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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Dear Comrades,

As we reflect on the past year, I'm filled with immense gratitude for each one of you. Your unwavering support, dedication, and contributions have truly made this an exceptional year for our organization.

I'm thrilled to share that we've just reached an incredible milestone – 101% in membership! This is an incredible achievement, and it's all thanks to your tireless efforts and commitment to our shared mission. But we're not stopping there! With just 315 more to reach 102%, I know that together, we can easily make that happen in the next 6 weeks. Your continued enthusiasm and hard work will undoubtedly propel us to new heights.

I'm also incredibly proud to announce that so far, an astounding 33 of our posts have made the All-State list. This is a true testament to the exceptional quality of the content you've been creating. And the best part is, the rest of you still have until June 30th to join this impressive group! Your unwavering support and dedication have been the driving force behind our success this year. I am truly grateful to have such an incredible team of supporters by my side.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tom Hines and his exceptional membership team. Your dedication to growing our organization and welcoming new members has been truly remarkable.

I also extend my deepest appreciation to the team at Headquarters. Ed and Angie, your invaluable support and guidance have been the backbone of our operations. We simply could not do any of this without you.

To our Line Officers and District Commanders, thank you for your steadfast leadership. You are the glue that holds it all together, ensuring that our organization runs smoothly and effectively.

To our Post Officers. Each of you plays a vital role in our shared mission, and I am truly grateful for your contributions. Your passion, hard work, and collaborative spirit are what make our organization thrive.

Together, we are stronger, and I am honored to work alongside such an incredible team. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for making a meaningful difference in our community.

With the deepest gratitude,
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 ALL STATE:

Congratulations to the following Districts and Posts who made All-State by May 10, 2024. If your Post is not on the list, you still have until June 30th to achieve All State don't stop working on membership.

District 8, Department of Virginia
District 9, Department of Virginia

District 10, Department of Virginia

VFW Post 3219, District 1, Phoebus, VA
VFW Post 8252, District 1, Gloucester, VA
VFW Post 960, District 1, Yorktown, VA
VFW Post 392, District 2, Virginia Beach, VA
VFW Post 2894, District 2, Chesapeake, VA
VFW Post 2582, District 2, Suffolk, VA
VFW Post 3160, District 2, Norfolk, VA
VFW Post 622, District 3, Petersburg, VA
VFW Post 12217, District 2, Holland, VA
VFW Post 4639, District 3, Williamsburg, VA
VFW Post 9808, District 3, Mechanicsville, VA
VFW Post 10654, District 3, Richmond, VA
VFW Post 8163, District 4, Clarksville, VA
VFW Post 10840, District 5, Penhook, VA
VFW Post 7800, District 5, Stuart, VA
VFW Post 1841, District 6, Daleville, VA
VFW Post 2447, District 7, Edinburg, VA

VFW Post 3103, District 8, Fredericksburg, VA
VFW Post 9835, District 8, Warrenton, VA
VFW Post 12202, District 8, King George, VA
VFW Post 12218, District 8, Haymarket, VA
VFW Post 2719, District 9, Wytheville, VA
VFW Post 1115, District 9, Hillsville, VA
VFW Post 1184, District 9, Pulaski, VA
VFW Post 1503, District 10, Dale City, VA
VFW Post 609, District 10, Alexandria, VA
VFW Post 1177, District 10, Leesburg, VA
VFW Post 8469, District 10, Fairfax, VA
VFW Post 9274, District 10, Falls Church, VA
VFW Post 8241, District 10, McLean, VA
VFW Post 2424, District 11, Waynesboro, VA
VFW Post 7814, District 11, Staunton, VA
VFW Post 8652, District 12, Coeburn, VA

4. AUDITS:

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, the 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 March 31 and is **NOW PAST DUE**.

5. DELEGATE FEES:

In accordance with the National By-Laws Section 222(C), each Post will pay in accordance with Department By-Laws a delegate registration fee for each delegate to which the Post shall be entitled.

Therefore, you must submit your delegates list (form is the first page of the April General Orders) to the Department in accordance with Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure (B) along with a check in the amount of \$3.00 for every delegate your Post is entitled to as of membership status March 31. All delegate lists and monies should be sent to Department Headquarters by **June 5, 2024**. Failure to do so will put your Post in arrears to the Department and Posts will have no voting strength at the State Convention.

6. DELINQUENT:

Dist.	Post	Audits	Bonds	Dist.	Post	Audits
2	2296		Bond	7	8613	September, March
				7	9660	March
3	7167	December, March				
3	10387	March		9	4667	Sept, Dec, March
				9	7136	March
4	8446	March				
4	8759	March		12	4301	December, March
				12	9864	March
5	873	March				
				13	10574	March
6	4299	March				

7. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: TBD Meeting: TBD Location: Post 176 Newport News 21 Forrest Drive	6 th	Date: 8/3/24 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1264 Roanoke 4930 Grandview Avenue NW
2 nd	Date: TBD Meeting: 9:00 AM Location: TBD	7 th	Date: 8/17/24 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: To follow lunch Location: TBD
3 rd	Date: 8/10/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM SOI: Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane	8 th	Date: 8/10/24 Meeting: 9:00 AM Location: Post 7728 Morrisville 112496 Harpers Run Rd, Bealeton Incoming St Cmdr Mitch Rubenstein
4 th	Date: 8/10/24 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 8163 Clarksville 7488 Highway 15N	9 th	Date: 9/14/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2719 Wytheville 250 S 4 th Street
5 th	Date: 8/17/24 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 1425 Greensboro Road	10 th	Date: TBD Meeting: 10:30 AM Location: TBD

11th Date: TBD
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: TBD

12th Date: 7/13/24
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 7360 Grundy
2959 Lovers Gap Rd, Vansant

13th Date: TBD
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: TBD

8. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AT STATE CONVENTION:

Per Section 213 of the National Bylaws, Posts that have not submitted a properly completed Post Election Report by June 1 are in arrears and shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustments of such deficiencies. Posts that have registered delegates for the Department and National Conventions will not receive credentials until the Post has satisfied their arrearage.

Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National Bylaws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council and District meetings; County Council, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

9. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 21st**. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers. You will receive all General Orders, special notices and any other documentation that you need via email. This will help cut down on postal expenses and speed up the response time for you receiving the information.

