

BANQUET REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 3rd ***WINTER COUNCIL MEETING***

January 10 – 12, 2020
Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel ~ Portsmouth, Virginia ~ 757-673-3000 ~
\$90.00 Per night

(Hotel Group Rate Deadline is December 9th)

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\$45.00

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Tidewater Buffet

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Shrimp and Roasted Garlic Cavatappi Pasta / Southern Style Fried Chicken
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December 1, 2019

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1. SPECIAL ORDER NO. va2-21:

During the period of my absence from December 1 - 8, 2019, State Senior Vice Commander Eric Mallett will handle all matters normally requiring my attention.

Rick Raskin
State Commander
Department of Virginia, VFW

2. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

As we approach the end of the calendar year it's time to become more active in our quest to reach 100% membership. Many annual memberships will expire on December 31 and now is the time to contact these folks about renewing for the next year. Better yet, why not sell them on converting their memberships to life? National is offering a \$50 gift certificate for the VFW store for any member who converts to life, is reinstated as a life member, signs up as a life member or completes their installment life agreement. It's an excellent enticement because it will cover the cost of a member cap should they choose to buy one.

Posts should also start calling their lists of unpaid members. Why not try a calling night or a social media campaign to attract these members?

November has been a busy month for us. Most Posts had Veterans Day activities, distributed Buddy Poppies and visited schools. Our patriotic essay and teacher contests completed at the Post level and advanced to District. Our Patriots Pen chair, Dennis Walk, suffered a reaction to surgery and I'm pleased that District 1 stepped up to cover his absence. We all wish Dennis a speedy recovery.

District 1 is working to establish a new Post in the in the Lancaster/Northumberland area. 11 members of the 25 needed have been recruited to date. Their next recruiting session will be 12/5-6.

We had a roundup in District 12 attended by Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor, Surgeon Geoff Lyster, Inspector Gary Adams, District 12 Commander Bud Davis, District 12 Historian Ken Hayes and myself. We visited all of the Posts we had scheduled over a three-day period.

At Bristol I was privileged to pin medals on a Korean War veteran who had never received them. There were about one hundred people present for an event that was to occur later and they all gave a resounding applause.

Bristol's Post home is located on the Tennessee side of State Street, and as such is subject to the gaming laws of that state. This severely limits their opportunity for a revenue stream. They have been trying to relocate to Virginia and recently acquired a suitable storefront with assistance from Powerhouse Gaming, and have since moved in.

At Coeburn I presented the All-American Award to the Post Commander. They were also celebrating the Post's 70th anniversary and had a veterans' breakfast which was well attended by members from several Posts.

One of the members at Grundy commented that he would like to see our color guards hone their presentation skills. I took the matter as an action item and will pursue adding a module to our Schools of Instruction.

In closing I would like to thank all those who were out over the Veterans Day weekend and continue to do the work of the VFW. I am confident that with your efforts we will have another successful year.

Rick Raskin
State Commander

3. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: 3/28/20 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: TBD Rep: Jr. Vice Butch Schupska	5 th	Date: 2/15/20 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 2327 Old Chatham Road State Commander Rick Raskin
2 nd	Date: 2/15/20 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 8545 Smithfield 223 Washington Street Sr. Vice Commander Eric Mallett	6 th	Date: 2/9/20 Meeting: 2:00 PM Location: Desmond Doss Academy 19 George Street, Lynchburg Sr. Vice Commander Eric Mallett
3 rd	Date: 2/29/20 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane Surgeon Geoff Lyster	7 th	Date: 1/18/20 Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 2447 Edinburg 100 Veterans Way Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor
4 th	Date: 2/8/20 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 8759 Amelia 16440 Five Forks Rd. Jr. Vice Butch Schupska		

8 th	Date: 2/22/20 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7728 Morrisville 12496 Harpers Run Rd, Bealeton Rep: Sr. Vice Commander Eric Mallett	11 th	Date: 1/25/20 Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: After Lunch Location: Post 1499 Lexington 105 Memorial Lane Rep: State Commander Rick Raskin
9 th	Date: 1/25/20 Lunch: 12 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 1115 Hillsville 701 W. Stuart Drive Rep: Sr. Vice Commander Eric Mallett	12 th	Date: 2/8/20 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 6975 Bristol 14 16 th Street Bristol, TN Rep: Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor
10 th	Date: 12/8/19 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7916 Occoquan 204 Mill Street Rep: Jr. Vice Butch Schupska	13 th	Date: 2/8/20 Meeting: 12:00 Noon Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville 1170 River Road Rep: State Commander Rick Raskin

4. OFFICE CLOSURE:

The State Headquarters and the Dale City and Norfolk Service Offices will be closed December 23 – 27, 2019 in observance of Christmas and January 1, 2020 for New Year’s Day.

