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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Congratulations to all 2023-2024 Post, and District Commander's and Quartermaster's, and especially to our Immediate Past Department Commander Gary Adams for making All-American. Through your leadership the degree of excellence has been demonstrated again as the bar just keeps getting higher. The end of the 2023-2024 year raised our membership numbers from over 32,000 to just under 34,000 reaching 103.27%, those are very impressive numbers, so Kudo's to all. What that means is we have a lot of work ahead of ourselves if we want to reach the same pinnacle that was achieved last year. I am asking everyone to be a recruiter, to build your Post, your District, which in turn will make our Department stronger. The future of the VFW relies on our strength in numbers, we need to continue to grow and be a force to show that we represent this State of Virginia for our Veterans and their families.

We have so many great members that are truly dedicated to what we the Veterans of Foreign Wars stands for; these members continue to show up and let their presence be seen and heard in Richmond. This selfless service is necessary to achieve the benefits and quality of life for veterans and their families depends on us bringing the fight to those who want to deny us those rights and benefits. Therefore, we must stay strong in order to meet this battle head on.

As SOI's begin and District meetings start to ramp up this month, we need to focus our attention on attendance and participation, there is no reason that should keep a Post from having representation at a meeting. As you read the All-State requirements you will see that more of the Post Line Officers have been added to help meet the

requirement. The Department Line Officers, and your District Commanders are prepared to assist you with the SOI material.

If you have not purchased a shirt and would like to please contact Angie at HQ's by (NLT) September 1st, 2024, the order forms are attached to the G.O. near the back. I look forward to having a great year, but that can only be achieved if we all work together as a team.

Let's get to work!

Yours in Comradeship, and Service,
Mitchell "Mitch" Rubenstein
State Commander

2. APPOINTMENT CORRECTIONS FOR 2024-2025:

COMMITTEES	POSITION	FIRST	Last Name	Post
VFW Riders	Chairman	Rob	Pedersen	3160
VFW Riders	President	Mark	Schockley	3219

3. ALL STATE:

Congratulations to the following Districts and Posts who made All-State since the last list in the General Orders.

VFW Post 10657, District 3, Glen Allen, VA

VFW Post 2524, District 8, Culpeper, VA

4. CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Deus Lo Vult!

Welcome to Edition 2 of the Chaplain's Corner.

This month I had the pleasure of marching with the 10th District Commander on the 4th of July at their Parade in Leesburg. Ever-present was VFW, Legion and Hog Riders. Before we began our foot and motorized march we invoked the protection of Saint Columbanus.



He was an Irish prelate with a very disagreeable personality but, faithfully dogmatic to the rule. This caused him to clash with all the bishops in



Ireland, England and France. He journeyed exclusively throughout France finally reaching the Mediterranean. As he was a great traveler, always in search of helping those on the road, in 2002 Saint Pope John Paul II declared him "The Patron and Protector of Motorcyclists." Post Chaplains and VFW Riders, I simply ask that you remember Saint Columbanus and ask him to protect you and your comrades before you ride, and DON'T FORGET TO FILE THOSE VFW RIDER REPORTS.

Looking forward to visiting each of the Districts over the next year. District Commanders please send me your top two events so I may plan to spend time with each of you.

Coming soon, The Chaplaincy three phased revitalization strategy, as well as some social media plugs. See you at the VFW National Convention in late July 2024!



In Faith,
Robert Ruffolo
State Chaplain

5. DELINQUENT:

Dist.	Post	Fees	Audits
3	8529	9.00	
4	7819	6.00	
4	8446		March (Not Accepted)
4	9855	9.00	
5	873	3.00	March
5	7854	9.00	
5	8467	6.00	
6	4299	6.00	March (Not accepted)
6	5895	3.00	
6	9877	6.00	
7	621	15.00	
7	1860	21.00	
7	8613		Sept Dec March
9	4667		Sept(Not Accepted) Dec March
9	7136		March
10	609	18.00	
10	7327	45.00	
11	9339	6.00	
12	4301	6.00	
12	5715	12.00	
12	6975	21.00	
12	7360	6.00	
12	9830	6.00	
12	9864	6.00	March

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. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1st Date: 8/24/24
 SOI: 9:00 AM
 Meeting: 11:00 AM
 Location: Post 176 Newport News
 21 Forrest Drive
 Rep: St. Chief-of-Staff Butch Schupska

2nd Date: 8/10/24
 SOI: 9:00 AM
 Meeting: To follow SOI
 Location: Post 392 Virginia Beach
 2408 Bowland Parkway
 Rep: St. Chief-of-Staff Butch Schupska

3 rd	Date: 8/10/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane Rep: State Adj/QM Ed Mann	8 th	Date: 8/10/24 Meeting: 9:00 AM SOI: 10:00 AM Location: Post 7728 Morrisville 12496 Harpers Run Rd, Bealeton Rep: St Cmdr Mitch Rubenstein
4 th	Date: 8/10/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM RSOI: To follow Meeting SOI: To follow RSOI Location: Post 8163 Clarksville 7488 Highway 15N Rep: State Inspector Ken Shannon	9 th	Date: 9/14/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2719 Wytheville 250 S 4 th Street Rep: State Judge Advocate Charles Bush
5 th	Date: 8/17/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 1425 Greensboro Road Rep: State SVC Doug Hoffman	10 th	Date: 8/25/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Rd Rep: State Surgeon Randy Coker
6 th	Date: 8/3/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1264 Roanoke 4930 Grandview Avenue NW Rep: State Surgeon Randy Coker	11 th	Date: 8/10/24 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 632 Harrisonburg 450 Waterman Drive Rep: State JVC Mark Maggio
7 th	Date: 8/10/24 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 12:30 PM Location: 9760 Berryville 425 S Buckmarsh St Rep: St Judge Advocate Charles Bush	12 th	Date: 8/3/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 8652 Coeburn 4318 Buckingham Rd Rep: PSC Gary Adams
		13 th	Date: 8/17/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Lunch: Noon SOI: 12:30 PM Location: Post 8947 Mineral 201 Mineral Ave Rep: St. Cmdr Mitch Rubenstein

8. DMV CUSTOM PLATES:

There have been several inquiries to headquarters about the VFW license Plates for vehicles. They are still available and there is an additional fee. To purchase these plates you will need a current or life membership card or a recent dated letter on VFW letterhead from a Post Commander, Adjutant or Quartermaster verifying a good standing membership. Details and fees can be found under www.dmv.virginia.gov then Custom Plates.

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.

Also, 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. **Quarters ending September 2023, December 2023, March 2024 and June 2024 are NOW PAST DUE.**

10. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 21st**. 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 **VFW2024!** 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 # **Please note District Senior Vice Commander's now have an email address**

svdist1@vfwva.org
adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

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. Contact State Headquarters for more info.

12. HOMECOMING SHIRTS:

Please note that we will be doing another order of the Black 2024-2025 Homecoming Shirts. The Order forms are in the attachments. **Deadline is September 1, 2024.**

13. IMPORTANT DATES:

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| August 22 – 25, 2024 | Commander-in-Chief Homecoming, Savannah, Georgia (see attachment) |
| June 18 – 23, 2025 | State Convention, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night. Cut off Date is Thursday, May 22, 2025. |
| November 7-9, 2024 | Southern Conference, Nashville, TN (see attachment) |

January 9 - 12, 2025 Winter Council Meeting, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA: phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$92.00 per night.

August 9 - 14, 2025 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio

14. 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.

15. 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 anytime the Post Quartermaster changes and/or the Post address changes. This has been 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 numbers.

16. JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Hello, Comrades and Auxiliary members of Virginia; we hope you are doing well.

We hope all your goals were achieved last year; please take some time to reflect on your success and challenges, and let's keep moving forward.

As your newly elected State Judge Advocate, let's start the new year with the duties of the Judge Advocate in the effort to support the Commanders. Below is a synopsis of the shared responsibilities of Judge Advocate at the Post, District, and State Levels.

A Synopsis of the Duty of Judge Advocate. Post Judge Advocate, your role as the legal assistant and adviser to the Commanders at Post and District in all legal matters pertaining to this organization is not just important but crucial. It would be best to familiarize yourself with all the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, and Ritual provisions. District Judge Advocate, ensure you are familiar with the charter, bylaws, and ritual; this will enable you to provide competent advice and opinions to the Commander. Your assistance to Post Judge Advocates ensures our adherence to the organization's rules and regulations. Your performance of other duties to your office as the laws require is crucial for the smooth functioning of our organization, as well as other duties as the Commander requires.

Yours in Comradeship and Peace,
Charles H. Bush Jr.
State Judge Advocate
cbush@vfwva.org
540-907-5292
"We are family in Comradeship."

17. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

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

Enrollment Cost:

<i>Levels</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Annual Payouts:</i>	
		<i>Departments</i>	<i>National</i>
Gold- \$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

18. MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE:

Your Cooties had lots of fun conducted degree work at the Annual Convention adding 10 new Cooties to our Pup Tents. We are looking for a few good VFW members to start a new Pup Tent in Western Virginia. Upcoming Cootie events are Cootie Safari in August and Tomb Trek in Arlington in November. Our Grand of Virginia website is <https://lotcsva.org/> and the Supreme website is <https://lotcs.org/> where you can find more information on starting a Pup Tent.

For more information on the Military Order of the Cootie please contact Ken Shannon Grand Commander at grandcdr@vfwva.org.

Thank You for your kind consideration of this request.

Also the following is information on Put Tents.