Here are directions for logging into your new account for the first time.

1. Go to Department web site www.vfwva.org.
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The username is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **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 cdmpost176@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**

svrdist1@vfwva.org
adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

10. **FLAG DAY, JUNE 14:**

All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Friday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award (Product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our National flag.

11. **GENERAL ORDERS:**

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

12. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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. Cut-off date is Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (state with the VFW State Convention Group)
July 27 - Aug 1, 2024	National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
August 22 – 25, 2024	Commander-in-Chief Homecoming, Savannah, Georgia
January 9 - 12, 2025	Winter Council Meeting, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA: phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$92.00 per night.
August 9 - 14, 2025	National Convention, Columbus, Ohio

13. **IRS FORM 8822-B:**

IRS Form 8822-B, it is now a requirement by the IRS that all Posts submit this form. This form must be submitted 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.

14. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYOUT:**

The Life Membership Board of Trustees, with the concurrence of the National Council of Administration, pursuant to Section 111 of the VFW Bylaws, has determined that for the 2024-25 membership year, the Life Membership Fund will pay out as follows:

- 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 \$11.46 for each life member (\$3.82 to each Post, Department and National)
- Plan E - A total payout of \$22.62 for each life member (\$7.54 to each Post, Department and National)
- Note: At-Large Members are corresponding Plan pay out amount divided by two. For example, Plan ABC At-Large Payout is \$5.25.

Payment will be made in September 2024 for all Life Members recorded as of Aug. 31, 2024. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2025 for all Life Members processed during the period Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2024.

15. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders,

Here it is June again and the end of another VFW Membership year. Thank all of you for your dedication to Recruiting this year. We should reach our goal of 102% by the State Convention but if not by June 30th for sure. I hope all of you feel like you did your part in making this another great All-American Year for the State of Virginia hopefully the tradition will live on. It has been a pleasure and my honor to work with so many of you over the last 12 years that I have worked Membership for the Department. As all things must come to an end so has my tenure as your Chairman. The rigor of traveling the State is just too much for my body to withstand, so I will be signing off at the end of Gary's year. I wish all of you the best and hope you will support the Commanders appointees in the future as you have supported my efforts.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or State H.Q. for any assistance you need in membership.

Tom Hines PSC
Membership Team Chairman

16. NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS:

A Post must submit a community service report quarterly to their Department for submission to the All-American Dashboard. The quarters are July-Sept, Oct-Dec, Jan-March, and April-June.

1. Until a Post submits a community service for the 4th quarter between 1 April and June 30th they will stay red.
2. The hover feature shows which quarters I have received.
3. The ones that are missing can be entered through your Department's reporting process. I capture the date of the event, mileage, hours, and monies utilized every night at midnight and update the dashboard.

Our goal should be to communicate with Posts for the Posts to enter reports when they do the event, and then they will not be caught off guard every quarter. Each event should be reported separately and not roll-ups for monthly or quarterly totals. By doing each event separately it clearly justifies to the auditors, that if audited what you do stands alone and cannot be questioned.

I'm always available if you need anything.

Meet The Challenge
Lynn W. Rolf III
Programs Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
406 W 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111
O:816.968.1116 C: 913.290.1754

17. NATIONAL CONVENTION:

VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING – 125th National Convention housing opened, Monday, March 18, 2024. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at vfw.org/convention. The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information for Louisville, Kentucky – July 27-Aug. 1, 2024, and a tentative agenda (also attached in this General Orders).

Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, “Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials, and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee.” Post Quartermasters

are encouraged to register their delegate on-line through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears.

18. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters will be closed June 12 – 19, 2024, for the State Convention and the observance of Juneteenth.

The Service Offices of Dale City, Norfolk and Smithfield will be closed June 19, 2024, in observance of Juneteenth.

19. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:

Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers **shall not be installed** or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

20. RECRUITER OF THE YEAR:

The recruiter of the year program will be done a little different this year. It will be done on a point system.

- A new life member will count as four points.
- A reinstated life member will count as three points.
- A new annual member will count as two points.
- A reinstated annual member will count as one point.

All points will then be tallied, and we'll determine the winner. We will only recognize first place.

Gary Adams
State Commander

21. REPORTING:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report, Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth or Hospital report you should visit the Department website (www.vfwva.org). The website is updated daily. If you have any questions, please call State Headquarters. There will be no form for Homeless when reporting for assistance to a homeless veteran please put it on a Community Activity report under aid to others.

22. STATE SURGEON:

Hello and greetings to the Comrades, Auxiliary, and family of VFW Virginia. We wish you and your family a summery June time of the year! Let's stay active, have fun, and be aware of the **MHAM and Tickborne Diseases**.

What is MHAM? June is National Migraine & Headache Awareness Month,

which is a crucial time in raising public awareness to highlight the challenges those living with the MHAM disease face. Patient advocacy can help by encouraging proclamations from local governments, raising public awareness, addressing stigma, encouraging understanding, and promoting supportive policies.

Tickborne Diseases Awareness

Don't underestimate ticks. Despite their small size, they can cause serious health issues. These include Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, an Alpha-gal food allergy, blood diseases like ehrlichiosis, and life-threatening conditions such as anaplasmosis.

Lyme Disease, caused by the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, can be a serious condition. However, it's important to remember that it's treatable. Seek medical attention if you observe any symptoms and have recently had a tick bite,

live in an area known for Lyme disease, or have recently traveled to an area where Lyme disease occurs. Your healthcare provider is there to help you.

Alpha-Gal Syndrome (AGS) is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergy to certain types of meat that can develop after a tick bite. This allergy, found in mammalian meat products like beef, pork, venison, and lamb, can affect both adults and children. Symptoms can range from hives, angioedema (skin and tissue swelling), gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea, stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, headaches, a drop in blood pressure, to, in some cases, anaphylaxis. Unfortunately, there is no cure for this allergy. Lone star ticks, the most common tick species in **Virginia**, are known to bite humans. If you suspect a tick bite, seek medical attention as soon as you start feeling unwell.

Reference(s):

1. <https://www.migraineheadacheawarenessmonth.org/>
2. <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ticks/tick-borne-diseases/>
3. https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/217/2023/07/tick-identification-chart_final.pdf

Let's recognize our newest comrade of the month, Melissa Pierce, Post Chaplain, Post 10574, District 13, and the names listed below. We thank you for a great year. You make the job enjoyable, and I learned a lot. Keep up the excellent work!

