

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Greetings. There are plenty of reasons to love the month May. It's the start of summer, foliage comes alive; flowers are blooming, and your Post can finally begin entertaining outdoors again. We are coming off a particularly good month in the Department of Virginia, VFW. Specifically, we accomplished two significant milestones in April. To begin with we managed to achieve 100 percent membership across the Department. This marks the ninth consecutive year that the Department of Virginia has earned All-American status. I would like to thank our Membership Team; our outstanding recruiters, and all of our members – old and new. We are proud to be a growth organization supporting our veterans.

The other milestone we accomplished, was to be 100 percent reported in Community Service Reports. As a reminder, each year we ask all of our Posts to do at least one report, twice a year, in each of five distinct categories (Hospital, Americanism, Community Activities, Safety, and Youth Activities). I am pleased to report that we were 100 percent reported during both periods in all categories. This is the first time we have accomplished this feat, in the last three years. Our reports are in important way for us to communicate how active the VFW is in the community.

Since the writing of my last *Commander's Message* your Department has been very busy. On March 23 our VFW Riders sponsored a WWII Veterans lunch at Mission Barbecue in Hampton Roads. All WWII veterans and their escorts were provided a free lunch.

On March 25 we participated in a Vietnam Veterans 5K Sponsored by Heroes Bridge in the beautiful Virginia Piedmont. All proceeds from that event went to benefit our Vietnam veterans via Heroes Bridge.

On March 31 we held an Official Dinner with the Department of Pennsylvania: State Commander Henry Manella and over 40 comrades from the Keystone State were in town visiting the Nation's Capital and staying in Arlington. The Post threw them a great dinner party and we all showed them generous hospitality.

On April 16 we honored Commander Eugene Chavis. We gathered at VFW Post 2216 Staunton and presented a Certificate of Commendation and a State Commander Challenge Coin to Comrade Chavis in front of a packed room. He has provided 34 years of service to the VFW at the Post, District and State Levels.

On April 22 our VFW Riders conducted an Honor Flight from the Mariners Museum in Newport News to the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle. Afterwards, they enjoyed brunch at VFW Post 1503 Dale City.

We had a great time at the Shenandoah Valley Centennial Celebration held on April 22nd at VFW Post 2447, Edinburg. Your Centennial Committee put on a great event as 87 attendees celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Dept. of Virginia. Our next Centennial will be on June 3rd in Hampton Roads.

Events on the horizon

On May 13 we will celebrate Mother's Day. Make sure you call or visit your Mom and wish her a blessed day.

On May 29 we will celebrate Memorial Day. Our modern Memorial Day holiday was preceded by Decoration Day since 1865, with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and then Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. We intend to celebrate the whole weekend across the state with Poppy Distribution, Recruiting Drives and somber dedication to our fallen comrades.

We are currently working hard on preparations for our 100th State Convention to be held June 1-4, 2023, in Portsmouth, VA. Of particular note, we will be holding our Joint Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening; a Commander's Club Luncheon on Friday; and a Commander's/President's Reception & Centennial Celebration on Saturday night. The latter event is expected to draw up to 300 attendees making it one of the biggest events of the year! Please make sure you register for the Centennial through Eventbrite (see attached flyer). This free reception will include a buffet dinner, entertainment, free Centennial Coins, door prizes and many special guests. The theme for this event is an "All-American Celebration" with "western wear" dress. Theresa and I, hope to see you there. Have a great month.

Geoffrey Lyster
State Commander
Department of Virginia

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. AUDITS:

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**.

4. AWARDS:

State Awards and All State information were in last month's General Orders, along with the various entry forms.

5. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: 5/6/23 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 3219 Phoebus 122 E Mellen Street, Hampton Rep: State Surgeon Mark Maggio	7 th	Date: 5/20/23 Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: To follow Lunch Location: Post 9760 Berryville 425 S. Buckmarsh Street Rep: St Chief-of-Staff Ken Wiseman
2 nd	Date: 5/13/23 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 4809 Norfolk 5728 Bartee Street Rep: State Inspector Charles Bush	8 th	Date: 8/5/23 Meeting: 9:00 AM Location: Post 3103 Fredericksburg 2701 Princess Anne St
3 rd	Date: 5/6/23 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane Rep: PSC Butch Schupska	9 th	Date: 5/6/23 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4667 Marion 861 Goolsby Street Rep: St SVC Gary Adams
4 th	Date: 5/13/23 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 7059 Farmville 1616 Graham Road Rep: St Chief-of-Staff Ken Wiseman	10 th	Date: 5/7/23 Lunch: NOON Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Road Rep: State Inspector Charles Bush
5 th	Date: 5/20/23 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 1425 Greensboro Road Rep: State JVC Gary Adams	11 th	Date: 5/13/23 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 8644 Bridgewater 118 Dry River Road Rep: State JVC Mitch Rubenstein
6 th	Date: 8/5/23 Meeting: Noon Location: Post 1264 Roanoke 4930 Grandview Avenue NW	12 th	Date: 7/1/23 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 1994 Abingdon 17581 Lee Highway
		13 th	Date: 5/13/23 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville 1170 River Road Rep: St Judge Advocate Doug Hoffman

6. CALENDAR RAFFLE:

This year the calendar raffle becomes my responsibility. I wanted to do something a little different this year. This year I want to thank and welcome home all our Vietnam Veterans. This makes the calendar a little more personal to many comrades and Auxiliary Members to buy one for themselves or as a gift to a Vietnam veteran. I have discussed this idea at a few District meetings I have attended, and everyone really likes the idea. The previous raffles have been successful, but I want to make this the best calendar raffle we have done so far. But I need your help. What I am looking for is to have your members (that are Vietnam veterans and belong to a Post in Virginia or Auxiliary member of a Vietnam veteran) send me a photo of them while they were in country along with their name, year in country, a brief description or quote for the photo and VFW Post number they belong to. They can

send it to my email address (judge@vfwva.org). I look forward to seeing all the photos and I hope for an overwhelming response. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Douglas Hoffman
State Judge Advocate

7. 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 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 **May 23rd**. Failure to do so will put your Posts in arrears to the Department and Post will have no voting strength at the State Convention.

The Delegate Sheet was the front page of the April General Orders.

8. DELEGATES TO DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.

District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

9. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 15th**. 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 **VFW2022!** 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**

svrdist1@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. HALF-STAFF:

The U.S. Flag should be at half-staff on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May (federal holiday - half-staff until noon). Flags available at VFW Store vfwstore.org/category/flags/usflags.

12. IMPORTANT DATES:

June 1 - 4, 2023	State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$149.00 per night. Group name "Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2023"; Cut-off Date April 28, 2023.
July 22 - 27, 2023	National Convention, Phoenix, Arizona
November 1 - 4, 2023	Southern Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma
January 12 - 14, 2023	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.
July 27 - Aug 1, 2024	National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
August 9 - 14, 2025	National Convention, Columbus, Ohio

13. INSTALLING OFFICERS:

Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post Election Report forms have been completed and submitted to National Headquarters. If a Post Election Report form has not been forwarded to National Headquarters at the time of installation, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers no later than June 1. **We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS).** Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters. Additionally, Section 413 of the National Bylaws requires that a properly completed District Election Report be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Post and District 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.

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.

15. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWINGS:

Congratulations to John Lyons Post 3150 as the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. John Lyons Post 3150 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 100% of their membership goal reports to State Headquarters by March 24, 2023, deadline.

16. 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 2023-24 membership year, the Life Membership Fund will pay out \$3.50 for each Plan A, B and C Life Member, \$3.18 for each Plan D Life Member and \$7.12 for each Plan E Life Member to their Post, Department and to National Headquarters. Payment will be made in Sept. 2023 for all Life Members recorded as of Aug. 31, 2023. In addition, \$7.12 will be paid in Jan. 2024 for each Life Member processed from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2023 (Plan E) to their Post, Department and to National Headquarters.

