

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

CHAIRMAN, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

96th Annual State Convention, Portsmouth, Virginia June 13 – 16, 2019

Below are listed the Delegates and alternates duly elected at a regular meeting of Post _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

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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 March 31, 2019, with the exception of New Posts organized after that date and prior to opening date of State Convention - June 13, 2019. Each Post must pay \$3.00 for every delegate (not alternate) that they are entitled to. Please send form and check to State Headquarters by May 15, 2019.

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Bob Wyman District 13

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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Hello from State HQs!

We are moving into March which means we are moving into the ninth month of the VFW year. Now is the time to look at what you will be doing in the Spring and Summer months. I will even say it is time to begin planning for next year.

Nominations (not elections) are held in March. Look around your Post and see if there are Comrades who would be great elected or appointed officers and to get as many people involved as possible. Involved members make us stronger. Also ensure that proof of eligibility is on file for those who would fill the election report as this will be looked at in the next inspection. This becomes a problem with a few officers each year and it can be prevented by getting it beforehand. I also encourage you to consider appointments to committees to help your Post or District with the projects they undertake. Committees are a great starting point for a new member to see how things work. My very first job in the VFW was as Post Buddy Poppy Chairman and it taught me lessons I still use today.

Membership is really rolling along. We have Posts making their goals and are now seeing Districts do the same. I could not be happier with all the efforts of those Posts and individual members who are doing the work needed in this area. Please let us know if you need any help with membership.

I will again urge every Post and District to see where you are on those All-American and All-State checklists. There is no reason that every Post could not achieve one or both of those. Having earned All-American and All-State as both a Post Commander and Post QM myself, I know the dedication and pride that goes with those titles. I would personally be happy to help you achieve these in any way I could help.

I want to thank those who helped during the legislative session in Richmond. Washington, DC is just one place where important issues are voted on. We fought for implementing the constitutional amendment to help surviving spouses with property tax exemptions, expansion of education assistance for spouses and dependents of disabled veterans, modernization of charitable gaming (bingo and electronic pull tabs), to crack down on illegal gambling that hurts our charitable gaming, and expansion of broadband internet to help veterans with health care. We won some big things and lost some too. However, I am grateful to those who "Stormed the Hill" with me as it shows we all share the same goals regardless of what Post we are from and I hope this is the start to a stronger and more visible presence in Richmond.

Please see page one of the General Orders and ensure your State Convention delegate fees get into State HQs on time. You **must** pay them even if you do not attend the State Convention. We can help you with the math if needed.

Thank-you for all that you do and know that your State HQs is here for you in any way we can be. Take care!

Ken Wiseman
State Commander
Department of Virginia

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: 05/04/19 Lunch: 11:00 AM Meeting: to follow Lunch Location: Post 3219 Phoebus 122 E Mellen St Rep: Ken Wiseman, State Commander	8 th	Date: 04/28/19 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 2524 Culpeper 12210 Sperryville Pike Rep: Ken Wiseman, Commander
2 nd	Date: 05/18/19 Lunch: 12 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 8545 Smithfield 223 Washington St Rep: Ken Wiseman, State Commander	9 th	Date: 05/19/19 Lunch: 12 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 4667 Marion 861 Goolsby Street Rep: Eddie Reason, Surgeon
3 rd	Date: 04/20/2019 Meeting: 10:00 AM Lunch: to follow Meeting Location: Post 9808, Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane Rep: Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice Commander	10 th	Date: 03/23/19 Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Rd Rep: Butch Schupska, Judge Advocate
4 th	Date: 05/18/19 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 8163 Clarksville 7488 Highway 15N Rep: Butch Schupska, Judge Advocate	11 th	Date: 05/11/19 Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 12:30 PM Location: Post 8644 Bridgewater 118 Dry River Rd Rep: Eric Mallett, Jr. Vice Commander
5 th	Date: 05/18/19 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: to follow Lunch Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 2328 Old Chatham Road Rep: Eric Mallett, State Jr. Vice	12 th	Date: 05/11/19 Registration: 10:00 AM Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1994 Abingdon 17581 Lee Highway Rep: Eddie Reasor, Surgeon
6 th	Date: 05/05/19 Meeting: 2:00 PM Location: Salem VA Building 75 Rep: Eric Mallett, Jr. Vice Commander	13 th	Date: 05/11/19 Meeting: 12:00 Noon Lunch: After Meeting Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville 1170 River Rd Rep: Tom Hines, Chief of Staff
7 th	Date: 05/18/19 Meeting: 11:30 AM Location: Post 9760 Berryville 425 S Buckmarsh Street Rep: Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice Commander		

3. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

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

4. AWARDS:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

All individual recruiting awards will be awarded by using the National Recruiter Reports dated May 10, 2019. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

1. Annual members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will receive:
 - a. Their Annual Dues (National and Department portions) paid by the Department for the current year.
 - b. Their name and membership number will be entered into a drawing for a Life Membership.
Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the Life Membership Drawing.
 - c. The drawing for the Life Membership listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.
2. Life Members recruiting 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:
 - a. Name and membership number will be entered into a drawing for one level of Legacy Life membership equal to \$400.00 or \$200.00 cash if already a Gold member.
Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.
 - b. The drawing for the Legacy Life Membership award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.
3. Members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will be entered into a drawing for:
 - a. Round trip airfare to the 120th National Convention.
 - b. Expense check in the amount of \$599.00 to help defray expenses.
Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.
 - c. The drawing for this award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.

INDIVIDUAL RECRUITER AWARDS

Individual recruiters will also receive for:

- a. 15 New or Reinstated Members – a Pen and Key Chain Set.
- b. 20 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's challenge coin
- c. 25 New or Reinstated Members – a Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting cap and citation
- d. 50 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's briefcase
- e. 75 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's jacket

THE SAMUEL B. DeVAUGHAN MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Samuel B. DeVaughan Membership Award is presented to the member who recruits the most new and/or reinstated members by May 10, 2019. They will receive the following:

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

THE GEORGE C. DALBY AWARD

The George C. Dalby Award is presented to any Post member for outstanding participation in VFW programs. Rules for this contest are listed in this month's General Orders in the back of the packet. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is the day prior to awards judging. Post and District Commanders are excluded from this award. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE W. B. SHAFER, JR. MEMBERSHIP AWARD

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

THE RICHARD A. (AL) GUAGER AMERICANISM AWARD

The Richard A. (Al) Guager Americanism Award is presented annually. Rules for this contest are in the pages following the General Orders. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is May 10, 2019. Posts placing second through tenth will receive a citation.

THE GEORGE E. McCracken Honor Guard/Color Guard Award

The George E. McCracken Honor Guard/Color Guard Award is presented to the most outstanding Post Honor Guard/Color Guard. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by May 10, 2019. This award will be presented at the State Convention. Guidelines are in the back of this month's General Orders.

THE W. I. WOODDELL MEMORIAL POST QUARTERMASTER AWARD

The W. I. Wooddell Memorial Post Quartermaster Award is presented to the Post Quartermaster who has shown outstanding dedication to his Post and the Department. The Post Commander must send in a nominating letter on why the Post Quartermaster should be considered for Quartermaster of the year. Submission must be received at State HQs by May 10, 2019. The recipient is to be selected by a committee headed by the State Quartermaster. The award will consist of a custom-lettered citation, plus a check in the amount of \$200.00 from the Department. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE ROBERT H. RINER AWARD

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

WILLIAM T. (BILL) ALLEN HOSPITAL AWARD

The William T. (Bill) Allen Hospital Award is presented to Posts with outstanding reporting of hospital work. The winning Posts will be determined by the State Hospital Chairman.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK

The Community Service Record Book should be kept from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 for State judging. Plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) entries at the State Convention. Special Citations will be awarded to the fourth through tenth places. Additionally, an award from National will be presented to the first-place entry. Entries are due to State HQs no later than 4pm, May 10, 2019.

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

BUDDY POPPY CITATIONS

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

BEST NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CITATION

The "Best Newspaper Article Citation" will be presented at State Convention to the Post who submits the best article for each edition of the State Newspaper. Judging shall be performed by the committee for the newspaper.

5. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:

All officers should obtain current 2019 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2019 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 119th National Convention, which became effective on August 24, 2018.

6. 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 Sr. Vice Commander

7. DELEGATES TO DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:

Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to District conventions at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District convention at which District officers are to be elected: one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

Delegates and alternates to the Department conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

8. DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER FUND:

There have been questions about what this is used for and why it exists. Our state is expanding the work we do to help veterans, discharging military personnel, and dependent family members get VA benefits. In 2018, we helped 1,100 veterans in Virginia recover \$21 million in benefits and our goal is to expand our operation. We have added a new office in Dale City, thanks to the generous support of Post 1503, and are expanding into the Hampton Roads area with the help of Post 3160.

