

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

CHAIRMAN, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

98<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention, Portsmouth, Virginia June 3 – 6, 2021

Below are listed the Delegates and alternates duly elected at a regular meeting of Post \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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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, 2021, with the exception of New Posts organized after that date and prior to opening date of State Convention - June 3, 2021. Each Post must pay \$3.00 for every delegate that they are entitled to. Please send **form and check** to State Headquarters by May 24, 2021.

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:**

Comrades,

As of March 21<sup>st</sup>, standings the Department needs 2,338 members to make 100%. We are 251 behind from where we were at this date last year at 92.76%; 2.24% behind our goal of being at 95% by March 31<sup>st</sup> and 1% behind National percentage. We have 21 Post at or above 100% great job thanks. We have 8 Post at 94-95% almost or at goal. Thanks for your hard work. The number of Post without even one new member is down to 53 Post. I encourage these Post Commanders and Post members to recruit and try to get at least one new member. I would like to thank District 10 members and Officers for being the only District to reach and exceed goal at 95.99% and encourage District 6 at 94.94% and District 8 94.58% to reach goal.

The Department has 2 new Post. District 4, Emporia 12200, and District 1, 12201 Kilmarnock. Welcome and great work, and on May 1<sup>st</sup> we all will be instituting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Post this year District 8, King George 12202. Thanks to all for the hard work and fast start up of this Post. I would like to recognize the hard work of Ken Wiseman and the Post Commander of Vinton Post 4522 for revitalizing this Post it was almost close to folding and now has 100% plus in membership and completing all programs. We are now working to save our last and only Post on the Northern Shore Tasley Post 2296, from District 1. The District Commander and his appointed Committee are work very hard to revitalize this great Post, thanks and looking forward to the next few weeks with working to get our Post back on track and moving forward.

Look forward to seeing everybody out recruiting its spring let's get to work and set up recruiting events in all the Districts if you need help please contact State HQ and our State Membership Chairman Tommy Hines. At your next

few Post meetings everybody should be talking about membership and when is their next recruiting event for April and May and even June. Remember keep recruiting up to 30 June goals for 100% and more.

In closing I want to thank every member for the work they do in their community, Hospital, school, scouts and their Post homes. Post Commanders set up a group to call your Post members to accomplish a “Buddy Check” find out how they are doing, do they need anything during this deep freeze winter season with COVID19. Find ways to contact our veterans in the VA Hospital even by just a card letting them know we are all thinking of them.

Also, anyone running for office needs to submit their Bio and picture by April 19 for the Convention Book.

GREAT JOB TEAM Virginia.

Eric Mallett  
State Commander

## 2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Date: 5/15/21 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 3219 Phoebus 122 E Mellen St, Hampton Rep: Butch Schupska, SVC	7 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 5/15/21 Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 12:15 PM Location: Post 9760 Berryville 425 S Buckmarsh St Rep: Geoffrey Lyster, State JVC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Date: 5/8/21 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 3160 Norfolk 111 A View Avenue Rep: Butch Schupska, State SVC	8 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 4/17/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2524 Culpeper 12210 Sperryville Pike Rep: Rick Raskin, PDC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Date: 4/17/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane Rep: Doug Hoffman, State Inspector	9 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 4/24/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 9696 Bluefield 131 Lovelane Street Rep: Gary Adams, St Judge Advocate
4 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 5/8/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Virtual Rep: Tom Hines, PDC	10 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 5/2/21 Lunch: 11:30 am Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Road Rep: Mark Maggio, St Chief-of-Staff
5 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 5/15/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: TBA Rep: Rick Raskin, PDC	11 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 5/8/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2216 Staunton 212 Frontier Drive Rep: Mitch Rubenstein, St Surgeon
6 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 4/10/21 Meeting: Noon Location: Post 1841 Daleville 4902 Roanoke Road Rep: Gary Adams, St Judge Advocate	12 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 4/3/21 Meeting: 11:30 AM Location: Post 6975 Bristol 317 Gate City Hwy Rep: Gary Adams, St Judge Advocate

13<sup>th</sup>    Date:            5/8/21  
         Meeting:        10:00 AM  
         Location:       Post 8947 Mineral  
                            201 Mineral Avenue  
         Rep:                Gary Adams, St Judge Advocate

**3. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:**

The National Bylaws provide for only one type of membership: active membership. There are no provisions in the National Bylaws, 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 Bylaws or procedures.

**4. AMAZONSMILE:**

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to charitable organizations selected by our customers. Our very own foundation is listed the Virginia Veterans Foundation.

**5. ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER VACANCY IN VIRGINIA:**

The VFW Department of Virginia has an opening for the position of Assistant Department Service Officer.

Candidate must be a VFW Member in Good Standing.

Candidates for the position must have proficient human relations skills and basic analytical abilities are required to interface with the veterans' community, analyze claims folders, research and apply applicable statutes, regulations, government directives and VFW policies pertinent to the claim. Position requires knowledge of given subjects to such a degree as to make the incumbent authoritative in the veteran's entitlements and benefits programs.

