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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far as we head into the dog days of summer. Remember to stay hydrated and stay cool!

School of Instruction is coming up quickly. We encourage as many of you as possible to attend. Please remember, it is a requirement for All State that at least one of the following from your Post attends: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, or Adjutant. Additionally, the Recruiter School of Instruction is now available online and can be completed for this year.

All State and All American Programs are not just about earning a hat or being called an All State or All American Post. These programs are designed to ensure our Posts are actively promoting VFW initiatives such as Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year. They also serve to confirm that Posts are operating correctly and in accordance with our bylaws, doing the work of the VFW effectively.

Department of Virginia's New Committee on Veterans Memorials has been established with four main goals:

1. To inventory all memorials built by VFW Posts, Districts, or the State HQs in Virginia.
2. To identify memorials built by now-closed Posts and determine who is responsible for their maintenance.
3. To seek support for memorials that lack a caregiver or need funding for upkeep.
4. To promote public awareness of VFW-built memorials and include them in ceremonies honoring what each memorial represents.

Patrick Crowley from Post 12218 has been named Chairman of the committee, with Tara Jeffrey (Post 12218) and Ken Wiseman (Post 1503) serving as members.

Let's get those first quarter reports in this month so we are not scrambling in September. Same with the emails required by Commander, Adjutant, and Quartermaster.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication. Let's make this summer productive and stay engaged with our community and VFW programs. Remember that running effective programs helps with recruiting and retention!

Yours in Comradeship
Douglas "Doug" Hoffman
State Commander

2. AUDIT REPORTS:

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, one of which ended June 30th and is **NOW PAST DUE**.

3. DELINQUENT:

Post	District	Fee	Audits	Post	District	Fee	Audits
824	1	\$ 20.00		1860	7	\$ 30.00	
5500	1	\$ 15.00		8613	7	\$ 15.00	
2296	2	\$ 10.00	Dec, March	9640	9		Dec, March
8529	3	\$ 15.00		4204	11	\$ 5.00	
7819	4	\$ 10.00		9339	11	\$ 10.00	
873	5		Dec, March	4301	12	\$ 10.00	
776	6	\$ 15.00		5715	12		March
2157	6	\$ 15.00	Dec, March	6975	12	\$ 30.00	
4299	6	\$ 5.00		7360	12	\$ 10.00	
5311	6	\$ 15.00		9864	12	\$ 10.00	
9877	6	\$ 10.00					

4. DEPARTMENT SOI'S:

School of Instructions will not be held at District Meetings this year. We will be having five different training sessions in five different locations and dates throughout the state. It does not matter which one you attend be it must be in person. There will no ZOOM.

August 23, 2025	POC Gary Adams gadams@vfwva.org	Post 4667, Marion 861 Goolsby St, Marion	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
September 6, 2025	POC Randy Coker rcoker@vfwva.org	Post 1503, Dale City 1463 Minnieville Rd, Dale City	9:00 am – 3:00 pm

September 13, 2025	POC Mitch Rubenstein mrubenstein@vfwva.org	Post 2216, Staunton 212 Frontier Dr, Staunton	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
September 13, 2025	POC Ed Mann adj@vfwva.org	Post 9808, Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Ln, Mechanicsville	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
September 27, 2025	POC Eric Mallett emallett@vfwva.org	Post 4809, Norfolk 5728 Bartee St, Norfolk	9:00 am – 3:00 pm

5. 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.

6. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: 9/27/25 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 3219, Phoebus 122 E Mellen St, Hampton Rep: St Judge Advocate Randy Coker	6 th	Date: 8/2/25 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1264 Roanoke (sponsored Post 2157) 4930 Grandview Avenue NW Rep: State JVC Charles Bush
2 nd	Date: 8/16/25 Meeting: 9:00 AM Location: Post 3160 Norfolk 111 A View Avenue Rep: St Cdr Doug Hoffman	7 th	Date: 8/16/25 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 9760 Berryville 425 S Buckmarsh St Rep: PSC Mitch Rubenstein
3 rd	Date: 8/2/25 Meeting: 10:00 AM Lunch: To follow Meeting Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane Rep: State SVC Mark Maggio	8 th	Date: 9/6/25 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 3103 Fredericksburg 2701 Princess Anne St Rep: St Cdr Doug Hoffman
4 th	Date: 8/9/25 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 8163 Clarksville 7488 Hwy 15N Rep: PSC Tommy Hines	9 th	Date: 9/20/25 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2719 Wytheville 250 S 4 th St Rep: State Surgeon Todd Taylor
5 th	Date: 8/16/25 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 1425 Greensboro Road Rep: PSC Dan Boyer	10 th	Date: 8/30/25 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Rd Rep: St Cdr Doug Hoffman