The below comrades of distinction are working hard and excellently supporting their post, district, and community's health, medical, spiritual, and wellness information. Congrats to you all; you have set the pace and standard.

Post(s): * ***in bold are new recognition***

Post 2123, Post Surgeon, Comrade Claudia Bell, District 7 (August /March 2024)

Post 621, Post Surgeon, Comrade Dave Wittich, District 7 (November 2023)

Post 1177, Post Surgeon, Comrade Steven Hood, District 10 (January 2024)

Post 392, Post Surgeon, Comrade Theresa Parisi, District 2 (February 2024)

Post 3103, Post Surgeon, Comrade Paul Stier, District 8 (February 2024)

Post 1115, Post Service Officer, Comrade Richard Newell, D9 (February 2024)

Post 1115, Post Surgeon, Comrade Roger McGlocklin, D9 (February 2024)

Post 1115, Post Asst. Chaplain, Comrade Monika Hunter, D9 (February 2024)

Post 1033, Post Commander, Comrade Cmdr Shawn Wright, D6 (April 2024)

Post 1033, Post QM, Comrade William B Atherholt, D6 (April 2024)

Post 12202, Post Surgeon, Comrade Christopher Johns, D8 (April 2024)

Post 10574 Post Chaplain, Comrade Melissa Pierce, D13 (May 2024)

District(s):

District 8 Surgeon, Comrade Kevin Corbett, Post 3103 (August 2023)

District 10 Surgeon, Comrade Nancy Springer, Post 3150 (September 2023)

Two questions to all Post and District Surgeons:

1. Are you providing helpful health information and medical awareness to your comrades and Aux members?
2. Are you working with the Chaplain, Aux, MOC, and the Service Officer to support the post and community?
3. If you are doing good work, send me a report. Thanks.

Take care of your wellness (Mind, Body, and Soul), and continue to support our Veterans!

Thank you,
Comrade Charles Bush
VFW VA State Surgeon

23. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP THEMES:

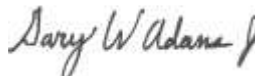
The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is now accepting entries for its 78th annual 2024-2025 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth scholarship competitions. This year's themes ask America's high school students "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" while middle school students will have the opportunity to contemplate, "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Gary W Adams, Jr.
State Commander

PLEASE NOTE

All State Post
Commanders and All
State Post
Quartermasters **Must**
attend AND sign in to
all highlighted
Meetings on the
Convention Agenda to
receive the \$300.00
stipend.

102ND ANNUAL CONVENTION
 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
 FORT MAGRUDER HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
 WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
 JUNE 13 - 16, 2024

Kathy Goodall
 Convention Chairman

Sandra Terry
 Convention Vice Chairman

Tentative Subject to Change

All State Post Commanders and All State Post Quartermasters **Must attend AND sign in** to all highlighted Meetings on the Convention Agenda to receive the \$300.00 stipend.

**Thursday,
 June 13,
 2024**

11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING	AMPHITHEATER
10:00 AM	4:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	WILLIAMSBURG ROOM
12:30 PM	2:00 PM	VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION MEETING	NEWMARKET BOARD RM
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	RICHMOND
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	RICHMOND

**Friday,
 June 14,
 2024**

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	ROUND ROOM
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	WILLIAMSBURG ROOM
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	OPENING SESSION	RICHMOND
12:30 PM	3:30 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	PETERSBURG
4:00 PM	5:30 PM	WOMEN VETERANS FORUM	AMPHITHEATER
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	VENDOR APPRECIATION	NEWMARKET
7:30 PM	9:30 PM	MOC DEGREE WORK	AMPHITHEATER

**Saturday,
 June 15,
 2024**

8:30 AM	10:30 AM	REGISTRATION, VFW	WILLIAMSBURG ROOM
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	BUSINESS SESSION	PETERSBURG
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCH	RICHMOND A
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	PETERSBURG
3:15 PM	4:30 PM	MOC SCRATCH	AMPHITHEATER
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	VFW RIDERS MEETING	PETERSBURG
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	COMMANDERS RECEPTION	RICHMOND

**Sunday,
 June 16,
 2024**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	PETERSBURG
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	NEW COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL	AMPHITHEATER
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DISTRICT COMMANDER'S SCHOOL	AMPHITHEATER

Registration \$3.00 (All VFW members are required to register in advance as delegates from their Post)

HOSPITALITY ROOMS
 Department – Williamsburg Room
 Tenth District – Third Floor

**4th
ANNUAL**

BOBBIEJO

DICE RUN



SATURDAY, June 1

**Start & End at VFW Post 637 Hopewell
1400 Lynchburg St, Hopewell, VA 23860**

*Rain or
Shine*

Registration: 9:30am

\$25 Rider / \$15 Passenger

First Out: 10am

Last In: 2pm

Pre-Register & Extra Card



\$500 HIGH



\$250 LOW

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Benefitting the Bobbiejo Lazo Scholarship

Visit our Facebook page for More Info: VFW Post 637 Hopewell VA

Department of Virginia Commanders Club

Commanders and Seam Squirrels join the Department of Virginia Commanders Club

We promote the interest of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in accordance with the By-Laws of the Department of Virginia and in addition to fostering esprit de corps provide additional scholarships for youth (VOD/PP/SOY).

All Past, Present, and Elected Post, District, Department, and National Commanders, Seam Squirrels, Grand Commanders, and Supreme Commanders are eligible.

If you are a current member of the Department of Virginia Commanders Club please assist me by sending your Roster information to treasurerclub@vfwva.org.

Life Member Dues are \$35.00

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Department of Virginia Commanders Club

MAIL CHECK TO: Ken Shannon
Commanders Club Treasurer
152 Old Carriage Way
Williamsburg VA 23188

OR PAY ONLINE AT EVENTBRITE WITH A SERVICE FEE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/department-of-virginia-commanders-club-lunch-tickets-840793314437?aff=oddtcreator>

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK

NAME _____

Post or Pup Tent _____

Dates as Commander or Seam Squirrel _____

Address _____

Personal Email _____

Phone Number _____

Grand Pup Tent of Virginia

Military Order of the Cootie of the United States

Invites you to join our illustrious Order

The Military Order of the Cootie is the “HONOR DEGREE” of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and serves our Veterans through Hospital Visits and helping Veterans. We would like you to help us provide more support to our Veterans in need throughout the State.



