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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades:

First, I want to congratulate the Department for making All-American. Congratulations to Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 for making All-American.

Congratulations to the following Posts for making All-American: 3219, 5500, 2582, 4411, 4809, 9382, 2239, 9760, 9835, 7726, 1503, 4639, 637, 1184, 4637, 1115, 12179, 9808, 9274, 7916, 7814, 3160, 3103, 2894, 1264, 176, 824, 960, 2123, 2216, 2217, 2296, 2424, 2447, 2719, 3150, 4491, 4522, 4667, 6000, 6364, 7136, 7167, 7969, 8046, 8252, 8469, 8545, 8644, 8652, 9292, 9640, 9696, 10654, 10657, 10826 and 10840.

This just shows what the Department of Virginia is made of! During a global pandemic, we have started three new Posts, eight Districts made All-American, and fifty-seven Posts made All-American!

We are starting off the new year strong! We are having recruiting events and gun shows. We are setting up in front of the stores to get our information out, and we will be back at the state fair to recruit!

This year, for the first time in two years, the recruiting team will be led by Tommy Hines. If we can do what we did this year, with everything being shut down for Covid-19, just think what we can do this year with everything open and all the recruiting possibilities back in place. With all these recruiting chances, we should have more Posts and Districts making All-American.

If you want the Department Auxiliary President or myself to attend an event of yours, please let us know at least two weeks in advance, so we can put it on our calendar.

If you missed getting my shirt at State Convention, please call Angie at headquarters (540) 886-8112. She will help you out.

Thank you for all you do! Full Steam Ahead!

Butch Schupska
State Commander

2. APPOINTMENTS:

COMMITTEES	POSITON	FIRST	LAST	POST
Resolutions Committee	Member	Charles	Bush	3103
Resolutions Committee	Member	Ben	Guinan	1503
Resolutions Committee	Member	Ron	Riffle	4809
Resolutions Committee	Member	Michelle	Swindle	1211

3. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| <p>1st Date: 8/21/21
 SOI: 9:00 AM
 Meeting: To follow SOI
 Location: Post 176 Newport News
 21 Forrest Drive
 Rep: State Surgeon Doug Hoffman</p> | <p>5th Date: 8/21/21
 SOI: 10:00 AM
 Meeting: To follow SOI
 Location: Post 4637 Martinsburg
 327 Old Chatham Road
 Rep: State Cdr Butch Schupska</p> |
| <p>2nd Date: 8/14/21
 SOI: 9:00 AM
 Lunch: Noon
 Meeting: 1:00 PM
 Location: Post 392 Virginia Beach
 2408 Bowland Parkway
 Rep: PDC Eric Mallett</p> | <p>6th Date: 8/8/21
 Meeting: 11:00 AM
 SOI: To follow Meeting
 Location: Post 2157 Bedford
 29B Omaha Beach
 Rep: State JVC Gary Adams</p> |
| <p>3rd Date: 8/14/21
 SOI: 9:00 AM
 Lunch: 11:30 AM
 Meeting: To follow lunch
 Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville
 7168 Flag Lane
 Rep: State Cdr Butch Schupska</p> | <p>7th Date: 8/14/21
 SOI: 9:00 AM
 Lunch: 11:30 PM
 Meeting: To follow lunch
 Location: Post 2447 Edinburg
 100 Veterans Way
 Rep: St. Judge Advocate Mitch Rubenstein</p> |
| <p>4th Date: 8/14/21
 SOI: 9:00 AM
 Meeting: 11:30 AM
 Location: Post 9954 Victoria
 1000 Marshall Avenue
 Rep: State SVC Geoffrey Lyster</p> | <p>8th Date: 8/21/21
 Meeting: 10:00 AM
 Location: Post 2524 Culpeper
 12210 Sperryville Pike
 Rep: State SVC Geoffrey Lyster</p> |
| | <p>9th Date: 9/19/21
 Meeting: 10:00 AM
 Location: Post 4667 Marion
 861 Goolsby Street
 Rep: State JVC Gary Adams</p> |

10th Date: 9/26/21
SOI: 9:00 AM
Lunch: NOON
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503 Dale City
14631 Minnieville Road
Rep:

12th Date: 7/24/21
Registration: 10:30 AM
SOI: 11:00 AM
Meeting: To follow SOI
Location: Post 9830 Damascus
23489 Mountain City Road
State JVC Gary Adams
Rep:

11th Date: 8/21/21
SOI: 9:00 AM
Meeting: To follow SOI
Location: Post 2216 Staunton
212 Frontier Drive
Rep: St. Judge Advocate Mitch Rubenstein

13th Date: 8/8/21
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville
1170 River Road
Rep: St. Judge Advocate Mitch Rubenstein

4. AUDITS:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218(a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter.

5. IMPORTANT DATES:

September 18, 2021 Fall Council of Administration Meeting, State Headquarters (9:00 am)

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.

June 9 - 12, 2022 State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night. Group name "Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2022"; Cut-off Date May 9, 2022.

6. DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

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

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

7. 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. Contact State Headquarters for more info.

