

2023 State Commander Roundup

Meet State Commander Gary Adams



Wednesday November 15th

06:30	Post 9808	Depart Mechanicsville
08:00- 0900	Post 2216	Coffee and Donuts with the Commander
1000-1100	Post 632	Meet & Greet
1230-1330	Post 2447	Lunch and Meet & Greet
1430-1530	Post 621	Meet & Greet
1630-1730	Post 2524	Dinner and Meet & Greet

Thursday November 16th

0800-0900	Post 3103	Breakfast and Meet & Greet
1030-1130	Post 8947	Meet & Greet
1230-1330	Post 6364	Lunch and Meet & Greet
1800	Post 9808	Dinner followed by MOC Scratch at Pup Tent 13

Friday November 17th

0800-0900	Post 9808	Breakfast and Meet & Greet
1000-1100	Post 4639	Meet & Greet
1230-1330	Post 8545	Lunch and Meet & Greet
1500-1600	Post 2894	Meet & Greet
1800-1900	Post 4809	Dinner and Meet & Greet

Saturday November 18th

0800-0900	Post 3160	Breakfast and Meet & Greet
1030-TBD	Post 2296	Meet & Greet and Recruiting event at various locations.

Sunday November 19th

0900- TBD	Post 3219	Breakfast and Meet & Greet
Noon	Post 637	Recreation area. 7418 Hines Rd, Disputanta, VA 23842,



REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 4TH

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 11 – 14, 2024

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

(Hotel Group Rate Deadline is December 11th)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET
\$55.00

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

Dinner Menu

Herb Crusted Chicken

AND

Sliced Herb Crusted Roast Beef

Served with:

House Salad

Southern Style Green Beans Oven Roasted Potatoes

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chocolate Cake

Coffee Iced Tea

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

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

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

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

NUMBER 5

403 Lee Jackson Highway
(540) 886-8112

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November 1, 2023

Staunton, Virginia 24401
In Virginia 800-888-3521

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1. COMMANDER’S MESSAGE:

To my friends across Virginia

If You made it to Mine and Vicki’s Chicken Stew, thank you for coming. If you contributed in any way whatsoever, it was appreciated. Special thanks to Dawn Kuhn State Sr. Vice President for knocking it out of the park. She lost a lot of sleep over our Homecoming. I want to thank Grover King Post 1115 in Hillsville, Wythe Post 2719 in Wytheville, Francis Marion Post 4667 in Marion, and Bluefield Memorial Post 9696 in Bluefield, Virginia for all you did. It was above and beyond, and I truly thank you.

Thanks to Tommy Hines, Mike Diaz, and Mitch Rubenstein for doing ours recruiting school of instructions. We had 6 RSOIs and we only had a couple hiccups, and they were all my fault. Thank you to all our District Commanders for teaching our District school of instructions to our Posts. You make us successful. We couldn’t do it without you.

There are a couple things coming up. Ours first goal as a Dept. is November 1st. National wants us to be at 88%. As of today, we need 550 but we still have 7 days to do it as a state. We averaged around 50 a day for the last month. I really need everyone to look at your expiring, and unpaid lists and see if you have some members, you can help with. Give them a call and check on them. Tell them that the VFW still cares how they are doing. Second, Winter Council is fast approaching. Register early. Be sure if the state is paying for your room, to make sure you’re on the list. Don’t be a minute man. Get your room at Fort Magruder. Tell them you are with the VFW. The rate is \$89 a night + taxes. The dates are Friday 1/12/24 – Saturday 1/13/24.

I want you all to know how much I appreciate you and everything you do for Veterans everywhere. You are the most important asset that this Department, and this organization has. That is why we push membership so hard. We are the voice in Washington, speaking for millions of veterans all over the world. We need every member to make our voice heard. We are the largest Combat Veterans organization in the world. But we need every expired, expiring, and new member we can get. They matter and you matter. Let me know if I can ever help you. My cell phone number is (276) 733-9633, and my email is gadams@vfwva.org. Feel free to reach out anytime. It is truly an honor to serve you as your Commander.

Humbly Yours
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. **BELLS OF PEACE:**

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the sounds of guns were replaced by the sounds of bells ringing through the war-torn fields and communities of Europe. Initiated on November 11, 2018, to honor the WWI Armistice on its 100th anniversary, **Bells of Peace** marks a National U.S. remembrance. Ever since, the Doughboy Foundation has promoted the annual remembrance with tens of thousands having rung the **Bells of Peace** at 11am on Veterans Day, to salute all Americans who served their nation in both conflict and times of peace. Visit <https://bellsforpeace.org> for information, FAQs, National (i.e., Washington, DC events), and social media links. Please share with churches and other community organizations to let everyone know what you are doing at 11am on November 11th to honor our veterans who have served and sacrificed. Use the hashtags #BellsOfPeace and #TollTheBells in your posts to help the Bells of Peace community know what you are doing!

