

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

CHAIRMAN, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

97th Annual State Convention, Portsmouth, Virginia June 11 – 14, 2020

Below are listed the Delegates and alternates duly elected at a regular meeting of Post _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

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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, 2020, with the exception of New Posts organized after that date and prior to opening date of State Convention - June 11, 2020. 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, 2020.

Please make sure you put Comrades that **ARE ATTENDING** the State Convention first.

Delegate fees **must be paid** regardless of whether anyone is attending the State Convention or not.

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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

As of February 20th, the Department is 2,763 members short of making 100% and we stand at just over 91% for the year. I know this seems like a large number but when you consider it's for the whole Department, it is quite an attainable goal. I encourage everyone to get out and go after those members who have not yet renewed. We do a good job of bringing them in the front door but somehow allow too many to slip out the back door. As always, continue recruiting at community events and shows. The Department has many expert recruiters available to assist you. All you need do is ask.

We continue to make progress establishing a new Post in the Northern Neck. We have 19 of the required 25 applications and efforts are continuing. My thanks to First District Commander Jim Gierlak, Recruiting Chair Kathy Goodall and PDC/Chief of Staff Tom Hines who have been working to make it happen.

At a recent District meeting I was asked to update the Audit form that is available on the Department website. The updated self-calculating form is posted and available for download.

Since last month we have been very involved in the legislative process especially as it relates to charitable gaming. We have been "On the Hill" several times meeting with legislators and their aides. Our focus was to level the playing field for charitable gaming organizations with other that are not charitable. Those other gaming installations are neither regulated nor taxed, especially those gaming machines that have shown up in convenience stores. None of their profits go towards charitable uses.

I am happy to report that we have been successful and there will be significant changes forthcoming.

The Charitable Gaming Board will initiate a study group for Use of Proceeds (USOP) and updating the gaming regulations. State Adjutant/Quartermaster Ken Wiseman has been invited to participate and I wholeheartedly support his efforts. As many of you may be aware, charitable gaming regulations require that 10% of gross revenue be used for charitable purposes. With the declining attendance at bingo sessions the margin between revenue and expense has decreased to where sessions often show little profit and sometimes none. Meeting a 10% USOP while also having to meet expenses and pay prizes has become very difficult. We need updated regulations.

At the Winter Council of Administration meeting A/Q Ken Wiseman announced that he will not be seeking re-election and will be moving to the private sector to work as a lobbyist. Ken has done an outstanding job since he has been a part of our Department and his efforts as a service officer have been unparalleled. We wish Ken well in his new endeavor and appreciate what he has done for the VFW.

In closing, I want to again stress keeping our members from going out the back door. Posts should be contacting these members to keep them active in the greatest veteran's organization on the planet.

Rick Raskin
State Commander

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| 1 st | Date: 3/28/20
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 176 Newport News
21 Forrest Drive
Rep: Jr. Vice Butch Schupska | 6 th | Date: 5/17/20
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 1264 Roanoke
4930 Grandview Ave NW
(Hosted by Post 776 Radford)
Rep: Inspector Gary Adams |
| 2 nd | Date: 5/16/20
Lunch: Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 4809 Norfolk
5728 Bartee Street
Rep: Adj/QM Ken Wiseman | 7 th | Date: 5/16/20
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 9760 Berryville
425 S. Buckmarsh Street
Rep: Surgeon Geoff Lyster |
| 3 rd | Date: 5/2/20
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville
7168 Flag Lane
Rep: Adj/QM Ken Wiseman | 8 th | Date: 4/26/20
Lunch: 12:00 Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 2524 Culpeper
12210 Sperryville Pike
Rep: Jr. Vice CDR Butch Schupska |
| 4 th | Date: 5/16/20
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7166 South Hill
1472 N Mecklenburg Avenue
Rep: Chief-of-Staff Tom Hines | 9 th | Date: 5/16/20
Lunch: 12 Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7726 Independence
115 Klondike Road
Rep: State Commander Rick Raskin |
| 5 th | Date: 5/16/20
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: Post 4637 Martinsville
2327 Old Chatham Road
Rep: Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor | 10 th | Date: 3/1/20
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503 Dale City
14631 Minnieville Road
Rep: State Commander Rick Raskin |

11th Date: 5/9/20
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: Post 8644 Bridgewater
118 Dry River Road
Rep: Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor

12th Date: 5/9/20
Registration: 10:00 AM
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 9830 Damascus
23489 Mountain City Road
Rep: Chief-of-Staff Tom Hines

13th Date: 5/2/20
Meeting: 12:00 Noon
Location: Post 8947 Mineral
201 Mineral Avenue
Rep: Sr. Vice CDR Eric Mallett

3. AWARDS:

MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES

Membership plaques will be presented at the State Convention to the Post with the largest numeric membership increase in each category. The judging will be based on Membership as of May 8, 2020.

- Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
- Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
- Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
- Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

LIFE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE PLAQUES

A Life Membership increase plaque and \$200 will be awarded at State Convention to the Post with the greatest increase in Life members (must be at least 3 new Life members) in each category. The judging will be based on Life Membership as of May 8, 2020.

- Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
- Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
- Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
- Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PLAQUE

A Membership Renewal Plaque will be awarded to each Post that renews ALL viable Annual Members on its unpaid list who were Annual Members the previous year. Deceased members and conversions to Life Membership will not count against total.

POST 100% MEMBERSHIP AWARD

In addition, the respective Post Commander and Quartermaster will receive 100% Membership Pins and Tumblers if the Post meets its 2020 100% membership goal by May 8, 2020. These awards will be presented at the Posts' respective District meetings.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Post with the largest increase of new Legacy Life Members will receive a check in the amount of \$200. The judging will be based on Legacy Life Membership as of May 8, 2020. The award will be presented at the State Convention.

2019-2020 POST ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS

There is no limit on the number of Posts that can be All-State.

All State Post Requirements:

1. The Post must meet their 100% Membership Quota by June 30, 2020.
2. The Post Quartermaster must be sufficiently bonded.
3. The Post must have been inspected and the Inspection Reports must be received by State Headquarters no later than December 13, 2019.
4. The Post must have at least one member attend each District meeting.
5. The Post must have at least one member attend their District's School of Instruction.
 - a. Qualifying attendance at a different District's School of Instruction shall be at the discretion of the Department Commander.
 - b. Applicant must first obtain permission from the alternate District Commander to attend their School of Instruction.
6. All Audit Reports must be turned into State Headquarters as required by Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
7. The Post must purchase 500 Buddy Poppies per 100 members or fraction thereof.
8. The Post must donate to the Department Veterans and Military Support Fund. Posts with:
 - a. 500 or more members - \$125
 - b. 100 to 499 members - \$100
 - c. 99 members or less - \$75
9. The Post must have submitted the following reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and once during the second half (November 1 thru April 30)
 - a. Hospital Report
 - b. Americanism Report
 - c. Community Activities Report
 - d. Safety Report
 - e. Youth Activities Report
10. The Post must participate in at least 2 of the 3 following programs:
 - a. Voice of Democracy Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
 - b. Patriot's Pen Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
 - c. Teacher of the Year Program (must submit at least one Teacher to the District Level for District judging)

Note: Five (5) additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded to Posts submitting entries in all three programs.

Note: Posts will receive additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team for membership. One fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100%.

Note: Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All-State Team. To be eligible Posts must increase their membership to 50 or more members.

Note: A Post with less than 50 members who completes all other requirements of the All State program, achieves 100% in membership, but does not surpass 50 total members will be honored with a certificate and a check for \$300. These Posts will each be known as a “Meritorious Post”.

POST ALL-STATE TEAM AWARDS

1. All-State Post Commanders and Quartermasters who have met all the criteria including membership by May 8, 2020 will receive a citation, an All-State pin, and for first time recipients, an All-State cap. Those who have received an All-State cap in 2019 will receive a custom All-State pin in lieu of a cap. A check in the amount of \$300, **to assist in payment of expenses while attending the State Convention**, will also be presented provided the recipient attends mandated convention events, as shown in the official convention agenda, where roll call will be taken. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. All-State Commanders and Quartermasters meeting the criteria except for membership by May 9, 2020 and then meeting the membership criteria by June 30, 2020 will receive all the above except the monetary award at their next District meeting.
2. From the All-State Team, the Post with the highest points in the All-State judging on May 9, 2020 will be designated as the Outstanding Post of the Year 2019-20. The Commander and Quartermaster of this Post will be the Captains of the All-State Team.
3. The Awards and Citation Committee will break all ties and their decision will be considered the recommendation to the State Commander.
4. The State Commander shall make the final decision for all recommendations of awards and the decision shall be final.

2019-2020 DISTRICT ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS

There is no limit on the number of Districts that can be All-State.