The Hopewell Service Office will be closed from December 23, 2019 – January 3, 2020 in observance of Christmas and New Year’s.

5. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

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

6. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:

All Officers should obtain current 2020 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2020 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 120th National Convention, which became effective on August 23, 2019.

7. 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, one of which ends December 31, 2019. 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.

8. CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD:

District judging should be completed by **December 15th** and nominations forwarded to the Department Chairman no later than **December 20th**.

Districts

1. Please ensure teacher nominations are complete before forwarding them to Department. By the time I receive the nominations, I do not have the time to go back to the Post to try and get the missing items (resume, photograph, etc.)
2. Complete the Post Teacher Entry Form listing all information called for.
3. I will be mailing District Chairmen the required report forms shortly. These forms should be submitted with your teacher nominations.
4. Submit your winning nominations to the address listed below:

Chris Birch
304 E Main Street
Berryville, VA 22611-1306

If you have any questions, call me at (540) 955-3311 or (540) 539-5446 or email me at bigredtruk@comcast.net.

Chris Birch, Chairman
Past State Commander

9. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

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

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

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

1. Go to Department web site www.vfwva.org.
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW#2019** once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

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

adjpost176@vfwva.org
qmpost176@vfwva.org

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

adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

10. HALF-STAFF U.S. FLAG:

ON DECEMBER 7. Public Law 103-308, passed in 1994, designates Dec. 7 as “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day” and requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day. To order a flag, go to vfwstore.org/category/flags/usflags.

11. GENERAL ORDERS:

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

12. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Congratulations to Irvin L. Manning Post 1264 as the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Irvin L. Manning Post 1264 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 85% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the October 31, 2019 deadline.

13. IMPORTANT DATES:

January 10-12, 2020 Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA. Phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$90.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars-Winter Council Meeting". Cut-off Date December 9, 2019. The link needed to register for your room on line is as follows: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1562340618766&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

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

14. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades,

I hope you have all had a successful recruiting month of November. I should have suggested this in previous notes, but Nov and Dec are good times to look at your local Craft Fairs. High Schools, Churches and other groups in your areas have events like this for the Holidays. They can be very good ways to set up a table, typically INSIDE and out of the cold/rainy weather. You can often get these spaces at no charge.... if you ask! All they can do is say no. Look for venues that would have a different clientele. Gun Shows are great but at these other venues, you will find different types of people that could be holding the eligibility to be members of the VFW and may not even realize it. It may or may not be too late for this year, but you should certainly look into it for the future.

If you need any help with any of your events, please let me know and I will do what I can.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday.

Yours in Comradeship,
Kathy Goodall
757-572-8224
Skckagret@yahoo.com
membership@vfwva.org

15. POST RELIEF FUND:

Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure outline the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. "To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs," is part of this section. This allows the Post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and teacher of the Year programs and other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include Post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms or any other expenditure that does not follow these guidelines.

16. PATRIOT'S PEN:

The Patriot's Pen entries selected as first place winners in each District shall be mailed to State HQs and shall arrive no later than Wednesday, December 11th, 2019. Judging will allow us only a little time before we must get everything to National HQs by their deadline.

The address is 403 Lee-Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401.

17. REPORTING:

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). Once you arrive at the site, click on the "Resources" link and then "Online Reporting". You will select "Click Here" to make an entry or on the "Community Reports" and "District Report" links to view them. **The website is updated daily.** If you have any questions, please call State Headquarters.

18. STATE CONVENTION:

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

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

Event Summary:

Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2020

Start Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020

End Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Last Day to Book: Monday, May 11, 2020

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

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

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

19. WINTER COUNCIL MEETING:

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=1562340618766&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

20. VFW NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS:

Departments are asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the VFW Programs Office no later than February 1, 2020. VFW Programs will create citations for the following awards in each Department:

- VFW National Law Enforcement Award
- VFW National Firefighter Award
- VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Award

Each Department will receive their three awards and contact their recipients to arrange a presentation. Department Commanders may present the awards at their Department Convention, but are encouraged to also present the award in front of the recipient's peers at a professional association event, city council meeting, etc. The purpose of the second venue is to expose these VFW awards to the general public and especially other law enforcement personnel, firefighters and EMT's, many of whom are veterans eligible for VFW membership.