11th Date: 9/13/25
 Meeting: 9:00 AM
 Location: Post 632 Harrisonburg
 450 Waterman Dr
 Rep: State Surgeon Todd Taylor

12th Date: 8/2/25
 Meeting: 10:00 AM
 Location: Post 1994 Abingdon
 17581 Lee Highway
 Rep: State Surgeon Todd Taylor

13th Date 8/16/25
 Meeting: 11:00 AM
 Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville
 1170 River Rd
 Rep: PSC Ken Wiseman

7. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts will reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails the week after the State Convention. 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 **VFW2025!** 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 cdrrpost176@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 cdrrdist1@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**

srvdist1@vfwva.org
adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

8. 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.

9. HOMECOMING SHIRTS:

Please note that we will be doing another order of the Maroon/White 2025-2026 Homecoming Shirts. The Order forms are in the attachments. **Deadline is September 30, 2025.**

10. IMPORTANT DATES:

August 9 - 13, 2025	National Convention, Columbus, Ohio
August 23, 2025	District Commander School/Fall Council Meeting, Augusta -Staunton Post 2216, Staunton at 9:00 am
November 6 - 9, 2025	Southern Conference, Montgomery, TX (see Department of Texas website for more information)
January 8 - 11, 2026	Winter Council, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night. Cutoff Date is Monday, December 8, 2025, by 5:00 pm.
July 25 - 29, 2026	National Convention, Reno, Nevada
October 22 - 25, 2026	Southern Conference, Mobile, AL
July 31 - August 4, 2027	National Convention, Milwaukee, WI
August 5 - 10, 2028	National Convention, San Antonio, TX

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

The following will be the 2025-2026 Life Member Payout. The National Council of Administration concurred with the payment amounts at its March 2, 2025, meeting.

- Plan ABC - A total payout of \$10.50 for each life member (\$3.50 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$11.70 for each life member (\$3.90 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$23.10 for each life member (\$7.70 to each Post, Department and National).

Note: At-Large Members' corresponding plan pay out amount is divided by two. For example, Plan ABC At-Large Payout is \$5.25 (\$10.50 / 2, Department & National).

This information will also be placed in the VFW General Orders and other communications. As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2025 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2025. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2026 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31, 2025.

We wanted to get this information to you as soon as possible, because we know it affects your Post's budget projections for the ensuing year.

Marc Garduno
Quartermaster General
VFW National Headquarters

14. LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Posts with Post Homes must have liability insurance and list State Headquarters and VFW National Headquarters as additional insurers. State Headquarters does not need a copy of your whole insurance policy; only a copy of the Certificate of Insurance listing State Headquarters and VFW National Headquarters as additional insurers.

The Certificate of Insurance needs to be sent to State Headquarters every year and it can be emailed to statehq@vfwva.org, faxed 1-866-416-0586 or regular mail to VFW State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at State Headquarters.

Ed Mann
State Adj/QM

15. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

Congratulations to the State for making All American and State Commander Mitch for carrying on the tradition of growth another year. My fellow warriors we are starting the year with another added challenge. Due to the hotel schedule we are having our Convention 2 weeks earlier than usual, therefore State judging is 2 weeks earlier than usual. It's all spelled out in the State Membership Plan. I encourage all Commanders to familiarize themselves with the plan. I look forward to serving you this year and giving 110% to help Commander Hoffman grow the state again and keep Virginia's tradition ongoing.

Please reach out to State H.Q., me or any member of the Membership Team for assistance. We are here to help and assist you and your Post. Remember, April 30th is the date of judging and the date we want to meet our goal of 101% Membership.

Tom Hines PSC
Membership Team Chairman
Cell. 434 774 7729

16. MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE:

Your Cooties had lots of fun conducted degree work at the Annual Grand Convention adding 6 new Cooties to our Pup Tents. We are looking to stand up a new Pup Tent in Wytheville on 12 July.

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 Michael Chism Grand Seam Squirrel at grandcdr@vfwva.org.

Thank You for your kind consideration of this request.

Also the following is information on Pup Tents.