8. DELINQUENT:

The following is a list of Posts that are still delinquent in Delegate Fees, Audits and Election Reports:

Dist.	Post	Fees	Election Reports	Dist.	Post	Fees
3	7167	\$6.00		9	7969	\$3.00
3	9501	\$6.00		9	9640	\$15.00
4	5313	\$6.00		10	609	\$15.00
4	12145	\$6.00	need			
4	12200	\$3.00		11	1499	\$9.00
				11	2424	\$6.00
5	7800	\$6.00		11	3136	\$3.00
5	7854	\$9.00		11	4204	\$6.00
5	8467	\$6.00		11	8479	\$3.00
5	10840	\$6.00		11	9339	\$6.00
6	4299	\$6.00		12	4301	\$6.00
6	5311	\$9.00		12	5715	\$15.00
6	5895	\$6.00		12	7360	\$9.00
6	9877	\$6.00		12	8979	\$6.00
				12	9600	\$9.00
7	621	\$15.00		12	9830	\$6.00
7	6044	\$3.00		12	9864	\$6.00
7	8613	\$12.00				
7	9660	\$9.00		13	10295	\$9.00
				13	10574	\$15.00
9	6000	\$15.00				
9	7136	\$12.00				

9. DUTIES OF TRUSTEES:

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

10. 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 shall be the responsibility of the Post

Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

Posts should take the necessary steps to incorporate under the laws of the state in which the Post is located. Financial responsibility laws, as interpreted by the courts, may cause members of unincorporated Posts to be at risk.

Incorporating under the provisions of section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and the laws of the state will provide protection for Post members. Posts are urged to contact their Department Adjutant to obtain the proper forms for incorporating. The Articles of Incorporation must be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief prior to forwarding them to the proper state authorities.

11. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 7th**. 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 username is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW2021!** once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

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

adjpost176@vfwva.org
qmpost176@vfwva.org

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

adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

12. INSPECTIONS:

What is the purpose of Post/District Inspections?

13. 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.

14. JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL:

The mission of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) is to provide advice and assistance to the Governor, General Assembly and the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) on matters of concern to the veterans' community and provides a conduit of information to and from the veterans service organizations on policy and legislation, pending and enacted, as well as information on existing services.

The JLC met on July 14. Commissioner John Maxwell presented an operations update which may be viewed at https://5408868112-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/person/raskin_vfwva_org/ER-Y2M28tNJBhZAnEIHa1QkBI74MGtrHDXhrMWvA8bPxSQ?e=18XqJG.

The body endorsed nine potential initiatives for the 2021 legislative session. Of note, an initiative put forward by the Marine Corps League to protect Color Guard Firing Parties from possible prosecution aligns with a VFW Department of Virginia resolution, passed at the State Convention, to do the same.

We are also working to help widowed spouses who have lost benefits because their spouses "*died of Active Duty*" but were not killed in action. This initiative also includes non-combat related deaths that occurred in theatre. The initiatives will be prioritized and finalized at the September JLC meeting.

Rick Raskin
 Past State Commander
 JLC Representative

15. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

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

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

What will your Legacy be?

16. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. This edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

17. PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM:

Have You Heard About the VFW's Partners in Patriotism? The VFW has an option that allows you to support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate the fundraising mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. Once you join the VFW's Partners in Patriotism, you will only receive the Quarterly Supporter newsletters to keep you informed of the many efforts your monthly gifts are making possible, and a Year End Tax Receipt mailed by the end of January. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact Donor Services in the VFW Development Department at 1.833.VFW.GIVE (1.833.839.4483) or email us at partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

18. PATRIOT DAY:

SEPTEMBER 11. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11, is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States. For flags and other patriotic items, click here vfwstore.org/category/patriotic/miscpatriotic.

19. POST OFFICER'S DUTIES:

Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

20. PURCHASING BUDDY POPPIES:

For many years, the courtesy of allowing Posts to buy Poppies and to pay later was something that was extended as a way to help Posts. However, we have started to see too many Posts still owe for Poppies at the end of the year because of not paying their bill. Effective May 30, 2019, Posts must pay before they can receive Poppies. We will continue to accept payment by check, or you can call and order over the phone with State Headquarters by using a credit or debit card. An order form can be found on the State website under Resources, then Forms.

Ed Mann
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

21. REPORTING:

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

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

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

22. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY THEMES:

The 2021-22 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic. The Voice of Democracy theme will be "**America: Where do we go from here?**" and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "**How can I be a good American?**"

23. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 249:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of their membership upon the ascertainment of their desire to no longer be affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of Thomas W. Rinehart, Life Membership No. 10977240, be removed from the rolls of Lunenburg County Post No. 9954, Victoria, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States vacated per member's request.

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

24. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 264:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 212 of the National Bylaws, the charter of Midlothian Post No. 1426, Midlothian, Virginia, mustered March 27, 1926, is hereby revoked and the Post declared defunct for having less than ten (10) members. Such cancellation includes a revocation of the right to use all trademarks and service marks, including the name, emblems/insignia, seals and logos, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

The Commander, Department of Virginia, will at once recover the charter, rituals, paraphernalia and all monies and other property of the Post in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.

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

25. VFW FRIENDS OF FREEDOM:

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

26. VVF POST HOME IMPROVEMENT AND ASSISTANCE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform improvements on your Post home. The grant, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide ten (10) grants worth up to \$1,000 for the 2021-2022 year. The requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, the application is due no later than November 30, 2021. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

27. VVF COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform community service. The grant, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 for the 2021-2022 year. Should any money remain after the twelve (12) grants are paid out, those not selected in the first round of grants will be considered a second time. The requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, the application is due no later than November 30, 2021. Posts **AND** Auxiliaries can apply for this grant, but only one grant will be given to an individual Post or their Auxiliary, regardless of who applies. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

28. 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 appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1620421775100&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

To book via phone, please call Central Reservations at 1-888-839-1775 and ask for the 'VFW' group rate.

29. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

Since my last report, I have presented six lapel pins to Vietnam War veterans – two at the Nation's Gun show on June 19th, one to a veteran I encountered at a supermarket in Warrenton, and three others who were attending a bowling tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana where I encountered them. One of them was a resident of Virginia Beach, small world. No more Posts in the Department are recorded as having become Commemorative Partners. The number remains 22 Posts, District 11 HQ & State HQ.

