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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

They say your year as Commander goes quickly...they are right. Seems like just yesterday I took the oath of office as State Commander and here I am writing my last State Commander's comments in the General Orders. I cannot tell you how honored I feel to have worked with so many great people. Our Line Officers, Committee Chairs, District and Post leadership teams have done marvelous work this year and I hope you are as proud of their efforts as I am. You have continued to extend this Department's standard of excellence by making previous requirements seem easy.

As our year ends I hope you will support the new leadership teams at all levels as they take the reins at the end of the Convention in June. Help them make your Post, District and Department even better and, as always, look for new ways to help our veterans, their families and our communities.

As of May 29th, Districts 8, 10, 12 and 13, and 66 Posts have reached 100% or greater in membership. Congratulations to District 8, 10, 12, 13 and the following Posts:

8356	6364	7854	1211
1827	9760	622	8545
2894	10657	2217	10387
9501	7916	5715	7819
8479	7728	2582	8902
8652	1426	8529	647
4639	9274	8252	8467
5313	1503	1994	1841
5412	2613	4667	5311
10654	9877	2239	6044
4411	8947	8979	3060
3160	2447	7166	3136
4491	9808	10295	4204
609	176	9660	4301
3103	7897	7360	9864
8446	10826	2719	
3150	7589	1811	

Membership is our last hurdle. The Department membership stands at 97.91% and needs 678 new, renewed or reinstated members to reach 100%. There are approximately 1,900 annual members who still haven't renewed yet. We need to contact each one of these members, see how they are doing and get them to renew their membership, or better yet, encourage them to upgrade to a Life membership! There are about two dozen Posts and 3 or 4 Districts that are in range of making 100%. Let's all chip in and get the job done...recruit, reinstate and renew!!!

As always, I want to thank you for everything you are doing to help our veterans, their families and your communities. It's been an honor to serve as your State Commander and if there is anything I can do for you please don't hesitate to ask.

Mike Boehme
State Commander
Department of Virginia

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: TBD Meeting: Lunch: Location: Rep:	4 th	Date: 08/11/18 SOI: 9:30 AM Lunch: to follow SOI Meeting: to follow Lunch Location: Post 9954, Victoria 1000 Marshall Ave. Rep:
2 nd	Date: 08/18/18 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 12 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 392, Virginia Beach 2408 Bowland Pkwy. Rep:	5 th	Date: 08/18/18 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: to follow Lunch Location: Post 4637, Martinsville 2327 Old Chatham Rd Rep:
3 rd	Date: TBD Meeting: Location: Rep:	6 th	Date: 08/12/18 Meeting: 1:00 PM Lunch: to follow Meeting SOI: To follow Lunch Location: VAMC, Roanoke 1970 Roanoke Blvd, Building 5 Rep:

<p>7th Date: 09/08/18 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: TBD Rep:</p>	<p>10th Date: TBD Lunch: Meeting: Location: Rep:</p>
<p>8th Date: 08/19/18 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7589, Manassas 9304 Centreville Rd Rep:</p>	<p>11th Date: 09/22/18 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 12:30 PM Location: Post 1499, Lexington 105 Memorial Lane Rep:</p>
<p>9th Date: 09/29/18 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7136, Tazewell 143 Fincastle Turnpike Rep:</p>	<p>12th Date: TBD Registration: Meeting: Lunch: Location: Rep:</p>
	<p>13th Date: 08/11/18 Meeting: 12:00 Noon Location: Post 8947, Mineral 201 Mineral Ave. Rep:</p>

3. ALL-AMERICAN:

All American requirement for the \$50.00 Donation to National Veterans & Military Support Services, Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to National Veterans & Military Support Services, minimum of \$50. Use this link to submit donation. Have any questions please give me a call. https://heroes.vfw.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1993&ea.campaign.id=52588&ea_redirect=true&sessionId=c4f517e7-4697-4fbe-b724-bb18fbf49749

Eric Mallet
State Judge Advocate
757-714-9066

4. ALL-STATE:

Congratulations to the following Posts and Districts who made All-State by May 11th. If your Post is not on the list, you still have until June 30th to achieve All-State don't stop working on membership.

District 8, Department of Virginia	VFW Post 3160, District 2, Norfolk, VA
District 10, Department of Virginia	VFW Post 4411, District 2, Franklin, VA
District 12, Department of Virginia	VFW Post 1426, District 3, Midlothian, VA
District 13, Department of Virginia	VFW Post 4639, District 3, Williamsburg, VA
VFW Post 8252 District 1, Gloucester Ct. House, VA	VFW Post 2239, District 3, Colonial Heights, VA
VFW Post 1211, District 2, Virginia Beach, VA	VFW Post 6364, District 3, Richmond, VA
VFW Post 2894, District 2, Chesapeake, VA	VFW Post 8529, District 3, Sandston, VA

VFW Post 9501, District 3, Aylett, VA
VFW Post 9808, District 3, Mechanicsville, VA
VFW Post 10654, District 3, Richmond, VA
VFW Post 10657, District 3, Glen Allen, VA
VFW Post 5313, District 4, Nottoway, VA
VFW Post 7166, District 4, South Hill, VA
VFW Post 7819, District 4, Crewe, VA
VFW Post 8446, District 4, Buckingham, VA
VFW Post 647, District 5, Danville, VA
VFW Post 7854, District 5, Floyd, VA
VFW Post 2447, District 7, Edinburg, VA
VFW Post 9760, District 7, Berryville, VA
VFW Post 1811, District 8, Manassas Park, VA

VFW Post 7589 District 8, Manassas, VA
VFW Post 7728, District 8, Morrisville, VA
VFW Post 4667, District 9, Marion, VA
VFW Post 1503, District 10, Dale City, VA
VFW Post 3150, District 10, Arlington, VA
VFW Post 5412, District 10, Burke, VA
VFW Post 7916, District 10, Woodbridge, VA
VFW Post 10826, District 11, Verona, VA
VFW Post 1994, District 12, Abington, VA
VFW Post 5715, District 12, Big Stone Gap, VA
VFW Post 8652, District 12, Coeburn, VA
VFW Post 1827, District 13, Charlottesville, VA
VFW Post 8947, District 13, Mineral, VA

Yours in Comradeship
Kim DeShano
Department A/Q

5. BUDDY POPPY:

NATIONAL “BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST. The time frame for registering and setting up the “Buddy”® Poppy displays for the National judging at Convention will be the same as last year. Entries will be accepted for registration and may be set up beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 21, until noon, Monday, July 23, 2018. Winning displays will be identified with appropriate ribbons on Tuesday morning and announced later, on the convention floor. Displays must be removed prior to 4:00 on Tuesday afternoon.

