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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary,

Here we are at the end of another year. PLEASE keep pushing membership new or reinstated until the last day 30 JUNE 2021, COVID-19 produced trials and hardships and a new way to conduct business keeping this Worldwide class combat Veterans organization at the tip of the spear charging forward. I honestly think that we have all done very well to continue our efforts within the boundaries set to us. With the restrictions we faced and my fulltime job I'm sorry I was not able to get out more and visits with all the Post and Districts. This year the Department opened 3 new Post and opened the door to our Auxiliary planting new seeds for possible new Auxiliaries to form, I really look forward to watching these three Post grow and bring in the Auxiliary soonest.

I would like to thank all my staff, District Commanders and Past Department Commanders and all the members of this Department for the support this year they gave me and the support the Auxiliary gave to make this a wonderful experience I learned a lot from you all. Thanks!

I would like to thank Tom Hines and Ken Wiseman for the work and support they gave in starting 3 Post and revitalizing 2 Post and supporting the membership recruiting drive throughout the Department job well done.

I want to remind everyone in our Department and Auxiliary that it is as important as ever that we continue to maintain and gather new members into our folds Post and Auxiliary working together. I know times have been rough and that not being able to effectively socialize and network has caused us to hit some walls and we worked through the obstacles to make it work.

As I exit my position as your State Commander, I would say this year has not been what any of us expected but we have banded together and weathered this most recent life altering pandemic with respect and communal support for one another. Hearing of the strides that each of you have made on both sides to hold meetings, attend conventions and support your communities and completed the programs and made the reports genuinely makes me proud and reinforces my belief that this truly is an amazing organization. None of this is possible without each and every one of you and the great work we all do every day. THANK YOU, ALL SO, MUCH!!!

Eric Mallett
State Commander

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 st	Date: TBD Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post TBD	7 th	Date: 8/14/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: To follow Lunch Location: Post 2447 Edinburg 100 Veterans Way
2 nd	Date: 8/14/21 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 392 Virginia Beach 2408 Bowland Parkway	8 th	Date: 08/21/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 2524 Culpeper 12210 Sperryville Pike
3 rd	Date: TBD Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane	9 th	Date: 9/19/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4667 Marion 861 Goolsby Street
4 th	Date: TBA Meeting: 11:30 AM Location: Post TBD	10 th	Date: TBA Lunch: 11:30 am Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post TBA
5 th	Date: 8/21/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: TBD	11 th	Date: 9/18/21 SOI: 9:00 AM Meeting: To follow SOI Location: Post 632 Harrisonburg 450 Waterman Drive
6 th	Date: 8/7/21 Meeting: Noon Location: Post 2157 Bedford 29B Omaha Beach	12 th	Date: 7/24/21 Registration: 10:30 AM Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 9830 Damascus 23489 Mountain City Road
		13 th	Date: 8/8/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 1827 1170 River Road

3. 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.

4. ALL-STATE:

Congratulations to the following Districts and Posts who made All-State by May 8th. If you Posts is not on the list, you still have until June 30th to achieve All-State don't stop working on membership.

District 6, Department of Virginia

VFW Post 824, District 1, Yorktown, VA
VFW Post 176, District 1, Newport News, VA
VFW Post 8252, District 1, Gloucester Ct. House
VFW Post 960, District 1, Yorktown, VA
VFW Post 2894, District 2, Chesapeake, VA
VFW Post 6364, District 3, Richmond, VA
VFW Post 9808, District 3, Mechanicsville, VA
VFW Post 10654, District 3, Richmond, VA
VFW Post 10657, District 3, Glen Allen, VA
VFW Post 10840, District 5, Penhook, VA
VFW Post 1264, District 6, Roanoke, VA
VFW Post 4491, District 6, New Castle, VA
VFW Post 4522, District 6, Vinton, VA
VFW Post 12179, District 6, Lynchburg, VA