The National Convention (July 31-August 3) will consider a proposed change to the Ritual submitted by the Department of Virginia to add March 29 – National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day to the list of commemorative tribute dates recognized by the VFW.

As stated last month, I intend to recognize those who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War in these reports. Leading off is Lieutenant Colonel William A. Jones, III, USAF of Charlottesville, VA. Colonel Jones earned his CMH on September 1st, 1968 while assigned to the 602nd Special Operations Squadron and was leading a flight of four A-1H Skyraider aircraft on an escort mission. The flight was accompanying two helicopters in search of the pilot of a downed F4 Phantom. The citation accompanying his Medal of Honor reads as follows:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Col. Jones distinguished himself as the pilot of an [A-1H Skyraider](#) aircraft near Dong Hoi, North Vietnam. On that day, as the on-scene commander in the attempted rescue of a downed U.S. pilot, Col. Jones' aircraft was repeatedly hit by heavy and accurate [antiaircraft](#) fire. On one of his low passes, Col. Jones felt an explosion beneath his aircraft and his [cockpit](#) rapidly filled with smoke. With complete disregard of the possibility that his aircraft might still be burning, he unhesitatingly continued his search for the downed pilot. On this pass, he sighted the survivor and a multiple-barrel gun position firing at him from near the top of a [karst](#) formation. He could not attack the gun position on that pass for fear he would endanger the downed pilot. Leaving himself exposed to the gun position, Col. Jones attacked the position with cannon and rocket fire on 2 successive passes. On his second pass, the aircraft was hit with multiple rounds of automatic weapons fire. One round impacted the [Yankee Extraction System](#) [rocket](#) mounted directly behind the headrest, igniting the rocket. His aircraft was observed to burst into flames in the center [fuselage](#) section, with flames engulfing the cockpit area. He pulled the extraction handle, jettisoning the [canopy](#). The influx of fresh air made the fire burn with greater intensity for a few moments, but since the rocket motor had already burned, the extraction system did not pull Col. Jones from the aircraft. Despite searing pains from severe burns sustained on his arms, hands, neck, shoulders, and face, Col. Jones pulled his aircraft into a climb and attempted to transmit the location of the downed pilot and the enemy gun position to the other aircraft in the area. His calls were blocked by other aircraft transmissions repeatedly directing him to bail out and within seconds his transmitters were disabled and he could receive only on 1 channel. Completely disregarding his injuries, he elected to fly his crippled aircraft back to his base and pass on essential information for the rescue rather than bail out. Col. Jones successfully landed his heavily damaged aircraft and passed the information to a debriefing officer while on the operating table. As a result of his heroic actions and complete disregard for his personal safety, the downed pilot was rescued later in the day. Col. Jones' profound concern for his fellow man at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Air Force and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.

Promoted to Colonel, he survived his wounds but died on November 15, 1969 as the result of an aircraft accident. The Medal was presented to his widow by President Nixon on August 6, 1970.

Jeff Dombroff
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee Chairman

30. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

The Voice of Democracy program, instituted in 1947, has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. Annually, nearly 64,500 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Written and recorded audio essays are submitted by each applicant and address an annual patriotic theme. The 2021 theme is, "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" The contest is open to students in grades 9-12. More specific information, including rules, forms, and brochures are available at <http://www.vfw.org>.

Because of unexpected Covid 19 school closures we must be more creative this year when recruiting applicants for the Voice of Democracy contest. Please consider using social media, and electronic communication with school administrators and teachers, as well as traditional methods.

2021-2022 Voice of Democracy Reporting Deadlines

31 October 2021 Student entries due at the Post
15 November 2021 Completion of Post judging
05 December 2021 Completion of District judging
18 December 2021 Department VOD Selection Board
10 January 2022 Completion of Department Judging
15 January 2022 District Participation Reports due for Department Chairman
15 January 2022 Department winners due for National

Awards will be presented to the top three Department winners at the Department Winter Council meeting on Saturday, 8 January 2022 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Please send complete application packets to the Department VOD Chairman to include the completed Official Student Entry form with all appropriate signatures, a typed transcript, an audio CD or flash drive and a photograph of the District winner. Make sure your flash drive or CD is properly recorded and playable before sending it. Incomplete application packets will disqualify your candidate from District and Department judging. District Chairmen are expected to complete and send out the District Participation Report in a timely manner. It should be received by the Department VOD Chairman, which is required for his Department Report NLT Saturday, 15 January 2022.

The District first place winning submissions should be mailed to the Department VOD Chairman Louis Filippone at 15608 Jillians Forest Way, Centreville, Virginia 20120.

You are strongly encouraged to send your application packets by UPS, Fed Ex, or USPS return receipt. You are also advised to keep a duplicate copy of the complete application packet on hand. The Department VOD Chairman must receive your submissions NLT Friday, 17 December 2021. The Department VOD Selection Board will be held on Saturday, 18 December 2021, location to be announced. Possible teleconference format judging is being considered.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards

The top three finalists will be invited to the Winter Council Luncheon in Portsmouth, Virginia on Saturday, 08 January 2022. All three finalists will receive their awards and present their essays at the awards banquet. The first-place winner will receive a minimum of \$2,000.00 from the Department along with \$500.00 from the Commander's Club and an additional check from the Auxiliary. The second-place winner will receive a minimum of \$1,000.00, and the third-place winner will receive a minimum of \$500.00. Additional donations are expected this year. The Post that sponsors the Department's first place winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy at the Department Convention in June 11, 2022. Should you require any assistance or additional information regarding the 2021-2022 Voice of Democracy program, or its administration please contact me directly at (703)477-2274 or email at drlouortho@aol.com.

