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VFW Department of Virginia Fund Raising Raffle

1st Prize Henry 30-30 Rifle 2nd Prize Henry 30-30 Rifle 3rd Prize Henry 30-30 Rifle

Drawing will be June 15, 2019 at VFW State Convention in Portsmouth, VA Tickets \$5.00 each

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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

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As we move into February, we move closer to the end of the year and closer to deadlines for All-State and All-American. You should check to ensure accurate information is posted and we ask that you let us know if you find something wrong.

We had an awesome Winter Conference! Our Council of Administration meeting and awards banquet were great events to attend. We are particularly proud of all of those who received awards. I was blown away by the amazing essays.

Our support for the Coast Guard has shown the best of our Department. We issued \$15,005.85 to active duty members of the Coast Guard and two veterans directly impacted by the shutdown. We saw Posts donate to food pantries created especially for Coasties, a Post hosted dinner and a pantry for their local unit, and a company donated food through a Post. We stand ready to continue to support the Coast Guard and those non-Coast Guard veterans who may need help. Your donations to our Department's Veterans and Military Service Fund ensured we were ready to act in a quick manner.

Membership continues to march forward in a positive direction. We have 18 Posts who are at least 100% as I write this. We also have a lot of Posts who are over 90%, within 10 members of 100%, or both. I feel good about the pace and direction of membership right now and I am confident we will go to convention with the entire state above 100%. Keep pressing forward and please let me know if you need any help, materials, or ideas.

Your State Headquarters is here for you. Please call us if you need help.

Ken Wiseman State Commander Department of Virginia

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: Lunch: Meeting: Location:	03/02/19 11:00 AM to follow Lunch Post 2296, Tasley 21503 Daugherty Rd	3 rd	Date: Meeting: Lunch: Location:	02/23/19 10:00 AM to follow Meeting Post 637 Hopewell
	Rep:	Butch Schupska, Judge Advocate		Deni	1400 Lynchburg St
2 nd	Date:	02/23/19		Rep:	Ken Wiseman, State Commander
2	Lunch:	12 Noon			
	Meeting:	1:00 PM	4 th	Date:	02/09/19
	Location:	Post 4411, Franklin		Meeting:	1:00 PM
		3385 Beaverdam Rd		Location:	Post 8759, Amelia
	Rep:	Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice Commander		_	16440 Five Forks Rd
				Rep:	Ken Wiseman, State Commander

5 th	Date: Lunch:	02/16/19 12:00 Noon			
	Meeting:	to follow Lunch	10 th	Date:	3/23/19
	Location:	Post 4637, Martinsville		Lunch:	11:30 AM
		2327 Old Chatham Rd		Meeting:	1:00 PM
	Rep:	Ken Wiseman, State Commander		Location:	Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Rd
6 th	Date:	02/17/19		Rep:	Butch Schupska, Judge Advocate
	Meeting:	2:00 PM		-	
	Location:	Post 5311, Christiansburg	11 th	Date:	05/11/2019
		490 High St.		Lunch:	11:30 AM
	Rep:	Ken Wiseman, State Commander		Meeting:	12:30 PM
				Location: Post	8644 118 Dry River Rd Bridgewater
7 th	Date:	05/18/19			
	Meeting:	11:30 AM		Rep:	Eric Mallett, Jr. Vice Commander
	Location:	Post 9760, Berryville			
	Rep:	Rick Raskin, Sr. Vice Commander	12 th	Date:	2/2/19
				Registration:	10:00 AM
8 th	Date:	02/16/19		Meeting:	11:00 AM
	Lunch:	12:00 Noon		Location:	Post 1994 Abingdon
	Meeting:	1:00 PM			17581 Lee Highway
	Location:	Post 7728, Morrisville		Rep:	Tom Hines, Chief of Staff
		12496 Harpers Run Rd, Bealeton			
	Rep:	Eddie Reasor, Surgeon	13 th	Date	2/23/19
				Meeting:	12:00 Noon
9 th	Date:	05/19/19		Lunch:	After Meeting
	Lunch:	12 Noon		Location:	Post 8947 Louisa
	Meeting:	1:00 PM			201 Mineral Avenue
	Location:	Post 4667 861 Goolsby St, Marion		Rep:	Butch Schupska, Judge Advocate
	Rep:	Eddie Reason, Surgeon			

3. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

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

4. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:

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

5 COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:

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

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

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

Please do not contact Tech4Troops directly. I still have some desktop systems available for which you can contact me at 703-369-2732.

Rick Raskin Department Sr. Vice Commander

6. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy via USPS for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year. Please contact State Headquarters for more info.

7. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 13-16, 2019 State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$127.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Annual Convention"; Cut-off Date May 13, 2019.

8. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 19th**. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers.

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

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

1.Go to Department web site <u>www.vfwva.org</u>.