Connie Agresti
Resolutions Chairman

4. **BUDDY POPPIES:**

Currently State Headquarters does not have any Buddy Poppies (old or new) in stock. The new price for the original buddy poppies (red ones) are \$160.00 per 500. The price for the new metal poppies is \$70.00 per 500.

5. **BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:**

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

6. **CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD:**

October 31st was the Deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the Post. Post judging should be completed by **November 15th** and winners sent to District to arrive by **November 20th**. District judging should be completed by **December 10th** and winners forwarded to the Department chairman by **December 15th**. Department judging will be held on **December 20th**.

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

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

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

Chris Birch
Chairman

7. DELINQUENT:

Dist.	Post	Fees	Audits	Bonds	Dist.	Post	Fees	Bonds
2	2296	6.00		Bond	9	7136		Bond
2	12217			Bond	9	7969		Bond
					9	9640		Bond
3	2239		June					
3	10387			Bond	12	4301	6.00	
					12	5715	12.00	Bond
					12	9600	9.00	Bond

8. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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| <p>1st Date: 1/20/24
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 8252 Gloucester Hosting
 DAV Chapter 58
 6265 Professional Dr, Gloucester
Rep: State SVC Mitch Rubenstein</p> | <p>5th Date: 11/18/23
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: Post 4637 Martinsville
 1425 Greensboro Rd
Rep: State Judge Advocate Mark Maggio</p> |
| <p>2nd Date: 11/18/23
Meeting: 9:00 AM
Location: Post 3160 Norfolk
 111A View Avenue
Rep: State JVC Doug Hoffman</p> | <p>6th Date: 12/2/23
Meeting: Noon
Location: Post 1264 Roanoke
 4930 Grandview Avenue NW
Rep: State SVC Mitch Rubenstein</p> |
| <p>3rd Date: 11/18/23
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Location: Post 2239 Colonial Heights
 14705 Jefferson Davis Highway
Rep: PSC Geoffrey Lyster</p> | <p>7th Date: 1/20/24
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: To follow lunch
Location: Post 2447 Edinburg
 100 Veterans Way
Rep: State Judge Advocate Mark Maggio</p> |
| <p>4th Date: 1/20/24
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Lunch: Noon
Location: Post 8759 Amelia
 16440 Five Forks Rd
Rep:</p> | <p>8th Date: 11/18/23
Meeting: Noon
Location: Post 7728 Morrisville
 12496 Harpers Run Rd, Bealeton
Rep: PSC Rick Raskin</p> |

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

10th Date: 12/3/23
Meeting: 10:30 AM
Location: Post 1177 Leesburg
401 Old Waterford Rd NW
Rep: State Inspector Randy Coker

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

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

13th Date: 11/18/23
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 8947 Louisa
201 Mineral Avenue
Rep: State SVC Mitch Rubenstein

9. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 13th**. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers. You will receive all General Orders, special notices and any other documentation that you need via email. This will help cut down on postal expenses and speed up the response time for you receiving the information.

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

1. Go to Department web site www.vfwva.org.
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The username is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW2023!** once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

For Post Officers, your address will be cdrpost176@vfwva.org where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

adjpost176@vfwva.org
qmpost176@vfwva.org

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

svdist1@vfwva.org
adjdist1@vfwva.org
qmdist1@vfwva.org

10. GENERAL ORDERS:

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

11. IMPORTANT DATES:

November 2 - 5, 2023	Southern Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma (See July or August for registration packet)
January 11 - 14, 2024	Winter Council Meeting, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA: phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$89.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars – Winter Council Meeting Group"; Cut-off Date December 11, 2023.
June 12 – 16, 2024	State Convention, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA: phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$139.00 per night.
July 27 - Aug 1, 2024	National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
August 9 - 14, 2025	National Convention, Columbus, Ohio

12. INCORPORATION:

The attention of the Post Commander is directed to section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the procedure for the Incorporation of Units. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

Posts should take the necessary steps to incorporate under the laws of the state in which the Post is located. Financial responsibility laws, as interpreted by the courts, may cause members of unincorporated Posts to be at risk. Incorporating under the provisions of section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and the laws of the state will provide protection for Post members. Posts are urged to contact their Department Adjutant to

obtain the proper forms for incorporating. The Articles of Incorporation must be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief prior to forwarding them to the proper state authorities.

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 is effective January 1, 2014.

14. LIFE DRAWING:

Congratulations to Col. Samuel R. Millar Post 1860, Front Royal as the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Col. Samuel R. Millar Post 1860 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 75% of their membership reported to State Headquarters by September 29, 2023, deadline.

15. MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades and Commanders,

November is here and I hope everyone has a location for poppies and recruiting already set for Veterans Day. The team has been working around the State to help as many Posts as we can. As promised in last month's General Orders I have the results from the State Fair. We were able to help 31 Posts across 9 Districts with at least one member. It seems to be a toss-up each year between Fredericksburg and Mechanicsville for the most members. This year Fredericksburg received 25 and Mechanicsville received 24. All other Posts were less than ten each with West Richmond coming in Third. I am happy to report that we were able to break our all-time total and sign up 153 this year even though the first Saturday was a very stormy day with all the rides shut down due to strong winds and rain.

The week after the State Fair we were at the AUSA meeting in D.C. and Ken and his team signed up 66 more for the Department. That is 219 members for the Department in a short period of time. My thanks to all the Team Members and a few Post members that helped us during these two events. Please ask for assistance if you need it, the Membership Team is here to help your Post. Contact me or State Headquarters and we will try to help you. I hope everyone has a productive Veterans Day.

Tom Hines PSC
Membership Team Chairman

16. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES:

Comrades,

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

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

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

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

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

Ken Wiseman
Member, National Council of Administration

17. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. This edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

18. OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Service Officer Offices in Dale City, Norfolk and Smithfield will be closed November 10, 2023, in observance of Veterans Day and will close at noon on November 22 and reopen on November 27, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving.

State Headquarters will be closed November 10 and reopen on November 14, 2023, in observance of Veterans Day and will close at noon on November 22 and reopen on November 27, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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

19. PATRIOT'S PEN:

Conducted nationwide, the VFW Patriot's Pen competition gives students the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on patriotic topics. Annually, nearly 68,800 Middle School students compete for more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards. Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the National level, and the National first place winner wins \$5000.00. A written essay is submitted by each applicant and addresses an annual patriotic theme. The 2023 theme is "How are you inspired by America?" The contest is open to all students in grades 6-8. More specific information, including rules, forms, and brochures, is available at <http://www.vfw.org>.

In order to have a successful program this year it is important that participating Posts begin recruiting middle schools, teachers and students as soon as possible. Since middle schools in your area have already let out for the summer vacation, you can either contact them now, electronically through emails and social media, or contact them directly as soon as classes resume.

2023-2024 Patriot's Pen Reporting Deadlines

15 November 2023 Completion of Post Judging

02 December 2023 Completion of District Judging

23 December 2023 Department Patriot's Pen Selection Board

12 January 2024 Completion of Department Judging

13 January 2024 Department Educational Awards Banquet Williamsburg, Virginia

15 January 2024 District Participation Reports due For Department Chairman

15 January 2024 Department Winners Due to National

31 January 2024 Department Reports due To National

Awards will be presented to the top three Department winners at the Department Winter Council meeting on Saturday, 13 January 2024 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Please send complete application packets to the Department Patriot's Pen Chairman to include the completed Official Student entry form with all appropriate signatures, a typed essay and a photograph of the District winner. Incomplete Application packets will disqualify your candidate from District and Department judging. District chairmen are expected to complete and send out the District Participation Report in a timely manner. It should be received by the Department Patriot Pen Chairman, which is required for his Department report, NLT Sunday, 15 January 2024.

The District First place winning submissions should be mailed to the Department Patriot's Pen Chairman Louis Filippone at 15608 Jillians Forest Way, Centreville, VA 20120-1255.

You are strongly encouraged to send your application packets by UPS, Fed Ex or USPS return receipt. You are also advised to keep a duplicate copy of the complete application packet on hand. The Department Patriot's Pen Chairman must receive your submission NLT Friday, 15 December 2023. The Department Patriot's Pen Selection Board will be held on Saturday, 23 December 2023 at Post 9808 Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Patriot's Pen Department Awards

The top three finalists will be invited to the Winter Council Luncheon in Williamsburg, Virginia on Saturday, 13 January 2024. All three finalists will receive their awards and the first place winner will present their essay at the Awards Banquet. The First-place winner will receive \$2,750.00 from the Department. The second-place winner

will receive \$ 2,250.00, and the third place winner will receive \$1,750.00. The Post that sponsors the Department's winner will receive the Larry Mattera Memorial Patriot's Pen Plaque at the Department Convention in June 2024, Date to be determined. Should you require any assistance, or additional information regarding the 2023-2024

Patriot's Pen program or its administration, please contact me directly at (703) 477-2274 or email at drlouortho@aol.com.

Please be advised all dates and venues are subject to change.