SS PT 1 Richard Bates	puptent01@vfwva.org	(757) 831-0422
SS PT 2 Lewis Bush	puptent02@vfwva.org	(757) 609-1417
SS PT 5 John Collins	puptent05@vfwva.org	(757) 719-3196
SS PT 9 Ronnie Steele	puptent09@vfwva.org	(619) 368-8887
SS PT 11 Bruce Fisher	puptent11@vfwva.org	(757) 846-0953
SS PT 13 William Purcell	puptent13@vfwva.org	(737) 207-0896
SS PT 14 Tom Levitt	puptent14@vfwva.org	(703) 895-5070
SS PT 17 Mike Jeffery	puptent17@vfwva.org	(850) 499-0261
SS PT 18 Glenda Indyck	puptent18@vfwva.org	(617) 515-9269
SS PT 19 Todd Taylor	puptent19@vfwva.org	(202) 407-5077

Sincerely,
Michael “Chiz Wiz” Chism
Grand Seam Squirrel

17. 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/patriotic/miscpatriotic.

18. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters will be closed August 1, 7, 8 and 11, 2025.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster Mann will be available by phone and email.

19. 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 bookstores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. ROSTER CHANGES:

Post 824 SVC
William E. Townsley
2405 Fort Eustis Blvd Apt 316
Yorktown, VA 23692
757-478-7467
townsley2369@gmail.com

24. SCHOLARSHIP THEMES:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is now accepting entries for its 79th annual Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth scholarship competitions. The 2025-2026 theme asks America's students "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

Student entries may be submitted (along with a completed entry form) to their local participating VFW Post. The deadline for both contests is **Oct. 31, 2025**.

[Read more about the contests](#), or submit your essay and entry form at your local participating [VFW Post](#).

25. STATE SURGEON:

Comrades,

First let me say thank you for having your trust to fill this position. I love the VFW just as all my fellow Comrades out there and look forward to having this organization around for years to come, and hopefully pass it down to Veteran family (my brothers and sisters in arms having served with them around the globe) as well as my own family (whom have to accept me by blood DNA).

I feel that humor helps us all feel more relaxed and at ease with each other, and I am no different. Although my own sense of humor can be a bit on the dry/morbid side. Nevertheless, I will do my best to keep these on the light side. No one is perfect. I have a thick skin, so tell me when I am out of place or you feel a mistake has been made.

I work constantly on public speaking. Truthfully I am terrible at it. I keep working on it though, and as I was once told, most are not natural public speakers and it takes time to "learn the art" of public speaking. Much as putting an article in our GO's or Newspaper is a learned art as well. I wholly expect to master these applications of communication, but again, I will need your feedback.

As we conclude our first month of our tenure for the 2025-2026 year, July is UV awareness month and Healthy Vision month. July is becoming a scorcher out there. Be sure to take care of your eyes and skin under the harmful UV rays of the sun. Seek shade when appropriate, wear protective clothing and eyewear, and be sure to apply a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater. As for your vision... most of us truly rely

on our vision day to day. Be sure to protect your eyesight by eating healthy foods, staying active, wearing sunglasses, and getting regular eye exams.

For August Comrades, since I am a month behind already... two key awarenesses that we should be mindful of are World Cancer Support Month and the end of August is National Grief Awareness Day on 8/30. We all know someone that has been impacted by cancer. Let's be sure to help those by whatever means we have, even if that is just an encouraging word. As for Grief Awareness, we have all probably been here as well. I know I have on multiple levels of losing friends, Comrades, and family over the years. Keep our Comrades on our thoughts and prayers.

Take care of yourselves Comrades. You are a vital resource, not just to the VFW but to your communities and your families. I hope to see you all soon in my travels around the state for various functions and meetings. As always, feel free to reach out to me if there is something I can be of assistance with.

Todd Taylor
Department of Virginia Surgeon
surgeon@vfwva.org

26. TEACHER RECOGNITION:

Schools will be starting up in the next few weeks and school administrators will be busy with the new year's curriculum and other administrative matters. Still, it's never too early to remind, re-acquaint, or advise the various schools of the Smart-Maher Citizenship Teacher Recognition contest. I noted that only about half the Posts in the Department submitted candidates last year. It's not necessary to have one for each grade level (but more power to you if you can find them). Locate the names of all local school principals (they are usually available on the school's website) and prepare a snail-mail letter to each one, outlining the program, including an entry form, and encouraging the school to nominate a deserving candidate. Remember that the VFW is seeking a teacher who best encourages love of country, its history and traditions among their students, both in and out of the classroom. We're not seeking the best math or science teacher – they have to educate young people in citizenship.

