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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

As of April 25th, Districts 8, 10 and 13, and 50 Posts have reached 100% or greater in membership.
Congratulations to District 8, 10, 13 and the following Posts:

8356	3160	7854	2217
2894	5412	8529	7166
8479	10657	9808	1811
1827	609	7728	7589
5313	7916	1994	10387
9501	6364	4667	6044
4639	9877	8979	3060
10654	1426	8947	3136
8652	3150	2447	9864
8446	9274	10295	7360
4491	1503	5715	9660
3103	7897	2239	
9760	10826	8252	

The Department membership stands at 95.90% and needs 1,335 new, renewed or reinstated members to reach 100%. There are approximately 2,000 annual members who still haven't renewed yet. We need to contact each one of these annual members, see how they are doing and get them to renew their membership, or better yet, encourage them to upgrade to a Life membership!

Besides working membership, the only major items left for some of our Posts are to purchase Buddy Poppies (24 Posts), make Map Fund donations (47 Posts) and turning in their Jan-Mar Audits. These are easy items to complete so let's get it done.

An important motion to hire a full-time Assistant Department Service Officer was just approved by the Council of Administration. We are going to hire our current volunteer Assistant Service Officer, Ken Wiseman, who will work out of the State Headquarters starting in the June time frame. Ken has done an outstanding job helping our veterans with VA claims, and providing valuable healthcare and benefits briefings to our Districts and Posts. We could not have found a more knowledgeable and passionate person for the position than Ken.

A quick reminder, Posts completing the All-State requirements on or before May 11th will be recognized at our June Convention. You can still make the All-State team if you complete all the requirements for All-State by June 30th only you will receive your All-State caps, pins, etc., at your next District meeting. So, make sure you have all the squares filled and work your membership until June 30th to make All-State. For those Posts in the running for All-American ensure you have met all the requirements and work your membership until June 30th to ensure you are in the top 50 of your membership category. To check your place in your membership category, go to MEMSTATS, select Division Statistics, type in your Division number and select GO. The chart lists all the Posts in your category with the top 50 being shaded. My guess is not all Posts in the shaded area will make All-American because not all Post will have submitted all three VOD, PP and Teacher packages to their District. But don't take a chance...be in the top 50 on June 30th and you made it!!!! Finally, any Post reaching 100% membership by June 30th will receive their Honor Post Plaque, Commander and Quartermaster hats and pins at their next District meeting so keep recruiting until June 30th.

As always, I want to thank you for everything you are doing to help our veterans, their families and your communities!

Mike Boehme
State Commander
Department of Virginia

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: 05/05/18 Meeting: 11:00 AM Lunch: to Follow Meeting Location: Post 3219, Phoebus 122 E. Mellen St., Hampton Rep: Eric Mallett State Judge Advocate	4 th	Date: 05/05/18 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7166, South Hill 1472 N. Mecklenburg Ave Rep: Ken Wiseman State Sr. Vice Commander
2 nd	Date: 05/12/18 Lunch: 12 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 4411, Franklin 3385 Beaverdam Rd. Rep: Ken Wiseman State Sr. Vice Commander	5 th	Date: 05/19/18 Meeting: 12:00 Noon Location: Post 4637, Martinsville 2327 Old Chatham Road Rep: Mike Boehme State Commander
3 rd	Date: TBD Meeting: Location: Rep:	6 th	Date: 05/20/18 Meeting: 2:00 PM Location: Post 4491, New Castle 295 Hunters Drive Harold "Butch" Schuppska State Surgeon

7th Date: 05/19/18
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: to follow Lunch
Location: Post 9760, Berryville
425 S. Buckmarsh St.
Rep: Eric Mallett
State Judge Advocate

10th Date: 05/06/18
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503, Dale City
14631 Minnieville Rd.
Rep: Eric Mallett
State Judge Advocate

8th Date: 08/19/18
Lunch: 12:00 Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 7589, Manassas
9304 Centreville Rd
Rep:

11th Date: 05/12/18
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 12:30 PM
Location: Post 632, Harrisonburg
450 Waterman Drive
Rep: Rick Raskin
State Jr. Vice Commander

9th Date: 05/19/18
Lunch: 12:00 Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 9696, Bluefield
131 Lovelane St.
Rep: Geoffrey Lyster
State Chief of Staff

12th Date: 05/12/18
Registration: 10:00 AM
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Lunch: To Follow Meeting
Location: Post 1994, Abingdon
175881 Lee Highway
Rep: Chris Birch
Past State Commander

13th Date: 05/12/18
Meeting: 12:00 Noon
Location: Post 1827, Charlottesville
1170 River Rd.
Rep: Geoff Lyster
State Chief of Staff

3. ALL-AMERICAN:

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

Eric Mallett
State Judge Advocate
757-714-9066

4. AUDITS:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 (a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ended March 31. Audits are now PAST DUE and will be marked as late.