NOTE: "NEW" VFW PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATION POST ENTRY FORM. This form has been developed to assist VFW Post Safety Chairmen with an entry form to hand out to the local Fire Department, Police Department, etc. to assist interested individuals in nominating one of their own. The entry forms along with the required documentation are to be returned to the local VFW Post for their judging. Once the winner in each category has been chosen, the Post will forward those entries on to the next level of judging. Simply visit vfw.org, log in to My VFW, then look under Member Resources, click on VFW Training & Support, then click on Community Service & Youth Programs, then look under Public Servant Program.

21. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 96:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS **HEREBY ORDERED** that the name of Jack W. Fensom, Life Membership No. 9698607, be removed from the rolls of Major Thomas E. Benson Post No. 8529, Sandston, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

22. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 103:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS **HEREBY ORDERED** that the name of Jerry L. Adams, Life Membership No. 9943327, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

23. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 104:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS **HEREBY ORDERED** that the name of Everett R. Berryman, Jr., Life Membership No. 10382782, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

24. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 105:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of John J. Hamlette, Life Membership No. 9281712, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

25. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 106:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of Willie H. Hix Jr., Membership No. 9943329, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

26. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 107:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of Michael E. Lewis, Life Membership No. 10051245, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

27. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 108:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of Ronald L. Mosley, Membership No. 10133618, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

28. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 109:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS **HEREBY ORDERED** that the name of Robert W. Trent, Life Membership No. 9099423, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

29. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 110:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS **HEREBY ORDERED** that the name of Roy R. Walker, Life Membership No. 3084964, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

31. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 111:

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS **HEREBY ORDERED** that the name of Lloyd E. Williams, Life Membership No. 6217494, be removed from the rolls of Appomattox Post No. 9855, Appomattox, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
William "Doc" Schmitz
Commander-in-Chief

32. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

The 2019 Department Voice of Democracy Selection Board will be held at Post 7589 in Manassas, Virginia on Sunday, 22 December 2019 beginning at 9:00 AM. At least one representative from each District should be present.

Louis Filippone
Chairman, Voice of Democracy Program

33. VETERANS AND MILITARY SUPPORT:

The link published in Doc Schmitz's membership plan for donations has changed. Please use the link below to donate to VMS. The ability to donate for Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year in lieu of doing the programs has ended. As a reminder, this is **ONLY** for All-American.

<https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/vmsdonationform>

34. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAL ROESCH'S HOMECOMING:

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

Official:



Ken Wiseman
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Rick Raskin
State Commander



PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND FIREFIGHTERS

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians, law enforcement and firefighter personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. Post Safety Chairmen are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their **Department Headquarters by January 1**. The Department must select a single candidate for each of the three awards and submit those to **VFW National Headquarters by February 1**.

NOTE: The only item the National VFW Programs Department requires is the “VFW Department Public Servant Award Citation Request Form” which is now available on the VFW website. You can locate this form by logging in to www.vfw.org and searching under “My VFW” in the Training & Support section.

VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Public Servant Citation:

Any individual, who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation’s citizens.

VFW National Law Enforcement Public Servant Citation:

Any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individual employed by private companies or security services.

VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Citation: Any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation’s citizens.

Criteria for these awards – Candidates must have demonstrated:

- 1) Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- 2) Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- 3) Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Documentation required for all Candidates:

- 1) Nomination letter containing the candidate’s name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
 - a. Include justification outlining background in field, accomplishments and awards.

Note NEW (not required) One (1) page VFW Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form is now available on the VFW website. You can locate this form by logging in to www.vfw.org and searching under “My VFW” in the Training & Support section.

If you have any questions contact Tammy Beauchamp at 816-756-3390 x 6287, e-mail tbeauchamp@vfw.org.

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Washington, D.C. 20002
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www.vfw.org



VFW Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form

NOTE: VFW Point of Contact should fill out their section below prior to distributing this form.
This will provide individuals from outside of the VFW with the needed information to submit their packets successfully.