Contact your Department Quartermaster to place your order for “Buddy”® Poppies. Remember that your Poppies should be ordered a minimum of 12 weeks in advance of your distribution date. *Be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required; do not use, “ASAP.”* Miscellaneous items (coin cans, caps, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddypoppy> or the VFW Store/Emblem and Supply Catalog.

“To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.” The Manual of Procedure provides that Post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Youth Essay, Citizenship Education, and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairmen 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.

6. CLOSING:

State Headquarters will be closed June 13-18, 2018 for State Convention.

7. COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:

Do you, your Post or a needy veteran need a computer? How would you like to get one for free? That's right, FREE.

The Tech4Troops Project is now accepting requests. Any veteran is eligible to receive a FREE laptop computer. These are refurbished machines running Windows 7 and have a free office suite of software installed. There are also some desktop computers available.

All you need to do is contact our point person District 3 Senior Vice Commander Jose Rivera at 804-241-2045 or by email: jose_e_rivera@hotmail.com. Jose will make arrangements with Tech4Troops for delivery to you.

Please do not contact Tech4Troops directly.

I still have some desktop systems available for which you can contact me at 703-369-2732.

Rick Raskin
Department Jr. Vice Commander

8. DELEGATE FEES:

At the 2016 State Convention, it was voted to change the Convention Delegate fee from \$5 to \$3.

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

Therefore, you must submit your delegates list to the Department in accordance with Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure (B) along with a check in the amount of \$3 for every delegate your Post is entitled to as of membership status of May 14th. All delegate list and monies should be sent to Department Headquarters by June 1st. Failure to do so will put your Post in arrears to the Department and your Post will have no voting strength at State Convention.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AT STATE CONVENTION:

National By-Laws, Section 213-Arrearage: Any Post in arrears for National, Department, County Council, or District dues, poppy money, supply money, or other financial obligations, or failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with section 703 or failing to submit properly completed Quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Report shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

12. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 19th**. 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 Vfw2019# once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

For Post Officers, your address will be cdrpost176@vfwva.org where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

adjpost176@vfwva.org
qmpost176@vfwva.org

For District Officers your address will be cdrdist1@vfwva.org for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district #

adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

13. FLAG DAY:

FLAG DAY, JUNE 14. All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award (Product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our National flag. This product is available at the VFW Store <http://www.vfwstore.org/products/22874>.

14. 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.

15. IMPORTANT DATES:

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.
July 21-25, 2018	National Convention, Kansas City, MO
September 20-23	National Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming, Albuquerque, NM
October 18-21	Southern Conference, Louisville, KY

16. 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.

17. IRS FORM 8822-B:

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

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

18. 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?

19. LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAY-OUT:

The following will be the 2019 Life Member payout.

- Plan ABC - A total payout of \$10.44 for each life member (\$3.48 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$11.58 for each life member (\$3.86 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$22.50 for each life member (\$7.50 to each Post, Department and National).

As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2018 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2018. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2019 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

20. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders

The month we have all been waiting for has arrived. Our State Convention is this month and we get to recognize the Posts that have excelled above the rest at our Awards Ceremony, on Thursday Night. I hope your Post will be in the group that receives individual or Post awards. This has been a very quick year for me seems like we only started a few weeks ago. However, we still have one item to complete, in order to say we had a successful year as a Department, and that is MEMBERSHIP. I know we can do it by June 30th, but I would like to see us reach it by the State Convention. As a Department all we must do is average 30 a day until the Convention. Please help Mike and the Department make ALL AMERICAN by that time. I know we can do it if we set our minds to it and follow through. Recruit each and every day not just on planned events.

Commanders urge your members to help. We have had another great year working around our Posts with Community Activities, it would be a shame not to make Membership. I would like to call your attention again this month to the three or four words not to use while recruiting, WHEN THE VET IS READY TO JOIN, DO NOT SAY " OUR ANNUAL DUES ARE, OR OUR DUES ARE ". Begin closing the deal by saying " LET ME SHOW YOU OUR LIFE

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, IT'S BASED ON YOUR AGE AND VERY EASY TO ACHIEVE, FIRST WE HAVE THE ONE TIME PAYMENT, OR WE HAVE THE 12 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN, MAKE THE INITIAL PAYMENT TODAY AND THEN ELEVEN CONSECUTIVE PAYMENTS OF YOUR AGE GROUP AND YOU ARE A LIFE MEMBER. THIS ACCOMPLISHES TWO THINGS, [1] YOU WILL HELP YOURSELF AND ALL OF YOUR FELLOW VETERANS PROTECT THE ENTITLEMENTS THAT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS WORKED TO PROVIDE FOR US SINCE 1899, [2] YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RENEWING AGAIN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A LIFE MEMBER? Only if they say that they can't afford to do the life plan, then I mention that we have annual dues also. If they choose annual, make sure to tell them that they can go life when their renewal notice arrives next year. Plant that seed and maybe they will choose life next year.

As a Department we had 398 paid life this morning, out of almost 2200 new members this year. That doesn't include the ones that are on the Installment Plan, National doesn't provide that number in their memstats report. Even if we have twice that on the Installment Plan, we would be running just a little over 50% of our new recruits. I would like to see this percentage rise to around 70% next year. We have had, Mike and I, that kind of success since we started focusing on Life instead of annual membership. If everyone uses this strategy we will be much better off at the Post and Department level. It makes your job easier every year if sign up life members instead of annual members.

The State Recruiters and Line Officers are here to help you, please use all the tools at your disposal. We are just a phone call or email away. Contact any of us personally or contact Kim at HQ and he will get in contact with us. We must do this as a team each and every year. Let's make it happen for Mike and the Department. Remember Virginia has its FIRST NATIONAL COMMANDER TO BE FROM VIRGINIA, BEING SWORN IN AS NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN JULY, LETS MAKE SOME NOISE FOR HAL AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE DEPARTMENT BY BEING AN ALL-AMERICAN DEPARTMENT.

