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## 1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades & Auxiliary:

This is my last General Orders as your State Commander, it has been an honor to service you All, and I mean that from the bottom of my heart. There are so many people that I want to thank but I would miss someone, and I would feel bad so I will say thank you all, and when I see you at Convention, I will say thank you in person.

To the staff at Headquarters, you are the best that any Commander could wish for, and District Commanders thank you for taking care of things that came your way, I know that we had some good and bad times but at the end of the day we got the job done for our Vets.

Post Commanders you are the foundation of the Department without you and your Post there would not be a District or Department, so thank you all for holding the Department and Districts together.

For all Committee Chairperson and Members, all of you have made this year easy for me to say this, I am glad you accepted the position at the beginning of year.

Now for the best Auxiliary President a Commander could ever ask for, Carol Vangi, it really started when she was elected as Jr. Vice, we sat down and started planning out what we wanted to do as our year together, we all ways talk to each other on how things are going, but never got involved in each other's business.

As of 5-17-22 the Department is at 98.97% we are 333 away to make 100% plus 1. We have till 30 June to make it but why wait till then I believe in all of you to make it by 31 May.

I am always going to be available to assist any Post or District at any time.

Just remember Full Steam Ahead For Vets.

Butch Schupska  
State Commander

## 2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Date: 8/20/22 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 176 Newport News 21 Forrest Drive	7 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 8/13/22 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: Noon Location: Post 621 Luray 218 Veterans Lane
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Date: 8/20/22 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 392 Virginia Beach 2408 Bowland Parkway	8 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 8/20/22 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 12202 King George 12266 Kent Road
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Date: 8/20/22 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: To follow lunch Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane	9 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 9/24/22 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 7726 Independence 115 Klondike Road
4 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 8/13/22 SOI: 10:30 AM Meeting: Meeting to follow Location: Post 9954 Victoria 1000 Marshal Avenue	10 <sup>th</sup>	Date: TBD Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: TBD
5 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 8/20/22 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 1425 Greensboro Road	11 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 8/20/22 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 1499 Lexington 105 Memorial Lane
6 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 8/6/22 Meeting: Noon Location: Post 1264 Roanoke 4930 Grandview Avenue NW	12 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 9/10/22 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1994 Abingdon 17581 Lee Highway
		13 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 8/20/22 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 8947 Mineral 201 Mineral Avenue

## 3. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

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

#### 4. ALL STATE:

Congratulations to the following Districts and Posts who made All-State by May 13th. If your Post is not on the list, you still have until June 30th to achieve All-State don't stop working on membership.

District 2, Department of Virginia  
District 3, Department of Virginia  
District 8, Department of Virginia

District 10, Department of Virginia  
District 13, Department of Virginia

VFW Post 8252, District 1, Gloucester Ct. House  
VFW Post 960, District 1, Yorktown, VA  
VFW Post 392, District 2, Virginia Beach, VA  
VFW Post 2894, District 2, Chesapeake, VA  
VFW Post 4809, District 2, Norfolk, VA  
VFW Post 622, District 3, Petersburg, VA  
VFW Post 637, District 3, Hopewell, VA  
VFW Post 2239, District 3, Colonial Heights, VA  
VFW Post 4639, District 3, Williamsburg, VA  
VFW Post 6364, District 3, Richmond, VA  
VFW Post 8356, District 3, West Point, VA  
VFW Post 9808, District 3, Mechanicsville, VA  
VFW Post 10654, District 3, Richmond, VA  
VFW Post 10657, District 3, Glen Allen, VA  
VFW Post 5313, District 4, Nottoway, VA  
VFW Post 7166, District 4, South Hill, VA  
VFW Post 7819, District 4, Crewe, VA  
VFW Post 1264, District 6, Roanoke, VA

VFW Post 4522, District 6, Vinton, VA  
VFW Post 12179, District 6, Lynchburg, VA  
VFW Post 2447, District 7, Edinburg, VA  
VFW Post 3103, District 8, Fredericksburg, VA  
VFW Post 9835, District 8, Warrenton, VA  
VFW Post 12202, District 8, King George, VA  
VFW Post 2719, District 9, Wytheville, VA  
VFW Post 1503, District 10, Dale City, VA  
VFW Post 1177, District 10, Leesburg, VA  
VFW Post 7916, District 10, Woodbridge, VA  
VFW Post 3150, District 10, Arlington, VA  
VFW Post 8469, District 10, Fairfax, VA  
VFW Post 9274, District 10, Falls Church, VA  
VFW Post 1994, District 12, Abingdon, VA  
VFW Post 2217, District 13, Orange, VA  
VFW Post 8169, District 13, Scottsville, VA  
VFW Post 8947, District 13, Louisa, VA

The Meritorious Posts are as follows:

VFW Post 3136, District 11, Mount Solon, VA  
VFW Post 2424, District 11, Waynesboro, VA

VFW Post 7814, District 11, Staunton, VA

#### 5. AMAZONSMILE:

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to charitable organizations selected by our customers. Our very own Foundation is listed – The Virginia Veterans Foundation.

