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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone. I hope you all plan to spend it with people you love or at least people you can tolerate for two to three hours. I am staying home with just the five of us. I can tolerate three of them anyway. Well enough about that. We just finished the Commanders Round-UP. Many of you know I missed it. I had the flu at the last minute. There were four of us scheduled to go, but Ed could only tolerate two of us, so I stayed home. Seriously, If I missed coming to your Post or District, I'm sorry I missed you. I'm the one who missed out. I had my heart burst with happiness when I missed that lousy Cootie Scratch in Mechanicsville. I am ashamed to say that I am a Rowdy Rebel in Pup Tent 13.

Next, we finished up October with 86.95% leading the Southern Conference only 343 members from our goal. I'm proud to say that as today November 21 we have already picked up 669 members thanks to all of you. I am proud to say that Virginia hosts two century recruiters already with Ken Wiseman, and Geoffrey Lyster. We also have several others who will be century recruiters very soon. We have a strong membership team thanks to my Chief of Staff Tommy Hines. He has led this State to All American for many years now, and I pray that I don't let you all down as your Commander. It is hard to screw up when your surrounded by a state like Virginia. Virginia sets a high bar for the rest of the country, and I am just along for the ride. You make me look good, and I am truly grateful.

Before you know it, we will all be together for winter COA, and we have a lot instore. We hope that you are all happy to be going back to Fort Magruder, because we are excited for the change. I hope it all goes off without a hitch. We are planning some training, some new exhibits, and a great menu too. I hope you enjoy all the dining opportunities the area has to offer, as well as the hospitality opportunities as well. I hope that we can maximize your spending dollar. Last if any of you ever have an idea for a new location where we can have our COA of Convention, please let myself or someone know. We want to visit them and explore any opportunity. I thank you for your time

and for electing me as your commander. But most of all I'm thankful none of you ran against me. That really takes the pressure off (LOL.) Again, Happy Thanksgiving.

Gary Adams, State Commander

## 2. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

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

## 3. BUDDY POPPIES:

State Headquarters has Buddy Poppies (old or new) in stock. The new price for the original buddy poppies (red ones) are \$160.00 per 500. The price for the new metal poppies is \$70.00 per 500. As a reminder poppies must be paid for before they can be shipped.

## 4. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:

All officers should obtain current 2024 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2024 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 124<sup>th</sup> National Convention, which becomes effective on August 20, 2023.

## 5. CALENDAR RAFFLE:

Once again, I want to thank everyone for the support so far on the calendars. The feedback so far has been positive, and I hear that they are selling. Keep pushing. Take them with you on your recruiting events and buddy poppy events. Buy a few as stocking stuffers! Give one to a Vietnam Veteran or a new member. Remember this helps fund our programs that are very important to the VFW (Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, Teacher of the Year). So, let's make these last couple of weeks of sales the best yet. Remember, money, ticket stubs and unsold calendars need to be back to Headquarters no later than December 20, 2023. Thanks again for all the support and feel free to call me if you have any questions and especially if you need more calendars.

**Please DO NOT HOLD calendars and money until the last day!**

Also enclosed is a flyer for your use.

## 6. CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD:

District judging should be completed by **December 10<sup>th</sup>** and winners forwarded to the Department chairman by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Department judging will be held on **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Post and District Adjutants must report required information through **Dashboard** in order to get credit for participation. This new reporting system is a replacement for the reporting previously done by District and State chairpersons. It is critical that it be accomplished in order for Posts and Districts to get credit for participation in the All-State and All-American programs. District Chairperson will still submit reports to the State Chairman in order to supplement the State **Dashboard** reporting. Reporting forms for the District chairpersons will be provided to the District Commanders.

Post chairmen must be sure to send the original nomination form, essay and official VFW Post teacher entry form of the winner from each grade's category – along with one-page resume, up to five (5) pages of documentation and a good quality head and shoulders photograph from the winning teachers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me (540) 955-3311 or (540) 539-5446 or email me [bigredtruk@comcast.net](mailto:bigredtruk@comcast.net).

Chris Birch, Chairman

**7. DELINQUENT:**

Dist.	Post	Fees	Audits	Bonds	Dist.	Post	Fees	Audits	Bonds
2	993		September		7	8613		September	
2	2296	6.00		Bond	7	9292		September	
2	12217		September	Bond	9	1184		September	
3	2239		June, Sept		9	4667		September	
3	8046		September		9	7136			Bond
3	8529		September		9	9640			Bond
4	8446		September		12	4301	6.00		
5	4637		September		12	5715	12.00		
5	8467		September		12	9600	9.00	September	Bond
6	1264		September						

**8. DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

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| <p>1<sup>st</sup>     Date:            1/20/24<br/> Meeting:        11:00 AM<br/> Location:       Post 8252 Gloucester Hosting<br/>                          DAV Chapter 58<br/>                          6265 Professional Dr, Gloucester<br/> Rep:               State SVC Mitch Rubenstein</p> | <p>6<sup>th</sup>       Date:            12/2/23<br/> Meeting:        Noon<br/> Location:       Post 1264 Roanoke<br/>                          4930 Grandview Avenue NW<br/> Rep:               State SVC Mitch Rubenstein</p>  |
| <p>2<sup>nd</sup>       Date:            TBD<br/> Meeting:        9:00 AM<br/> Location:       TBD<br/> Rep:               State Surgeon Charles Bush</p>   | <p>7<sup>th</sup>       Date:            1/20/24<br/> Lunch:           11:30 AM<br/> Meeting:        To follow lunch<br/> Location:       Post 2447 Edinburg<br/>                          100 Veterans Way<br/> Rep:               State Judge Advocate Mark Maggio</p> |
| <p>3<sup>rd</sup>       Date:            2/10/24<br/> Meeting:        10:00 AM<br/> Location:       Post 637 Hopewell<br/>                          1400 Lynchburg St<br/> Rep:               State Commander Gary Adams</p>  | <p>8<sup>th</sup>       Date:            2/3/24<br/> Meeting:        9:00 AM<br/> Location:       Post 12218 Haymarket<br/>                          6620 James Madison Hwy<br/> Rep:               State Commander Gary Adams</p>                                       |
| <p>4<sup>th</sup>       Date:            1/20/24<br/> Meeting:        11:00 AM<br/> Lunch:           Noon<br/> Location:       Post 8759 Amelia<br/>                          16440 Five Forks Rd<br/> Rep:               State JVC Doug Hoffman</p>  | <p>9<sup>th</sup>       Date:            1/20/24<br/> Meeting:        10:00 AM<br/> Location:       Post 9696 Bluefield<br/>                          131 Loverlane Street<br/> Rep:               State Adj/QM Ed Mann</p>  |
| <p>5<sup>th</sup>       Date:            TBD<br/> Meeting:        10:00 AM<br/> Location:       TBD<br/> Rep:               State SVC Mitch Rubenstein</p>  | <p>10<sup>th</sup>      Date:            12/3/23<br/> Meeting:        10:30 AM<br/> Location:       Post 1177 Leesburg<br/>                          401 Old Waterford Rd NW<br/> Rep:               State Inspector Randy Coker</p>                                     |