Associates Degree required or the applicant must have three to five years of related experience in the same or closely related field with advanced knowledge of personal computers to include software applications, case management techniques and other electronic application used in an automated office environment. The Virginia VFW State Service Office is looking to fill a vacancy in the Norfolk Service Office. The successful candidate will be offered conditional employment based on satisfactory completion of training and a six months' probationary period. The Department understands the selected individual will have to give appropriate notice to the current employer.

Interested parties should send a resume to Ed Mann, Department Adjutant at [adj@vfwva.org](mailto:adj@vfwva.org)

**6. 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.

**7. AWARDS:**

State All and Awards information were in last month's General Orders, along with the various entry forms.

## 8. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:

All officers should obtain current 2021 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2021 revised edition reflects that in response to the deadly virus COVID-19, the 121st National Convention was held pro-forma where no amendments to the National Bylaws or Manual of Procedure were made.

## 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 CONVENTIONS:

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. 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.

## 11. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://www.vfwva.org).
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The username is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW2020!** 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](mailto:cdrpost176@vfwva.org) where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

[adjpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:adjpost176@vfwva.org)  
[qmpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:qmpost176@vfwva.org)

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

[adjdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:adjdist1@vfwva.org)  
[qmdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:qmdist1@vfwva.org)

## 12. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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. THE HOME DEPOT COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT FOR 2021:

VFW members can receive up to \$5,000 to fund repairs or construction projects at their Post building.

There are of course are no guarantees to being funded, but several VFW Posts have been awarded this grant.

To begin the process, click on the following link:

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

The application must be submitted online using the posted hyperlink. Telephone calls, emails or written submissions sent to Home Depot will **NOT** be accepted, nor will you be able to turn this application in at your local HD store.

Please read the “HDGrantGuide2021,” (in last month’s General Orders) instructions before attempting to complete the application. **NOTE: Home Depot Foundation has completely overhauled the application process.** We have created these user-friendly instructions to assist you in completing the application, screen captures and thorough descriptions of how to complete each field are included. Deviation from this guide could result in the applicant being unable to submit their request-

Pay close attention to the Tax ID Instructions. You will use the Employee Identification Number (EIN) of your Post and upload the Post’s 501(c)(19) IRS determination letter at the end of the application. If you cannot locate the Post’s 501(c)(19) letter, follow the instructions below under “Lost IRS Determination Letter” on how to request a copy from the IRS.

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

After submitting the application, you should receive an email response after six weeks.

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

Best wishes and good luck!

### 14. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), click on JOIN, and 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.

<i>Enrollment Cost:</i>		<i>Annual Payouts:</i>	
<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

*What will your Legacy be?*

## 15. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 3-6, 2021	State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$125.00 per night. Group name "Virginia VFW"; Cut-off Date May 3, 2021
July 8-11, 2021	National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch Homecoming, Portsmouth, VA (a revised packet is in last month's General Orders)
July 31-August 5, 2021	National Convention, Baltimore, MD
November 18-21, 2021	Southern Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina
January 7-9, 2022	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 6, 2021.

## 16. IRS FORM 8822-B:

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

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

## 17. LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYOUT:

As indicated by the attached signed document from the Life Membership Board of Trustees, the following will be the 2022 Life Member payout. The National Council of Administration concurred in that payout at its March 6, 2021 meeting.

- Plan A, B and C - A total payout of \$10.50 for each life member (\$3.50 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$12.00 for each life member (\$4.00 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$25.32 for each life member (\$8.44 to each Post, Department and National).

This information will be placed in the VFW General Orders and other communications; however, it would be helpful if your Department Headquarters could use its resources to inform the Posts in your Department of this payout. As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2021 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2021. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2022 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

## 18. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders,

I hope all are feeling the sap rising, its Spring and the world is coming alive again. Now is the time to start making it happen as far as membership goes. We have 90 days left to pull this year out and make Eric All American. Not to mention giving Hal, our first National CIC, a reason to be proud that he is from Virginia. I encourage every single member of this Department to get out and recruit or reinstate a member. When you read this, we will be over 30,000 members, leaving us 2,334 to be 100% and 2,335 for slow steady growth. For your numbers people, we need to

average 25.9 per day until June 30th. With renewals and good weather this will be no problem. However, it's going to take a team effort to make it happen. District Commanders please call your Post Commanders and get them involved in renewing and recruiting. Post Commanders please make membership a huge part of your meetings from now thru June. Members you are the most important group, please ask your neighbors, friends, associates, and strangers to join our ranks. Don't let anyone walk away without telling them how special they are. We are the half of one percent that served our country and survived combat. We have earned the right to belong, no one just joins the Veterans of Foreign Wars, you earn your way in.

The State Headquarters and Membership Team are here to assist you, but you have to make the first move. Send an email or pick up the phone and we will respond, I guarantee it.