#### 6. 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, one of which ended March 31 and is **NOW PAST DUE**.

#### 7. DELEGATE FEES:

In accordance with the National By-Laws Section 222 (C), each Post will pay in accordance with Department By-Laws a delegate registration fee for each delegate to which the Post shall be entitled.

Therefore, you must submit your delegates list to the Department in accordance with Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure (B) along with a check in the amount of \$3.00 for every delegate your Post is entitled to as of membership status of March 31. All delegate list and monies should have been sent to Department Headquarters by **May 27th**. Failure to do so will put your Post in arrears to the Department and Post will have no voting strength at the State Convention. **The Delegate sheet was the front page of the April General Orders.**

## 8. 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.

## 9. DOORDASH:

*The DoorDash [Community Credits](#) program provides nonprofit organizations with DoorDash gift cards\* in order to help them empower the communities they serve, reduce food insecurity as a barrier for their target audiences, and encourage participation in programs that expand access to opportunity.*

*DoorDash's mission is to grow and empower local economies. To accomplish that mission, we believe that everyone needs an equal chance to reach their full potential. Over 75% of our partners use DoorDash gift cards to enhance their youth development, entrepreneurship, and workforce development programs. DoorDash gift cards have been an effective way to engage the community wherever they are in an increasingly virtual environment.*

This link will take you to the application form: [DoorDash Community Credits - Formstack](#)

Please let us know if you have questions or need assistance with the application. Please also let us know if you or any local Posts apply and Darrell can flag those applicants.

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## 10. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AT STATE CONVENTION:

Per Section 213 of the National Bylaws, Posts that have not submitted a properly completed Post Election Report by June 1 are in arrears and shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustments of such deficiencies. Posts that have registered delegates for the Department and National Conventions will not receive credentials until the Post has satisfied their arrearage.

## 11. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers.

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

Here are directions for logging into your new account for the first time.

1. Go to Department web site [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org).
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The username is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW2022!** once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

For Post Officers, your address will be [cdrpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost176@vfwva.org) where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

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

For District Officers your address will be [cdrdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrdist1@vfwva.org) for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district # **Please note District Senior Vice Commander's now have an email address**

[svdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:svdist1@vfwva.org)  
[adjdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:adjdist1@vfwva.org)  
[qmdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:qmdist1@vfwva.org)

## 12. FLAG DAY – JUNE 14:

All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award (Product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our National flag.

## 13. GENERAL ORDERS:

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

## 14. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 9 - 12, 2022	State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 888-839-1775. (Hotel is now full please see Item No. 30 for a hotel)
July 16 – 21, 2022	National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri (Information packet was in last month's General Orders)
October 27 – 30, 2022	Southern Conference, Asheville, North Carolina (Information packet is included in this month's General Orders)
January 5 – 8, 2023	Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA phone 888-839-1775. Room Rates are \$97.00 per night.
July 22 – 27, 2023	National Convention, Phoenix, Arizona
November 1 – 4, 2023	Southern Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma
July 27 – Aug 1, 2024	National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
August 9 – 14, 2025	National Convention, Columbus, Ohio

## 15. IRS FORM 8822-B:

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

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

**16. JLC REPORT:**

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations met in Richmond on May 12. The body reviewed the results of the JLC initiatives presented in the past legislative session. Of note, the initiative to protect color guard firing parties from prosecution was signed into law by the Governor. Also, the proposed tax relief for spouses of military members who died in the line of duty was passed with modifications that allows jurisdictional option on whether to implement the tax relief. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), that introduced the legislative agenda, will be drafting a proposal to amend the Constitution of Virginia to make the tax relief mandatory. As the VFW JLC representative I will propose at our State Convention that we partner with MOAA in support of this initiative.

VDVS Commissioner Danial Gade addressed the body with an update of VDVS operations and the status of programs. VDVS is also willing to present service officer training as part of their outreach program, an opportunity I am investing for our Winter Council meeting in January 2023.

