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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades,

I want to take this time to thank those who attended the National Convention in Reno Nevada at the end of July. The information from the convention was too late for the August general orders. Once again Virginia had the largest contingent of delegates to the convention and was clearly a force to be reckoned with at the convention. Thank you for your efforts and congratulations to our new National Rep Doug Hoffman and our new National Judge Advocate Ken Wiseman. We are thankful for such strong leadership from Virginia at the National level. Congratulations also to Corey Geisler, our new Commander in Chief.

September is Suicide Awareness month, and this month has special meaning to me. Comrades I knew SGT Jim Hefferan and CPT Randy Dahl both took their lives and it was something that affected me deeply. We need to keep a special eye out for comrades and other veterans, especially as we head into the holiday season. If you know someone who recently lost a loved one, divorced or had negative major life events, check in with them and let them know you care. Sometimes that goes a long way and may save a life.

We are moving out smartly this month, and I am looking forward to many events that I will attend, and our Posts doing great things in the community and showing the VFW flag at local events. Don't forget to put your community service reports into the system and don't underestimate the strength that those reports have in pushing the VFW mission with our legislators. As we proved with the falsely named Taking Care of Veterans Act, there is strength in numbers and the VFW proved that with a strong showing on the hill, and over 60,000 comrade emails through the VFW Action Alert portal. Keep up the great work.

Looking forward to getting around to the Posts and visiting with comrades. Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember one team one fight.

Mark P. Maggio
State Commander

2. AUDITS:

Also, 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 June 30th and is **NOW PAST DUE**.

3. BONDS:

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

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

4. BUDDY POPPIES:

Although we emphasize Buddy Poppies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, it is important to realize that the distribution of Buddy Poppies should be a year-round exercise. Each time a Post participates in an activity where the public will be present, Buddy Poppies should be present as a fundraising tool and simply to recognize our fallen comrades. Where the VFW appears, Buddy Poppies should be a constant reminder that we will never forget those who have perished in the name of liberty. Just as "They Gave, Will You?" is a year-round thing, so should the distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies.

Remember that your poppies should be ordered a minimum of three (3) weeks in advance of your distribution date.

Miscellaneous items (coin cans, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddypoppy or by calling Member Service Center at 1.833.839.8387.

The Manual of Procedure provides that Post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Citizenship Education, and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairperson's guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

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

5. CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD:

Hopefully you have created a list of local school principals and are in the process of alerting them to the opportunity for them to nominate outstanding teachers at all levels for the Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award. Review the qualifications and forms available on the National website (Community/Youth & Education/Teacher of the Year) or the State website (Programs/Teacher of the Year) and get them out to schools and into your communities. You'd be amazed as to how many people have actually seen the movie "Kindergarten Cop". Holding that up as an example (at the elementary school level at least) actually lets people focus on what we're looking for in a teacher. One thing I learned last year is that there is nothing wrong for a Post (or District) to

submit a teacher's name again. The only bar is if they win at National Level. If your schools have a good one and for whatever reason they didn't make the cut last year (or even if they did), if they are the best examples of teachers imparting citizenship to their students, by all means recognize them again. Remember that the due date to your Posts is October 31st and they should be submitted to Districts by November 14th. These are not through ScholarsApp so hard copies are required at all levels.

J. I. Dombroff
Chairman

6. DELINQUENT:

District	Post	Fee	Audits	District	Post	Fee	Audits
3	7167	10.00		9	7726		June
3	8356		June	9	9640	20.00	
4	5313	10.00		11	632		June
4	7819	10.00		11	9339		June not accepted
7	9660		June not accepted	12	5715		Dec, March, June not accepted
9	1115		June	12	9830	5.00	
9	2719		June				

7. 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.

8. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1st Date: 1/23/27
 Meeting: 10:00 am
 Location: Post 3219 Phoebus
 1222 E Mellen Street, Hampton
 Rep: St Judge Advocate Todd Taylor

4th Date: 11/7/26
 Meeting: 11:00 AM
 Location: Post 8759 Amelia
 16440 Five Forks Rd
 Rep: PSC Doug Hoffman

2nd Date: 11/14/26
 Meeting: 9:00 AM
 Location: Post 2894 Chesapeake
 3329 Battlefield Blvd South
 Rep: St Inspector Patrick Lane

5th Date: 11/21/26
 Meeting: 10:00 AM
 Location: Post 4637 Martinsville
 1425 Greensboro Road
 Rep: St JVC Randy Coker

3rd Date: 11/14/26
 Meeting: 10:00 AM
 Location: Post 2239 Colonial Heights
 14705 Jefferson David Hwy
 Rep: State Cmdr Mark Maggio

6th Date: 12/5/26
 Meeting: 11:00 AM
 Location: Post 1264 Roanoke
 4930 Grandview Ave NW
 Rep: St Inspector Patrick Lane

7 th	Date: 1/23/27 Meeting: 11:15 AM Location: Post 2447 Edinburg 100 Veterans Way Rep: State Cmdr Mark Maggio	10 th	Date: 12/12/26 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 1177 Leesburg 401 Old Waterford Rd NW Rep: PSC Doug Hoffman
8 th	Date: 9/19/26 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 12218 Haymarket 6620 James Madison Hwy Rep: State JVC Randy Coker	11 th	Date: 1/9/27 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2216 212 Frontier Dr Rep: St Adj/QM Ed Mann
9 th	Date: 9/26/26 Meeting: 10:00 am Location: Post 7726 Independence 115 Klondike Rd Rep: State SVC Charles Bush	12 th	Date: 10/10/26 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 5715 Big Stone Gap 1721 3 rd Avenue E Rep: PSC Gary Adams
		13 th	Date: 11/21/26 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 8169 Scottsville 2997 W River Rd Rep: PSC Tom Gimble

9. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts have been reset so the new Officers can take control of their emails. 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 **VFW2026!** 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.