Tom Hines, PDC  
Membership Team

## **19. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING AND REGISTRATION:**

122nd National Convention housing is now officially open. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at [vfw.org/convention](http://vfw.org/convention). The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information for Baltimore, MD, July 31 – Aug. 5, 2021, including a tentative agenda.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Section 222 of the National Bylaws and 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 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register online by going to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).

## **20. OFFICE CLOSURE:**

State Headquarters and the Hopewell and Dale City Service Offices will be closed April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday. Also, April 14, 2021 State Headquarters will be closed. The Adjutant/Quartermaster will be available by phone and email for any issues that may arise.

Please note the Norfolk Service Office is temporarily closed.

## **21. POST ELECTIONS:**

Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 216 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all offices are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed.

Post Election Reports must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1 to the National Headquarters. We highly encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters.

## **22. 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.

### **23. 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](http://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.

### **24. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 173:**

The records of disciplinary action ordered by the Commander of the Department of Virginia, VFW, against WINSTON BRADLEY, Membership No. 10026046, Columbia Post No. 2613, Columbia, Virginia, have been received. The accused did not request a hearing, whereupon the Department Commander entered a penalty of SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for a period of one (1) year and reinstatement to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is contingent upon submitting proof of completion of a sexual harassment program.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED because there was no timely appeal to the Commander-in-Chief, that WINSTON BRADLEY be removed from the rolls of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for a period of one (1) year commencing January 20, 2021 and ending on January 20, 2022, and reinstatement to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is contingent upon submitting proof of completion of a sexual harassment program. On completion of the suspension period and sexual harassment program, his membership will be transferred to Department of Virginia Member-at-Large after which time he will be eligible to make application for membership in a Post of his choosing in accordance with Section 107.

By order of  
Harold "Hal" Roesch, II  
Commander-in-Chief

### **25. STATE CONVENTION:**

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 look forward to a successful event.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1602798939355&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

### **26. TECH4TROOPS:**

[Obtaining Laptops from Tech4Troops](#)

Any VFW Virginia Post wishing to obtain laptops from Tech4Troops must contact them directly on their website.

<https://techfortroops.org/contact/>

Their two organizations will take it from there.

## 27. VFW SPECIAL PROJECT PROGRAM:

This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects.

Record book entry nominations that are found to be complete and well-substantiated should be endorsed by the Department Adjutant or VFW Department Community Activities Chairman and forwarded to National Programs Department. Deadline for entries is April 30 of each year.

Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the May judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairman's Manual.

## 28. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

Committee Vice Chairman Gary Myers attended the activation of Virginia's newest Post (Kilmarnock) on March 7 and while there distributed seven commemorative lapel pins to eligible veterans. I distributed one to a Vietnam veteran I encountered at Home Depot in Warrenton and plan to attend the activation of the King George Post on May 1<sup>st</sup> where I hope to find more eligible veterans to recognize with pins.

The following historical events for the Vietnam War took place during April (1975 is pretty sad):

1956 (April 1) - Three U.S. Army women nurses arrive in Vietnam as part of the MAAG Medical Training Team to train South Vietnamese medical personnel. They are the first U.S. servicewomen to arrive in Vietnam. As many as 11,000 servicewomen eventually deploy to Southeast Asia during the war. Eight U.S. women die while serving their country in Vietnam, including seven Army nurses and one Air Force nurse.

1962 (April 9) - The headquarters element of U.S. Marine Corps helicopter Task Unit 79.3.5 begins arriving at Soc Trang in the Mekong Delta. Much of the squadron itself arrives aboard the amphibious assault carrier USS Princeton on April 15. Codenamed SHUFLY, the helicopter unit provides air support for MACV and the South Vietnamese military in the campaign against Communist guerrilla forces.

1962 (April 18) - The U.S. Army's 8th Field Hospital becomes operational at Nha Trang. It provides both medical care and medical logistics. It serves as the primary treatment facility for U.S. military personnel in South Vietnam until 1963, when the Navy establishes its own facility in Saigon. The 8th Field Hospital receives support from the 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), which is equipped with UH-1 "Huey" helicopters. The 57th's first rescue mission takes place on May 12, 1962.

1965 (April 5) - U.S. military commanders request an expansion of the Marine Corps' defensive mission at Da Nang so that they can pursue enemy forces in more offensive actions. Lyndon Johnson approves this request and also agrees to send two additional deployments of Marines to Da Nang. The Marines based at Da Nang are now authorized to pursue Communist forces away from American bases.

1965 (April 17) - An activist group called Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) stages a protest against the war in front of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Approximately 25,000 people, mostly students, attend the protest, which features speeches against U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. According to historians, the event is the largest antiwar demonstration in American history to date. Over the next several years, SDS—which grows from 800 members in 1962 to over 10,000 by 1965—shifts more of its focus from domestic civil rights issues to foreign policy and protesting the escalation of the Vietnam War.