Louis Filippone
Department Patriot's Pen Program Chairman

20. PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS:

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

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

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

Simply visit vfw.org, log in to My VFW, then look under Member Resources, click on **VFW Training & Support**, then click on **Community Service & Youth Programs**, then look under **Public Servant Program**. NOTE: Remember, the First Responder Medal is available through the VFW Store. To review this item, please click on the following link: vfwstore.org/products/32134.

21. RE-DISTRICTING:

Pursuant to the Department Bylaws and approved at their Council of Administration Meeting on September 16, 2023, the Council of Administration voted on and approved to move VFW Post No. 2296 from District 1 to District 2.

The redistricting is to become effective on September 20, 2023.

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. VETERANS DAY ON NOVEMBER 11:

Organize a community event on Veterans Day honoring all veterans. For a ceremonial procedure, refer to the information found in the VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education VFW Chairperson's Guide. If you should need a Veterans Day speech, please go to: vfw.org/MY-VFW/Patriotic-Holiday-Speeches. Click here for Veterans Day merchandise vfwstore.org/category/more/specials/veteransday.

24. ROSTER CHANGES:

VFW Post 2424 Cmdr
Bryan Sanderson
38 Acorn Hill Ln
Lyndhurst, VA 22952
832-527-1265
sandersonvfwdaival@gmail.com

VFW Post 2582 QM
Christopher Blodgett
4301 Pughsville Rd
Suffolk, VA 23435

VFW Post 6364
Dues \$45.00

VFW Post 9292 JVC
Bennie M. Cupp
9108 S East Side Hwy
Elkton, VA 22827
540-298-6859

VFW Post 9292 QM
La Ree D. Slusser
PO Box 319
Elkton, VA 22827
540-298-9292
qmpost9292@vfwva.org

VFW Post 9660 JVC
George A. Miller
6589 Country Boy Ln
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
540-434-3894
jgmiller2@comcast.net

VFW Post 9835 SVC
Gary Sappington
6154 Frys Lane
Warrenton, VA 20187

25. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 95:

Membership Ineligible
Richard Johnson
VFW Post No. 2894

Their eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National Bylaws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of Richard E. Johnson, Membership No. 10897391, be removed from the rolls of SSG Johnathan K. Dozier Memorial Post No. 2894, Chesapeake, Virginia and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

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

26. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 104:

The suspension from membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for a period of two (2) years ending October 6, 2023, for CHARLES E. REISLER, Membership No. 10927324, Patton-Crosswhite Post No. 6975, Bristol, Virginia, as set forth in Special Order No. 62 dated October 6, 2021, has expired.

It is noted that the above named individual was an annual member whose dues have since expired. With the imposed penalty being expired, CHARLES E. REISLER is now eligible to make application for membership in a Post of his choosing in accordance with Section 107 of the National Bylaws effective October 6, 2023.

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

27. SPECIAL ORDER NO. 126:

Membership Ineligible
Byron Lee Cherry
VFW Post No. 1503

Pursuant to the voluntary surrender of their membership upon their acknowledgement of ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name of Byron Lee Cherry, Life Membership No. 11642357, be removed from the rolls of General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller Post No. 1503, Dale City, Virginia, and their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

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

28. VVF COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform community service. The grant will provide twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 for the 2023-2024 year. Should any money remain after the twelve (12) grants are paid out, those not selected in the first round of grants will be considered a second time. The requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, the application is due no later than November 30, 2023. Posts AND Auxiliaries can apply for this grant, but only one grant will be given to an individual Post or their Auxiliary, regardless of who applies. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

29. VVF POST HOME IMPROVEMENT AND ASSISTANCE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform improvements on your Post home. The grant will provide ten (10) grants worth up to \$300 for the 2023-2024 year. The requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, the application is due no later than November 30, 2023. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters.

30. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

The Voice of Democracy program, instituted in 1947, has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. Each year over 25,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Written and recorded audio essays are submitted by each applicant and address an annual patriotic theme. The 2023-24 theme is: *"What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"*

The contest is open to students in grades 9-12. More specific information, including rules, forms, and brochures are available at <http://www.vfw.org>. In order to have a successful program this year it is important that participating Posts begin contacting high schools, teachers and students as soon as possible.

2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Reporting Deadlines

15 November 2023 - Completion of Post judging

3 December 2023 - Completion of District judging

23 December 2023 - Department VOD Selection Board

15 January 2024 - District Participation Reports due to Department Chairman

15 January 2024 - Department winners due to National

Awards will be presented to the top three Department winners at the Department Winter Council of Administration (COA) Reception on Saturday, 13 January 2024 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Please send complete application packets to the Department VOD Chairman to include the completed Official Student Entry form with all appropriate signatures, a typed transcript, flash drive and a photograph of the District winner. Make sure your flash drive is properly recorded and playable before sending it. Incomplete application packets may result in disqualifying your candidate from judging.