District 8, Department of Virginia

VFW Post 2447, District 7, Edinburg, VA
VFW Post 9292, District 7, Elkton, VA
VFW Post 3103, District 8, Fredericksburg, VA
VFW Post 1115, District 9, Hillsville, VA
VFW Post 6000, District 9, Narrows, VA
VFW Post 2719, District 9, Wytheville, VA
VFW Post 7136, District 9, Tazewell, VA
VFW Post 9696, District 9, Bluefield, VA
VFW Post 7916, District 10, Woodbridge, VA
VFW Post 3150, District 10, Arlington, VA
VFW Post 8469, District 10, Fairfax, VA
VFW Post 9274, District 10, Falls Church, VA
VFW Post 10826, District 11, Verona, VA

The Meritorious Posts are as follows:

VFW Post 7969, District 9, Bland, VA
VFW Post 2424, District 11, Waynesboro, VA

VFW Post 2217, District 13, Orange, VA
VFW Post 7814, District 11, Staunton, VA

5. AMAZONSMILE:

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to charitable organizations selected by our customers. Our very own foundation is listed the Virginia Veterans Foundation.

6. 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**.

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 of March 31. All delegate list and monies should be sent to Department Headquarters by **May 24th**. Failure to do so will put your Post 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. DISPOSING OF WORN US FLAGS – PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROCEDURE:

In August 2000, at the VFW 101st National Convention in Milwaukee, VFW delegates passed a resolution establishing a US flag disposal program for Posts to conduct, privately or publicly.

The VFW feels individuals are responsible for maintaining the US flag in their possession, however, as a public service some VFW Posts have special details assigned for gathering and disposing* of worn national emblems. Some Posts may go further - they make gifts of new flags to groups or provide information on how to order a US flag from the VFW Store.

***SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO USE IN PRIVATE OR PUBLIC FOR DISPOSING OF A TORN, SOILED, OR BADLY FADED US FLAG.**

1. The flag should be folded in its customary manner. (See VFW ritual.)
2. It is important that the fire be sizeable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
3. Place the flag on the fire.
4. The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished, and the ashes buried.
6. Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

9. DUTIES OF TRUSTEES:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.

10. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AT STATE CONVENTION:

National By-Laws, Section 213-Arrearage: Any Post in arrears for National, Department, or District dues, poppy money, supply money, or other financial obligations, or failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with section 703 or failing to submit properly completed Quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Report shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

11. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 7th**. 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 **VFW2021!** 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 #

adjdist1@vfwva.org

qmdist1@vfwva.org

12. FLAG DAY:

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

13. 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 (**please note new price**). Contact State Headquarters for more info.

14. THE HOME DEPOT COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT FOR 2021:

Information for this Grant can be found in the March and April General Orders. Applications are being taken until December 2021.

After submitting the application, you should receive an email response after six weeks.

Should you have any questions and or concerns, please contact Jason Couch, VFW Foundation Grants & External Relations Coordinator, directly at (816) 968-1174 or jcouch@vfw.org.

Best wishes and good luck!

15. IMPORTANT DATES:

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| July 8-11, 2021 | National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch Homecoming, Portsmouth, VA (a revised packet is in March's General Orders) |
| July 31-August 3, 2021 | Kansas City, MO |
| November 18-21, 2021 | Southern Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina |
| January 7-9, 2022 | Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$94.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Winter Council Meeting"; Cut-off Date December 6, 2021. |

16. 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 any time the Post Quartermaster changes and/or the Post address changes. This was effective January 1, 2014.

Here is the link to get the form and instructions – <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf> This will also apply to all Auxiliaries that have their own EIN number.

17. LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYOUT:

As indicated by the attached signed document from the Life Membership Board of Trustees, the following will be the 2022 Life Member payout. The National Council of Administration concurred in that payout at its March 6, 2021 meeting.

- Plan A, B and C - A total payout of \$10.50 for each life member (\$3.50 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$12.00 for each life member (\$4.00 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$25.32 for each life member (\$8.44 to each Post, Department and National).

As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2021 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2021. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2022 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

18. MEMBERSHIP:

Commanders and Comrades,

I hope this message finds you healthy and happy. Also thank you for all the support you have given to the Department this year. This is my last message for the General Orders this year and I wish I could tell you that we have completed our mission, sadly I cannot. This morning we still need 903 for 100%. Our year is slipping away very fast and unless we pick up our efforts, we will not make it. Really, it's not that difficult to reach our goal, however it takes effort and commitment. We had 32,335 members at the close of last year. Most of those members know a veteran that is eligible that is not a member, all you have to do is get them to join, problem solved. With one month to go we only have 2 Districts at or above a hundred percent. We have 1 District with no Post at 100%, and others with just one or two Post that have made it. I'm not being critical, just relaying the facts. It's time to step up and be counted, we can still pull this year out and make All American for Eric.