1965 (April 26) - The U.S. Air Force 45th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS) deploys to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. The squadron is equipped with the first Air Force F-4 Phantom II jets in Southeast Asia. On July 10

the 45th TFS records the Air Force's first aerial victories in Southeast Asia when two F-4 aircrews shoot down two North Vietnamese MiG-17 jet fighters.

1966 (April 1) - The United States establishes Naval Forces Vietnam, which is responsible for U.S. Navy units in II, III, and IV Corps as well as Naval Support Activity, Saigon; the Military Sea Transportation Service; Coast Guard Activities, Vietnam; and other elements. Naval Forces Vietnam also takes over responsibility for Operations MARKET TIME and GAME WARDEN.

1966 (April 12) - Strategic Air Command B-52 bombers attack targets in North Vietnam for the first time. They strike the Mu Gia Pass, a crucial enemy supply route adjacent to Laos near an entrance to the Ho Chi Minh Trail. This bombing is part of Operation ROLLING THUNDER. Also on this day Major Paul J. Gilmore and 1st Lieutenant William T. Smith, flying a U.S. Air Force F-4 Phantom, shoot down a North Vietnamese MiG-21 fighter with an air-to-air missile. It is the first U.S. Air Force encounter with this advanced Soviet-built North Vietnamese jet aircraft, signaling a qualitative shift in the air war.

1967 (April 10) - A contingent of U.S. Air Force B-52s lands at U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand, after flying missions in support of Operation JUNCTION CITY. They are the first B-52s based in Thailand. The Air Force moves a number of B-52s from Guam to U-Tapao to be closer to their targets, making it possible for the aircraft to fly more frequent missions. The Air Force does this in response to General Westmoreland's increasing requests for Arc Light strikes. B-52s remain based at U-Tapao until the end of the war.

1967 (April 12) - MACV officially activates Task Force OREGON, which deploys to I Corps. The task force consists of multiple existing U.S. Army units from across South Vietnam. It replaces some Marines in southern I Corps, who move farther north to counter growing North Vietnamese threats near the DMZ. The task force conducts operations against guerrillas in the coastal plain and enemy bases in nearby mountains. Westmoreland later renames Task Force OREGON the 23d Infantry Division (Americal) on September 25.

1967 (April 24) - The Khe Sanh combat base is adjacent to a principal Communist infiltration route in western Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam. A battle erupts near the base when elements of the 3d Marine Division assault a series of enemy-controlled hills that dominate the approaches into the area. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provides air support, along with U.S. Air Force B-52s. The battle lasts until May 11. In one of the bloodiest actions of the war, the Marines temporarily clear the hills overlooking the combat base. Throughout 1967 the Marines defending I Corps engage Communist forces in larger and more frequent battles than in previous years. Khe Sanh takes on increasing importance as North Vietnam builds up its forces in the region. U.S. commanders continue to insist upon holding it, and the North Vietnamese continue to harass and isolate the garrison into 1968.

1968 (April 1) - The U.S. Army 1st Cavalry and Marine 3d Division, joined by South Vietnamese airborne and ranger units, begin Operation PEGASUS. Its objective is to reach and relieve the garrison at Khe Sanh, which has been under siege since January. Allied forces begin by clearing the primary road to Khe Sanh of enemy units, moving westward with ground and airmobile assaults. The Marines at Khe Sanh go on the offensive, breaking out from their positions on April 4. Khe Sanh is finally relieved on April 8 when the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry reaches the combat base. U.S. troops proceed to clear the surrounding area of enemy forces, and PEGASUS ends on April 15.

1969 (April 1) - U.S. force levels in South Vietnam reach a peak at approximately 543,400 troops. At the direction of President Nixon and with insights from Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, who has recently returned from a visit to Vietnam, National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger issues a memo instructing the Department of Defense, the State Department, and the CIA to formulate "a specific timetable for Vietnamizing the war." The goal of Vietnamization is to gradually turn the conduct of the war over to the South Vietnamese and begin the incremental withdrawal of American troops.

1970 (April 15) - The Department of Defense bans the use of Agent Orange amid ongoing controversy over the use of defoliants in Vietnam and greatly curtails defoliation operations in general. The elements executing Operation RANCH HAND have been reduced to a single unit of eight aircraft. The final defoliation mission of the war occurs on May 9 using Agent White. Limited crop destruction missions continue until January 1971.

1970 (April 20) - President Nixon, in a televised address to the country, says that the United States has “now reached a point where we can confidently move . . . to a longer-range program for the replacement of Americans by South Vietnamese troops.” He announces that 150,000 U.S. troops will leave Vietnam over the next 12 months.