11<sup>th</sup> Date: 1/27/24  
Meeting: 10:00 AM  
Location: Post 2216 Staunton  
212 Frontier Drive  
Rep: State JVC Doug Hoffman

12<sup>th</sup> Date: 12/2/23  
Meeting: 11:00 AM  
Location: Post 1994 Abingdon  
17581 Lee Highway  
Rep: State Commander Gary Adams

13<sup>th</sup> Date: 2/24/24  
Meeting: 11:00 AM  
Location: Post 8947 Louisa  
201 Mineral Avenue  
Rep: State Surgeon Charles Bush

## 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, one of which ends December 31, 2023. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.

## 10. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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 **VFW2023!** 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](mailto:cdrpost176@vfwva.org) where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

[adjpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:adjpost176@vfwva.org)  
[qmpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:qmpost176@vfwva.org)

For District Officers your address will be [cdrdist1@vfwva.org](mailto: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**

[svrdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:svrdist1@vfwva.org)  
[adjdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:adjdist1@vfwva.org)  
[qmdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:qmdist1@vfwva.org)

## 11. HALF-STAFF U.S. FLAG:

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

## 12. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy General Orders are \$30.00 for the year. Contact State Headquarters for more info.

## 13. IMPORTANT DATES:

January 11 - 14, 2024 Winter Council Meeting, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA: phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$89.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars – Winter Council Meeting Group"; Cut-off Date December 11, 2023.

June 12 – 16, 2024 State Convention, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA: phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$139.00 per night.

July 27 - Aug 1, 2024 National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky

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

## 14. 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 is effective January 1, 2014.

Here is the link to get the form and instructions – <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf>

This will also apply to all Auxiliaries that have their own EIN number.

## 15. LIFE DRAWING:

Congratulations to Keith Maggard Post 4301, Norton as the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Keith Maggard Post 4301 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 85% of their membership reported to State Headquarters by October 31, 2023, deadline.

## 16. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders,

I hope all had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

I would like to thank all the Post and Districts for the great turnout and discussions that we had on the State Commanders Roundup. Membership was a topic that was discussed at all of our visits. Engaging the Post Members on their concerns and comments was rewarding. I hope that we can continue to improve our membership programs and use the information and comments to our advantage going forward. Commander Adams has made a decision to hold one more RSOI at the Winter Conference in January at Williamsburg. ANY POST THAT NEEDS THIS TO MAKE ALL STATE OR ALL AMERICAN MUST ATTEND IN PERSON, THE RSOI WILL NOT BE ZOOMED. THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT THE MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

As we get the Holidays behind us, let's all make a New Year's Resolution to work harder on Membership next year. As always, the State Team is here to assist you with recruiting. If you want assistance, please contact me or State H.Q. and we will do our best to help you.

Tom Hines PSC, Membership Team Chairman

## 17. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES:

Comrades,

With my resume in the VFW, I know that we have people and organizations who have done a lot to help the VFW even though those people are not a member of the VFW. I am sure you could also tell similar stories of people and companies who have helped your Post. I have secured a deal where Virginia will receive one National HQs Recognition Certificate per District to honor such people and entities.

You will need to send details to me so we can pick the most deserving, shape the citations, and adhere to some requirements. Those requirements are as follows:

1. Individuals or owners of the company mentioned may not be VFW or Auxiliary members (awards exist for members of both organizations and their companies).
2. A Post may only submit one entry in the 2023-2024 VFW year for consideration against other entries from that District.
3. Only one citation per District will be presented in the 2023-2024 year, regardless of the number of entries received from that District.
4. Drafts for the award, which shall detail the reasons for the award, must be submitted to Ken Wiseman at [kwiseman@vfwva.org](mailto:kwiseman@vfwva.org) by January 24, 2024, without exception.
5. Presentations will occur starting in March 2024, and awardees must agree to participate in photographs for use by the VFW in all forms of media.
6. The final decision of those who receive the award will be in line with the expectations of the National HQs and shall not be appealed.

I am sure you can think of those who have done great things to help your Post. An example of a citation was sent out on the Department's official email system.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to your entries.

Ken Wiseman, Member, National Council of Administration

## 18. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters and the Service Officer Offices in Dale City, Norfolk and Smithfield will be closed December 25, 2023, and reopen on January 2, 2024, in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

The Adj/QM will be available by phone and email for any issues that may arise.

## 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 book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

## 20. PATRIOT'S PEN:

The 2023 Department Patriot's Pen Selection Board will be held at Post 9808 Mechanicsville, Virginia on Saturday 23 December 2023. At least one representative from each District should be present.

The January 2023 Department Awards ceremony for the top three finalists will be held Saturday 13 January 2023 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Further information will be forth coming.

Louis Filippone, Patriot's Pen Chairman

## 21. POST RELIEF FUND:

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

## 22. PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS:

Posts are asked to submit four nominees (one for each career area) to State Headquarters no later than January 11, 2024.

- VFW National Law Enforcement Award
- VFW Firefighter Award
- VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Award
- VFW National 911 Dispatcher Award

NOTE: VFW PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATION POST ENTRY FORM. This form has been developed to assist VFW Post Safety Chairpersons with an entry form to hand out to the local Fire Department, Police Department, etc. to assist interested individuals in nominating one of their own. The entry form along with the required documentation are to be returned to the local VFW Post for their judging. Once a winner in each category has been chosen, the Post will forward the winning entries on to the next level of judging.

Simply visit [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), log in to My VFW, then look under Member Resources, click on **VFW Training & Support**, then click on **Community Service & Youth Programs**, then look under **Public Servant Program**.