Post Commanders, your address will be cdrrpost176@vfwva.org where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

District Commanders your address will be cdrrdist1@vfwva.org for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district #.

Any questions please contact State Headquarters.

10. 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.

11. IMPORTANT DATES:

October 17, 2026	State Commander's Homecoming, Mechanicsville Post 9808, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, VA at 5:00 pm
October 22 - 25, 2026	Southern Conference, Mobile, Alabama (agenda attached - go to www.vfwal.org for more information)
January 14 - 17, 2027	Winter Council, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$110.00 per night. Cutoff Date is December 12, 2026, by 5:00 pm.
June 10 - 13, 2027	State Convention, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$119.00 per night. Cutoff Date is May 5, 2027, by 5:00 pm.
July 31 - August 4, 2027	National Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 4-7, 2027	Southern Conference Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia
January 13 - 16, 2028	Winter Council, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$119.00 per night. Cutoff Date is December 11, 2027, by 5:00 pm.
June 22 – 25, 2028	State Convention, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night. Cutoff Date is May 20, 2028, by 5:00 pm.
August 5 - 10, 2028	National Convention, San Antonio, Texas

12. 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.

13. IRS FORM 8822-B:

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

14. JLC:

The next JLC meeting will be on September 16th, 10:00 AM at the Virginia War Memorial.

For additional information visit: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/about-us/boards-foundations/joint-leadership-council-of-veterans-service-organizations>.

Rick Raskin PSC
JLC Representative

15. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to vfw.org, click on JOIN, and scroll down to Legacy Life Membership and then click on the video on the right. This prestigious program is available to all Life Members and is now available in memoriam for past Life Members. There are three levels of membership; each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

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

What will your Legacy be?

16. LIABILITY INSURANCE:

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

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

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

Ed Mann
State Adj/QM

17. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

The dog days of summer are coming to an end, hopefully. Cooler weather will allow more opportunities to get out and pursue recruiting events. We have Labor Day weekend in a few days, so add recruiting to the Poppy drives that most of you have planned. Take the VFW magazine to show younger veterans the National Commander's picture on the cover. Our organization is passing the torch to younger veterans as we always have.

Don't forget to check the All American and All State check list on the state website. It's never too early to begin checking things off the list to make your Post qualify for these awards. The Membership Team has been engaged

and will continue helping Post and Districts achieve their goals. Please do not hesitate to contact me, State Headquarters, or any member of the team for assistance or guidance.

Tom Hines PSC
Membership Team Chairman

18. NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, SEPT. 20:

Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure. For POW/MIA merchandise, click <https://www.vfwstore.org/category/memorial/pow-mia>.

19. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters will close at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 4, 2026, and remain closed on Monday, September 7, 2026, in observance of Labor Day.

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 bookstores 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](https://www.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. PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM:

Adjutant General Dan West would like you to join him in supporting the VFW's life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families. The VFW has an option that allows you to support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis, which helps reduce expenses and eliminates the amount of fundraising mail you receive. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. Once you join Partners in Patriotism, you will only receive the Quarterly Supporter newsletters to keep you informed of the many efforts your monthly gifts are making possible, and a Year-End Tax Receipt mailed by the end of January. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact Donor Services in the VFW Development Department toll-free at 1.833.VFW.GIVE (1.833.839.4483) or email us at partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

24. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and removal of Elective Officers or Committee Members: states, "Any elective Post officer removed by the State Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of

the Post under the provisions of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed.”

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. ROSTER CHANGES:

State Surgeon email
psmith@vfwva.org

Post 1860
Quartermaster email
qmpost1860@vfwva.org

Post 2524 Cmdr
David A. Graham
184 Franklin Meadows Dr
Culpeper, VA 22701
703-408-6806
cdrpost2524@vfwva.org

Post 2524 SVC
William L. Schwetke
5424 Flycatchers Ct
Warrenton, VA 20187
540-341-2117
schwetke@hotmail.com
Post 4667 SVC email
claudheath@yahoo.com

Post 4667 JVC phone
276-783-6683

Post 4667 QM
Ashley N. Bare

27. SCHOLARSHIP THEME:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is now accepting entries for its 80th annual Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth scholarship competitions. The 2026-2027 theme asks America's students **“What a Veteran Taught Me About America.”**

Student entries may be submitted (along with a completed entry form) to their local participating VFW Post. The deadline for both contests is **October 31, 2026**. To read more about the contests or download the entry form, visit vfw.org/YouthScholarships

28. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:

School of Instructions will not be held at District Meetings this year. We will be having six different training sessions in six different locations and dates throughout the state. It does not matter which one you attend be it must be in person. There will be no ZOOM. Starting time for all dates is 9:00 am with a working lunch provided. See information to Register below.

Please use POC to register or register on website listed.

