

Fundraiser for the Virginia Veterans Foundation (VVF) at Winter Council

The VFW Foundation helps to fund our Department Service Officers throughout Virginia

Get a chance to pie your Department Commander or Auxiliary President
in the face



Cost:

\$3 a pie throw (2 for \$5) from behind a line

OR

\$10 for guaranteed walk up and pie in the face

When: Saturday Jan 13th at 2pm (after the meetings)

Location: Outside the Department Hospitality Room

Disclaimer: Pies are made up of whipped cream on a paper plate



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

NUMBER 7

403 Lee Jackson Highway
(540) 886-8112

“No Veteran asks for a thank you”

FAX: 866-416-0586
Website: www.vfwva.org
Email: statehq@vfwva.org

January 1, 2023

Staunton, Virginia 24401
In Virginia 800-888-3521

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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You all. I pray that 2024 is a banner year for you and your entire family. We are gearing up to go to Winter Council on Jan 11th through the 14th at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg. But we aren't set to be there from here to eternity. We are always looking for new venues to hold a Council meeting, or Convention. I am currently still working with Hotel Roanoke, and Virginia Tech. I need leads in Richmond, and in Fredericksburg/Northern Virginia if someone up there will set some meetings please. We need variety, but at a fair price.

During the Winter Council we will be adding one last opportunity to get in your Recruiting SOI. It will be in person only. If you have not gotten in a zoom by now, I'm sorry. It is harder to teach a zoom as the instructor and this will be a fast paced but in-depth class and not suitable for zoom. Many thanks to Tommy Hines for doing it for us. We will have Microsoft 365 Training for those of us who are not that comfortable with it. We are planning VFW History, Core Values & Traditions for you to learn and experience. We will have both training courses twice on Friday in hopes that you can attend at least once. On Friday Night we are planning a Vendor Appreciation Event. If you are a PDP or PDC please attend the Breakfast for you on Saturday morning. Don't forget we have a Commanders Club meeting on Saturday morning also, followed by Service Officer training, VFW Riders Meeting, a MOC meeting, and a Women Veterans Forum. So, we have a lot planned for you to attend if you take advantage of it.

Most of all travel safe over Christmas and New Year's. Don't Drink and Drive. Somebody loves and needs You at home. Don't put others' lives at risk either. It's not worth it. Be safe going to Williamsburg. And always remember to be cool no matter what you are doing.

Yours Always
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 now 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 124th National Convention, which becomes effective on August 20, 2023.

5. DELINQUENT:

Dist.	Post	Fees	Audits	Bonds	Dist.	Post	Audits	Bonds
2	2296	6.00		Bond	7	8613	September	
					7	9292	September	
3	2239		June, Sept					
3	8529		September		9	4667	September	
4	8446		September		12	9600	September	Bond
5	8467		September					

6. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: 1/20/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 8252 Gloucester Hosting DAV Chapter 58 6265 Professional Dr, Gloucester Rep: State SVC Mitch Rubenstein	4 th	Date: 1/20/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Lunch: Noon Location: Post 8759 Amelia 16440 Five Forks Rd Rep: State JVC Doug Hoffman
2 nd	Date: 2/10/24 Meeting: 9:00 AM Location: Post 2894 Chesapeake 3329 Battlefield Blvd Rep:	5 th	Date: 2/17/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 1425 Greensboro Road State SVC Mitch Rubenstein
3 rd	Date: 2/10/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 637 Hopewell 1400 Lynchburg St Rep: State Commander Gary Adams	6 th	Date: 4/6/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1264 Roanoke 4930 Grandview Avenue NW Rep:

7th Date: 1/20/24
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: To follow lunch
Location: Post 2447 Edinburg
100 Veterans Way
Rep: State Judge Advocate Mark Maggio

10th Date: 3/9/24
Meeting: 10:30 AM
Location: Post 1503 Dale City
14631 Minnieville Rd
Rep:

8th Date: 2/3/24
Meeting: 9:00 AM
Location: Post 12218 Haymarket
6620 James Madison Hwy
Rep: State Commander Gary Adams

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

9th Date: 1/20/24
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: Post 9696 Bluefield
131 Loverlane Street
Rep: State Adj/QM Ed Mann

12th Date: 3/9/24
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 9830 Damascus
23489 Mountain City Rd
Rep:

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

7. 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.