The due date is October 31st for all entries to be received by the Post and then onward to District and the Department. More on those dates in the months to come. But let's find those deserving teachers. And remember that Posts should budget some funds towards these awards just in case.

J. I. Dombroff
Teacher Recognition Chairman

27. TIME/PLACE:

There is very little to report that you are not already aware of. We had a very successful Convention in June and virtually everyone I spoke to had great praise for our venue – the Madison Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisonburg. Some comments were voiced regarding travel times and distances, but these were expected from those who heretofore had the Convention in their back yard, so to speak. Still, even those people had great things to say about the hotel and its facilities.

We'll be back there again in January (giving a lot of people an opportunity to visit the newly opened Buckees) so that's another incentive. I hope that the powers that be have or will sign the contract locking us in for a few more years. I personally see no reason to switch horses in mid-stream so long as any changes in the years to come are not outrageous and can be justified as a cost of doing business by the hotel.

J. I. Dombroff
Time/Place Chairman

28. VIRGINIA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

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

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

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

Jeff Dombroff
Vietnam War Commemoration Chairman

29. VFW FRIENDS OF FREEDOM:

If you are not already a member of the VFW's online community, please visit [vfw.org](https://www.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](https://www.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. 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 2025-2026 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, 2025, and June 30, 2026, the application is **due no later than November 30, 2025**. 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.

31. VFW 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 2025-2026 year. All requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, the **application is due no later than November 30, 2025**. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Douglas Hoffman
State Commander

REGISTER TODAY!

MILITARY WELLNESS WORKSHOP

JOURNEY FROM COPING TO THRIVING

**OPEN TO VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS,
MILITARY FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS.**

SAFE Project guides you on a journey back to you – where your strengths, values, and purpose lead the way. Learn tools to navigate stress, set meaningful goals and move forward with confidence. Your next step – your best step – starts here.

**Learn More &
Register**



**LUNCH
PROVIDED**

August 1 | 9:00am - 5:00pm

LOCATION: VFW Post 9808 – Mechanicsville, VA

“

This workshop
met me where I
was—and
helped me rise.

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Attend this workshop to:

- Learn skills to navigate triggers and stressors
- Discover Insights on the benefits you have earned
- Connect with fellow veterans
- Overcome barriers and set goals to thrive

“

It was exactly
what I needed
—and nothing I
expected.

”

VFW POST 2216

INDOOR YARD SALE



SEPTEMBER 27 8AM-6PM

212 FRONTIER DRIVE, STAUNTON

CALL 540-885-7892 TO RESERVE TABLE

TENTATIVE AGENDA

VFW 126th National Convention Columbus, OH Greater Columbus Convention Center August 9-13, 2025

All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.

Times for various functions are subject to change.

Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates and are subject to change

Friday, August 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	VFW/Auxiliary Pre-Registration
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee

Saturday, August 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Uniting to Combat Hunger
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Vander Clute Memorial Ride
10:00 a.m.	National Council of Administration Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Eastern Conference
3:00 p.m.	Southern Conference
3:00 p.m.	Big Ten Conference
3:00 p.m.	Western Conference

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
9:00 a.m.	Joint Memorial Service
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic
10:00 a.m.	Workshops (TBD)
11:00 a.m.	Update on VFW Legislative Priority Goals
11:00 a.m.	VFW Post Service Officer Training
12:30 p.m.	First Time Attendees Welcome Orientation
1:00 p.m.	VFW Programs Town Hall

TENTATIVE AGENDA

VFW 126th National Convention Columbus, OH Greater Columbus Convention Center August 9-13, 2025

Committee Meetings:

1:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual -
1:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
1:00 p.m.	General Resolutions (300 Series)
1:00 p.m.	National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series)
	Sub Committee – POW/MIA
1:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series)
	Sub-committee – Health
	Sub-committee – Benefits
	Sub-committee – Economic Opportunity/Other
4:00 p.m.	Workshops (TBD)
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Department Adjutant Quartermasters Association Meeting & Reception <i>(by invitation only)</i>
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Cornhole Tournament

Monday, August 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	Joint Opening Session
	<i>(Business session will resume after lunch break)</i>
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Cornhole Tournament Championship
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	126 th VFW National Convention Awards Banquet-Cocktail Hour
6:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	126 th VFW National Convention Awards Banquet