SS PT 1	Kevin Ehrhardt	(757) 288-8208	zrock@aol.com
SS PT 2	David Alexander	(757) 575-3564	cwo1965@yahoo.com
SS PT 5	Francis Duval	(757) 291-9926	oommaa1@aol.com
SS PT 9	Ronnie Steele	(619) 368-8887	puptent9@vfwva.org
SS PT 11	Mike Chism	(757) 438-8300	mchism97@gmail.com
SS PT 13	Joanne Smith	(804) 339-1810	chief4jo@gmail.com
SS PT 14	Charles "Romeo" Marlowe	(540) 645-7797	chrsmarlowe@yahoo.com
SS PT 17	Richard Bruns	(703) 408-8889	rbruns1@verizon.net
SS PT 18	Mike Indyck	(508) 617-0774	mjindyck@yahoo.com
SS PT 19	Todd Taylor	(202) 407-5077	todd.taylor@lmco.com

Sincerely,
Ken Shannon
Grand Commander

19. NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, SEPT 20:

Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure. For POW/MIA merchandise, click vfwstore.org/category/memorial/pow-mia.

20. 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.

21. PATRIOT'S DAY:

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.

22. 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.

23. RECRUITING SOI:

State Headquarters will be conducting sessions for the Recruiter School of Instruction (SOI). The All-State plan requires a Post to send at least one Post Member to a training session. The dates, times, and locations for the Recruiter SOI are as follows:

Saturday August 10th at Post 7728 Morrisville - 11:00 AM

Saturday August 24th at Post 8545 Smithfield - 10:00 AM

We look forward to seeing everyone at training.

24. 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.

25. ROSTER CHANGES:

Second District JVC
Troy Wagers
757-270-8537

Seventh District QM
Camille Nemr
413-262-6315

Post 776 Mailing Address
531 Clement St
Radford, VA 24141
540-392-1149

Post 776 QM
Nathan A. VanHoy
531 Clement St
Radford, VA 24141
540-392-1149
qmpost776@vfwva.org

Post 1264 JVC
Bryan H. Niemiec
1515 Blair St
Christiansburg, VA 24073
540-449-6795
Bniemiec1971@gmail.com

Post 8169 JVC
James D. Christian
138 Rockfish Run Rd
Scottsville, VA 24590
434-286-2325
jimmyjarhead49@gmail.com

26. SCHOLARSHIP THEMES:

The 2024–25 themes were chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alfred J. “Al” Lipphardt. The Voice of Democracy theme will be **“Is America Today Our Forefathers’ Vision?”** and the Patriot’s Pen theme will be **“My Voice in America’s Democracy?”**

27. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 342:

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 210 of the National Bylaws, the charter of Dickenson Memorial Post No. 8979, Clintwood, Virginia mustered January 2, 1947, is hereby cancelled and the Post declared defunct. 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
Duane T. Sarmiento
Commander-in-Chief

28. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 353:

Membership Ineligible
Daniel O. Olayvar II
VFW Post No. 1115

Pursuant to the voluntary surrender of their membership upon their acknowledgement of ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of Daniel O. Olayvar II, Membership No. 11478962, be removed from the rolls of Grover King Post No. 1115, Hillsville, Virginia, and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
Duane T. Sarmiento
Commander-in-Chief

29. VFW FRIENDS OF FREEDOM:

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!

30. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

The following significant events occurred during the Vietnam Era in August of the year indicated.

1965 (August 1) - The Marine Corps inaugurates the Marine Combined Action Platoon Program. The program is part of the U.S. Marine Corps’ pacification efforts in northern South Vietnam, the military region known as I Corps. It deploys enlisted men and noncommissioned officers, organized into Combined Action Platoons (CAPs), to live in rural villages and attempt to gain the trust and support of villagers, encouraging them to provide intelligence on

local insurgency activities. CAPs also train local militiamen, help with local construction and repair projects, and provide medical services to villagers. The CAP program's overarching aim is to deprive the Viet Cong of their rural bases and support.

1965 (August 17) - In one of the first large American offensive operations of the war, elements of the U.S. 7th, 4th, and 3d Marines begin an amphibious and helicopter assault against the 1st Viet Cong Regiment in central Vietnam. It is known as Operation STARLITE and is part of the Marines' change in primary mission from base defense toward offensive action. STARLITE lasts until August 24. The Marines, partly supported by fire from U.S. Navy vessels near the coast, inflict heavy casualties on a large enemy force in heavy fighting around Van Tuong, approximately 12 miles south of Chu Lai. STARLITE is the first battle of American troops against a large main force Viet Cong unit. The U.S. force kills at least 614 enemy troops and suffers 45 Marines killed and 203 wounded.

1966 (August 1) - Under the code name Project Heavy Green, the CIA—with U.S. Air Force assistance—establishes a tactical air navigation station on Phou Pha Thi mountain, at Lima Site 85, in Laos. Phou Pha Thi has steep cliffs on three sides making it difficult to reach the summit except by helicopter. The station at the summit is kept secret because Laos is officially neutral.

From Lima Site 85, U.S. Air Force personnel, posing as civilian employees of Lockheed Aircraft, use Combat Skyspot radar to guide accurate bombing of North Vietnam and northern Laos. Many of the strikes take place in the Red River Delta and the Hanoi areas, which are about 150 miles away from the station.

1966 (August 1) - Naval aviators begin flying UH-1 "Huey" helicopters in support of riverine operations, a duty that they take over from Army pilots. The consistent success of these helicopter missions results in the establishment of Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron 3 (HAL-3) in early 1967. HAL-3, nicknamed the "Seawolves," becomes one of the most decorated Navy squadrons of the war.

1966 (August 3) - Operation PRAIRIE I is the first of four operations of the same name lasting until late May 1967. In the wake of Operation HASTINGS, U.S. Marines conduct reconnaissance patrols in northern Quang Tri Province. PRAIRIE's objective is to prevent North Vietnamese forces from reestablishing bases of operations south of the DMZ. Marine infantry, reinforced by tanks, artillery, and air support, engage the North Vietnamese 324B Division in heavy fighting. They encounter an aggressive enemy and stiff resistance from North Vietnamese troops dug in on difficult terrain. The first Operation PRAIRIE will continue until January 31, 1967.

1966 (August 11) - U.S. Air Force aircraft mistakenly attack the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Point Welcome while it is patrolling near the mouth of the Cua Viet River in support of Operation MARKET TIME. The incident kills Point Welcome's commander, Lieutenant JG David C. Brostrom, and Engineman Second Class Jerry Phillips. They are the first Coast Guardsmen killed in Vietnam. The attacks wound several of the other crewmen plus a journalist and a South Vietnamese liaison officer.

1966 (August 16) - Advance elements of the Philippine Civic Action Group, Vietnam (PHILCAG), arrive in Tay Ninh Province to survey land for a base camp and to coordinate the transportation of the remainder of PHILCAG to Vietnam. Philippine Civic Action teams begin providing medical services for local civilians, treating an average of 2,000 patients weekly. Filipino engineers also construct public works and utilities and participate in additional civic action projects. The 2,000-man PHILCAG is eventually complemented by an artillery battalion; an infantry security battalion; and 60 drivers, maintenance specialists, and cooks.

1966 (August 18) - The battle of Long Tan occurs at a rubber plantation southeast of Saigon, near the Australian base at Nui Dat. 108 men of D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, encounter a reinforced Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regiment of over 1,500 men poised to attack Nui Dat. In monsoon conditions, with Australian and New Zealand artillery support, the company holds off the numerically superior enemy force for three hours. Reinforcements from A Company arrive in armored personnel carriers, followed by elements of B Company at dusk. Together they counter attack and drive off the attackers. Australian casualties are 18 killed and 21 wounded. This is the largest number of Australians killed in a single day during the Vietnam War.

1966 (August 23) - In order to meet a growing need for military personnel in Vietnam, Secretary of Defense McNamara announces the start of Project 100,000. It is a social program that allows the military to accept men who do not meet the standards on the Armed Forces Qualification Test or who have physical limitations. By providing these draftees and enlistees with additional educational or medical support, McNamara hopes to offer disadvantaged groups marketable skills for post-military life while also meeting manpower requirements. Through Project 100,000, the military accepts some 350,000 “New Standards Men” between 1966 and 1972. New Standards Men generally have less education, and they are disproportionately southerners and African Americans. The project is ultimately unsuccessful because New Standards Men often end up in combat specialties with little marketability in civilian life. Some New Standards veterans note, however, that they feel their military experiences positively affect their later lives.

1969 (August 1) - Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird and the highest military and civilian officials in the Department of Defense sign the Human Goals Charter, a blueprint for the equal opportunity program in DoD. After 1968, racial conflict occurs more frequently within the U.S. military for a variety of reasons. In order to moderate these clashes and ensure that he can continue to attract sufficient numbers of military personnel, Laird establishes a new equal opportunity plan for DoD. The Human Goals Charter advocates for the importance of servicemen readjustment and social improvement, racial equality and cross-cultural education, and larger roles for women in the military. In the coming years, the charter spurs the creation of other DoD equal opportunity programs.

1969 (August 4) - National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger meets secretly with North Vietnamese official Xuan Thuy in Paris to begin back channel peace negotiations. Later meetings will be between Kissinger and Hanoi senior leader Le Duc Tho. Like the official negotiations that began in 1968, these secret talks are unproductive. North Vietnam refuses any ceasefire without the dissolution of the government in Saigon, the demobilization of the South Vietnamese military, and the full withdrawal of the United States—terms that the United States will not accept.