8. DVS OPEN POSITIONS:

Please see current openings that is currently advertised for the agency.

5005286-Veterans Service Representative-Hampton- [Veterans Service Representative - Hampton, Virginia, United States](#)

5005233-Assistant Regional Manager-Wytheville- [Assistant Regional Manager - Wythe, Virginia, United States](#)

5005136-Virginia Women Veterans Assistant Program Manager-Richmond(HQ)- [Virginia Women Veterans Assistant Program Manager - Richmond, Virginia, United States](#)

5005051-Veterans Service Representative-Salem- [Veterans Service Representative - Salem, Virginia, United States](#)

5005052-Veteran Service Administrator-Staunton -~~Wage-~~ [Veteran Services Administrator - Staunton, Virginia, United States](#)

5005101-Veterans Service Administrator-Portsmouth- **Wage-** [Veterans Service Administrator - Portsmouth, Virginia, United States](#)

5005110-Training Specialist- **Agency Only** [Training Specialist - Virginia, United States](#)

5004631-Veterans Service Representative- Abingdon- [Veterans Service Representative - Abingdon, Virginia, United States](#)

5004707-Veterans Service Representative-Richmond- [Veterans Service Representative - Richmond, Virginia, United States](#)

5004782-East Regional Director-Norfolk- [East Regional Director - Norfolk, Virginia, United States](#)

Thank you,
Toniesha Walker (Toni)
Human Resource Generalist
Virginia Department of Veterans Services
101 North 14th Street, 17th Floor
(C) 804-980-1500
(O) 804-482-8513

9. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 13th**. 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 **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 where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

adjpost176@vfwva.org
qmpost176@vfwva.org

For District Officers your address will be cdrdist1@vfwva.org for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district # **Please note District Senior Vice Commander's now have an email address**

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

10. 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.

11. 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 was 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

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 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.

13. JLC UPDATE:

The Joint Leadership Council of Veteran Service Organizations (JLC) met on Thursday, December 14, 2023. Initiatives for the upcoming 2024 legislative session were discussed and prioritized. As the Department representative to the JLC, JVC Doug Hoffman had previously brought the issue of Claim Sharks to my attention. Resolutions Chair Connie Agresti and I then drafted a position paper which I presented at the meeting. I am pleased to announce that the VFW's position on Claim Sharks was approved as an initiative and will be included in the legislative packet. This is a major win for our veterans.

Additionally, charitable gaming was discussed. A JLC letter, drafted by the VFW, was sent to legislators in October. JLC alternate Joanne Smith and I will prepare a list of talking points for our teams to discuss with our legislators during the JLC Day on the Hill, January 17. Joanne also serves as vice-chair of the Virginia Gaming Board.

The VFW is welcome to participate in the Day on the Hill. We will meet at Mechanicsville Post 9808 at 7:00 AM for a briefing prior to bussing to the Capitol. Anyone interested in participating should contact either Joanne (chief4jo@gmail.com) or me (rraskin@vfwva.org).

Rick Raskin
JLC Representative

14. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders,

As we enter the final six months of this membership year, I want to thank all Post and Members that have been doing their best to reach our goal of 102% for the year. Unfortunately, there are too many Post that haven't been successful yet. When a Post has no new, no reinstatements, or no new life members, I can only assume that you are trying and haven't been successful yet. Surely there are no Post in this State that haven't started working on Membership yet.

The State Team of recruiters are here to help you plan or work a recruiting event. All you have to do is contact State Headquarters, myself, or any member of the team for assistance. Please don't be the Post that causes us to not make our goal this year.

Tom Hines PSC
Membership Team Chairman

15. 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 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

16. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters and Service Officer Offices in Dale City, Norfolk and Smithfield will be closed January 1, 2024, in observance of New Year's and January 15, 2024, in observance Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

State Headquarters will be closed January 11, 2024, and reopen January 16, 2024, for the Winter Council Administration Meeting.

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

17. PATRIOT'S PEN:

Department Patriot's Pen winners and their ranking will be announced in the February General Orders.

Lou Filippone
Department Patriot's Pen Chairman

18. 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, 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**.

19. 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.