But, that still means we need to send staff to their annual training (40 hours per year) which costs the Department about \$500 per staffer. We also conduct outreach events where we visit veterans in your Posts, their homes, even at the hospital. This effort may mean overnight stays in hotels and meals. The support you give to the Department Service Officer Fund ensures this vital mission is funded. This does not cover anyone's pay check. Your donations cover outreach, training expenses, and equipping our new offices.

We appreciate your support of this vital mission and we welcome any questions you may have about the fund.

9. 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

10. 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.

11. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 13-16, 2019	State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$127.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Annual Convention"; Cut-off Date May 13, 2019.
July 20-24, 2019	National Convention Orlando, Florida
October 17-20, 2019	Southern Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
January 10-12, 2020	Winter Council, The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center, 901 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA; phone 540-231-8000. Room Rates are \$99.00 per night plus \$10.00 each additional person. Group name "VFW-VA 2020 Winter Council Meeting"; Cut-off Date December 10, 2019

12. The Home Depot Community Impact Grant for 2019:

VFW Posts can receive up to \$5,000 to fund repairs or construction projects at their Post building. There are of course are no guarantees to being funded, but several VFW Posts have been awarded this grant. To begin the process, click on the following link: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

The application must be submitted online using the posted hyperlink. Telephone calls, emails or written submissions sent to Home Depot will **NOT** be accepted, nor will you be able to turn this application in at your local HD store. "HDGrantGuide2019" was emailed to all Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters. We recommend reading that carefully before attempting to complete the application. National has tried to make the instructions as simple as possible using screen captures and by providing thorough descriptions of how to complete each field. Deviation from this guide could result in the applicant being unable to submit their request.

Home Depot has introduced a new requirement to completing the application. They now require a project budget, that must be submitted as a Microsoft Excel file. This new requirement is covered in-depth in the guide. We included the example of the budget in the same email as the guide.

Pay close attention to the Tax ID Instructions. You will use the Employee Identification Number (EIN) of your Post and upload the Post's 501(c)(19) IRS determination letter at the end of the application. If you cannot locate the Post's 501(c)(19) letter, follow the instructions below under "Lost IRS Determination Letter" on how to request a copy from the IRS. In previous years, The Home Depot Foundation has accepted the first page of the Post's most recently filed IRS Form 990 tax document in lieu of the IRS determination letter. It is still a good idea to have a copy of your IRS letter, you may need to apply for other possible grants, but using your 990 should allow you to complete the application immediately.

If you receive funding it will come in the form of Home Depot gift cards that can be used to buy materials at your local HD store. You will need to recruit Post members and/or other community volunteers as the use of paid contractors to complete your project is not permitted. The project must be completed within six months. You will also be required to submit a final report. You must be willing to include stories and before-and-after photos of the project. Failure to do so will negatively impact your Post's ability to receive any future funding from The Home Depot Foundation.

Should you have any questions and or concerns, please contact Jason Couch, VFW Foundation Grants Coordinator, directly at (816) 968-1174 or jcouch@vfw.org.

13. IRS FORM 8822-B:

IRS form 8822-B. It is now a requirement by the IRS that all Posts submit this form. This form must be submitted 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.

14. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters only will be closed March 4, 2019. The State Commander/Adjutant and Quartermaster will be available by phone and email for any issues that may arise.

15. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

As we enter the month of March, we are beginning to see signs of Spring. Surly we will have some bad days, maybe even a week of bad weather, but we can begin to get back out into our communities and recruit new members.

Today, February 26, the Department is at 94.64%, needing just 1726 new or reinstated members to reach our quota. We can achieve this goal if all Posts give a 100% effort from this point forward. I am very happy with the effort to this point in our membership year. Now all we have to do is close the year out strong and we should be fine. Now is the time for the Posts that haven't achieved their goals yet to step forward and give us the boost we need.

Please look for opportunities around your Post to participate in. There are Spring festivals, Cruise-ins, Gun Shows, Boat Shows, camping seminars, and any number of other events that you could set up a recruiting table at. If you need assistance contact State Headquarters or any member of the Membership Team.

