 8:30 a.m.**

*Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel  
1700 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202*

**Event Begins ..... 10 a.m.**

*Opening Ceremony*

*Posting of Colors*

*Parade of 2025-2026 Department Presidents*

*Welcome to the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial*

*VFW Auxiliary National President - Lois Callahan - Remarks*

*VFW National Commander-in-Chief - Carol Whitmore -  
Keynote Speaker*

*National Park Service Superintendent Accepts Donation*

*Flag Presented to National President Lois Callahan*

*Closing Ceremony*

**Event Ends ..... 11 a.m.**

*Busses Depart Immediately Following Ceremony\**

*\* Anyone wishing to remain in the D.C. area instead of taking  
the bus back to the hotel needs to tell their bus captain.*





Department Commander Shirt  
2026-2027



Pre-order forms must be sent to **Department Headquarters**  
**no later than March 13, 2026, for VFW members**

**Cost: Small – Extra Large: \$35.00 2XL: \$36.00 3XL: \$37.00 4XL: \$38.00 5XL: \$39.00 6XL: \$40.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at the State Convention May 2026 and have not made prior arrangements  
to have it picked up, please add \$9.00 for shipping.

**Make checks Payable to: Department of Virginia VFW**  
**For: Commander Shirt 2026-2027**

Please charge my card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle One: Discover American Express MasterCard Visa

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to: State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401  
You may also e-mail this form to: [statehq@vfwva.org](mailto:statehq@vfwva.org) or fax it to 1-866-416-0586 if paying by Credit Card only



## VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

February 2026

### THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA HAS **57** UNAFFILIATED POSTS

PURPOSE OF THE VFW AUXILIARY	Since 1914, the VFW Auxiliary has been fulfilling its original objectives by supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving veterans and active-duty military and their families, and spreading patriotism nationwide.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE VFW AUXILIARY?	Male and female relatives (listed below) of persons who served in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members must be at least 16 years old.</li><li>• Husband/wife; widower/widow; father/mother; brothers/sisters; sons/daughters; grandfathers/grandmothers; grandsons &amp; granddaughters.</li></ul>
HOW THE AUXILIARY ASSISTS THE VFW POST.	<p><u>A few examples:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Helps raise funds for charitable projects that benefit veterans, military service personnel, and their families.</li><li>2. Assists the VFW to pass or block legislation that impacts veterans benefits and their families.</li><li>3. Prepares care packages for the military stationed overseas.</li><li>4. Works to instill patriotism in our youth and provides youth scholarships.</li><li>5. Volunteers in the VA Medical Centers and other medical facilities.</li><li>6. Raises awareness for military and veteran suicide.</li><li>7. Assists the Post, if requested, with their Buddy Poppy Drives.</li><li>8. Assists with preparing and delivering meals for aging veterans.</li><li>9. Assists the VFW with their holiday celebrations and veteran's events.</li></ol>
VFW STEPS TO START AN AUXILIARY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A VFW Post must by 2/3 majority vote of the membership present at a regular meeting (or a special meeting) to have an Auxiliary.</li><li>2. Consult the <b><u>VFW Bylaws</u></b> regarding required notice to the Post membership when voting to form an Auxiliary to the Post.</li><li>3. The approval to form a Post Auxiliary is to be recorded in the VFW meeting minutes.</li><li>4. If the Post votes to approve an Auxiliary, then the Post notifies the Department President who will appoint an official organizer, and the organizer must be a <b><u>VFW Auxiliary</u></b> member.</li></ol>
WHO TO CONTACT REGARDING FORMING AN AUXILIARY?	Patricia Jurgensen Department Chief of Staff Email: <a href="mailto:pjurgy@aol.com">pjurgy@aol.com</a> Phone: (703) 380-3024
UNITY BRINGS VICTORY	The VFW's approval to print this letter certainly proves that "Unity Brings Victory" between our two Department leaders, Doug Hoffman and Kelli Levitt. Your support is much appreciated.

# DAY OF SERVICE 2026

Kicking off on Saturday, May 2



**Save the Date and  
Let Us Know You're  
All In Next Year!**

Sign up today at  
[vfw.org/DayofService](https://vfw.org/DayofService) or  
scan the QR code below.

Register early to give  
yourself more time to  
plan — and give us more  
time to help promote  
and support your event.