Please be advised all dates and venues are subject to change as a result of unforeseen Covid 19 restrictions.

Louis Filippone
Voice of Democracy Program Chairman

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Butch Schupski
State Commander

The Military Order of the Cootie is recognized as a subordinate and auxiliary order to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. It shall be considered as the "Honor Degree" of the parent organization and shall be governed by and under the control of the National Convention, the National Council of Administration, and the Commander-in-Chief.

Our service program is described as a directive to "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White." Each year the Cooties volunteer thousands of hours of time worth over ten million dollars to Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) hospitals and domiciliaries throughout the United States. This work, in addition to the hours of service donated as active members of the VFW, set the members of the MOC apart as Foreign Service and Combat Veterans who are fully engaged in their communities.

Eligibility is determined through being active members for at least 6-months in a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and through completion of satisfactory service on a Post committee or satisfactory performance of Post duties or participating actively as a leader of post functions.

If you are interested in learning more about what it takes to become a Cootie reach out to grandcdr@vfwva.org.

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Ronnie Steele

Commander

Grand of Virginia

Military Order of the Cootie





DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
TRAVELERS CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA



Dear Comrade Commander:

Application for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage

August 1, 2021

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns the bond of your Unit Quartermaster. Section 703 of our National By-Laws requires that each accountable officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety and the By-Laws places the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. In any business it is customary to bond any officer handling funds. **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER MUST BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES. THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 218 OF THE NATIONAL MANUAL OF PROCEDURES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a schedule bond for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. This bond runs for a year – from September 1 to August 31 – premium payments are made on that basis. All bonds expire on August 31 and premium for New Year is due on September 1.

Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a bond with some other surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters schedule bond. But the matter should be given prompt attention because if your Accountable Officer had previously been bonded through the National Headquarters, **a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2021 and delinquent after this date.**

IF BOND IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2021, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.

COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRE THAT:

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each “employee and/ or volunteer”.

If the above is not complied with, the Surety Company will refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.

2. The Surety Company will not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an “employee” to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.

3. “Employee” means any duly elected position or any appointed officer as listed in the policy schedule.

4. POST MUST SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FORM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DATE OF DISCOVERY OF THE LOSS. Proof of loss resulting from dishonest acts on the part of the bonded officer is required in settlement of claims.

THIS BOND IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 TO AUGUST 31, 2022.

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2022.

RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

 Give Post # and City Location

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft (Bond) in the amount of \$ _____ for the position
 of _____. For the year from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Number of Persons Bonded: 1 Number of Locations: 1 **Post Annual Income:** \$ _____ Dated: _____.

Has the post had any bond losses over the past three years? _____.
 If yes, provide a description with date and amount of loss on a separate sheet.

DEADLINE FOR BONDING IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – AFTER THIS DATE YOU WILL BE DELIQUENT AND NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE VFW BY-LAWS.

 QM or Commander or Adjutant or Sr. Vice Signature

 Phone Number

 Street Address and City

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND

\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$ 3,000.----\$10.50
 \$ 4,000.----\$14.00
 \$ 5,000.----\$17.50
 \$ 6,000.----\$21.00
 \$ 7,000.----\$24.50
 \$ 8,000.----\$28.00
 \$ 9,000.----\$31.50
 \$ 10,000.----\$35.00
 \$ 11,000.----\$38.50
 \$ 12,000.----\$42.00
 \$ 13,000.----\$45.50
 \$ 14,000.----\$49.00
 \$ 15,000.----\$52.50
 \$ 16,000.----\$56.00
 \$ 17,000.----\$59.50
 \$ 18,000.----\$63.00
 \$ 19,000.----\$66.50
 \$ 20,000.----\$70.00
 \$ 21,000.----\$73.50
 \$ 22,000.----\$77.00
 \$ 23,000.----\$80.50
 \$ 24,000.----\$84.00
 \$ 25,000.----\$87.50

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)
 \$3.50 Per Thousand

\$2.50 Per Thousand

\$ 26,000.----\$ 65.00
 \$ 27,000.----\$ 67.50
 \$ 28,000.----\$ 70.00
 \$ 29,000.----\$ 72.50
 \$ 30,000.----\$ 75.00
 \$ 40,000.----\$ 100.00
 \$ 50,000.----\$ 125.00
 \$ 60,000.----\$ 150.00
 \$ 70,000.----\$ 175.00
 \$ 80,000.----\$ 200.00
 \$ 90,000.----\$ 225.00
 \$100,000.----\$ 250.00
 \$110,000.----\$ 275.00
 \$120,000.----\$ 300.00
 \$130,000.----\$ 325.00
 \$140,000.----\$ 350.00
 \$150,000.----\$ 375.00
 \$160,000.----\$ 400.00
 \$170,000.----\$ 425.00
 \$180,000.----\$ 450.00
 \$190,000.----\$ 475.00
 \$200,000.----\$ 500.00
 \$210,000.----\$ 525.00
 \$220,000.----\$ 550.00
 \$230,000.----\$ 575.00
 \$240,000.----\$ 600.00
 \$250,000.----\$ 625.00