## 23. 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](http://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.

## 24. ROSTER CHANGES:

VFW Post 2582 JVC  
Robbie Scott Goff  
2517 Saint Martin Dr  
Suffolk, VA 23434  
808-342-1399  
[robsgoff@gmail.com](mailto:robsgoff@gmail.com)

VFW Post 2582 QM  
Christopher A. Blodgett  
322 Gauntlet Way  
Suffolk, VA 23434  
757-287-0614  
[qmpost2582@vfwva.org](mailto:qmpost2582@vfwva.org)

VFW Post 4637 Cmdr  
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110 Mulberry Ct  
Martinsville, VA 24112  
540-383-8530  
[cdrpost4637@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost4637@vfwva.org)

VFW Post 10387 QM  
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VFW Post 4637 SVC  
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[gilleran@comcast.net](mailto:gilleran@comcast.net)

VFW Post 12218 SVC  
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Haymarket, VA 20169  
540-905-2610  
[patrickcrowley4242@gmail.com](mailto:patrickcrowley4242@gmail.com)

VFW Post 12218 JVC  
Michael J. Jeffery  
5638 Arrowfield Terrace  
Haymarket, VA 20169  
850-499-0261  
[mt.jeffery@yahoo.com](mailto:mt.jeffery@yahoo.com)

## 25. STATE SURGEON:

### Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Awareness

Hello, Comrades of Virginia; after visiting several Posts in Virginia, we want to bring awareness to dementia this month. Also, the resources below can assist loved ones and the families who provide love, care, and support.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking, and behavior. Symptoms eventually grow severe enough to interfere with daily tasks. Dementia is caused by **brain cell loss or damaged cells, which impairs the brain's ability to function normally**. People are more likely to get dementia if they have a family history or minor cognitive impairment. Each type of dementia affects the brain differently and is distinguished by distinct brain changes.

The most common forms of dementia include:

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Vascular Dementia
- Lewy Body Dementia
- Frontotemporal Dementia
- Mixed Dementia

If dementia is suspected, an early diagnosis is crucial so that you or your family can receive the medical care and assistance that you require. See the website below to learn the signs of Alzheimer's.

Memory Assessment Centers are located statewide to receive diagnosis and treatment.  
<https://www.vda.virginia.gov/dementiacapableva.htm>

Resources Dementia Capable Virginia (DCV) can help you navigate caring for a loved one living with dementia. DCV, an initiative of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission and DARS, offers a range of resources to download, including the **Virginia Dementia Road Map** and Caregiver Tip Sheets on a range of topics. Professionals and service providers can find materials and resources, including screening materials and the **Primary Care Dementia Practice Toolkit**.

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/brain-health/alzheimers-disease-and-related-dementias/>



<https://www.vda.virginia.gov/dementiacapableva.htm>  
<https://wayback.archive-it.org/5774/20210812215909/https://www.alz.org/>

**Disclaimer: Please check with your health provider for more information**

**Get Healthy and Stay Well**

Charles Bush, State Surgeon

**26. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:**

The Voice of Democracy program, instituted in 1947, has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. Each year over 25,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives.

**2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Reporting Deadlines**

3 December 2023 - Completion of District judging

23 December 2023 - Department VOD Selection Board

15 January 2024 - District Participation Reports due to Department Chairman

15 January 2024 - Department winners due to National

Please send complete application packets to the Department VOD Chairman to include the completed Official Student Entry form with all appropriate signatures, a typed transcript, flash drive and a photograph of the District winner. Make sure your flash drive is properly recorded and playable before sending it. Incomplete application packets may result in disqualifying your candidate from judging.

The District's first place winning submission must be received by the Department VOD Chairman Geoffrey Lyster, P.O. Box 1196, Warrenton, VA 20188, NLT Friday, 15 December 2023. You are strongly encouraged to send your application packet by UPS, Fed Ex, or USPS return receipt. You are also advised to keep a duplicate copy of the completed application packet. The Department VOD Selection Board will be held on Saturday, 23 December 2023, at VFW Post 9808 Mechanicsville.

**Voice of Democracy Department Awards**

The top three finalists will be invited to the Winter COA Banquet in Williamsburg, Virginia to be held Saturday, 13 January 2024. All three finalists will receive their awards and should be prepared to present their essays at the awards banquet. The Post that sponsors the Department's first place winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy at the Department Convention in June 2024. Should you require any assistance or additional information regarding the 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy program, or its administration please contact me directly at 703-725-7862 or email [glyster@vfwva.org](mailto:glyster@vfwva.org).

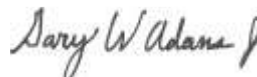
Geoffrey D. Lyster, Voice of Democracy Chairman

Official:



Ed Mann  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Gary W Adams, Jr.  
State Commander



# Support Our Veterans



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

## 2024 Calendar & Raffle Ticket

**\$20**



3,000 LIMITED RAFFLE  
365 Chances to Win!

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA  
403 Lee Jackson Hwy, Staunton, VA 24401

Prizes	
3	\$1,000
7	\$500
2	\$200
9	\$100
344	\$50

\* See inside back cover for rules and more information. Raffle sale ends 12/31/2024.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**365 chances to win**

**Prizes range from \$1000-\$50**

**You may win more than once**

**1<sup>st</sup> drawing: January 4, 2024**

**Drawings for 7 winners every Thursday**

**Winners posted at website [vfwva.org](http://vfwva.org)**

**Good odds: Limited number sold (4000 max)**

**Proceeds fund Virginia VFW programs**

# REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 4TH

## WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 11 – 14, 2024

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 757-220-2250 ~  
\$89.00 Per night

*(Hotel Group Rate Deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>)*

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET  
\$55.00

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS  
SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.**

### Dinner Menu

**Herb Crusted Chicken**

**AND**

**Sliced Herb Crusted Roast Beef**

Served with:

House Salad

Southern Style Green Beans    Oven Roasted Potatoes

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chocolate Cake

Coffee    Iced Tea

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RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 4, 2024** **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**  
Check, Discover, American Express, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number or Auxiliary number:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Aux: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please charge my card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One: Discover American Express MasterCard Visa SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail form to: State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401  
You may also e-mail this form to: [statehq@vfwva.org](mailto:statehq@vfwva.org) or fax it to 1-866-416-0586 if paying by Credit Card only

*Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.*



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND  
VFW AUXILIARY**

Winter Council of Administration Meeting  
January 11-14, 2024  
Ft Magruder Hotel and Conference Center  
Williamsburg, Virginia  
757-220-2250

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024**

1:00 PM      3:00 PM      Virginia Veterans Foundation Board Meeting      TBD

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**

10:00 AM	5:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Williamsburg Room
12:30 PM	2:30 PM	Microsoft 365 Training	Amphitheater
12:30 PM	2:30 PM	VFW History, Core Values & Traditions	Petersburg
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Audit (Treasurer and Audit Team)	
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Microsoft 365 Training (Repeats)	
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	VFW History, Core Values & Traditions (Repeats)	
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vendor Appreciation Event	Williamsburg
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024**

7:30 AM	8:30 PM	PDP Breakfast	
8:00 AM	2:30 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Williamsburg Room
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Petersburg
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg
8:00 AM	2:30 PM	Service Officer Training	Amphitheater
9:00 AM	12:30 PM	VFW Auxiliary Business/Program Presentation	Richmond
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	VFW Riders Meeting	Petersburg A
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	MOCA Meeting	Petersburg A
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Petersburg B&C
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	MOC Meeting	Petersburg B&C
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Women Veterans Forum	Amphitheater
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	VOD & PP BANQUET	Richmond

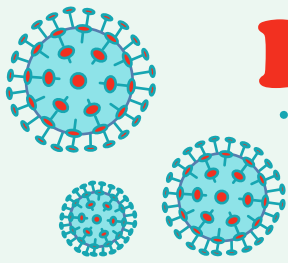
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024**

9:00 AM      9:30 AM      Joint Devotional Service      Amphitheater

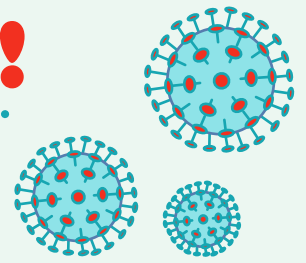
TEACHER OF THE YEAR, VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, AND PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET TICKETS: \$55.00

Department Hospitality Room – Williamsburg Room  
Tenth District Hospitality Room – Third Floor

**(Tentative schedule subject to change)**



# It's Flu Season!



Don't give the flu a chance to infect you!

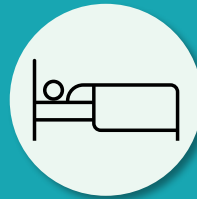
Flu season starts in October and peaks in February. Influenza (flu) is a contagious, airborne transmitted, respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, pneumonia, and though rare, can lead to death. Symptoms may last over two weeks and can include:



Fever / chills



Body aches



Fatigue



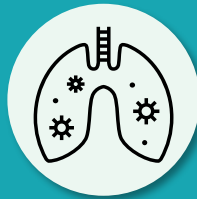
Headache



Congestion



Cough



Breathing issues



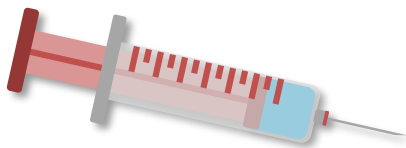
Sore throat



Vomiting / Diarrhea



## Preventing The Flu



### Get Vaccinated

Getting the annual Flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting yourself and others from the flu.



### Practice Good Hygiene

Wash your hands often with soap and water. Carry and use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.



### Decontaminate

Use appropriate products to clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with the flu and other germs.



December 14, 2022

Dear Post Quartermaster,

With the support of the VFW National Headquarters and the VFW Department leadership, the National Council of Administration passed a resolution at the August 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting that makes it mandatory for all Posts and Departments to sign up for Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments from the National Headquarters by December 31, 2016.

What is ACH and what does this mean? ACH is a method for the National Headquarters to electronically submit payments to Posts and Departments. ACH is one of the most secure, fastest and efficient payment methods available today. When an ACH payment is transmitted, the deposit will typically be available in the payee's account the following business day. If you provide an e-mail address, you will also receive an e-mail notification whenever a payment is transmitted to your account from National Headquarters, and that e-mail will explain the purpose of the payment.

After December 31, 2016, the National Headquarters will no longer be issuing paper checks to Posts and Departments. Historically there have been thousands of checks to VFW Posts and Department that have gone uncashed, and by signing up for ACH, that issue will be eliminated.

Attached is the ACH application form that needs to be completed and signed. You are also required to attach a voided check from the appropriate bank account.   


Thanks for your assistance in making the VFW more efficient.

Sincerely,

Donald R Holland Jr., MBA  
VFW National Accounting Dept  
406 W 34th St  
Kansas City, MO 64111



**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS (ACH CREDITS)**

**Attention Quartermasters**

An email notification will be sent to the Post's V-mail account after each ACH Deposit has been transmitted providing the date of deposit and amount. If your Post would like to also receive an email message to a different email account, please provide below.

**VFW DEPT OR  
VFW POST/AUX NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX ID  
NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) hereby authorize Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, hereinafter called VFW of US, to initiate credit entries and to initiate, if necessary, debit\* entries and adjustments for any credit entries in error to our ( ) **Checking** or ( ) **Savings** account (**select one**) indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to credit and/or debit\* the same to such account.

**DEPOSITORY/BANK**

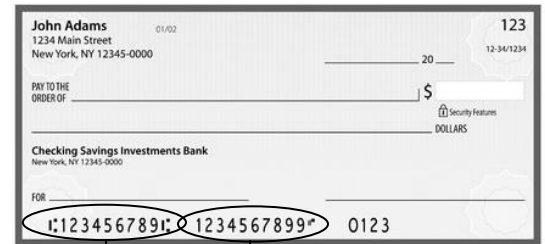
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**BRANCH** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

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Routing #      Account #

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until VFW of US has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford VFW of US and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

**POST QUARTERMASTER OR AUX TREASURER**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Be advised, it takes approximately 1 week to process, therefore, it is important to return this form as soon as possible.**

**FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT, PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR SCAN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:**  
VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
ACCOUNTING DEPT  
ATTN: DONALD HOLLAND  
406 W. 34TH ST., SUITE 1100  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64111

816-756-3390 Ext 6230 / FAX 816-968-1137 /EMAIL DHolland@vfw.org

**PLEASE ATTACH VOID OR CANCELLED CHECK HERE**

**\*Debits will only be initiated to correct an error. Under no circumstances will the Debit exceed the error amount. Application will not be processed if there is no void check or deposit slip attached.**

**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

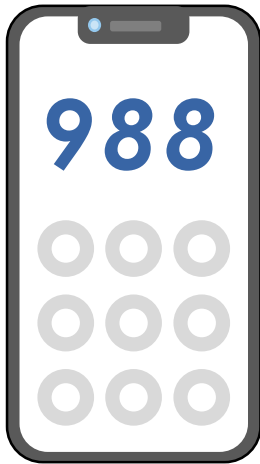
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# New!