20. ROSTER CHANGES:

VFW Post 1994 QM
Ronald C. Rogers
717 Nettie Hill Rd
Bristol, TN 37620
423-366-0620
qmpost1994@vfwva.org

VFW Post 7327
Meeting Change
1st Wednesday 7:30 pm

VFW Post 8902 JVC
Douglass I. Randolph
PO Box 443
Charlotte Court House, VA 23923
taugosgm@peoplepc.com

21. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 170:

The records of disciplinary action ordered by the Commander of the Department of Virginia, VFW, against SCOTT COSBY, Membership No.11612237, Loudoun County Post No. 1177, Leesburg, Virginia, have been received. The accused failed to request a hearing or summary disposition whereupon the Department Commander imposed, and the Department Council of Administration affirmed a penalty of TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that SCOTT COSBY be removed from the rolls of Loudoun County Post No. 1177, Leesburg, Virginia, his membership terminated in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States with fees forfeited and his membership card returned to the Adjutant General.

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

22. STATE SURGEON:

Hello, Comrades/Aux members of the VFW Virginia; we wish you and your family a Happy New Year; let's make 2024 special.

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

The month of **January** is designated as National Blood Donor Month in the United States.

Blood Donation has been a National Concern for more than 50 years.

On December 31, 1969, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month. The monthly observance is intended to honor voluntary blood donors and encourage people to give blood when more of this critical resource is needed. Due to holiday celebrations, inclement weather, and cold and flu season, the winter months are often a time of reduced donations and an increased risk for blood shortages. National Blood Donor Month celebrates blood donors during this critical time and reminds people of the importance of donating blood.

Help ensure that this lifesaving resource is readily available to patients during this time. ***Find a location** to give blood and schedule your life-saving donation appointment today.

Disclaimer:

Talk with your physician or healthcare provider if you have questions about a personal health problem, condition, or treatment. They are familiar with you and can address your circumstances.

Reference(s):

*<https://www.aabb.org/for-donors-patients/give-blood>

<https://www.aabb.org/for-donors-patients/national-blood-donor-month>

<https://b2b.healthgrades.com/insights/blog/2023-health-observances-calendar/>

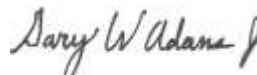
Get **well** and Stay **healthy** in 2024!
Charles Bush
State Surgeon

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Gary W Adams, Jr.
State Commander

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 11th)

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

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: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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

Please Circle One: Discover American Express MasterCard Visa SIGNATURE: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Mail form to: State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401
You may also e-mail this form to: 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)

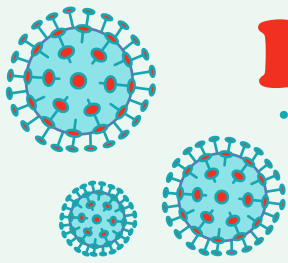
Your Certificate of Appreciation



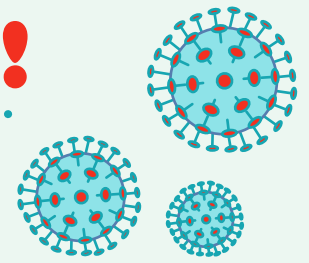
Soon you will receive your 2024 Certificate of Appreciation for your support of the VFW National Veterans Service Program. You'll also receive personalized address labels plus a special American Hero Memorial Day card to sign and return within 30 days of receiving your package. Please continue to show your support for fellow veterans in need with a gift. Please keep the VFW's National Veterans Service Program strong with your continued support.

Coming in January!

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



It's Flu Season!



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

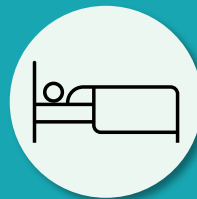
Flu season starts in October and peaks in February. Influenza (flu) is a contagious, airborne transmitted, respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, pneumonia, and though rare, can lead to death. Symptoms may last over two weeks and can include:



Fever / chills



Body aches



Fatigue



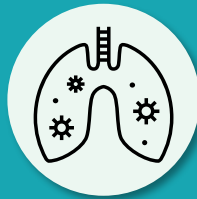
Headache



Congestion



Cough



Breathing issues



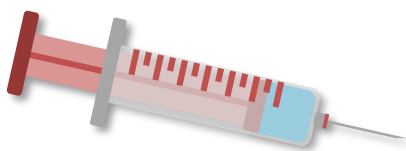
Sore throat



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.

FOR SALE!