1973 (August 15) - Strategic Air Command B-52s fly the final Arc Light strike missions of the Vietnam War against targets in Cambodia, concluding operations that have been flown almost continuously since 1965. All U.S. bombing in Southeast Asia officially ends in advance of the deadline set in the Case-Church Amendment.

Although the January Paris Peace Accords officially end direct U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, the United States continues to conduct supporting operations throughout Southeast Asia, including airstrikes in Cambodia. After President Nixon indicates in March that the United States might reenter Vietnam to ensure North Vietnamese compliance with the peace accords, Congress passes the Case-Church Amendment in June. It is a bipartisan measure that prohibits further U.S. military operations in Southeast Asia after August 15, 1973, without prior congressional authorization.

Jeff Dombroff
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee Chairman

31. VVF COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, as opened the window to apply for a grant to perform community service. There will be of ten (10) grants worth up to \$300 each for the 2024-2025 year. Should any money remain after the ten 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, 2024, and June 30, 2025, the application is **due no later than November 30, 2024**. 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.

32. VVF POST HOME IMPROVEMENT AND ASSISTANCE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, as opened the window to apply for a grant to perform improvements on your Post home. There will be ten (10) grants worth up to \$500 each for the 2024-

2025 year. All requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024, the **application is due no later than November 30, 2024**. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Mitch Rubenstein
State Commander

Learn How to Spot the Phish!

Look for Spelling and Grammar Errors

Unusual language errors can indicate phishing attempts.

Check Sender's Email Address

Scrutinize the sender's email for odd variations or unfamiliar domains; legitimate emails usually have consistent, recognizable addresses.

Assess the Urgency and Tone

Phishing often uses a high-pressure tone demanding immediate action to create a sense of urgency.

Beware of Suspicious Attachments or Links

Do not open attachments or click links unless you're certain of their safety

Scrutinize the Email's Greeting

Impersonal or generic greetings might signal a phishing attempt.



PACT

FOR ANIMALS



WHAT IS PACT FOR ANIMALS?

PACT for Animals is a non-profit that gives peace of mind to military, veterans, and hospital patients by placing their pets into temporary foster homes until their owners can be reunited with the devoted companions they love. Since its founding in 2011, PACT has facilitated the placements of thousands of pets nationwide.



SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

We offer a letter certifying volunteer hours for your MOVSM to any military member who fosters with PACT and help fellow military families.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

We are a FREE service that pairs pets with pre-screened and approved fosters across all 50 US states.

As the ONLY nationwide non-profit to manage the entire foster process, every step of the way, we ensure a positive experience for all parties. We coordinate communication between fosters and owners, conduct monthly check-ins, and facilitate reunions.

WHAT NEXT?

The first step in any PACT for Animals process is our online application. This is true for pet owners and those interested in fostering. Once we have that, things move quickly, and we ask that you pay extra close attention to your inbox.



pactforanimals.org

Help your fellow service members

Foster a pet. Make a friend.
Make a difference.

PACT
forAnimals.org

The Virginia Veterans Network is here for you.

Find more information about resources and support at dvs.virginia.gov through the Virginia Veterans Network. Our offerings include:

 Burial Services	 Career Services	 Education	 Entrepreneurship	 Financial Assistance
 Fitness	 Health Services	 Homeless Assistance	 Legal Assistance	 Life Wellness
 Mental Wellness	 Social Life	 Veteran Benefits	 Volunteer Engagements	 Workshops



The Virginia Veterans Network is managed by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.



The Virginia Department of Veterans Services connects Virginia's veterans and their families to the federal and state benefits, support, quality care, and recognition they have earned.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact DVS for assistance at:

 VirginiaVeteransNetwork@dvs.virginia.gov

 804-786-0286

GET CONNECTED.

Here's how: Visit dvs.virginia.gov to create a profile and validate your veteran or service member status. After registering, you'll find services and resources from hundreds of local and nationwide organizations vetted by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS).



Scan QR code to visit the Virginia Veterans Network.

FOR SALE!

The Department of Virginia Auxiliary has a QuickBooks program (never been used) for sale for \$500.

interested in buying or questions contact our Department Treasurer Cathy Graham

cg12dc12@outlook.com



Save the Date
August 22-25, 2024
Savannah, Georgia

Al Lipphardt
VFW National Commander Homecoming

Where:

- **Hyatt Regency Savannah**
2 W. Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Group Code – G-VFWG
Room rate \$263 per night



Hotel Reservation Link – Available Now

[VFWDG - Commander-in-Chief Homecoming \(hyatt.com\)](https://www.hyatt.com/hotels/savannah-georgia/hyatt-regency-savannah)



Activities:

Hands-on Cooking Class
Painting with a Twist
Riverboat Cruise
Golf
Shopping

“Believe In What You Do – Do What You Believe In”



MONDAY



AUGUST 26, 2024

USA WARRIORS ICE HOCKEY GOLF OUTING

Chantilly National Golf & Country Club

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM
REGISTRATION
OPENS

BREAKFAST

10:00 AM
SHOTGUN
START

3:00 PM
AWARDS
LUNCHEON

PRICING

\$200 PER PLAYER

Includes golf, cart, breakfast, contests,
beverage cart, awards luncheon, open bar,
prizes and awards

\$100 AWARDS LUNCHEON ONLY

Includes awards luncheon
and open bar

SKIP THE LINE, PAY ONLINE

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS
1 for \$20

MULLIGAN PACKAGE
1 for \$20

Register at

[COLFINVITE.NET/USAWARRIORS](https://colfinvite.net/usawarriors)

QUESTIONS? Reach out to usawarriors@golfinvite.com





USA WARRIORS ICE HOCKEY GOLF OUTING

SPONSORSHIPS

The four (4) levels listed below (Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze) include signage at a hole, company logo on event website & banner.

Platinum — \$5,000

- Two (2) golf foursomes
- Most prominent logo position
- Special mention at opening & closing remarks

2 Available

Gold — \$3,000

- Two (2) golf foursomes
- Most prominent logo position

5 Available

Silver — \$1,750

- One (1) golf foursome

5 Available

Bronze — \$750

20 Available

Beverage Cart Sponsor — \$2,500

- Signage on beverage cart
- Special mention at closing remarks

2 Available

Open Bar Sponsor — \$2,500

- Signage at open bar
- Special mention at closing remarks

3 Available

Contest Sponsor — \$1,000

- Signage at contest hole

4 Available

Hole-in-One Sponsor — \$1,000

- Signage at contest hole

4 Available

Choose Your Hole (Add-On) — \$500

List your top 3 golf hole choices! Priority will be given to higher level sponsorships.

**May only be purchased with a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsorship*

Register at

[GOLFINVITE.NET/USAWARRIORS](https://golfinvite.net/usawarriors)

QUESTIONS? Reach out to usawarriors@golfinvite.com





**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department Commander Shirt
2024-2025**



Pre- order forms must be sent to **Department Headquarters**
no later than September 1 , 2024 for VFW members
Additional Shirts for the VFW members will be available to at the 2025 Winter Council.

Cost: Small – Extra Large: \$35.00 2XL: \$36.00 3XL: \$37.00

Name: _____ Size: ____ Number of Shirts: _____ Address:

Phone: _____ Post # _____ District # _____

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at January 2025 Winter Council and have not made prior arrangements to have it picked up. Please add \$9.00 for shipping.

Make checks Payable to: Department of Virginia VFW
For: Commander Shirt 2024-2025

Send Form to: Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Virginia
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 22401



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department Commander Shirt
2024-2025**



For anyone needing a shirt 4XL, 5XL, or 6XL, I am sorry but the shirt that was displayed at the Mid-Winter Council is not available in those sizes. However, we can order those sizes in this shirt. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Pre- order forms must be sent to **Department Headquarters**
no later than September 1, 2024 for VFW members

Additional Shirts for the VFW members will be available to order at the 2025 Winter Council

Cost: 4XL: \$38.00 5XL: \$39.00 6XL: \$40.00

Name: _____ Size: ___ Number of Shirts: _____ Address:

Phone: _____ Post # _____ District # _____

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at June 2025 Winter Council and have not made prior arrangements to have it picked up. Please add \$9.00 for shipping.

Make checks Payable to: Department of Virginia VFW
For: Commander Shirt 2024-2025

Send Form to: Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Virginia
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 22401



VALLEY VETERANS



September 7, 2024

New
Location

Rockbridge Vineyard & Brewery
35 Hill View Lane, Raphine, Virginia

Packet pickup / Registration 7-8 am
Begins at 8:30 am

Last rider off: Metric Century 9 am /
Mid 9 am / Short 9:30 am



REGISTER ONLINE
www.ride4heroes.org



RIDING FOR OUR VETERANS

Enjoy either a short, mid, or Metric Century bicycle route through the beauty of the rolling hills and lush fields of the central Shenandoah Valley countryside.



BOULDER CREST
FOUNDATION

RIDING FOR STRENGTH

We ride to support our combat veterans and to raise funds for **Boulder Crest Foundation**, a therapeutic and wellness facility which enables our combat veterans and their families to recover, rest, recharge, and reconnect.



