

ATTENTION

All Email Accounts have been reset as of June 7th.

The new default password is: VFW2021!

**Please note Officer Bonds and Employee Bonds
expire August 31, 2021**

REMEMBER: All names on bank account(s) must be bonded



“Full steam ahead for vets”

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1. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

State Commander	Harold “Butch” Schupska	cdr@vfwva.org	Post 3160
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At the 99th Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia, held in Portsmouth, Virginia, June 5, 2021, I, Harold (Butch) Schupska, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in Accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National By-Laws, do hereby assume Command.

All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 5, 2021, except those set forth in the By-Laws.

2. APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021-2022:

COMMITTEES	POSITION	FIRST	Last Name	Post
Audit Committee	Chairman	John	Meehan	1503
Audit Committee	Member	James	Adams	7916
Audit Committee	Member	Ron	Laney	1503
Audit Committee	Member	Gary	Adams	1115
Audit Committee	Member	Tom	Gimble	1503
Awards & Citations	Chairman	Kathy	Goodall	4809
Awards & Citations	Member	Steve	Byrne	9339
Awards & Citations	Member	Ken	Hale	1827
Buddy Poppies	Chairman	Ed	Mann	9808
Budget	Chairman	Ed	Mann	9808
Budget	Member	Mitch	Rubenstein	2447
Budget	Member	Gary	Adams	1115
Budget	Member	Geoffrey	Lyster	9835
By Laws & SOP	Chairman	Mitch	Rubenstein	2447
Community Services	Chairman	Gary	Adams	1115
Credentials	Chairman	Jill	Lynch	3219
Disaster Relief	Chairman	Gary	Adams	1115
Fund Raisers	Chairman	Ed	Mann	9808
Fund Raisers	Member	Mitch	Rubenstein	2447
Fund Raisers	Member	Geoffrey	Lyster	9835
Honor Guard	Captain	Phil	Arendsen	8529
Honor Guard	Member	Howard	Minton	1115
Honor Guard	Member	Randy	Coker	1503
Honor Guard	Member	Doug	Osbourne	2239
Honor Guard	Member	Mark	Maggio	4639
Honor Guard	Member	Richard	Zick	4639
Honor Guard	Member	Earl	Baskett	1115
Honor Guard	Member	Said	Lazo-Aguilar	2239
Honor Guard	Member	James	Pitts	8529
Honor Guard	Member	James	Collins	4639
Honor Guard	Member	Mark	Jarrell	4639
Honor Guard	Member	Gary	Adams	1115
Honor Guard	Member	Jarl	Christensen	4639
Honor Guard	Member	Mitchell	Rubenstein	2447
Honor Guard	Member	Herb	DeGroft	8545
Honor Guard	Member	Donnie	Duncan	2239

Hospital/Suicide Prevention	Chairman	Harold	Sayles	10654
Hospitality	Chairman	Kevin	Ehrhardt	3160
Hospitality	Member	Howard	Minton	1115
IT	Chairman	Robert	Adamczyk	1503
IT	Member	Ken	Wiseman	4522
Zoom	Chairman	Michael	Diaz	9760
Joint Leadership Council	Chairman	Richard	Raskin	7589
Legislative Committee	Chairman	Monti	Zimmerman	7589
Legislative Committee	Member	Gary	Adams	1115
Membership/Life Membership	Chairman	Tom	Hines	9954
Membership/Life Membership	Member	Kathy	Goodall	4809
Membership/Life Membership	Member	Geoffrey	Lyster	9835
Membership/Life Membership	Member	Ken	Wiseman	4522
Membership/Life Membership	Member	Mark	Shockley	3219
Membership/Life Membership	Member	Michael	Diaz	9760
Newspaper	Chairman	Randy	Coker	1503
Newspaper	Member	Ed	Mann	9808
Outreach	Chairman	Ron	Link	7589
Parliamentarian	Chairman	John	Smart	1503
Patriots Pen	Chairman	Dennis	Walk	176
Personnel	Chairman	Ed	Mann	9808
Personnel	Member	John	Smart	1503
Personnel	Member	Gary	Adams	1115
Personnel	Member	Tom	Gimble	1503
POW/MIA Committee	Chairman	Michael	Chism	2582
POW/MIA Committee	Member	Pete	Fairchild	3219
Resolutions Committee	Chairman	M. Conrad	Agresti	3150
Resolutions Committee	Member	Barney	Campbell	10654
Resolutions Committee	Member	James	Brown	9501
Scouting	Chairman	Bob	Fenlason	7916
Service Officer		Bobbiejo	Lazo	637
Service Officer	Asst.			
Service Officer	Asst.			
Teacher's Recognition	Chairman	Chris	Birch	9760
Time & Place Committee	Chairman	Eugene	Chavis	10826
Time & Place Committee	Member	Gary	Adams	1115
Time & Place Committee	Member	Ed	Mann	9808
Time & Place Committee	Member	Kevin	Ehrhardt	3160
Veterans and Military Support Committee	Chairman	Ron	Link	7589
VFW Riders	Chairman	Jerry	Ralston	3160
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee	Chairman	Jeffrey	Dombroff	9835
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee	Member	Gary	Myers	1827
Voice of Democracy Committee	Chairman	Lou	Filippone	7589
Women Veterans Committee	Chairman	Theresa	Reeser	3160

3. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades:

Let me start by saying thank you for electing me as the 99th State Commander of Department of Virginia, it's an honor to serve you all. This year is going to be a great one.

This year the Department of Virginia told Covid-19, "Not on our watch will you stop us from doing our job to spread the word of what the Veterans of Foreign Wars can do". With the great leadership of Past State Commander Tommy Hines and Past State Commander Ken Wiseman and the rest of the membership team, the VFW started three new Posts during Covid-19 time. Even during a global pandemic, the VFW continued to grow and help Veterans and their families.

As we begin our year, let's turn our focus on membership. Let's start setting up in front of stores, knocking on doors, and talking to our members and see why they have not renewed their membership. We have at least four months of good weather. Let's not let good opportunities go by.

District Commanders: You are our first line of defense. You are the Department's eyes and ears. You hear and see the problem and from there it can be addressed and fixed as it travels up the Department lines. Do not hesitate to call and talk to myself or any of the Line Officers. We will do our best to aid your needs and fix problems.

Membership: We have the best membership team in any Department. If you have an event and you know that's it's going to cost \$100.00, call Ed at headquarters and he will tell you how to go about it. Don't wait until the day of the event. You should call as soon as you find out. You can call any Line Officer to help. The membership team will do it's best to help you with events but remember the membership team can't be in all places, all the time, but will do their best to help.

Auxiliary: I want to thank the Auxiliary for doing the joint installation with the Department. We are going to stand side by side with the Auxiliary this whole year and support you.

Riders: Thank you all for being the escorts for our joint installation job. Well Done!

I would like to leave you here with a quote from a great president. I am putting a twist on it, "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR VFW CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE VFW". (WHO AM I?)

Butch Schupska
State Commander
Department of Virginia

4. AUDITS:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218(a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter.

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, or any other special cards. Any Post issuing unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the 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. CANDIDACY:

I, Harold (Butch) Schupska, do announce my candidacy for the National Council of Administration for the term of 2022-2026.

I, Ken Wiseman, do announce my candidacy for the National Council of Administration for the term of 2022-2026.

7. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: 8/21/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 176 Newport News 21 Forrest Drive Rep: State Surgeon Doug Hoffman	7 th	Date: 8/14/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 PM Meeting: To follow lunch Location: Post 2447 Edinburg 100 Veterans Way Rep: State Judge Advocate Mitch Rubenstein
2 nd	Date: 8/14/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 392 Virginia Beach 2408 Bowland Parkway Rep: PDC Eric Mallett	8 th	Date: 8/21/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2524 Culpeper 12210 Sperryville Pike Rep: State SVC Geoffrey Lyster
3 rd	Date: 8/14/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: To follow lunch Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane Rep: State Cdr Butch Schupska	9 th	Date: 9/19/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4667 Marion 861 Goolsby Street Rep: State JVC Gary Adams
4 th	Date: 8/14/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: 11:30 AM Location: Post 9954 Victoria 1000 Marshall Avenue Rep: State SVC Geoffrey Lyster	10 th	Date: Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Rep:
5 th	Date: 8/21/21 SOI: 10:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 4637 Martinsburg 2327 Old Chatham Road Rep: State Cdr Butch Schupska	11 th	Date: 9/18/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 632 Harrisonburg 450 Waterman Drive Rep:
6 th	Date: 8/7/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: Noon Location: Post 2157 Bedford 29B Omaha Beach Rep: State JVC Gary Adams	12 th	Date: 7/24/21 Registration: 10:30 AM SOI: 11:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 9830 Damascus 23489 Mountain City Road Rep: State JVC Gary Adams
		13 th	Date: 8/8/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville 1170 River Road Rep: State Judge Advocate Mitch Rubenstein