I am proud that we finally, after a hundred and twenty years have our first Commander-in-Chief from Virginia. Hal Roesch from Post 3219 has had to deal with the Covid Virus all year, however he hasn't curtailed his responsibilities at all. I think it would really be a disservice for us not to make his own Department a 100%. Think about that for a moment, and then commit to doing whatever it takes to make Virginia a 100%. All year we have offered assistance from the Membership Team and State Headquarters and again if there is anything, we can do to assist you please don't hesitate to contact us.

Let's make it happen for Eric and Hal.

Tom Hines, PDC
Membership Team

19. NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING AND REGISTRATION:

The VFW National Council of Administration voted on and approved the decision to execute a business only, 122nd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

The vote came just one week after the VFW announced the impossibility of the event taking place at the Baltimore Convention Center in Maryland as originally planned, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The 122nd VFW National Convention will take place July 31 – August 3, 2021.

This remains a fluid situation and more information, to include housing specifics will be made available as details are confirmed. The VFW thanks everyone for their patience and flexibility as together we work to navigate these challenging times.

Please check back on National website for updates as they are available.

Baltimore Housing Reservation Cancellation Information

Anyone who made room reservations directly through VFW Housing will automatically have their reservation cancelled, but any members who made *room reservations independently will need to call their hotel and cancel their reservation. No fees (first night deposits) have been charged to credit cards. **No action is required on your part.**

If you booked a hospitality suite, please contact your hotel directly.

* If you made a hotel reservation at a hotel outside of the VFW room blocks (official VFW hotels: Hilton, Hyatt, Marriott, Sheraton, Renaissance) you will need to call the hotel you directly made the reservation with and cancel that reservation yourself.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure states 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 VFW National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee provided the Post has paid the mandated \$25 advance registration fee. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register online by going to vfw.org.

20. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters will be closed June 2 – 7, 2021 for the State Convention. The Adjutant/Quartermaster will be available by phone and email for any issues that may arise.

Please note the Norfolk Service Office is temporarily closed.

21. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:

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 officers. Officers shall not be installed or assume the

duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and 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.

22. RESOLUTIONS:

In an effort to provide a read-ahead for State Convention delegates, lists of proposed Department and Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Resolutions are attached. The C-in-C Resolutions are for information only and will be voted upon at the National Convention, however the full text can be made available upon request at the State Convention – either in session (with Chair approval) or informally. The Department Resolutions will be voted upon during the Business Session(s) of the State Convention. I have been asked to retain the Resolutions Committee Chair for next year and am seeking membership of one or two lady members to help capture the female veteran's perspective. If

any lady member desires to make a difference by serving on this Committee for the 2021-2022 year, please let me know, so that I may propose the assignment. We are also seeking geographic and demographic diversity of members in order to capture issues affecting all veterans throughout the Commonwealth.

M. Conrad "Connie" Agresti
Resolutions Chairman

23. SCHOLARSHIP THEMES:

The 2021-22 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic. The Voice of Democracy theme 8 will be "America: Where do we go from here?" and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "How can I be a good American?"

24. SCOUT OF THE YEAR:

Eagle Scout James Ye sponsored by VFW Russell Mitchell Post 609, Alexandria, VA, was selected to represent VFW Department of Virginia for the National VFW Scout of the Year.

James is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology. The number one rated High School in the Nation. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout in January 2020, with Troop 55B (Great Falls, VA), and has completed the requirements for the Sea Scout Quartermaster Award, with Ship 1942 (Arlington, VA). He has been awarded several leadership awards both as a Boy Scout and as a Sea Scout. He is the current Boatswain (President) for the NCAC Sea Scouts. He is a trained diver and an accomplished athlete (lacrosse, wrestling, and golf). He also is an accomplished concert violinist. He was awarded a four-year ROTC scholarship, which he has turned down because he has accepted an appointment to the Class of 2025 of the US Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Scouting Chairman
Bob Fenlason

25. ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER VACANCY IN VIRGINIA:

The VFW Department of Virginia has an opening for the position of Assistant Department Service Officer.