Several proposals are being considered for the 2023 legislative initiatives including: increased funding for suicide prevention, waiver of spousal internment fees in state cemeteries, tax relief for veterans O5 and below and the constitutional amendment mentioned previously. Veteran tax relief figures prominently with Commissioner Gade’s saying to veterans that it is important that they remain living in Virginia; “Stay/Work/Thrive”.

I am pleased to announce that Post 9808 Quartermaster Joanne Smith has accepted the position of VFW JLC alternate. I look forward to working with Joanne to make our JLC involvement notable.

Rick Raskin  
Past State Commander  
VFW VA JLC Representative

**17. LIFE MEMBER PAYOUT:**

The following will be the 2022-2023 Life Member payout. The National Council of Administration concurred with the payout amounts at its February 28, 2022, meeting.

- Plan ABC - A total payout of \$10.50 for each life member (\$3.50 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$16.50 for each life member (\$5.50 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$27.00 for each life member (\$9.00 to each Post, Department and National).

The plan dates are as follows:

Life Membership Plans		
	Began	Ended
Plan A	10/01/50	11/30/69
Plan B	12/01/69	10/31/76
Plan C	11/01/76	12/31/97
Plan D	01/01/98	12/31/06
Plan E	01/01/07	

Additionally, on or around April 1<sup>st</sup>, the “Projected Life Member Payout” report on OMS will be updated and available for you and your Post Quartermasters to have a better idea of how many member payouts you may expect to receive. Keep in mind this is not a precise number because your payouts in September will be based on August 31<sup>st</sup> numbers, but the report provides you with a decent estimate of numbers to help you develop your budgets for the ensuing fiscal year.

As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2022 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2022. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2023 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

## 18. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders,

As we approach the end of our Membership year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for working so hard this year. Once again you have put the State of Virginia near the top of all Departments. This morning May 18th we only need 323 renewals, reinstatements, or new to reach our goal of 100%. You make being your Membership Chairman a pleasure and I appreciate it. As a team we have almost reached 2,500 new or reinstated this year. That in itself is quite an accomplishment and again I thank you for it.

I would also like to thank the members of the Membership Team for outstanding support all year long. They have worked many Gun Shows and other events this year. They have also looked outside of the box for new opportunities to promote the VFW and recruit new members. What a great Team I had this year. I would also like to recognize Troy Wagers, Commander of Post 392, for recruiting 116 new or reinstated members as of this morning and I'm sure he is still working. Thank you, Troy.

Tom Hines PSC  
Membership Team Chairman

## 19. NATIONAL CONVENTION AND REGISTRATION:

**CONVENTION HOUSING:** 123rd National Convention housing opened Feb. 17, 2022.

We encourage attendees to make their reservations now for the National Convention. We **cannot** guarantee there will be availability through housing **deadline of June 13** as the rooms are booking quickly and are **first come, first served**.

To make a reservation, go online to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) or call 844.464.6840 (980.337.3372 internationally). (Housing and tentative agenda was enclosed in May General Orders)

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION** – Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials, and one identified registered delegate for the VFW National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee provided the Post has paid the mandated \$25 advance registration 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](http://vfw.org).

## 20. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters will be closed June 8 – 13, 2022 for the State Convention.

Please note the Hopewell Service Office is temporarily closed.

## 21. POST EMAIL MARKETING WITH MAILCHIMP 101:

Tired of not knowing if your members are receiving, let alone reading them? Want to keep your members informed on upcoming events, meetings, and other Post news? MailChimp's FREE email marketing platform may just be the tool you have been looking for. We invite you to attend a workshop at the State Convention Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

In this introduction workshop you will learn:

- What MailChimp is and is not;
- How to create a MailChimp account;
- How to import contacts into your MailChimp account;
- How to create an email with pictures, a document, and links where people can go for more information;
- How to run a report and interpret the results;
- And many more exciting features MailChimp has to offer.

A laptop and Post email account are pre-requisites for attending. Please pre-register for the class using the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/x3r6FPm8gu>. Any questions may be directed to District 7 Commander Mike Diaz at [cdrdist7@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrdist7@vfwva.org) or by calling 860-514-5268.

## **22. POSTS IN ARREARS FOR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:**

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

## **23. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:**

Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers **shall not be installed** or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

## **24. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 219:**

Membership Reinstatement  
George R. Lange  
VFW Post No. 9660

Having received additional documentation to support honorable service and entitlement to the Navy Expeditionary Medal, thereby meeting the eligibility requisites for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Special Order No. 193, dated March 23, 2020, terminating the membership of George R. Lange, Life Membership No. 6178404, Chimney Rock Post No. 9660, Broadway, Virginia in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, is hereby rescinded and membership is reinstated retroactive to original date of membership.