To be filled out by VFW representative

Sponsoring VFW Post #: Sponsoring District #:
Date of Presentation: MM/DD/YY (if available)

VFW Post POC

Full Name:
Phone: Email:
Address: (where to mail entry)
City: State: Zip:

Individual Submitting Nomination

Full Name:
Phone: Email:

Nominee Information

Choose appropriate citation: (EMT, Firefighter or Law Enforcement)
Full Name: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)
Gender:
Occupation Title: (if any) (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)
Employer Name: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)
Address of Employer: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)

City: State: Zip:
Employer Phone: Employer Email: (if available)

Please complete this form and submit to your local VFW Post using the information provided above. Ensure to include all required documentation that is outlined on the instructions sheet provided with this form. All post entries must be received by their **Department Headquarters no later than January 1st**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Beauchamp at 816-756-3390 x 6287, e-mail tbeauchamp@vfw.org

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
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Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 10 - January 12, 2020
Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel
Portsmouth, Virginia
757-673-3000

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

Noon	5:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Washington Board Room
4:30 PM	6:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	Jefferson Room
6:15 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting	Portsmouth V
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	Portsmouth V
8:00 PM	1:00 AM	VFW Riders Dance	Portsmouth I-III

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

8:00 AM	2:30 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Washington Board Room
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Portsmouth VI-VIII
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	VFW Auxiliary Floor Practice	Portsmouth V
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Portsmouth VI-VIII
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	Portsmouth V
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Service Officer Training	Amphitheater
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	VFW Riders Meeting	Madison
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Women Veterans Workshop	Portsmouth VI-VIII
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Portsmouth VI-VIII
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	VFW Auxiliary Program Chairmen	Portsmouth V
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	MOCA Meeting	Madison
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	VOD & PP BANQUET	Holley Ballroom
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	MOC Meeting	Portsmouth V

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Holley Ballroom IV
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR, VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, AND PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET TICKETS: \$45.00
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE VFW RIDERS

Department Hospitality Room – Commodore Room
Tenth District Hospitality Room – Hospitality Suite 515
13th District Hospitality Room – Studio Suite 715

(Tentative schedule subject to change)

Hal Roesch

Commander-in-Chief, 2020-2021
Homecoming



August 27-30, 2020

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel
425 Water Street Portsmouth, VA 23704

Hotel Information

THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS JULY 27th, 2020

USE NEWPORT NEWS/WILLIAMSBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS

LINK TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1568730670876&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

CALL TO MAKE THE RESERVATION: 1-888-839-1775 (tell them you are attending the “Hal Roesch Homecoming” to get our rate)

The Department of Virginia has used this hotel for several years for our conventions and conferences. With beautiful views of the harbor, U.S. Navy warships, and historical and vibrant surroundings, this is the ideal location for a homecoming! The hotel is newly renovated with all rooms ready to welcome you in comfort and style. A modern, sleek approach to the well-known “Virginia Hospitality” awaits your arrival!

Rooms are \$135, plus tax, per night. Parking is \$10 per day. The rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi, a pool and exercise room, and the rate is good for three days before and three days after the event for those who want to stay longer. In addition to the hospitality provided by the Department of Virginia, a full restaurant and bar are available in the hotel.

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Homecoming Agenda

Thursday, August 27th

11am-6pm: Registration

3pm: Hospitality room opens (**open bar**)

Friday, August 28th

645am: Golf tournament departs from the hotel

10am-5pm: Registration

Tour groups depart

12pm: *USS Wisconsin* and Nauticus Museum

12pm: Tour of the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum

12pm-3pm: Hospitality room open (open bar)

630pm: Reception with a "Tailgate Party" theme. Guests are encouraged to wear the jersey of their favorite sports team (casual dress otherwise). Hospitality continues until late (**open bar**).

Saturday, August 29th

11am-4pm: Registration

Tour groups depart

11am: Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets

915am: 2-hour narrated Naval Base cruise (on a pleasure boat, 100-person max)

12pm-3pm: Hospitality room open (open bar)

630pm: Dinner with all guests encouraged to wear Hal's homecoming shirt (casual dress otherwise). Hospitality and entertainment continue until late (**open bar**).

Sunday August 30th

All Day: Guests depart

Event Descriptions

ALL EVENTS INCLUDE ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION

Thursday

“The Local Nightlife”: Our hotel is conveniently located near a pedestrian-only ferry (literally, beside the hotel) that takes you to the Norfolk side of the water where bars, restaurants, and entertainment goes late into the night. Maybe you catch an Uber into the historical Ghent neighborhood of Norfolk, just a few miles away, and enjoy amazing food. Within walking distance of the hotel is Portsmouth’s Old Towne district with local establishments, history, and easy to navigate streets. As you fly in and unpack, and easy night or a fun filled night are all at your disposal!

Friday

USS *Wisconsin* and Nauticus Museum: 12pm departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 for transportation plus whatever admission fee you select (average of \$16). Visit the “Big Whiskey” and the museum dedicated to the rich history of Hampton Roads and the U.S. Navy. Our region is forever tied to the Navy and we are proud to showcase that in side a massive museum. Situated with the battleship tied to the pier connected to the museum, it is a “one-stop shop” for all of the Navy history, pride, and fun you could ever imagine! While some parts of the battleship are not handicap friendly, parts of it are and the entire museum is.