Commanders, please spend at least five minutes on membership at your Post meetings. Cover the names of your unpaid annuals as there may be a neighbor, friend, or relative sitting in the meeting that could collect the dues for you. Don't try to carry the load by yourself, delegate several members as your collection team if you don't have one already. Make your members aware of the individual awards that are available to them for recruiting or reinstating comrades that have expired. Also go over the check list for All-State and All-American requirements and assure that your Post is covering all the requirements for the Post.

We are in a target rich environment with 725,000 veterans in the state. Our Headquarters can assist you with leads in your area, if you provide a ZIP code for them to work off of. You have done an outstanding job so far, lets finish strong and continue our All-American Department status. Please contact me for assistance.

Tom Hines, PDC
Chief of Staff
Membership Team

16. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING AND REGISTRATION:

120th National Convention housing will officially opened February 15, 2019. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at www.vfw.org/convention. The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information for Orlando, Fla, July 20-24, 2019, including a tentative agenda.

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 online by going to www.vfw.org.

17. POST ELECTIONS:

Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers, by not later than June 1st.

18. RESOLUTIONS:

At this time of year, the term “resolutions” enters many conversations. While we may individually resolve to eat healthier, exercise more, or ditch bad habits, we in the VFW resolve to assist veterans through “Resolutions” passed by our National Convention and brought to the attention of our elected officials. Your Resolutions Committee monitors events in Washington to evaluate whether they impact veterans, our nation, or our allies. Such events as delinquent GI Bill payments, proposed deportation of former refugees from Vietnam, and low VA disability compensation approval ratings for military sexual trauma garner our attention and become fodder for Resolutions. Now is the time to identify issues and draft resolutions even though our Department Convention is six months away. The Resolutions Committee (Elizabeth Ann Wicht - Post 1994, James Brown - Post 9501, Barney Campbell - Post 10654, and I) stand ready to assist in building Resolutions into the proper format. (Reference April 2018 General Orders, pages 17 and 18, for formats).

M. C. “Connie” Agresti
Chairman, Resolutions Committee

19. ROSTER UPDATES:

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VFW Post 1177
Jr. Vice Commander
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VFW Post 2424
Quartermaster
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423-534-8836
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VFW Post 4411
Meeting nights
First & Third Thursday
7:00 pm

VFW Post 8529
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100 Taraby Dr
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20. SPECIAL ORDER 149:

The records of disciplinary action ordered by the Commander of the Department of Virginia, VFW, against EVERETT H. GREEN, Life Membership No. 5606262, Central Garage Post No. 9501, Aylett, Virginia have been received. The accused did not request a hearing, whereupon the Department Commander 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 Commander-in-Chief, that EVERETT H. GREEN be removed from the rolls of Central Garage Post No. 9501, Aylett, 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
Vincent B.J. Lawrence
Commander-in-Chief

21. SPECIAL ORDER 150:

The documentation which was provided indicates honorable service overseas and qualifying service on the Korean peninsula, thereby meeting the eligibility requisites for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Special Order No. 147, dated January 8, 2018, terminating the membership of George W. Friday, Life Member No. 9496566, McNair-Trueheart Post No. 622, Petersburg, Virginia in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, is hereby rescinded and membership reinstated retroactive to original date of membership.

By order of
Vincent B.J. Lawrence
Commander-in-Chief

22. VFW RIDERS:

Comrades,

July 2019 the VFW Riders Virginia are going to ride to the VFW National Convention in Orlando, FL. Our goal is to raise money to carry to the VFW National Convention's Howard E. Vander Clute Ride prior to the start of the Convention. Last year we donated \$15,001 from the Department 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 Veterans and Military Services program. 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:

Department of Virginia
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

By Order of:



Ken Wiseman
State Commander
State Adjutant



120th VFW National Convention 2019
July 20-24, 2019 · Orlando, FL

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: 833-277-7335
International: 801-715-4419
7:00 am to 6:00 pm MT, Mon-Fri

FAX: 801-355-0250

MAIL:

Orchid.Events
175 S. West Temple, Suite 30
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

EMAIL: help@orchid.events

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail or internet by **June 14, 2019**. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

CONFIRMATIONS

Orchid Events 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 Orchid Events at the above listed phone number.