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	VFW Business Session
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	VA Claims Clinic
1:00 p.m.	Department Commanders Luncheon – (by invitation) –
1:00 p.m.	2023-2024 Senior Vice Commanders, Senior Vice Presidents Luncheon (by invite only)
1:00 p.m.	2023-2024 Junior Vice Commanders, Junior Vice President's Luncheon (by invite only)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

VFW 126th National Convention Columbus, OH Greater Columbus Convention Center August 9-13, 2025

1:00 p.m.	Update on Federal Benefits and Services for Veterans
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Workshops (TBD)
1:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop
5:15 p.m.	Parade Line-up
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Rally & Entertainment

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

8:00 a.m.	Business Session: Nominations/Election/Installation of National Officers National Council of Administration Meeting <i>(Following business session)</i>
1:00 p.m.	All American Commanders Luncheon (ticketed event)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception

Updated: 3/11/25

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.----	\$ 420.00
\$130,000.----	\$ 455.00
\$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



Questionnaire for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage



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

Dear Comrade Commander:

August 1, 2025

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns appropriate bonding of your Post Positions. Section 703 of the National By-Laws requires that each Accountable Officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety. The By-Laws place the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. Section 218 of the National Manual requires **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a Crime Policy for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a policy with another surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters Crime Policy. However, prompt attention is required because if your Accountable Officers had previously been covered through the Department Program, **a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2025 or it will be considered delinquent.**

COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRE:

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 may 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 may 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. **IF THE POLICY IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2025, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM. AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.**
5. **POST MUST SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FORM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DATE OF DISCOVERY OF THE LOSS.**

THIS POLICY IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2026

RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETED IN FULL WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

STATE _____ POST# _____

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/ Volunteer Theft coverage for the year from September 1, 2025 through September 1, 2026 in the

AMOUNT of \$ _____ for the POSITION of _____

Post Annual Income: \$ _____

Has the post had any Crime Coverage losses (theft of money) over the past 3 years by an Accountable Officer? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please contact your Department for a Loss Questionnaire. No Coverage can be extended until approved by insurance carrier

Number of Persons Bonded: 1

Number of Locations: 1

NOTE : Questionnaire is not valid unless
ALL questions are answered. Coverage may
be postponed if not completed in FULL.
Deadline for coverage is September 1, 2025 -
After this date you will be delinquent and not
in compliance with the VFW By- Laws.

Form 2 - Revised 2025

QM or Commander or Adjutant or Sr Vice Signature

Date

Phone Number

Street Address, City and Zip

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



Questionnaire for Club Employees & Bingo Persons



A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Crime Coverage)
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
Coverage Term: October 1, 2025 to October 1, 2026

1. Name of Post _____ Post # _____

Post Address _____
Street City State Zip

2. Name of Person Covered: _____

3. Position to be Covered: _____

4. Coverage Amount Requested: \$ _____

5. Post Annual Income: \$ _____

6. Has the post had any crime losses (Theft of Money by Employee/ Volunteer) over the past 3 years? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please contact your Department for a Loss Questionnaire. No coverage can be extended until approved by insurance carrier.

7. Has the employee/volunteer ever been convicted of a dishonest or fraud employment related act? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain: _____

8. *If this is a replacement for a current position, please advise who you are replacing :* _____

Number of Persons Covered: 1 Number of Locations: 1

Printed Name of Covered Person

Signature of Covered Person

Date

Contact Phone # _____

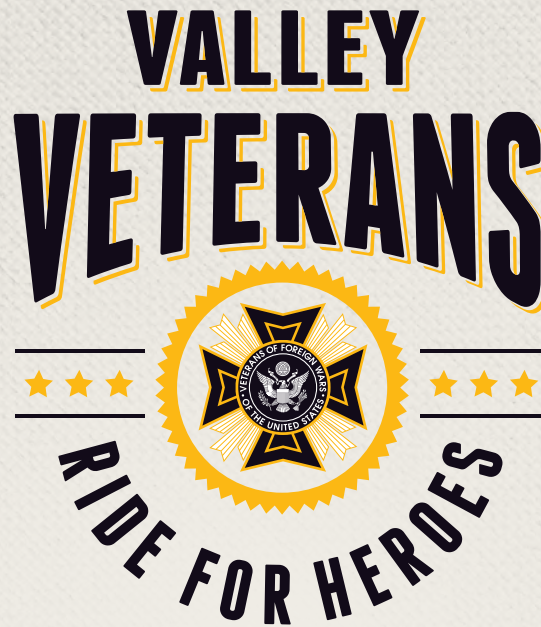
NOTE : Questionnaire is not valid unless all questions are answered. Coverage may be postponed if not completed in **FULL**.
IF COVERAGE IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 10-1-2025, THE POST
HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS, PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.
Form 4B - Revised 2025

- ★ Family-friendly event with routes of varying length
- ★ Relax at Rockbridge Vineyard & Brewery before and after the ride
- ★ Exhibits and displays

PACKET PICK-UP & REGISTRATION

September 6, 7-8 am

Rockbridge Vineyard & Brewery
35 Hill View Lane
Raphine, Virginia



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.