VFW POST
9606



Dynamic Aviation

ManTech



Humana



MAJOR SPONSORS



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Valley Veterans Ride for Heroes

- **Bicycle ride sponsored by VFW District 11**
- **Fundraiser to help our combat veterans struggling with wartime trauma**
- **One of the biggest VFW fundraisers in Virginia**

\$215,000 raised over 7 years

- **All proceeds go to Boulder Crest Foundation, enabling combat veterans to attend BCF's "Struggle Well" programs for free**
- **VFW Posts can help by donating to the cause and by promoting the event:**

To contribute:

**Valley Veterans, Inc. is a 501(c)(3)
Tax ID # 93-2389623**

**Mail checks to:
Valley Veterans, Inc.
10 Bagby Street
Staunton, VA 24401**



Ruppert L Sargent Post 3219
Presents

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



Hole in One
Grand Prize

\$10,000

**7 SEPTEMBER
2024**

WOODLAND GOLF COURSE

9 Woodland Rd, Hampton, VA 23663
(757) 727-1195

REGISTRATION FEES

Single Player	\$100
4-man Team	\$400
sign up before August 18, 2024	\$360

AGENDA

- 7:00 AM** Registration (beakfast available for purchase at course)
- 8:00 AM** Shotgun Start for All Participants
- 12:00 PM** Luncheon & Prize Awards at

Mulligans available online
and with Raffle Tickets
at Golf Course

VFW Post 3219
122 E Mellen St
Hampton, VA 23663
(757) 723-2667

Register Now

<https://charitygolftoday.com/event?e=11845&ce=fd01c5>

Sgt. Jayton D. Patterson
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
and Auxiliary
Post #4411
3385 Beaverdam Road
Franklin, VA

SEPTEMBER
7
2024

Presents

INAUGURAL POKER RUN



1st prize - \$500
2nd Prize - \$250
Worst Hand \$100

ALL WELCOME!
2-4 WHEEL VEHICLES

Music
Door Prizes

PRE-REGISTRATION
RIDER - \$20
PASSENGERS \$10

RAIN OR SHINE

50/50 Raffle and more...

Day of Rider \$25
Passenger \$10

Deadline August 1

Registration 8 - 11 am

Email Link



REGISTRATION CONTACT;
Darrell at Dnelson973.dn@gmail.com

Proceeds benefit
Portsmouth Fisher House



SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

VFW POST 3103

STAR SPANGLED VETERANS GOLF TOURNAMENT

LEE'S HILL GOLF CLUB
10200 OLD DOMINION PARKWAY
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
FREDERICKSBURG AREA
VETERANS.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER **\$125**

FOURSOME **\$500**



Sponsorship opportunities are available!
For more information go to:
[HTTPS://www.vfw3103.org](https://www.vfw3103.org)
or use the QR Code
Contact us at VFW3103@gmail.com



SCAN ME!!!



Honoring Our Vietnam Veterans

October 3 – 6, 2024

Covington, VA

Dear Neighbor,

March 1, 2024

We have exciting news to share with you and everyone throughout the Alleghany Highlands and surrounding areas. The Wall That Heals Covington Committee is honored to have been selected to host The Wall That Heals in Covington, VA, October 3, 2024 – October 6, 2024. We are proud that Covington will be the only site in Virginia hosting this event in 2024.

The Wall That Heals honors the 58,281 service members who lost their lives and all who served defending our country during the Vietnam War. A traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D. C., the exhibit consists of The Wall That Heals and the Mobile Education Center. This three-quarter replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point.

One of the greatest benefits of having The Wall That Heals in our community is the opportunity for education at a level impossible even at The Memorial in Washington, D.C. VVWF staff who accompany the exhibit are trained to engage people of all ages and backgrounds. When combined with access to The Memorial and mobile Education Center, you have the unique ability to learn about the Vietnam War, the Memorial, and the impact each had on our nation.

The exhibit is free to the public and will be on display at the Jackson River Sports Complex. The Wall That Heals Covington will be open 24 hours a day beginning Thursday, October 3, 2024, until closing at 2:00 PM, Sunday, October 6, 2024. Guided tours for students will be available on Thursday and Friday during school hours. Other groups may schedule tours on Thursday or Friday evenings and all-day Saturday.

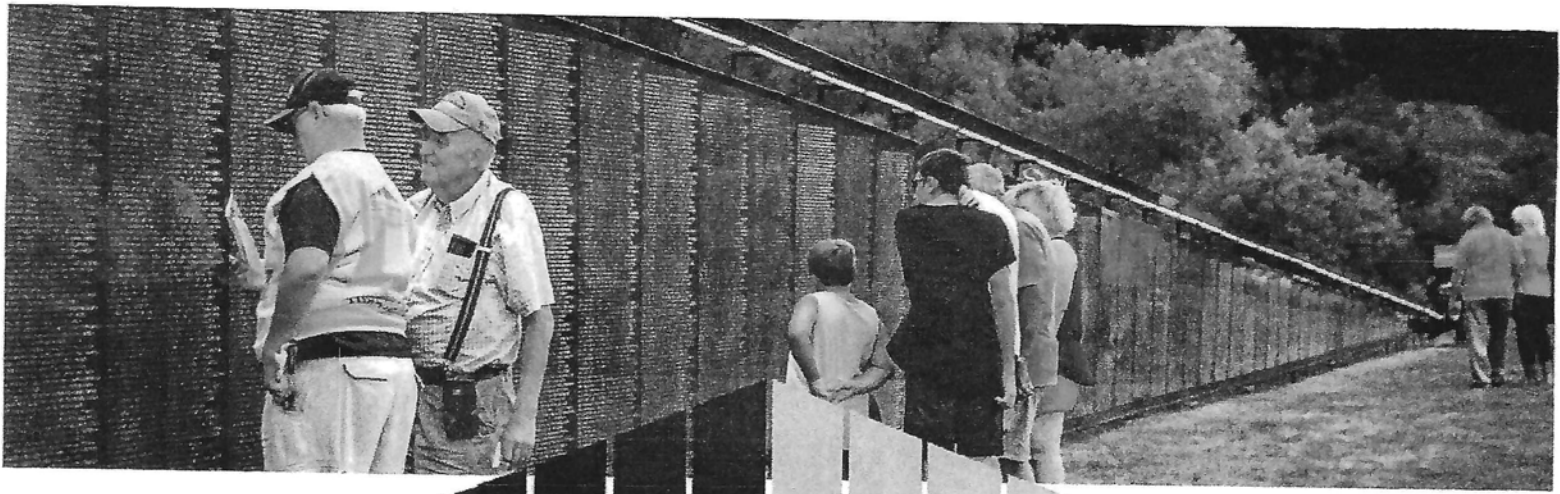
We hope to make this project a reality, but we cannot do it without the support of people like YOU! We have to raise the necessary funds six months prior to the event and ask that you consider helping to support our goal by signing up to be a sponsor today. Sponsorship details are enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact me by emailing thewallthathealscovington@gmail.com.

We look forward to partnering with you and need your support today to make the visit of The Wall That Heals Covington a reality.

Sincerely,

Cindy Wright

Sponsorship Chair



THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

October 3 - 6, 2024

Jackson River Sports Complex

870 W Edgemont Dr., Covington, VA 24426

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - 24 HOURS

CLOSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 2 PM

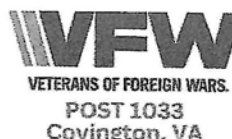
Group tours are available.

For more information, contact Lynda via phone at 540-691-8289 or by email at thewallthathealscovington@gmail.com.
Pre-registration for tours is preferred.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Thursday, October 3rd - Opening Ceremony at 10 A.M.
- Saturday, October 5th - Agent Orange Ceremony at 7 P.M.
- Sunday, October 6th - Closing Ceremony at 1:45 P.M.

Proudly hosted by the



FOR MORE INFORMATION

SCAN ME! 

OR YOU CAN VISIT

WWW.THEWALLTHATHEALSCOVINGTON.COM



The Wall That Heals Sponsorship Pledge Form

Contact Information

Business Name as you wish it to be listed: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Selecting a Sponsorship Level

Sponsorships are available to any business, individual or foundation. Event information and a detail of the benefits included for each sponsorship level are included in this packet, please see the other pages for details.

Sponsorship Level		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Sponsor	\$5,000 and above
<input type="checkbox"/>	Silver Sponsor	\$2,500 - \$4,999
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Sponsor	\$1,000 - \$2,499
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing Sponsor	\$100 - \$999

Payment Type

Enclosed is our check for \$ _____, payable to VFW Post 1033 Vietnam Wall Fund.

Sponsorships may be paid online via Card by visiting www.thewallthathealscovington.com.

Please send me an invoice for the entire pledge amount of \$ _____.

Sponsorship forms received without payment will be invoiced.

Other Opportunities

We cannot become a sponsor at this time but would like information regarding donating an in-kind item or service.

We cannot become a sponsor at this but would like more information on volunteer opportunities for this event.

Please return this form and make checks payable to: VFW Post 1033 Vietnam Wall Fund c/o Bill Atherholt
P.O. Box 483, Clifton Forge, VA 24422.

★ GOLD SPONSOR

\$5,000 +

- Company or Individual name on banner displayed at the event.
- Company or Individual name featured on the event flyer.
- Company or Individual name on Volunteer T-Shirt.
- Company or Individual name cross-promoted on Social Media.
- Company or Individual name featured in Program Booklet.
- Acknowledgement on The Wall That Heals Covington Website.

★ SILVER SPONSOR

\$2,500 - \$4,999

- Company or Individual name on banner displayed at the event.
- Company or Individual name cross promoted on Social Media.
- Company or Individual name featured in Program Booklet.
- Acknowledgement on The Wall That Heals Covington Website.

★ COMMUNITY SPONSOR

\$1,000 - \$2,499

- Company or Individual name featured in Program Booklet.
- Acknowledgement on The Wall That Heals Covington Website.

★ CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR

\$100 - \$999

- Acknowledgement on The Wall That Heals Covington website.

**SCAN
ME! >>>**



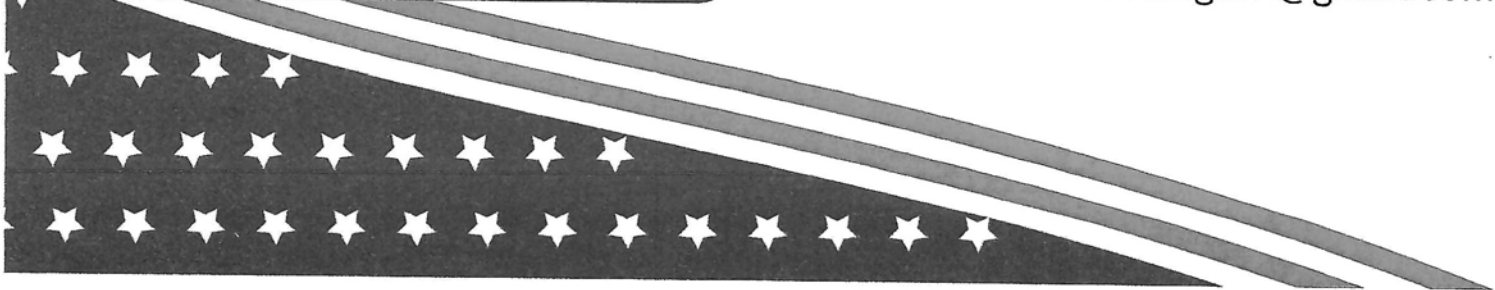
For Questions, Contact:

Cindy Wright

Sponsorship Chair

540-958-3436

thewallthathealscovington@gmail.com



VFW SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 7--9, 2024

SHERATON MUSIC CITY NASHVILLE AIRPORT

777 MCGAVOCK PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37214

PHONE: (615) 885-2200



WHEN YOU STAY AT SHERATON MUSIC CITY NASHVILLE AIRPORT IN NASHVILLE, YOU WILL BE 2.3 MILES FROM THE AIRPORT, WITHIN A 5.7 MILE 10-MINUTE DRIVE OF THE GRAND OLE OPRY AND NISSAN STADIUM. THIS 4-STAR HOTEL IS 8.7 MILES FROM VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY AND 7 MILES FROM THE FAMOUS NASHVILLE BROADWAY STREET OF MUSIC AND SHOWS.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

VFW Department Tennessee
G21 War Memorial Building
301 6th Ave N
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0100

Phone: 615-242-5851
Fax: 615-244-5302
E-Mail: tnvfw@att.net
Website: www.vfwn.org

As the premier combat-related non-profit veteran organization, with lineage that dates to Spanish-American War veterans the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFWA) depend on donations from patriotic individuals, corporations, foundations, small business owners, and community organizations to remain workable both nationally and within our state. Sponsorships and donations help us to continue to serve our country and our communities and stand up for the ideals and principles in which our country's founding fathers intended. Here are six basic information items below about us:

1. The VFW is one of the most respected voices in Washington D. C. lobbying for veterans' benefits.
2. National Security & Foreign Affairs is vital to the VFW. We fought in uniform to keep our country safe.
3. Ensuring all veterans receive the benefits earned and especially that women veterans receive benefits and services that honor their brave military service is one of the VFW's top Priorities.
4. VFW's concern about the homeless veterans with children as well as those that do not have children.
5. We continue with our commitment to education through our Youth Scholarship Programs. The Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition annually awards \$2 million in scholarships. Our Patriots Pen Essay Contest awards more than \$1.2 million annually.
6. The individual post in our communities continues to be the foundation of our service to our veterans and service to our communities. Our members, auxiliary members and supporters have contributed over 4.8 million volunteer hours and donated \$44.8 million annually to local community service projects. In the span of the last 20 years VFW has supplied over 11,000 grants totaling \$5,567,730 to our military families facing hardships.

As you can see from this brief list that our actions as the Veterans of Foreign Wars locally and nationally, we are an active and driving force today related to U. S. service members, veterans, and their families. Our National Motto is "No One Does More for Veterans"

There are 14 States in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Southern Conference. Each year on a rotation bases, one State sponsors a three-day conference for all 14 states so its leadership can discuss where it stands, and the progress made currently and what steps to take to maintain the effectiveness of each State in helping our veterans and military service members.

As a volunteer non-profit organization, we depend on corporations and small business to help sponsor our efforts of putting on meetings and events. We here at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Tennessee want to thank you for taking the time to consider partnering with us by selecting one of the sponsorship packages enclosed. If you decide to partner with us, please contact our Sponsorship Chairman Eric Spurbeck at 423-368-6375 or ejspurbeck@gmail.com for further information. You can also contact our VFW TN Department office at 615-242-5851 or tnvfw@att.net. These contacts will put you in touch with our team and we will be glad to collaborate with you to set up your sponsorship package.

VFW Department of TN has a 501 (C)(3) VFW Tennessee Foundation which all corporations and small business donations can be run through.

Thank you, the TN VFW Southern Conference Committee.

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE 2024
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY**

November 7th to November 9th, 2024

Sheraton Music City, 777 McGavock Pike

Nashville, TN 37214-3140

For Reservations call Sheraton Music City 615-885-2200

Or use this **Booking Website Link:** <https://book.passkey.com/e/50495528>

Room Block listed as Veterans of Foreign Wars Southern Conference

Room Rate: \$189.00 plus state and local tax currently 15.25% + \$ 2.50

Cut-Off Date for Room Registration October 7, 2024

Pre-Registration fee is **\$ 90.00** per person.

Registration Fee Covers: Banquet, Hospitality Room, and Entertainment

Registration at the Conference will be **\$ 95.00.**

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____ POST/AUX: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Select one meal for your dinner at the Banquet.

Roasted Breast of Chicken with wild mushroom compote, pancetta shallot jus _____

Roasted Cod with Chardonnay Tarragon butter _____ *Each includes chefs seasonal.*

Vegetable and starch. Seasonal Green salad. Rotating of Chocolate Cake, Cheesecake

Mail this form and check for Registration To:

VFW Department of TN, G-21 War Memorial Building

301 6th Ave. N

Nashville, TN 37243-0100

E-Mail Form to tnvfw@att.net

Credit Card information

Name on Card _____ Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Security Code _____

OR Call Department of TN Office 615-242-5851 with Credit Card information

Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport

777 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN 37214

Phone: (615) 885-2200

HOTEL DESCRIPTION

Location When you stay at Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport in Nashville, you'll be 2.3 miles from the airport, within 5.7 miles a 10-minute drive of Grand Ole Opry and Nissan Stadium. This 4-star hotel is 8.7 mi (13.9 km) from Vanderbilt University and 7 mi (11.3 km) from Broadway.

Rooms Make yourself at home in one of the 410 guestrooms featuring refrigerators and flat-screen televisions. Your pillowtop bed comes with premium bedding. Rooms have private balconies. Cable programming and video-game consoles are provided for your entertainment, while complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected. Private bathrooms with shower/tub combinations feature designer toiletries and hair dryers.

Amenities Don't miss out on the many recreational opportunities, including an indoor pool, a 24-hour fitness center, and a seasonal outdoor pool. Additional features at this hotel include complimentary wireless Internet access, concierge services, and gift shops/newsstands.

Dining Enjoy a satisfying meal at Old Hickory Grill serving guests of Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport. Quench your thirst with your favorite drink at the bar/lounge. Buffet breakfasts are served on weekdays from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and on weekends from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM for a fee.

Business Amenities Featured amenities include a 24-hour business center, express check-out, and complimentary newspapers in the lobby. Event facilities at this hotel consist of conference space and a meeting room. A roundtrip airport shuttle is complimentary at scheduled times.

Spoken Languages English

Onsite Payments Visa, Diners Club, Debit cards, Cash not accepted, Discover, American Express, JCB International, Mastercard, UnionPay

Hotel Policies

- You'll be asked to pay the following charges at the property:
 - Deposit: USD 75.00 per accommodation, per stay
We have included all charges provided to us by the property.
 - Fee for buffet breakfast: approximately USD 18.95 for adults and USD 10.95 for children
 - Secured self-parking fee: USD 16.00 per day (in/out privileges)
 - Secured valet parking fee: USD 21.00 per day (in/out privileges)
 - Pet fee: USD 50.00 per accommodation, per stay
 - Service animals are exempt from fees.
 - Late check-out is available for a fee (subject to availability)
- The above list may not be comprehensive. Fees and deposits may not include tax and are subject to change.

The seasonal pool will be open from May to October. The property has connecting/adjoining rooms, which are subject to availability and can be requested by contacting the property using the number on the booking confirmation. Guests can arrange to bring pets by contacting the property directly, using the contact information on the booking confirmation (surcharges apply and can be found in the Fees section). This property advises that enhanced cleaning and guest safety measures are currently in place. The property is cleaned and disinfected using an electrostatic sprayer; disinfectant is used to clean the property; commonly touched surfaces are cleaned with disinfectant between stays; bed sheets and towels are laundered at a temperature of at least 60°C/140°F; guestroom doors are sealed after cleaning. Personal protective equipment, including masks, will be available to guests.

Social distancing measures are in place; staff at the property wear personal protective equipment; a shield is in place between staff and guests in main contact areas; periodic temperature checks are conducted on staff; temperature checks are available to guests; guests are provided with hand sanitizer; cashless payment methods are available for all transactions; guests can access their rooms with a mobile device. Contactless check-out is available. Enhanced food service safety measures are in place. Individually wrapped food options are available for breakfast. This property affirms that it follows the cleaning and disinfection practices of Commitment to Clean (Marriott). This property welcomes guests of all sexual orientations and gender identities (LGBTQ+ friendly).