If you have any questions, please contact Marc Garduno, Quartermaster General, MGarduno@vfw.org.

17. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders,

Comrades this is an important month for our year. The State Judging and Memorial Day Weekend are upon us. I encourage you to make sure all your t's are crossed and your i's dotted for the All State Judging. Also make sure your Memorial Day Weekend Poppy Drive is in order.

Comrades you have had another outstanding year as far as Membership goes and I would like to say Thank You again. The State is well over 100% and you have achieved and surpassed my personal goal of 2,500 new or reinstated members that I set as a Benchmark each year. I am grateful for that and your steadfast resolve to keep Virginia growing each year. Thanks again for all that you do.

Tom Hines PSC
Membership Team Chairman

18. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING REGISTRATION:

124th National Convention housing officially opened February 17, 2023. 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 Phoenix, Arizona – July 22-27, 2023, including a tentative agenda. (See attachment)

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that 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. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out later this month.

Registration forms for the 124th National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

19. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters will be closed May 2 - 3, 2023. State Adjutant/Quartermaster Ed Mann will be available by phone and email.

State Headquarters and the Service Offices of Smithfield, Norfolk and Dale City will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

State Headquarters will also be closed Wednesday, May 31, 2023 – June 5, 2023, for the State Convention.

Smithfield Service Office will be closed June 1 – 2, 2023 for the State Convention.

Please note the Hopewell Service Office will be permanently closed effective July 1, 2023.

20. POST ELECTIONS:

Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election, and installation of Post Officers. Post-Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1.

21. POSTS IN ARREARS FOR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

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.

22. REPORTING:

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

23. SCHOLARSHIP THEMES:

The 2023-2024 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento. The Voice of Democracy theme will be “What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?” and the Patriot’s Pen theme will be “How Are You Inspired by America?”.

24. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

This month I provided Vietnam Veteran commemoration pins to Posts 12218 (4), 8446 (7) and 622 (11). I requested and received a new supply of pins from the National Commemoration Commission in Arlington so have more available to send to Posts that have a need.

This month's Vietnam War Congressional Medal of Honor winner is Colonel Paris D. Davis, USA.

Colonel Davis earned his commission through ROTC in 1959. He subsequently earned his Ranger Tab and his Special Forces insignia. He served overseas in Korea, Okinawa and Vietnam in the early 60's. Davis arrived for his second tour in South Vietnam in April 1965 and took command of 5th Special Forces Group A-team A-321 at Camp Bồng Sơn. On 18 June 1965, Davis and three of his Special Forces team led the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) 883rd Regional Forces Company in an attack on a Viet Cong (VC) base. Davis' CMH paperwork was twice submitted (1965 & 1969) but never acted upon. He received the Silver Star and Purple Heart as a result.

In 2021, a review of records uncovered the nomination which was ultimately approved in November 2022. He was finally presented the Medal of Honor by President Biden at a White House Ceremony on March 3rd, 2023.