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

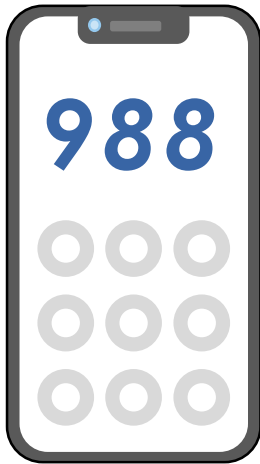
interested in buying or questions contact our Department Treasurer Cathy Graham

cg12dc12@outlook.com



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



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



Hotel Reservation Link - Available Now

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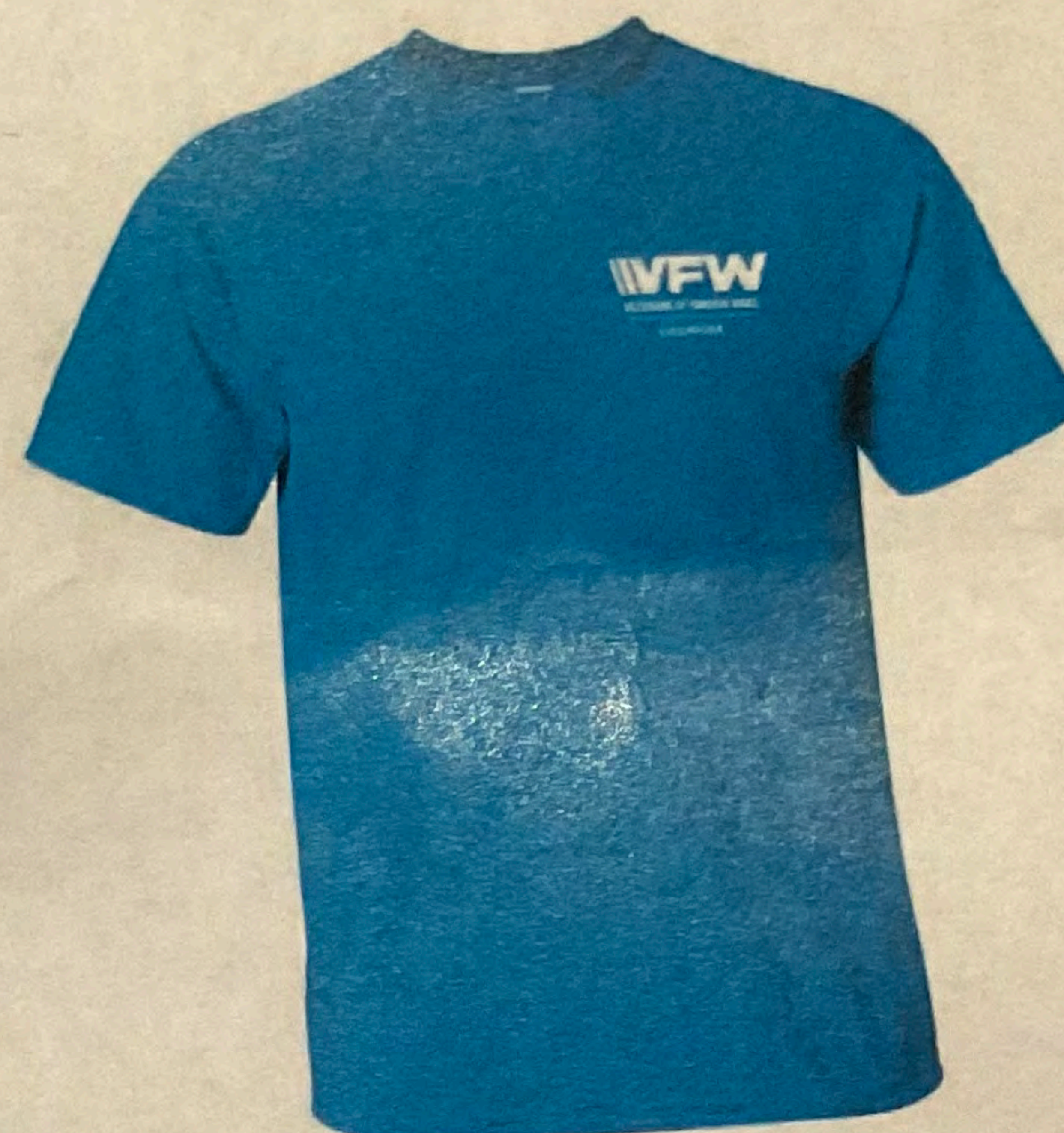
Activities:

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