Tom Hines, PDC
Membership Team

21. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:

119th National Convention housing officially opened February 20, 2018. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at www.vfw.org. The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information for Kansas City, MO, July 21-25, 2018, including a tentative agenda.

22. NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a national convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the VFW National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee provided the Post has paid the mandated \$25 advance registration fee. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register on-line by going to www.vfw.org.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. POW/MIA:

**May 11, 2018
MIA Update**

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced identification and burial updates for nine American service members who had been missing in action from Vietnam, Korea, and WWII. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Army Maj. Donald G. Carr, 32, of San Antonio, whose identification was previously announced, will be buried May 11, at San Antonio National Cemetery. Carr was assigned to Mobile Launch Team 3, 5th Special Forces Group, as an observer in an OV-10A aircraft. On July 6, 1971, his aircraft encountered bad weather. Shortly afterward, the ground team he was supporting heard an explosion to their northeast, which they believed to be that of an OV-10A. They failed to locate the crash site, however, and Carr was declared missing in action.

Army Cpl. Albert E. Quintero, 23, of Los Angeles, whose identification was previously announced, will be buried May 14 in Long Beach, Calif. Quintero was a member of Battery D, 15th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Self-propelled Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. In late November 1950, his unit was assembled with South Korean soldiers in the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT) on the east side of the Chosin River, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by Chinese forces. Quintero was among more than 1,000 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory and was declared missing on Dec. 2, 1950.

Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class William G. Payne, 41, of Springfield, Mo., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried May 11 in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Payne was a medical specialist assigned to the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. In late November 1950, Payne's unit was fighting against repeat attacks by Chinese forces in the area surrounding Yudam-ni, North Korea. Payne was killed during the fighting on Dec. 1, 1950 and was reportedly buried in a temporary cemetery at Yudam-ni.

Marine Corps Cpl. John V. McNichol, 20, of Altoona, Pa., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried May 14 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. McNichol was assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. On Nov. 20, 1943, McNichol's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Over several days of fighting, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed in the intense fighting. McNichol was killed on Nov. 21, 1943.

Navy Radioman 2nd Class Quentin J Gifford, 22, of Mankato, Minn., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried May 12 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minn. Gifford was stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The battleship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Clifford G. Goodwin, 24, of Diamond, Mo., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried May 12 in his hometown. Goodwin was stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The battleship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen.

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Navy Fireman 2nd Class George C. Ford was stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The battleship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen. Interment services are pending.

Navy Ship fitter 3rd Class John M. Donald was stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The battleship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen. Interment services are pending.

26. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:

Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within sixty (60) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

27. RESOLUTIONS:

It is the time of year to begin thinking about any changes you would like to see concerning the operation of the VFW at the Department and National levels. All changes must be presented in the form of a resolution and be submitted to the Department for consideration at the Department Convention.

If a Post wishes to make a resolution or by-law change, it is not necessary that a draft of the proposed new text be submitted through your District. However, by obtaining the support of the other Posts within your District you can reinforce your Post's position.

All resolutions submitted by a Post or District for consideration at the Department convention shall have a notation indicating the date of approval by said Post or District and be signed by the appropriate commander. Resolutions received without this notation and signature will not be considered and will be returned.

The Resolutions Committee consists of Charles Wilson, Post 7916--Chair; Tom Ferguson, Post 637; Ron Link, Post 7589; and Sterling Moninghoff, Post 1503.

Any member of the committee can assist you in drafting your resolution. Please see additional information in these General Orders or ask any member of the Resolutions Committee about your thoughts.

We encourage everyone to have any proposed resolutions and by-laws changes submitted by 18 May 2018. Resolutions may be submitted at the Department Convention up until 1700 hrs the evening prior to scheduled voting. However, since those resolutions will not be included in the abstract document they may not receive due attention by the Convention Delegates.

Please send all resolutions to Department Headquarters either via U.S. mail or electronically via e-mail.

Charles Wilson
Chair, Resolutions Committee

28. 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."

29. 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.vfwwa.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.

30. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY THEMES:

The 2018–19 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Vincent “B.J.” Lawrence.

The Voice of Democracy theme will be “Why My Vote Matters” and the Patriot’s Pen theme will be “Why I Honor the American Flag.”

31. SHOP AMAZONSMILE AND DONATE TO THE VFW FOUNDATION:

Even though the holidays have passed, VFW members and supporters can continue to support VFW programs and services by shopping through AmazonSmile and Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation. Purchase items that are eligible for donations are indicated on the products pages.

Copy and share the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1758998> with your fellow VFW members and supporters and begin shopping to help support the programs and services of the VFW through the VFW Foundation. Bookmark the AmazonSmile link and support the VFW Foundation every time you shop on Amazon.com.

32. SPECIAL ORDER:

Special Order #229

The records of disciplinary action ordered by the Commander of VFW Post No. 8947, against Dennis T. Destrempes, Life Membership No. 9776850, Louisa County Post No. 8947, Mineral Virginia, have been received. The accused did not request a hearing, whereupon the Post Commander with concurrence of a majority vote of the Post has entered a sentence of Termination of Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

It is hereby ordered because there was no timely appeal to the Department Commander, that Dennis T. Destrempes be removed from the rolls of Louisa County Post No 8947, Mineral, Virginia, his life membership terminated in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States with fees forfeited and his Life Membership card returned to the Adjutant General.

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

33. 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!

34. VFW RIDERS:

Comrades,

July 2018 the VFW Riders Virginia are going to ride to the VFW National Convention in Kansas City MO. Our goal is to raise money to carry to the VFW National Convention Howard E Vander Clute ride prior to the start of the Convention. Last year we donated \$15,000 from the Dept. of Virginia, various Posts of Virginia and the VFW Riders Virginia. I am asking for donations from you to help us raise money for the Howard E. Vander Clute Jr. Memorial Motorcycle Ride.

The monies raised this year will go to help our veterans through the National Military Services program (NMS).

This year with your help and monies raised by the VFW Riders Virginia we are hoping to surpass last year's numbers.