Candidate must be a VFW Member in Good Standing.

Candidates for the position must have proficient human relations skills and basic analytical abilities are required to interface with the veterans' community, analyze claims folders, research and apply applicable statutes, regulations, government directives and VFW policies pertinent to the claim. Position requires knowledge of given subjects to such a degree as to make the incumbent authoritative in the veteran's entitlements and benefits programs.

Associates Degree required or the applicant must have three to five years of related experience in the same or closely related field with advanced knowledge of personal computers to include software applications, case management techniques and other electronic application used in an automated office environment. The Virginia VFW State Service Office is looking to fill a vacancy in the Dale City (Post 1503) Service Office. The successful candidate will be offered conditional employment based on satisfactory completion of training and a six months' probationary period. The Department understands the selected individual will have to give appropriate notice to the current employer.

Interested parties should send a resume to Ed Mann, Department Adjutant at adj@vfwva.org

26. TECH4TROOPS:

Obtaining Laptops from Tech4Troops

Any VFW Virginia Post wishing to obtain laptops from Tech4Troops must contact them directly on their website.

<https://techfortroops.org/contact/>

Their two organizations will take it from there.

Rick Raskin – PDC

27. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

On April 24th, I presented lapel pins to five Vietnam veterans at the Nation's Gun Show in Chantilly, VA. I am hoping to distribute more of them during my Post's 3-day Memorial Day Poppy Drive at the end of the month.

The following historical events for the Vietnam War took place during June:

1965 (June 10th) - The first contingent of combat troops from Australia arrives in South Vietnam aboard the HMAS Sydney as part of the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR). The rest of the 1RAR arrives by air. The 1RAR consists of approximately 1,400 troops attached to the U.S. 173d Airborne Brigade stationed near Bien Hoa Air Base. It includes one combat infantry battalion, a signal unit, and other elements.

1965 (June 17th) - Two U.S. Navy F-4 Phantom aircrews record the first confirmed U.S. air-to-air kills of the Vietnam War. The Phantoms, of Fighter Squadron 21 from the carrier USS *Midway*, shoot down two North Vietnamese MiG-17s using air-to-air missiles.

1965 (June 18th) - The first Arc Light mission, flown by 30 U.S. Air Force B-52 bombers, is launched against suspected Viet Cong targets near Ben Cat, approximately 40 miles north of Saigon. During the mission, two B-52s collide and crash at sea, killing eight crewmen. "Arc Light" becomes the term used for B-52 bombing missions flown in South Vietnam and adjacent portions of Laos, Cambodia, and North Vietnam. B-52 Stratofortresses fly these missions primarily from bases in Guam and Thailand. B-52s, originally designed to carry nuclear weapons, are modified to carry conventional ordnance because most Arc Light missions consist of the bombing of enemy camps and supply lines in tactical support of the ground war. They continue until August 1973, mostly against Viet Cong-held regions of South Vietnam and the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

1966 (June 2nd) - Operation HAWTHORNE begins. Its objective is to relieve a garrison of South Vietnamese Regional Forces, which has been surrounded by the North Vietnamese at a Special Forces camp near Dak To, Kontum Province. Participants include elements of the 101st Airborne Division, two South Vietnamese battalions, and ample air support. After the allied troops rescue the garrison, they pursue a skillful and aggressive North Vietnamese force. The North Vietnamese 24th Regiment is eventually pushed back and pinned in its fortified base area, where it is shattered by B-52 Arc Light strikes. Enemy forces finally withdraw, and HAWTHORNE ends on June 20.

1967 (June 1st) - Task Force 117, the Mobile Riverine Force, becomes operational. It is a joint U.S. Army-Navy task force whose goal is to search out and eliminate Viet Cong elements along the Mekong Delta's many waterways. During operations, Navy gunboats and landing craft offload Army infantry units in amphibious assaults on enemy positions in the delta. The task force is disestablished in 1969.