8. ALL-STATE:

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

District 1, Department of Virginia
 District 3, Department of Virginia

District 9, Department of Virginia
 District 10, Department of Virginia

VFW Post 4809, District 2, Norfolk, VA
 VFW Post 8163, District 4, Clarksville, VA
 VFW Post 1503, District 10, Dale City, VA
 VFW Post 637, District 3, Hopewell, VA
 VFW Post 3219, District 1, Phoebus, VA

VFW Post 2239, District 3, Colonial Heights, VA
 VFW Post 9835, District 8, Warrenton, VA
 VFW Post 4639, District 3, Williamsburg, VA
 VFW Post 8169, District 13, Scottsville, VA

Yours in Comradeship
 Ed Mann
 State Adjutant/Quartermaster

9. DELINQUENT:

The following is a list of Posts that are still delinquent in Delegate Fees, Audits and Election Reports:

Dist.	Post	Fees	Audits	Election Reports	Dist.	Post	Fees	Audits	Election Reports
1	824	\$15.00			7	621	\$15.00		
1	2296		March		7	6044	\$3.00		
					7	8613	\$12.00		
2	1211	\$6.00			7	9660	\$9.00		
3	1426	\$9.00		need	9	6000	\$15.00		
3	7167	\$6.00			9	7136	\$12.00		
3	9501	\$6.00			9	7969	\$3.00		
					9	9640	\$15.00		
4	5313	\$6.00							
4	7819	\$6.00			10	609	\$15.00		
4	9855			need	10	7327	\$51.00		
4	12145	\$6.00		need					
4	12200	\$3.00			11	1499	\$9.00		
					11	2216	\$18.00		
5	7800	\$6.00			11	3060	\$3.00		
5	7854	\$9.00	March		11	3136	\$3.00		
5	8467	\$6.00			11	4204	\$6.00		
5	10840	\$6.00			11	8479	\$3.00		
					11	9339	\$6.00		
6	4299	\$6.00							
6	5311	\$9.00			12	4301	\$6.00		
6	5895	\$6.00			12	5715	\$15.00		
6	9877	\$6.00			12	7360	\$9.00		need
					12	8652	\$12.00		

12	8979	\$6.00		13	10295	\$9.00	March
12	9600	\$9.00		13	10574	\$15.00	
12	9830	\$6.00					
12	9864	\$6.00					

10. 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.

11. DUTIES OF TRUSTEES:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.

12. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 7th**. 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 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 **VFW2021!** 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

13. IMPORTANT DATES:

July 8-11, 2021	National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch Homecoming, Portsmouth, VA (a revised packet is in March's General Orders)
July 31-August 3, 2021	National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri
November 18-21, 2021	Southern Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina
January 7-9, 2022	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 6, 2021.

14. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy General Orders are \$30.00 for the year. Contact State Headquarters for more info.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters and the Hopewell, Norfolk and Dale City Service Offices will be closed July 5, 2021 for Independence Day.

Also, State Headquarters will be closed July 7 – 9, 2021 for National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch's Homecoming. The Adjutant/Quartermaster will be available by phone and email for any issues that may arise.

18. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to www.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.

<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?

19. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING AND REGISTRATION:

National Convention housing opened **June 1** for the Kansas City Convention, July 31-Aug. 3, 2021. Convention hotel reservations can be made either by calling 877.464.6840 (Mon.-Fri., 9a-6p EST) or International at 980.337.3372 (Mon.-Fri., 9a-6p EST) or online at book.passkey.com/e/50193779.

You may also access convention information via the VFW convention page at vfw.org/convention.

VFW Departments were notified on Friday, May 28 of the housing opening of **June 1, 2021**. The **June 30** housing reservation deadline is **NOT** a guarantee there would be rooms available in your Department block by that date. Housing reservations are **always first-come, first-served**. We will keep VFW Departments updated on the housing situation.

The official hotels selected for the 122nd National Convention are: Kansas City Marriott Downtown (VFW Headquarters hotel - \$175 single/double), Loews Hotel (Auxiliary Headquarters hotel - \$179 single/double), Hotel Phillips (\$159 single/double), Hotel Kansas City (\$177 single/double), Hotel Indigo (\$139 single/double), Hotel President (\$159 single/double), Marriott Courtyard (\$169 single/double), Ambassador (\$164 single/double), Hampton Inn (\$119 single/double), Crowne Plaza (\$149 single/double). Tax rates for Kansas City are 18.35% plus \$1.50 per room, per night Kansas City Development fee. Tax rates are subject to change.

For VFW Department housing assignments, refer to the list located on the convention website at vfw.org/convention.

Convention Registration: Section 222 of the National Bylaws requires each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of \$25 which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register online by going to vfw.org.

20. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th 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.

21. PATRIOT DAY:

SEPTEMBER 11. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11, is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States. For flags and other patriotic items, click here vfwstore.org/category/patriotic/miscpatriotic.

22. 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.

23. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:

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 officers. Officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

24. PURCHASING BUDDY POPPIES

For many years, the courtesy of allowing Posts to buy Poppies and to pay later was something that was extended as a way to help Posts. However, we have started to see too many Posts still owe for Poppies at the end of the year because of not paying their bill. Effective May 30, 2019, Posts must pay before they can receive Poppies. We will continue to accept payment by check, or you can call and order over the phone with State Headquarters by using a credit or debit card. An order form is enclosed.

Ed Mann
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

25. 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.

26. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY THEMES:

The 2021-22 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic. The Voice of Democracy theme will be "**America: Where do we go from here?**" and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "**How can I be a good American?**"

27. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 249:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of their membership upon the ascertainment of their desire to no longer be affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of Thomas W. Rinehart, Life Membership No. 10977240, be removed from the rolls of Lunenburg County Post No. 9954, Victoria, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States vacated per member's request.

By order of
Harold "Hal" Roesch, II
Commander-in-Chief

28. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

During the Memorial Day weekend, I presented lapel pins to nine Vietnam veterans during my Post's Poppy Drive. I have also been contacted by the Commander of Post 7819 (Crewe) regarding pins and membership. With this entry, I will have circled the calendar of historical events for the Vietnam War. I am indebted to the Vietnam War Anniversary Commission for allowing me to extract items from their published timeline in my reports. Rather than repeating these entries (which can be reviewed on General Orders from August 2020 through this one or on the Commission's website), each month starting in August, I plan to highlight a Medal of Honor winner from the Vietnam War focusing on those from Virginia (there were nine).

The following historical events for the Vietnam War took place during July:

1954 (July 21st) - The conferees at Geneva come to an agreement, meeting French Prime Minister Pierre Mendés France's timetable. This final agreement of the Geneva Accords establishes a ceasefire in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, officially ending the First Indochina War. In Vietnam, the accords create two "regroupment" zones separated by a Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) roughly along the 17th parallel, and restrict the activities of foreign military personnel in Southeast Asia. French forces must withdraw south of the DMZ and Communist forces north. The accords also call for a general election within two years in both the North and the South to establish a single national government. An International Control Commission (ICC) composed of Canada, Poland, and India supervises the implementation of this agreement. The United States refuses to acknowledge most of this agreement but does sign the "cease fire" portion.

1959 (July 1st) - Through the end of the year, Operation HOTFOOT deploys U.S. Army Special Forces dressed in civilian clothes to clandestinely train the Laotian Army—as well as Hmong and other ethnic minorities in Laos—to fight Pathet Lao Communist forces. The United States later extends the operation to include combat operations against the North Vietnamese Army, and renames it Operation WHITE STAR in 1961. WHITE STAR formally ends in July 1962, when Laos officially becomes neutral.

1962 (July 1st) - The United States establishes Headquarters Support Activity, Saigon (HSAS). HSAS is primarily staffed by Navy personnel, but is under the operational control of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. HSAS staff provide administrative and logistics support—including supply and fiscal, public works, medical and dental, commissary and exchange, special services, and housekeeping functions—to MACV and MAAG and also to Navy, Army, and Air Force components in Saigon. HSAS activities play a vital role in supporting the American military buildup in Vietnam.