By order of  
Fritz Mihelcic  
Commander-in-Chief



## 25. STATE CONVENTION:

The Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel is now completely booked. The following is information for the Quality Inn & Suites Olde Town located seven blocks from the hotel. The address is 347 Effingham Street, Portsmouth; phone 757-397-7788 or you can use the link below.

<https://www.choicehotels.com/virginia/portsmouth/quality-inn-hotels/va268?mc=llgoxxpx>

## 26. THE UNITING TO COMBAT HUNGER:

The Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) Grant is now open! Through this grant program, Posts and Auxiliaries that donate funds and food to their local food banks, food pantries and community kitchens may apply for up to \$5,000 in grant funding. Posts and Auxiliaries may also qualify for grant funds based on hours accumulated by members volunteering at a soup kitchen, food bank or any nonprofit organization program focused on relieving food insecurity. The grant will remain open until July 31, 2022, or whenever the budget for the program has been exhausted. The application form, complete with full guidelines, is accessible at [vfw.org/UTCH](http://vfw.org/UTCH).

Contact: VFW Foundation Administrator Richard Potter at [RPotter@vfw.org](mailto:RPotter@vfw.org).

## 27. NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN THEMES:

The 2022-23 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Timothy M. Borland. The Voice of Democracy theme will be "Why is the Veteran Important?" and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "My Pledge to our Veterans."

## 28. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

Posts continue should continue to seek out and present the Commemorative pin to Vietnam veterans wherever they can be found. The upcoming Memorial Day Holiday and associated Poppy Drives should prove fertile ground for this effort. Don't forget to ask for some pins if you need a few while becoming a Commemorative Partner is the best way to ensure you have everything you need.

There were 261 Medals of Honor awarded for actions during the Vietnam War. Records show that nine Virginia natives are included in that total. I have written them all up in the past months, so I am going to pick and choose from among the others trying to cover all branches of service. This month, I will highlight a member of the United States Navy who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

Robert R. Ingram was born in Clearwater Florida in January 1945 and joined the US Navy in 1963. He completed Corpsman School in San Diego and Field Medical Service School at Camp Pendleton. He was assigned to C Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines on Okinawa as a Hospital Corpsman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class when his unit was transferred to Vietnam in July 1965. He earned the Silver Star for gallantry several weeks before the action for which he would ultimately be awarded the Medal of Honor took place. His Medal of Honor citation reads as follows:

*For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Corpsman with Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines against elements of a North Vietnam Aggressor (NVA) battalion in Quang Ngai Province Republic of Vietnam on 28 March 1966. Petty Officer Ingram accompanied the point platoon as it aggressively dispatched an outpost of an NVA battalion. The momentum of the attack rolled off a ridge line down a tree covered slope to a small paddy and a village beyond. Suddenly, the village tree line exploded with an intense hail of automatic rifle fire from approximately 100 North Vietnamese regulars. In mere moments, the platoon ranks were decimated. Oblivious to the danger, Petty Officer Ingram crawled across the bullet spattered terrain to reach a downed Marine. As he administered aid, a bullet went through the palm of his hand. Calls for "CORPSMAN" echoed across the ridge. Bleeding, he edged across the fire swept landscape, collecting ammunition from the dead and administering aid to the wounded. Receiving two more wounds before*

*realizing the third wound was life-threatening, he looked for a way off the face of the ridge, but again he heard the call for corpsman and again, he resolutely answered. Though severely wounded three times, he rendered aid to those incapable until he finally reached the right flank of the platoon. While dressing the head wound of another corpsman, he sustained his fourth bullet wound. From sixteen hundred hours until just prior to sunset, Petty Officer Ingram pushed, pulled, cajoled, and doctored his Marines. Enduring the pain from his many wounds and disregarding the probability of his demise, Petty Officer Ingram's intrepid actions saved many lives that day. By his indomitable fighting spirit, daring initiative, and unfaltering dedications to duty, Petty Officer Ingram reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.*

Ingram survived the battle and his Medal of Honor was presented to him by President Bill Clinton on July 10, 1998 during a ceremony in the White House. In attendance were twenty-four of the men he served with in Vietnam. The delay in the award, made more than thirty years after the battle, was attributed to lost paperwork. He currently resides in Coral Gables, Florida.