Currently this Cootie Year our Grand of Virginia has performed over 800 visits of 6,000 hours with a value of \$230,000 in service to our Veterans in the VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Veterans in need, and our VFW Members.



To join us please fill out the Membership Application attached and have your Post certify your VFW Certificate of Eligibility. The Eligibility can be accomplished in three ways by serving six months as a Post Officer, Post Committee, or Post Duties.

Forward you completed application to our Grand Adjutant at grandadj@vfwva.org and we will coordinate with a Pup Tent for your acceptance into our Order. We plan on conducting a Grand Scratch on Friday June 14 at the State Convention in Williamsburg for the conference of degrees.



For any questions please contact Ken Shannon, Grand SVC at PupTent18@vfwva.org





MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



New Cootie Reinstated Cootie

Date: _____ Cootie No. _____ Recruited By: _____
Recruiter VFW Member #: _____

Pup Tent Name, Number and Location

Applicant's Name (Print): _____

Address: _____, _____, _____, _____
Street Address City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DOB: _____ VFW Member #: _____ Hat Size: _____

VFW Post Name and Number

Located in: _____, _____, _____
City State Zip

<p>I certify that I am an active member of the VFW of the U.S. and am desirous of becoming a member of the MOC – "The Honor Degree of the VFW".</p> <p>_____ Applicant's Signature</p>	<p>Recommended and Verified (PRINTED) by: _____ Cootie No: _____ _____ Cootie No: _____ Accepted into Pup Tent on Date: _____ 1st Degree accepted Date: _____ 2nd Degree accepted Date: _____ 3rd Degree received and title of Cootie bestowed on this Date: _____</p>
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VFW CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

_____, _____ Located in _____
Post Name Post No. City, State and Zip

This is to certify that Comrade _____
Name of Applicant

Has been a member of the VFW for the preceding six (6) months, and that he has fulfilled one of the following qualifications as indicated:

- (1) Held the following Office in the Post: _____
OR
- (2) Served on the following Post Committee: _____
OR
- (3) Satisfactorily performed Post duties: _____

Certified to by a majority of the members present at a meeting of this Post held on (Date): _____

Attest:

Post Adjutant (PRINT)

Post Commander (PRINT)

Post Adjutant (Signature)

Post Commander (Signature)

All previous application forms are void and will no longer be accepted after 31 December 2022

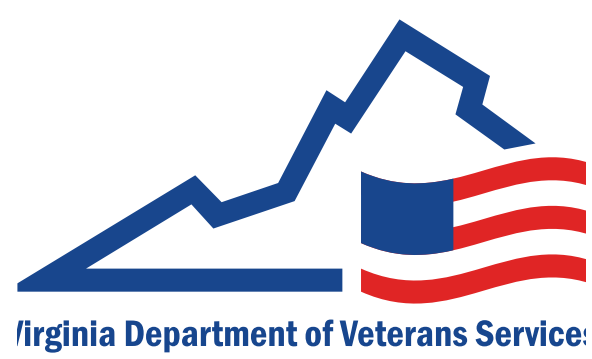
The Virginia Veterans Network is here for you.

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

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



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



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

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact DVS for assistance at:

 VirginiaVeteransNetwork@dvs.virginia.gov

 804-786-0286

GET CONNECTED.

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



Scan QR code to visit the Virginia Veterans Network.



The Virginia Veterans Memorials, Inc. (VVM) was established in 2020 as a 501.C3 Non-Profit organization for the purpose of recognizing and preserving the memories and incidents of Virginia citizens who served in the United States Armed Forces with the development of public memorial(s) to honor the service and sacrifices of current and future generations. The memorials are to be located in Huntington Park, Newport News, VA, adjacent to the Virginia Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Our initial project is the building of the Virginia Iraq Veterans Memorial which we are currently raising funds to build. We will follow with an Afghanistan Veterans Memorial.

With the current gaming laws in Virginia, the VVM is a worthy organization to donate your gaming proceeds too. Several Posts, both VFW and American Legion have donated to the VVM with their gaming donations already.

Please visit our website listed below for more information as well as photos of what the memorial will look like. If you have questions, please email info@virginiaveteransmemorial.org and we will get back to you. Our volunteers are made up of all walks of life, young and old. Veterans from every branch of service, from numerous Veteran Service Organization as well as the Gold Star Mothers. If you would like to get involved, please let us know. We currently meet at American Legion Post 25 in Newport News, Va, the first Monday of each month at 6:30PM. This meeting is held on Zoom as well for those out of the area. We currently have not received any government funding and are solely relying on donations. If you know of any person, organization or company who would like to help us fund this memorial, please let us know.

<https://virginiaveteransmemorials.org/>



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



LOUISVILLE WEB VERSION PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE JULY 27-AUGUST 1, 2024

Note: This information will be updated periodically.

WELCOME TO LOUISVILLE

Welcome to Bourbon City. Yes, Bourbon is a spirit that comes in a glass, but it's also the spirit that defines Louisville's culture, arts & parks, and creative energy. It's the kind of spirit that helped create Louisville itself. It's the spirit of hospitality you feel when you visit Louisville - the home of Muhammad Ali, the Kentucky Derby and the Louisville Slugger.

While you are here, follow the [Urban Bourbon Trail](#)® and discover the city's finest Bourbon cocktail and culinary experiences. Explore Louisville's rich history and architecture along Whiskey Row and Museum Row in downtown Louisville. Enjoy "one of the nations' best local food scenes" as recognized by USA Today. With more restaurants per capita than any other city in the nation, it will not be difficult to find the perfect spot to experience the rich, diverse, Southern culinary heritage unique to Louisville.

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Kentucky International Convention Center located at 221 South 4th Street in Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

LOCATION

Louisville is the place for bourbon and bluegrass music. It is located on the banks of the scenic Ohio River between St. Louis and Cincinnati. Louisville's central location puts it within a day's drive of half of the nation's population. Visit gotolouisville.com to plan your trip to enjoy an entirely different type of Southern experience.