TAX RATE & REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to a room tax up to 12.5% and 1% OCCC fee (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 will not be accepted without a room deposit of one night's room and tax for each room reserved. Room deposits will be accepted in the form of a valid credit card (preferred) with signature authorizing the credit card guarantee to be charged for the deposit. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation. Room Deposits will be accepted by check made payable to "Orchid Events" in the amount of one night's room and tax until June 3, 2019.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after **June 14, 2019** will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. One night's room & tax will be forfeited entirely if cancellation occurs within 5 days prior to the attendee arrival date and will be charged by your hotel.

GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY AND IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT www.vfw.org OR BY PHONE AT 833-277-7335 (toll-free) OR 801-715-4419 (international).

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

In accordance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) by checking this box you are consenting to our use of the information you are providing us solely for the purpose of making a hotel room reservation.

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 one night's room and tax room deposit in the form of a credit card guarantee or check. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

Call me for a valid credit card guarantee. Your hotel reserves the right to charge this card a deposit of one night's room and tax to my credit card on and/or after June 14, 2019 and authorize the participating hotel keep the one nights room & tax charge if I fail to cancel my reservation 5 days prior to my arrival date. This credit card must be valid through July 2019.

Check deposit of one night's room and tax enclosed and made payable to Orchid Events. Mail check with completed housing form to: Orchid Events, 175 S. West Temple, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Must be received no later than June 3, 2019.



PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE JULY 20-24, 2019

Welcome to Orlando! Orlando will host the 120th VFW and 106th Auxiliary national conventions July 20-24, 2019.

GETTING TO ORLANDO

Car

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

GETTING AROUND ORLANDO

Refer to the Micro-site <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Orange County Convention Center (West Concourse), located at 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

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

Refer to the Micro site <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

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>

For additional transportation information, refer to the Micro Site. <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

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

<https://www.visitorlando.com/en/places-to-stay/campgrounds>

VISITOR INFORMATION

See the following link for a digital copy of the Official Attendee Guide.
<http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/orlandocvb/attendeeguide2018/>

ORLANDO APP

Now there is a new way to put Orlando right at your fingertips. Download our free App for your personalized Orlando experience. The best way to navigate Orlando.

<https://www.visitorlando.com/plan-your-trip/visit-orlando-destination-app/>

Visit Orlando Official Visitor Center:

Address: 8102 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819
(Next to Mango's Tropical Café)
Open Daily: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Phone: (407) 363-5872
Toll Free: (800) 972-3304
E-mail: info@visitorlando.com

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

See on site convention agenda (event guide distributed on-site on 7/20/19) for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW and Auxiliary will be located in West Hall C/WD1 West Concourse of the Orange County Convention Center

Note: *Want to get register early? Try Remote Registration." 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, Rosen Centre and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, Rosen Plaza. **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY.** If you haven't yet registered, you will need to do that beginning on Saturday, 7/20/19, 8a at the Convention center. **Note:** Your actual convention packet will be picked up at the center.*

Auxiliary 'remote' pre-registration:

Rosen Plaza - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

VFW 'remote' pre-registration.

Rosen Centre - Locations/times: **To be advised.**

Note: On-site (*not pre-registered*) registration **must** be done at Orange County Convention Center – West Hall C beginning Saturday, July 20 at 8a. All packets will be picked up at on-site registration including ‘remote’ registered individuals.

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 convention program book and the Mobile Convention APP. Updates will be found on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opens February 15 – you may access housing information and the reservation form beginning February 15 by going to www.vfw.org at the convention website. VFW Department hotels/housing assignments may also be found at the website beginning February 15.

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 833-839-8387. 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 Orlando as scooter rentals are based on availability and first-come, first- served.

Refer to the micro site <http://VFW19.orlandomeetinginfo.com/>

Special Screenings

(Information available on-site at Health Fair located at Orange County Convention Center (West Hall C) - check event guide for location and times)

First Aid Room Location

Orange County Convention Center; open during convention hours, Saturday, July 20 -Wednesday, July 24 (6p)

Emergency

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

Religious Services

Catholic Mass is scheduled for Saturday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 21 at 7:00 a.m. at the Orange County Convention Center. *Check event guide for room locations*

Protestant Services are scheduled for Saturday, July 20 at 6p. *Check event guide for room locations.*

VFW MEMORIAL SERVICE

The joint VFW/Auxiliary Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 21 at 8:30 a.m. at the Orange County Convention Center - **West Hall D**

VFW PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

The 2019 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 120th National Convention information. A final agenda will be included in the convention program book and on the convention Mobile App.

