

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Wherever your travels take you this holiday season please be responsible and drive carefully.

As we close out this calendar year, I hope you will take a few minutes and reflect upon how we've done as an organization this past year. We have accomplished so much with membership, reporting, inspections, number of All-State and All-American Posts and Districts, etc. These are all things in which we can take immense pride and build upon. As we have all learned, it's not hard to make 100% membership or become an All-State Post or District. If you're proactive, lay out a plan, get your staff and membership to buy into making 100% membership and All-State it's very doable.

A quick reminder, Winter Council is coming up on January 12-14, 2018 at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel in Portsmouth. Besides the normal business, we are planning on having the VA Assistant Secretary for Operations, Security and Preparedness; NRA National Manager, Adaptive Shooting Program; Walgreens and the Executive Director of Technology for Troops come and speak to us. They will be bringing some very interesting and useful information we can take back to our members. Hope to see you there!

There are a few things we need to work on in the coming weeks. We are having too many Posts submitting their audits late to Headquarters. District Commanders let's get this problem under control. Be proactive, review the online District Reports and "nudge" those Posts that are pushing the dead line. We did great reporting last half and we should all expect the same this half. Commanders at all levels please review the online Community Reports and submit missing reports. Of course, membership is always at the forefront of any discussion. I'm very happy we are doing well recruiting new members at gun shows, the State Fair and other venues. As of this writing, the Department stands at 3.62% new and reinstated members of the 5% National has set as our goal...this is good. We need to continue this pace of recruiting new members and reinstating past members. At the same time, we need to work on keeping our annual members. Please reach out to your annual members a month or two before their membership lapses. Find out how they are doing, encourage them to renew their membership or better yet, get them to become Life members.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. I thank each one of you for all the outstanding work you are doing to support our veterans, their families and our communities.

Mike Boehme
 State Commander
 Department of Virginia

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| <p>1st Date: 02/17/18
 Meeting: 11:00 AM
 Lunch: to Follow Meeting
 Location: Sponsored by Post 176,
 21 Forest Drive, Newport News
 Rep: Mike Boehme
 State Commander</p> | <p>8th Date: 02/10/18
 Lunch: 12:00 Noon
 Meeting: 1:00 PM
 Location: Post 7728, Morrisville
 12496 Harpers Run Rd.
 Rep: Geoffrey Lyster
 State Chief of Staff</p> |
| <p>2nd Date: 03/03/18
 Lunch: 12 Noon
 Meeting: 1:00 PM
 Location: Post 8545, Smithfield
 223 Washington Street
 Rep: Rick Raskin
 State Jr. Vice Commander</p> | <p>9th Date: 01/28/18
 Lunch: 12:00 Noon
 Meeting: 1:00 PM
 Location: Post 4667, Marion
 861 Goolsby St.
 Rep: Mike Boehme
 State Commander</p> |
| <p>3rd Date: 02/17/18
 Meeting: 10:00 AM
 Location: Post 622, Petersburg
 1925 Johnson Rd
 Rep: Rick Raskin
 State Jr. Vice Commander</p> | <p>10th Date: 03/18/18
 Lunch: 11:30 AM
 Meeting: 1:00 PM
 Location: Post 8241, McLean
 1051 Springhill Rd.
 Rep: Mike Boehme
 State Commander</p> |
| <p>4th Date: 02/17/18
 Meeting: 1:00 PM
 Location: Post 8759, Amelia
 Amelia City Veterans Center
 Rep: Eric Mallett
 State Judge Advocate</p> | <p>11th Date: 01/27/18
 Lunch: 11:30 AM
 Meeting: 12:30 PM
 Location: Post 8644, Bridgewater
 118 Dry River Rd.
 Rep: Ken Wiseman
 State Sr. Vice Commander</p> |
| <p>5th Date: 02/17/18
 Meeting: 12:00 Noon
 Location: Post 4637, Martinsville
 2327 Old Chatham Road
 Rep: Phil Arendsen
 State Inspector</p> | <p>12th Date: 02/03/18
 Registration: 10:00 AM
 Meeting: 11:00 AM
 Lunch : To Follow Meeting
 Location: Post 6975, Bristol
 14 16th Street
 Rep: Harold "Butch" Schupska
 State Surgeon</p> |
| <p>6th Date: 02/18/18
 Meeting: 2:00 PM
 Location: Post 1264, Roanoke
 4930 Grandview Ave
 Rep: Ken Wiseman
 State Sr. Vice Commander</p> | <p>13th Date: 02/10/18
 Meeting: 12:00 Noon
 Location: Post 8947, Mineral
 102 Mineral Ave
 Rep: Harold "Butch" Schupska
 State Surgeon</p> |
| <p>7th Date: 01/20/18
 Lunch: 11:30 AM
 Meeting: to follow Lunch
 Location: Post 2447, Edinburg
 100 Veterans Way
 Rep: Mike Boehme
 State Commander</p> | |

3. CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT SURGEON:

I, Eddie Reasor, do hereby announce my candidacy for Department Surgeon for 2018- 2019.