1968 (June 19th) - As part of an effort to mobilize more of the population in the aftermath of the Tet Offensive, the South Vietnamese government announces the formation of the People's Self-Defense Force (PSDF). Those men not eligible for the military draft are required to join the PSDF. This primarily includes 16- and 17-year-olds and men between 39 and 50. Teenagers under 16, men over 50, and women are encouraged to serve in noncombat

support roles. This defense force becomes an important part of MACV's pacification and security program after 1968. The PSDF is a part-time militia that uses guerrilla tactics to defend local villages. As many as four million South Vietnamese are enrolled in the PSDF in either combat or support units. Wherever the program is well-implemented, local security noticeably improves, but in general PSDF performance is uneven.

1969 (June 3rd) - During a nighttime SEATO naval exercise in the South China Sea, the Australian aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne and the U.S. Navy destroyer USS *Frank E. Evans* collide. The *Evans* is cut in two and its bow quickly sinks. Of the over 270 crewmen aboard the *Evans*, 74 are killed. There are no reported deaths aboard the Melbourne.

1969 (June 10th) - At a conference with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu on Midway Island, President Nixon announces that the United States will withdraw 25,000 troops from Vietnam by the end of August. The first to leave are elements of the 3d Marine Division and the Army's 9th Infantry Division. It is the first significant redeployment of American troops in the war.

1969 (June 1-30) - The last of five Air National Guard (ANG) units in Southeast Asia returns to the United States. About 2,000 Air National Guardsmen serve in Vietnam, and they fly over 30,000 sorties. Seven are killed in action. Approximately 4,000 additional ANG personnel serve in other locations throughout East Asia.

1971 (June 13th) - The New York Times publishes the first of a series of articles based on the Pentagon Papers, a leaked collection of secret government files that reveals the history of U.S. policy in Vietnam. The papers—officially called United States-Vietnam Relations, 1945–1967—were put together by a task force formed by Secretary of Defense McNamara to study the course of U.S. involvement in Vietnam. They include over 7,000 pages of narrative and original government documents. One of the study's authors, Daniel Ellsberg, photocopies it and gives it to the Times. Additional newspapers publish articles based on the Pentagon Papers soon thereafter. The Nixon administration reacts harshly, seeking an injunction against their publication. Nixon works to discredit Ellsberg and suspects others in his administration of leaking information to the press. By 1972, the Pentagon Papers are formally declassified and the U.S. government publishes most of them. The Papers lead many to criticize the Kennedy and Johnson administrations' strategies and policies in Southeast Asia.

1972 (June 16th) - MAG 15 redeploys from Da Nang to Nam Phong, Thailand, where it supports operations of the U.S. Seventh Air Force against Communist forces in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Jeff Dombroff
Vietnam War Commemoration Committee Chairman
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Official:



Ed Mann
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Eric Mallett
State Commander

PLEASE NOTE

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

99th ANNUAL CONVENTION
 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
 RENAISSANCE PORTSMOUTH-NORFOLK WATERFRONT HOTEL
 PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA
 JUNE 3 – 6, 2021

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 3, 2021**

11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING	PORTSMOUTH IV
10:00 AM	4:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	PORTSMOUTH FOYER
12:30 AM	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 4, 2021**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	PORTSMOUTH FOYER
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JOINT 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 (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	PORTSMOUTH IV
8:00 PM	1:00 AM	VFW RIDERS DANCE (OPEN TO ALL)	HOLLEY BALLROOM

**Saturday,
 June 5, 2021**

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
NOON		VFW RIDERS BIKE SHOW	GARAGE TOP FLOOR
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	MOC SCRATCH	MADISON
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	HUMANA (VSO VA PRESENTATION)	PORTSMOUTH III
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW RIDERS MEETING	AMPHITHEATER
5:30 PM	10:00 PM	RECEPTION/ DANCE – DJ	HOLLEY BALLROOM

**Sunday,
 June 6, 2021**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	MADISON
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)

FRIDAY VFW RIDERS DANCE: (Open to all members) \$10.00 per person

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

Bottles will be permitted in the ballroom during Fridays dance. The hotel will furnish ice and mix.