- Extra-person charges may apply and vary depending on property policy.
 - Government-issued photo identification and a credit card may be required at check-in for incidental charges.
 - Special requests are subject to availability upon check-in and may incur additional charges; special requests cannot be guaranteed.
 - Safety features at this property include a fire extinguisher, a smoke detector, a security system, a first aid kit, and window guards.
 - Be prepared: check the latest COVID-19 travel requirements and measures in place for this destination before you travel.
 - Please note that cultural norms and guest policies may differ by country and by property; the policies listed are provided by the property.
 - Front desk staff will greet guests on arrival.
- Maximum number of pets per room 2. Service animals are allowed. Service animals are exempt from fees/restrictions. Only dogs are allowed. Pets allowed.

AMENITIES

- Internet Access (free)
- Pool
- Spa Services
- Fitness Facility (24-hour)
- Restaurant
- Pets Allowed
- Accessible
- Meeting Space Available
- Bar
- Non-smoking
- Room Service
- Conference Space Available
- Dry Cleaning
- Laundry Facilities
- Airport Transportation
- Room Service
- Kitchen

Ted Rhodes Golf Course



Ted Rhodes Golf Course is on the banks of the Cumberland River in North Nashville. The course, originally called Cumberland Golf Course, featured nine holes when built in 1953. In 1969, at the request of the legendary Councilman Robert Lillard, the Park Board renamed the park in honor of Theodore "Ted" Rhodes, a renowned, black golf professional from Nashville, who paved the way for other black golfers like Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder, Renee Powell, and Tiger Woods. [Learn more about the legendary and iconic Ted Rhodes.](#)

In May 1992, the facility was re-designed and expanded from nine to eighteen holes. The links style eighteen-hole course incorporates lakes and bunkers, which provide a pleasurable round for golfers. The greens at Ted Rhodes are large and offer a big target for your approach shot. At Ted Rhodes, golf and exercise go hand-in-hand. It is an easy course to walk.

Also, while enjoying a round at Ted Rhodes, witness spectacular wildlife. The lakes and river provide, in an urban setting, natural habitats for turtles, fish, muskrats and the occasional family of beaver.

Ted Rhodes Golf Course is home to the Duffers Golf Association. The Duffers are a group of men who play golf and enjoy competition and fellowship. The Duffers host an annual tournament to benefit Sickle Cell Anemia. They also take pride in their efforts supporting Meharry Hospital.

The registration and information for the Southern Conference Golf Tournament November 8, 2024, is on the Department TN website vfwtn.org.

Southern Conference T Shirts

If you wish to purchase a regular T-Shirt or from the Other Option Shirt List give us your name and size and we will have it for you at registration. Pre-Purchase price for regular tees is \$15.00. XXL Add \$3.00, 3XL'S Add \$5.00. The purchase price for the T-shirts at the conference will be **\$22.00** Plus the extra charge for larger sizes.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Mark a size or sizes if more than one is needed S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ 3XL'S ___

Number of T-Shirts ___ X \$15.00 Plus \$3.00 extra per shirt for XXL or \$5.00 extra for 3XL'S.

Total Amount \$ _____

All shirts are color in gray for regular tees and other option list are also gray in color.

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Other Options Available only by pre-order will not be available at Conference. The shirts below are \$25.00 each plus the selected shirt item extra charge. Plus \$4.00 XXL \$6.00 3XL'S

Other Options List

Long Sleeve Tees add \$ 5.00-----S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ 3XL'S ___

Dry Fit Tees add\$ 3.50----- S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ 3XL'S ___

V-Neck Tees add \$ 3.50----- S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ 3XL'S ___

Sweatshirts add \$15.00-----S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ 3XL'S ___

Hooded Sweatshirts add \$ 20.00---S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ 3XL'S ___

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Number of T-Shirts ___ X \$25.00 plus Other Option item charge. Plus \$4.00 extra per shirt for XXL or \$ 6.00 extra for 3XL'S. Total Amount \$ _____

Make check payable for selected Number of Shirts to: VFW Department of Tennessee (memo Southern Conference T-shirts)

Credit Card Information

Name on Card _____ Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Security Code _____

OR Call Department of TN Office 615 -242-5851 with Credit Card information

Mail Form to: VFW Department of Tennessee
G21 War Memorial Building
301 6th Ave. N
Nashville, TN 37243-0100

E-Mail Form to: tnvfw@att.net or Fax: 615-244-5302

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

General Jackson Showboat

Paddleboat cruising the Cumberland River, with a dining room & theater for musical performances.

Address: 2812 Opryland Dr, Nashville, TN

Phone: (615) 458-3900

Historic 2nd Avenue

Address: 2nd Ave. N, Nashville, TN

These are some Places Around 2nd Ave.

Bowie's 174 3rd Ave N (217 feet W)

Phone: (615) 953-7155

Coyote Ugly Saloon 154 2nd Ave N

(234 feet SE)

Phone: (615) 254-8459

Black Tap Craft Burgers & Beer

140 3rd Ave N (235 feet SW)

Phone: (615) 808-0969

Sbarro Italian Eatery

200 Commerce St (242 feet SE)

Phone: (615) 256-7393

The Hermitage-Home of Andrew Jackson

The Hermitage is a historical museum located in Davidson County, Tennessee 10 miles east of downtown Nashville. The 1,000-acre + site was owned by Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States, from 1804 until his death at the Hermitage in 1845. It also serves as his final resting place.

4580 Rachels Ln, Hermitage, TN

Phone: (615) 889-2941

Adventure Science Center

Adventure Science Center is a non-profit science museum for children located in Nashville, Tennessee. The museum features over 175 hands-on interactive exhibits with themes including biology, physics, visual perception, listening, mind, air and space, energy and earth science.

800 Fort Negley Blvd., Nashville, TN

Phone: (615) 862-5160

Green Hills Mall

The Mall at Green Hills is a shopping mall located in Nashville, Tennessee. The mall has more than 100 stores and restaurants on two main floors totaling 1,053,000 square feet, including Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co., Burberry, Crate & Barrel, Apple Store and Restoration Hardware.

2126 Abbott Martin Rd., Nashville, TN

Phone: (615) 298-5478

Opry Mills Mall

Opry Mills is a super-regional shopping mall in Nashville, Tennessee. The mall was owned by the Mills Corporation and Ryman Hospitality Properties until 2007, when the Mills Corporation was acquired by Simon Property Group. It opened on May 12, 2000 on the former site of Opryland Theme park.

433 Opry Mills Dr., Nashville, TN

Phone: (615) 298-5478

Number of stores and services: 178

Tennessee Performing Arts Center

The Tennessee Performing Arts Center, or TPAC, is located in the James K. Polk Cultural Center at **505 Deaderick Street** in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. It occupies a city block between 5th and 6th Avenues North and Deaderick and Union Streets.

Phone: [\(615\) 782-4040](tel:(615)782-4040)

Nissan Stadium-Home of the TN Titans

Nissan Stadium is a multi-purpose stadium in Nashville, Tennessee. Owned by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, it is primarily used for football and is the home field of the Tennessee Titans of the National Football League and the Tigers of Tennessee State University.

1 Titans Way, Nashville, TN

Phone: [\(615\) 565-4300](tel:(615)565-4300)

First Horizon Park

First Horizon Park, formerly known as First Tennessee Park, is a baseball park in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. The home of the Triple-A Nashville Sounds of the International League opened on April 17, 2015, and can seat up to 10,000 people.

19 Jr Gilliam Way, Nashville, TN

Phone: [\(615\) 690-4487](tel:(615)690-4487)

Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum

The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Tennessee, is one of the world's largest museums and research centers dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American vernacular music. Chartered in 1964, the museum has amassed one of the world's most extensive musical collections.

222 5th Ave. S, Nashville, TN

Phone: [\(615\) 416-2001](tel:(615)416-2001)

Rivergate Mall

Rivergate Mall is a super-regional shopping mall located in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, just outside of Nashville. Opened in October 1971, the mall features 1,129,035 square feet of gross leasable area, with approximately 80 stores and restaurants, as well as a food court.

1000 Two Mile Parkway Goodlettsville, TN

Phone: [\(615\) 859-3458](tel:(615)859-3458)

Tennessee State Museum

The Tennessee State Museum is a large museum in Nashville depicting the history of the State of Tennessee. The current facility opened on October 4, 2018, at the corner of Rosa Parks Boulevard and Jefferson Street at the foot of Capitol Hill by the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park.

1000 Rosa L Parks Blvd, Nashville, TN

Phone: [\(615\) 741-2692](tel:(615)741-2692)



VFW Southern Conference

Sheraton Music City, 777 McGavock Pike

Nashville, TN 37214

November 7 – 9, 2024

Sponsorship/Donor Vendor Agreement Form

Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND TURNED IN TO YOUR VFW REP.

Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Contact Name: _____

Sponsorship Level Package: _____ Donation Only _____

Estimated Value of Donated Items: _____

Contribution Total: _____

Deadlines: All sponsorship package funding must be received by October 15, 2024.

Please make checks payable to: VFW Department of Tennessee (memo to read: Southern Conference 2024). If needed for 501(c) (3) requirements, make checks payable to: Tennessee VFW Foundation (memo to read: Southern Conference 2024).