WHAT TO WEAR

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are, All American Commanders) and may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken during those functions.

AIRPORT

Fly Like a Butterfly in and out of Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF), the main airport for the Greater Louisville/Southern Indiana region. It is only 7.6 miles from the Kentucky International Convention Center (approximately 10 minutes from downtown). Whether you are arriving or departing, there are plenty of options for getting to and from the airport, including: rideshare, zTrip, public bus transportation. To review transportation options, visit [Getting To and From the Airport](#). While you are at the airport, check out the award-winning restaurant located in the Main Terminal, Book and Bourbon Southern Kitchen, which boasts 85 world-class bourbons and popular southern menu items.

GETTING AROUND LOUISVILLE

No car, no problem. The downtown area is very walkable. Taxi service is available, with [zTrip](#) being the primary operator. Louisville also offers alternative ridesharing companies, such as Uber and Lyft, as well as scooter rentals. [Getting Around Louisville](#)

PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel for parking availability and costs. Parking information for the Kentucky International Convention Center, along with helpful maps, can be accessed via this link <https://kyconvention.com/attend/maps-parking/>.

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

See mobile APP for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW and for Auxiliary,

Want to miss the crowds/lines and pick-up your badge and packets early? Try remote registration. Both the VFW and the Auxiliary will have **remote registration** set-up at the Kentucky International convention center. VFW only accepts credit cards on this day.

VFW & Auxiliary Remote "Pre-Registration":

Friday, July 26, 10a-6p

South Pre-Function (Main concourse)

PACKET PICK-UP

VFW - if you are not pre-registered, you will need to go to registration at the convention center on Saturday, July 27 starting at 8a to register and pick-up your convention packet.

MOBILE APP

We will NOT be publishing a convention schedule of events in hard-copy. All events and convention information will be contained in the Mobile APP. Go to www.vfw.org/convention for instructions on how to download the mobile APP which will be available closer to the dates of the convention. The mobile APP provides immediate updates on any changes that may occur during the convention.

SHUTTLES

The hotels in Louisville are in the downtown area and **within walking distance from the convention center**. The Hyatt and the Marriott are **both connected to the convention center**. The Galt House is approximately 1.5 blocks from the convention center. There is an indoor walk-way from the Galt House that ends directly across the street from the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Therefore, the decision has been made that there will **NOT** be shuttle service provided for the 2024 Louisville convention.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opens **3/18/24** and closes **6/10/24**. Go to www.vfw.org/convention. The official convention hotels for the 125th National convention will be listed on the convention web site. A list of convention department housing assignments will be located at that website.

HOTEL PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel regarding parking availability and costs. Parking charges are set by the individual hotels and are not representative of fees charged by the VFW/Auxiliary.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

GRATUITIES

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for taxicab drivers and hotel bell-staff.

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages may be left with the hotel operator, who will make sure you get them as soon as you return to your hotel. In case of emergency, call the VFW National Headquarters 816-756-3390.

SAFETY TIPS (See hotel information located in room)

SPECIAL SERVICES

First Aid Room Location Kentucky International Convention Center, Main Concourse on the Market Street side of the building near Oak & Brew - Thursday, 7/25-Thursday, 8/1

Emergency--Emergency after hour's numbers provided before convention or call 911.

Scooter rental –Scooter rental information is listed on the convention web page.

If you have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, we encourage you to wear a mask while in attendance of the convention.

RV Park Information - https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=rvparks&find_loc=Louisville%2C+ky

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Check with Louisville Tourism for locations of local churches, synagogues, etc. for services. *Check Mobile APP for locations.*

QUIET ROOM

A QUIET ROOM for reflection will be open 24 hours at the Kentucky International Convention Center – *Check Mobile APP for location.*

MOTHERS ROOM

A mothers room will be located on-site at the convention center - *Check Mobile APP for location.*

AGENDA

See tentative web agenda at www.vfw.org 125th VFW National Convention information. A final agenda will be provided within the mobile APP and can be found by downloading the VFW Mobile APP approximately 2 weeks before the convention. Please note a Schedule of Events will **NOT** be printed. If you are unable to download the *Mobile App*. Please pickup a printed copy of the agenda at registration.

VISITOR INFORMATION LOUISVILLE

Save: Inside Track Pass, Louisville's Savings Passport

Take advantage of special offers and discounts from some of the city's most popular sites including retail shops, restaurants, and attractions with the mobile exclusive passport, Inside Track Pass. To get your pass, visit <https://www.gotolouisville.com/meeting-planners/destination-services/plan/inside-track-pass/>. Your passport will be instantly delivered to your phone via text and e-mail and ready to use immediately. When visiting a participating business, simply present the Inside Track Pass on your phone to the staff member to redeem special discounts.

Explore: Downtown's Three Main Districts (Whiskey Row, Museum Row & South Fourth Street)

<https://www.gotolouisville.com/neighborhoods/downtown/>

Experience: Louisville's Unique Neighborhoods

<https://www.gotolouisville.com/neighborhoods/>

North, south, east or west – Louisville offers a wealth of attractions and fantastic historic architecture in every direction. Much like the boroughs of New York City, Louisville’s neighborhoods each have their own distinct personalities.

Shop

<https://www.gotolouisville.com/things-to-do/shopping/>

Dine

https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=best+restaurants&find_loc=Louisville%2C+KY

Dine near KICC

<https://www.gotolouisville.com/restaurants-near-kicc/>

Visit Museums & Galleries

<https://www.gotolouisville.com/things-to-do/entertainment-nightlife/museums-galleries/>

Bringing the family? Here are [family-friendly activities](#) sure to be a hit with all ages:

Kentucky Kingdom: <https://www.gotolouisville.com/directory/kentucky-kingdom-and-hurricane-bay/>

Kentucky Science Center: <https://kysciencecenter.org/>

Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory:

Louisville Zoo: <https://louisvillezoo.org/>

Mega Cavern: <https://www.gotolouisville.com/directory/louisville-mega-cavern-mega-zips-all-underground-ziplines-adventure-tour/>

Muhammad Ali Center: <https://www.gotolouisville.com/directory/muhammad-ali-center/>

Main Event <https://www.mainevent.com>

Purchase Attractions Tickets

<https://reservations.gotolouisville.com/attraction/list/6849/m3117>

Purchase Attraction Ticket Bundles

<https://reservations.gotolouisville.com/package/category/6849/3/m3676?customNavLink=1>

VISITOR CENTER

Visit the Louisville Visitor Center at 301 South 4th Street in downtown Louisville. Open Mondays – Saturdays: 10 am – 5 pm, and Sundays: 12 pm – 5 pm. Visitors can also call the Visitor Information Call Center at 1-888-568-4784, Monday – Friday: 9 am – 5 pm (EST) or e-mail info@gotolouisville.com for city information.

DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS

Downtown’s roving hospitality team is on duty seven days a week starting at 7 am each day. Look for the folks wearing orange shirts when you have a question or need assistance. Some ambassadors are on-foot, some are on bikes. They are very knowledgeable, helpful, & friendly and will be able to provide information about downtown and about Louisville.

Revised: 2/12/2024

TENTATIVE AGENDA

VFW 125th National Convention Louisville, KY Kentucky Convention Center July 27-August 1, 2024

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, July 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m.

Remote registration – VFW/Auxiliary – Convention Center -South Pre-Function – Main Concourse

Saturday, July 27, 2024

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

VFW Health Fair

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

VFW/Registration/Exhibits

8:30 a.m.

National Veterans Service Advisory Committee

10:00 a.m.

Budget and Finance Committee

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Uniting to Combat Hunger – TBD

1:30 p.m.

National Council of Administration Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Eastern Conference Caucus

4:00 p.m.

Southern Conference Caucus

4:00 p.m.

Big Ten Conference Caucus

4:00 p.m.

Western Conference Caucus

Sunday, July 28, 2024

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

VFW Health Fair

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

VFW Registration/Exhibits

8:30 a.m.

Annual Memorial Service

10:00 a.m.

Membership Seminar

10:00 a.m.

VFW Programs, VMS Committee

10:00 a.m.

VFW Riders National Advisory Committee

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Cornhole

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

Committee Meetings:

2:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual -
2:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
2:00 p.m.	General Resolutions (300 Series)
2:00 p.m.	National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series) Sub Committee – POW/MIA
2:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series) Sub-committee – Health Sub-committee – Benefits Sub-committee – Economic Opportunity/Other
4:00 p.m.	Membership Seminar – Post Development
4:30 p.m.	Department Adjutant Quartermasters Association Meeting

Monday, July 29, 2024

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
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>
3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cornhole Finals
4:30 p.m.	Department Adjutant Quartermasters Reception <i>(by invitation)</i>

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

8:00 a.m.-12N.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-12N.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	VFW Business Session
1:00 p.m.	2024-2025 Department Commanders Luncheon – <i>(by invitation)</i> –
1:00 p.m.	2024-2025 Senior Vice Commanders, Senior Vice Presidents Luncheon <i>(by invite only)</i>
1:00 p.m.	2024-2025 Junior Vice Commanders, Junior Vice President’s Luncheon <i>(by invite only)</i>
1:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Discussion
1:00 p.m.	Update on Federal Benefits and Services for Veterans
1:00 p.m.	Grant Seeking & Fundraising Ideas for VFW Posts
1:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop
5:15 p.m.	Parade Line-up
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Celebration

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

8:00 a.m. Business Session /Nomination of Officers
1:00 p.m. All American Commanders Luncheon (ticketed event)
1:00 p.m. VFW National Home Workshop

Thursday, August 1, 2024

8:00 a.m. Business Session: Election/Installation of National Officers
National Council of Administration Meeting
(Following business session)
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Commander-in-Chief's and National
President's Reception (ticketed event) – Kentucky
Convention Center

Updated: 2/20/24

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

Al Lipphardt
VFW National Commander Homecoming

Where:

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

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



Hotel Reservation Link – Available Now

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



Activities:

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

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



MONDAY



AUGUST 26, 2024

USA WARRIORS ICE HOCKEY GOLF OUTING

Chantilly National Golf & Country Club

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM
REGISTRATION
OPENS

BREAKFAST

10:00 AM
SHOTGUN
START

3:00 PM
AWARDS
LUNCHEON

PRICING

\$200 PER PLAYER

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

\$100 AWARDS LUNCHEON ONLY

Includes awards luncheon
and open bar

SKIP THE LINE, PAY ONLINE

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS
1 for \$20

MULLIGAN PACKAGE
1 for \$20

Register at

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

QUESTIONS? Reach out to usawarriors@golfinvite.com





USA WARRIORS ICE HOCKEY GOLF OUTING

SPONSORSHIPS

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

Platinum — \$5,000

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

2 Available

Gold — \$3,000

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

5 Available

Silver — \$1,750

- One (1) golf foursome

5 Available

Bronze — \$750

20 Available

Beverage Cart Sponsor — \$2,500

- Signage on beverage cart
- Special mention at closing remarks

2 Available

Open Bar Sponsor — \$2,500

- Signage at open bar
- Special mention at closing remarks

3 Available

Contest Sponsor — \$1,000

- Signage at contest hole

4 Available

Hole-in-One Sponsor — \$1,000

- Signage at contest hole

4 Available

Choose Your Hole (Add-On) — \$500

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

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

Register at

GOLFINVITE.NET/USAWARRIORS

QUESTIONS? Reach out to usawarriors@golfinvite.com





SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

VFW POST 3103 STAR SPANGLED VETERANS GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
FREDERICKSBURG AREA
VETERANS.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER

\$125

FOURSOME

\$500



Many more sponsorship opportunities available!
For more information go to
<https://www.vfw3103.org/> or use the QR Code
Please contact Jeremy Jones at
joneszjp@gmail.com



SCAN ME!!!