1970 (April 28) - President Nixon authorizes approximately 48,000 South Vietnamese Army and 32,000 U.S. Army Soldiers, supported by the U.S. Air Force, to cross the border from III Corps into Cambodia the next day. Their mission is to attack Viet Cong and North Vietnamese bases in Cambodia, which Communist forces have been using as a sanctuary from allied troops. The incursion is the largest military operation of the war since 1967. By late June, the allies inflict over 11,000 enemy casualties and seize thousands of tons of military supplies and food. Nearly 1,000 allied troops are killed, including 338 Americans. North Vietnamese forces later reoccupy much of eastern Cambodia, and the incursion inflames antiwar sentiment in the United States.

1971 (April 7) - President Nixon publicly announces that a further 100,000 U.S. troops will withdraw from Vietnam before the beginning of 1972.

1971 (April 15) - The Department of Defense establishes the POW/MIA Task Group under the direction of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs. The group is the coordinating body for all POW/MIA matters. Its objective is to obtain the release and full accounting of American POWs and to devise policies and procedures for their return to the United States. The group manages multiple issues relating to returnees’ repatriation, including medical evaluations, debriefings, and family, financial, and legal counseling. The task group remains in place through the return of prisoners in 1973.

1971 (April 19) - More than 1,000 Vietnam veterans arrive in Washington, D.C. for an antiwar protest organized by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), a group of veteran activists. They stage peaceful demonstrations throughout the week, including a memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. On April 22, a VVAW spokesman, Navy veteran John Kerry, testifies before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations about the group’s opposition to the war and its call for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam. VVAW members conclude their stay in D.C. with a march to the Capitol on April 23, where more than 500 of them throw medals and ribbons toward the Capitol building. While the VVAW’s lobbying efforts are largely unsuccessful, the protests and Kerry’s televised testimony increase its membership and gain national attention.

1972 (April 6) - Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 15 deploys to Da Nang. It serves as air support for the South Vietnamese armed forces and U.S. troops combating the Easter Offensive. MAG 15 operates under the Seventh Air Force.

1972 (April 7) - During the Easter Offensive, two armor-equipped North Vietnamese army divisions lay siege to the city of An Loc, located north of Saigon in III Corps. The assault forces the city’s South Vietnamese army defenders to engage in house-to-house fighting. They are supported by nearly continuous air support from U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps gunships, fighters, and bombers—including B-52s. The defenders hold out against enemy attacks for more than two months. The city is left largely in ruins.

1972 (April 19) - The cruiser USS *Oklahoma City*, the guided-missile frigate USS *Sterett*, and the destroyers USS *Higbee*, and USS *Lloyd Thomas* attack targets near Dong Hoi on the coast of North Vietnam, where the North Vietnamese are using a coastal highway to transport war supplies. North Vietnamese patrol boats and MiG fighters engage the U.S. ships, which destroy two enemy boats and one MiG. The North Vietnamese hit the *Oklahoma City* with shells from their shore batteries and one of their MiG-17s hits the *Higbee* in the gun turret with a 550-pound bomb, wounding four Sailors. The engagement is one of the largest naval actions of the war.

1974 (April 4) - As the political, economic, and military situations in South Vietnam rapidly deteriorate, President Nixon asks Congress to increase military aid to South Vietnam. The measure fails to pass the House of Representatives.

1975 (April 4) - The evacuation of approximately 2,600 Vietnamese children from Saigon to the United States, known as Operation BABYLIFT, begins. The initial BABYLIFT flight crashes shortly after takeoff. Of the over 300 people

on board, nearly half are killed, most of whom are Vietnamese children. The rest of the dead are employees of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Defense Attaché Office Saigon, and others. Later flights arrive in the United States safely. Several hundred children are flown out on private planes not on military contract. The children of BABYLIFT are adopted by people in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe.

1975 (April 29) - In the final stage of the offensive against Saigon, The North Vietnamese army closes in on Saigon. Remaining U.S. personnel execute Operation FREQUENT WIND, the evacuation of Americans, foreign nationals, South Vietnamese officials, and citizens associated with Americans from the city. During the final North Vietnamese assault, runways at Tan Son Nhut Air Base are damaged and strewn with debris, making evacuation by fixed-wing aircraft impossible. A North Vietnamese rocket attack on the Base results in the death of two U.S. Marines. They are the last American troops to die on the ground in South Vietnam. With over 800 U.S. Marines providing security for the operation, U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force helicopters evacuate over 7,000 personnel—primarily Americans and Vietnamese—from Tan Son Nhut, the U.S. Defense Attaché Office, and the U.S. Embassy in Saigon. The evacuees are transported to ships of the U.S. Seventh Fleet offshore, including the USS *Okinawa*, *Hancock*, *Dubuque*, *Denver*, *Duluth*, *Mobile*, *Peoria*, and *Vancouver*, among others.

1975 (April 30) - Operation FREQUENT WIND ends, though U.S. vessels continue to pick up numerous refugees escaping Vietnam by sea. The departure of the Seventh Fleet marks the conclusion of three decades of American involvement in Vietnam. Saigon falls to North Vietnamese troops, and organized South Vietnamese resistance to Communist forces ceases. President Duong Van Minh, who has only been in office for days, announces the unconditional surrender of the Republic of Vietnam.