4. CLOSING:

State Headquarters will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 15, 2018.

5. COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:

Does your Post or a needy veteran need a computer? How would you like to get one for free? That's right, FREE. I have recently received a load of late model desktop PCs and flat screen monitors. These are computers that have been replaced in commercial environments and donated to the VFW. They are fully functional in today's office environment. They are perfect for day to day office use and high-speed Internet. All of them will be loaded with Windows 7 and at least 2 GB of RAM. However, peripherals such as power cables, keyboards and mice might not be included. Please contact me at 703-369-2732 if you are interested.



Rick Raskin
Department Jr. Vice Commander

6. DUES NOTICE SCHEDULE:

Annual members will receive a *mailed renewal* notice five months, three months, and one month prior to their subscription end date. Annual members with a valid email address will also receive an *emailed renewal notice* six months, four months, and two months prior to their subscription end date.

Annual members will receive a *mailed lapsed notice* one, three, and five months following their subscription end date.

7. 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, one of which ended December 31, 2017. 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.

8. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of June 18th. 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 Member Tools, Microsoft 365.
3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be Vfw2018# 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

9. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy via USPS for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year. Please contact State Headquarters for more info.

10. IMPORTANT DATES:

- January 12-14, 2018 Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA. Phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$86.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars- Winter Council Meeting" Cut-off Date was December 12, 2017.
- March 10, 2018 Department Commander's Homecoming, Holiday Inn Express, 7441 Bell Creek Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Phone 804-559-0022. Room Rates \$91.00. Deadline February 16, 2018.
- June 14-17, 2018 State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA. Phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$125.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia" Cut-off Date May 14, 2018.

11. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Legacy Life Membership: This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. 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?

12. LIFE INSTALLMENT PROCESSING:

There is an important change that just came out for Installment Life processing...the Post Quartermaster can now process the Installment Life membership applications! We don't know if there is a no email option. In the meantime

spread the word and please starting using this option. It should speed up the Installment Life processing time for our new members.

“Post level processing of Life member installments: When a Quartermaster signs up a new member there is a new selection for Installment Life. When that is selected the Quartermaster puts in the payment information and it generates an email to the member who must accept the terms from the link in the email. If they don't accept the terms they will be converted to an annual member instead of a Life member. If you have issues, contact Ross Crutcher or Randy Gay in the Member Service Center for help.”

Mike Boehme
State Commander
Department of Virginia

13. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

We are half way through Mike's year, and on our way to another All American year. The Department needs your continued effort and commitment to make this happen. Very few things in this organization just happen; we have to exert a lot of effort to MAKE them happen. A requirement for the State to become All American is to bring three Post that are below 50 members, up to or above 50 members. The other option is to start a new Post; I am good with either option. However we have to begin this effort immediately.

We currently have 20 Post that are below 50 members. I would like you District Commanders to look at the one or ones in your District and decide which three we should choose to bring up to 50 members. This will require you to communicate with your Post first and then me or State HQ. In turn we will assist you and the three chosen Post to reach this goal. It is imperative that the Posts are designated by the end of January. It's time to make this happen, Commanders.

Commanders, there are quite a few Post around the Department with no new or reinstated members. Another group that have only one new member, do you as a District Commander find this acceptable. We are 7 months into the year and many have not even started. Is this the best effort we can make? Do you remember extending your hand and vowing to support the Department in June when you were sworn in? I am not being critical, merely pointing out that time is slipping away, and it's time for action.

As always the team is ready and willing to come to your District and support your efforts. All we need is a phone call or email and we will respond.

Tom Hines, PDC
Membership Team

14. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th 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.

15. PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM:

Have You Heard About the VFW's Partners in Patriotism? – Would you like to support the VFW's life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail? The VFW has developed an option that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. 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. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department Donor Services at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

16. POW/MIA:

November MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced burial updates of two American servicemen who had been missing in action from World War II. No new identifications of remains occurred this week. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Sidney A. Cook, 32, of Ohio, will be buried Sept. 6 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Cook was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. Cook's unit was one of those tasked with securing the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll. Encountering fierce resistance by the Japanese, almost 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed and another 1,000 were wounded in the battle. Cook was killed on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943. Read more about Cook.