September 12, 2026 Post 1503, Dale City
14631 Minnieville Rd, Dale City

website: <https://givebutter.com/2026-soi-1503>

September 12, 2026 Post 4809, Norfolk
5728 Bartee St, Norfolk

POC Eric Mallett
emallett@vfwva.org

September 19, 2026 Post 4667, Marion
861 Goolsby St, Marion

POC Don Edwards
513-805-8045

September 26, 2026 Post 2216, Staunton
212 Frontier Dr, Staunton

POC Sterling Gill
qmpost2216@vfwva.org

September 26, 2026 Post 647, Danville
275 VFW Dr, Danville

POC Carl Davis
434-609-0502

29. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 21:

The records of disciplinary action ordered by the Commander of VFW Post No. 10657, against RICHARD A. CRANE, Life Membership No. 9141251, Glen Allen Post No. 10657, Glen Allen, Virginia, have been received. A disciplinary hearing was conducted whereupon the Disciplinary Hearing Panel imposed a penalty of SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for a period of five (5) years and inability to hold any elected or appointed office indefinitely within the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, because there was no timely appeal to the Department Commander, that RICHARD A. CRANE be removed from the rolls of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for a period of five (5) years commencing August 17, 2026, and ending on August 17, 2031, and inability to hold any elected or appointed office indefinitely within the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. During the suspension, the member will be transferred to Department of Virginia Member-at-Large and, upon completion of the suspension period, they will be eligible to transfer to a Post of their choosing in accordance with Section 107 of the National Bylaws.

Pursuant to Section 908 of the National Bylaws, the accused has the right to petition the Commander-in-Chief to have their conviction pardoned or their sentence commuted provided at least five (5) years of the pertinent sentence has been served.

By order of
Cory L. Geisler
Commander-in-Chief

30. SUICIDE AWARENESS:

September is Suicide Awareness Month—a time to raise awareness and support those affected by suicide. The Virginia VFW encourages members to identify and support isolated individuals, foster community connections, and use intervention models like "Ask, Care, Escort" to help those at risk. By working together, we can help prevent suicide among veterans and our communities.

31. VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION:

The Virginia Veterans Foundation is pleased to announce you may know make your donations online. Go to the Department of Virginia's website – www.vfwva.org, then click on About and then click on Virginia Veterans Foundation. Scroll to middle of the page and click on here to donate and follow the directions. **Please make sure when donating online you put Post your Post number so you can get credit (click add note/comment).**

32. VVF COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform community service. There will ten (10) grants worth up to \$500 each for the 2026-2027 year. Should any money remain after the ten grants are paid out, those not selected in the first round of grants will be considered a second time. The requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, the application is **due no later than December 4, 2026**. Posts **AND** Auxiliaries can apply for this grant, but only one grant will be given to an individual Post or their Auxiliary, regardless of who applies. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

33. VVF POST HOME IMPROVEMENT AND ASSISTANCE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform improvements on your Post home. There will be ten (10) grants worth up to \$1,000 each for the 2026-2027 year. All requirements and the application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, the **application is due no later than December 4, 2026**. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Mark Maggio
State Commander



Douglas Hoffman - Candidate for State Quartermaster

Douglas Hoffman proudly served as the **State Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia for the years 2025-2026**, bringing decades of dedicated military and veteran-service leadership to the role.

Doug honorably served **20 years in the United States Navy**, achieving the rank of **Chief Petty Officer**. His distinguished naval career included service aboard **four submarines**, tender duty in **Guam**, and an instructional tour shaping the next generation of sailors in **Charleston**. His time in uniform strengthened his commitment to service, teamwork, and mission excellence—values that continue to guide his leadership today.

His qualifying campaigns for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars include the **Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal**

and the **Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal**. He is also a proud **Gold Legacy Life Member** of **VFW Post 2216 Staunton, Virginia**, where he remains actively involved in supporting veterans, families, and the local community.

Doug's leadership within the VFW has been extensive and impactful. His achievements and positions include:

- **All-American State Commander** and **Tiple Crown** recipient.
- **Two-time All-State and All-American Post Commander**, Ocean View Post 3160
- **All-State and All-American District Commander**
- **Treasurer**, VFW Riders of Virginia
- **Member**, Military Order of the Cooties
- **Past Seam Squirrel**, Pup Tent 1

Beyond his professional and organizational accomplishments, Doug's greatest joy is his family. He has been happily married to his wife **Tracy** for 20 years. Together, they share **four grown children** and are blessed with **one granddaughter**. His family, combined with his naval service and VFW experience, reinforces his belief in the importance of unity, strength, and community.

As **State Quartermaster**, he would bring proven statewide **leadership, financial accountability**, and a strong commitment to transparency and compliance. His experience working with Posts, Districts, and state leadership would allow him to provide **clear guidance, strengthen financial practices** across the Department, and **support mission-focused decision-making** that directly benefits Virginia's veterans and their families.



PATRICK LANE

CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT SURGEON
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA • 2027–2028

A COMMITMENT TO CARE. A LIFETIME OF SERVICE.

I am Patrick Lane, a proud United States Army Veteran, VFW Gold Legacy Life Member, and dedicated servant to our veterans and their families.

I served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery from 1986 to 1991 and earned my VFW eligibility through service in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

My life's work—both in uniform and in our organization—has been about one mission: taking care of those who have taken care of us.

LEADERSHIP ROOTED IN SERVICE

Patrick has served the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Post, District, Department, and National levels.

His service includes:

- ★ All-American Post Commander
- ★ All-American District Commander
- ★ Captain of the Department of Virginia Honor Guard (2025–Present)
- ★ State Inspector (2026–2027)
- ★ National Aide-de-Camp during the 2020–2021 and 2024–2025 VFW years

I am a Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 8947 in District 13 and remain committed to upholding the highest traditions of our organization.

SERVICE. INTEGRITY. COMPASSION.

That's my promise to you.