Mail your contribution to: VFW Department of Tennessee, G21 War Memorial Building,
301 6th Ave. N, Nashville, TN 37243-0100

You may also contact your VFW Representative for packet pickup.

VFW Representative Name: _____ Phone: _____

Any notes for the event coordinator please leave here: _____

Your monetary sponsorship is non-refundable as well as any merchandise donated to us, barring Force Majeure. Please sign below agreeing to participate in our event in the manner you agreed upon above.

Name (Printed): _____ Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

The VFW Representative will sign below, and you will be given a copy in return. This signed document will be your receipt for tax purposes.

Name (Printed): _____ Signature: _____

**VFW Southern Conference Nov. 7--9, 2024, Nashville, TN
Sheraton Music City**



\$10,000.00 Gold

Level Sponsor

Receives

- 1) 2024 Southern Conference Booth Space with table
- 2) Full Page color ad in 2024 Southern Conference Program book
- 3) Entered to play in 2024 VFW Southern Conference Golf Tournament
- 4) Two Tickets to 2024 Southern Conference Banquet
- 5) A Table at the 2025 VFW Tennessee February Mid-Winter Conference
- 6) A Table at the 2025 VFW Tennessee State Convention
- 7) 2025 VFW State Convention Program book full page color ad
- 8) VFW Tennessee Website ad for 24 months

VFW Southern Conference Nov. 7--9, 2024, Nashville, TN
Sheraton Music City

\$5,000.00 Diamond  **Level Sponsor**

Receives

1. 2024 Southern Conference Booth Space with table
2. Full Page color ad in 2024 Southern Conference Program book
3. VFW Tennessee Website ad for 18 months
4. A Table at the 2025 VFW Tennessee February Mid-Winter Conference
5. A Table at the 2025 VFW June State Convention

VFW Southern Conference Nov. 7--9, 2024, Nashville, TN
Sheraton Music City

\$2,500.00 Emerald  **Level Sponsor**

Receives

1. 2024 Southern Conference Booth Space with table
2. Full Page color ad in 2024 Southern Conference Program book
3. VFW Tennessee Website ad for 8 months
4. A Table at the 2025 VFW Tennessee February Mid-Winter Conference

Other Exhibitor Space with table Rental \$ 100.00 each

VFW Southern Conference Nov. 7--9, 2024, Nashville, TN
Sheraton Music City

\$1,000.00 Ruby  **Level Sponsor**

Receives

1. 2024 Southern Conference Booth Space with table
2. Half Page color ad in 2024 Southern Conference Program book
3. 2024 VFW Tennessee Website ad for 6 months

VFW Southern Conference Nov. 7--9, 2024, Nashville, TN
Sheraton Music City

\$ 500.00 Sapphire  **Level Sponsor**

Receives

1. 2024 Southern Conference Booth Space with table
2. Half Page Black & White ad in 2024 Southern Conference Program book
3. VFW Tennessee Website ad for 3 months

VFW Southern Conference Nov. 7--9, 2024, Nashville, TN

\$ 250.00 Topaz  **Level Sponsor**

1. Quarter Page Black & White ad in Southern Conference Program Book
2. VFW Tennessee Website ad for 1 month

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary

November 7—9, 2024

Southern Conference Program Book

The Southern Conference program book is intended to be a commemorative or keepsake for the attendees who attend the Southern Conference. The program book also serves as an excellent medium for advertising. There are fourteen states in the Southern Conference which will increase your advertisement exposure and make the small fee for an ad in our program book an excellent short-term investment.

Pricing of ads for the program book are:

Full page Color ad \$ 250.00

Half Page Color ad \$ 150.00

Quarter Page Color ad \$ 75.00

Full Page Black & White ad \$ 175.00

Half Page Black & White ad \$ 115.00

Quarter Page Black & White ad \$ 50.00

Standard Business Card ad \$ 20.00

VFW Tennessee Website Advertisement:

VFW TN Website advertising is \$ 75.00 PER MONTH (\$900 per year) if paid up front otherwise the price is \$100.00 per month. Our website is unique in the fact that each company advertising with us will be given access to that portion of our website so they can change the content of the ads at their convenience.

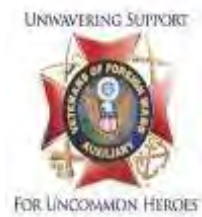
To place an ad in the program book or the TN Website contact VFW Department of TN office

By phone: 615-242-5851--- E-mail: tnvfw@att.net

Fax: 615-244-5302

Mail to:

**Department of Tennessee
Veterans of Foreign Wars
G 21 War Memorial Building
301 6th Ave. N
Nashville, TN 37243-0100**



VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia

I would like to begin by thanking Department Commander Rubenstein for letting the VFW Auxiliary Virginia provide Post Commanders and members information about forming a new Auxiliary and recruiting Auxiliary members for existing Auxiliaries.

Starting a New Auxiliary

The first step to institute a new Auxiliary begins with Per VFW Bylaws Section XI - no Auxiliary to a Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be formed unless approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Post membership present and voting at a regular or special meeting, due notice of the proposed formation of an Auxiliary having been given the entire membership of the Post, in writing at least twenty (20) days prior to a regular meeting, or special meeting called for the aforementioned purpose. The approval to form a new Auxiliary is to be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

Although the process to form a new Auxiliary sound like a challenge, the benefits of having an Auxiliary affiliated with your Post far outweigh the challenge. You will have a partner to work with to assist the VFW to pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families, provide volunteer hours in the VA Medical Centers and local medical facilities, conduct patriotic programs with thousands of students and offer hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth. We are there to assist Veterans and their families as well as working with other organizations in our communities.

Existing Auxiliary

If your post has an Auxiliary, you already know the benefits of having an affiliated Auxiliary. If you have not already done so, you can show your support by signing up eligible family members. The best resource for new Auxiliary members (must be minimum of 16 years old), either forming a new Auxiliary (which we need fifteen new members) or an existing Auxiliary is the Post members. Included is the VFW Auxiliary Eligibility which shows the relatives to the Veteran who are eligible to become an auxiliary member. If you would like to sign up new Auxiliary members, please contact the Auxiliary President. He or she will be happy to assist you.

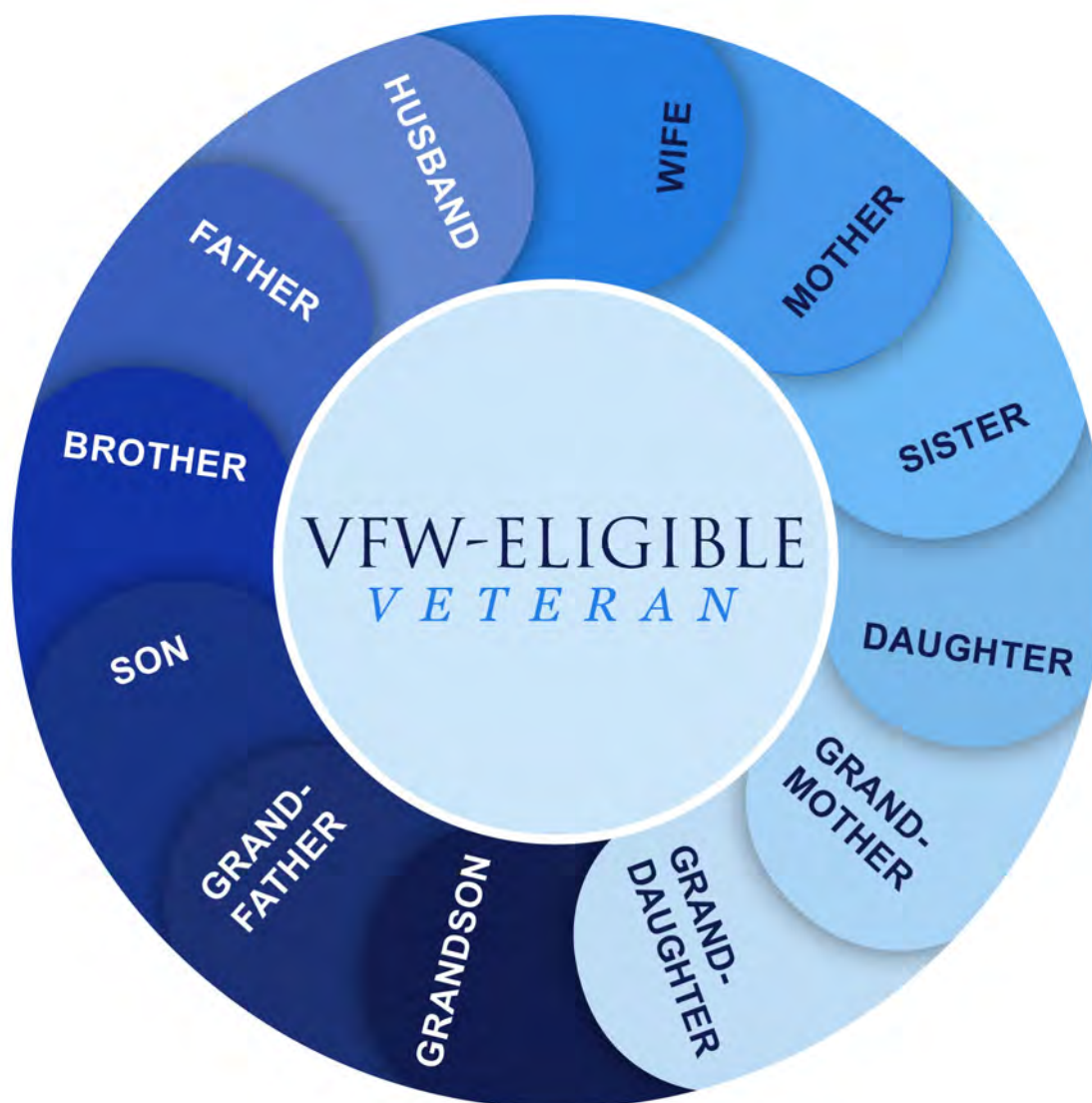
To our "bachelor" posts once your post has approved the formation of the Auxiliary, please contact our Department President Dawn Kuhn or Department Chief of Staff Carol Vangi. We will assist you with the next steps.