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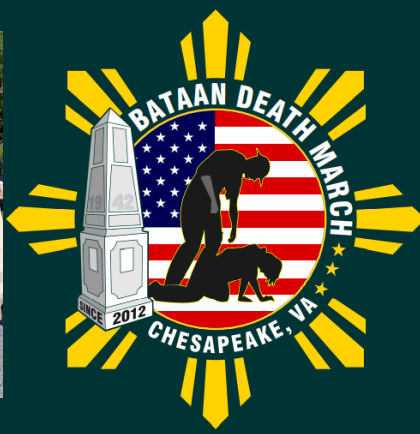


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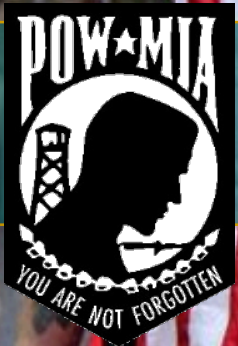
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# Chesapeake VIRGINIA 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BATAAN DEATH MARCH (Virtual) MEMORIAL WALK

*Walk/run/bike/swim/roll – ANY WAY YOU WANT, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!  
While helping raise funds to support local veterans.*

- Three distances:
- 1-mile.
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  - 16-mile
- Run as individuals, families, or groups
  - T-shirt with registration
  - Medal for 16-milers
  - Get sponsors



- 13 FEB - 17 APRIL 2021**
- ❖ Closing ceremony live stream on 17 Apr
  - ❖ Can run over several days
  - ❖ Share photos/videos

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For more information and to register visit:

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  - **All State and All American Post Commander**
  - **Commander of District Two**
  - **State Inspector**
  - **Past Department Deputy Chief of Staff**

**My Goals as a member of the VFW is the continued recognition of our Vietnam Veterans and assisting them as they are entering their retirement years. They seem to be the forgotten members and they have a lot of wisdom and leadership to offer our communities. We need to be the ones to find them and offer membership and services to them as we continue to do for all veterans.**

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**State Commander Shirt Order Form**  
**Deadline is May 1, 2021**



**State Commander Shirt \$35**

**Postage for Shirts \$9**

Size	Quantity	Ship	Cost with Postage	Total Due
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4 XL		Y N		
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Make all checks payable to Department of Virginia, VFW

**Department of Virginia, VFW**  
**403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401**  
**adj@vfwva.org**  
**Call for payments: 540-886-8112**



# VFW Riders VA 7th Annual 4 Season's Poker Run

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



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

Come help support the VFW Riders Virginia. Cost includes lunch provided by Mission BBQ at the end of the run. Musical Guest Sons of the Beach! 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.

**May 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 3219, 122 E. Mellen  
St, Phoebus, VA. Route to  
be determined.

Poker Run is sponsored in part  
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## 2021 4-SEASON'S POKER RUN

- You can buy breakfast at VFW Post 3160 for \$5.
- Bar at Post 3160 will be open during registration.
- Raffle & Auction prizes at end at VFW Post 3219.
- First 50 riders registered will get a FREE VFW BUFF.
- VFW Guardian Bells will be available for only \$5.



- Lunch proudly donated by



- Live music from Sons of the Beach!



# PLEASE NOTE

All State Post  
Commanders and All  
State Post  
Quartermasters **Must**  
**attend AND sign in** to  
all highlighted  
Meetings on the  
Convention Agenda to  
receive the \$300.00  
stipend.

99<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
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 Convention Chairman

Kathy Goodall  
 Convention Vice Chairman

**Tentative Subject to Change**

**Thursday,  
 June 3, 2021**

11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING	PORTSMOUTH IV
10:00 AM	4:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	PORTSMOUTH FOYER
12:30 AM	1:30 PM	VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION MEETING	PORTSMOUTH IV
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	PORTSMOUTH V-VIII
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</b>	<b>PORTSMOUTH V-VIII</b>

**Friday,  
 June 4, 2021**

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

**Saturday,  
 June 5, 2021**

7:30 AM	9:00 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	HOLLEY BALLROOM I-III
8:30 AM	10:30 AM	REGISTRATION, VFW	PORTSMOUTH FOYER
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>BUSINESS SESSION</b>	<b>PORTSMOUTH IV</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS</b>	<b>PORTSMOUTH IV</b>
NOON		VFW RIDERS BIKE SHOW	GARAGE TOP FLOOR
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	MOC SCRATCH	MADISON
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	HUMANA (VSO VA PRESENTATION)	PORTSMOUTH III
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW RIDERS MEETING	AMPHITHEATER
5:30 PM	10:00 PM	RECEPTION/ DANCE – DJ	HOLLEY BALLROOM

**Sunday,  
 June 6, 2021**

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 DISTRICT COMMANDER'S SCHOOL	AMPHITHEATER

Registration \$3.00 (All VFW members are required to register in advance as delegates from their Post)