Thank you, Comrades, for all you do for our veterans.

Please send your donations to
Kim Deshano
Department of Virginia Quartermaster
403 Lee Jackson Highway Staunton, VA 24401.

Earmark your donations **VFW Riders Virginia Howard Vander Clute Memorial Ride.**

William J Shepherd
VFW Riders Virginia Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Mike Boehme
State Commander

Commanders Club Luncheon

Attention: All Past and Present Commanders

You are invited to attend the Annual Commanders Club Luncheon to be held on Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Portsmouth Renaissance from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. You must be a Commanders Club Member to attend. All Post, District and Department Commanders are encouraged to join, both Past and Present.

Cost: \$45.00

MENU:

Mixed Greens Salad with assorted dressings

Prime Rib of Beef au Jus with horseradish sauce

Oven Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Bread Pudding with Custard Sauce

Water, Tea, Coffee, Beer and Mixed Drinks

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: VFW DEPT. OF VA COMMANDERS CLUB

MAIL CHECK TO: Tom Ferguson, Commanders Club Treasurer

113 Brijidan Lane, Colonial Heights VA 23834

DEADLINE: June 3, 2018 PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MEAL IS REQUIRED. PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 3rd. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS PRE-REGISTERED.

REMEMBER: You can become a LIFE MEMBER for \$30.00; All dues can be sent to Tom Ferguson at the above address.

Kathy Goodall, President Tom Ferguson , Treasurer

PLEASE SEND THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ASSURE ACCURACY.

Post No. _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Name of each Commanders Club Member attending:

Past and Present Commanders wishing to join this elite Club:

LIFE MEMBER DUES ARE \$30.00

NAME _____

YEAR/S SERVED AS COMMANDER _____

POST/DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT _____

NOTE: ANY JOINING COMMANDERS CLUB MEMBER WHO WISHES TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON MUST PAY \$75.00 FOR THE LUNCHEON COST AND THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES.

PREPARING A RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The policy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is established by resolutions adopted by the delegates attending Department and National Conventions. Most such resolutions originate at the Post level and are passed through the District and Department before being acted upon at a National Convention. Many times, an otherwise worthy idea gets nowhere merely because it is not correctly presented.

A resolution contains two separate parts; a statement of the problem to be solved, and the proposed solution to the problem. The problem is outlined in the "WHEREAS" clauses, and the proposed solution is given in the "RESOLVED" section.

The "RESOLVED" section of a resolution should be complete in itself without depending on the "WHEREAS" clauses to give it meaning.

EXAMPLE:

WHEREAS, the rising cost of living has created an intense hardship on those disabled veterans whose only income is a meager pension check; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we petition Congress to enact legislation which would provide a substantial increase in non-service connected pension rates.

(Note: The "RESOLVED" section has a proposed solution that makes sense and can stand alone without the "WHEREAS" clause giving it meaning.)

A resolution may deal with a local problem. It needs no action on a level higher than that of the Post. If the problem concerns an area larger than that served by the Post, it should, after Post approval, be presented before the District or County Council. All resolutions of statewide, regional or national concern must be acted upon by the Department Convention. Those resolutions approved by a Department Convention, which affect persons or matters *outside the state boundaries*, must be forwarded to the National Convention for final disposition.

When submitting a resolution to the Department Convention, a notation on the bottom should show the previous action taken, such as, approval by Post and, if applicable, by the District. A Post or District submitting a resolution to its Department Convention must follow guidelines established by the Department, which may require submitting the resolution to the Department Adjutant prior to the convening of the convention.

Resolutions not in proper form, unclear as to meaning, or concerning matters clearly not within the scope and purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars cannot be considered by the National Convention.

Resolutions approved by a Department Convention, which affect matters outside state boundaries, must be forwarded by the Department Adjutant to the National Convention for final disposition. Approved resolutions should be sent to national headquarters at the close of the department convention. The Adjutant General requests all resolutions be forwarded to National Headquarters on or before the first working day of July. A resolution disapproved by the Department Convention or not acted upon by the Department Convention will not be considered by the National Convention.

Resolutions may also be originated by Department officers or by the Department Convention itself and acted upon by the Department Convention. A National Officer may originate a resolution concerning National affairs and submit it directly to the National Convention without Department action. Likewise, a National Convention Committee may originate a resolution and present it for approval during the National Convention.

Policy set by the National Convention is binding upon all subordinate units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. No Post or Department is permitted to take any individual action or espouse any cause contrary to the National By-Laws or to the actions of the National Convention except that it may propose changes in policy by the preparation of a resolution for consideration as outlined herein.

PREPARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE OR RITUAL

By-Laws: Any member in good standing, a Post, a District, or a Department, may propose an amendment to the National By-Laws; provided, however, before consideration at the National Convention, the proposed amendment must be approved by a Department Convention. Immediately following a Department Convention, the proposed amendment(s) must be forwarded to National Headquarters.

Manual of Procedure and Ritual: Any Post, District, or Department may propose an amendment to the Manual of Procedure or Ritual; provided, however, before consideration at the National Convention, the proposed amendment must have been forwarded, through channel and have been properly approved.

In order to meet National By-Law/Manual of Procedure Article XIV requirements, to provide 15 day notice to all Posts of all amendments, the Adjutant General requests all amendments be forwarded to National Headquarters on or before the first working day of July.

By-Law, Manual of Procedure or Ritual changes not in proper form, unclear as to meaning, or concerning matters clearly not within the scope and purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars cannot be considered by the National Convention.

A proposed change to the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure or Ritual must be submitted as such, not as a resolution. Proposed amendments must be definite and specific as to the verbiage to be deleted or added. Use of the most recent amended copy of the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual is encouraged, as proposed changes considered by convention delegates cannot be amended on the floor.

EXAMPLE 1:

Proposed Amendment to National By-Laws proposed by Department of _____.

Section 202 - By-Laws

Amend Section 202, National By-Laws, by deleting the words "two-thirds (2/3)" in the first sentence of paragraph one, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following: "majority".

EXAMPLE 2:

Proposed Amendment to National Manual of Procedure proposed by Department of _____.

Section 518- Officers: Duties and Obligations.

Amend Section 518, Manual of Procedure, by deleting paragraph (a) (1) d. in its entirety and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following: "Plan and organize all social functions."