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)
 \$2.50 Per Thousand

\$2.00 Per Thousand

\$251,000.----\$ 502.00
 \$252,000.----\$ 504.00
 \$253,000.----\$ 506.00
 \$254,000.----\$ 508.00
 \$255,000.----\$ 510.00
 \$256,000.----\$ 512.00
 \$257,000.----\$ 514.00
 \$258,000.----\$ 516.00
 \$259,000.----\$ 518.00
 \$260,000.----\$ 520.00
 \$270,000.----\$ 540.00
 \$280,000.----\$ 560.00
 \$290,000.----\$ 580.00
 \$300,000.----\$ 600.00
 \$310,000.----\$ 620.00
 \$320,000.----\$ 640.00
 \$330,000.----\$ 660.00
 \$340,000.----\$ 680.00
 \$350,000.----\$ 700.00
 \$360,000.----\$ 720.00
 \$370,000.----\$ 740.00
 \$380,000.----\$ 760.00
 \$390,000.----\$ 780.00
 \$400,000.----\$ 800.00
 \$410,000.----\$ 820.00
 \$420,000.----\$ 840.00
 \$430,000.----\$ 860.00
 \$440,000.----\$ 880.00
 \$450,000.----\$ 900.00
 \$460,000.----\$ 920.00
 \$470,000.----\$ 940.00
 \$480,000.----\$ 960.00
 \$490,000.----\$ 980.00
 \$500,000.----\$ 1,000.00

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)
 \$2.00 Per Thousand

\$1.75 Per Thousand

\$501,000.---\$ 876.75
 \$502,000.---\$ 878.50
 \$503,000.---\$ 880.25
 \$504,000.---\$ 882.00
 \$505,000.---\$ 883.75
 \$506,000.---\$ 885.50
 \$507,000.---\$ 887.25
 \$508,000.---\$ 889.00
 \$509,000.---\$ 890.85
 \$510,000.---\$ 892.50
 \$520,000.---\$ 910.00
 \$530,000.---\$ 927.50
 \$540,000.---\$ 945.00
 \$550,000.---\$ 962.50
 \$560,000.---\$ 980.00
 \$570,000.---\$ 997.50
 \$580,000.---\$1,015.00
 \$590,000.---\$1,032.50
 \$600,000.---\$1,050.00

(\$501,000. And UP)
 \$1.75 Per Thousand



Tallman Insurance

A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Dishonesty Bond)
VFW APPLICATION FOR CLUB EMPLOYEES &
BINGO TO BE COMPLETED BY BONDED
INDIVIDUAL

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

Bond Term: October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022

1. a) Name of Post Post #

b) Post Address

2. a) Name of Person to be Bonded

3. Position to be Bonded Bond Requested \$

4. Number of Persons Bonded 1

5. Number of Locations 1

6. Post Annual Income

7. Has the post had any bond losses over the past three years?

If Yes, provide a description along with the date and amount of loss.

8. a) Have you ever been bankrupt or insolvent?

b) If yes, please give details in a separate confidential letter to the Insurance Company

9. a) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? (Other than Traffic Violations)

b) If yes, explain

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If this is a replacement for a current position bonded, please advise what person you are replacing

.

Signed this day of , .
(day) (month) (year)

Signature: Person to be Bonded

VFW CANTEEN MANAGERS AND CANTEEN EMPLOYEES
 BINGO MANAGERS, GAMING MANAGERS AND GAMING WORKERS
 RATE SCHEDULE

\$6.00 PER THOUSAND

\$ 1,000.-----	\$ 6.00
\$ 2,000.-----	\$ 12.00
\$ 3,000.-----	\$ 18.00
\$ 4,000.-----	\$ 24.00
\$ 5,000.-----	\$ 30.00
\$ 6,000.-----	\$ 36.00
\$ 7,000.-----	\$ 42.00
\$ 8,000.-----	\$ 48.00
\$ 9,000.-----	\$ 54.00
\$10,000.-----	\$ 60.00
\$11,000.-----	\$ 66.00
\$12,000.-----	\$ 72.00
\$13,000.-----	\$ 78.00
\$14,000.-----	\$ 84.00
\$15,000.-----	\$ 90.00
\$16,000.-----	\$ 96.00
\$17,000.-----	\$102.00
\$18,000.-----	\$108.00
\$19,000.-----	\$114.00
\$20,000.-----	\$120.00
\$21,000.-----	\$126.00
\$22,000.-----	\$132.00
\$23,000.-----	\$138.00
\$24,000.-----	\$144.00
\$25,000.-----	\$150.00

\$4.00 PER THOUSAND

\$26,000.-----	\$104.00
\$27,000.-----	\$108.00
\$28,000.-----	\$112.00
\$29,000.-----	\$116.00
\$30,000.-----	\$120.00
\$31,000.-----	\$124.00
\$32,000.-----	\$128.00
\$33,000.-----	\$132.00
\$34,000.-----	\$136.00
\$35,000.-----	\$140.00
\$36,000.-----	\$144.00
\$37,000.-----	\$148.00
\$38,000.-----	\$152.00
\$39,000.-----	\$156.00
\$40,000.-----	\$160.00
\$41,000.-----	\$164.00
\$42,000.-----	\$168.00
\$43,000.-----	\$172.00
\$44,000.-----	\$176.00
\$45,000.-----	\$180.00
\$46,000.-----	\$184.00
\$47,000.-----	\$188.00
\$48,000.-----	\$192.00
\$49,000.-----	\$196.00
\$50,000.-----	\$200.00