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**

State – Commodore Room \*\* Second District –  
 Tenth District –

# 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 4, 2021 at the Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

**COST:** \$45.00 (*includes tax & gratuity*)

**MENU:**

Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Prime Rib of Beef au Jus with Horseradish Sauce  
Red Bliss Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Oven Fresh Rolls with Butter  
Chef's Choice Dessert  
Iced Teas and Ice Water  
Beer, Spirits and Mixers Provided by the Commanders Club

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:** Department of Virginia Commanders Club

**MAIL CHECK TO:** Mark Maggio  
Commanders Club Treasurer  
6481 Revere Street  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

**DEADLINE:** ***PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MEAL IS REQUIRED.***  
***PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 21, 2021 NO EXCEPTIONS.***  
***NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS PRE-REGISTERED.***

**NOTES:** ALL Past and Present Post, District and Department Commanders are encouraged to join the Commanders Club. Life Membership is \$30.00. You must be a member to attend the Commanders Club Luncheon. This year's meal is only \$45.00. We are calling on all Commanders Club Members to attend the luncheon as well as encouraging all current and/or Past Commanders to join the Commanders Club and join us. Those joining the Commanders Club would pay \$75.00 for Life Membership and the luncheon.

Harold (Butch) Schupska, President  
Department of VA Commanders Club

Mark Maggio, Treasurer  
Department of Virginia Commanders Club





**VFW 122nd National Convention  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Baltimore Convention Center  
July 31-August 5, 2021**

**TENTATIVE**

*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*

**Friday, July 30, 2021**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Remote registration – VFW/Auxiliary – Hilton and Hyatt Regency

**Note: If pre-registered, you can pick-up your badge at either hotel, if not you will need to come to registration on Saturday at the convention center.**

**Saturday, July 31, 2021**

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.-9:30 a.m.

National Veterans Service Advisory Committee

9:00 a.m.

Vander Clute Memorial Motorcycle Ride

10:00 a.m. – 12Noon

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

6:00 p.m.

NVS Resolutions Sub-Committee Chairmen & Vice Chairmen

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

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

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10:00 a.m.-12Noon	VFW Riders National Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m.-Noon	Membership Seminar
10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Veterans and Military Support Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	First Time Attendees Welcome Orientation <i>(Meet &amp; Greet First -time Convention attendees)</i>
11:00 a.m. – Noon	VFW Veterans Service Update
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Update on VFW Legislative Priority Goals
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	VFW Programs Workshop 1-2 All American Dashboard Training 2-3 Programs Overview 3-4 All American Dashboard Training

### **Sunday, August 1, 2021**

#### **Committee Meetings:**

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

#### **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) VFW POW/MIA Sub-committee
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 Seminar – Post Development
7:00 p.m.	Concert

### **Monday, August 2, 2021**

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
1:00 p. m.-1:30 p.m.	National Outstanding Community Service Post Luncheon
1:00 p. m.	The Future of TRICARE and Military Health

## Tuesday, August 3, 2021

8:00 a.m.- <b>3:00 p.m.</b>	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.- <b>3:00 p.m.</b>	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	VFW Business Session
1:00 p. m.-2:30 p.m.	<b>2021-2022</b> Incoming CIC ( <i>Dept. Cmdrs.</i> ) Luncheon <i>By Invitation</i>
1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	<b>2021-2022</b> Department Senior Vice Commander/Senior Vice President Lunch <i>By Invitation</i>
1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	<b>2021-2022</b> Department Junior Vice Commander/Junior Vice President Lunch <i>By Invitation</i>
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Update on Federal Benefits and Services for Veterans
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop
1:00 p. m - 3:00 p.m.	Grants and Fundraising for Posts
1:00 p. m. – 2:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure 101
1:00 p. m - 2:00 p.m.	OMS Q&A
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure 101
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Celebration

## Wednesday, August 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.	VFW Business Session
8:00 a.m.-12Noon	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-12Noon	VFW Registration/Exhibits
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	All-American Commanders Lunch <i>Ticketed Event</i>
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	VFW National Home for Children

## Thursday, August 5, 2021










8a	Nomination/Election/Installation of National Officers National Council of Administration ( <i>immediately following installation</i> )
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception ( <i>Ticketed Event</i> ) – Baltimore Convention Center