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3rd, 1863, has awarded in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to Captain Paris D. Davis, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty. Captain Paris D. Davis distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Commander of Detachment A-321, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, during combat operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Bong Son, Republic of Vietnam, June 17-18, 1965. Captain Davis, commanding an inexperienced South Vietnamese regional raiding force, learned that a vastly superior North Vietnamese enemy force was operating in the area. Through surprise and leadership, he gained the tactical advantage, personally engaging and killing several enemy soldiers. Wounded while leading the initial assault, Captain Davis continued moving forward, personally engaging the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. Launching a counterattack, the superior enemy force separated Captain Davis from his main Regional Force Company. Charging under the intense enemy fire, Captain Davis personally led four others in the destruction of enemy gun emplacements and captured more enemy personnel. Afterwards, Captain Davis moved to regroup his forces and break contact with the enemy to allow his expertly guided tactical air and artillery fire to obliterate the foe. However, the enemy again counter-attacked in superior numbers and Captain Davis was struck by automatic weapons fire. So close was the charging enemy soldier that shot him, Captain Davis engaged him in close-quarter combat and was again wounded in the process of defeating this soldier. Captain Davis then led his men to reorganize into abandoned enemy fighting positions as he continued to call for artillery and air support. Realizing two of his fellow Americans were incapacitated and unable to move while trapped by enemy fire, Captain Davis located their positions and moved to suppress enemy guns and personally rescue each to the safety of the friendly Company position. While enacting the rescue of the first American, Captain Davis was shot in the leg. In great pain he continued forward and dragged him to the Company perimeter. Captain Davis then exposed himself again to the intense enemy fire to rescue the second American, crawling 150 yards to complete the rescue while being hit by enemy grenade fragments. After rescuing the second fellow American, Captain Davis then personally directed the helicopter extraction for the wounded, but refused medical extraction for himself. Captain Davis continued to engage the enemy until all members of his Company were extracted. He remained on the battlefield to continue personal coordination of tactical air and artillery fire, ensuring the destruction of the enemy force.

Davis wrote about the action which goes into greater detail than is summarized in the CMH citation. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris_Davis)

Davis served a third tour in Vietnam in 1969, and later commanded the 10th Special Forces Group and retired from the army as a colonel in 1985. Davis published the Metro Herald newspaper in Virginia for 30 years. He is now retired and lives in Arlington County, Virginia.

Jeff Dombroff
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee Chairman

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Geoffrey D. Lyster
State Commander

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The VFW Department of Virginia is turning 100 this year and we are celebrating across the state with our members. Come join us at one of these seven locations. We will have food, fun, music, and giveaways. So, RSVP Online at one, or all these locations. Just click on any of the links You want to attend, to RSVP. We hope to see you there.

Please make sure you print your ticket(s) for entry into the event!!

June 3, 2023, State Convention Portsmouth https://VFW_VA_100_Portsmouth.eventbrite.com

August 26, 2023, Post 8163, Clarksville https://VFW_VA_100_Clarksville.eventbrite.com

September 16, 2023, Post 1264, Roanoke https://VFW_VA_100_Roanoke.eventbrite.com

September 23, 2023, Post 4667, Marion https://VFW_VA_100_Marion.eventbrite.com



VFW Women Veterans Forum 2023

Auxiliary are Welcome

2 Jun 2023 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Portsmouth VA

Topics:

Updated Review of PACT Act

Why Should I Submit a PACT Act Claim

Legislation Updates Federal and State



Commanders Club Luncheon

ATTENTION: All Past and Present Commanders

You are invited to attend the Annual Commanders Club Luncheon to be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at the Renaissance Portsmouth Waterfront Hotel (425 Water St. Portsmouth, VA) from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Commanders, please pass this information on to your Comrades.

COST: Only \$35.00

MENU: Mixed Greens Salad with assorted dressings
Prime Rib of Beef au Jus with horseradish sauce
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Oven Fresh Rolls with Butter
Chef's Choice Dessert: Cake or Pie
Iced Tea with Lemon and/or Ice Water

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Department of Virginia Commanders Club

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

**DEADLINE: May15, 2023 PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MEAL IS REQUIRED.
NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS PRE-REGISTERED.**

Pick up your ticket at REGISTRATION and present it at the door

REMEMBER: You can become a LIFE MEMBER for \$35.00; All dues can be sent to Ken Shannon at the address above.

PLEASE SEND THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ASSURE ACCURACY.

Post No. _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Name of each person attending luncheon (please print clearly)

NAME DATE JOINED

Life Member Dues for _____

For Life Members please include Name, Post or PT, Address, Email, and Phone Number

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 and Present 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 kenneth.shannon152@gmail.com.