\$3.00 PER THOUSAND

\$ 51,000.-----	\$153.00
\$ 52,000.-----	\$156.00
\$ 53,000.-----	\$159.00
\$ 54,000.-----	\$162.00
\$ 55,000.-----	\$165.00
\$ 56,000.-----	\$168.00
\$ 57,000.-----	\$171.00
\$ 58,000.-----	\$174.00
\$ 59,000.-----	\$177.00
\$ 60,000.-----	\$180.00
\$ 61,000.-----	\$183.00
\$ 62,000.-----	\$186.00
\$ 63,000.-----	\$189.00
\$ 64,000.-----	\$192.00
\$ 65,000.-----	\$195.00
\$ 66,000.-----	\$198.00
\$ 67,000.-----	\$201.00
\$ 68,000.-----	\$204.00
\$ 69,000.-----	\$207.00
\$ 70,000.-----	\$210.00
\$ 71,000.-----	\$213.00
\$ 72,000.-----	\$216.00
\$ 73,000.-----	\$219.00
\$ 74,000.-----	\$222.00
\$ 75,000.-----	\$225.00
\$ 80,000.-----	\$240.00
\$ 85,000.-----	\$255.00
\$ 90,000.-----	\$270.00
\$ 95,000.-----	\$285.00
\$100,000.-----	\$300.00



**VFW 122nd National Convention
Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City Convention Center
July 31-August 3, 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

Arrivals

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

VFW and VFW Auxiliary Registration at Marriott and Loews Hotels

Saturday, July 31, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VFW/Registration

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Council Committee on Appeals

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

National Veterans Service Advisory Committee

10:00 a.m. – 12Noon

Budget and Finance Committee

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

National Council of Administration Meeting

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Various Workshops

6:30 p.m.

NVS Resolutions Sub-Committee Chairmen & Vice Chairmen

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Commanders meeting

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Sr Vice Commanders meeting

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Jr Vice Commanders meeting

Sunday, August 1, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VFW Registration

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VFW Internal Exhibits

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Conference Meetings

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Various Workshops

Committee Meetings:

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

Office 816.756.3390
Fax 816.968.1157

WASHINGTON OFFICE

200 Maryland Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Office 202.543.2239
Fax 202.543.6719

info@vfw.org
www.vfw.org

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

Monday, August 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Internal Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Business Session
1:30-4:00 p.m. Business Session
4:30-6:00 p.m. New Council Members Orientation

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

8: a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Business Session
Nomination/Election/Installation of National Officers
National Council of Administration (*immediately following
installation*)

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Departures

Updated: 5/12/2021 11:24 AM



VFW SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



Conference dates:
November 17th-21st
2021

Reservation dates:
November 14th-23rd
2021

130 Shipyard Dr.
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
843-842-2400

sonesta.com/hiltonheadisland

Room Rate: \$ 139.00 + tax per night

Southern Conference Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021	Registration
	S.C. Hospitality Room
	Silent Auction
Friday, Nov. 19, 2021	Morning Colors –Paris Is.
	Golf Tournament
	Registration
	Vendor Service
	Silent Auction
	Auxiliary Meeting
	Memorial Service
	S. C. Reception
Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021	Silent Auction
	Registration
	Officer Breakfast's
	Joint Opening Ceremony
	VFW Business Meeting
	VFW Auxiliary Meeting
	Candidates Reception
	Banquet
Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021	Departures

Southern Conference 2021
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States & Auxiliary
November 17 to November 21, 2021

<https://vfwsc.org>

Pre Registration Fee \$75.00

Due to Department of South Carolina by November 5, 2021

On Site Registration Fee \$85.00

Covers: Banquet, SC Hospitality Room, and Entertainment

(Payment by Credit Card will have an additional transaction fee)

Registration #1

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration #2

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

VFWSC

Mail all documents to:

VFW Department of South Carolina

210 Glassmaster Rd.

Lexington, SC 29072

Or Email to: admin@vfwsc.org



Conference Polo Shirts
 Men's \$33.00 Ladies \$30.00

Men's (pocket)	S	M	L	XL
Ladies (no pocket)	S	M	L	XL
Men's (pocket)	S	M	L	XL
Ladies (no pocket)	S	M	L	XL

Men S - 4XL Lady S - 3XL Circle your selection

Morning Colors at Parris Island Marine Corps Recruiting Center

No. of Persons in party. _____ Print each name and Date of Birth for security.

Name	DOB
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Banquet Choices

Entrée A: Chicken Scallopini _____

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Entrée B: Center Cut Sirloin _____

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Entrée C: Roasted Veg. Pasta _____

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Entrée D: Fruit Plate: _____

Entrée D: Fruit Plate: _____

Includes Salad, Fresh Bread & Butter,
Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Water.

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Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Water.

Please mark your preference.

Please mark your preference.

Name:

Name:

Southern Conference 2021

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary
November 17 – 20, 2021

Request for Transportation

A courtesy shuttle will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of South Carolina from the Hilton Head Airport to the Sonesta Resort.

Make your air travel plans to Hilton Head Airport, not the Savannah/Hilton Head Airport. The Airport Identifier is HHH South Carolina.

Please complete the form below for the Department of South Carolina to make sure they have enough shuttles available to make a good schedule for pick up with as little lag time as possible.

Name: _____ Airlines: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight#: _____

Departure Date: _____ Time: _____ Flight#: _____

How many to pick up: _____

Mail form to: VFW, Department of South Carolina
210 Glassmaster Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Phone Number: 803-808-0317

Email: admin@vfwsc.org

Join us for a day on the links!

“Ship Yard Golf Club”

Galleon/ Clipper

18 Holes

9:00 AM Shotgun Start / Scramble Start

Longest Drive Contest

Closest to the Pin Contest

\$110 per Player

Includes Green Fees, Cart Fees, Range Balls, Course Contests.

Club Rental - \$49.00 includes 1 sleeve of 6 Titlist Balls.

Golf Tournament

Team Name : _____

No. of Players: _____

Department: _____

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Mulligans can be purchased at 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00.