1965 (July 1st) - U.S. Coast Guard Squadron One arrives in Vietnam. Squadron One commands the Coast Guard units involved in Operation MARKET TIME and initially includes 17 patrol boats separated into two divisions. Division 11 patrols along the Cambodian and South Vietnamese coasts in the Gulf of Thailand. Division 12 is based at Da Nang and patrols the Vietnam coastline from the 17th parallel, south. The Coast Guard adds a third division, Division 13, in February 1966 to patrol the waters of the Mekong Delta. During Squadron One's first year of operations, its personnel board and inspect approximately 30,000 Vietnamese junks and capture over 100 tons of enemy supplies.

1965 (July 8th) - The Vietnam Service Medal is created by Executive Order 11231. It is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who serve in combat operations, or for specified periods of time, in specific areas of Southeast Asia between July 4, 1965 and March 28, 1973. Those who received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Vietnam between July 1, 1958 and July 3, 1965 are also eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal.

1965 (July 16th) - The 161 Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery, begins combat operations in Vietnam. The 161 Battery is attached to the U.S. 173d Airborne Brigade with the primary mission of supporting the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, based at Bien Hoa Air Base outside Saigon.

1965 (July 24th) - North Vietnamese troops fire multiple Soviet-built, radar-guided, surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) at a flight of U.S. Air Force F-4 Phantoms over North Vietnam. One SAM downs the Phantom flown by pilot Captain Richard P. Keirn and radar intercept officer Captain Roscoe H. Fobair. This is the first instance of a SAM

successfully destroying a U.S. aircraft in Vietnam, a significant moment in the history of air combat. Fobair is killed. Keirn successfully ejects and is captured. He spends almost eight years as a POW.

1965 (July 29th) - The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, arrives in Vietnam. The brigade is based near Cam Ranh Bay, on the coast of central South Vietnam. Its initial mission is to protect the port facilities and bases in the region from attack by Viet Cong insurgents.

1965 (July 31st) - Command of Operation MARKET TIME passes from the U.S. Navy Seventh Fleet to the U.S. Naval Advisory Group. The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels carrying out MARKET TIME's surveillance and interdiction operations become the Coastal Surveillance Force, also known as Task Force 115. This task force continues to conduct patrols of South Vietnam's coastal waters with surface ships, patrol boats, and aircraft.

1966 (July 1st) - U.S. Navy carrier aircraft patrolling off of Haiphong, North Vietnam, identify three North Vietnamese torpedo boats, which fire torpedoes from long range at the destroyer USS *Rogers* and the frigate USS *Coontz*. U.S. Navy F-4 Phantoms subsequently sink the enemy boats. American ships rescue 19 North Vietnamese survivors. They are exchanged for U.S. POWs in 1967 and 1968.

1966 (July 6th) - A total of 52 American POWs from the North Vietnamese prison camps known as the "Briar Patch" and the "Zoo" are paraded in front of large crowds and cameras in Hanoi. In what is sometimes called the Hanoi March, the POWs suffer violent abuse from the crowd, including thrown objects and physical attacks that injure many of them. The march continues for about an hour. Images and news of the abuse provoke international condemnation. They also bring greater attention to the plight of POWs among the American public and inside the U.S. government.

1966 (July 7th) - U.S. Marine and South Vietnamese Army personnel launch Operation HASTINGS in response to MACV's call for more extensive operations in Quang Tri Province. Forces involved include 8,000 Marines—including four battalions of infantry, one battalion of artillery, and the First Marine Aircraft Wing—and 3,000 South Vietnamese troops. It is one of the largest operations of the war so far. Allied forces engage the well-trained North Vietnamese 324B Division south of the DMZ. Marine units patrol in force and push enemy troops into helicopter-inserted men in blocking positions. HASTINGS lasts until August 3, and the North Vietnamese suffer heavy losses during the operation.

1967 (July 15th) - The first troops of the Royal Thai Army Volunteer Regiment (the "Queen's Cobras") arrive in South Vietnam, becoming the first Thai combat units to enter the war. They deploy near Bien Hoa Air Base and build a base camp. The main body of the regiment, which totals over three thousand men, arrives by the end of September. The Queen's Cobras begin major combat operations in October, assisting in the pacification of Bien Hoa Province. They also build a hospital and 30 miles of roads, among other civic action projects, in their area of responsibility.

1967 (July 26th) - The Department of Defense establishes the Prisoner of War Policy Committee under Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Paul C. Warnke. The committee's objective is to provide centralized direction of all POW matters and to develop official U.S. policies for the recovery, return, and treatment of American POWs.

1967 (July 29th) - While the aircraft carrier *USS Forrestal* is on Yankee Station in the Gulf of Tonkin, a rocket from an F-4 Phantom II is accidentally triggered and shoots across the carrier's flight deck. The rocket causes a series of explosions that rock the ship. Fire engulfs one end of the flight deck and spreads below decks. All told, 134 crew members are killed and 62 are injured. Dozens of aircraft are damaged or destroyed. This is one of three major accidental fires that occur on U.S. aircraft carriers during the war.

1968 (July 1st) - The South Vietnamese government, with CIA assistance, officially creates the Phoenix Program. This program evolves from CORDS Director Robert Komer's 1967 CIA plan called Intelligence Coordination and Exploitation. Phoenix utilizes military and CIA intelligence and identifies Viet Cong operatives to target for arrest, defection, or assassination. Phoenix agents employ extremely controversial methods, and both military and civilian

leaders eventually question its effectiveness. Congress begins investigating Phoenix in 1971, and the United States ends its involvement in the program the next year.

1968 (July 1st) - The U.S. Army 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) arrives in South Vietnam. It takes up station just south of the DMZ, in northern I Corps.

1968 (July 1st) - The United States increasingly relies on hundreds of American merchant vessels to support operations. To manage these ships and their crews, the U.S. Coast Guard establishes Merchant Marine Detail, Saigon. The detail is attached to the U.S. Embassy. Coast Guardsmen assigned here resolve disputes and other problems involving the growing numbers of merchant seamen in Vietnam.

1968 (July 3rd) - General Creighton W. Abrams formally succeeds General Westmoreland as commander of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. He has been acting commander since May.

1970 (July 1st) - Elements of the 101st Airborne Division occupy Fire Support Base (FSB) Ripcord, which is emplaced on a hill west of Hue, near the A Shau Valley. Multiple North Vietnamese army regiments attack the base on July 1. Surrounded and outnumbered, the men of the 101st hold out until they are given the order to evacuate the base on July 23. The battle for FSB Ripcord is the last major confrontation between North Vietnamese and U.S. ground forces during the war.

1970 (July 2nd) - Amid reports and allegations of South Vietnamese abuse of political prisoners and prisoners of war, U.S. congressmen Augustus F. Hawkins (D-CA) and William R. Anderson (D-TN) tour a South Vietnamese prison on Con Son Island, approximately 50 miles off the coast of South Vietnam. They discover that the facility holds a number of prisoners in squalid conditions, including some held in underground concrete pits, covered by iron bars. In their report, the congressmen dub the cells “tiger cages,” and note that their occupants—as many as five prisoners per each six-foot-by-ten-foot cell—are shackled to the floor so that they are barely able to move. The occupants—most of whom are Viet Cong, civilian, and North Vietnamese prisoners—are generally malnourished and lack sufficient medical care.

Pictures of the Con Son prisoners appear in the July 17, 1970 issue of Life Magazine. The story and the congressional delegation’s report spark outcry in the United States as well as accusations that the U.S. government is complicit in the prisoner abuse. The revelations threaten to hinder ongoing peace negotiations with North Vietnam. The U.S. State Department demands that the American mission in Saigon address the problems immediately, and the U.S. government presses South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu for reforms. The International Red Cross steps up its inspections of South Vietnamese military prisons, but the “tiger cages” of Con Son become a potent symbol for the antiwar movement.

Jeff Dombroff
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee Chairman

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



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State Commander

Biography of
Raymond A. Bailey



Lt Col (r) Raymond A. Bailey was born at Ruslip AFB, Middlesex County, London, England. His profession as a licensed Physical Therapy practitioner started in 1986. He practiced twenty-two years in the United States Air Force Medical Services; and thirteen years with various civilian healthcare organizations. His education includes a BS in Health Education from the Texas A & M University; a BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Texas Medical Branch; and a MA in Business Management from the University of the Incarnate Word. Raymond is married with three sons. He enjoys reading, fishing, and traveling. He is a life member of VFW Post 1503. With a lifetime of customer and community service, Raymond will join the team at VFW Post 1503 as the Service Officer. His goal as the Assistant Department Service Officer is to provide quality service and support for Armed Forces Veterans and their families with navigating and completing the claims process in compliance with the Veterans Administration.