★ VFW HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★ All-American Post Commander
- ★ All-American District Commander
- ★ Captain, Department of Virginia Honor Guard (2025–Present)
- ★ State Inspector (2026–2027)
- ★ National Aide-de-Camp (2020–2021 & 2024–2025)
- ★ Gold Legacy Life Member
VFW Post 8947, District 13

“ It is an honor to serve those who have served. Together, we can continue to strengthen our organization and ensure that every veteran and their family receives the care and support they have earned.” ”

LEADERSHIP • ACCOUNTABILITY • SERVICE

Patrick Lane

Candidate for Department Surgeon

Veterans of Foreign Wars – Department of Virginia

RESPECTFULLY ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR VOTE.

VFW National Convention 2026: Women Veterans Committee Meeting Report

Written by Tarah Jeffery, VFW Post 12218

The VFW National Women Veterans Committee, led by Patsey Schreiber, focused on improving recognition, representation, healthcare advocacy, leadership opportunities, and membership experiences for women veterans throughout the VFW.

Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore opened with an update on a lengthy Article 9 investigation involving allegations of harassment. More than 58 individuals reportedly participated in the investigation, which was conducted by an independent outside team. The individual involved admitted to the conduct and received a ten-year suspension from attending VFW functions. Members were encouraged to document and report future incidents so concerns can be properly investigated and addressed.

A significant portion of the meeting addressed Resolution 302, supporting recognition of Women Veterans Recognition Day on June 12. Speakers emphasized that the observance would not replace Veterans Day or separate women from the broader veteran community. Instead, it would recognize the historical significance of June 12, 1948, increase public awareness, and ensure women veterans receive appropriate acknowledgment for their service.

Leadership development and mentorship remained a critical topic: Members were encouraged to mentor women seeking positions at the district, department, and national levels. Speakers called for greater representation in senior leadership and a stronger pipeline for women who may eventually pursue positions such as VFW Commander-in-Chief.

The committee also discussed recruitment, retention, and public image. Women who feel ignored, dismissed, or excluded may be less likely to join or remain active in the organization. Respectful treatment, visible leadership, stronger recognition programs, and responsible use of VFW branding on social media were identified as important parts of strengthening membership.

Additional concerns included women veterans being dismissed or “gaslighted” by healthcare providers, regional differences in women veterans’ experiences, and the need for specialized training across the country. Kansas was highlighted as a positive

example after establishing a formal women veterans committee with bylaws, district representatives, and monthly activities.

Overall, the meeting reinforced that women veterans are not seeking special treatment. They are seeking proper recognition, equal access to care, meaningful leadership opportunities, and an organizational culture that consistently acknowledges their military service. Patsy also recognized that there was at least double the amount of participation at this meeting than last year's meeting.

Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation

Every woman veteran has a story worth preserving with one of service, sacrifice, leadership, and resilience. Yet too many of those stories go undocumented, leaving a gap in how our nation understands the full scope of military history. That's why registering through **Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation** at **womensmemorial.org** is so important. It ensures that each woman veteran's service is recognized, recorded, and remembered for generations to come.

The VFW is encouraging both women veterans and VFW Auxiliary members to take part in this effort. Whether you served on active duty, in the Guard, or Reserve YOUR story MATTERS. By registering, you become part of a living historical record housed at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, the only major national memorial dedicated to honoring the contributions of women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

A great example of this commitment comes from Carol Whitmore, our VFW Commander-in-Chief, who has taken the time to register and share her own story through the Memorial. Her contribution highlights not only her personal journey of service, but also reinforces the importance of visibility for women veterans at every level. By stepping forward, she is helping ensure that leadership among women veterans is documented and recognized, while also setting the tone for others to follow.

Chief Whitmore's participation sends a clear message: every story matters. From those who served decades ago to those transitioning out of uniform today, each experience adds to a fuller, more accurate picture of military service. Her example serves as both inspiration and a call to action for women veterans and Auxiliary members alike to make their voices part of this national archive.

Registering is a simple but meaningful step. More importantly, it ensures that future generations, families, researchers, and fellow veterans can see and understand the vital role women have played in defending our nation.

If you need assistance with registering your story, please see Tarah Jeffery (email qmpost12218@vfwva.org) or Joanne Smith.

Register your story here at womensmemorial.org

Tarah Jeffery
VFW Dept of VA Women Veterans Committee
Post 12218 Quartermaster

HEALTH APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST FOR WOMEN

Before Appointment	During Appointment	After Appointment
□ Write down your questions and the three most important things you would like to discuss with your provider □ Gather relevant medical records □ Know your family medical history □ List medications and/or birth control □ Track symptoms you are concerned about □ Check your vaccine history □ When scheduling the appointment, make any special requests: □ Provider of a certain gender □ Telehealth appointment □ Create or update your MyHealtheVet profile □ Verify the purpose of your appointment, as well as date, time, and location □ If you have a telehealth appointment, confirm you have the link and test your device □ Call the Women Veterans Call Center (1-855-VA-WOMEN) if additional help is needed	□ Make any requests to help you feel safe and comfortable □ Consult your list so that you can focus on your priority concerns and questions □ Be prepared to discuss with your provider: Deployment history Breast health Family medical history Bone health Family planning Heart health Sexual health Mental health Menstrual cycle Bladder control Cervical cancer screening □ Share needs, goals, or values that are important to you □ Ask about the additional VA services and resources that can support you □ Ask if there are any screening tests or immunizations that are recommended for you □ Request needed medication and/or birth control refills □ Take notes and don't be afraid to ask your provider to repeat or clarify information □ Plan for follow-up care before you leave	□ Schedule future VA appointments □ Pick up prescriptions or request prescriptions in the mail □ View tests and lab results on MyHealtheVet □ Take advantage of secure messaging online with your VA provider □ Visit www.womenshealth.va.gov/ to learn more



DISCUSSING MENOPAUSE WITH YOUR PROVIDER

Use this list of questions to speak with your VA health care provider about menopause, so you know what to expect and how we can support you.