2021 Southern Conference Publication

Full Page Black & White Ad - \$50.00

Full Page Color Ad - \$100.00

Inside Back Cover Ad - \$150.00

Back Cover Ad - \$200.00

Please contact Kate Brock at 803-808-0417

Mon - Thurs, 8 AM to 4 PM EST.

with any and all questions.

Prepared ads can be sent via email to admin@vfwsc.org .

Ads may be submitted as Publisher, JPG, PNG or word files,

Please, no PDF files.

We will be happy to help you put an ad together.

Signage for the golf tournament is available for \$100.

Please forward inquiries to admin@vfwsc.org

Comrades:

My name is Harold Milton Schupska, (aka), Butch. I am announcing my candidacy for National Council member for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2022-2026. I was in the Navy from 1972-1975, then came back into the Navy in 1979. I married Peggy Ann Barchaniwcz on July 18, 1983. We have no children, but we spoil nieces and nephews and then send them home. I retired from the Navy on September 30, 1996 as a First-Class Boiler Technician (SW). My wife Peggy and I reside in Norfolk, Virginia.



I joined the VFW in 1989 at Ocean View Post 3160 became involved with the Military Order of the Cooties, reaching the title of Seam Squirrel four times. In 2002 I became Junior Vice Commander of Post 3160. In 2003-2004 I was Senior Vice Commander and then in 2004-2005, I became Post Commander. As Post Commander I received the distinguished All-State Commander award and made All American Commander. In 2008-2009, I was elected as the Grand Commander of the Military Order of the Cooties. From 2010-2013, I was elected Post Commander again, and was an All-American Commander all three terms, and All-State two of the three terms.

In 2016, I ran for Department Surgeon and from 2017 until the present, I have made my way up the chairs and am the 2021-2022 Department Commander.

I will give this Department my all to ensure that Virginia continues to lead the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "Full Steam Ahead for Vets".

I hope I can count on your support at state convention in June of 2022.



Harold Milton Schupska (AKA) Butch



Vote Ken Wiseman for National Council of Administration!

An Experienced Leader For Virginia!



Endorsed by current National Councilman Tom Gimble!

The National Council of Administration oversees the National HQs of the VFW and Virginia needs someone to represent our interests and help oversee national-level efforts. With a multi-million dollar budget, important programs, and a future that must be as great as our past, we need experience and knowledge in the person holding this position.

As an All-American Past State Commander and All-American Past State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Ken knows firsthand Virginia's relationship with the National HQs and will fight to protect the more than \$175,000 Virginia gets annually from the National HQs. Ken knows the importance of Service Officers having been one and he sees the help they give veterans as a cornerstone of the VFW. Ken spent three years working in the VFW's D.C. office and knows well our fight on Capitol Hill and the need to support all VFW employees in their efforts to fulfill our mission.

Most importantly, Ken understands the challenges faced by our Posts. Having served multiple times as a Post Commander and Post Quartermaster and earning All-American and All-State honors along the way, Ken believes Posts are the most important level of the organization and should be supported as such. Ken will work to ensure that the National HQs empowers and strengthens Posts, not make it harder for them to succeed.

Vote for experience and continued advocacy!

Mark P. Maggio

Candidate for the Office of State Surgeon 2022-23



Comrades my name is Mark Maggio and I am running for State Surgeon. I moved from New York to Virginia in 2003. I have served in a variety of positions since living in Virginia and most recently served as the State Chief of Staff for Commander Eric Mallete. In my positions with the Posts, Districts and State, I have accumulated experience in the business of the VFW and feel that I am ready to serve my fellow comrades as a state officer and eventually State Commander. My goals are to continue the work that has been done by the state over the years growing the membership and reaching out to new members, and continuing to make the VFW a strong voice for veterans.

I enlisted in the Army November of 1982 and went to Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. I served as a Smoke Generator Operator until receiving my commission from Hofstra University in May 1986 as a Chemical Officer. I served as a platoon leader and executive officer of the 363rd Chemical Company and was transferred to the 318th Movement Control Agency just prior to deploying to Saudi Arabia for Desert Shield and Storm. During Operation Desert Storm I served as Freight Movements Officer from October 1990 till July of 1991. I returned home and went on to the Transportation Officer Advanced Course then went on to serve as a Company Commander of the 623rd Transportation Company. I then served in various staff assignment in the 354th and 436th Transportation Battalions. I later served with the 1179th Transportation Brigade and the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command where I served tours in both Afghanistan and Iraq. In Iraq I was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for establishing a redeployment system that streamlined the process of units moving in and out of theater while minimizing the disruption of the change over operations and combat operations.

While serving in Post 4639 I served as Jr and Sr Vice Commander becoming Commander in 2010. I was an All State Commander in my first year. In 2018 I was elected District 3 Commander and was an All American District Commander in my first year and a All State District Commander in my second. In 2018 11 of the 15 posts in the district made All State and 7 made All American. I was asked by Commander Mallete to be his Chief of Staff and worked in that position during the 2020-21 term. I am a member of the State Honor Guard and I am currently the Treasurer of the Commanders Club. I am also a member of the Military Order of the Cooties, where I currently serve as the Sky Pilot.

I am currently employed by the United States Army working at Fort Eustis for the Future Concepts Center under the Army Futures Command. I have been a civilian employee of the Department of the Army since 2010. My girlfriend Rosanne is a member of the Auxilliary and her father was a victim of Agent Orange which took his life in 2001. I have lost several comrades who served in Vietnam to Agent Orange and cancer. I have lost comrades to suicide as well. It is the remembrance of those lives that drive me to a voice for veterans whose voice may be lost in the din of competing voices for Government resources and aid. I want to be the voice that breaks through and helps them get the aid that they fought for and sacrificed for. We must always remain vigilant and never assume our work is finished. No one does more for Veterans than the VFW, must not just be a slogan but our lives work. Thank you Comrades for your consideration.