Jeff Dombroff  
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee Chairman

Official:



Ed Mann  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Butch Schupska  
State Commander

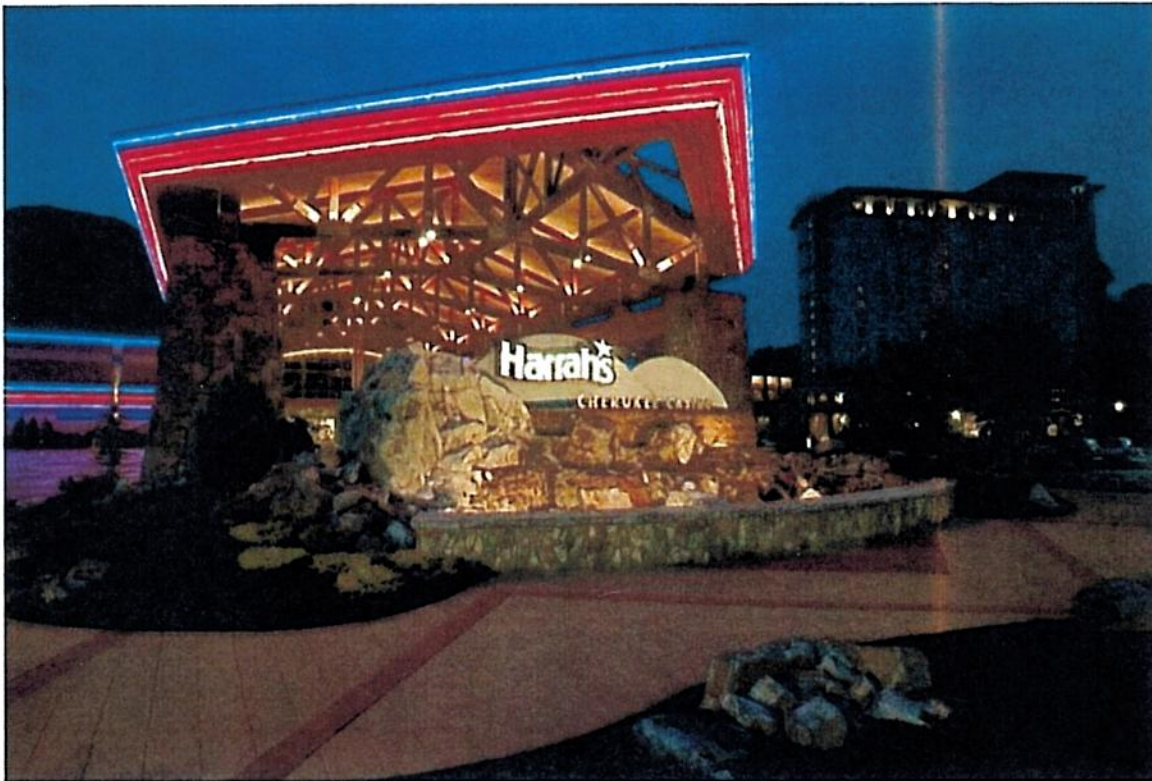












Harrah's Cherokee Hotel & Casino (1hr drive)



Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
(one of the only National Parks with no admission fee)



Southern Conference 2022  
Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary

October 27th—October 30th 2022

Crowne Plaza Asheville

1 Resort Drive

Asheville, NC 28806

Room rate: \$182.00 + tax per night

*Deadline September 29, 2022*

Registration Form:

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Aux: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Pre-registration fee is \$85 .00 per person

\*Registration Fee covers:

Banquet, Hospitality Room, and  
Entertainment.

Registration at the Conference will be \$95.00.

For hotel reservations please contact the Crowne Plaza at (828) 285-2603

*\*Rooms must be reserved by September 29, 2022 at midnight to ensure the block room rate*

**Make checks payable to: Department of North Carolina VFW**

FOR DEPT. USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

CK#: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL FORMS TO: DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA VFW 917 NEW BERN AVE. RALEIGH, NC 27601

OR EMAIL: [SOUTHERNCONFERENCE2020@VFWNC.COM](mailto:SOUTHERNCONFERENCE2020@VFWNC.COM) (CHECK WILL STILL NEED TO BE MAILED)

Southern Conference 2022  
Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary  
October 27th—October 30th 2022  
Crowne Plaza Asheville  
1 Resort Drive  
Asheville, NC 28806

*Deadline September 29, 2022*



**Request for Transportation Form:**

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

**Airline:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_ **Flight:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_ **Flight:** \_\_\_\_\_

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