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

Voice of Democracy Department Awards

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

Geoffrey D. Lyster
Voice of Democracy Chairman

31. CALENDAR RAFFLE:

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

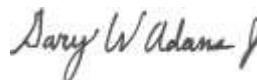
Also enclosed is a flyer for your use.

Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Gary W Adams, Jr.
State Commander



VFW

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



VFW Virginia District 2 and Auxiliary

Location: Scope Arena, Norfolk

Date: Sunday, November 5

Puck Drops: 3:05pm

Ticket Prices: \$12 or \$27
(Includes Taxes and fees)



<https://fevogm.com/Vfwweterans>

Buy your Tickets
before
November 1st
for a Chance at a
Zamboni Ride!!!



Purchase Tickets using the QR Code or the Link



STEP INTO THE FUTURE WITH A JOB IN DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Free Entry!



07 November 2023
02:00 PM to 05:00PM
Lansdowne Resort

REGISTRATION

Are you guard, reserve, transitioning out of the military or a military spouse looking for a career? Discover the dynamic world of the digital infrastructure industry and explore the myriad of rewarding career opportunities it offers.

DISCUSSIONS & INSIGHTS PANEL

Engage with industry experts as they share their experiences, expertise, and guidance on transitioning out of the military and into digital infrastructure.

NETWORKING

Connect with professionals from leading data center organizations, fellow veterans, and industry mentors.

EXTRA PERKS

All registered guests will receive a complimentary copy of "Veterans Benefits for You" by Paul Lawrence, a valuable resource to help navigate the benefits available to veterans.

PANEL SPEAKERS



Erich Sanchack
CEO & Marine Corps Veteran



Lee Kirby
Colonel (R), Co-founder & Chairman



Dash Jamieson
Lieutenant General (R)



Paul Lawrence
7th Under Secretary for Veterans Benefits



Krystyna Witt
Director - Solutions Architect & Military Spouse



Jack Tilley
12th SMA (R), Founder & Host



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2024 Calendar & Raffle Ticket

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3,000 LIMITED RAFFLE
365 Chances to Win!

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

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

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

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

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365 chances to win

Prizes range from \$1000-\$50

You may win more than once

1st drawing: January 4, 2024

Drawings for 7 winners every Thursday

Winners posted at website vfwva.org

Good odds: Limited number sold (4000 max)

Proceeds fund Virginia VFW programs



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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

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

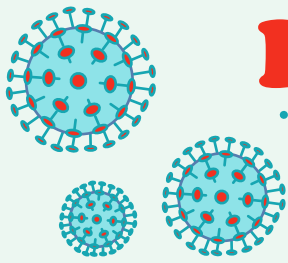
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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

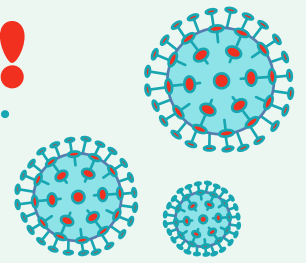
TEACHER OF THE YEAR, VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, AND PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET TICKETS: \$55.00

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

(Tentative schedule subject to change)



It's Flu Season!



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

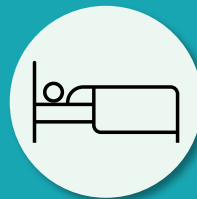
Flu season starts in October and peaks in February. Influenza (flu) is a contagious, airborne transmitted, respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, pneumonia, and though rare, can lead to death. Symptoms may last over two weeks and can include:



Fever / chills



Body aches



Fatigue



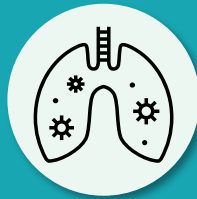
Headache



Congestion



Cough



Breathing issues



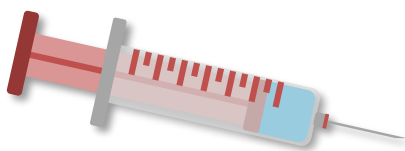
Sore throat



Vomiting / Diarrhea



Preventing The Flu



Get Vaccinated

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



Practice Good Hygiene

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



Decontaminate

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



December 14, 2022

Dear Post Quartermaster,

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

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

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

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


Thanks for your assistance in making the VFW more efficient.