5. CLOSING:

State Headquarters will be closed May 28, 2018 for Memorial Day.

6. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES BOOKS:

Community Activities Books are due at State Headquarters for judging no later than 1700 hrs. May 11th. No Exceptions.

7. COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:

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

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

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

Please do not contact Tech4Troops directly.

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

Rick Raskin
Department Jr. Vice Commander

8. DELEGATE FEES:

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

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

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

9. 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.

10. DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Members now have the ability to download their digital version of their membership card. Depending on whether a member has an iPhone or Android, they will be able to download and access their digital membership card from the VFW app.

This will not replace the physical VFW membership card - we will still be sending out membership cards to all our annual and Life members. This is intended as another option for our members' convenience. When asked to show a VFW membership card, a member can either produce their physical card out of their wallet or display their digital card on their smart phone.

11. DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CONVENTION:

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws 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.

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws – Regular Meeting, unless otherwise provided for in Department By-

Laws, Districts shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings each year for purposes as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Manual of Procedure – Regular Meeting, at least one (1) regular meeting shall be held by the District each year for the purpose of promoting schools of instruction for Post officers.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.

District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

12. DUES NOTICE SCHEDULE:

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

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

13. DUTIES OF TRUSTEES:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.

14. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of June 18th. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers.

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

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

1. Go to Department web site www.vfwva.org.
2. Click on Member Tools, Microsoft 365.
3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be Vfw2018# once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

For Post Officers, your address will be cdmpost176@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 cdmdist1@vfwva.org for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district #

adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

15. 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.

16. HALF-STAFF U.S. FLAG:

The U.S. Flag should be at half-staff on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May (federal holiday - half-staff until noon).
Flags available at VFW Store <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/flags/usflags>

17. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 14-17, 2018 State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA.
Phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$125.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of
Foreign Wars Department of Virginia" Cut-off Date May 14, 2018.

July 21-25, 2018 National Convention, Kansas City, MO

September 20-23 National Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming, Albuquerque, NM

October 18-21 Southern Conference, Louisville, KY

18. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Legacy Life Membership: This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. Three levels of membership each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

<i>Enrollment Cost:</i>	<i>Annual Payouts:</i>	<i>Post:</i>	<i>Department:</i>	<i>National:</i>
Levels: Gold- \$1200.00		\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00		\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

What will your Legacy be?

19. LIFE INSTALLMENT PROCESSING:

There is an important change that just came out for Installment Life processing...the Post Quartermaster can now process the Installment Life membership applications! We don't know if there is a no email option. In the meantime spread the word and please starting using this option. It should speed up the Installment Life processing time for our new members.

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

Mike Boehme
State Commander
Department of Virginia

20. LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAY-OUT:

The following will be the 2019 Life Member payout.

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

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

21. MEMBERSHIP:

The weather is getting pleasant and the potential members are looking for us. The State Team has been busy at gun shows, events and working on starting a new Post in Lynchburg. Has your Post been busy recruiting and collecting any unpaid annual members' dues? It's very important to try to reinstate all of your annual members.

The State Commander and I have been developing a system to get veterans to sign up as life instead of annual. Our success rate is around 75% going back to the State Fair in early October. Just recently we worked a gun show and signed up seven members. Five signed up on the 12-month installment plan and two paid the full life amount. There are three or four words that you will have to train yourself not to say when the veteran agrees to join, OUR DUES ARE or OUR ANNUAL DUES ARE, instead start out by saying, LET ME SHOW YOU OUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, ITS BASED ON YOUR AGE AND ONCE A LIFE MEMBER YOU NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RENEWING. YOU CAN MAKE A ONE TIME PAYMENT OR PAY THE INITIAL PAYMENT AND THEN 11 PAYMENTS OF WHATEVER YOUR AGE GROUP IS. This way when I sign up a member for your Post, no one has to worry about collecting his or her dues in 12 months. Give it a try and I think you will be pleased with the results. Only if the veteran says he can't afford either plan, then I tell them we also have an annual due.