# 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE



## Call or Text 988 for Free, Confidential, 24/7 Mental Health Support

On July 16, 2022, the U.S. is transitioning to using the 988-dialing code to operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

## Facts About 988



**Accessible.** It serves as a universal entry point so that no matter where you live, you can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the U.S.



**Comprehensive.** 988 is a direct connection to compassionate care and support for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress – whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.



**For Everyone.** People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one or someone who may need crisis support.

To learn more about 988, visit:  
[bit.ly/988forHope](https://bit.ly/988forHope)







## Centennial Garden

Celebrate the upcoming VFW National Home Centennial in style with a personalized engraved brick in our 2025 Centennial Garden. Whether it's to honor a loved one, commemorate a special event, or simply leave your mark on this historic occasion, our 8x8 engraved bricks offer a timeless way to do just that. And for a limited time only, you can secure your place in history for an unbeatable price of only \$500.

Our bricks are made from the highest quality materials and engraved with the latest technology, ensuring that your message will last for generations to come. Not only will your brick be a lasting tribute to your contribution to celebrate our 2025 centennial anniversary, but it will also add to the beauty and legacy of the garden for years to come.

With only a limited number of bricks available, now is the time to act. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Order your personalized engraved brick today for only \$500 and be a part of history.



To order bricks visit <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/vfwnationalhome>



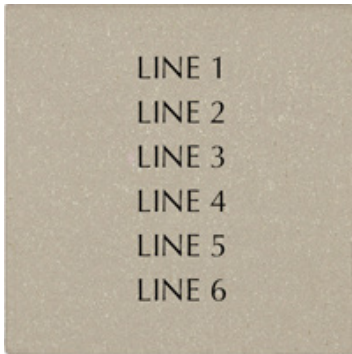


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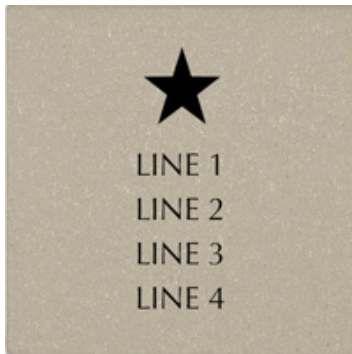
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**\$500 - 8x8 Brick**

6 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

**\$500 - 8x8 Brick**

4 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)


**Clipart**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:**

VFW National Home  
Attn: Development Dept  
3573 S Waverly Rd  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