Tour of the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum: 12pm departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 plus whatever other costs you incur (museum admission is free). Come and learn about General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and those wars he served in, including WWI, WWII, and Korea.

Saturday

Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets: 11am departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 for transportation plus whatever you spend at the mall. With nearly 70 stores, this is a chance for some deals!

2-hour narrated Naval Base cruise on a pleasure boat (100-person max): 915am departure from the hotel. \$30 per person. Set sail on the *Victory Rover* with a climate-controlled main cabin, large picture windows, and ample comfortable seating. More seating is available on the open-air bow and top deck. A large portion of our top deck has an awning to provide shade. In the main cabin are restrooms as well as a fully stocked ship store and bar with all your favorite refreshments and souvenirs.

Homecoming Registration Form

(Deadline July 27th, 2020)

RREGISTRATION FEE: \$100 PER PERSON

Registration includes:

Welcome packet

Friday dinner and entertainment

Saturday dinner and entertainment

Hospitality all weekend

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

ALL DOCUMENTS WITH "FORMS" IN THE TITLE SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED:

VFW Department of Virginia

ATTN: HAL'S HOMECOMING

403 Lee-Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401

adj@vfwva.org

Call for payments: 540-886-8112

Airport Transportation Form

USE NEWPORT NEWS/WILLIAMSBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS

Name(s): _____

State/Department: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Number of passengers: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Airline: _____ Arrival time: _____

Departure Date: _____ Airline: _____ Departure time: _____

Transportation will be available using this form for the period of August 27th-30th. We are unable to handle departures after Sunday.

DUE TO THE EXPECTED NUMBER OF FLIGHTS, THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO ENSURE TRANSPORTATION.

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Homecoming Payment Form

(NOT INCLUDING FEES AND COSTS AT THE EVENT WHICH YOU PAY SEPERATLY)

Name of those attending: _____ State: _____

Homecoming Registration Fee: Number of people ____ x\$100 per person = _____

USS Wisconsin and Nauticus Museum: Number of people ____ x\$5 per person = _____

MacArthur Memorial Museum: Number of people ____ x\$5 per person = _____

Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets: Number of people ____ x\$5 per person = _____

Naval Base cruise on a pleasure boat: Number of people ____ x\$30 per person = _____

HOMECOMING SHIRTS \$35

(WOMEN SHOULD GET ONE SIZE MORE THAN THEY NORMALLY WEAR DUE TO DESIGN OF THE SHIRT)

POSTAGE FOR SHIRTS \$9 REGARDLESS OF ADDRESS

GENDER		SIZE	QUANTITY	COST	SHIP?	COST W/POSTAGE	TOTAL DUE
M	F	SMALL			Y N		
M	F	MEDIUM			Y N		
M	F	LARGE			Y N		
M	F	X-LARGE			Y N		
M	F	2X- LARGE			Y N		
M	F	3x- LARGE			Y N		

If you are picking up your shirt, where are you getting it?

2020 Washington Conference _____ 2020 National Convention _____ 2020 Homecoming _____

If you want it mailed, what is the address? _____

Make all checks payable to VFW Virginia c/o "Hal's Homecoming"

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Hal's "Battle of the Fairway" Golf Tournament

Where the Shankopotamus runs wild!



Friday, August 27th 8am

Captain's Choice, shotgun start, with a team of 4 (make your own team or get partnered)

\$50 per person gets 18 holes, cart, and lunch

Bide-A-Wee Golf Course 1 Bide-A-Wee Lane Portsmouth, VA

Multiple hole-in-one prizes and other raffles will be available!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Names of your partners (if known): _____

Deadline for registration is July 27th, 2020

Make checks payable to "VFW Department of Virginia" earmarked for "Golf Tournament"

Mail check and form to 403 Lee Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401

Transportation to/from the course will be provided from the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel and will leave at 645am

adj@vfwva.org Call for payment 540-886-8112

Hal's "Battle of the Fairway" Golf Tournament
Where the Shankapotamus runs wild!



Support Hal's Homecoming by sponsoring a hole!

Make checks payable to "VFW Department of Virginia" and earmark "Hole Sponsor"

All holes available and only \$75 per sign

Payment due by July 27th, 2020

Person/Post/District/State sponsoring the hole: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail this form and payment to 403 Lee Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401

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