Navy Reserve Ensign William M. Thompson, 21, of Summit, N.J., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Sept. 8 in Petersburg, Va. Thompson was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Thompson was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack.

November 22, 2017 MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced identification of remains and burial updates of three American servicemen who had been missing in action from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Donald E. Underwood, 23, of River Rouge, Mich., whose identification was previously announced, will be honored next to his mother's grave in Flat Rock, Mich., on Nov. 25, followed by a burial at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C., on Nov. 28. Underwood was a member of the 38th Bombardment Squadron, (Heavy), 30th Bombardment Group. On Jan. 21, 1944, Underwood's B-24J Liberator was unable to gain altitude and crashed into the water shortly after taking off from Hawkins Field, Helen Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. All 10 members onboard, including Underwood, were killed.

Navy Reserve Radioman 2nd Class Julius H.O. Pieper was a member of Landing Ship Tank Number 523 (LST-523) off the coast of Normandy, France, on June 19, 1944. The ship struck an underwater mine and sank, killing Pieper. Pieper's twin brother, Radioman 2nd Class Ludwig J. Pieper, was also killed in the attack, but his remains were recovered after the incident and buried at the Normandy American Cemetery in France. Interment services are pending.

Army Sgt. Ollie E. Shepard was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. In late November 1950, his unit was assembled with South Korean soldiers in the 31st Regimental Combat Team on the east side of the Chosin River, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by Chinese forces. Shepard was among more than 1,000 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory and was declared missing on Dec. 3, 1950. Interment services are pending.

December 01 2017 MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced identification of remains and burial updates of five American servicemen who had been missing in action from World War II. Returning home for burial with full military honors are

Army Pvt. Shirley E. Bailey, 19, of Charleston, W.Va., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Dec. 1 in Dunbar, W. Va. Bailey was a medic with Company G, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. Bailey provided medical support to his unit as they fought in the Hürtgen Forest of Germany, an area comprised of roughly 50-square miles along the Belgian-German border in late 1944. On Nov. 29, when Bailey's battalion was moving out, a German counterattack struck his company. Bailey rushed forward to aid a wounded man and was himself killed by enemy fire. Due to the fighting, Bailey's remains were not recovered and he was later buried in the Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium as an unknown soldier.

Marine Corps Pfc. Donald R. Tolson, 20, of Bakersfield, Calif., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Dec. 2 in Kansas City, Mo. Tolson was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. On Nov. 20, 1943, Tolson's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Tolson was killed on the first day of the battle, one of approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors killed in the intense fighting. His remains were buried in a battlefield cemetery on the island.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Robert L. Mains, 27, of Rochester, N.Y., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Dec. 2 in Wading River, N.Y. Mains was a member of the 714th Bombardment Squadron, 448th Bombardment Group, 2nd Bombardment Division. On April 4, 1945, Mains, along with more than 400 other bombers, took off to attack airbases at Parchim, Perleberg and Wesendorf, Germany, as part of an Allied attempt to

cripple what was left of the German air force. Mains' aircraft, which held 10 airmen, was attacked by enemy fighter planes in the vicinity of Hamburg. The plane exploded and crashed; Mains and eight other crew members perished.

Navy Radioman 3rd Class Howard W. Bean, 27, of Everett, Mass., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Dec. 6 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Bean was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Bean was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack.

Marine Corps Reserve 1st Sgt. David H. Quinn was assigned to Company C, 2nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion (C-2d Amp Tr Bn), 2nd Marine Division. On Nov. 20, 1943, Quinn's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Quinn was killed on the second day of the battle, one of approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors killed in the intense fighting. Interment services are pending.

December 15, 2017

MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced identification of remains and burial updates of eight American servicemen who had been missing in action from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Army Sgt. Kermit J. Lejeune, 23, of Church Point, La., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Dec. 14 in his hometown. Lejeune was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. In late November 1950, his unit engaged with Chinese forces in the vicinity of Unsan County, North Pyongan County, North Korea. Lejeune was reported missing in action on Nov. 28, 1950. Lejeune was later reported to have been captured and died in a North Korean POW camp in early 1951.

Army Pfc. Albert E. Atkins, 20, of Belvidere, N.J., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Dec. 15 in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Atkins was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. His unit attacked enemy forces near Mae-Bong, South Korea, on May 23, 1951, in an attempt to secure Hill 911. As the company prepared to assault the hill, Atkins and two other soldiers from his company were reported missing in action.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class George J. Wilcox, Jr., 19, of Byram, Miss., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Dec. 16 in Evansville, Ind. Wilcox was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Wilcox was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack.