- 2. Click on Member Tools, Microsoft 365.
- 3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
- 4. Your default password will be Vfw2019# once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

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

adjpost176@vfwva.org qmpost176@vfwva.org

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

adjdist1@vfwva.org qmdist1@vfwva.org

9. 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 –<u>http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf</u> This will also apply to all Auxiliaries that have their own EIN number.

10. OFFICE CLOSURE:

The State Headquarters and Hopewell Service Office will be closed February 18, 2019 in observance of President's Day. State Headquarters only will be closed March 4, 2019. The State Commander/Adjutant and Quartermaster will be available by phone and email for any issues that may arise.

11. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

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

Enrollment Cost:		Annual Payouts: Post:		Department:	National:	National:	
Levels:	Gold-	\$1200.00		\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	
	Silver-	\$800.00		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	
	Bronze-	\$400.00		\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	
			<u>What will</u>	your Legacy be	<u>ə?</u>		

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 95% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the January 4, 2019 deadline.

The next drawing will be March 1, 2019 for Posts who show at least 100% in membership.

13. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

It was great seeing a lot of you at the Winter Council Meeting in Portsmouth. The kids did a fantastic job of presenting their VOD and Patriot Pen entries. If you were not there you surely missed seeing the young students at their best. The membership workshop was awesome, the attendees had many questions and comments. I feel certain that the ones in attendance went away with helpful information. As a Department we are seeing more and more comrades getting interested in becoming a recruiter. On average we are recruiting or reinstating over 200 members a month. If we continue to stay at that level, we will reach my personal goal of 2,500 for the year. If we all work membership each and every day it will happen.

We have a large number of Post that need ten or fewer members to reach their quota for the year. Now is a good time to reach out to your unpaid annual and get them to renew as Life Members. It is easy to accomplish with the twelve-month installment plan that is in place. Does your Post have an incentive program to help influence annuals to go Life? if not, you may want to consider starting one. A Life Member makes everyone's job a lot easier as far as the Post quota goes. Now is the time to spend more time at your Post meeting discussing ways to increase interest in membership. A lot of members working on recruiting makes a Commanders job much easier.

As always, the Membership Team is ready to assist you with any aspect on membership. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Team or State Headquarters for assistance.

Tom Hines, PDC Chief of Staff Membership Team

14. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING AND REGISTRATION:

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

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a national convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the VFW National Convention. Each additional

delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee provided the Post has paid the mandated \$25 advance registration fee. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register online by going to www.vfw.org.

15. PATRIOT'S PEN:

Winners of the Patriot's Pen are:

1st Place: Arden Manson, sponsored by Warrenton Post 9835
2nd Place: Mary Clymer, sponsored by Arlington Post 3150
3rd Place: Maria Turner, sponsored by Meadows of Dan Post 8467

16. RAFFLE:

I am pleased to report that we had a very successful Gun Raffle that was drawn on January 12th at the Winter Council. After expenses the raffle yielded a profit of \$8,255. The funds will be used to support various VFW Programs. Thanks to all who participated.

Congratulations to Philip Weinberg from Meridian, Mississippi the winner of the Double Barrel 12 Gauge Shotgun; Tommy Gimble from Fredericksburg, Virginia winner of the Henry 30-30 Rifle: and to Delores Boehm from Marion, Virginia winner of the AR-15 Rifle.

We have started selling tickets for the June Gun Raffle at the State Convention. Tickets are \$5 each. First Prize is a Henry 30-30, Second Prize is a Henry 30-30, and Third Prize is a Henry 30-30. The District Commanders and State Officers have tickets. Please be sure to buy your tickets early and often.

Tom Gimble State Quartermaster

17. RESOLUTIONS:

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

M. C. "Connie" Agresti Chairman, Resolutions Committee

18. INCORPORATION:

The attention of the Post Commander is directed to section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the procedure for the Incorporation of Units. It is the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections.

19. ROSTER UPDATES:

VFW Post 4809 Jr. Vice Commander David C. Alexander 6 Battlefield Woods Ct Apt C Chesapeake, VA 23322 757-574-3564 <u>cwo1967@yahoo.com</u>

VFW Post 6364 Commander Richard Lyons 436 Emerald Circle Emerald Isle, NC 28594 910-650-7271 irishpiratetradingco@yahoo.com

VFW Post 6364 Sr. Vice Commander Morris Bridger 9304 Three Chopt Rd Richmond, VA 23229 804-398-0914 <u>m.randall.bridger@gmail.com</u>

VFW Post 6364 Jr. Vice Commander Michael Purcell 1602 Westover Hills Blvd Richmond, VA 23225 804-232-7781 mr_purcell67@hotmail.com VFW Post 8467 Commander Ronald Weiss 255 Bluegrass Rd Woolwine, VA 24185 276-692-4906

VFW Post 8467 Sr. Vice Commander Hampton McPherson 589 Raven Den Ln Woolwine, VA 24185 276-930-2679