Fraternally,

Mark P. Maggio
757-879-7724 - Cell
Mmaggio39@gmail.com

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant

The purpose of the VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant is to assist VFW Posts in Virginia who need assistance with funding projects to improve, expand, or repair their Post home as well as assisting those Posts in financial need. There will be ten (10) grants worth up to \$1,000 each for the 2021-2022 year. All requirements must be met or the Post will be required to return the grant, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances.

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) If funding a project, it must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022. Post must submit a thorough justification for the grant.
- 2) If asking for emergency assistance, the Post must explain the reason for the emergency and provide a plan for how the Post will raise money in the future and prepare for future problems.
- 3) The VFW Post in question must have a current non-profit status on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and must provide the IRS paperwork proving this.
- 4) The Post must be in good standing with the VFW National and Department Headquarters.
- 5) If funding a project, the Post must own or lease the Post and must provide a copy of the documents showing either ownership or a current lease. For Posts who lease the property, there must be at least 2 years remaining on the lease to receive a grant.
- 6) The Post must not allow smoking in their Post building but may use the grant to repair damage after voting to ban smoking. A ban on smoking is defined as no smoking allowed inside the building of the Post home. It may be allowed outside of the building.
- 7) Receipts for the project or bills covered by the assistance requested must be provided and payment of the grant will not occur until this is done with all payments coming after project completion or for bills already paid.
- 8) Should the project costs or assistance requested total less than \$1,000 once complete, the balance of the grant will not be paid. Additional projects may not be added to an approved grant. Alterations to an approved grant require approval by the Virginia Veterans Foundation before the grant can be claimed.
- 9) The VFW Post receiving the grant must agree to allow the VFW Department of Virginia and Virginia Veterans Foundation the opportunity to promote the funded project on social media, in official communications, and in other forms of marketing.
- 10) The grant will only cover materials and the Post is responsible for providing labor. This can be done through paying for labor or by doing the work themselves.
- 11) All decisions on grants are final and will be made by the Board of Directors for the Virginia Veterans Foundation.
- 12) Funding from this grant program may be combined with other grants but the total of the funding received cannot exceed actual costs and the amount received from this grant may be reduced accordingly.

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant

Official Grant Application

(All questions must be answered in full)

Name and number of the Post: _____

Post mailing address: _____

Physical address of the Post: _____

Post Commander name, phone number, and email address: _____

Post Quartermaster name, phone number, and email address: _____

Estimated cost of the project or assistance requested: _____

How will labor be provided?: _____

On a separate page, give either a description of the project to be completed or justification for assistance requested. For emergency assistance, also include in your description a plan for how the Post will raise money in the future and prepare for future problems.

By signing below, you acknowledge the requirements of the grant program. Furthermore, you acknowledge that you have provided all needed documents and that the decision on this grant application rests solely with the Virginia Veterans Foundation. Finally, you agree to provide all needed receipts for the project and to cooperate with the Virginia Veterans Foundation and the VFW Department of Virginia in promoting the project and grant.

Post Commander: _____ Post Quartermaster: _____

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Community Service Grant

The purpose of the VFW Community Service Grant is to assist VFW Posts and Auxiliaries in Virginia who need assistance with funding community service projects. There will be of twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 each for the 2021-2022 year. All requirements must be met, or the grant must be returned, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances.

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) The project must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022.
- 2) The VFW Post or Auxiliary in question must have a current non-profit status on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Post must provide the IRS paperwork proving this.
- 3) The Post or Auxiliary must be in good standing with the VFW National Headquarters and the Department of Virginia.
- 4) If the project is hosted at a building, it must be a non-smoking building regardless of the owner's rules for the use of the building.
- 5) The grant is not to be used for work on a VFW Post home or the property owned by any membership-based organization.
- 6) Receipts for the project must be provided and payment of the grant will not occur until this is done with all payments coming after project completion.
- 7) Should the project costs total less than \$250 once completed, the balance of the grant will not be paid. Additional projects may not be added to an approved grant. Alterations to an approved grant require approval by the Virginia Veterans Foundation before the grant can be claimed.
- 8) The VFW Post or Auxiliary receiving the grant must agree to allow the VFW Department of Virginia and Virginia Veterans Foundation the opportunity to promote the project on social media, in official communications, and in other forms of marketing.
- 9) The grant will only cover materials and the Post is responsible for providing labor. This can be done through paying for labor or by doing the work themselves.
- 10) All decisions on grants are final and will be made by the Board of Directors for the Virginia Veterans Foundation.
- 11) Funding from this grant program may be combined with other grants but the total of the funding received cannot exceed actual costs and the amount received from this grant may be reduced accordingly.
- 12) Only one grant per year will be provided to an individual Post or Auxiliary, regardless of who applies for the grant.

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Community Service Grant

Official Grant Application

(All questions must be answered in full)

Name and number of the Post/Auxiliary: _____

Mailing address: _____

Physical address of the event: _____

Commander/President name, phone number, and email address: _____

Quartermaster/Treasurer name, phone number, and email address: _____

Description of the project to be completed: _____

Estimated cost of the project: _____

How will labor be provided?: _____

By signing below, you acknowledge the requirements of the grant program. Furthermore, you acknowledge that you have provided all needed documents and that the decision on this grant application rests solely with the Virginia Veterans Foundation. Finally, you agree to provide all needed receipts for the project and to cooperate with the Virginia Veterans Foundation and the VFW Department of Virginia in promoting the project and grant.

Commander/President: _____ QM/Treasurer: _____