- ☐ **Heart Health:** How does menopause affect my risk for heart disease, and what steps can I take to lower my risk?
- ☐ **Hormone Therapy:** What are the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy for me? Are there alternative treatments?
- ☐ **Bone Health:** How can I prevent osteoporosis and maintain bone density as I age? Should I get a bone density scan?
- ☐ **Mental Health and Cognitive Function:** How does menopause impact my mood, memory, and overall mental health? Are there treatments for menopause-related anxiety or depression?
- ☐ **Sleep Disturbances:** How can I improve my sleep if I experience trouble sleeping or night sweats?
- ☐ **Weight and Metabolism Changes:** Why is it harder to maintain my weight, and how can I manage it effectively?
- ☐ **Symptoms and Management:** What symptoms should I expect (hot flashes, night sweats, mood changes, etc.), and what are the best ways to manage them?
- ☐ **Sexual Health and Vaginal Changes:** What can I do about vaginal dryness, pain during sex, or a decrease in libido?
- ☐ **Urinary Health:** How does menopause affect bladder control, and what can I do to prevent or treat incontinence?
- ☐ **Long-term Health Risks:** What long-term health concerns should I be aware of after menopause, and how can I proactively manage them?

If you're currently going through menopause and your symptoms are making you uncomfortable, we offer medication, sleep support, lifestyle counseling, acupuncture, Whole Health, mental health care, and more.

Learn more at www.womenshealth.va.gov/topics/menopause.asp



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

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18 Fairway Dr.

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★ **Individual Player - \$125**

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All proceeds benefit Fredericksburg area veterans and families ★



Department of Virginia, District 11 *Valley Veterans Ride for Heroes*

Dear Commanders and Comrades,

The veterans of VFW District 11 invite you to join us in helping our fellow combat veterans who struggle with the effects of war trauma. For twenty-five years since the horrific 9-11 attacks, America's military has been fighting in far-flung locations, defending America against the attacks of extremists. We all know that such wars impose a cost; a cost that is borne by many who have served and who now struggle with the invisible wounds of war.

For nine years, VFW District 11 has sponsored the **Valley Veterans Ride for Heroes**, a bicycle ride to raise funds for **Boulder Crest Foundation** (BCF), enabling combat veterans and first responders to get the training they need to transform their personal struggle into inner strength and thrive in the aftermath of trauma. BCF is the nation's foremost privately-funded wellness center dedicated *exclusively* to our nation's combat veterans, first responders, and their families. BCF enables America's heroes to transform deep struggle into profound strength.

During that time, we have donated nearly \$300,000 to BCF, a feat which we could not have achieved without sponsors such as you. On September 12, 2026, we will host the tenth annual Valley Veterans Ride and we invite you to join our sponsorship team. We ask you to consider from among the following options:

- **5-Star Circle \$5000:** Includes: a banner in the start/finish area, sponsorship of a rest stop/aid station with name and logo on banner, name and logo on Web site listing in ride packets, table or display area at start/finish area, plus 6 no-fee entrants.
- **General \$2000-\$4000:** Includes: a banner in the start/finish area, sponsorship of a rest stop/aid station with name and logo on banner, name and logo on Web site, listing in ride packets, plus 5 no-fee entrants.
- **Colonel \$1000-\$1500:** Includes: a banner in the start/finish area, name and logo on Web site and all Valley Veterans Ride social media, plus 4 no-fee entrants.
- **Captain \$500.** Includes name and logo on Web site and social media, plus 2 no-fee entrants.
- **Lieutenant \$250:** Name and logo on web site and listing in ride packets.
- **Sergeant \$100- to \$249:** Listing in ride packets.

All contributions are tax-deductible through our **501(c)(3) Valley Veterans, Inc.** (Tax ID #33-4925075).

Donations can be mailed to:

Valley Veterans, Inc.
10 Bagby Street
Staunton, VA 24401

Or made online at <https://www.valleyvetsride4heroes.com/donate>

Contact info: Melissa Patrick valleyveteransride@gmail.com; 540-294-3800

- ★ Family-friendly event with routes of varying length
- ★ Relax at Rockbridge Vineyard & Brewery before and after the ride
- ★ Exhibits and displays



PACKET PICK-UP & REGISTRATION

September 12, 7-8 am

Rockbridge Vineyard & Brewery
35 Hill View Lane
Raphine, Virginia



VALLEY VETERANS



Enjoy either a short, mid, or Metric Century bicycle route through the beauty of the rolling hills and lush fields of the central Shenandoah Valley countryside.

Post-ride food and beverages available. Stay and celebrate with us.

September 12, 2026

Begins at 8:15 am

Last rider off: Metric Century 9 am / Mid 9 am / Short 9:30 am

Meet at Rockbridge Vineyard & Brewery
35 Hill View Lane, Raphine, Virginia

We ride to support our combat veterans and to raise funds for Boulder Crest Foundation, a therapeutic and wellness facility which enables our combat veterans and their families to recover, rest, recharge, and reconnect.