Dr. Van D. Wilson III, Assistant Department Service Officer, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Dr. Van David Wilson III of Virginia Beach, Virginia is the Assistant Department Service Officer (ADSO), Norfolk, VA and active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Van served 20 years in the United States Marine Corps from 1987 to 2007. He earned his VFW eligibility during his combat service in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Van is a recipient of (2) Southwest Asia Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and numerous other awards and decorations.



He joined the VFW in 2003 at VFW Post # 4809, Norfolk, VA. However, after retiring in 2007 from Marine Corps Security Forces Battalion, Norfolk, VA, he relocated to Ft. Huachuca, AZ to work for the Department of the Army's Intelligence School and continued to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan.

After returning from Afghanistan in 2013, Dr. Wilson, founded Jubilee Apostolic Ministry, Inc., Virginia Beach, Virginia and serves as, Director. Academically, he has (2) graduate degrees, a Doctorate and Masters of Leadership, a Bachelor's of Ecommerce/Business, and (2) Associate degrees, Advanced Culinary Arts and Liberal Arts Liberal Arts degree. He is also an esteemed Alumni of the following collegiate Universities: Bellevue University, Christian Leadership University, Phoenix University and Stratford University.

Moreover, Van is an active member of the John A. LeJeune Detachment: #332 Marine Corps League, Virginia Beach, VA. He is married to his beautiful wife Michelle Francine Wilson, who is from Pomona, CA. Together they have seven daughters and one son. Furthermore, they have 22 grandchildren.



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, 2021

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, 2021 and delinquent after this date.**

IF BOND IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2021, 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 or any appointed officer 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, 2021 TO AUGUST 31, 2022.

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2022.

RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

 Give Post # and City Location

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft (Bond) in the amount of \$ _____ for the position
 of _____. For the year from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

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, 2021 – AFTER THIS DATE YOU WILL BE DELIQUENT AND NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE VFW BY-LAWS.

 QM or 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

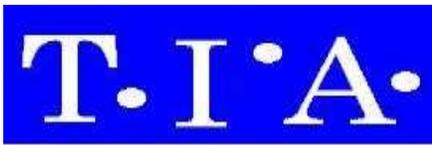
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 \$440,000.----\$ 880.00
 \$450,000.----\$ 900.00
 \$460,000.----\$ 920.00
 \$470,000.----\$ 940.00
 \$480,000.----\$ 960.00
 \$490,000.----\$ 980.00
 \$500,000.----\$ 1,000.00

(\$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
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 \$508,000.---\$ 889.00
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 \$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, 2021 to September 30, 2022

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 10-1-2021, 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
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\$34,000.-----	\$136.00
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\$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
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\$ 67,000.-----	\$201.00
\$ 68,000.-----	\$204.00
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\$ 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



**VFW 122nd National Convention
Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City Convention Center
July 31-August 3, 2021**

TENTATIVE

All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.

Meetings/times for various functions are subject to change.

Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates and are subject to change

Friday, July 30, 2021

Arrivals

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

VFW and VFW Auxiliary Registration at Marriott and Loews Hotels

Saturday, July 31, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VFW/Registration

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Council Committee on Appeals

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

National Veterans Service Advisory Committee

10:00 a.m. – 12Noon

Budget and Finance Committee

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

National Council of Administration Meeting

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Various Workshops

6:30 p.m.

NVS Resolutions Sub-Committee Chairmen & Vice Chairmen

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Commanders meeting

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Sr Vice Commanders meeting

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Jr Vice Commanders meeting

Sunday, August 1, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VFW Registration

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VFW Internal Exhibits

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Conference Meetings

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Various Workshops

Committee Meetings:

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2:00 p.m. National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual
2:00 p.m. Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
2:00 p.m. General Resolutions (300 Series)
2:00 p.m. National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series)
VFW POW/MIA Sub-committee
2:00 p.m. National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series)
Sub-committee I – Health
Sub-committee II-Benefits
Sub-committee III–Economic Opportunities/Other

Monday, August 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Internal Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Business Session
1:30-4:00 p.m. Business Session
4:30-6:00 p.m. New Council Members Orientation

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

8: a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Business Session
Nomination/Election/Installation of National Officers
National Council of Administration (*immediately following
installation*)

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Departures

Updated: 5/12/2021 11:24 AM



VFW SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



Conference dates:
November 17th-21st
2021

Reservation dates:
November 14th-23rd
2021

130 Shipyard Dr.
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
843-842-2400

sonesta.com/hiltonheadisland

Room Rate: \$ 139.00 + tax per night

Southern Conference Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021	Registration S.C. Hospitality Room Silent Auction
Friday, Nov. 19, 2021	Morning Colors –Paris Is. Golf Tournament Registration Vendor Service Silent Auction Auxiliary Meeting Memorial Service S. C. Reception
Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021	Silent Auction Registration Officer Breakfast's Joint Opening Ceremony VFW Business Meeting VFW Auxiliary Meeting Candidates Reception Banquet
Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021	Departures

Southern Conference 2021
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States & Auxiliary
November 17 to November 21, 2021

<https://vfwsc.org>

Pre Registration Fee \$75.00

Due to Department of South Carolina by November 5, 2021

On Site Registration Fee \$85.00

Covers: Banquet, SC Hospitality Room, and Entertainment

(Payment by Credit Card will have an additional transaction fee)

Registration #1

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration #2

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

VFWSC

Mail all documents to:

VFW Department of South Carolina

210 Glassmaster Rd.

Lexington, SC 29072

Or Email to: admin@vfwsc.org



Conference Polo Shirts
 Men's \$33.00 Ladies \$30.00

Men's (pocket)	S	M	L	XL
Ladies (no pocket)	S	M	L	XL
Men's (pocket)	S	M	L	XL
Ladies (no pocket)	S	M	L	XL

Men S - 4XL Lady S - 3XL Circle your selection

Morning Colors at Parris Island Marine Corps Recruiting Center

No. of Persons in party. _____ Print each name and Date of Birth for security.

Name	DOB
_____	_____
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Banquet Choices

Entrée A: Chicken Scallopini _____

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Entrée B: Center Cut Sirloin _____

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Entrée C: Roasted Veg. Pasta _____

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Entrée D: Fruit Plate: _____

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Includes Salad, Fresh Bread & Butter,
Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Water.

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Please mark your preference.

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Southern Conference 2021

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary
November 17 – 20, 2021

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Galleon/ Clipper

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9:00 AM Shotgun Start / Scramble Start

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No. of Players: _____

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2021 - 2022

ALL STATE DISTRICT CHECKLIST

For a District Commander to qualify, the Commander must meet the following All State District Commanders criteria:

1. The District must meet their 100% Membership Quota by **May 13, 2022**.
2. All Posts in the District must be inspected, State Headquarters must receive the Inspection Reports no later than December 16, 2021 with all documented discrepancies corrected by May 8, 2022 to complete this requirement.
3. The District Quartermaster must be properly bonded.
4. All Audit Reports for the District must be turned in to State Headquarters as required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
5. All Posts in the District must have submitted the following reports at least **once** during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and **once** during the second half (November 1 thru April 30):
 - a. Hospital Report
 - b. Americanism Report
 - c. Community Activities Report
 - d. Safety Report
 - e. Youth Activities Report
6. The District must conduct a District School of Instruction by the end of September 2021. Department led School of Instruction meets this requirement of the terms stated above.
7. The District must donate \$100 to the Department Virginia Veterans Foundation Fund.

All-State District Commanders who have met all the criteria including membership by May 13, 2022 will receive an All-State District Commander's cap and an All-State Citation during the State Convention. All-State Commanders meeting the criteria, except for membership, by May 13, 2022, and then meet the membership criteria by June 30, 2022 will receive an All-State Citation at their next District meeting but will not receive an All-State cap.

All-State District Commanders will receive a VFW jacket if **all Posts** within their District are 100% or more in membership by May 13, 2022.

2021-2022 ALL STATE TEAM

The Post must meet their 100% Membership Quota by June 30, 2022

The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.

The Post must have been inspected and the Inspection Reports must be received by State Headquarters no later than 4pm on December 16, 2021, also with all documented discrepancies corrected by May 13, 2022 to complete this requirement.

The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, or Junior Vice Commander must attend each District meeting.

The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, or Junior Vice Commander must attend the School of Instruction.

The Post Commander must send Post members or Post Officers to State Recruiting School.

All Audit Reports must be turned into State Headquarters as required by Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Posts may not have more than one late report out of the 4 required.

The Post must purchase 500 Buddy Poppies per 100 members or fraction thereof.