Again, thank Commander Rubenstein for allowing us to provide this information.

Dawn Kuhn, Department President
kuhn@comcast.net

Carol Vangi, Chief of Staff
cjonesvangi@gmail.com

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



**Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*



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



Dear Comrade Commander:

Questionnaire for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage

August 1, 2024

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 Crime Policy for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. This Policy runs for a year – from September 1 to August 31 – premium payments are made on that basis. Coverage for all accountable officers expires on August 31 and premium for the New Year is due on September 1.

Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a Policy with some other surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters Crime Policy. But the matter should be given prompt attention because if your Accountable Officer had previously been covered through the National Headquarters, **a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2024 and delinquent after this date.**

IF THE POLICY IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2024, 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 Insurance 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 Insurance 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 POLICY IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 TO AUGUST 31, 2025.

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2025.

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

Post # and State

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft coverage in the amount of \$ _____ for the position of _____. For the year from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

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

Has the post had any Crime Coverage (employee/ volunteer theft of money) losses over the past three years? _____.
If yes, provide a description with date & amount of loss on a separate sheet & what changes you have made so this does not happen again.
No Coverage can be extended until Travelers reviews and approves it.

DEADLINE FOR COVERAGE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 – 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, City and Zip

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND

\$4.50 Per Thousand

\$ 3,000.----	\$ 13.50
\$ 4,000.----	\$ 18.00
\$ 5,000.----	\$ 22.50
\$ 6,000.----	\$ 27.00
\$ 7,000.----	\$ 31.50
\$ 8,000.----	\$ 36.00
\$ 9,000.----	\$ 40.50
\$ 10,000.----	\$ 45.00
\$ 11,000.----	\$ 49.50
\$ 12,000.----	\$ 54.00
\$ 13,000.----	\$ 58.50
\$ 14,000.----	\$ 63.00
\$ 15,000.----	\$ 67.50
\$ 16,000.----	\$ 72.00
\$ 17,000.----	\$ 76.50
\$ 18,000.----	\$ 81.00
\$ 19,000.----	\$ 85.50
\$ 20,000.----	\$ 90.00
\$ 21,000.----	\$ 94.50
\$ 22,000.----	\$ 99.00
\$ 23,000.----	\$103.50
\$ 24,000.----	\$108.00
\$ 25,000.----	\$112.50

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)
\$4.50 Per Thousand

\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$ 26,000.----	\$ 91.00
\$ 27,000.----	\$ 94.50
\$ 28,000.----	\$ 98.00
\$ 29,000.----	\$ 101.50
\$ 30,000.----	\$ 105.00
\$ 40,000.----	\$ 140.00
\$ 50,000.----	\$ 175.00
\$ 60,000.----	\$ 210.00
\$ 70,000.----	\$ 245.00
\$ 80,000.----	\$ 280.00
\$ 90,000.----	\$ 315.00
\$100,000.----	\$ 350.00
\$110,000.----	\$ 385.00
\$120,000.----	\$ 300.00
\$130,000.----	\$ 420.00
\$140,000.----	\$ 490.00
\$150,000.----	\$ 525.00
\$160,000.----	\$ 560.00
\$170,000.----	\$ 595.00
\$180,000.----	\$ 630.00
\$190,000.----	\$ 665.00
\$200,000.----	\$ 700.00
\$210,000.----	\$ 735.00
\$220,000.----	\$ 770.00
\$230,000.----	\$ 805.00
\$240,000.----	\$ 840.00
\$250,000.----	\$ 875.00

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)
\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$3.00 Per Thousand

\$251,000.----	\$ 753.00
\$252,000.----	\$ 756.00
\$253,000.----	\$ 759.00
\$254,000.----	\$ 762.00
\$255,000.----	\$ 765.00
\$256,000.----	\$ 768.00
\$257,000.----	\$ 771.00
\$258,000.----	\$ 774.00
\$259,000.----	\$ 777.00
\$260,000.----	\$ 780.00
\$270,000.----	\$ 810.00
\$280,000.----	\$ 840.00
\$290,000.----	\$ 870.00
\$300,000.----	\$ 900.00
\$310,000.----	\$ 930.00
\$320,000.----	\$ 960.00
\$330,000.----	\$ 990.00
\$340,000.----	\$1,020.00
\$350,000.----	\$1,050.00
\$360,000.----	\$1,080.00
\$370,000.----	\$1,110.00
\$380,000.----	\$1,140.00
\$390,000.----	\$1,170.00
\$400,000.----	\$1,200.00
\$410,000.----	\$1,230.00
\$420,000.----	\$1,260.00
\$430,000.----	\$1,290.00
\$440,000.----	\$1,320.00
\$450,000.----	\$1,350.00
\$460,000.----	\$1,380.00
\$470,000.----	\$1,410.00
\$480,000.----	\$1,440.00
\$490,000.----	\$1,470.00
\$500,000.----	\$1,500.00

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)
\$3.00 Per Thousand

\$2.75 Per Thousand

\$501,000.---	\$1,377.75
\$502,000.---	\$1,380.50
\$503,000.---	\$1,383.25
\$504,000.---	\$1,386.00
\$505,000.---	\$1,388.75
\$506,000.---	\$1,391.50
\$507,000.---	\$1,394.25
\$508,000.---	\$1,397.00
\$509,000.---	\$1,399.75
\$510,000.---	\$1,402.50
\$520,000.---	\$1,430.00
\$530,000.---	\$1,457.50
\$540,000.---	\$1,485.00
\$550,000.---	\$1,512.50
\$560,000.---	\$1,540.00
\$570,000.---	\$1,567.50
\$580,000.---	\$1,595.00
\$590,000.---	\$1,622.50
\$600,000.---	\$1,650.00

(\$501,000. And UP)
\$2.75 Per Thousand



A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Crime Coverage)
VFW QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CLUB EMPLOYEES &
BINGO PERSONS TO, BE COMPLETED BY
COVERED INDIVIDUAL

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

Coverage Term: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL

1. a) Name of Post _____ Post # _____

b) Post Address _____
Street City State Zip

2. a) Name of Person to be Covered _____

3. Position to be Covered _____

4. Coverage Amount Requested \$ _____

5. Number of Persons Covered 1

6. Number of Locations 1

7. Post - Annual Income _____

8. Has the post had any crime losses (Theft of Money by Employees) over the past three years? _____

If yes, provide a description along with the date and amount of loss. **No Coverage can be extended until Travelers reviews it.**

9. a) Have you ever been convicted of any dishonest or fraudulent employment related act, “for example” burglary, robbery, theft or embezzlement of funds of any kind. _____

b) If yes, explain _____

IF COVERAGE IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 10-1-2023, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS, PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.

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

_____.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Signature: Person to be Covered

Form Must be Signed by Covered Person

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

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 ten(10) grants worth up to \$300 each for the 2024-2025 year. All requirements must be met, or the grant must be returned, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances. **Grant application is due no later than November 30, 2024.**

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) The project must be initiated, completed and receipts submitted in the period of July 1, 2024, through June 1, 2025.
- 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 \$300 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.

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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: _____

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 \$500 each for the 2024-2025 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. **Grant application is due no later than November 30, 2024.**

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) If funding a project, it must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 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 \$500.00 once complete, the balance of the grant will not be paid.
- 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: _____

Post/District Commanders, and Comrades,

I wanted to make everyone aware of something that was brought to my attention for discussion and clarification. This is worth getting out now and re-enforced to our District Commanders and Post Commanders before May 2025 so you can plan for it.

One of the All-American Program requirements is to participate in the **VFW Day of Service**. This is how it's worded in the program book:

A Post must submit a community service report quarterly to their department for submission to the All-American Dashboard. The quarters are July-Sept, Oct-Dec, Jan-March, and April-June. **One of these community service activities must be for the VFW Day of Service.**

Learn more at: <https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service/>

Even though it says to "submit a community service report quarterly **to their department**", that's NOT how the VFW Day of Service is going to be recorded or tracked.

As per a conversation with Lynn Rolf, VFW Director of Programs, about what we may need to do to adjust our reporting from Virginia to handle this. He stated that posts will be required to go to <https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service/> and enter their event using the "Sign Up Now" button. So, not only do they need to report this directly to National, but it's reported differently than Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, etc. There also will **NOT** be a way of seeing who has or hasn't reported their event on the National Dashboard. Unless something changes at National between now and then, this is how this new requirement will be handled.

The department IT Committee Chairman Robert "Check" Adamczyk updated the All-State and All-American page on the State website to show where to report it, but the key thing is that there isn't going to be a way to track it.

Therefore, consider this message a early "**heads up**" of what to expect in May 2025. Getting this news out to District Commanders and having them make sure the Posts understand this and when they submit the report to National. State Reps. need to remind the Posts/Districts when they do their first District meeting in 2025. **The Day of Service is May 3rd 2025.** Since there will be no way for Districts or Departments to see who has and who hasn't met this requirement, it's going to be even tougher to track than usual.