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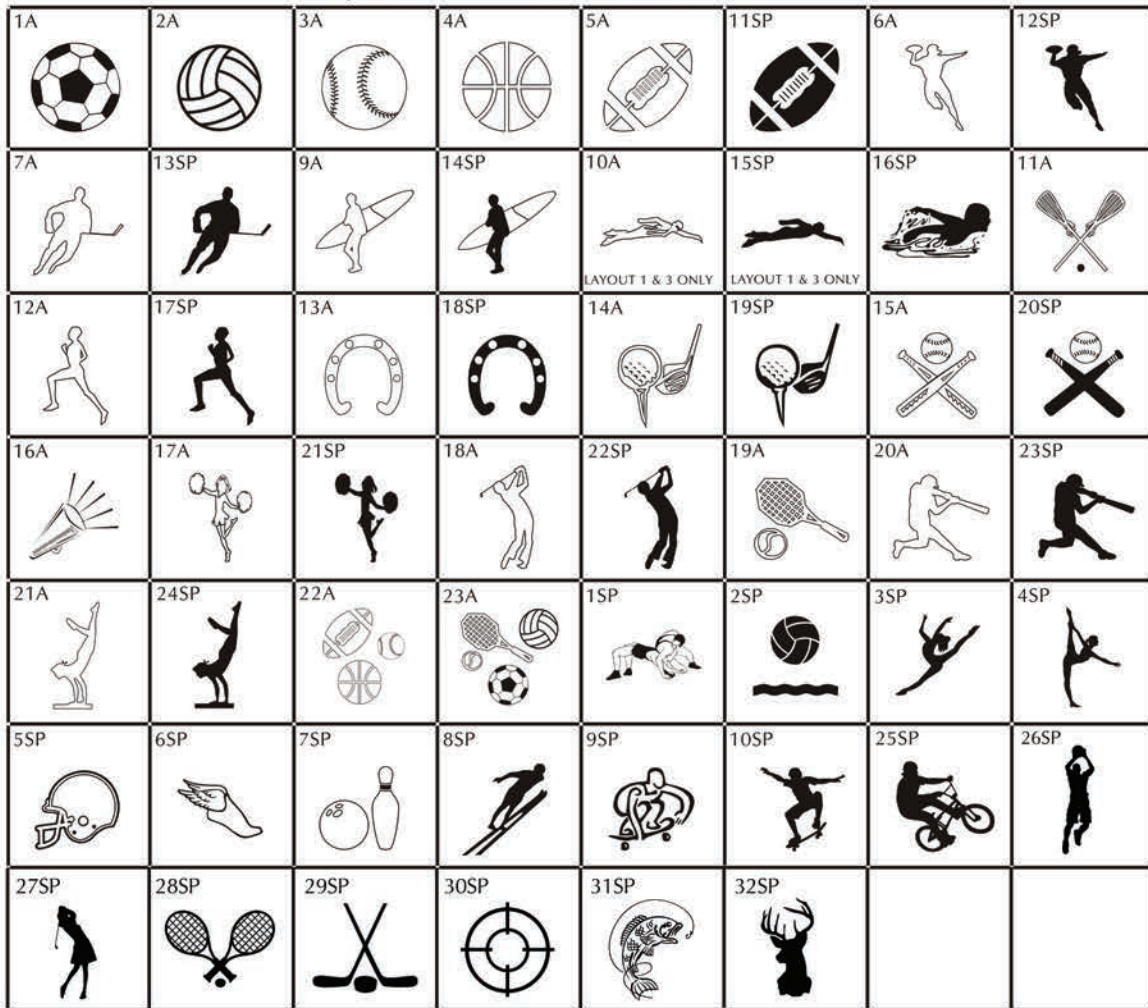
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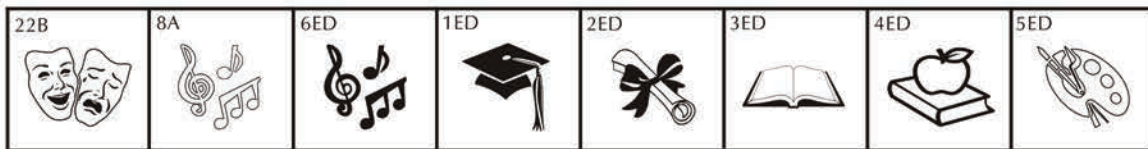
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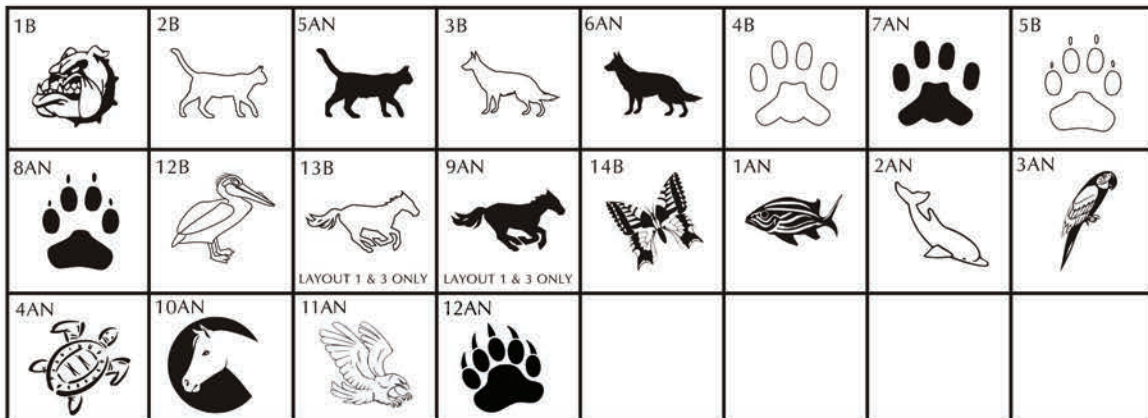
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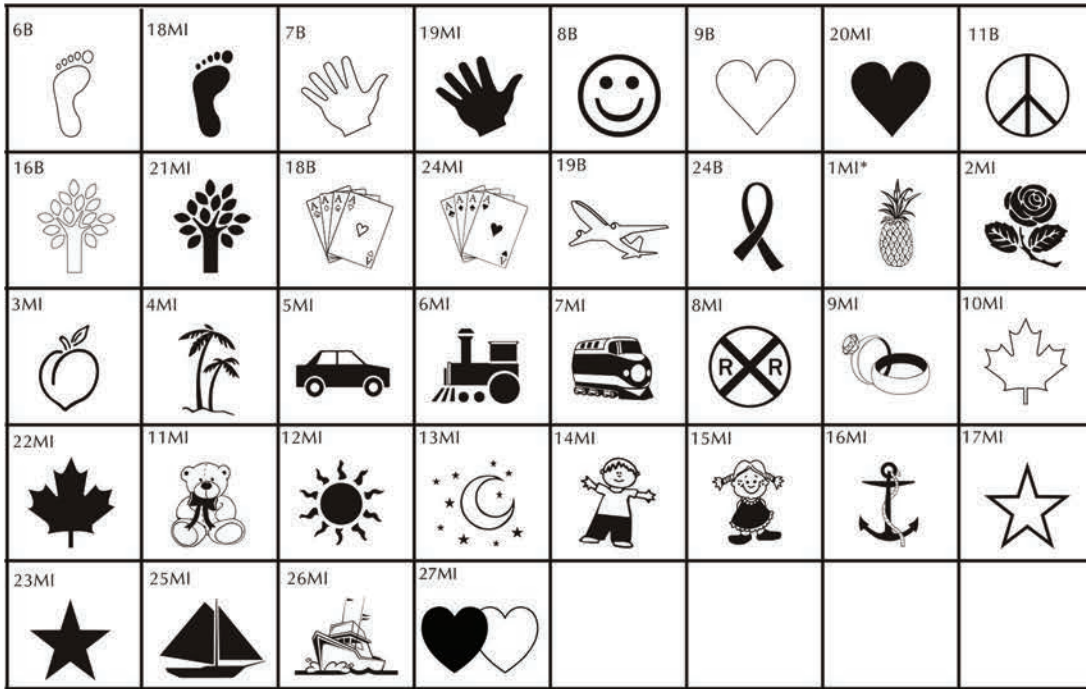