Honoring Our Vietnam Veterans

October 3 – 6, 2024

Covington, VA

Dear Neighbor,

March 1, 2024

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

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

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

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

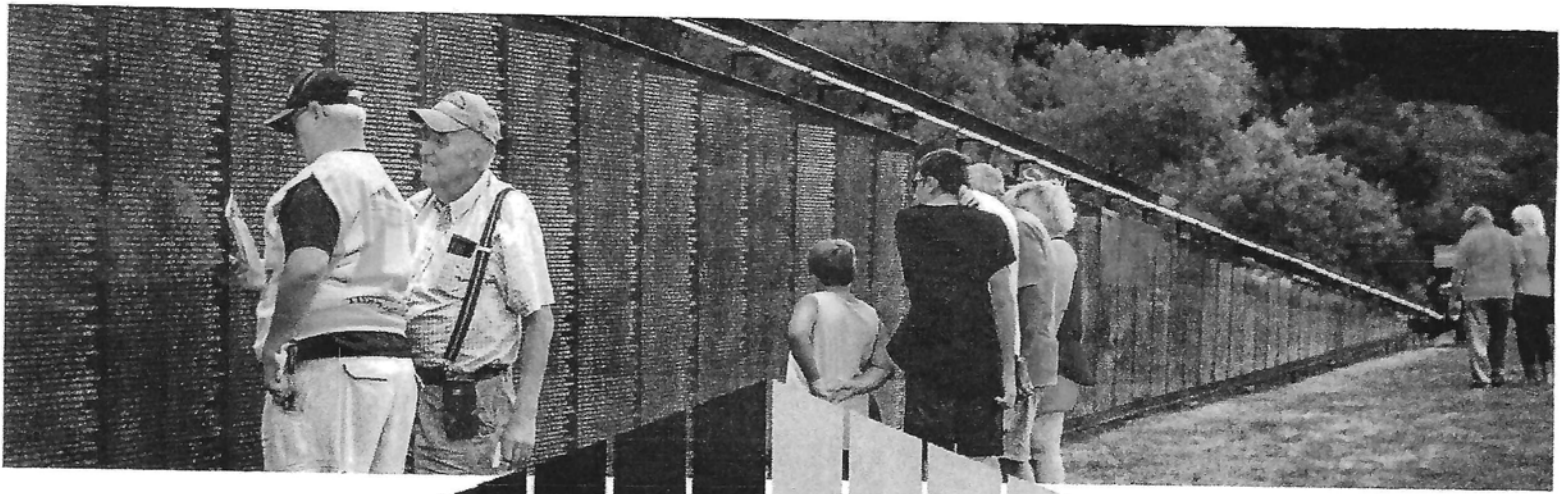
We hope to make this project a reality, but we cannot do it without the support of people like YOU! We have to raise the necessary funds six months prior to the event and ask that you consider helping to support our goal by signing up to be a sponsor today. Sponsorship details are enclosed. If you have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

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

Sincerely,

Cindy Wright

Sponsorship Chair



THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



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

October 3 - 6, 2024

Jackson River Sports Complex

870 W Edgemont Dr., Covington, VA 24426

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - 24 HOURS

CLOSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 2 PM

Group tours are available.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Proudly hosted by the



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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OR YOU CAN VISIT

WWW.THEWALLTHATHEALSCOVINGTON.COM





THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



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

October 3, 2024 - October 6, 2024
Jackson River Sports Complex, Covington, VA

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Sponsorship Deadline:
August 31, 2024

LEARN MORE



TheWallThatHealsCovington.com

The Wall That Heals Sponsorship Pledge Form

Contact Information

Business Name as you wish it to be listed: _____

Contact Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Selecting a Sponsorship Level

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

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

Payment Type

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

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

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

Sponsorship forms received without payment will be invoiced.

Other Opportunities

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

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

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

★ GOLD SPONSOR

\$5,000 +

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

★ SILVER SPONSOR

\$2,500 - \$4,999

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

★ COMMUNITY SPONSOR

\$1,000 - \$2,499

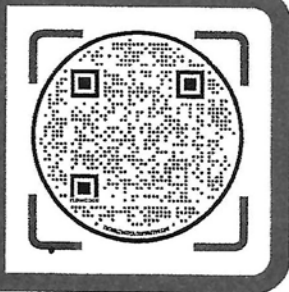
- Company or Individual name featured in Program Booklet.
- Acknowledgement on The Wall That Heals Covington Website.

★ CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR

\$100 - \$999

- Acknowledgement on The Wall That Heals Covington website.

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ME! >>>**



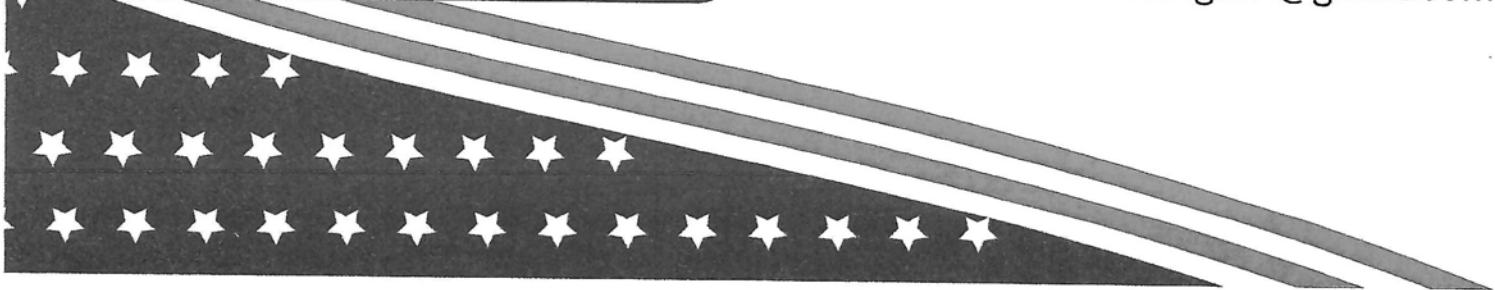
For Questions, Contact:

Cindy Wright

Sponsorship Chair

540-958-3436

thewallthathealscovington@gmail.com



58,281

NAMES ON THE WALL

1,500+ SERVICE MEMBERS UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM THE VIETNAM WAR

8 WOMEN ON THE WALL

1968 DEADLIEST YEAR IN THE WAR

161

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS ON THE WALL

23 yrs., 1 mo.

AVERAGE AGE OF SERVICE MEMBERS ON THE WALL

15

AGE OF THE YOUNGEST SERVICE MEMBER ON THE WALL

400,000+

ITEMS LEFT AT THE WALL

43 SETS OF BROTHERS ON THE WALL

3 SETS OF FATHERS AND SONS ON THE WALL

246 MOST CASUALTY DEATHS FOR ONE DAY / JANUARY 31, 1968

REQUESTING THE WALL THAT HEALS

VVMF seeks sites that can provide a welcoming, quiet atmosphere, large enough to accommodate the components of *The Wall That Heals*, and that can be open to the public 24 hours a day, typically from Wednesday through Sunday.