All State District Requirements:

1. The District must meet their 100% Membership Quota by June 30, 2020.
2. All Posts in the District must be inspected, and the Inspection Reports must be received by State Headquarters no later than December 13, 2019.
3. The District Quartermaster must be sufficiently bonded.
4. All Audit Reports for the District must be turned into State Headquarters as required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
5. All Posts in the District must have submitted the following reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and once during the second half (November 1 thru April 30):
 - a. Hospital Report
 - b. Americanism Report
 - c. Community Activities Report
 - d. Safety Report
 - e. Youth Activities Report
6. The District must conduct a District School of Instruction by the end of September 2019. Department led School of Instruction meets this requirement of the terms stated above.
7. The District must donate \$100 to the Department Veterans and Military Support Fund.

DISTRICT ALL-STATE DISTRICT AWARDS

1. All-State District Commanders who have met all the criteria including membership by May 8, 2020 will receive an All-State District Commander’s cap and an All-State pin during the State Convention. All-State District

Commanders meeting the criteria, except for membership, by May 8, 2020, and then meet the membership criteria by June 30, 2020 will receive an All-State District Commander's cap, and an All-State pin at their next District meeting.

2. All-State District Commanders will receive a VFW jacket if **all Posts** within their District are 100% or more in membership by June 30, 2020.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

1. A District in which all Posts in the District have achieved 100% membership by June 30, 2020 will receive a check for \$500.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

All individual recruiting awards will be awarded by using the National Recruiter Reports dated Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.

The drawing for this award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.

May 8, 2020. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

Annual members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will receive:

1. Their Annual Dues (National and Department portions) paid by the Department for the current year.
2. Their name and membership number will be entered in 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.

The drawing for the Life Membership listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.

Life Members recruiting 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive their name and membership number entered in a drawing for one level of Legacy Life membership equal to \$400 or \$200 cash if already a Gold member.

Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.

The drawing for the Legacy Life Membership award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.

Members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will be entered in a drawing for:

1. Round trip airfare to the 120th National Convention.
2. Expense check in the amount of \$599 to help defray expenses.

Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.

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:

1. 15 New or Reinstated Members – Pen and Key Chain Set.
2. 20 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's challenge coin
3. 25 New or Reinstated Members – Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting cap and citation
4. 50 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's briefcase
5. 75 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's jacket

This award will be presented at the State Convention.

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 of the 2019-20 Membership Year. He/she will receive the following:

1. A check in the amount of \$300 to help defray expenses of the State Convention.
2. A Department citation.
3. A distinctive cap and name badge

This award will be presented at the State Convention.

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 sent to each Post in the spring. 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 sent to each Post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention. 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 the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

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 by the day prior to the awards judging. 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 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. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

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. These awards will be presented at the State Convention. Hospital award categories are:

1. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75

2. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
3. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
4. Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
5. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK

The Community Service Record Book should be kept from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 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 place entries.

All Posts entering a Community Service Record Book will have a chance to win a monetary award in the amount of \$200 if judged best overall entry in their respective membership category. One (1) check will be issued in each membership category.

1. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
2. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
3. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
4. Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
5. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

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 with 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.

4. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAL ROESCH’S HOMECOMING:

Volunteers are needed to support the Homecoming of our own Hal Roesch, who will be Commander-in-Chief next year. People are needed for various committees including drivers, decorations, and various other activities. Contact Eric Mallett at svicedcdr@vfwva.org if you would like to help. The Homecoming packet is enclosed.

5. CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE QUARTERMASTER:

I, Ed Mann, do hereby announce my candidacy for State Quartermaster for the 2020-2021 year.

6. 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, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW By-Laws or procedures.

7. **BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:**

All Officers should obtain current 2020 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 2020 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 120th National Convention, which became effective on August 23, 2019.

8. **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:**

The National and Department By-laws are the governing document of the organization. Along with the National Manual of Procedure and National Ritual, there is nothing not covered but none of these are permanent documents. Should your Post or District feel there is a need for change, propose and pass the change you wish to see. Please send those adopted recommendations, with a cover letter signed by the Post or District Commander stating when the motion was adopted, to the State Headquarters **NO LATER THAN MAY 1ST**. Those properly recommended will be considered at the State Convention in June.

Eddie Reasor
State Judge Advocate
By-laws and Ritual Committee Chairman

9. **DELEGATES TO DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:**

Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. 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 as of March 31.

10. **DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CONVENTION:**

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

11. **E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:**

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 17th**. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers.

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

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

1. Go to Department web site www.vfwva.org.
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW#2019** 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

12. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy General Orders are \$30.00 for the year (**please note new price**). Contact State Headquarters for more info.

13. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 11-14, 2020 State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$131.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Annual Convention"; Cut-off Date May 11, 2020.

July 18-23, 2020 National Convention, Reno, Nevada

August 27-30, 2020 National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch's Homecoming, Portsmouth, Virginia

Oct 29-Nov 1, 2020 Southern Conference, Asheville, North Carolina

January 7-10, 2021 Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$94.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Winter Council Meeting"; Cut-off Date December 7, 2020.

14. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

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

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

15. MEMBERSHIP:

Greetings Comrades. We are now entering the 4th Quarter of our year. We should all be focused on membership and reaching our goals of 100%. Reach out to your annual members and encourage them to renew. Suggest the Life Membership option. Let them know that it will save them money in the long run. They may say they don't have time to contribute to the Post, but you need to let them know that their membership is important even if they are not able to participate in Post activities. It helps the organization at the National level if we have the numbers to fight for our efforts in Washington. As of 17 Feb, Virginia has 11 Districts that are below 5% retention. Contact those unpaid members. Visit them at home. Personally, invite them to dinner or an event you have coming up. Make them feel welcome. As always, I am here to assist if you need it.

Yours in Comradeship,
Kathy Goodall

16. NATIONAL CONVENTION:

121st VFW National Convention housing officially opened Feb. 18, 2020. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the VFW website at vfw.org/convention. The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information for Reno, Nevada, July 18-23, 2020, including a tentative agenda. **Please note the convention is one day longer beginning in 2020.**

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that 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. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out later this month. Registration forms for the 121st National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

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 1.

18. POSTS IN ARREARS FOR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

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

19. 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 and Richmond to evaluate whether they impact veterans. Such issues as delayed VA Medical appointments, municipal contract set-asides that do not include service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB), or availability/cost of medications garner our attention and may serve as the sources of Resolutions. Now is the time to identify issues and draft resolutions even though our Department Convention is six months away. The Resolutions Committee (James Brown – Post 9501, Barney Campbell – Post 10654, and I) stands 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
mcaiii@aol.com
Chairman, Resolutions Committee

20. STATE CONVENTION:

[Book your group rate for Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2020](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary:

Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2020

Start Date: Sunday, June 11, 2020

End Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2020

Last Day to Book: Monday, May 11, 2020

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- **Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel for 131 USD per night**

[Book your group rate for Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2020](#)

21. VFW RIDERS:

The Rider's Poke Run is the biggest fundraiser of the year they conduct. It supports the National HQs Programs Department and our Riders hold every record associated with this fundraiser against other states.

Please consider donating to the Ride. Your Relief Fund can support this. Please mail checks to State HQs and earmark it's for "Poker Run" or call with a debit or credit card.

Please also consider riding in the event, if you are a bike owner.

22. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PARADE OF WINNERS:

The VFW will host the annual Parade of Winners for the Voice of Democracy program on March 2nd at 6pm eastern. You can watch it by going to the link <https://www.vfw.org/vfwdc2020>.

Official:



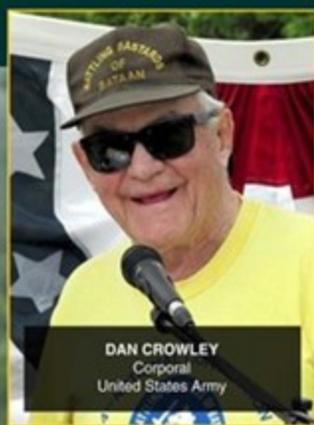
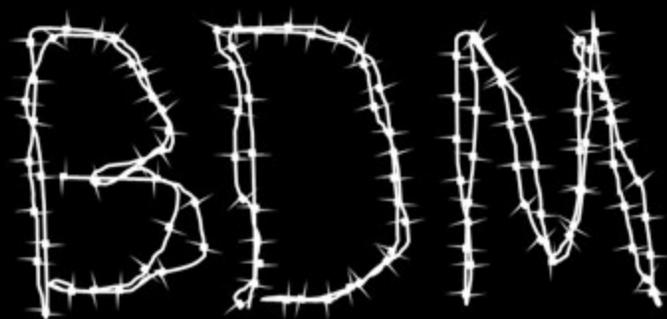
Ken Wiseman
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Rick Raskin
State Commander

BATAAN DEATH MARCH



DAN CROWLEY
Corporal
United States Army

MEMORIAL WALK 2020

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

9th ANNUAL

*Military displays and
Lots of family friendly activities!*

Ceremony	1200 noon
1-mile walk	1100 am
5-mile walk	1000 am
16.6-mile walk	0700 am