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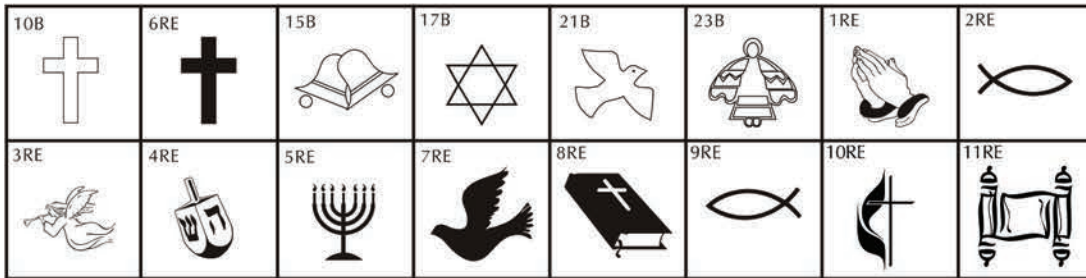
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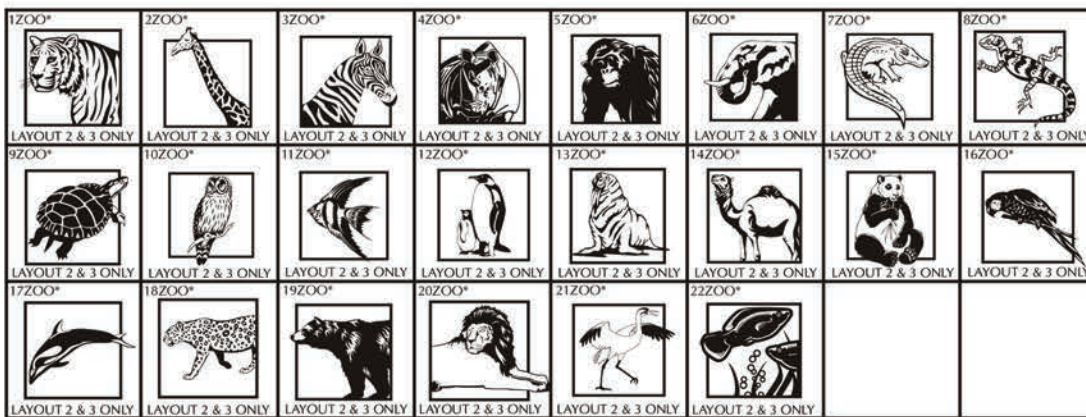
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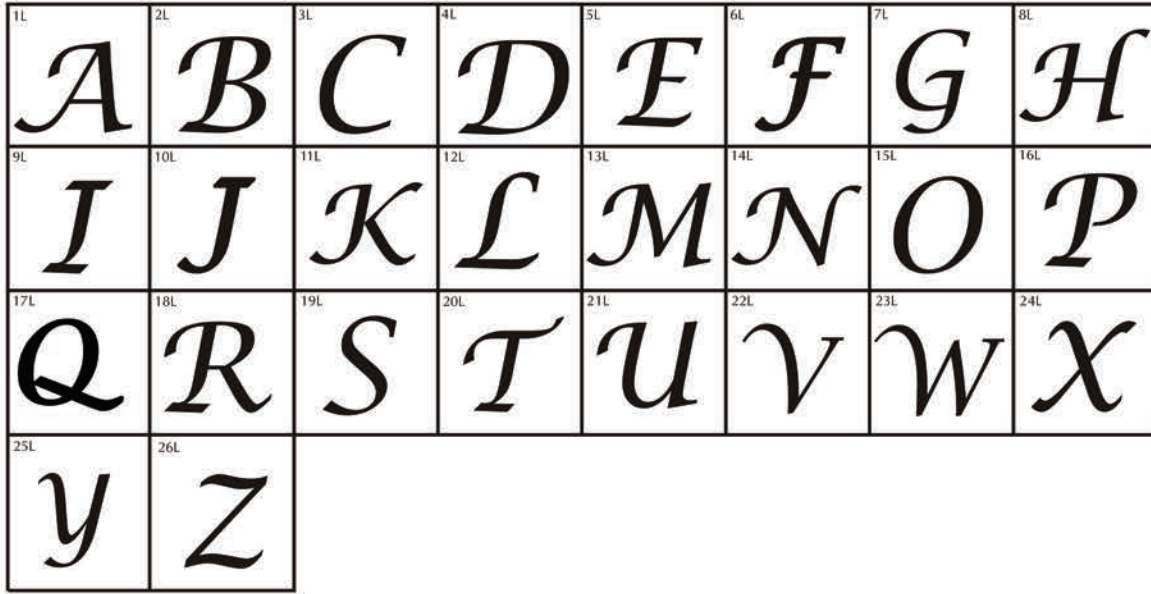
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# Vote for Experience!