Before, during, and after, VVMF staff work with hosting organizations to assist with program and event development to transform *The Wall That Heals* visit into a lasting impact for their community.

If your organization is interested in hosting *The Wall That Heals*, please visit www.vvmf.org/twth-request for more information.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C., in 1982. VVMF is the organization that partners with the National Park Service to maintain and care for The Wall, The Three Servicemen statue, flagpole, and *In Memory* plaque.

VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. We honor the service of all, preserve the memory of those who died during the war and since returning home, and educate all generations about the lasting impact of the war.

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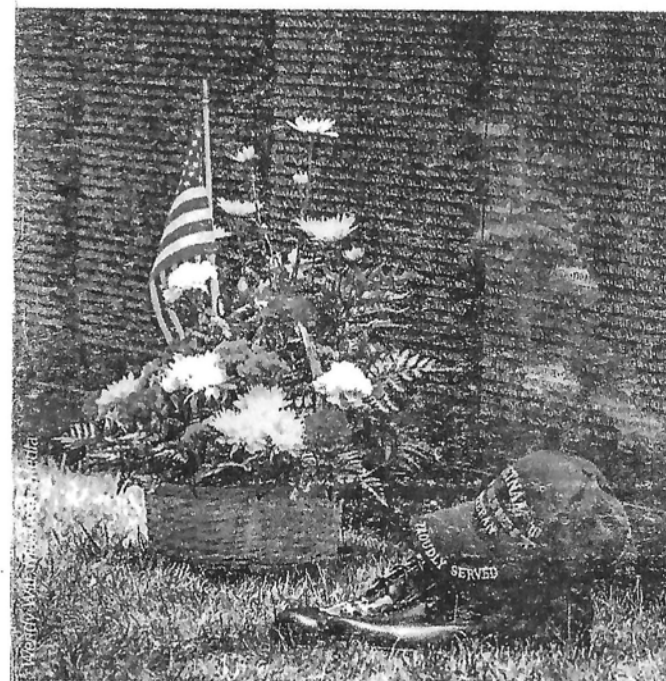
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Welcome to *The Wall That Heals*, the three-quarter scale traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The exhibit consists of the Wall replica and the mobile Education Center. *The Wall That Heals* exhibit is open to the public day and night throughout the visit.

THE WALL REPLICA

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Like the original Memorial, *The Wall That Heals* is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

The Wall replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and its 140 numbered panels are supported by an aluminum frame. Machine engraving of the more than 58,000 names along with modern LED lighting provide readability of The Wall day and night.

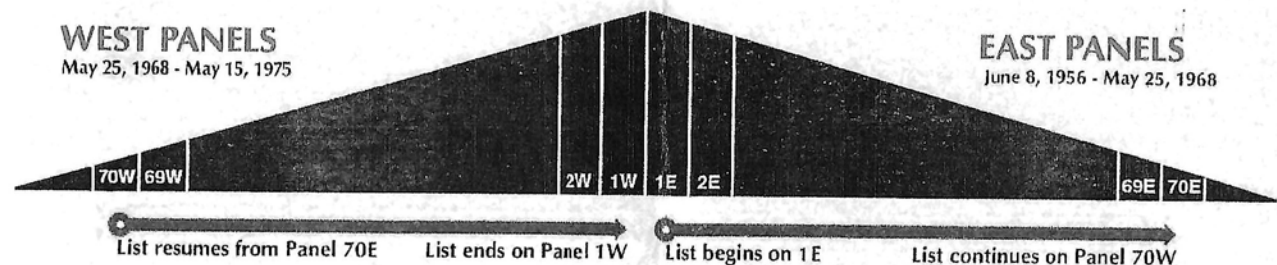
MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

The 51-foot trailer that carries *The Wall That Heals* transforms to become a mobile Education Center. The exterior of the trailer features a timeline of "The War and The Wall" and provides additional information about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Additional exhibits give visitors a better understanding of the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the collection of items left at The Wall. Displays include:

- > *Hometown Heroes* – Photos of service members on The Wall who list their home of record from the local area. The photos are part of VVMF's *Wall of Faces* – an effort to ensure the faces and stories of those on The Wall will never be forgotten. Help is needed to find better photos. Learn more at: www.vvmf.org/thewall
- > Map of Vietnam

- > *In Memory Honor Roll* – Photos of Vietnam veterans (from the state we're on display) honored through VVMF's *In Memory* program which honors veterans who served in Vietnam, returned home and later died. A replica In Memory plaque is part of *The Wall That Heals* exhibit. Learn more at: www.vvmf.org/inmemory
- > A display of items representative of those left at The Wall in Washington, D.C.
- > Names on The Wall Directories – two directories allow for specific names on The Wall to be found alphabetically. A book is also available on site that features all 5,000+ *In Memory* honorees.
- > The Gold Star Bike – Donated to VVMF by the American Gold Star Mothers in 2012, the Softail Custom Harley motorcycle pays tribute to the mothers who lost sons to the Vietnam War.

HOW TO FIND A NAME ON THE WALL



Names are arranged in order of date of casualty and alphabetically on each day, beginning at the center with panel 1E (under 1959), down panel 1E, then moving right towards 70E, then 70W towards the center, and ending above the 1975 on 1W. The first and last casualties are side by side at the apex of the Memorial.

1. Find a service member's name and location on The Wall in paper directories or online at VVMF's *Wall of Faces* at www.vvmf.org/thewall or by downloading VVMF's The Wall app at www.vvmf.org/app

2. Panel numbers are on the bottom of every panel. Row numbers count down from the top of each panel. On the margin of every other panel are white dots every 10 lines. Count down 4 dots and you're on line 40.

Each name is preceded (on the West Wall) or followed (on the East Wall) by a symbol designating status.

- ◆ Symbol denotes that the service member is known dead or presumed dead.
- ⊕ Symbol denotes that the service member was missing or prisoner status when The Wall was built in 1982 and remains unaccounted for today. When a service member is repatriated, the diamond is superimposed over the cross.