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

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 _____



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Virginia
CDR/President's Reception
& Centennial Celebration**



- **Why:** *To Honor the Department Commander & President and Virginia 100th Anniv.*
- **Date/Time:** Saturday, June 3, 2023; 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
- **Location:** Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water St, Portsmouth, VA
- **Cost:** Free (to all VFW & Auxiliary and their families)
- **Dress:** **“Western Wear”** (*wear your Cowboy hat; western boots, bolo tie & big belt buckle:*
- **Entertainment:** Famous DJ “JR”– and Featured Speakers
- **Contests:** Awards for Best Dancers; Best Western Outfit
- **Giveaways:** Free Limited Edition Dept. of Virginia Centennial Coin to all attendees.
- **Raffles:** Super 50/50 Drawing; Baskets of Cheer Raffles
- **Menu:** **Famous “Cowboy Barbecue” Buffet!**
 - **Salad Shakers:** *“Like out on the Trail” Includes: Mixed green salads, tomatoes, croutons, goat cheese, spiced pecans, cranberries, roasted peach vinaigrette; assorted dressings*
 - **Entrees:**
 - Texas Barbecue Pork Ribs
 - All-Day Smoked Beef Brisket with Kentucky Bourbon BBQ Sauce
 - **Side Dishes:** *Southern sweet potato casserole; grilled vegetables; garlic red bliss potatoes*
 - **Dessert:** *Assorted Chesapeake mini-dessert shooters, strawberry lemonade cheesecake, ‘Campfire Smores’, assorted southern style mini-bundt cakes, crème brule*



❖ **RSVP to the link by May 27, 2023:**

https://VFW_VA_100_Portsmouth.eventbrite.com

*Hampton Roads Area
Centennial Celebration
All local VFW/Aux Welcome!*



Commander's Reception & Centennial Celebration

*An All-American Salute to Veterans
The Biggest Veteran Event of the Year!!*

Hospitality Rooms
open prior to the
event-And After!



Country Line Dancing

Dept. of Virginia
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
1923-2023

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.

101ST ANNUAL CONVENTION
 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
 RENAISSANCE PORTSMOUTH-NORFOLK WATERFRONT HOTEL
 PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA
 JUNE 1– 4, 2023

Eugene Chavis
 Convention Chairman

Kathy Goodall
 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 1, 2023**

11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING	PORTSMOUTH IV
10:00 AM	4:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	PORTSMOUTH FOYER
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION MEETING	PORTSMOUTH IV
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	PORTSMOUTH V-VIII
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	PORTSMOUTH V-VIII

**Friday,
 June 2, 2023**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	PORTSMOUTH FOYER
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	OPENING SESSION	PORTSMOUTH V-VIII
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCHEON	PORTSMOUTH I-III
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION	PORTSMOUTH IV
		(NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	WOMEN VETERANS FORUM	

**Saturday,
 June 3, 2023**

7:30 AM	9:00 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	HOLLEY BALLROOM I-III
8:30 AM	10:30 AM	REGISTRATION, VFW	PORTSMOUTH FOYER
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	BUSINESS SESSION	PORTSMOUTH IV
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	PORTSMOUTH IV
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	MOC SCRATCH	PORTSMOUTH I-II
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW RIDERS MEETING	AMPHITHEATER
5:30 PM	9:00 PM	COMMANDERS RECEPTION & CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION	HOLLEY BALLROOM

**Sunday,
 June 4, 2023**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	PORTSMOUTH I-II
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	NEW DISTRICT COMMANDERS 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)

SATURDAY RECEPTION/DANCE WILL BE FREE TO ALL ATTENDING THE STATE CONVENTION

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Our service program is described as a directive to "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White." Each year the Cooties volunteer thousands of hours of time worth over ten million dollars to Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) hospitals and domiciliaries throughout the United States. This work, in addition to the hours of service donated as active members of the VFW, set the members of the MOC apart as Foreign Service and Combat Veterans who are fully engaged in their communities.