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

State – Commodore Room ** Second District –



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.®

Doug Hoffman
for
Department Surgeon
2021-2022



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- **Qualifying Campaign—Operation Iraqi Freedom**
 - **Retired Navy Chief**
 - **Two time Post Commander of Ocean View Post 3160**
 - **All State and All American Post Commander**
 - **Commander of District Two**
 - **State Inspector**
 - **Past Department Deputy Chief of Staff**

My Goals as a member of the VFW is the continued recognition of our Vietnam Veterans and assisting them as they are entering their retirement years. They seem to be the forgotten members and they have a lot of wisdom and leadership to offer our communities. We need to be the ones to find them and offer membership and services to them as we continue to do for all veterans.

122nd NATIONAL CONVENTION
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & INTERNAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

201 VFW'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NATIONAL POW/MIA SUBCOMMITTEE

401 OPPOSE TRICARE FEE CHANGES
402 KEEP DEFENSE BUDGET RELEVANT
403 PRESERVE THE ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE
404 LINK MILITARY PAY INCREASES TO PRIVATE-SECTOR INCREASES
405 SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENT REPORTING AND TREATMENT
406 ENSURE DOD COMPLIANCE WITH TAP MANDATE
407 PROVIDE FULL CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY
AND VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION
408 SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN
409 SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
410 SUPPORT THE STATE OF ISRAEL
411 PROTECT POW/MIA FULL ACCOUNTING MISSION FUNDING
412 CALL FOR MORE UNILATERAL POW/MIA ACTIONS BY VIETNAM
413 RECOGNITION for AFGHAN and IRAQI COMBAT TRANSLATORS

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

601 ADEQUATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET
602 VA PHARMACEUTICAL CO-PAYMENTS
603 VA MEDICARE AND TRICARE REIMBURSEMENT
604 NURSING HOME ELIGIBILITY
605 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY HEALTH CARE
606 PTSD AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE
607 VA HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN VETERANS
608 EXPAND VA CAREGIVER BENEFITS
609 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CARE OPTIONS
610 RESEARCH ON MEDICAL CANNABIS TREATMENTS
611 COVID-19 LESSONS LEARNED
612 CONSIDER TREATMENT FOR A PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTED
CONDITION AS A CLAIM FOR VA COMPENSATION
613 EXTENDING GULF WAR PRESUMPTIONS BEYOND 2021 AND TO
AFGHANISTAN THEATER VETERANS
614 EXTEND SERVICE CONNECTION PRESUMPTION TO BLAST SURVIVORS
615 TINNITUS AND HEARING LOSS PRESUMPTIVE COMPENSABLE SERVICE
CONNECTION
616 VA CLAIMS WORKLOAD
617 BURIAL PLOT ALLOWANCE
618 TOXIC EXPOSURES

- 619 DIGITAL CLAIMS PROCESS
- 620 SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS LIFE INSURANCE
- 621 VA AUTOMOTIVE ALLOWANCE
- 622 DOMICILIARY PROGRAMS AND TEMPORARY TOTAL RATINGS
- 623 IMPROVE EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR SURVIVORS
- 624 HOMELESS VETERANS PRIORITIES
- 625 ENSURE VETERAN SUCCESS IN EDUCATION
- 626 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY
- 627 SUPPORT VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS
- 628 VETERAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

STATE CONVENTION, JUNE 3 – 5, 2021

THE STATE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REVIEWED 13 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES. ALL ARE ADDRESSED IN THIS PACKAGE.

APPROVAL PROCEDURE:

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WILL MAKE A MOTION (MUST BE SECONDED) "TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE EXCEPT FOR 'SET-ASIDES'."
2. ANY MEMBER OF THE CONVENTION MAY REQUEST THAT ANY ONE OF THE NINE ISSUES PRESENTED BE "SET ASIDE" FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION AND A SEPARATE YEA/NAY VOTE.
3. ONCE SET-ASIDES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED, THE MAIN MOTION WILL BE CALLED BY THE COMMANDER AND THE CONVENTION WILL VOTE.
4. A "YEA" VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION MEANS THAT THE CONVENTION CONCURS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.
5. FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION, THE DELEGATE WHO REQUESTED THAT A RESOLUTION BE SET ASIDE MUST MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN QUESTION (WHICHEVER POSITION IS CONTRARY TO THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION). THIS MOTION MUST BE SECONDED FOR DISCUSSION TO OCCUR.
6. IF THE "SET ASIDE" MOTION IS TO "DISAPPROVE" THE RESOLUTION – AN "AYE" WILL MEAN THE RESOLUTION GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT, WHILE A "NAY" VOTE WILL MEAN IT IS SUPPORTED. THIS CAN GET CONFUSING, SO PAY ATTENTION.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE BY DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA 2021				
Res. Nbr.	Title	Originator	Comm. Rcmd	Notes
VA-2021-01	Add March 29 – Natl VN Vets Memorial Day to Commemorative Tributes in Ritual	Post 9835	APPROVE	IAW Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017
VA-2021-02	Express Support for 2nd Amendment Rights	PDC Hines	Refer to COA	Internal Virginia issue
VA-2021-03	Dep. of Veterans Affairs Leadership Integrity	Resolutions Committee	APPROVE	Require Administration to confer with VFW & other VSOs before nominating senior VA officials for Senate approval
VA-2021-04	Adopt Honor & Remember Flag	Post 2894	APPROVE	Designate H&R Flag as “official symbol of those who have died in line of duty”
VA-2021-05	Wartime VA Benefits for Early VN Vets	Post 9760	APPROVE	Consistent with prior Natl VFW Resolutions: Allows Title 38 benefits to those in VN from 1 NOV 55 – 27 Feb 61
VA-2021-06	Natl VFW Youth Community Service Reward	Post 2894	DISAPPROVE	Viewed as Open Ended; seeks to add all youth development programs to award criteria
VA-2021-07	Amend Natl By-Laws § 216 – Make Chaplain an Appointed Official	Post 7327	APPROVE	To resolve conflict with some lawyers over Corporate Officers
VA-2021-08	Amend Natl MoP § 217 – Make Chaplain an Appointed Official	Post 7327	APPROVE	To resolve conflict with some lawyers over Corporate Officers
VA-2021-09	Combat Heroes Deserve Combat Awards	Resolutions Committee	APPROVE	Require DoD to review/upgrade non-combat awards to

				combat awards when combat heroism cited
VA-2021-10	Support US Postal Service	Post 7589	APPROVE	Necessitated to improve USPS Service upon which military readiness and morale are dependent
VA-2021-11	Change Department By-Law Art. V § 6: Endorsements for Natl VFW Office	PDC Wiseman	Refer to By-Laws Committee	Dept By-Laws are beyond purview of Resolutions Committee
VA-2021-12	Change Natl By-Laws § 522 – add: Membership Committee Chair to Department COA	PDC Wiseman	DISAPPROVE	Proposal submitted absent justification; in many departments SVC fulfills this role
VA-2021-13	Defend Charitable Gaming in Virginia	PDC Wiseman	Refer to COA	Internal Virginia Issue

NOTE:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RESOLUTION INDEX IS PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING, IF DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA WILL VOTE ON C-IN-C RESOLUTIONS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



**VFW 122nd National Convention
Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City Convention Center
July 31-August 3, 2021**

TENTATIVE

All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.

Meetings/times for various functions are subject to change.

Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates and are subject to change

Friday, July 30, 2021

Arrivals

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

VFW and VFW Auxiliary Registration at Marriott and Loews Hotels

Saturday, July 31, 2021

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

VFW/Registration

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

National Council Committee on Appeals

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

National Veterans Service Advisory Committee

10:00 a.m. – 12Noon

Budget and Finance Committee

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

National Council of Administration Meeting

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Various Workshops

6:30 p.m.

NVS Resolutions Sub-Committee Chairmen & Vice Chairmen

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Commanders meeting

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Sr Vice Commanders meeting

6:30 p.m.

2021-22 Department Jr Vice Commanders meeting

Sunday, August 1, 2021

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

VFW Registration

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

VFW Internal Exhibits

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Conference Meetings

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Various Workshops

Committee Meetings:

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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)
VFW POW/MIA Sub-committee
2:00 p.m. National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series)
Sub-committee I – Health
Sub-committee II-Benefits
Sub-committee III–Economic Opportunities/Other

Monday, August 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Internal Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Business Session
1:30-4:00 p.m. Business Session
4:30-6:00 p.m. New Council Members Orientation

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

8: a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Business Session
Nomination/Election/Installation of National Officers
National Council of Administration (*immediately following
installation*)

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Departures

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