**MORE EVENTS,  
MORE RESOURCES,  
MORE PROMOTION  
& EVEN MORE  
COMMUNITY IMPACT.**



**SCAN TO SIGN  
UP FOR 2026!**

[vfw.org/DayOfService](https://vfw.org/DayOfService)

**STILL  
SERVING**

# Veterans of Foreign Wars Lord Botetourt Post #1841 1st Annual Golf Tournament

*All Proceeds Support Veterans and Veteran Programs*

**Date:** Saturday, May 23, 2026

**Location:** Botetourt Golf Club, 2414 Country Club Rd, Troutville, VA 24175

4 Person Scramble—Shotgun Start @ 1:30pm—Check in 11:00

**Team Entry Fee**—Individual: \$100 Foursome: \$400

**Registration/Payment**— Forms found on [VFW1841.org](http://VFW1841.org),

or      Golfers :



Sponsors:



**Registration Form and Payment Due By**—Friday, May 15, 2026

## Team/Individual Prizes

**1st—\$150/golfer**

**2nd—\$100/golfer**

**3rd—\$75/golfer**

## EXTRAS

Raffle Prizes

Longest Drive Prizes

Closest to Pin Prizes

Longest Putt Prize

Buy Mulligans

Boxed Lunch

And much more...

Want to be a Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsor? Maybe you just want to sponsor a hole? See our sponsor options on our web page [VFW1841.org](http://VFW1841.org).

# Veterans of Foreign Wars

# Lord Botetourt Post #1841

# 1st Annual Golf Tournament

## 4 Person Scramble \* Shotgun Start

Botetourt Golf Club—Troutville, VA

May 23, 2026 \* Registration Opens - 11:00 am \* Start - 1:30 pm



### REGISTRATION FORM

*Please complete and return to the VFW Post 1841 with payment  
Individual Golfers will be teamed with others*

Or Register Online

Team or  Individual

Team Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**\$100 Per Golfer/\$400 Per Team** \* *Includes: Cart, Green Fees, Boxed Lunch, Player Gift Bag, Raffle Ticket, and Drink Tickets*

**Player 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Player 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Player 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Player 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Extras** - Indicate the number of each extra on the line. You can buy more at the event.

\_\_\_\_ Mulligan - \$10.00 each

\_\_\_\_ Mulligan 4 Pack - \$30

Please make checks payable to: **LORD BOTETOURT POST 1841** | 4902 Roanoke Rd | Daleville, VA 24083



# Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Lord Botetourt Post #1841

### Sponsorship Menu

### Golf Tournament - May 23, 2026

#### Gold Sponsor

\$700



- Company logo and name on 4 holes
- Company logo and name on website
- Name on posted social media
- Foursome entry with 4 golfer gift bags



#### Silver Sponsor

\$400



- Company logo and name on 2 holes
- Company logo and name on website
- Name on posted social media
- 2 Golfer entries with 2 golfer gift bags

#### Bronze Sponsor

\$200



- Company logo and name on 1 hole
- Company logo and name on website
- Name on posted social media
- Single Golfer entry with 1 golfer gift bag

#### Hole Sponsor

\$50



- Name on 1 hole

First

Annual Golf  
Tournament



Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Or Sponsor Online!

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# Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Lord Botetourt Post #1841

# 1st Annual Golf Tournament



**4 Person Scramble \* Shotgun Start**

Botetourt Golf Club—Troutville, VA

**May 23, 2026 \* Start - 1:30 pm**

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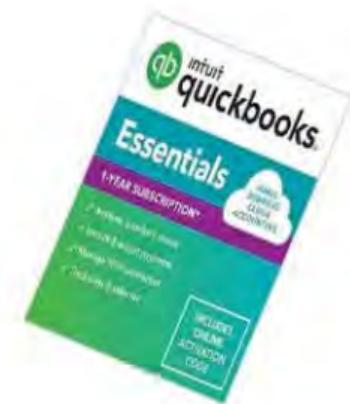
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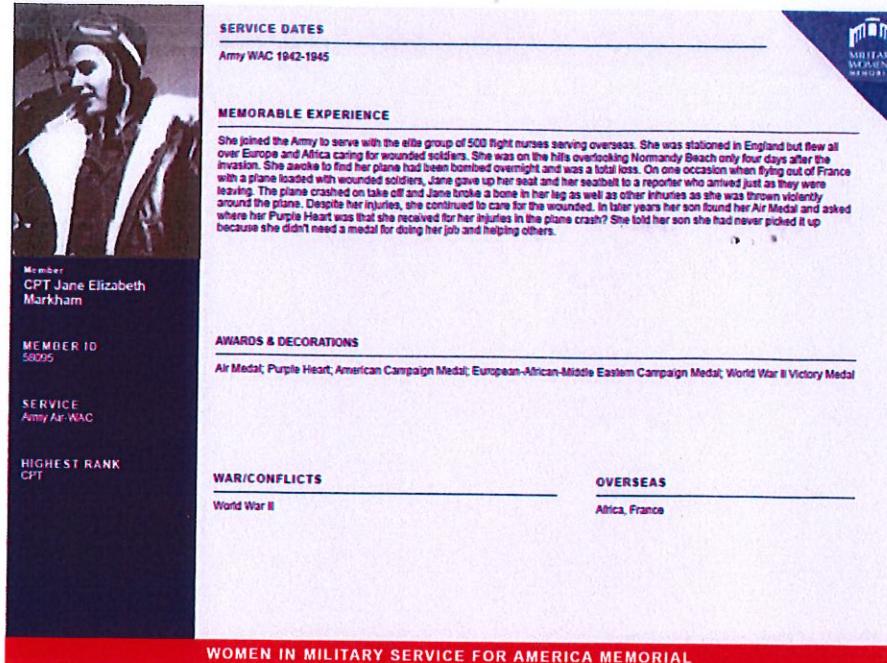
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Calling all VFW/Aux Women Veterans to Register for the Women In  
Military Service For America Memorial  
Register her service for free at [womensmemorial.org](http://womensmemorial.org)