CHARITY AUCTION

The VFW will hold a silent auction Saturday, July 20 through Monday, July 22 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in West Hall D of the convention center. Winners will be listed at the "Buddy"® Poppy/Silent Auction desk on Tuesday morning, July 23. **All items must be paid for and picked up during the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. on July 23.** 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 West Hall D of the Orange County convention center. Entries will be accepted for registration and may be set up beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, **July 20**, until noon on Monday, **July 22**. Once judging is completed, winning displays will be identified with appropriate ribbons on Tuesday morning, **7/23** 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 ORLANDO

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.

For more information:

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

2/14/2019 updated

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
AMERICANISM
RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES
Post Americanism Record Book Program**

There will be a Post somewhere that will be recognized for their efforts in Americanism.

How will this recognition be earned? By participating in the Americanism Program and by being the “Outstanding” Americanism Post in the Department. From the entries received the Post selected number one will receive a trophy at Department Convention. The Post placing second through ten will receive a Department Citation.

The rules governing this completion are relatively simple.

1. To qualify a winner at the Department level, the Post must be selected by the Department’s Awards Committee.
2. The entry must include the name and address of the person to whom the entry is to be returned.
3. Selection by the Department shall be based on Americanism projects performed during May 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019.
4. For the Post to qualify as an entrant, it must be reported in Americanism for the current year.
5. In order for the judges to have something on which to base their decision, some form of substantiating data (newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, etc.,) must accompany each entry. All substantiating data should be organized into a record book format.

You should record the following programs and any other Americanism Projects completed in your entry.

Independence Day

Parades

Loyalty Day

Legislative Program

Buddy Poppy Education Program

Flag Presentation

Voice of Democracy

POW/MIA Program

Veterans Day

Memorial Day Services

Other Patriotic Holidays

Citizenship Education Programs

Flag Day

Post and District Americanism Chairmen have to begin their program early because the Department entry must be received at Department Headquarters no later than May 10, 2019.

For further information contact your Department Chairman.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE POST

RECORD BOOK ENTRY FORM

1. This form must be filled in and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the Department Community Activities Record Book Contest.
2. Be sure to provide the name, address and zip code of the person to whom the Record Book should be returned following the judging.
3. This form must be signed by the Post Commander

CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Activities Program is divided into seven general categories:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Community Involvement | 4. School and Church Assistance |
| 2. Cooperation with other organizations | 5. Safety |
| 3. Aide to others | 6. Americanism |
| | 7. Youth and Voice of Democracy |

Post No. _____ City _____ State _____

Total Projects Since 5/1/18 _____ Total Hours (Volunteered) _____ Total Funds Used/Donated _____

Total Post Members as of 4/1/19 _____ Total Auxiliary Members as of 4/1/19 _____ City Population _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Post _____ Auxiliary _____
(Name of Chairman) (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS

Page _____,
Page _____,
Page _____,
Page _____,

Books must be picked up at State Convention

Signature - Post Commander _____
Post Commander's Name (Print) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period May 1, through April 30.
2. **FASTENER and COVER:** If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decals, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decals so they will not be damaged during shipping and handling. Please use superior quality page dividers and index tabbing; the extensive handling that the record books experience must be considered.
3. **CLIPPINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
4. **ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES:** In a brief statement show how money was spent for each category (one or two pages at the most for each category).
5. **ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK:** Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
6. **ENTRY FORM:** Complete and fasten inside front cover of volume one.
7. **MAIL OR SHIP RECORD BOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST** to your Department Headquarters or the address they designate.
8. Avoid non-community service related items in your record book entry. Pictures of Post Officers, installation of officers, meeting, etc., will not be credited.

(This material should be assembled in a separate section and kept by the Post until the record book is returned after the competition, then it can be added to the record book for permanent reference).

PREPARING A RECORD BOOK

Posts and Auxiliaries carry on many projects which are of public service. The best way to tell the story of your Post and Auxiliary's work in the community is through a Community Activity record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform.

The contents of your record book should be arranged and in such detail that it tells the story of each project, clearly and completely, to those who may read and judge it.

Posts and Auxiliaries should combine their community activity programs into one book or one set of books the Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit.