18 APRIL 2020

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

Sponsored by
VFW Post 2894
SSG Jon K. Dozier Memorial



For more information, visit <http://walkchesapeake.wixsite.com/chesapeakebataan>
Register by April 10 at <http://walkchesapeake.wixsite.com/chesapeakebataan/register>

Walk-on registrations welcome

Ed Mann

Candidate for the Office of State Quartermaster



Ed enlisted in the United States Navy through the Delayed Entry Program in June of 1978 as an Engineman. He served in A-gang aboard the USS John Rodgers for three years. He then served as a combatant craft crewman at Special Boat Unit 24 for 6 years culminating in being a Boat Captain on 65 ft. Patrol Boats.

He earned his eligibility serving on a 65 ft. patrol boat for the invasion of Grenada and off the coast of Beirut Lebanon earning the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, the Navy Exp medal, Navy Unit Commendation ribbon, and the Combat Action ribbon.

After being honorably discharged in 1987, Ed started working at the Richmond International Airport Fire Department. He rose to the rank of Captain. He also served as a Shift Commander and the Department training officer. He retired in 2012.

Ed remains an active Adjunct Instructor for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs teaching Aircraft Rescue Firefighting.

Ed joined Post 9808 in 1986 as an annual member and maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership there today.

Ed has served on numerous committees at the Post, District, and Department levels. These include Audit, VOD Chairman, community activities, and membership committees.

He has served as an officer at Post and District levels that include: Post Service Officer, Post Jr Vice Commander, All State and All American Post Quartermaster, twice as an All State and All American Post Commander, National Aide De Camp, District Jr Vice Commander and District Sr Vice Commander.

Ed is a life member of the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

He is Charter Member of the Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 13.

He serves as a Regional Manager and Newsletter editor of the Combatant Craft Crewman Association. Ed has been very active in his Post for 33 years.

Ed has been married to his wife, Eileen, for 20 years. They reside in Studley, Virginia.

VFW Riders VA

7th Annual 4 Season's Poker Run



**\$15 per Rider/\$5 per
passenger**

Come help support the VFW Riders VA! Cost includes lunch provided by Mobile PigNic at the end of the run. Cash prizes for best hand and as always there will be items for raffle/auction. All proceeds support the VFW Vander Clute fund, which supports Veterans and their Families

April 25, 1st Registration 930 – 1030 First bike out at 10AM

Poker run starts at VFW Post 3160, 111 A View Ave, Norfolk, VA &

ends at VFW Post 4809, 5728 Barteo St, Norfolk, VA

First 50 riders who register will get a FREE VFW buff!

2020 4 SEASON'S
POKER RUN

- You can buy breakfast at Post 3160 for \$5
- Bar at Post 3160 will be open during registration
- Raffle & Auction prizes at end Post 4809
- Lunch provided by Mobile PigNic
- First 50 riders registered will get a FREE VFW BUFF
- VFW Guardian Bells will be available for only \$5





121st VFW National Convention 2020
July 18-23, 2020 · Reno, NV

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/convention

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 **May 15, 2020**. 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 13% and a daily \$2 tourism surcharge 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.

**** Please note resort fees may apply.**

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 1, 2020.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after **May 15, 2020** will be subject to a \$50 processing fee. One night's room & tax will be forfeited entirely if cancellation occurs within 72 hours 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/convention 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) or similar statutes, 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.

Non-Smoking Smoking

Special Requests: _____

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 15, 2020 and authorize the participating hotel keep the one nights room & tax charge if I fail to cancel my reservation 72 hours prior to my arrival date. This credit card must be valid through July 2020.

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 1, 2020.

**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, 2019 - April 30, 2020.
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 8, 2020.

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. This form must be signed by the Post Commander.
3. After judging the Record Book, books can be picked at State Headquarters. Any Record Books left will be taken to the State Convention where it must be picked up. **No** Record Books will be brought back from the State Convention.

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 5/1/19 Total Hours (Volunteered)

Total Funds Used/Donated

Total Post Members as of 4/1/20

Total Auxiliary Members as of 4/1/20

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) _____

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 she/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 her/his area in which she/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 her/his District. Each District Commander will be responsible for forwarding the application of the winner in her/his District to Department Headquarters.**

****ENTRIES MUST BE AT STATE HEADQUARTERS BY MAY 8, 2020 by 4:00 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 she/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 her/his area in which she/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 4:00 p.m.,
May 8, 2020 for the STATE AWARD JUDGING.**