RIDING FOR STRENGTH

REGISTER ONLINE
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★ HONORING OUR HEALING HEROES IN COMMEMORATION OF AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY ★



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Seminar on the Cold War in Germany (1947-1991)

**Hosted by Outpost #5845 International,
Society of the 3rd Infantry Division**



When: 17-19 September 2026 (Thursday to Saturday)

**Where: American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia
22150, Homewood Suites, 7010 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22150**

**Who: Friends and family of veterans who served in Germany during the Cold
War, family, friends, and anyone interested in history.**

**What: 17 Sept: 9 AM to 5 PM – Historical Seminars I, II; 7 PM Social hour at
hotel
18 Sept: 9 AM to 5 PM – Historical Seminars III, IV; 7 PM Movie night at
hotel
19 Sept: 11AM to 1230 PM – Commemorative ceremony – Arlington
National Cemetery.**

**Why: To honor Cold War veterans and to preserve history, educate the public,
and pass on the torch of their proud legacy and that of NATO.**

**Register by 1 September 2026 with Monika Stoy, President, Outpost
International, Society of the 3rd Infantry Division; email:
timmoni15@yahoo.com, PH: 571 419 8915**

Event Registration - \$25

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Commemorating WWII's Forgotten D-Day and Army Group The 6th Army Group in France, Germany, and Austria



**Hosted by Outpost #5845 International,
Society of the 3rd Infantry Division**



Between 15 Aug 1944 and 8 May 1945 the 6th Army Group supported by US and Allied naval and air forces, fought from the beaches of Southern France, up the Rhone Valley, through the Vosges, cleared Alsace and the Colmar Pocket, broke through the West Wall, crossed the Rhine, overran southern Germany (including Nuernberg, Munich, and Berchtesgaden), and liberated significant portions of Austria (including Salzburg). Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy, the war's most combat decorated soldier, fought in these campaigns with the 3rd Infantry Division's 15th Infantry Regiment.

When: 24-26 September 2026 (Thursday to Saturday)

**Where: American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia 22150
Homewood Suites, 7010 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22150
Event room rate of \$165, booking link:**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/sixtharmygroupbooking/>

Who: Friends and family of veterans of the 6th Army Group, supporting air and naval forces, allied forces, family, friends, and anyone interested in history.

**What: 24 Sept: 9 AM to 5 PM – Historical Seminars I, II; 7 PM Social hour at hotel
25 Sept: 9 AM to 5 PM – Historical Seminars III, IV; 7 PM Movie night at hotel
26 Sept: 8 to 12 AM – Commemorative ceremony – location TBD**

Why: To honor 6th Army Group veterans and to preserve history, educate the public, and pass on the torch of their proud legacy.

Register by 1 September 2026 with Monika Stoy, President, Outpost International, Society of the 3rd Infantry Division; email: timmoni15@yahoo.com, PH: 571 419 8915

Event Registration - \$25

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VFW POST 637 BREAST CANCER WALK



October 3, 2026



1400 Lynchburg Street, Hopewell, VA



Registration 8 AM



Walk Begins 9 AM



\$40 Registration (includes T-shirt)



SCAN TO REGISTER



THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Community March for Hope and Healing





4th Annual SGT Nicholas C Mason Memorial VFW Post 12202 Building Fund Golf Tournament

Published: 05/26/2026



WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

7:30AM Registration Opens
9:00AM Shotgun Start

WHERE: Lee's Hill Golf Course

10200 Old Dominion Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

FEES: Individual Player \$120 | Team \$480 [Range balls, Golf, Lunch]

PRIZES: Top 3 Teams, Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Most Patriotic Team

CALL/TEXT: Christine Mason 540-379-5104 | Henry Welch 512-731-8911

REGISTER: 1. Email to reserve a team spot: vfw12202golf@gmail.com
2. Payments to: VFW Post 12202 Auxiliary, C/O Christine Mason
9337 Hickory Lane, King George, VA 22485

SPONSOR:

★ Event	\$3,000	★ All 18 Greens	\$1,000	★ Putt-Putt	\$500
★ Lunch	\$2,500	★ Beverage Cart (x2)	\$750	★ Registration	\$300
★ Technical	\$2,000	★ Golf Cart (x1)	\$600	★ America 250	\$250
★ Swag Bags	\$1,500	★ Driving Range	\$500	★ Hole	\$150

Thank you for helping us towards our Building Goal

★ Future home ★

**SGT Nicholas C Mason
Memorial Post 12202**

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



VFW Southern Conference Agenda

October 22-24

Thursday 22nd 2026

- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Registration and Check-in
- 5:30 PM – 11:00 PM: Hospitality
- **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

ROOM

CONCOURSE
PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Friday 23rd 2026

- 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Transportation to the Golf tournament
- **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**
- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Registration
- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Vendors / Sponsors
- **12:00 AM – 1:30 PM: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**
- 1:30 AM- 4:00 PM: Auxiliary Meeting
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: VFW Committee meetings
Audit Committee
Budget & Finance Committee
Resolution Committee
Bylaws Committee
Time & Place Committee
- 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM: Joint Memorial Service
- **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**
- 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Hospitality

ROOM

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PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Saturday 24th 2026

- **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**
- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Leadership Breakfast
National Chair Officers/Southern Conference officers
Dept. Commanders/Presidents/Sr Vice Commanders/Presidents
Jr. Vice Commander/Presidents/Dept. Quarter Master/Adjutants/Dept. Auxiliary Treasurer.
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Vendors/Sponsors
- 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Registration
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Joint opening session
- 10:15 AM—Adjourn: VFW Business Meeting
- 10:30 AM- Adjourn: Auxiliary Business Meeting
- **12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**
- 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM: Auxiliary Business Meeting
- 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Hospitality
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Reception
- 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM: MADI GRAS theme Dinner & Entertainment
- **Sunday 25th 2026** **SAFE TRAVELS HOME**

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CONCOURSE

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Note: Agenda is subject to change. Please check for updates at the conference registration desk.