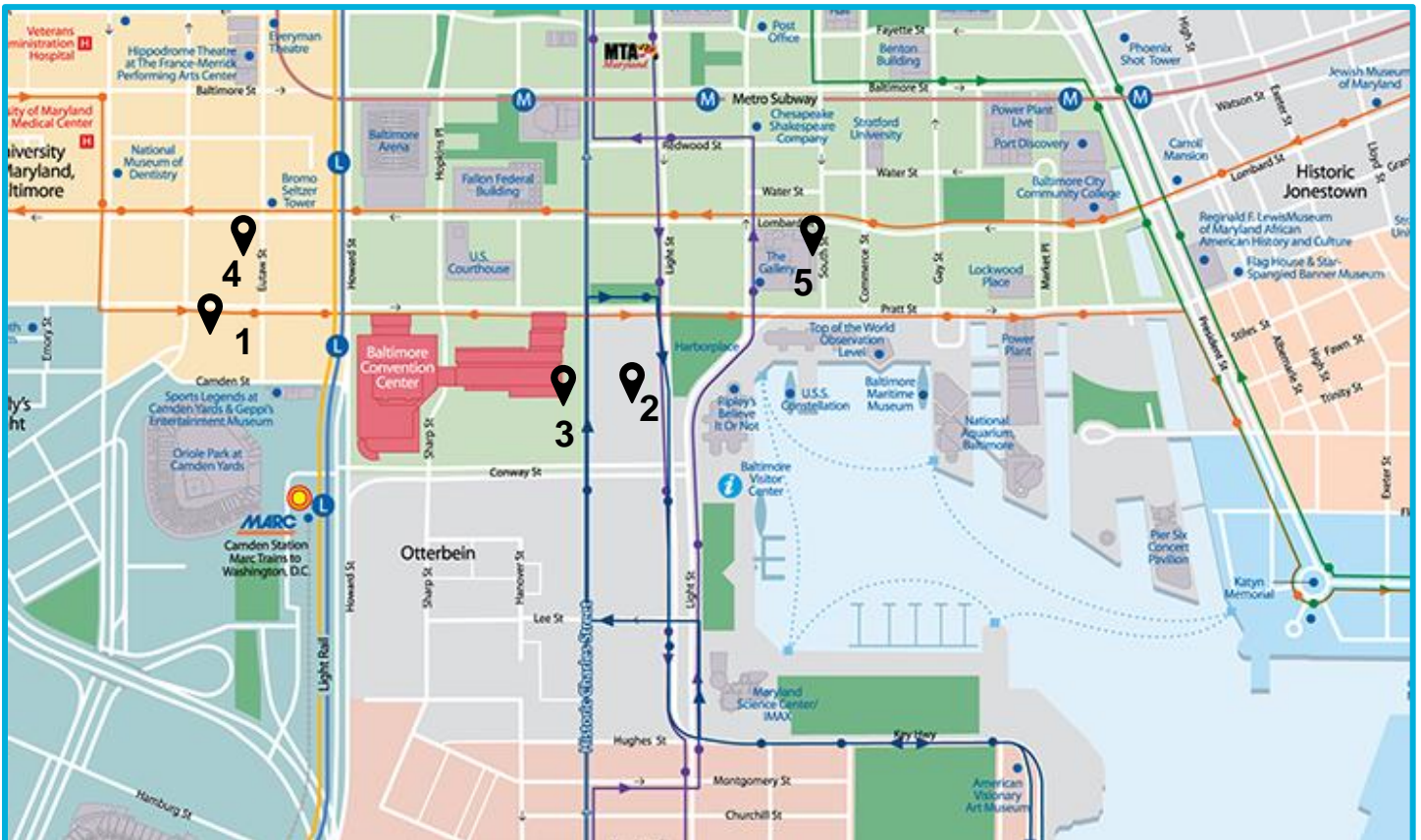
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## VFW & Auxiliary Baltimore Convention Center

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Connected to Convention Center
2. Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor (HQ Auxiliary)  
Connected to Convention Center
3. Sheraton Inner Harbor  
Connected to Convention Center
4. Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards  
1 Block
5. Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel  
2 Blocks

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	Water Taxis
	Visitors Center
	Charm City Circulator - Green Route
	Charm City Circulator - Orange Route
	Charm City Circulator - Purple Route
	Charm City Circulator - Banner Route





122nd VFW National Convention 2021  
July 31-August 5, 2021 – Baltimore, MD

## 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](http://www.vfw.org/convention)

### TELEPHONE:

Toll-free US: 800.282.6632  
International: 410.837.4636  
8:30 am to 5:30 pm EST, Mon-Fri

**FAX:** 410.659.8398

### MAIL:

Visit Baltimore-VFW Housing  
400 East Pratt Street, 10<sup>th</sup> FL  
Baltimore, MD 21202

### EMAIL:

[Conventionhousing@baltimore.org](mailto:Conventionhousing@baltimore.org)

### DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail, or internet by **May 27, 2021**. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

### CONFIRMATIONS

Visit Baltimore 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 15.5% 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.

### 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 "Visit Baltimore" in the amount of one night's room and tax until June 1, 2021.

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

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](http://www.vfw.org/convention) OR BY PHONE AT 800.282.6632 (toll-free) OR 410.837.4636 (Intl).

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 May 27, 2021 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 August 2021.

Check deposit of one night's room and tax enclosed and made payable to Visit Baltimore. Mail check with completed housing form to: Visit Baltimore-VFW Housing, 400 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 Must be received no later than June 1, 2021.