We have reached the 95% plateau and we all know the last 5% are the most difficult. We are very close to the percentage if not a little ahead of where we were at this time last year. If we all work together as a team, we can make our goal of 100% plus 2. I would like to give a shout out to Jill Lynch and her husband Pat for doing the leg work for our sponsorship at Langley Speedway on May 19th, also to our SVC Ken Wiseman for brokering the deal with National and the manager of Langley. Should be great publicity for the Department of Virginia. Our VFW Riders will be on hand at the race and be allowed to make a few laps around the track. Just goes to show what can happen when a young veteran has an idea and isn't afraid to bring it forward.

District Commanders we are available to help you and the Posts in your District, take advantage of all the tools at your disposal. Contact me or State Headquarters and we will assist you or your Post,

Tom Hines, PDC
Membership Team

22. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:

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

23. NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

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

24. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. This edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

25. PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM:

Have You Heard About the VFW's Partners in Patriotism? – Would you like to support the VFW's life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail? The VFW has developed an option that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department Donor Services at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

26. 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 were 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.

27. POSTS IN ARREARS FOR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws 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 District meetings, County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

28. POW/MIA:

February 23, 2018

MIA Update:

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

Navy Gunner's Mate 2nd Class William F. Hellstern was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Hellstern was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Navy Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Lorentz E. Hultgren was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Hultgren was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

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

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Joe Lukie was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. On Nov. 20, 1943, Lukie's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Lukie died on the first day of the battle, one of approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors killed in the intense fighting. Interment services are pending.

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Harvel L. Moore was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. On Nov. 20, 1943, Moore's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Moore died on the third day of the battle, one of approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors killed in the intense fighting. Interment services are pending.

Army Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 309th Infantry Regiment, 78th Infantry Division, serving in the European theater. On Jan. 30, 1945, Husak was killed while out on patrol in Germany's Hürtgen Forest. The offensive in the forest was one of the longest battles the United States fought during World War II, lasting for nearly five months. Interment services are pending.

Army Cpl. Leonard V. Purkapile was Company E, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. In late November 1950, Purkapile's unit was engaged by Chinese forces in the vicinity of Unsan, while withdrawing southeast to Yongbyon, North Korea. Purkapile could not be accounted for following the battle and was declared missing in action on Nov. 28, 1950. Interment services are pending. Read about Purkapile.

March 02/ 2018

MIA Update:

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

Marine Corps Pfc. Arnold J. Harrison, 19, of Detroit, Mich., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 2, in Dallas, Texas. Harrison was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. On Nov. 20, 1943, Harrison's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Over several days of intense fighting, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed. Harrison was killed on the first day of the battle.

Army Pfc. Lamar E. Newman, 19, of Griffin, Ga., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 2, in his hometown. Newman was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. In November 1950, his unit took part in a defensive operation in the vicinity of the village of Kujang, North Korea. The division suffered heavy losses, with many soldiers going missing or being killed or captured. Newman went missing on Nov. 27, 1950, near the village of Kujang as a result of heavy fighting.

Army Pfc. Leroy W. Bryant, 22, of Autreyville, Ga., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 9, in Columbus, Ohio. Bryant was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. On Feb. 6, 1951, Bryant's unit was tasked to determine the location and strength of enemy forces in the town of Yonghyon-ni, South Korea. They were attacked by enemy forces and forced to withdraw. Bryant could not be accounted for after the attack and was declared missing in action. Bryant's name later appeared on a list of Americans who died while in custody of communist forces, informally known as the "Christmas List." Following the war, a returning prisoner from Bryant's regiment reported he was told Bryant died while being marched north to prisoner of war Camp 1, located along the Yalu River, near the village of Changsong.

Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class George H. Gibson was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Gibson was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Army Lt. Col. Robert G. Nopp, an OV-1C pilot, was assigned to the 131st Aviation Company. On July 13, 1966, Nopp flew a night surveillance mission from Phu Bai Airfield over Attapu Province, Laos. Flying through heavy thunderstorms, radar and radio contact were lost with the aircraft, which was not uncommon due to the mountainous terrain in that part of Laos. When the aircraft did not return as scheduled, search efforts were initiated, but no crash site was found.

March 09, 2018

MIA Update:

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced the identification of three American service members who had been missing in action from WWII. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

Navy Radioman 3rd Class Howard V. Keffer was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Keffer was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. William W. Shank, a P-38 pilot, was assigned to the 338th Fighter Squadron, 55th Fighter Group, 66th Fighter Wing, 8th Fighter Command, 8th Air Force. On Nov. 13, 1943, Shank was killed after engaging with the enemy on a mission to Bremen, Germany. Interment services are pending.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Herman W. Mulligan was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Marine Regiment, 6th Marine Division. On May 30, 1945, Mulligan's unit was engaged with Japanese forces on Hill 27 on the northern bank of the Kobuka Estuary, Okinawa, Japan, when a large crypt of ammunition exploded, killing Mulligan and wounding dozens of others. Interment services are pending.

March 23, 2018

MIA Update:

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

Army Pvt. Rudolph Johnson, 20, of Malvern, Ark., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 23 in Little Rock, Ark. Johnson was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 365th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Infantry Division — the only African-American combat infantry division in Europe. In February 1945, during Operation Fourth Term, Johnson's regiment fought for days against strong German counterattacks to secure positions along the Lama di Sotto ridge, part of the Gothic Line in northern Italy. Johnson was reported missing in action as of Feb. 6, 1945. His status was changed to killed in action on Feb. 21, 1945.

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Donald J. Hall, 29, of Stroud, Okla., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 26 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Hall was a member of Detachment 5, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. On Feb. 6, 1967, Hall and three other service members were

flying an HH-3E helicopter on a rescue and recovery mission over northern Vietnam. Hall's helicopter was hit by enemy ground fire after rescuing a downed pilot, resulting in an internal explosion and crash. Hall was subsequently reported missing in action.

Army Cpl. Dow F. Worden, 20, of Boardman, Ore., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 27 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Hall was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. In September 1951, Worden's unit was operating in the vicinity of Hill 1024 in South Korea, near Heartbreak Ridge, when they were attacked by Chinese forces. After moving east to nearby Hill 867, American forces withdrew after suffering a large barrage of enemy mortar fire. Worden could not be accounted for after the battle and was declared missing in action on Sept. 28, 1951. His name did not appear on any prisoner of war lists and no returning POWs indicated any knowledge of his whereabouts, prompting the Army to declare him deceased in December 1953.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Frank A. Fazekas, 22, of Trenton, N.J., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 28 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Fazekas was assigned to the 22nd Fighter Squadron, 36th Fighter Group. On May 27, 1944, Fazekas was returning from a mission over northern France when his P-47 Thunderbolt aircraft came under enemy fire, causing him to crash in a field north of the French village of Buyssechre. His remains were not recovered and the Army reported him deceased on May 27, 1944.

Army Cpl. Thomas H. Mullins, 18, of Harriman, Tenn., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried March 29 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Mullins was a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. In November 1950, his unit engaged with Chinese forces near Unsan, North Korea. Approximately 600 men were killed, captured or missing. Mullins was declared missing in action on Nov. 2, 1950. He was later reported to have died while being held in POW Camp 5, Pyokdong, North Korea.

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

April 03, 2018

MIA Update:

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

Air Force Col. Roosevelt Hestle, Jr., 38, of Orlando, Fla., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried April 13 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Hestle was a pilot assigned to the 388th Tactical Fighter Squadron. On July 6, 1966, he led a flight of four F-105s on a strike mission against surface-to-air missile sites in northern Vietnam. As they approached the target, Hestle issued a missile launch warning and all aircraft began evasive action. Hestle's maneuvers took him close to the ground near the town of Thai Ngyuen, where the plane came under anti-aircraft fire and was believed to have crashed.