September 6, 2025

Begins at 8:30 am

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

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

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.

RIDING FOR STRENGTH
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Humana



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Fabrics



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VFW 3103 3rd Annual Star Spangled Veterans Golf Tournament

*All proceeds benefit Fredericksburg area
veterans and families.*

September 19, 2025

The Gauntlet Golf Course

18 Fairway Dr.

Fredericksburg, VA 22554

Individual Player - \$125

Team - \$500

Sponsorship opportunities are available
For more information go to:

[HTTPS://VFW3103.org](https://vfw3103.org)

Or use the QR Code

Contact us at vfw3103@gmail.com





**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department Commander Shirt
2025-2026**



Pre- order forms must be sent to **Department Headquarters**
no later than September 30, 2025, for VFW members

Cost: Small – Extra Large: \$35.00 2XL: \$36.00 3XL: \$37.00 4XL: \$38.00

Name: _____ Size: ____ Number of Shirts: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Post # _____ District # _____

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at the Winter Council January 2026 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 2025-2026

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

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

3rd Annual SGT Nicholas C. Mason Memorial VFW Post 12202 Building Fund Golf Tournament

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

When:

Thursday, October 23, 2025
7:30AM Registration Opens
9:00AM Shotgun Start

Where:

The Golf Club at Mattaponi Springs
22490 Penola Road
Ruther Glen, VA 22546

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Fees:

Individual \$120
Team of 4 \$480
Includes lunch and 18 holes

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Prizes for:

Top 3 Teams
Longest Drive/Closest to Pin
Most Patriotic Team

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Send fees/donations to: 9337 Hickory Ln King George, VA 22485

C/O Christine Mason, VFW Post 12202 Auxiliary

Contact vfw12202golf@gmail.com or text Christine Mason at
(540)379-5104 or Henry Welch at (512)731-8911 with any questions.



Scan to sign
up with Golf
Status.

**VFW/AUX DEPARTMENT of VIRGINIA
COMMANDER & PRESIDENT HOMECOMING**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025
VFW POST 1503 - DALE CITY
SOCIAL HOUR 5-6 DINNER 6:30
-70's THEME-**

COME GET YOUR GROOVE ON

BE READY to DANCE and DRESSED to IMPRESS!!

FREE EVENT

**YOU MUST REQUEST TICKETS BY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, VIA EMAIL TO**

TOM LEVITT AT:

NLCTLEVITT@VFWVA.ORG

**WHEN EMAILING - PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR
NAME & PHONE NUMBER
LIMIT TWO (2) TICKETS PER PERSON**

HOTEL INFO:

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
3901 FETTLER PARK DR.
DUMFRIES, VA 22026
703-441-9001**

**HAMPTON INN
16959 OLD STAGE RD.
DUMFRIES, VA 22025
703-441-9900**



**MUST BE 21 to ATTEND
ABSOLUTELY NO
OUTSIDE ALCOHOL**



Roll Call!

WE SERVE THOSE THAT SERVED. VETERAN LED PROGRAMS

We recognize that veterans have distinct experiences that require customized outpatient care for addiction. At Master Center, we offer services and programs specifically designed to meet your unique needs.

Veteran Led Support Groups

Veteran Staff

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Reach out to Kelly Freel, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

E: kfreel@mastercenter.com | P: 804.944.0274

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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



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 2025-2026 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, 2025.**

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) The project must be initiated, completed and receipts submitted in the period of July 1, 2025, through June 1, 2026.
- 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.

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Community Service Grant

Official Grant Application

(All questions must be answered in full)

Name and number of the Post/Auxiliary: _____

Mailing address: _____

Physical address of the event: _____

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

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

Description of the project to be completed: _____

Estimated cost of the project: _____

How will labor be provided: _____

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

Commander/President: _____ QM/Treasurer: _____

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 2025-2026 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, 2025.**

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, 2025, through June 30, 2026. 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: _____