Sincerely,

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



AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS (ACH CREDITS)

Attention Quartermasters

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

**VFW DEPT OR
VFW POST/AUX NAME** _____

**TAX ID
NUMBER** _____

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

DEPOSITORY/BANK

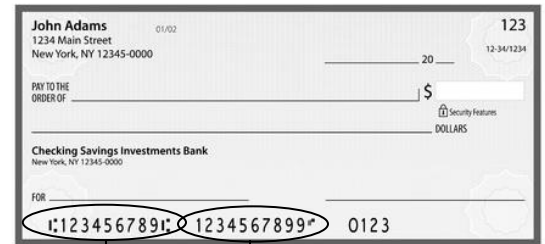
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BRANCH _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ **ZIP** _____

ROUTING NO. _____ **ACCOUNT NO.** _____



Routing # Account #

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

POST QUARTERMASTER OR AUX TREASURER

NAME _____

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE _____ **SIGNATURE** _____

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

FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT, PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR SCAN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
ACCOUNTING DEPT
ATTN: DONALD HOLLAND
406 W. 34TH ST., SUITE 1100
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64111

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

PLEASE ATTACH VOID OR CANCELLED CHECK HERE

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

FOR SALE!

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

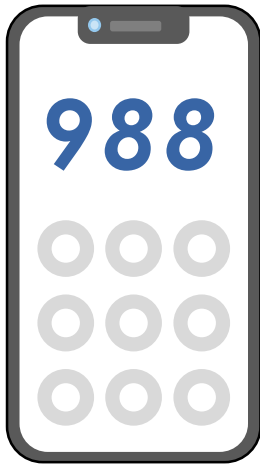
interested in buying or questions contact our Department Treasurer Cathy Graham

cg12dc12@outlook.com



New!

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE



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

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

Facts About 988



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



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

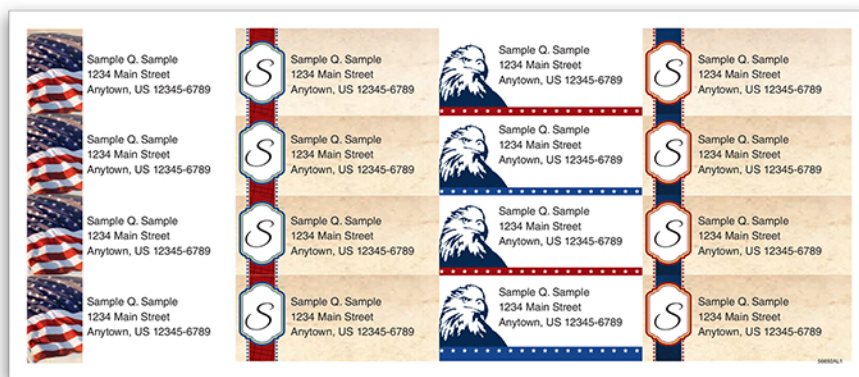
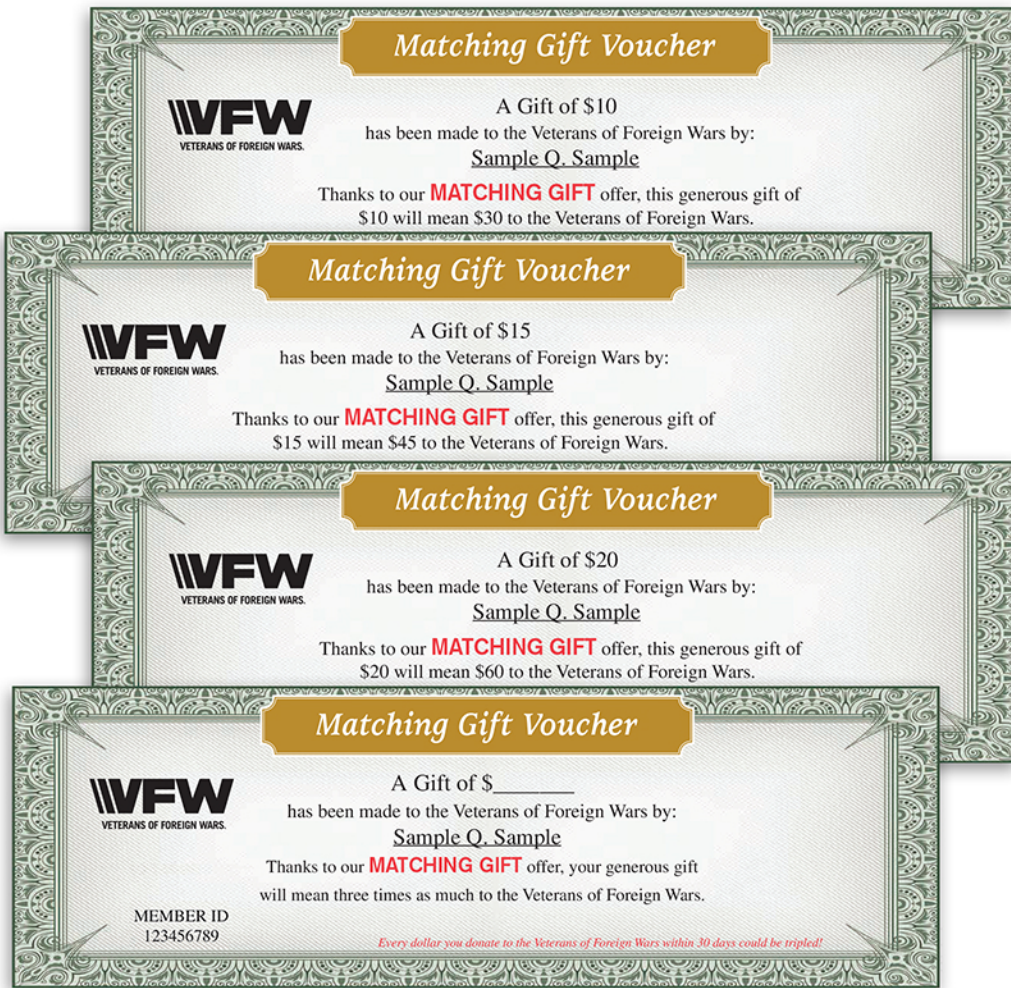