Army Master Sgt. George R. Housekeeper, Jr., 28, of Lansdale, Pa., whose identification was previously announced, was buried April 11 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Housekeeper was a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. In late November 1950, his unit was assembled with South Korean soldiers in the 31st Regimental Combat Team on the east side of the Chosin River, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by Chinese forces. Housekeeper was among more than 1,000 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory and was declared missing on Dec. 12, 1950.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Frank Wood, 25, of Jackson, Ohio, whose identification was previously announced, will be buried April 14 in Franklin, N.C. Wood was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Wood.

Navy Reserve Lt. j.g. Irwin E. Rink, 25, of Wichita, Kan., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried April 16 in his hometown. Rink was an F4F-4 Wildcat pilot assigned to Fighting Squadron Twenty Seven (VF-27). On Aug. 4, 1943, he and seven others took off on an escort mission to New Georgia Island when they were attacked by Japanese fighter aircrafts. Rink did not return to base and would be reported missing in action on Aug. 4, 1943.

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

Navy Chief Machinist's Mate Dean S. Sanders was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Sanders was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending.

Air Force Col. Peter J. Stewart was a member of Headquarters, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, and the pilot of a two-seater F-4C aircraft, the second in a flight of two on an armed reconnaissance mission over northern Vietnam.

Stewart was assumed to have been shot down on March 15, 1966, along with his aircraft commander, Col. Martin R. Scott, whose remains were identified in June 2017.

Army Staff Sgt. Marshall F. Kipina was assigned to the 131st Aviation Company, serving as an observer aboard an OV-1C aircraft, on a night surveillance mission from Phu Bai Airfield over Attapu Province, Laos People's Democratic Republic. Radar and radio contact were lost with the aircraft which did not return as scheduled. Search efforts were initiated, but no crash site was found.

29. RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Charles Wilson
Chair, Resolutions Committee

30. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers or Committee Members" states, "Any elective Post officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the Post under the provisions of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed."

31. REPORTING:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report, Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth or Hospital report you should visit the Department website (www.vfwva.org).

The website is updated daily. If you have any questions, please call State Headquarters.

There will be no form for Homeless when reporting for assistance to a homeless veteran please put it on a Community Activity report under aid to others.

32. SCOUT OF THE YEAR:

VFW Scout of the Year for 2017-18

The Scouting Team met and selected the Department Scout of the Year

1st place went to Devon A Disanza submitted by Post 7728 in District 8.

Stan Hunter
Scouting Chairman

33. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY THEMES:

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

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

34. SHOP AMAZONSMILE AND DONATE TO THE VFW FOUNDATION:

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

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

35. SPECIAL ORDER:

Special Order #304

In accordance with the provisions of Section 212 of the National By-Laws and upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, due to their failure to establish a meeting quorum or elect officers, the charter of Johnny Wilmouth Post 8228, Chase City, Virginia mustered August 22, 1946, is hereby cancelled and the Post declared defunct.

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

36. VFW FRIENDS OF FREEDOM:

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

37. VFW RIDERS:

Comrades,

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

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

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

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

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

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

William J Shepherd
VFW Riders Virginia Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Mike Boehme
State Commander

Commanders Club Luncheon

Attention: All Past and Present Commanders

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

Cost: \$45.00

MENU:

Mixed Greens Salad with assorted dressings

Prime Rib of Beef au Jus with horseradish sauce

Oven Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Bread Pudding with Custard Sauce

Water, Tea, Coffee, Beer and Mixed Drinks

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

MAIL CHECK TO: Tom Ferguson, Commanders Club Treasurer

113 Brijidan Lane, Colonial Heights VA 23834

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

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

Kathy Goodall, President Tom Ferguson , Treasurer

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

Post No. _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Name of each Commanders Club Member attending:

Past and Present Commanders wishing to join this elite Club:

LIFE MEMBER DUES ARE \$30.00

NAME _____

YEAR/S SERVED AS COMMANDER _____

POST/DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT _____

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

PREPARING A RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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

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

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

EXAMPLE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXAMPLE 1:

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

Section 202 - By-Laws

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

EXAMPLE 2:

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

Section 518- Officers: Duties and Obligations.

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

EXAMPLE 3:

Proposed Amendment to National Ritual proposed by Department of _____.