The Post must donate to the Department **Virginia Veterans Foundation** (VVF) and Posts must also donate \$10.00 to help with Honor Guard. Posts with:

- a. 500 or more members - \$125.00 plus \$10.00 for \$135.00
- b. 100 to 499 members - \$100.00 plus \$10.00 for \$110.00
- c. 99 members or less - \$75.00 plus \$10.00 for \$85.00

The Post must have submitted the following reports at least **ONCE** during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and **ONCE** during the second half (November 1 thru April 30)

- a. Hospital Report
- b. Americanism Report
- c. Community Activities Report
- d. Safety Report
- e. Youth Activities Report

The Post must participate in at least 2 of the 3 following programs:

- a. Voice of Democracy Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
- b. Patriot's Pen Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
- c. Teacher of the Year Program (must submit at least one Teacher to the District Level for District judging)

The Post must submit a Community Service Record Book, By May 13, 2022.

Note: Five (5) additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded to Posts submitting entries in all three programs.

Note: One (1) additional point for each of the submission of an entry for EMT, Fireman, Law Enforcement, and/or Scout of the Year.

Note: Posts will receive additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team for membership. One fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100%.

Note: Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All-State Team. To be eligible Posts must increase their membership to 50 or more members.

Note: A Post with less than 50 members who completes all other requirements of the All State program, achieves 100% in membership, but does not surpass 50 total members will be honored with a certificate and a check for \$300. These Posts will each be known as a "Meritorious Post".

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

2021-2022 ALL-STATE PROGRAM AND ANNUAL STATE AWARDS (JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022)

“Full steam ahead for vets”

This Membership – Awards Program has been designed with incentives to work on membership, VFW programs, meeting attendance and submission of reports. Post and District membership 100% quotas will be based on the June 30, 2021 membership as adjusted by National Headquarters. Except where noted, the quota will **NOT** be reduced because of members who die or transfer to another Post. A new Post will be assigned a membership quota of 30 members.

Department of Virginia’s membership goal percentages and goal dates 2021-2022

September 15, 2021 Department membership 75%
December 30, 2021 Department membership 90%
March 30, 2022 Department membership 95%
May 9, 2022 Department membership 100%
June 30, 2022 Department membership 105%

MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES

Membership plaques will be presented at the State Convention to the Post with the largest numeric membership increase in each category. The judging will be based on Membership as of May 13, 2022.

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
- d. Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- e. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

LIFE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARD

A Life Membership increase award and \$200.00 will be awarded at State Convention to the Post with the greatest increase in Life members (must be at least 3 new Life members) in each category. The judging will be based on Life Membership as of May 13, 2022.

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
- d. Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- e. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWINGS

There will be four (4) Life Membership drawings. One (1) Post will be selected for each drawing. Posts must meet their membership quota by the day prior to drawing to be eligible. Drawings will be held on the day of awards judging. Posts with 10 thru 75 members will have one (1) chance, Posts with 76 thru 150 members will have two (2) chances, Posts with 151 thru 250 will have (3) chances, Posts with 251 thru 500 members will have four (4) chances, and Post with 501 or more members will have five (5) chances.

- a. The first drawing will be held on September 24, 2021 and the Post must have 75% of its 2021 membership quota to participate.
- b. The second drawing will be held on October 29, 2021 and the Post must have 85% of its 2021 membership quota to participate.
- c. The third drawing will be held on January 28, 2022 and the Post must have 95% of its 2022 membership quota to participate.
- d. The fourth drawing will be held on March 25, 2022 and the Post must have 100% of its 2022 membership quota to participate.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AWARD

A Membership Renewal Award will be awarded to each Post that renews ALL viable Annual Members on its unpaid list who were Annual Members the previous year by membership goal by May 13, 2022. Deceased members and conversions to Life Membership will not count against total.

POST 100% MEMBERSHIP AWARD

In addition, the respective Post Commander and Quartermaster will receive 100% Membership Pins and Tumblers if the Post meets its 2021-2022 100% membership goal by May 13, 2022. These awards will be presented at the Posts' respective District meetings.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Post with the largest increase of new Legacy Life Members will receive a check in the amount of \$200.00. The judging will be based on Legacy Life Membership as of May 13, 2022. The award will be presented at the State Convention.

2021-2022 POST ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS

There is no limit on the number of Posts that can be All-State.

All State Post Requirements:

1. The Post must meet their 100% Membership Quota by June 30, 2022
2. The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.
3. The Post must have been inspected and the Inspection Reports must be received by State Headquarters no later than 4pm on December 16, 2021, also with all documented discrepancies corrected by May 13, 2022 to complete this requirement.

4. The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, or Junior Vice Commander must attend each District meeting.
 5. The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, or Junior Vice Commander must attend the School of Instruction.
 6. The Post Commander must send Post members or Post Officers to State Recruiting School.
 7. All Audit Reports must be turned into State Headquarters as required by Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Posts may not have more than one late report out of the 4 required.
 8. The Post must purchase 500 Buddy Poppies per 100 members or fraction thereof.
 9. The Post must donate to the Department **Virginia Veterans Foundation (VVF)** and Posts must also donate \$10.00 to help with Honor Guard. Posts with:
 - a. 500 or more members - \$125.00 plus \$10.00 for \$135.00
 - b. 100 to 499 members - \$100.00 plus \$10.00 for \$110.00
 - c. 99 members or less - \$75.00 plus \$10.00 for \$85.00
 10. The Post must have submitted the following reports at least **ONCE** during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and **ONCE** during the second half (November 1 thru April 30)
 - a. Hospital Report
 - b. Americanism Report
 - c. Community Activities Report
 - d. Safety Report
 - e. Youth Activities Report
 11. The Post must participate in at least 2 of the 3 following programs:
 - a. Voice of Democracy Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
 - b. Patriot's Pen Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
 - c. Teacher of the Year Program (must submit at least one Teacher to the District Level for District judging)
 12. The Post must submit a Community Service Record Book, by May 13, 2022.
- Note:** Five (5) additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded to Posts submitting entries in all three programs.
- Note:** One (1) additional point for each of the submission of an entry for EMT, Fireman, Law Enforcement, and/or Scout of the Year.
- Note:** Posts will receive additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team for membership. One fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100%.
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- Note:** A Post with less than 50 members who completes all other requirements of the All State

program, achieves 100% in membership, but does not surpass 50 total members will be honored with a certificate and a check for \$300. These Posts will each be known as a “Meritorious Post”.

POST ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS

1. All-State Post Commanders who have met all the criteria, including membership, by May 13, 2022 and have not received an All-State cap for this level of leadership since June, 2019 will receive a citation, an All-State cap, and an All-State pin during the State Convention. Additionally, a check in the amount of \$300.00, to **assist** in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention will be presented to those Post Commanders who achieve the All-State award by May 13, 2022 and attend all required events at the State Convention. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. All-State Commanders meeting the criteria except for membership by May 13, 2022 and then meeting the membership criteria by June 30, 2022 will receive a citation and an All-State pin at their next District meeting but will not receive any monetary award nor a cap.
2. All-State Post Quartermasters who have met all the criteria, including membership, by May 13, 2022 and have not received an All-State cap for this level of leadership since June, 2019 will receive a citation, an All-State cap, and an All-State pin during the State Convention. Additionally, a check in the amount of \$300.00, to **assist** in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention will be presented to those Post Quartermasters who achieve the All-State award by May 13, 2022 and attend all required events at the State Convention. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. All-State Quartermasters meeting the criteria except for membership by May 13, 2022 and then meeting the membership criteria by June 30, 2022 will receive a citation and an All-State pin at their next District meeting but will not receive any monetary award nor a cap.
3. From the All-State Team, the Post with the highest points in the All-State judging on May 13, 2022 will be designated as the Outstanding Post of the Year 2021-2022. The Commander and Quartermaster of this Post will be the Captains of the All-State Team.
4. The Awards and Citation Committee will break all ties and their decision will be considered the recommendation to the State Commander.
5. The State Commander shall make the final decision for all recommendations of awards and the decision shall be final.

2021-2022 DISTRICT ALL STATE REQUIREMENTS

There is no limit on the number of Districts that can be All-State.

All State District Requirements:

1. The District must meet their 100% Membership Quota by June 30, 2022
2. All Posts in the District and the District must be inspected; State Headquarters must receive the Inspection Reports no later than December 16, 2021 with all documented discrepancies corrected by May 13, 2022 to complete this requirement.
3. The District Quartermaster must be properly bonded.

4. All Audit Reports for the District must be turned into State Headquarters as required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

5. All Posts in the District must have submitted the following reports at least **once** during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and **once** during the second half (November 1 thru April 30):

- a. Hospital Report
- b. Americanism Report
- c. Community Activities Report
- d. Safety Report
- e. Youth Activities Report

6. The District must conduct a District School of Instruction by the end of September 2021. Department led School of Instruction meets this requirement of the terms stated above.