Our *Register* is a one-of-a-kind interactive database that records and preserves the names, service information, photographs and memorable experiences of each registered servicewoman.



**SERVICE DATES**  
Army WAC 1942-1945

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
She joined the Army to serve with the elite group of 500 flight nurses serving overseas. She was stationed in England but flew all over Europe and Africa caring for wounded soldiers. She was on the hills overlooking Normandy Beach only four days after the invasion. She found her plane had been bombed overnight and was a total loss. On one occasion when flying out of France with a plane loaded with supplies she had to pull up her seat and her seatbelt to a reporter who arrived just as they were leaving. The plane crashed on take off and Jane broke both her leg as well as other injuries as she was thrown violently around the plane. Despite her injuries she continued to care for the wounded. In later years her son found her Air Medal and asked where her Purple Heart was. She replied that she received for her injuries in the plane crash? She told her son she had never picked it up because she didn't need a medal for doing her job and helping others.

**AWARDS & DECORATIONS**  
Air Medal; Purple Heart; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal

**WAR/CONFLICTS**  
World War II

**OVERSEAS**  
Africa, France

**WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA MEMORIAL**

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*Register* records and preserves the history of the powerful women who have defended this country—both past and present.

From the earliest days of the nation, women have been serving alongside men to gain and preserve liberty, but it was difficult to find them in our history books. There was no repository of women's service to the United States. That all changed in April 1987.

Not long after legislation authorized the Women In Military Service For America Memorial and ten years before the Memorial would open to the public in 1997, the *Register* was created. Servicewomen and women veterans were invited to make their military experiences visible by "registering" their service. By completing a simple form with their dates of service, branch of service, awards and decorations, at least one memorable experience, and a picture in uniform, women took their rightful and visible place in history for all time. For the first time in American history, there was a place to learn about the extraordinary servicewomen who defend or have defended our country.

For more than 30 years, the Memorial has been permanently documenting military women's experiences and their impact on American, military and women's history. Visitors are invited to look up

servicewomen in the *Register*, learn about their impact on our collective history, and purchase a print of individual profiles as a keepsake.

If you know a servicewoman or woman veteran, please take advantage of the FREE registration to ensure HERstory joins hundreds of thousands of individual stories that make up our *Register*.

History is not complete until every military woman's story is told.

Let's get every VFW Woman Registered

I know we have a large number of Charter Members and Members out there, please reach out to Tara Jeffries or Joanne Smith to start our Department list.

For New Additions to the Register:

Register her service for free at  
[womensmemorial.org](http://womensmemorial.org)

# VFW Music Licensing Exemption Checklist (Virginia)

*Based on Federal Copyright Law – 17 U.S.C. § 110(10)*

This checklist helps determine whether a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post event qualifies as a non-public performance and is therefore exempt from paying ASCAP, BMI, or SESAC public performance licenses.

## 1. Organization Status

- The event is organized by a nonprofit veterans' organization (chartered VFW Post).
- The Post is in good standing as a 501(c)(19) or operates under the national VFW's nonprofit umbrella.
- Why it matters: The exemption specifically applies to nonprofit veterans', fraternal, and membership organizations.

## 2. Type of Music

- The performance involves nondramatic musical works (recorded, live band, DJ, or karaoke).
- No theatrical or dramatic performances are included.
- Examples allowed: jukebox, live band, DJ, karaoke, background music.
- Not covered: musicals, operas, or dramatic performances.