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

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

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

Eugene Chavis
 Convention Chairman

Kathy Goodall
 Convention Vice Chairman

Tentative Subject to Change

**Thursday,
 June 14, 2018**

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

**Friday,
 June 15, 2018**

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

**Saturday,
 June 16, 2018**

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

**Sunday,
 June 17, 2018**

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

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

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

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

HOSPITALITY ROOMS
 TBA

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

CHAIRMAN, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

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

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Official:

Yours in Comradeship,

Post Adjutant

Post Commander

MAIL TO:

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

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



406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

INVOICE
Due Upon Receipt

National Convention - Post & Delegate Registration

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Adjutant or Quartermaster: _____

Post # _____

CHECK/MONEY ORDER VISA MASTER CARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card Holders Name: _____

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

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

NATIONAL BY-LAW - SECTION 222

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

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

ONLINE

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

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

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

MAIL-IN OR FAX

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

DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

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



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



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

Checking in for registration is making a giant leap forward!

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

PRE-CHECK-IN

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

ON-SITE/NEW REGISTRATIONS

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

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

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

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



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





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

Official Hotel Reservation Form

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

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

TELEPHONE:

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

FAX: (816) 691-3880

MAIL:

Visit KC
1321 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64105

EMAIL:

housing@ihs-housingteam.com

DEADLINE

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

CONFIRMATIONS

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

TAX RATE & REQUESTS

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

ROOM DEPOSIT REQUIRED:

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

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

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

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

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

HOTEL SELECTION

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

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

State you reside in: _____

Room Type Requested: One Bed Two Beds

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

List all room occupants:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Check here if you have special needs and specify below.

Special Requests: _____

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

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

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

Visa American Express Discover MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Cardholder's Signature*: _____

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

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

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

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

Saturday, July 21, 2018

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

Sunday, July 22, 2018

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

Committee Meetings:

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

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Resolutions Committees:

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

Monday, July 23, 2018

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

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

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

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PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE JULY 21-25, 2018

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

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

GETTING TO KANSAS CITY

Car

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

GETTING AROUND KANSAS CITY

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

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

Monday-Thursday: 6AM - Midnight

Friday: 6AM - 2AM

Saturday: 7AM - 2AM

Sunday: 7AM - 10PM

CONVENTION LOCATION

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

WHAT TO WEAR

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

WEATHER

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

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

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

COMPANY: VFW National Discount

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taxi Service

10/10 Taxi - (913) 647-0010

Yellow Cab – 816-471-5000

Checker Cab – 816-444-4444

Airport Car Rental

Alamo - 816-464-5151

Avis - 816-243-5760

Budget - 816-243-5757

Enterprise - 816-464-2500

Hertz - 816-243-5765

National - 816-243-5770

PARKING

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

RV PARKING/CAMPING

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

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

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

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

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

VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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

VISITOR CENTERS:

DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY

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

UNION STATION

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

NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM VISITORS CENTER

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

MISSOURI WELCOME CENTER

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

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

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

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

Auxiliary 'remote' pre-registration:

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

VFW 'remote' pre-registration.

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

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

SHUTTLES

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

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

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

HOTEL PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel for parking costs and details.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

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

GRATUITIES

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

PHONE MESSAGES

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

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

SPECIAL SERVICES

Scooter Rentals

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

Chuck's Mobility – 913-859-0290

info@chucksmobility.com

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

Mobility First – 816-350-7600

Special Screenings

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

First Aid Room Location

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

Emergency

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

Religious Services

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

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

VFW MEMORIAL SERVICE

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

VFW PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

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

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

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

AGENDA

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

CHARITY AUCTION

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

BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

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

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND KANSAS CITY

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

VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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

For more information:

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

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Southern Conference 2018

Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary

October 18-21, 2018

Request for Transportation

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

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

Name: _____ Airlines _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight# _____

Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight# _____

Mail Form to;

Dept. of KY VFW

3031 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40217

Fax 502-635-2639

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Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Deadline is October 1, 2018

Name: _____ Title _____

Department: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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

BANQUET MENU

PRIME RIB

BAKED POTATO WITH BUTTER & SOUR CREAM

COUNTRY STYLE GREEN BEANS

FARMER'S SALAD W/RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING

DESSERT: DERBY PIE & CARAMEL APPLE PIE

COFFEE & TEA

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

Make check payable

Dept. of KY VFW

3031 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40217