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★ POST 637 ★

PRESENTS

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APPEARANCE ★ TASTE ★ TENDERNESS

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 24, 2026



\$30

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★ PER TEAM ★

★ OPEN TO ★

**VFW/AUXILIARY
MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS!**

★ **AWARDS** ★

- ★ 1ST PLACE
- ★ 2ND PLACE
- ★ 3RD PLACE



✓ **RIBS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

★ SCHEDULE ★

	SET UP	6:00 AM
	COMPETITORS MEETING	7:00 AM
	START TIME	8:00 AM
	TURN IN	2:00 PM
	AWARDS	3:00 PM



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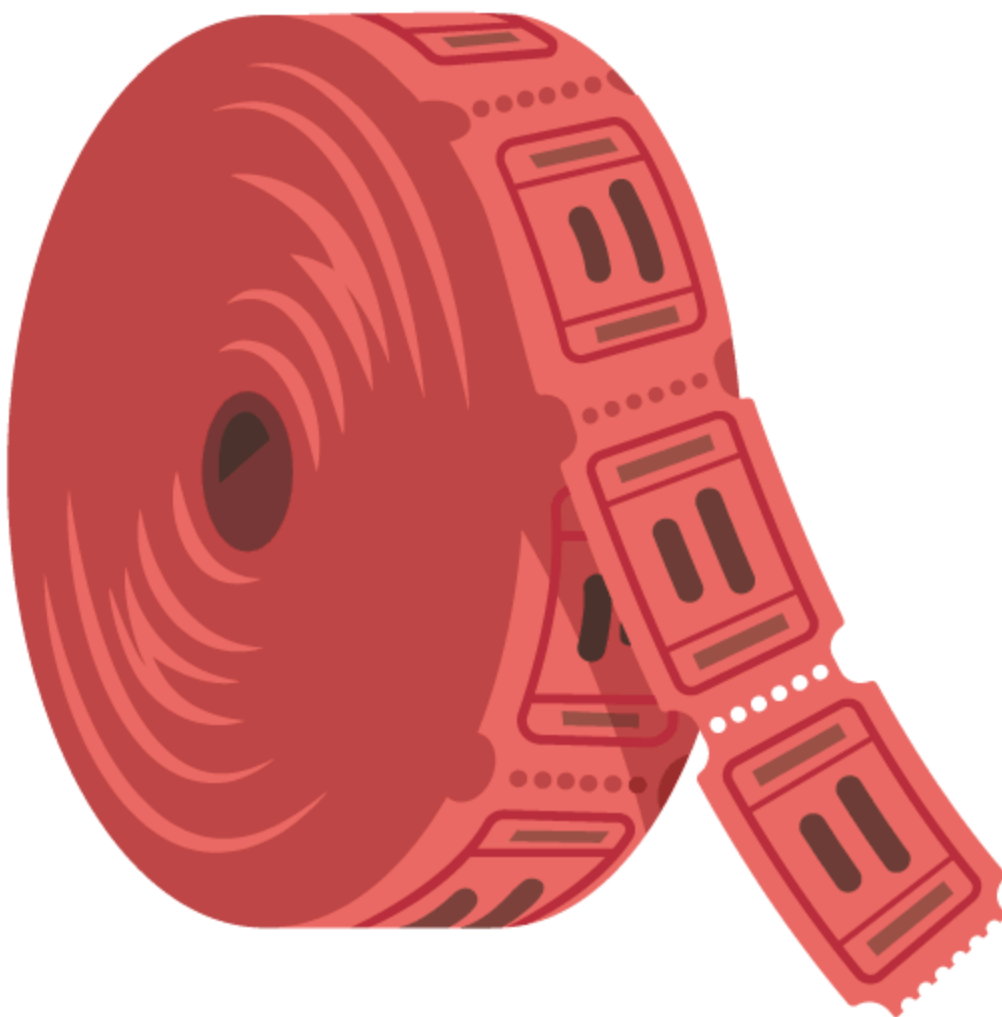
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1400 Lynchburg St.
Hopewell, Virginia

Questions? ★

CONTACT: JIM COOPER



804-894-2746 ★



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- 📌 Community
- Veterans Day Raffle 📍
- 📌 Support Scholarships, Teachers & Community
- 📌 RMZ Church 📍
- 2705 Hartman Street
- 📌 Drawing Nov 7, 2026, Join Us 📍
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- 📌 Raffle Tkt Bks \$10 📍
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THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Community Service Grant

The purpose of the VFW Community Service Grant is to assist VFW Posts and Auxiliaries in Virginia who need assistance with funding community service projects. Posts who have received a grant within the last three years are not eligible for the grant. There will be ten(10) grants worth up to \$500 each for the 2026-2027 year. All requirements must be met, or the grant must be returned, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances. **Grant application is due no later than December 4, 2026.**