Eligibility is determined through being active members for at least 6-months in a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and through completion of satisfactory service on a Post committee or satisfactory performance of Post duties or participating actively as a leader of post functions.

If you are interested in learning more about what it takes to become a Cootie reach out to grandcdr@vfwva.org.

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Commander, 2022-2023
Grand of Virginia
Military Order of the Cootie





Charles H. Bush, Jr.

Candidate for the High Office of VFW State Surgeon 2023-24

Comrades, my name is Charles Bush, and I am running for State Surgeon. With your help, I want to bring learning, knowledge, recognition, and creditability to each position. I'm passionate about supporting our veterans, impacting our communities with good deeds, honoring our teachers and educators, engaging with our first responders, and encouraging youth activities by setting the example of a good American to all.

My goals are to continue improving our work on the business and administration side of our organization, grow membership and find a way to improve membership retention (I think we are missing out on grooming our next set of VFW leaders). Continue to make the VFW a strong voice for veterans. Create a strategic plan to visualize these goals along with your feedback, comments, and support. On the VFW membership side, embrace the family culture by enhancing members' experiences through recognition and increased learning. We, the VFW family, can uphold the VFW's outstanding achievements of the past with future process improvements.

My eligibility includes joining the Marine Corps and serving two combat tours, Desert Storm/Desert Shield in 1990 and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2003, also deployments in South Korea.

My qualification includes joining the VFW organization as a Life Member in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1997 while on active duty, transferring to Post 3103 Fredericksburg in 2009, and being appointed as the Senior Vice Commander pro temp in 2009 and elected to Post Commander in 2010-2011. Served on the District Eight Staff for over eight years, designated as the Inspector, and elected JVC, SVC. I was elected District 8 Commander and achieved All-State and All-American District Commander as District Commander for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. In 2019 all five posts made 100% membership, and two of five posts made All-American and All-State.

I'm currently serving as the State Inspector. In my positions working with the Posts, Districts, and the State, I have accumulated experience in the business of the VFW. I am ready to serve my comrades at the state surgeon level.

I am a learning member of the State Resolution Committee and the current President of the Commanders Club. I am also a member of the Past Post Commanders Council for Post 3103.

I'm currently employed by the Marine Corps Systems Command as a civilian employee since 2012, working in Acquisition Logistics. My wife Danielle is also a veteran and lifetime member of VFW Post 3103.

Born and raised in Mobile, Alabama (LA Lower Alabama), and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps from June 1981 until July 2011. With over 30 years of active duty military service and achieved the highest enlisted technical rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant/E-9 (MGySgt) in the Tactical Field and Garrison Communications MOS, starting as a basic field wireman to Communications Chief.

My father was Army Vietnam Veteran Airborne; my grandfathers were Veterans, and eight great uncles joined the military. I grew up around veterans and enjoyed the benefits as a dependent of a 100% disabled veteran (father). Now I have the opportunity to serve as a veteran in this organization. Together, Let's keep moving forward!

In Peace and Comradeship, Charles Bush, 540.907.5292 (cell), charlesbush2259@gmail.com.

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



**PHOENIX WEB VERSION
PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE
July 22-27,2023**

Note: This information will be updated periodically.

WELCOME TO PHOENIX

It's time to go beyond. Follow trails that reveal mighty mountaintops. Wander among iconic landscapes beneath picture-perfect skies. Let the Sonoran Desert be your guide to limitless adventure. Downtown Phoenix is where you'll find sports arenas, live music, rooftop lounges, museums, theaters, art galleries and more than 200 restaurants. Historic neighborhoods like Roosevelt Row and Grand Avenue share an urban footprint with modern marvels like CityScape and the Phoenix Convention Center.

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Phoenix Convention Center located at 100 North Third Street, (downtown) Phoenix, 85004.