For Everyone. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one or someone who may need crisis support.

To learn more about 988, visit:
bit.ly/988forHope



Matching Gift Opportunity!



Triple your gift!

You will soon receive an offer that will instantly triple your gift to help fellow veterans and service members who suffer from war injuries. Please choose one of the Matching Gift Vouchers you receive and return with your generous donation within 30 days of receipt to triple your support of *your* Department programs.



THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Community Service Grant

The purpose of the VFW Community Service Grant is to assist VFW Posts and Auxiliaries in Virginia who need assistance with funding community service projects. There will be of twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 each for the 2023-2024 year. All requirements must be met, or the grant must be returned, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances. **Grant application is due no later than November 30, 2023.**

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) The project must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
- 2) The VFW Post or Auxiliary in question must have a current non-profit status on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Post must provide the IRS paperwork proving this.
- 3) The Post or Auxiliary must be in good standing with the VFW National Headquarters and the Department of Virginia.
- 4) If the project is hosted at a building, it must be a non-smoking building regardless of the owner's rules for the use of the building.
- 5) The grant is not to be used for work on a VFW Post home or the property owned by any membership-based organization.
- 6) Receipts for the project must be provided and payment of the grant will not occur until this is done with all payments coming after project completion.
- 7) Should the project costs total less than \$250 once completed, the balance of the grant will not be paid. Additional projects may not be added to an approved grant. Alterations to an approved grant require approval by the Virginia Veterans Foundation before the grant can be claimed.
- 8) The VFW Post or Auxiliary receiving the grant must agree to allow the VFW Department of Virginia and Virginia Veterans Foundation the opportunity to promote the project on social media, in official communications, and in other forms of marketing.
- 9) The grant will only cover materials and the Post is responsible for providing labor. This can be done through paying for labor or by doing the work themselves.
- 10) All decisions on grants are final and will be made by the Board of Directors for the Virginia Veterans Foundation.
- 11) Funding from this grant program may be combined with other grants but the total of the funding received cannot exceed actual costs and the amount received from this grant may be reduced accordingly.
- 12) Only one grant per year will be provided to an individual Post or Auxiliary, regardless of who applies for the grant.

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Community Service Grant

Official Grant Application

(All questions must be answered in full)

Name and number of the Post/Auxiliary: _____

Mailing address: _____

Physical address of the event: _____

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

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

Description of the project to be completed: _____

Estimated cost of the project: _____

How will labor be provided?: _____

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

Commander/President: _____ QM/Treasurer: _____

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant

The purpose of the VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant is to assist VFW Posts in Virginia who need assistance with funding projects to improve, expand, or repair their Post home as well as assisting those Posts in financial need. There will be ten (10) grants worth up to \$300 each for the 2023-2024 year. All requirements must be met or the Post will be required to return the grant, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances. **Grant application is due no later than November 30, 2023.**

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) If funding a project, it must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Post must submit a thorough justification for the grant.
- 2) If asking for emergency assistance, the Post must explain the reason for the emergency and provide a plan for how the Post will raise money in the future and prepare for future problems.
- 3) The VFW Post in question must have a current non-profit status on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and must provide the IRS paperwork proving this.
- 4) The Post must be in good standing with the VFW National and Department Headquarters.
- 5) If funding a project, the Post must own or lease the Post and must provide a copy of the documents showing either ownership or a current lease. For Posts who lease the property, there must be at least 2 years remaining on the lease to receive a grant.
- 6) The Post must not allow smoking in their Post building but may use the grant to repair damage after voting to ban smoking. A ban on smoking is defined as no smoking allowed inside the building of the Post home. It may be allowed outside of the building.
- 7) Receipts for the project or bills covered by the assistance requested must be provided and payment of the grant will not occur until this is done with all payments coming after project completion or for bills already paid.
- 8) Should the project costs or assistance requested total less than \$300.00 once complete, the balance of the grant will not be paid.
- 9) The VFW Post receiving the grant must agree to allow the VFW Department of Virginia and Virginia Veterans Foundation the opportunity to promote the funded project on social media, in official communications, and in other forms of marketing.
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- 12) Funding from this grant program may be combined with other grants but the total of the funding received cannot exceed actual costs and the amount received from this grant may be reduced accordingly.

THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION

VFW Post Home Improvement and Assistance Grant

Official Grant Application

(All questions must be answered in full)

Name and number of the Post: _____

Post mailing address: _____

Physical address of the Post: _____

Post Commander name, phone number, and email address: _____

Post Quartermaster name, phone number, and email address: _____

Estimated cost of the project or assistance requested: _____

How will labor be provided?: _____

On a separate page, give either a description of the project to be completed or justification for assistance requested. For emergency assistance, also include in your description a plan for how the Post will raise money in the future and prepare for future problems.

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

Post Commander: _____ Post Quartermaster: _____



Centennial Garden

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

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

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



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



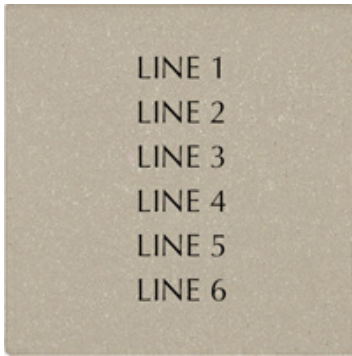


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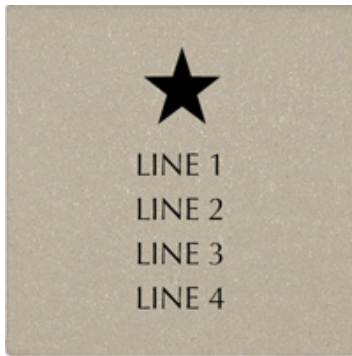
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\$500 - 8x8 Brick

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



\$500 - 8x8 Brick

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

Clipart

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
VFW National Home
Attn: Development Dept
3573 S Waverly Rd
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
VFW National Home

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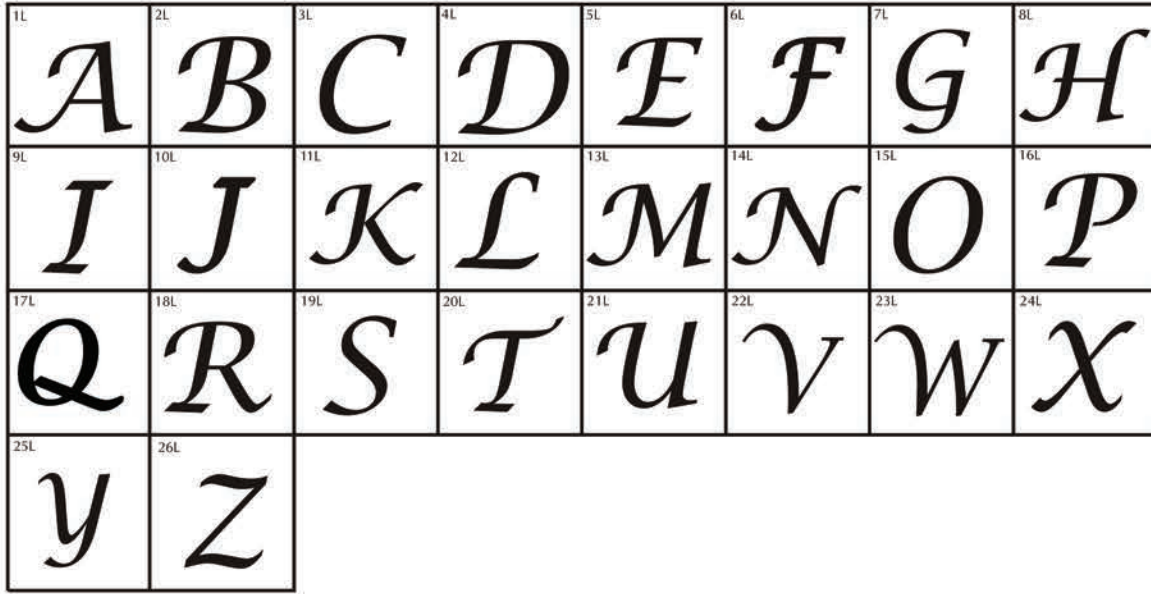
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Vote for Experience!

Elect Ken Wiseman

National Judge Advocate General

2026-2027

Ready on Day 1!

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



Years of Experience!

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

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

Committed to Service!

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