EXAMPLE 3:

Proposed Amendment to National Ritual proposed by Department of _____.

Amend the Ritual by deleting on page 48, in the last sentence of the Member's Obligation, the words "and a citizen of our great republic." Further amend by placing a period after the word "comrade" in the same sentence.

If you require help composing a proposed change to the Bylaws, Manual of Procedure or Ritual, please contact Administrative Operations at National Headquarters for advice and assistance in properly preparing a proposed amendment to be voted upon by your department convention.

96th ANNUAL CONVENTION
 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
 RENAISSANCE PORTSMOUTH-NORFOLK WATERFRONT HOTEL
 PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA
 JUNE 14 – 17, 2018

Eugene Chavis
 Convention Chairman

Kathy Goodall
 Convention Vice Chairman

Tentative Subject to Change

**Thursday,
 June 14, 2018**

11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATON MEETING	PORTSMOUTH VI-VIII
NOON	4:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	PORTSMOUTH IV-V
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	PORTSMOUTH IV-V

**Friday,
 June 15, 2018**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JOINT OPENING SESSION	PORTSMOUTH IV-V
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCHEON	
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	PORTSMOUTH VI-VIII
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	VFW RIDERS DANCE (OPEN TO ALL)	HOLLEY BALLROOM

**Saturday,
 June 16, 2018**

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	HOLLEY BALLROOM I-III
8:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION	PORTSMOUTH VI-VIII
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS)	PORTSMOUTH VI-VIII
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW RIDERS MEETING	AMPHITHEATER
6:00 PM	10:00 PM	RECEPTION/ DANCE – DJ	HOLLEY BALLROOM

**Sunday,
 June 17, 2018**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	MADISON
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	NEW DISTRICT COMMANDERS SCHOOL	AMPHITHEATER
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF CONVENTION	AMPHITHEATER

Registration \$3.00 (All VFW members are required to register)
 FRIDAY VFW RIDERS DANCE: (Open to all members) \$10.00 per person

SATURDAY RECEPTION/DANCE WILL BE FREE TO ALL ATTENDING THE STATE CONVENTION

Bottles will be permitted in the ballroom during Fridays dance. The hotel will furnish ice and mix.

HOSPITALITY ROOMS
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

CHAIRMAN, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

96th Annual State Convention, Portsmouth, Virginia June 14-17, 2018

Below are listed the Delegates and alternates duly elected at a regular meeting of Post _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

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Official:

Yours in Comradeship,

Post Adjutant

Post Commander

MAIL TO:

**State Adjutant
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 24401**

Elect one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each 30 members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the date of election. Delegate strength to be based on State Quartermasters records as of May 14, 2018, with the exception of New Posts organized after that date and prior to opening date of State Convention - June 14, 2018. Each Post must pay \$3.00 for every delegate that they are entitled to. Please send form and check to State Headquarters by June 1, 2018.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

INVOICE

Due Upon Receipt

National Convention - Post & Delegate Registration

Section 222 of the National By-Laws states "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Each Post is encouraged to register at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for every thirty (30) members or fraction thereof. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.

Any member in good standing may register for the National Convention. Registering for the National Convention is another way a member can show support for VFW programs. The ten dollar (\$10) registration fee entitles the member to a convention packet which may be picked up at the convention.

Please type or print each member's information below and designate as delegate, alternate or attendee.

(Any change to a delegate's status shall be reported to the Quartermaster General)

Registration Type	Membership Number	Member Name	Member Address	E-Mail	Amount
Post Registration Fee w/ Delegate					25.00
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Packets not picked up at the convention will not be mailed unless a request is received in writing within 60 days of the close of the convention.

Post Registration Fee with one (1) Delegate 25.00
 Add \$10.00 each additional Delegate/Alternate/Attendee _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Signature of Adjutant or Quartermaster: _____
 Post # _____

CHECK/MONEY ORDER VISA MASTER CARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Card Number: _____
 Expiration Date: _____
 Card Holders Name: _____

Mail completed form to:
VFW Convention Registration
406 W. 34th St.
Kansas City, MO 64111

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPERLY SUBMITTING
POST CONVENTION REGISTRATION, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND ATTENDEES**

NATIONAL BY-LAW - SECTION 222

Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.

Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee.

ONLINE

Online submission is the preferred method of submitting the National Convention-Post & Delegate Registration Fee(s). As Post Quartermaster, you will log into www.vfw.org and access "My VFW." You will then click on the link "Online Membership System." You will find, in the left navigation pane "National Convention"; open the drop down and click "National Convention Registration" and enter desired membership information. This is a 3-6 minute process for the average user. **Please have the membership number available of all delegates, alternates and attendees you are registering.**

Only a Post or Department Quartermaster, utilizing this system, can register the Post's Delegates online. Members accessing the National Convention website are registered as attendees only.

The Post registration fee of \$25 must be remitted *prior* to the convention; Post delegates will not be able to register their credentials unless this fee is paid.

MAIL-IN OR FAX

Enclosed with this notification is an invoice in the amount of \$25. Quartermasters may fill out and return this invoice using the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid envelope. This form must be signed by the Adjutant or Quartermaster. The Post registration fee of \$25 must be remitted *prior* to the convention; Post delegates will not be able to register their credentials unless this fee is paid. When using the enclosed form you are required to include the membership number, name and address of all delegates, alternates and attendees you are registering.

DEFINITIONS

Delegate- Member (in good standing) of the Post elected to represent the Post in all business activity at the National Convention. Delegates elected under Section 222 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure shall not be considered instructed and may exercise full authority in the duty performed.

Alternate- Member (in good standing) of the Post elected to represent the Post in all business activity at the National Convention in the event the elected delegate cannot attend. Alternates not fulfilling the role as "delegate" are considered "attendees."

Attendee- Any member in good standing may register for the National Convention. Registering for the National Convention is another way a member can show support for VFW programs. The \$10 registration fee entitles the member to a convention packet which may be picked up at the convention.

NOTIFICATION

Post Quartermasters will receive letter confirmation that the Post is registered.

Delegates, alternates and attendees will receive a confirmation letter. Included in this letter will be a request for emergency contact information. We are asking all to fill-out and bring this form with them to convention; this is voluntary, but recommended.