VFW Post 846 Jr. Vice Commander Kris Blankenship 116 Mountain View Hts Stuart, VA 24171 757-773-9945 keblankenship1@gmail.com

VFW Post 9382 Quartermaster Victor Goodman 1207 Tatem Ave Portsmouth, VA 23701 757-488-1723 vicgoodman@verizon.net

20. SPECIAL ORDER 130:

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 James H. Sanders, Membership No. 5119244, be removed from the rolls of Northern Neck Post No. 7167, Warsaw, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

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

21. TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

K-5th grade: Janice E Ricci; Ocean Lakes Elementary School, Virginia Beach, VA; sponsored by Post 4809 6th-8th grade: Fawn Papastavrou: Admiral Richard E Byrd Middle School, Winchester, VA; sponsored by Post 3123 9th-12th grade: James W Eccleston; Gloucester High School, Gloucester, VA; sponsored by Post 8252

22. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

First Place – McKenna S. Christmas, Stafford H.S., Stafford, VA (District 8, Post 3103 Fredericksburg) Second Place – Benton P. McFadden, Dinwiddie H.S., Dinwiddie, VA (District 4, Post 12145) Third Place – Olivia G. Boomer, Homeschooler, Smithville, VA (District 2, Post 8545 Smithfield)

23. VFW RIDERS:

Comrades,

July 2019 the VFW Riders Virginia are going to ride to the VFW National Convention in Orlando, FL. Our goal is to raise money to carry to the VFW National Convention's Howard E. Vander Clute Ride prior to the start of the Convention. Last year we donated \$15,001 from the Department of Virginia, various Posts of Virginia and the VFW Riders Virginia. I am asking for donations from you to help us raise money for the Howard E. Vander Clute Jr. Memorial Motorcycle Ride. The monies raised this year will go to help our veterans through the National Veterans and Military Services program. This year with your help and monies raised by the VFW Riders Virginia we are hoping to surpass last year's numbers.

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

Please send your donations to:

Department of Virginia 403 Lee Jackson Highway Staunton, VA 24401 Earmark your donations VFW Riders Virginia Howard Vander Clute Memorial Ride.

> William J Shepherd VFW Riders Virginia Chairman

24. DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER FUND:

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

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

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

25. SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

In accordance with the National Bylaws, the State Commander has created the position of Deputy State Chief of Staff and has appointed Doug Hoffman, Post 3160, to the position.

By Order of:

Ken Wiseman State Commander State Adjutant

Scout of the Year Program



WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. Awards are as follows:

\$5,000 1st place National scholarship \$3,000 2nd place National scholarship \$1,000 3rd place National scholarship

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only <u>one</u> VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at <u>www.vfw.org/find-a-post</u>.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is *March 1*.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by <u>April 1</u>. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department (state) Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by <u>May 1.</u>

Questions should be directed to 816-756-3390 ext 6155 during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to <u>scouting@vfw.org</u>.

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- Photograph of the Scout must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- School Participation Record a single page, one sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.

Official Entry Form VFW Scout of the Year Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT and submitted DIRECTLY TO A VFW POST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Name: First, M.I., Last				
Address				
City, State, Zip				
() Home Phone	Email			
 Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Scout Troop Number			

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Scout/Venture Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit or was when the award was received and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Unit Leader's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature



Scout of the Year Program

VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE)	
SCOUTING CHAIRMAN	

PHONE: _

	SPONSORING VFW POST
POST NUMI	BER:
ADDRESS:	

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE:

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN DISTRICT #: ______ DISTRICT CDR.:

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION
MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPT (STATE) VFW SCOUTING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT:
SUBMITTED BY:
SIGNATURE:

- **Scouting Record** maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- Community Service Record a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- Letters of Recommendation Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 - In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- **Completed Entry Form** submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at <u>www.vfw.org/find-a-post</u>.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816-756-3390 ext 6155 or e-mail scouting@vfw.org



Veterans of Foreign Wars 816-756-3390 ext 6155





"Four Seasons" SPRING POKER RUN

VFW Riders Virginia

Saturday, 13 APRIL 2019

VFW Post 3160; 111 A View Ave. Norfolk VA

Start at VFW Post 3160 – End at Bayside Harley Davidson

\$15 Per Rider/\$5 Passenger Door Prizes, 50/50, Raffles, Auction

FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS at BAYSIDE HARLEY!



\$6 Breakfast from 8am- 10am
9am – 1030am: Registration
0930am: First Bike Out
1030am: Last Bike Out
Rain OR Shine

DOOR PRIZES!.... RAFFLES! AUCTION!....

Contact <u>VFWRidersOfVirginia@gmail.com</u> with questions All proceeds go to 2019 Howard E Vander Clute Jr. Memorial ride Fund. 100% of proceeds benefit Veterans and their Families.