7. The District must donate \$100.00 to the Department Virginia Veterans Foundation (VVF).

DISTRICT ALL STATE DISTRICT AWARDS

1. All-State District Commanders who have met all the criteria including membership by May 13, 2022 will receive an All-State District Commander's cap and an All-State Citation during the State Convention. All- State Commanders meeting the criteria, except for membership, by May 13, 2022 and then meet the membership criteria by June 30, 2022 will receive an All- State Citation at their next District meeting but will not receive an All-State cap.

2. All-State District Commanders will receive a VFW jacket if **all Posts** within their District are 100% or more in membership by May 13, 2022

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

All individual recruiting awards will be awarded by using the National Recruiter Reports dated May 13, 2022. These awards will be presented at the State Convention. Annual members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will receive:

1. Their Annual Dues (National and Department portions) paid by the Department for the current year.
2. Their name and membership number will be entered in a drawing for a Life Membership.

Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the Life Membership Drawing.

The drawing for *the Life Membership* listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging. Life Members recruiting 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:

- a. Name and membership number will be entered in a drawing for one level of Legacy Life membership equal to \$400.00 or \$200.00 cash if already a Gold member.

Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.

The drawing for the *Legacy Life Membership* award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging May 13, 2022

Members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will be entered in a drawing for:

- a. Round trip airfare to the 12^{3rd} National Convention.
- b. Expense check in the amount of for \$599.00 to help defray expenses. Additionally, the winner will receive either the cost of round-trip airfare for one person or the actual cost of gas, not to exceed the cost of round-trip airfare for one person.

Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.

The drawing for this award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging May 13, 2022.

POST COMMANDER MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Post Commanders who have their Post 100% in membership by Dec 31, 2021 will receive a Department Commanders jacket. Winners will be announced at Winter Council, jackets will be presented at a District Meeting.

INDIVIDUAL RECRUITER AWARDS

Individual recruiters will also receive for:

- a. 20 New or Reinstated Members – a Pen and Key Chain Set.
- b. 25 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's challenge coin
- c. 50 New or Reinstated Members – a Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting cap and citation
- d. 75 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's jacket

These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

THE SAMUEL B. DeVAUGHAN MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Samuel B. DeVaughan Membership Award is presented to the member who recruits the most new and/or reinstated members of the 2021-2022 Membership Year. They will receive the following:

- a. A check in the amount of \$300.00 to help defray expenses of the State Convention.
- b. A Department citation.
- c. A distinctive cap and name badge

This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE GEORGE C. DALBY AWARD

The George C. Dalby Award is presented to any Post member for outstanding participation in VFW programs. Rules for this contest are sent to each Post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State

Headquarters is the day prior to awards judging May 13, 2022. Post and District Commanders are excluded from this award. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE W. B. SHAFER, JR. MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The W.B. Shafer, Jr. Membership Award is presented to the Post making the greatest percentage gain in membership as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging May 13, 2022. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE RICHARD A. (AL) GUAGER AMERICANISM AWARD

The Richard A. (Al) Guager Americanism Award is presented annually. Rules for this contest are sent to each Post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging May 13, 2022. This award will be presented at the State Convention. Posts placing second through tenth will receive a citation.

THE GEORGE E. McCracken Honor Guard/Color Guard Award

The George E. McCracken Honor Guard/Color Guard Award is presented to the most outstanding Post Honor Guard/Color Guard. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging May 13, 2022. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Firefighter of the Year Award is presented to the most outstanding firefighter. The selectee will receive a plaque and a monetary award. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 10, 2022. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in fire/emergency safety work, accomplishments in fire/emergency safety field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention or at a local venue.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is presented to the most outstanding law enforcement officer. The selectee will receive a plaque and a monetary award. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 10, 2022. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in law enforcement work, accomplishment in the field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention or at a local venue.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Emergency Medical technician of the Year is presented to the most outstanding Emergency Medical Technician. The selectee will receive a plaque and a monetary award. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 10, 2022. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in paramedic work, accomplishment in the field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention or at a local venue.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Teacher of the Year awards are presented to the most outstanding Teachers. The selectees will receive a citation and a monetary award. There are three winners – Kindergarten through 5th grade, 6th through 8th grade, and 9th through 12th grade. These awards will be presented at the Winter Council

THE W. I. WOODDELL MEMORIAL POST QUARTERMASTER AWARD

The W. I. Wooddell Memorial Post Quartermaster Award is presented to the Post Quartermaster who has shown outstanding dedication to his Post and the Department. The Post Commander must send in a nominating letter on why the Post Quartermaster should be considered for Quartermaster of the year. Submission must be received the day prior to the awards judging May 13, 2022. The recipient is to be selected by a committee headed by the State Quartermaster. The award will consist of a custom-lettered citation, plus a check in the amount of \$200.00 from the Department. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE CLAIR B. POFF PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

The Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award is presented to three (3) Posts for the most outstanding newsletter or publication for their size group and then forwarded to National for judging. Group 1: Membership 99 members or less; Group 2: Membership 100 to 179; and Group 3: Membership 180 or more. To enter, send two different copies of your Post Newsletter to State Headquarters along with the editor's name and address. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 8, 2022. Judging will determine first, second, and third place winners.

THE ROBERT H. RINER AWARD

The Robert H. Riner Award is presented to the District Commander with the highest percentage gain in membership over the last year. Membership gain will be as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging May 13, 2022. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

WILLIAM T. (BILL) ALLEN HOSPITAL AWARD

The William T. (Bill) Allen Hospital Award is presented to Posts with outstanding reporting of hospital work. The winning Posts will be determined by the State Hospital Chairman. These awards will be presented at the State Convention. Hospital award categories are:

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 250
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

CLARENCE E. KELLEY MEMORIAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD

The Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Award is presented to the Post sponsoring the State's first place VOD winner and is presented at the State Convention. In addition, each Post participating in the VOD program will receive a citation.

Note: The State VOD winners will receive a plaque and monetary award for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to be presented at the Winter Conference Banquet. The first three place winners are expected to attend the

Winter Conference Banquet where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be announced, and the 1st place winner will read their essay.

LARRY MATTERA MEMORIAL PATRIOT'S PEN AWARD

The Larry Mattera Memorial Patriot's Pen Award is presented to the Post sponsoring the State's first place Patriot's Pen winner and will be presented at the State Convention. In addition, each Post participating in the PP program will receive a citation.

Note: The State Patriots Pen winners will receive a plaque and monetary award for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to be presented at the Winter Conference Banquet. The first three place winners are expected to attend the Winter Conference Banquet where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be announced, and the 1st place winner will read their essay.

SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Scout of the Year Award is presented to the State Scout of the Year winner. A plaque and a \$500.00 monetary award will be presented at the State Convention. In addition, each Post participating in the Scout Program will receive a citation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK

The Community Service Record Book should be kept from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 for State judging. Plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) entries at the State Convention. Special Citations will be awarded to the fourth through tenth places.

All Posts entering a Community Service Record Book will have a chance to win a monetary award in the amount of \$200.00 if judged best overall entry in their respective membership category. One (1) check will be issued in each membership category.

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 250
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

BUDDY POPPY CITATIONS

Buddy Poppy Citations will be presented to the District Commander whose District purchased the most Buddy Poppies and to District Commanders whose Districts had 100% participation in the Buddy Poppy Program. The Post in each District that purchased the most Buddy Poppies will also be presented a citation. These awards will be presented at their next District Meeting.

“I wish each and every one an excellent year and hope all Post and Districts reach goals to All State and All American. Your Department line officers are here to help you with Full Steam Ahead for Vets.”