## 3. Audience Restrictions

- Attendance limited to members and immediate guests.
- Not advertised to or open to the general public.
- Access controlled (membership card or guest list).
- Members-only events qualify; public dances or rentals do not.

## 4. Admission and Proceeds

- No admission charge or fees only cover reasonable costs (food, DJ, decorations).
- All proceeds used solely for charitable or Post purposes (no private profit).
- 'At cost' events are fine; proceeds can support veterans' programs.

## 5. Sponsorship & Control

- The Post organizes and manages the event (not an outside promoter).
- If a DJ or band is hired, they are under Post supervision.
- The music is incidental to a social function, not business activity.

## 6. Location & Use

- Event held in Post-controlled facility (canteen, hall, or grounds).
- Facility not rented to outside groups for public use.
- Music played on-premises only (not broadcast or streamed).

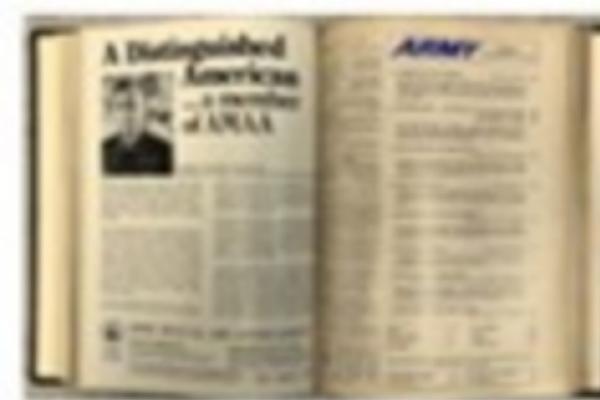
## 7. Optional Best Practices

- Keep documentation of nonprofit status (IRS letter or VFW charter).
- Record event details in Post minutes (date, audience type, purpose).
- If any public events occur during the year, consider a low-cost blanket license (~\$300–\$600/yr).

If all boxes are checked → No license is required under 17 U.S.C. § 110(10).

If any are unchecked → The Post likely needs a license (ASCAP, BMI, SESAC nonprofit rate).

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# **Vote for Experience! Elect Doug Hoffman to the National Council of Administration**

## **2026-2030**

### **Ready on Day 1!**

Doug will be ready to go to work from the moment he is installed. He has held numerous positions at the Post, District, and State levels of the organization culminating with his recent election to be the State Commander. He will bring all of that knowledge to help National HQs.



### **Years of Service!**

Doug earned All-American and All-State honors leading Post 3160 and District 2, which are both among the largest in Virginia. He also serves as the Treasurer for the Virginia VFW Riders ensuring their financial success. Doug also has experience in the private sector supervising people and overseeing large projects for the U.S. Navy, which is practical experience he will draw upon when studying the issues the VFW will face. With over 200 employees and a budget over \$100 million, The VFW needs experienced Council Members like Doug.

### **Committed to Success!**

Doug will ensure decisions made are for the betterment of the entire organization, not just a few inside it. Most importantly, he will ensure that the VFW continues to stand tall for veterans!



Beth A. Ford

**Candidate for the High Office of the VFW State Surgeon 2026-2027**

Comrades, for those that don't know me I am Beth Ford and I am running for State Surgeon for the 2026-2027 term. I am not focused on recreating this organization as I believe that we are all doing great work. I am focused on keeping us great, focused on veterans, youth programs, membership, and true mentorship that inspires others to continue to lead and make meaningful differences and impacts for our future, communities, and programs. I look forward to serving the VFW to the best of my ability and the opportunity of being the next VFW Department of Virginia Surgeon.

My eligibility for the VFW was service during Operations Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) where I was awarded the Air Force Combat Action Medal and the Broze Star. I retired after 22 years and 1 month of honorable service.

My VFW Service is as follows:

Post:

- Service as a Trustee and Adjutant 2024 to 2025
- Service and Jr. and Sr. Vice (Post 3219) 2020 to 2022
- All-State and All-American Commander (Post 3219) 2022 to 2024
- Current Post Commander for Post 176

District:

- Jr. Vice District 1 2023-2024
- Sr. Vice District 1 2024-2025
- Current District 1 Commander for 2025-2026

Department:

- VFW Riders Treasurer 2019 – 2023
- Currently State Inspector
- Currently Sr. Vice for Commanders Club

Appointments:

- Assistant National Aide-De-Camp
- National Bylaws Committee 2019 and 2024