All notification will be sent USPS, 3-5 days after processing.

Any change to a delegate's status shall be reported to the Quartermaster General.



MISSOURI 2018
KANSAS CITY
★ 119TH VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION ★
REGISTRATION INFORMATION



EXCITING CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE VFW 119TH NATIONAL CONVENTION 2018 IN KANSAS CITY!

Checking in for registration is making a giant leap forward!

The VFW provides more options for checking in, faster service and better customer service at every turn.

PRE-CHECK-IN

The first thing attendees will notice is the pre-check-in option. On Friday, July 20, before the festivities start, VFW National Convention pre-registered attendees can check in side-by-side with the VFW Auxiliary at the VFW National Headquarters Hotel (Kansas City Marriott Downtown) and VFW Auxiliary Headquarters Hotel (Westin Crown Center).

ON-SITE/NEW REGISTRATIONS

On-site/new registrations will be handled at the convention center in Hall BCD with registration beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 21. Remember to download “VFW KC 2018,” the VFW’s official convention app, before you get to Kansas City. It will contain all convention information, including agendas and the shuttle bus schedules. Once available, the app can easily be downloaded at the Apple Store and the Google Play Store.

On-site registrants checking in at the convention center will find a streamlined process providing great customer service. Your registration letter will have a barcode on it. Bring that letter with you and our volunteers, armed with Bluetooth scanners, will scan your letter as you arrive and direct you to a kiosk where your registration information will be displayed as you approach.

Additionally, you can use the digital touch screen to confirm your information.

If you need a guest pass you can print one out on the spot. Need to know who else from your Post or Department has arrived? A quick query will bring those names up. If you bring a friend and they want to partake in the convention they can pay at the kiosk and get a badge immediately.



We are making every effort to speed up the process and give you, the members of the VFW, the best experience we can deliver!





119th VFW National Convention 2018
July 21-25, 2018 · Kansas City, MO

Official Hotel Reservation Form

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

INTERNET: Visit the VFW web site at www.vfw.org.

TELEPHONE:

Toll-free US: (877) 464-6840
International: (980) 337-3372
8:30 am to 9:00 pm ET, Mon-Fri

FAX: (816) 691-3880

MAIL:

Visit KC
1321 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64105

EMAIL:

housing@ihs-housingteam.com

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail or internet by June 18, 2018. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

CONFIRMATIONS

Visit KC Housing will send you an e-mail confirmation of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call Visit KC Housing at the above listed phone number.

TAX RATE & REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to a room tax up to 18.1% and a city development fee of \$1.75 (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed; hotels will do their best to honor requests. Hotels will assign specific rooms upon check-in, based on availability.

ROOM DEPOSIT REQUIRED:

Reservations must be accompanied with a \$190 room deposit in the form of a credit card guarantee, money order or cashier's check. Cashier's checks and money orders must be made out to Visit KC. The mailing address is Visit KC 1321 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105. Forms and deposits must be received by June 18, 2018.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after June 18, 2018 will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. Most hotels require cancellations at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid additional penalties. Please refer to your confirmation notice for more details.

GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY AND IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT www.vfw.org OR BY PHONE AT (877) 464-6840 (toll-free) OR (980) 337-3372 (international).

Arrival Date: Departure Date:

First Name: Last Name:

Email Address:

Daytime Phone: Fax:

Company:

Address:

Address 2:

City: State/Province:

Zip Code: Country:

HOTEL SELECTION

Each state/department has been assigned a hotel with an allocation of rooms. In the event the allotment has been filled, a room will be reserved at another VFW hotel based on your preference of rates or proximity and availability.

If hotel assignment is sold out, which is more important? (check one) Room Rate Location

State you reside in:

Room Type Requested: One Bed Two Beds

Submit only one room request per form, please make copies if additional forms are needed.

List all room occupants:

1. 2.

3. 4.

Check here if you have special needs and specify below.

Special Requests:

NOTE: All hotels are non-smoking properties. All have designated outdoor smoking areas.

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

All reservations requests must be accompanied with a \$190 room deposit in the form of a credit card guarantee, cashier's check or money order. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Cashier's checks and money orders must be mailed with a completed housing form.

Visa American Express Discover MasterCard

Card Number: Exp. Date:

Name on Credit Card:

Cardholder's Signature*:

I hereby authorize the participating hotel retain / charge the \$190 deposit or a one night's room & tax, whichever is greater, if I fail to cancel my reservation by my hotel's given cancellation policy as listed on my confirmation.

Cashier's check or money order deposit of \$190 enclosed and made payable to Visit KC. Mail check or money order with completed housing form to: Visit KC 1321 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64105. Must be received no later than June 18, 2018.

VFW 119th National Convention
Kansas City, MO
Kansas City Convention Center –Bartle Hall
TENTATIVE July 21-25, 2018

All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.
Meetings/times for various functions are subject to change.
Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates and are subject to change

Saturday, July 21, 2018

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW/Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee
9:00 a.m.	Vander Clute Memorial Motorcycle Ride
10:30 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
1:30 p.m.-3:30 pm.	National Council of Administration Meeting
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Conference Meetings
6:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass
6:00 p.m.	Protestant Service
7:00 p.m.	Veterans Service Resolutions Committee (for Chairmen)

Sunday, July 22, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Gold Star Families Reception
7:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:30 a.m.	Joint Memorial Service
10:00 a.m.-12Noon	VFW Riders Meeting
10:00 a.m.-Noon	Membership Workshop
10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Veterans and Military Support Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Veterans Benefits Forum
10:00 a.m. – Noon	National Legislative Service Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Noon	1 st Time Attendees Reception (<i>Meet & Greet First time Convention attendees</i>)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	VFW Programs Workshop
	1-2 Programs Overview Town Hall
	2-3 Veterans Emotional Well Being Discussion
	3-4 Awards & Citations Committee Meeting

Committee Meetings:

1:45 p.m.	Resolutions Committees
2:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Resolutions Committees:

2:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
2:00 p.m.	General Resolutions (300 Series)
2:00 p.m.	National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series)
2:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series) Sub-committee I – Health Sub-committee II– Benefits Sub-committee III–Economic Opportunities/Other
3:30 p.m.	Membership Recruiting Seminar
7:30 p. m.	Welcome Concert: Trace Adkins –Municipal Auditorium