Navy Mess Attendant 2nd Class Archie Callahan, Jr., was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Callahan was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Navy Storekeeper 1st Class John W. Craig was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Craig was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Navy Seaman 1st Class James C. Solomon was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Solomon was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Robert R. Keown was a P-38 pilot assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group. On April 16, 1944, Keown and three other aircraft escorted a B-25 medium bomber on an aerial search near the mouth of the Sepik River in Papua New Guinea. The fourship encountered heavy overcast conditions after charting their course home. Heavy rain forced them to turn toward the open ocean, where Keown and his wingman became separated from the other aircraft. His last known location was listed as more than a mile north of Yalu Point. None of the four aircraft returned from the mission. Interment services are pending.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Milton M. Beed was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. The unit was supporting South Korean forces in the village of Hoengsong, an area known as the Central Corridor in South Korea, when Chinese forces launched a massive counter-offensive, driving the support force to withdraw to Wonju. Beed could not be accounted for and was declared missing in action as of Feb. 12, 1951. Interment services are pending.

17. 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 Department 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."

18. 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.

19. ROSTER UPDATES:

VFW Post 5313
Meeting Change
2nd Thursday at 6PM

New Address
Department Chief of Staff and VOD Chairman
Geoffrey Lyster
PO Box 1196
Warrenton, VA 20188

New Phone Number
Commander
VFW Post 392
Mark Winn
757-721-0002

New Quartermaster
VFW Post 392
Don Brown
1150 Broadlawn Rd
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
757-721-4617

New Jr. Vice Commander
VFW Post 6000
Dennis Whitlow
PO Box 364
Rich Creek, VA 24147
304-994-2968

20. SPECIAL ORDER:

Special Order #304

In accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws and upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, due to their failure to establish a meeting quorum or elect officers as required in Section 216 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Hardy-Roberts Post 7328, Saltville, Virginia mustered April 2, 1957, is hereby cancelled and the Post declared defunct.

By order of
Keith E. Harman
Commander-in-Chief

21. VFW FRIENDS OF FREEDOM:

If you are not already a member of the VFW's online community, please visit www.vfw.org and look for the banner that says "Find Out What's Happening" to sign up. As a member of the VFW's Friends of Freedom, you will receive special emails with breaking VFW news, legislative alerts and unique opportunities to help the VFW in assisting our nation's veterans, service members and their families. You may also visit www.vfw.org/vfwatwork and click on "**Read VFW success stories**" to learn how the VFW is fighting for veterans' rights, assisting veterans in need, educating our youth and aiding military families across the nation. Check back often to see newly posted stories!

22. VFW NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS:

Departments are asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the VFW Programs office no later than February 1, 2018. VFW Programs will create citations for the following awards in each Department:

1. VFW National Law Enforcement Award
2. VFW National Firefighter Award
3. VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Award

Each Department will receive their three awards and contact their recipients to arrange a presentation. Department Commanders may present the awards at their Department Convention, but are encouraged to also present the award in front of the recipient's peers at a professional association event, city council meeting, etc. The purpose of the second venue is to expose these VFW awards to the general public and especially other law enforcement personnel, firefighters and EMTs, many of whom are veterans eligible for VFW membership.

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Mike Boehme
State Commander

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 5th

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 12 – 14, 2018
Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel ~ Portsmouth, Virginia ~ 757-673-3000 ~
\$86.00 Per night

(Group Rate Deadline is December 12th)

PRE REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET
\$45.00

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS
SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.**

Tidewater Buffet

Mixed Greens with assorted dressings / Tangy Cucumber Salad / House Made Coleslaw
Shrimp and Roasted Garlic Cavatappi Pasta / Southern Style Fried Chicken
Green Beans and Bacon / Wild Rice / Whipped Red Bliss Potatoes
Cornbread / Rolls
Carrot Cake / Caramel Apple Pie
Regular & Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 5, 2018** **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
Check, Discover, American Express, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number or Auxiliary number:

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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

Please Circle One: Discover American Express MasterCard Visa SIGNATURE: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Mail form to: State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401

You may also e-mail this form to: statehq@vfwva.org or fax it to: 1-866-416-0586 if paying by Credit Card only

Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
VFW AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 12 - January 14, 2018
Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel
Portsmouth, Virginia
757-673-3000

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

Noon	5:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Washington Board Room
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	Jefferson Room
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting	Portsmouth V
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	Portsmouth V
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	VFW Riders Dance	Portsmouth I-III