Butch Schupska
Your State Commander

All-American District Checklist

All-American District Leadership Criteria

- Membership greater than 100%
- Finish in the top 10 Districts in your division that meet all of the following criteria
 - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to Department Judging
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to Department judging

All-American District Award

- All-American District streamer
- All-American District citation - Commander
- All-American name badge - Commander
- All-American cap - Commander - **Quartermaster may purchase cap*
- All-American lapel pin - Commander - **Quartermaster may purchase pin*
- The top **two** District Commanders in each division will also receive:
 - **A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.**
 - **Reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.**

District Membership Divisions and Minimum Qualifying Percentages

Division	Total Membership		Qualifying Percentage	#Eligible
1	5,000	14,000	Over 100%	10
2	3,282	4,999	Over 100%	10
3	2,172	3,281	Over 100%	10
4	1,447	2,171	Over 100%	10
5	906	1,446	Over 100%	10
6	1	905	Over 100%	10

IMPORTANT NOTES

- To receive stipends, awardees must be in attendance at designated events
- Only **one** National paid stipend per event (National Convention, Legislative Conference, etc.)
- All awards are non-transferable

☞☞ For the Conference Membership Award traveling trophy, the Conference Chairman will be responsible for the return of the trophy to the Membership Department booth at the National Convention each year

The *Department Commander's "Good Will Tour"* is for Department commanders to visit Posts in their Department to get face-to-face time with their Post and District leadership and assist with membership and Programs. For further information about the *Commander's "Good Will Tour"*, please contact the Membership Department by calling **1-888-JOIN-VFW** or by email at membership@vfw.org

All-American Post Checklist

- Membership greater than 100%
- Meet all the following Program Participation Criteria:
 - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District Judging
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Program Services, minimum of \$100
 - Partner twice with two separate organizations like Team RWB, Operation Ramp It Up, Operation Gratitude, Team Rubicon, Merging Vets & Players and other VSOs to include our friends at Sport Clips and Burger King. (Submit both online reports through dashboard).
 - Create Post social media site or actively maintain existing site.
 - 5 New Action Corps Sign-Ups: To sign up: Text “VFW” to “50457” to sign-up 5 previously unsubscribed members or VFW supporters.
 - Have a 10% increase in total impact in Community Service.
 - (\$ Donated + Hours = Total Impact) * Baseline has been established within the KPI Tools for Community Service. ***See notes on page 12.**

All-American Post Award

All Posts that meet the Qualifying Percentage and the program participation criteria will receive an All-American Post Citation, Post Streamer and be recognized in the VFW magazine.

The Top **25** Posts in each Division will receive:

- Acknowledgment in VFW Magazine
- Acknowledgement during the All-American Awards Ceremony at the National Convention
- All-American Post citation
- All-American Post streamer
- All-American citation – Commander
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VFW National Membership Program



Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic
Commander-in-Chief

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Membership Mission

To recruit, retain and mentor a stable membership base including all generations of veterans.

To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization and in the local community. To establish Posts with an established vision of service, leadership and community outreach.

Introduction

Over the past several years, the VFW has been successful in recruiting new members into the organization. The only way to make this success permanent is to retain those members, recover past members, and continue to recruit new veterans into our ranks. To do this, we must improve the way we communicate with our members at all levels of the organization. Posts, Districts, and Departments need to use all methods available to convey information for news and training to our membership; newsletters, emails, social media, and outreach teams are some of the most effective ways to maintain communication with our members. We need to know who our members are and how we can address their needs and concerns. We need to focus on the basic tenets of our organization: to take care of our members, their families, and the veteran community as a whole.

Membership Goals

- 1.** Build a strong organization through recruiting new members while retaining our current membership that creates a solid baseline for the future.
- 2.** Work together to achieve the VFW's goals. The VFW National Headquarters staff is available to assist in coordinating programs, developing membership initiatives and building awareness among our membership and the entire veteran community.

Membership Objectives

- Recruit new and recover unpaid members
- Involve members directly in VFW functions at all levels
- Retain and mentor existing membership
- Develop new Posts and revitalize existing Posts
- Increase Life Membership

- Increase Legacy Life Membership

Membership Resources

In order to assist our Posts, Districts, and Departments in meeting the goals set out by the Commander-in-Chief in this membership program, the National Headquarters has a wealth of resources at your disposal. Many of those are available free of charge to our members.

- Membership materials ranging from applications, recruiting brochures, posters, and benefits brochures can be ordered directly from the Membership Department using the Membership Order Form (located under Membership Quick Links once you log into vfw.org)
- Resources for Post Development, Membership Campaigns, and Mentorship such as training guides, videos, and webinars are available in the Training & Support section on vfw.org
- Promotional tools such as radio spots, sample advertisements, public service announcements, and media kits are all available through the Media Room on vfw.org

See the trend? Just about anything you will need is at vfw.org, check it out.

The VFW National Headquarters staff is ready and trained to answer any questions you may have concerning membership, VFW programs, or other issues. You can contact our **Member Service Center directly at 1.833.VFW.VETS**, or the **Membership Department at 1.888.JOIN.VFW**.

Triple Crown Award

Any commander who achieves All-American at the Post, District and Department level will receive a Triple Crown pin and recognition at the National Convention.

Recruiting Awards

- **5, 10, 15** Corresponding numbered member pin
- **25** Commander-in-Chief membership coin & citation
- **50** VFW CIC Basecamp Backpack
- **75** Commemorative medallion set
- **100** Century cap and citation or \$50 VFW Store credit
- **150** \$250 VFW store gift certificate

Department “100 Percent” Incentive

Any Department that attains 100% in membership by close of business on March 31, 2022 will be entered into a random drawing. The commander plus guest and quartermaster plus guest for the Department that is selected will each receive:

- **\$2500 voucher through Veterans Travel Services (VTS) applied towards airfare, accommodations and transportation for a trip of their choice.**

Early Bird Award—VFW Legislative Conference

The top three Post commanders and quartermasters in each division on Jan. 1, 2022 will receive:

- **A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW Legislative Conference, Washington D.C.**

Department Early Bird Incentive

For every Department that achieves 92% in membership by Jan. 1, 2022; the Department commander will receive:

- **A Henry Golden Boy .22 Caliber Rifle (VFW Tribute edition if available) or a credit voucher of equal value for use with Veterans Travel Services (VTS) or the VFW Store.**

Post Commander and Quartermaster – New & Reinstated Member Award

The top 10 Post commanders and quartermasters in each division who report more than 50 new and reinstated annual members by Jan. 1, 2022 will each be awarded:

- **A travel charger with the official VFW Commander-in-Chief logo.**

Kansas City Spree

The top two Post commanders and the top two District commanders in each division who achieve 100% membership by April 1, 2022 along with their guest will each be awarded:

- **Round-trip airfare to Kansas City, Mo. from the airport nearest the awardee's home.**
- **A fun-filled weekend (May 19-22, 2022) that may include but is not limited to touring, shopping and a complete tour of the VFW National Headquarters.**

100% Post, District & Department

A distinctive streamer will be awarded to every Post, District and State/Department that achieves 100% or greater in membership before July 1, 2022.

100% Commander Drawing

Each Post and District commander that exceeds 100% in membership by June 1, 2022 will receive an entry in this drawing. Twenty Post commanders and 12 District commanders will receive:

- **A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.**

Post Commander and Quartermaster Division Challenge

For every 10 new/reinstated members recruited between July 1, 2021 and April 1, 2022 Posts will earn one entry for both Post commander and quartermaster entered into a drawing. One Post per division will receive:

- **A \$1,000 stipend each for commander and quartermaster to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.**

Legacy Life Membership Acquisition

Each Post that achieves the designated benchmarks of 25, 50 and 75 Legacy Life Members will be awarded:

- **A Legacy Society Post Proclamation.**

Each Post that achieves the distinctive benchmark of 100 Legacy Life members by July 1, 2022, commander or Post representative will receive:

- A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.
- Reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.
- Legacy Society Post Proclamation.

Elite Recruiter

Any VFW member who signs up 250 or more new and/or reinstated annual members by July 1, 2022, will receive:

- A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.
- Distinctive cap, citation, and name badge.

Recruiter of the Year

The VFW member who signs up the greatest number of new and/or reinstated annual members greater than 250 by July 1, 2022, will receive:

- A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.
- Reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.
- Distinctive cap, citation, and name badge.
- Commander-in-Chief's Crystal Eagle.

New Post Development and Post Revitalization Department Award

- For each new Post the department will receive two entries into a drawing, and one entry for increasing the membership of a Post of 50 members or less to over 50 members by July 1, 2022, the Department selected will receive:
 - \$1000 paid directly to Department.

All-American Criteria

The All-American program exists to recognize exceptional leadership and teamwork, authentic accomplishment in membership growth and VFW core programs.

All-American Post Criteria

- Membership greater than 100%
- Meet all the following Program Participation Criteria:

- Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry)
- Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry)
- Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$100.
- Partner twice with two separate organizations like Team RWB, Operation Ramp It Up, Operation Gratitude, Team Rubicon, Merging Vets & Players and other VSOs to include our friends at Sport Clips and Burger King. (Submit both online reports through dashboard).
- Create Post social media site or actively maintain existing site.
- 5 New Action Corps Sign-Ups: To sign up: Text "VFW" to "50457" to sign-up 5 previously unsubscribed members or VFW supporters.
- Have a 10% increase in total impact in Community Service. (\$ Donated + Hours = Total Impact) * Baseline has been established within the KPI Tools for Community Service. ***See notes on page 12.**

All-American Post Award

- All Posts that meet the Qualifying Percentage and the program participation criteria will receive an All-American Post Citation, Post Streamer and be recognized in the VFW magazine.