## Elect Ken Wiseman

### National Judge Advocate General

2026-2027

## Ready on Day 1!

Ken became a Paralegal after graduating from The George Washington University. More importantly, Ken has years of experience at all levels of the VFW that has taught him much about our great organization. Ken will be ready to go to work from the moment he is installed.



## Years of Experience!

Ken earned All-American honors as a State Commander, State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Post Commander, and Post Quartermaster. He has been a Century Recruiter four times. Ken has led major updates to our bylaws and has experience handling Article 9 cases relating to disciplinary actions. Ken previously served as a VFW employee working on the National Legislative Service staff and he was an accredited Service Officer for the VFW.

Ken is currently the National Council Member and District 10 Commander in Virginia.

## Committed to Service!

Having a Judge Advocate General with Ken's experience means having someone with experience in many of the issues our organization faces. Ken will work to help the VFW grow and he is committed to proving that "No One Does More for Veterans" than the VFW.



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

**Al Lipphardt**  
**Commander-in-Chief Homecoming**

Where:

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

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



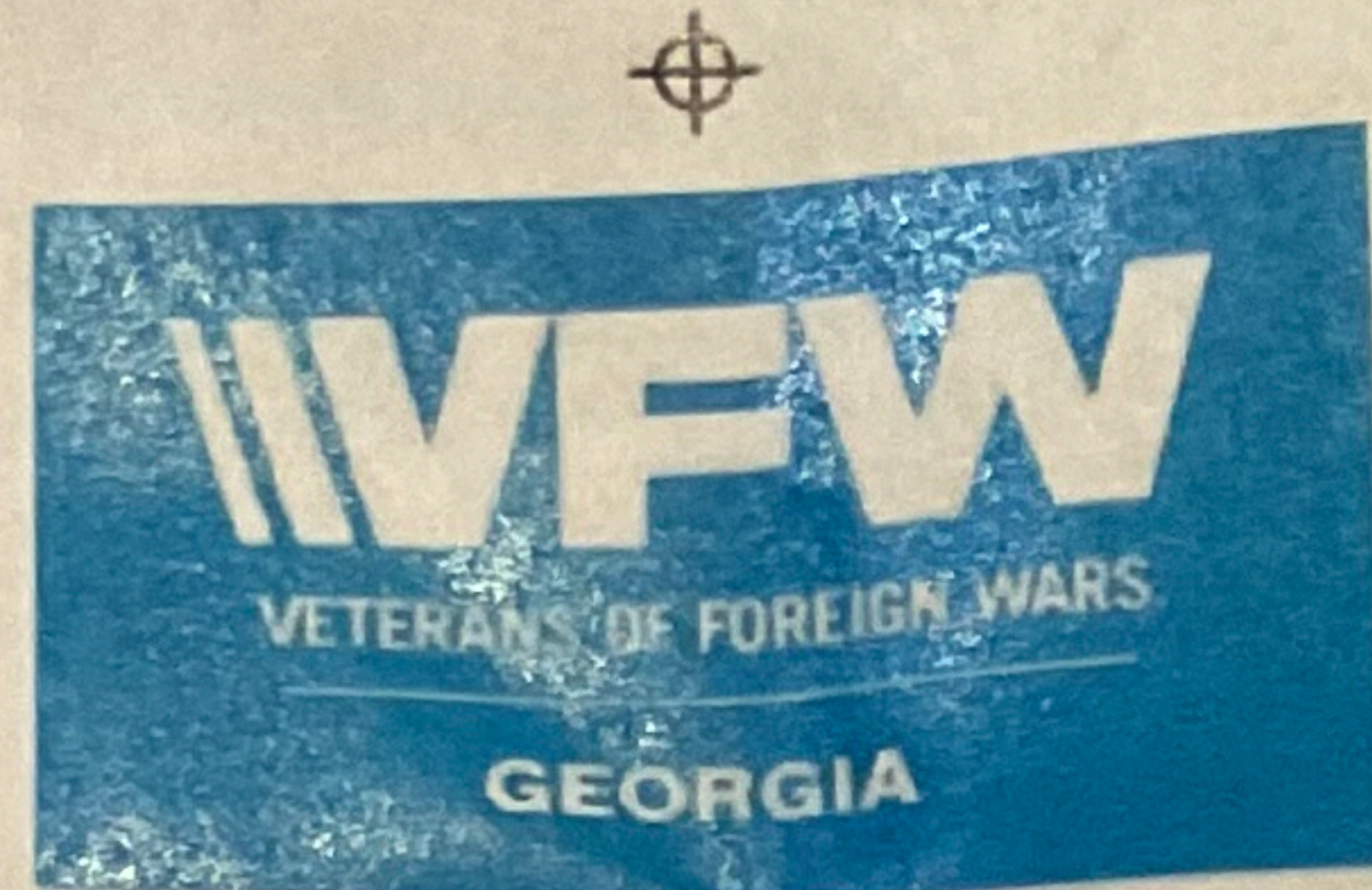
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[VFWDG - Commander-in-Chief Homecoming \(hyatt.com\)](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SAVRS/G-VFWG)  
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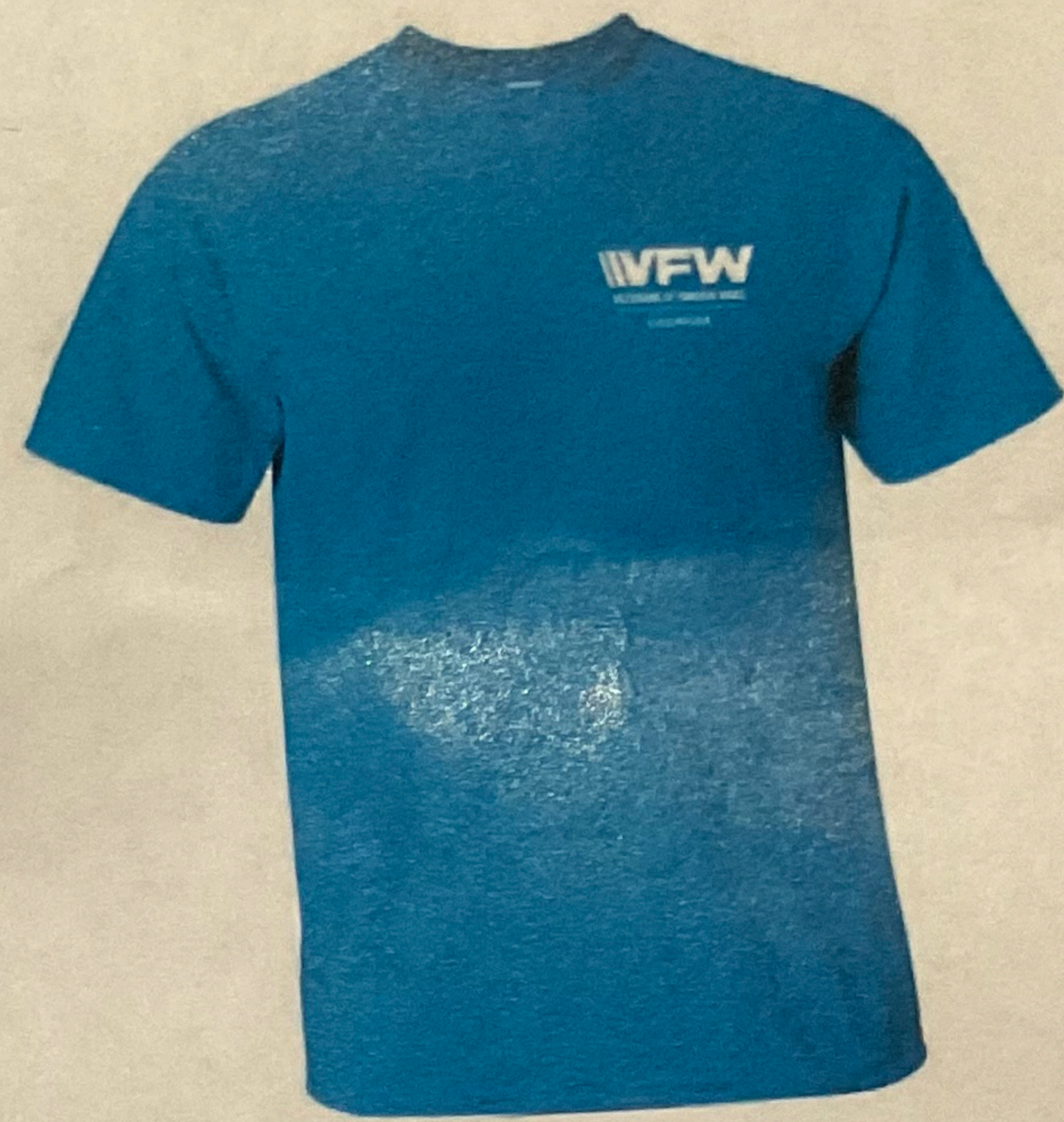
Activities:

Chef Darin's Kitchen Table, Hands-on Cooking Class  
Painting with a Twist  
Riverboat Cruise  
Golf  
Shopping

***"Believe In What You Do - Do What You Believe In"***



White  
3.5" LEFT CHEST



10" BACK