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) The project must be initiated, completed and receipts submitted in the period of July 1, 2026, through June 1, 2027.
- 2) The VFW Post or Auxiliary in question must have a current non-profit status on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Post must provide the IRS paperwork proving this.
- 3) The Post or Auxiliary must be in good standing with the VFW National Headquarters and the Department of Virginia.
- 4) If the project is hosted at a building, it must be a non-smoking building regardless of the owner's rules for the use of the building.
- 5) The grant is not to be used for work on a VFW Post home or the property owned by any membership-based organization.
- 6) Receipts for the project must be provided and payment of the grant will not occur until this is done with all payments coming after project completion.
- 7) Should the project costs total less than \$500 once completed, the balance of the grant will not be paid. Additional projects may not be added to an approved grant. Alterations to an approved grant require approval by the Virginia Veterans Foundation before the grant can be claimed.
- 8) The VFW Post or Auxiliary receiving the grant must agree to allow the VFW Department of Virginia and Virginia Veterans Foundation the opportunity to promote the project on social media, in official communications, and in other forms of marketing.
- 9) The grant will only cover materials and the Post is responsible for providing labor. This can be done through paying for labor or by doing the work themselves.
- 10) All decisions on grants are final and will be made by the Board of Directors for the Virginia Veterans Foundation.
- 11) Funding from this grant program may be combined with other grants but the total of the funding received cannot exceed actual costs and the amount received from this grant may be reduced accordingly.
- 12) Only one grant per year will be provided to an individual Post or Auxiliary, regardless of who applies for the grant.

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Community Service Grant

Official Grant Application

(All questions must be answered in full)

Name and number of the Post/Auxiliary: _____

Mailing address: _____

Physical address of the event: _____

Commander/President name, phone number, and email address: _____

Quartermaster/Treasurer name, phone number, and email address: _____

Description of the project to be completed: _____

Estimated cost of the project: _____

How will labor be provided: _____

By signing below, you acknowledge the requirements of the grant program. Furthermore, you acknowledge that you have provided all needed documents and that the decision on this grant application rests solely with the Virginia Veterans Foundation. Finally, you agree to provide all needed receipts for the project and to cooperate with the Virginia Veterans Foundation and the VFW Department of Virginia in promoting the project and grant.

Commander/President: _____ QM/Treasurer: _____

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant

The purpose of the VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant is to assist VFW Posts in Virginia who need assistance with funding projects to improve, expand, or repair their Post home as well as assisting those Posts in financial need. Posts who have received a Grant within the last three years are not eligible for a Grant. There will be ten (10) grants worth up to \$1000 each for the 2026-2027 year. All requirements must be met, or the Post will be required to return the grant, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances. **Grant application is due no later than December 4, 2026.**

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) If funding a project, it must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Post must submit a thorough justification for the grant.
- 2) If asking for emergency assistance, the Post must explain the reason for the emergency and provide a plan for how the Post will raise money in the future and prepare for future problems.
- 3) The VFW Post in question must have a current non-profit status on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and must provide the IRS paperwork proving this.
- 4) The Post must be in good standing with the VFW National and Department Headquarters.
- 5) If funding a project, the Post must own or lease the Post and must provide a copy of the documents showing either ownership or a current lease. For Posts who lease the property, there must be at least 2 years remaining on the lease to receive a grant.
- 6) The Post must not allow smoking in their Post building but may use the grant to repair damage after voting to ban smoking. A ban on smoking is defined as no smoking allowed inside the building of the Post home. It may be allowed outside of the building.
- 7) Receipts for the project or bills covered by the assistance requested must be provided and payment of the grant will not occur until this is done with all payments coming after project completion or for bills already paid.
- 8) Should the project costs or assistance requested total less than \$1,000.00 once complete, the balance of the grant will not be paid.
- 9) The VFW Post receiving the grant must agree to allow the VFW Department of Virginia and Virginia Veterans Foundation the opportunity to promote the funded project on social media, in official communications, and in other forms of marketing.
- 10) The grant will only cover materials and the Post is responsible for providing labor. This can be done through paying for labor or by doing the work themselves.
- 11) All decisions on grants are final and will be made by the Board of Directors for the Virginia Veterans Foundation.
- 12) Funding from this grant program may be combined with other grants but the total of the funding received cannot exceed actual costs and the amount received from this grant may be reduced accordingly.

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant

Official Grant Application

(All questions must be answered in full)

Name and number of the Post: _____

Post mailing address: _____

Physical address of the Post: _____

Post Commander name, phone number, and email address: _____

Post Quartermaster name, phone number, and email address: _____

Estimated cost of the project or assistance requested: _____

How will labor be provided: _____

On a separate page, give either a description of the project to be completed or justification for assistance requested. For emergency assistance, also include in your description a plan for how the Post will raise money in the future and prepare for future problems.

By signing below, you acknowledge the requirements of the grant program. Furthermore, you acknowledge that you have provided all needed documents and that the decision on this grant application rests solely with the Virginia Veterans Foundation. Finally, you agree to provide all needed receipts for the project and to cooperate with the Virginia Veterans Foundation and the VFW Department of Virginia in promoting the project and grant.

Post Commander: _____ Post Quartermaster: _____



2027 VFW SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

November 4-7, 2027 • Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

The 2027 Southern Conference is being hosted by the Department of Virginia

We are looking for Committee Chairs and volunteers to plan and run the conference.

The committees are:

Registration

Welcome

Transportation

Swag/Give Aways

Sponsors and vendors

Banquet

Local events/Excursions

Hospitality Room (committee Chair already volunteered)

Golf Tournament (Committee Chair already volunteered)

Please send me or Kathy an email at: SOCON27@VFWVA.ORG

To sign up as a committee chair
or volunteer to work on a committee.

This is open to VFW and the Auxiliary. One Team

Paul Smith
Department Surgeon
2027 Southern Conference
Event Chairman

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