LOCATION

Phoenix is a place where it's easy to migrate between high culture and low, resort escapes and local hangouts, outdoor adventure, and poolside lounging. Start planning your trip at VisitPhoenix.com or [order a travel guide here](#).

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

Sky Harbor, dubbed America's Friendliest Airport, is the main airport for the Greater Phoenix area. Sky Harbor serves more than 120 domestic and international destinations. With 1,200 daily flights—about 500 of them nonstop—Sky Harbor is one of the most convenient airports in the United States. Sky Harbor is only 4 miles from Phoenix Convention Center and can be accessed via rideshare, taxi, or [public transportation like Light Rail](#).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Convenient transportation to and from the airport comes by way of PHX Sky Train. This driverless people mover transports Valley Metro Rail passengers to the airport from the 44th Street/Washington Street station. There passenger can take Valley Metro Rail to downtown Phoenix. The 28-mile line links Phoenix to the neighboring communities of Tempe and Mesa, and includes stops at attractions such as Phoenix Art Museum, Heard Museum, Chase Field, Footprint Center and Tempe's Mill Avenue.

PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel for parking availability and costs. Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center can be accessed via this link <https://www.phoenixconventioncenter.com/parking>

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

See mobile APP for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW for Auxiliary, Hall 5-6.

Note: *Want to miss the crowds/lines and pick-up your name badge & packets early? Try Remote Registration. Both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY**. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, **Hyatt Regency Phoenix** and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, **Renaissance**.*

PACKET PICK-UP

VFW - if you are not pre-registered, you will need to go to Hall 5-6 at the convention center on Saturday, July 22 starting at 8a to register and pick-up your convention packet.

VFW & Auxiliary 'remote' **pre-registration**: Friday, July 21, 9a-5p
Renaissance - Locations/times: **Lobby**

VFW & Auxiliary 'remote' **pre-registration**. Friday, July 21, 9a-5p
Hyatt Regency Phoenix- Locations/times: **Lobby**

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 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 Phoenix are located in the downtown area and within walking distance from the convention center. Therefore, a **limited shuttle service** will be provided. The following is a **tentative** schedule of days the shuttle will operate. Specific times will be found in the convention mobile app. If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number provided in the mobile APP event schedule. A final shuttle schedule will be included on the Mobile APP and will be updated on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

Saturday, July 22, 2023

7a-8p

Sunday, July 23, 2023

7a-5p

Monday, July 24, 2023

7a-6p

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

7a-9p

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

7a-5p

Thursday, July 27, 2023

7a-6:30p

(refer to convention mobile app for complete schedule including pick-up and drop-off points)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opens **2/17/23** and closes **6/21/23**. Go to www.vfw.org at the convention website. The official convention hotels for the 124th National convention are listed on the convention web site.

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.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

Note the Phoenix Convention Center is a 'Cash-less' facility. You will need to pay for any concessions with a credit or debit card. There are 'reverse ATMs' located throughout the convention center. You may put in cash and receive a VISA Card to use at no-charge. Upon leaving Phoenix, any remaining \$\$ on your card can be used anywhere VISA is accepted. Locations for the Reverse ATMS will be published ahead of the convention.

HYDRATION WHILE IN PHOENIX

Please note there are 'water bottle' filling stations located around the center. We encourage you to bring your own water bottles. If you choose not to do that, there will be other options for hydration at the convention center.

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 Phoenix Convention Center -Thursday, July 7/20-Thursday, July 27
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.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Check with VISIT Phoenix for locations of local churches, synagogues, etc. for services. VFW will conduct a Catholic Mass on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday morning, July 23 at the convention center. Protestant service will be held on Saturday 7/22 at 6p in the Convention Center. *Check Mobile APP for locations.*

QUIET ROOM

A QUIET ROOM for reflection will be open 24 hours at the Phoenix Convention 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 124th 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 PHOENIX

Phoenix Deals & Discounts

The deals are instantly delivered to your phone via text message or email, and you can use them right then and there – just show your coupon. So go eat, drink and play in Phoenix, and let our city surprise you.