When making up a record book it is advisable to group your projects and programs into one of the seven categories. If a project qualifies for more than one category, select and list it under one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category.

For example:

Lite-a-Bike could be listed under categories five or seven.

Do not duplicate your efforts by placing them in each of the categories.

Remember, when compiling your community service record book you are telling a story of your work to judges who generally are not familiar with your efforts or community. The easier it is for the judges to read the facts, the easier it is for them to evaluate your work.

Some Community Activity record book entries have an additional index for each category which lists the subgroups within the categories. Some entries have an index only in the front of volume one.

Remember, also if you enter your record book in other competitions, the judges will be less likely to know about the VFW Community Activities Program. Just like composing a good letter, let your record book present the story so there will be no misunderstanding.

RULES FOR CONTEST
GEORGE C. DALBY PERPETUAL TROPHY
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

- 1. Post Commanders and District Commanders are excluded from this award because other awards have been set up for them.**
- 2. Contest will run from Convention to Convention - the award to be made at the Annual Department Convention and based on:**
 - A. Number of dues collected;**
 - B. Hospital Visits - (visits to Comrades in hospitals and in homes);**
 - C. Community Activities : Number of projects participated in and what part the contestant performed;**
 - D. Youth Activities: Number of projects in which the contestant participated in and what he did;**
 - E. What part the contestant took in Buddy Poppy sales;**
 - F. How much time was lost from work in each project;**
 - G. How much money contestant spent in attending meetings out of his area in which he was not reimbursed; and**
 - H. Approximately the time, money, and miles traveled in performing tasks beyond the call of duty.**
- 3. Nominee from each Post to be submitted to the District Commander, who will appoint a committee of at least three members to select the winner in his District. Each District Commander will be responsible for forwarding the application of the winner in his District to Department Headquarters.**

****ENTRIES MUST BE AT STATE HEADQUARTERS BY MAY 10, 2019 by 5:00 PM.**

GEORGE C. DALBY PERPETUAL TROPHY
NOMINATION BLANK
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Name of Comrade (Post Commanders and District Commanders excluded):

Post Number: _____ Address: _____

A. Number of dues collected: _____

B. Hospital Visits (visits to Comrades in hospitals and in homes):

C. Community Activities (number of projects participated in what part the contestant performed):

D. Youth Activities (number of projects in which the contestant participated and what he did):

E. What part the contestant took in the Buddy Poppy Sales: _____

F. How much time missed from work in each project: _____

G. How much money contestant spent in attending meetings out of his area in which he was not reimbursed: _____

H. Approximately the time, money, and miles traveled in performing tasked beyond the call of duty: _____

REMARKS:

**GEORGE E. McCracken HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD PLAQUE
ENTRY FORM**

George E. McCracken served for over 30 years as the State Honor Guard Captain and knows of the many hours, out-of-pocket funds given by these truly special groups, who serve with pride, dignity, and honor throughout the state, representing their Posts and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This contest runs from July 1 to the following May.

To enter, a Post must submit a complete detailed report of the participation and activities of their Post Honor/Color Guard, including the following:

Post Number: _____ **Post Name:** _____

Number of Parades:

Number of Funerals:

Number of Flag Raising Ceremonies:

Number of Members Participating:

Other Activities:

**This report must be submitted to STATE HEADQUARTERS by 5:00 p.m.,
May 10, 2019 for the STATE AWARD JUDGING.**



VFW Riders Virginia



Saturday, 13 APRIL 2019

VFW Post 3160; 111 A View Ave. Norfolk VA

Start at VFW Post 3160, Ocean View Norfolk

#2 Mel's Place: card and beverage stop

#3 VFW POST 4411, Franklin: card and beverage stop

#4 VFW Post 8545, Smithfield: card, beverage and food stop

#5 VFW Post 3160: final stop

\$15 Per Rider/\$5 Passenger

“Four Seasons” SPRING POKER RUN

\$6 Breakfast from 8am- 10am

9am – 1030am: Registration

0930am: First Bike Out

1030am: Last Bike Out

Rain OR Shine



Prizes for: Best and worst hands

Biggest group, oldest and youngest rider

DOOR PRIZES! RAFFLES! AUCTION! 50/50!

Contact VFWRidersOfVirginia@gmail.com with questions

All proceeds go to 2019 Howard E Vander Clute Jr. Memorial ride Fund.

100% of proceeds benefit Veterans and their Families.