Monday, July 23, 2018

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Joint Opening Session
12Noon - 1:00 p. m.	National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception
1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.	Business Session

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	VFW Business Session
12:45 p. m.-2:30 p.m.	2018-2019 Incoming CIC (<i>Dept. Cmdrs.</i>) Luncheon <i>by invitation</i>
12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	All-American Commanders Lunch <i>ticketed event</i>
1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	2018-2019 Senior Vice Commander/Senior Vice President lunch <i>by invitation</i>
1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	2018-2019 Junior Vice Commander/Junior Vice President lunch <i>by invitation</i>
2:00 p.m. -3:00 p. m.	Planning Your Legacy
2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.	Women Veterans: Strong and Growing
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop
2:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.	Grants and Fundraising Ideas for Posts
3:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.	OMS User Feedback
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	National Home
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Celebration (<i>date and time subject to change</i>)

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Business Session /Nomination/Election/Installation of Officers
11:00 a.m.	National Council of Administration (immediately following installation)
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception (Ticketed Event) - KC Marriott Downtown

Updated: 4/10/2018 8:06 AM



PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE JULY 21-25, 2018

Welcome to Kansas City, the City of Fountains! Kansas City will host the 119th VFW and 105th Auxiliary national conventions July 21-24, 2018.

Kansas City sits on Missouri's western edge, straddling the border with Kansas. It's known for its barbecue, jazz heritage and fountains. Downtown, the American Jazz Museum shares a building with the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, with giant shuttlecocks out front, houses nearly 40,000 works of art, from ancient to contemporary collections.

GETTING TO KANSAS CITY

Car

To determine driving distance between your city and Kansas City, go to: <http://www.travelmath.com/driving-time/>

GETTING AROUND KANSAS CITY

Ride KC Fares: \$1.50 one-way. Or buy \$3 All Day Pass on buses. Wheelchair accessible buses. For route information or easy, convenient online trip planning, go to www.RideKC.org. Or call 816-221-0660.

Kansas City Street Car – **Free to ride**. Runs from the City Market to Crown Center (on Main Street) go to <http://kcstreetcar.org/>

Monday-Thursday: 6AM - Midnight

Friday: 6AM - 2AM

Saturday: 7AM - 2AM

Sunday: 7AM - 10PM

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Kansas City Convention Center, located at 301 W. 13th Street, Kansas City, MO

WHAT TO WEAR

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are an award recipient (e.g. Community Service Post, All American Commanders). You may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken. You may wish to bring and wear patriotic themed apparel for the Patriotic Celebration. *(See Patriotic Celebration information in this document).*

WEATHER

July weather in Kansas City on the average high temperatures around 90°F and daily low temperatures round 72°F.

For up-to-date weather information, please visit the National Weather Service website at www.weather.gov.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

COMPANY: VFW National Discount

LINK : <http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=VFWUS>

NOTE: Please update your browser if the above link does not work or go through Google Chrome. Also, you can go directly to www.supershuttle.com and enter the code **VFWUS**

DISCOUNT: Your discount gives you **10% off your roundtrip reservation**. Discount does not apply to pre-existing reservations. **Discounts cannot be applied retroactively**. Your travelers can use this code on both ends of their travel: at airport of origin and at their destination airport.

QUOTE: How much does it cost? To get a Fare Quote, go the bottom of our home page, and click Fare Quote. Select an airport and destination to generate your fare quote. Link:

https://booking.supershuttle.com/?_ga=2.218474457.1146509480.1511995716-1784955752.1482963717

RESERVATIONS: For special reservation questions call 1-800 BLUE VAN ([800-258-3826](tel:800-258-3826)) or customer service, available 24/7. Please note that if you call in your reservation instead of booking and paying online with your discount code, a \$3 call center fee applies. All of our other contact numbers are on our website at:

<http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations>

Taxi Service

10/10 Taxi - (913) 647-0010

Yellow Cab – 816-471-5000

Checker Cab – 816-444-4444

Airport Car Rental

Alamo - 816-464-5151

Avis - 816-243-5760

Budget - 816-243-5757

Enterprise - 816-464-2500

Hertz - 816-243-5765

National - 816-243-5770

PARKING

Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center will be available at a later date. Watch for updates on the convention webpage at WWW.VFW.ORG under News and Publications/Events

RV PARKING/CAMPING

Worlds of Fun Village 4545 Worlds Of Fun Ave., Kansas City, MO 64161, (816) 335-1290

Stadium RV Park 10109 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055, (816) 353-0242

Autumn Falls Park, 9601 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055 (816) 356-4663

Trailside RV Park, I 70 & Grain Valley, Blue Springs, MO 64014, (816) 229-2267

Doc's RV Park, 1600 Southview Dr., Liberty, MO 64068, (816) 429-1163

VISITOR INFORMATION

If you have access, visit www.visitkc.com/tourism to plan your trip or request an Official Visitor Guide. See the following link for a digital copy of the Visitors Guide.

<http://www.myvirtualpaper.com/doc/MaddenMedia/kansas-city-mokcvg17/2017020701/#0>

VISITOR CENTERS:

DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY

Visit KC Offices, Kansas City Power & Light District, 1321 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Mo. 64105
800-767-7700 (24-hour visitor info.) or 816-221-5242
Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Closed Sun.

UNION STATION

30 W Pershing Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64105
816-460-2020
Open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. and noon-5 p.m. Sun.

NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM VISITORS CENTER

100 W 26th St., Kansas City, MO
816-460-2048
Open 10 a.m.- 5 p.m Tue.-Sun. and daily Memorial Day-Labor Day.

MISSOURI WELCOME CENTER

4010 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO
816-889-3330
Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week through season.

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

See on site convention agenda (event guide distributed on-site on 7/21/18) for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW and Auxiliary will be located in Exhibit Halls BCD of the Kansas City Convention Center

***Note:** Want to get register early? Try Remote Registration.” This year both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **pre-registered** and want to pick up their name badges early. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, Marriott Downtown and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, Westin Crown Center. **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY.** If you haven't yet registered, you will need to do that beginning on Saturday, 7/21/18, 8a at the Convention center.*

Auxiliary 'remote' pre-registration:

Westin Crown Center - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

VFW 'remote' pre-registration.