Experience the best of downtown Phoenix by seeing these highlights!

Things to Do in Downtown: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/stories/post/things-downtown-phoenix/>

Roosevelt Row: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/greater-phoenix/phoenix/downtown-phoenix/roosevelt-row/>

Cityscape: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/greater-phoenix/phoenix/downtown-phoenix/cityscape-area/>

Attractions Closest to Downtown

Phoenix Art Museum <http://www.phxart.org>

Heard Museum <http://www.heard.org>

Arizona Science Center <http://www.azscience.org>

Desert Botanical Gardens <https://dbg.org/>

Explore Greater Phoenix during your stay:

Shopping (Biltmore Fashion Park & Scottsdale Fashion Square closest to Downtown):

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

Local Boutiques <https://www.visitphoenix.com/stories/post/where-to-shop-for-local-phoenix-goods/>

Dining <https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/restaurants/>

Museums <https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/arts-culture/museums/>

Sightseeing: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/tours/>

Bringing your family? Here are family-friendly activities sure to be a hit with all ages:

Purchase an [attraction pass here](#)

Children's Museum Downtown <http://www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org>

Arizona Science Center Downtown <http://www.azscience.org>

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament <https://www.medievaltimes.com/scottsdale>

Mavrix <https://www.mavrix.com>

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

Arizona Boardwalk (Aquarium, Butterfly Wonderland, etc) <https://www.azboardwalk.com/>

VISITOR CENTER

Please visit the Visit Phoenix visitor center on the sixth floor of the One Arizona Center building in the Arizona Center 400 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 600, Phoenix. We are open Monday thru Friday 10 AM to 4 PM.

Visitors can also you the [online chat here](#) or email visitors@visitphoenix.com.

DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS



Downtown's roving hospitality team is on duty seven days a week, 365 days a year to help you — whether that means walking you to your hotel or simply offering directions. Ambassadors are on-foot or bike in areas of high pedestrian activity. Look for the folks wearing orange shirts with “ASK ME” on the back or call 602-495-1500. Complimentary services provided include:

- Walking Escorts
- Car Battery Jumps
- Umbrella Escorts
- Restaurant Recommendations
- Personalized Tours
- Entertainment Info

TENTATIVE AGENDA

VFW 124th National Convention Phoenix, AZ Phoenix Convention Center July 22-27, 2023

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 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Remote registration – VFW/Auxiliary – Hyatt
Regency/Renaissance
Note: *If registered, you can pick-up your badge at either
hotel, if not, you will need to come to registration on
Saturday at the convention center.*

Saturday, July 22, 2023

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
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
6:00 p.m. Catholic Mass
6:00 p.m. Protestant Service

Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits
7:00 a.m. Catholic Mass
8:30 a.m. Annual Memorial Service
10:00 a.m. Membership Seminar
10:00 a.m. VFW Programs, VMS Committee, Town Hall Meeting -
10:00 a.m. VFW Riders National Advisory Committee
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 24, 2023

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
(Business session will resume after lunch break)
1:00 p.m. VFW Outstanding Community Service Luncheon
4:30 p.m. Department Adjutant Quartermasters Reception *(by invitation)*

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m. VFW Business Session
1:00 p.m. Department Commanders Luncheon – (by invitation) –
1:00 p.m. 2023-2024 Senior Vice Commanders, Senior Vice
1:00 p.m. Presidents Luncheon (by invite only)
1:00 p.m. 2023-2024 Junior Vice Commanders, Junior Vice
1:00 p.m. President's Luncheon (by invite only)
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
2:00 p.m. Parliamentary Procedure Discussion
1:00 p.m. Chaplains Workshop
5:15 p.m. Parade Line-up
6:00 p.m. Patriotic Rally & Entertainment

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
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
3:30 p.m.	New Council of Administration Member Training

Thursday, July 27, 2023

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

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