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

8:00 AM	3:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Washington Board Room
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Portsmouth VI-VIII
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	VFW Auxiliary Floor Practice	Portsmouth V
9:15 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Portsmouth VI-VIII
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Conference Meeting	Portsmouth V
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Service Officer Training	Amphitheater
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	VFW Riders Meeting	Madison
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	National Military Services Workshop	Portsmouth VI-VIII
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Portsmouth VI-VIII
2:15 PM	3:45 PM	VFW Auxiliary Program Chairmen	Portsmouth V
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	VOD & PP BANQUET	Holley Ballroom

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Holley Ballroom IV
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Auxiliary Conference, if needed	
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Council of Admin. Meeting, if needed	

VOD & PP BANQUET TICKETS: \$45.00

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE VFW RIDERS

Department Hospitality Room – Commodore Room
Tenth District Hospitality Room – Hospitality Suite 715
Third District Hospitality Room – Studio Suite 615

(Tentative schedule subject to change)



VFW Riders Virginia



“Four Seasons” SPRING POKER RUN

Saturday, 28 APRIL 2018

VFW Post 3219; 122 E Mellen St Hampton, Virginia 23663

\$15 Per Rider/\$5 Passenger Door Prizes, 50/50, Raffles, Auction



9am – 1030am: Registration

10am: First Bike Out

Rain OR Shine

“HUGE RAFFLES” “HUGE RAFFLES” “HUGE RAFFLES”

Contact VFWRidersOfVirginia@gmail.com with questions

All proceeds go to 2017 Howard E Vander Clute Jr. Memorial ride Fund.

100% of proceeds benefit Veterans and their Families.



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You are Cordially Invited to

Positive Thinking: When Life Gives us Lemons...

Positive thinking is powerful! It can help turn a difficult situation into one that's manageable — and sometimes even enjoyable. Learn how to look on the bright side and bring more happiness, connection, and gratitude to your life.

January 13, 2018 from 3:00 - 3:30

Everyone is invited — you don't have to be a Humana member to attend.

VFW Department of Virginia - Winter Conference
Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel

Marc McMullin
502-302-3257
(TTY: 711)

Humana[®]

Navigating Medicare as a veteran



What you need to know to make an informed choice as a veteran.

Understanding your Medicare benefits can be challenging. Make plans to attend this seminar so that you can learn more about Medicare and your options as a veteran.

At this seminar you will learn:

- Medicare basics
- Medicare choices
- Important dates to know
- The VA and Medicare; what works and what doesn't
- Where to go for more information

VFW Department of Virginia - Winter Council

January 13, 2018

Noon - 1:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)

RSVP at 757-506--5962

(TTY:711)



Christian Carpenter
757-506--5962

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This seminar is educational. No specific insurance or investment products will be discussed. Humana is a Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO and PFFS organization and a stand-alone prescription drug plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in any Humana plan depends on contract renewal.

Scout of the Year Program



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

girl scouts



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. Awards are as follows:

- \$5,000 1st place National scholarship
- \$3,000 2nd place National scholarship
- \$1,000 3rd place National scholarship

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached his or her 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school or home schooled at the time of selection.

Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. A local Post can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by April 1. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department (state) Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1.

Questions should be directed to **Kris Harmer at 816-756-3390 ext 6117 or emailed to kharmoer@vfw.org.**

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- **Photograph of the Scout** — must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- **High School Participation Record** — a single page, one sided resume of the candidate's high school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.

Official Entry Form

VFW Scout of the Year Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT
and submitted **DIRECTLY TO A VFW POST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.**

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Home Phone

Email

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Scout Troop Number

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Scout/Venture Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Unit Leader's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



Scout of the Year Program

**VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE)
SCOUTING CHAIRMAN**

PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST

POST NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE:

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION
IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW
DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT #: _____

DISTRICT CDR.: _____

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION
MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPT (STATE) VFW SCOUT-
ING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE:

- **Scouting Record** — maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- **Community Service Record** — a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- **Letters of Recommendation** — Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 - In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- **Completed Entry Form** – submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816-756-3390 ext 6117 or e-mail kharmer@vfw.org.



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Kansas City, Missouri
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State Commander And President's Homecoming



March 10, 2018
Battlefield Post 9808
7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Cocktails at 5 p.m. (Open bar)

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

DJ at 8 p.m. (Cash bar)

RSVP for Commander:

Geoff Lyster – chiefstaff@vfwva.org

RSVP for President:

Ellie Smith – (703) 791-5110

Or Betty Gimble – 703-851-5819

Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Express Mechanicsville

7441 Bell Creek Road

Mechanicsville, VA 23111

(804) 559-0022 (804) 559-6810

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King Beds: \$91.00/night