Westin Crown Center - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

Note: On-site (not pre-registered) registration **must** be done at Kansas City Convention Center - Exhibit Hall BCD beginning Saturday, July 21 at 8a.

SHUTTLES

A shuttle schedule will be provided closer to the July convention dates.

If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number on your event schedule (**obtained on-site**). A final shuttle schedule will be included in the on-site event guide and will be updated on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opens February 21 – you may access housing information and the reservation form beginning February 21 by going to www.vfw.org at the convention website. VFW Department hotels/housing assignments may also be found at the website beginning February 21.

HOTEL PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel for parking costs and details.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

GRATUITIES

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, however as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1-\$2 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for ground transportation providers and hotel bell staff.

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages may be left with the hotel operator, who will make sure you get them as soon as you return to your hotel. In case of emergency, call the VFW National Headquarters 816-756-3390. We encourage you to provide your emergency contact information when you pick-up your registration materials at the convention center.

SAFETY TIPS *(See hotel information located in room)*

SPECIAL SERVICES

Scooter Rentals

We encourage individuals requiring scooters to make those arrangements prior to arriving on-site in Kansas City as scooter rentals are based on availability and first-come, first-served. Please contact the company below to confirm pricing and availability.

Chuck's Mobility – 913-859-0290

info@chucksmobility.com

<https://www.chucksmobility.com/rentals.htm>

Mobility First – 816-350-7600

Special Screenings

(Information available on-site at Health Fair located at Kansas City Convention Center (Halls BCD) - check event guide for location and times)

First Aid Room Location

Kansas City Convention Center; open during convention hours, Saturday, July 21 -Wednesday, July 25 (6p)

Emergency

Emergency after hour's numbers will be provided before convention or call 911.

Religious Services

Catholic Mass is scheduled for Saturday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 22 at 7:00 a.m. at the Kansas City Convention Center. *Check event guide for room locations*

Protestant Services are scheduled for Saturday, July 21 at 6p. *Check event guide for room locations.*

VFW MEMORIAL SERVICE

The joint VFW/Auxiliary Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 23 at 8:30 a.m. at the Kansas City Convention Center (Bartle Hall) – Exhibit Hall E

VFW PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

The 2018 details will be disseminated closer to the July event.

To keep the Patriotic Spirit of this yearly event, check out the patriotic apparel at VFW Store.

<http://www.vfwstore.org/?Action=SkipLogin>

AGENDA

See tentative web agenda at www.vfw.org for the 119th National Convention information. A final agenda will be included in the convention event guide and on the convention Mobile App.

CHARITY AUCTION

The VFW will hold a silent auction Saturday, July 21 through Monday, July 23 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Exhibit Hall BCD of the convention center. Winners will be listed at the “Buddy”[®] Poppy/Silent Auction desk on Tuesday morning, July 24. **All items must be paid for and picked up during the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. on July 24.** Payment will be accepted via check, cash (*in exact amount*) or credit card (Visa, Master Card or Discover). If an item has NOT been picked up prior to 3:30 p.m., it will be shipped to National Headquarters to be dispersed from there. The winners will be contacted for a shipping address and shipping costs will be applied to their bid. Silent auction items are donated by VFW Departments, individual members and vendors. Auction proceeds will benefit **The VFW National Home for Children.**

BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

The annual “Buddy”[®] Poppy Display Contest will be held in Exhibit Hall BCD of the Kansas City convention center. Entries will be accepted for registration and may be set up beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, **July 21**, until noon on Monday, **July 23**. Once judging is completed, winning displays will be identified with appropriate ribbons on Tuesday morning, **7/24** and winners will also be announced on the Convention floor during the day. Please remember the sponsoring unit is responsible for the shipping to and from convention (to include all costs) and the assembly/disassembly of the displays. In addition, the displays **must be removed prior to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday** otherwise, they may be removed by the convention personnel and destroyed.

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND KANSAS CITY

Go to the www.VFW.org and access the Microsite at the convention web page for additional information on what to do, where to go, where to eat in Kansas City.

VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Self-guided tours of the VFW National Headquarters will be offered on Monday, July 23, Tuesday, July 24 and Wednesday, July 25 (dates times subject to change). Additional information will be provided closer to the convention dates.

For more information:

Refer to the VFW convention web page via www.vfw.org which is updated as new information is added.

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Southern Conference 2018

Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary

October 18-21, 2018

Request for Transportation

A courtesy shuttle will be provided by the Crowne Plaza Hotel to and from Louisville international airport.

Please complete the form below in order for the hotel to make sure they have enough shuttles available to make this transition a smooth one.

Name: _____ Airlines _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight# _____

Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight# _____

Mail Form to;

Dept. of KY VFW

3031 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40217

Fax 502-635-2639

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REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Deadline is October 1, 2018

Name: _____ Title _____

Department: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Registration Fee is \$75.00 per person that will include the banquet, Hospitality Room and Friday night entertainment. (Registration fee at Conference: \$85.00)

BANQUET MENU

PRIME RIB

BAKED POTATO WITH BUTTER & SOUR CREAM

COUNTRY STYLE GREEN BEANS

FARMER'S SALAD W/RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING

DESSERT: DERBY PIE & CARAMEL APPLE PIE

COFFEE & TEA

RESERVATIONS AND OTHER INFO. PLEASE GO TO vfwky.org or call Hotel at 1-888-233-9527

Make check payable

Dept. of KY VFW

3031 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40217



Attention all VFW Riders, in conjunction with this year's Department convention, the VFW Riders of Virginia will be hosting a Bike show on Saturday June 15th. This show is only open to any and every VFW Rider. There will be 4 Trophies that will be awarded, Best metric, Best American made, Best custom and Overall winner. So if you are a rider come out bring your bike and let the convention vote. All money raised will be going to the Vander Clute ride. There will be a \$10 donation for those wishing to have their bikes in the show. We look forward to seeing all the amazing paint jobs, shining chrome, and crazy ideas.

When: June 15th at 1pm Judging at 3pm

Where: 5th floor of the parking garage of the Renaissance hotel

Who: All VFW Riders only

How much: \$10 donation