- The Top **25** Posts in each Division will receive:

- Acknowledgment in VFW Magazine
- Acknowledgement during the All-American Awards Ceremony at the National Convention
- All-American Post citation
- All-American Post streamer
- All-American citation - commander
- All-American name badge - commander
- All-American cap (commander only, quartermaster and Post members may purchase "Post Member" cap)
- All-American lapel pin (commander only, quartermaster may purchase pin)
- All-American Team Post Member lapel pin (25 pack)

- The top **five** commanders in each division will also receive:
 - **A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.**
 - **Reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.**

All-American District Criteria

- Membership greater than 100%
- Finish in top 10 Districts in your division that meet all the following criteria
 - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to Department judging (Overseas District donate \$100 to National in lieu of entry*see last page)
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to Department judging (Overseas District donate \$100 to National in lieu of entry*see last page)

All-American District Award

- All-American District streamer
- All-American District citation - commander
- All-American name badge - commander
- All-American cap (commander only, quartermaster may purchase cap)
- All-American lapel pin (commander only, quartermaster may purchase pin)
- The top **two** District commanders in each division will also receive:
 - **A \$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.**
 - **Reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.**

All-American Department Criteria

- Membership must be greater than 100%
- Must conduct two Membership recruiting events; one between July 1 and December 31, 2021 and the other between January 1, 2022 and May 1, 2022. A report of these events must be submitted to the Membership Department.
- Conduct a Department Commander's "Good Will Tour" prior to Jan 1, 2022 with a report submitted to the Membership Department.

- **National Legislative Service**
 - Monthly National Legislative Service committee member reports submitted to National Legislative Service in Washington, D.C.
- **National Veterans Services**
- Must have a State/Department service officer and submit his or her name and contact information to National Veterans Services in Washington, D.C. by July 31, 2021
- Monthly activity report from Department Service Officer or designated NVS Committee member to NVS in Washington, D.C.
- **Programs**
 - Voice of Democracy - An entry advanced to National judging
 - Patriot's Pen - An entry advanced to National judging
 - Veterans & Military Support Programs – Must complete a State/Department fundraiser and proceeds donated to Veterans & Military Support Programs, Kansas City, Mo. (*see last page)
 - Must have at least 1 teacher submitted for the Teacher of the Year competition. (No longer three categories, entries can come from K-12).
 - Have a 10% increase in total impact in Community Service.
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All-American Department Award

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- Reserved seating at the VFW National Convention Joint Opening Session

Conference Membership Award

The State/Department leading each conference will be entrusted with the conference membership colors for the following year. The 2020-2021 Conference winners will return the colors to the membership booth at National Convention in Kansas City, MO no later than COB on Monday after the Joint Opening Session. The 2021-2022 Conference winners will then pick up the colors from the Membership Director at National Convention in July 2022 in Kansas City, MO any time after 0800 on Tuesday at the Membership booth.

The Conference with the highest membership percentage of the four Conferences will have their name and year engraved on a traveling trophy presented by the Commander-in-Chief to the Conference Chairman at the National Convention. The 2021-2022 Conference Chairman will return the trophy to the membership booth at National Convention in Kansas City, M) no later than COB on Saturday to ensure placement of the new nameplate. This trophy will be presented to the 2021-2022 Conference Chairman on stage during the Joint Opening Session**.

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District Membership Divisions and Minimum Qualifying Percentages

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1	5,000	14,000	Over 100%	10
2	3,282	4,999	Over 100%	10
3	2,172	3,281	Over 100%	10
4	1,447	2,171	Over 100%	10
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- **5 New Action Corps Sign-Ups:** VFW's strength on Capitol Hill rests with the voices of our members and patriotic supporters. It is vitally important that VFW's National Grassroots Advocacy network remains actively engaged in the fight for veteran's benefits. As a VFW advocate you receive an e-newsletter each week keeping you up to date on current issues facing our service members, veterans, and their families. When it is urgent that Congress hear from their constituents regarding a VFW legislative priority, VFW will release an Action Alert. The Action Alert will provide the necessary information and tools our advocates need in order to ensure their voices are heard.
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

TO: ALL STATE, DISTRICT, AND POST OFFICERS

Now is the time to be planning for the Buddy Poppy Sale. Begin making your plans now. Decide when you will sell. Select your working organization members of your Post, Auxiliary, Boy or Girl Scouts, or another group.

The price of Buddy Poppies is \$130.00 per 1,000 Poppies, and the minimum order is 500 poppies.

PLACE ALL ORDERS FOR BUDDY POPPIES WITH STATE HEADQUARTERS. Order blank is below. Orders should be placed early. Payment must be made at the time Buddy Poppies are ordered. POPPIES CANNOT BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT.

***In order to avoid possibility of not receiving your Poppies in time for your sale, we are asking that you designate month and date of your sale. State Headquarters uses this date to fill orders.

The following Buddy Poppy Citations will be awarded at the next State Convention.

1. Post in each District purchasing the most Buddy Poppies.
2. District Commander whose District purchases the most Poppies.
3. District Commander with all Posts in his District registering in Buddy Poppy purchases for the current year.

Ed Mann
State Buddy Poppy Chairman

PLEASE DETACH ALONG THIS LINE AND RETURN TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

POST NUMBER _____ AUX NUMBER _____ SHIP TO: _____
DATE OF ORDER _____
DATE OF SALE _____

STATE BUDDY POPPY CHAIRMAN
403 Lee Jackson Highway
STAUNTON, VA 24401

Please enter our order for Buddy Poppies as follows:

BUDDY POPPIES

_____ (QTY) BOXES OF 500 _____ x 65.00 = TOTAL _____

_____ (QTY) BOXES OF 1000 _____ x 130.00 = TOTAL _____

_____ (QTY) BOXES OF 2000 _____ x 260.00 = TOTAL _____

_____ Total Enclosed

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

Please Circle One: Discover American Express MasterCard Visa

SIGNATURE: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Code on Back _____

Comrades:

My name is Harold Milton Schupska, (aka), Butch. I am announcing my candidacy for National Council member for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2022-2026. I was in the Navy from 1972-1975, then came back into the Navy in 1979. I married Peggy Ann Barchaniwcz on July 18, 1983. We have no children, but we spoil nieces and nephews and then send them home. I retired from the Navy on September 30, 1996 as a First-Class Boiler Technician (SW). My wife Peggy and I reside in Norfolk, Virginia.



I joined the VFW in 1989 at Ocean View Post 3160 became involved with the Military Order of the Cooties, reaching the title of Seam Squirrel four times. In 2002 I became Junior Vice Commander of Post 3160. In 2003-2004 I was Senior Vice Commander and then in 2004-2005, I became Post Commander. As Post Commander I received the distinguished All-State Commander award and made All American Commander. In 2008-2009, I was elected as the Grand Commander of the Military Order of the Cooties. From 2010-2013, I was elected Post Commander again, and was an All-American Commander all three terms, and All-State two of the three terms.

In 2016, I ran for Department Surgeon and from 2017 until the present, I have made my way up the chairs and am the 2021-2022 Department Commander.

I will give this Department my all to ensure that Virginia continues to lead the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "Full Steam Ahead for Vets".

I hope I can count on your support at state convention in June of 2022.



Harold Milton Schupska (AKA) Butch



Vote Ken Wiseman for National Council of Administration!

An Experienced Leader For Virginia!



Endorsed by current National Councilman Tom Gimble!

The National Council of Administration oversees the National HQs of the VFW and Virginia needs someone to represent our interests and help oversee national-level efforts. With a multi-million dollar budget, important programs, and a future that must be as great as our past, we need experience and knowledge in the person holding this position.

As an All-American Past State Commander and All-American Past State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Ken knows firsthand Virginia's relationship with the National HQs and will fight to protect the more than \$175,000 Virginia gets annually from the National HQs. Ken knows the importance of Service Officers having been one and he sees the help they give veterans as a cornerstone of the VFW. Ken spent three years working in the VFW's D.C. office and knows well our fight on Capitol Hill and the need to support all VFW employees in their efforts to fulfill our mission.

Most importantly, Ken understands the challenges faced by our Posts. Having served multiple times as a Post Commander and Post Quartermaster and earning All-American and All-State honors along the way, Ken believes Posts are the most important level of the organization and should be supported as such. Ken will work to ensure that the National HQs empowers and strengthens Posts, not make it harder for them to succeed.

Vote for experience and continued advocacy!