

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**



**DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

September is when life members will appear in MemStats giving a true representation of your Post's membership status. We should always be in the recruiting mode but now you'll have a true picture of where you need to be to achieve All-State status.

Last month I had the opportunity to attend Bristol Post 6975's celebration of their making All-American for the first time in 29 years. Letters From Home, a patriotic music group, was there to perform and provided a rousing show. My congratulations to Post 6975 especially because it was about two years ago that they were in such bad shape that they were only one day away from having their power cut off. The Department assisted them in developing an action plan to help them return to financial solvency. Their leadership and members stepped up and pulled them from the brink of disaster. Now they are thriving. WELL DONE!

There's a lesson here: Don't let things get so bad before you ask for help. Your District and Department are here for you. There is a lot of expertise in our VFW community that is willing and able to assist you.

We'll be holding recruiter training at Posts 9808 (Mechanicsville) and 1264 (Roanoke) on September 14. All are welcome to attend. Sessions start at 9:00 AM. We'll also be having QM and Trustee training on October 5 at Posts 2239 (Colonial Heights) and 1264 (Roanoke).

Lately we've been receiving a few Post audit reports that have math errors. Trustees are reminded that they must validate the figures reported on the audit, including line item calculations. Incorrect audits will not be accepted and may impact your Post's eligibility for All State. Trustees and Quartermasters are encouraged to attend one of the training sessions we will be holding on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz has modified his All-American plan to allow Posts to pay for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher Awards instead of submitting them. Any Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of a Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy or each of the three Teacher categories. The deadline for submissions and donations in lieu of submissions, will coincide with the Posts' entry deadline of midnight October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Donations made to replace a Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen or National Citizenship Education Teachers Awards will only be accepted through the following link. Do not donate through your Department or by any other means.

[https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw\\_programs\\_donation](https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation)

Posts in Virginia must still participate in **AT LEAST 2 of 3** of the following programs for All-State: Voice of Democracy - submit a student to the District level for judging, Patriot's Pen - submit a student to the District level for judging and Teacher of the Year - submit a teacher to the District level for judging. Donations to National in lieu of any entry are not permitted for All-State.

So now is the time to get started if you haven't already because the deadlines are fast approaching. Also consider sharing entries with another Post that may be having difficulty getting entrants. It benefits the community by making more awards available when more Posts participate.

Respectfully,  
Rick Raskin  
State Commander

## 2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Date: 11/16/19 Lunch: to follow the meeting Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: TBD Rep: State Commander Rick Raskin	6 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 11/17/19 Meeting: 2:00 PM Location: VAMC Salem Bldg 75 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 1970 Roanoke Blvd. Rep: Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Date: 11/16/19 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 3160 Norfolk 111A View Avenue Rep: Surgeon Geoff Lyster	7 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 1/18/20 Meeting: 11:30 AM Location: Post 2447 Edinburg 100 Veterans Way Rep: Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Date: 11/09/19 Meeting: 10:00 AM Lunch: to follow Meeting Location: TBD Rep: JVC Butch Schupska	8 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 11/17/19 Lunch: 12:00 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7589 9304 Centreville Road Rep: Surgeon Geoff Lyster
4 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 11/16/19 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 7059 Farmville 1616 Graham Road Rep: Sr. Vice Commander Eric Mallett	9 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 09/29/19 Lunch: 12 Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 9696 Bluefield 131 Lovelane St Rep: Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor
5 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 11/16/19 Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 4637 Martinsville 2327 Old Chatham Road Rep: Chief-of-Staff Tom Hines		

10<sup>th</sup> Date: 09/15/19  
SOI: 9:00 AM  
Meeting: 1:00 PM  
Location: Post 1177 Leesburg  
401 Old Waterford Rd  
Rep: Surgeon Geoff Lyster

12<sup>th</sup> Date: 11/02/19  
Registration: 10:00 AM  
Meeting: 11:00 AM  
Lunch: To follow Meeting  
Location: Post 6975 Bristol  
14 16<sup>th</sup> Street Bristol, TN  
Rep: Inspector Gary Adams

11<sup>th</sup> Date: 09/14/19  
SOI: 9:30 AM  
Meeting: 11:30 AM  
Location: Post 632 Harrisonburg  
450 Waterman Drive  
Rep: JVC Butch Schupska

13<sup>th</sup> Date: 11/16/19  
Meeting: 12:00 Noon  
Location: Post 1827 Charlottesville  
1170 River Road  
Rep: JVC Butch Shupska

### 3. BONDS:

**All bonds expired August 31, 2019.** Please see the July and August General Orders for the rate schedule for the cost of your bond and return completed forms and payment to State Headquarters. Please note the Quartermaster Bond rate schedule is for Post Officers. There is a separate schedule for your canteen employees and others who are not Post Officers but need to be bonded. Remember that persons on **any and all accounts** of the Post has **MUST** be bonded. All bond certificates will be emailed to the Post Commander with the VFW email address that they have been provided.

### 4. OFFICE CLOSURE:

The State Headquarters and the Dale City and Hopewell Service Offices will be closed September 2, 2019 for Labor Day.

### 5. BUDDY POPPY:

**Contact State Headquarters to place your order** for “Buddy”® Poppies. Remember that your Poppies should be ordered a minimum of 12 weeks in advance of your distribution date. Be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required; do not use, “ASAP”. Miscellaneous items (coin cans, caps, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddpoppy> or the VFW Store/Emblem and Supply Catalog.

“To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.” The Manual of Procedure provides that Post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Youth Essay, Citizenship Education, and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairmen guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organizations, exempt from taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of “Buddy”® Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the Post general fund.

### 6. CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD:

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Nominations of outstanding teachers in three categories: grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The program dates for this year are as follows: **October 31<sup>st</sup>** is the Deadline for teacher nomination by the Post. Post judging should be completed by **November 15<sup>th</sup>** and winners sent to District. District judging should be

completed by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** and winners forwarded to the Department by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Department judging will be completed by **January 10<sup>th</sup>** and winners submitted to VFW National Headquarters by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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. (*See attached flyer for more information.*)

## 7. DUES NOTICE SCHEDULE:

Annual members will receive a *mailed renewal* notice five months, three months, and one month prior to their subscription end date. Annual members with a valid email address will also receive an *emailed renewal notice* six months, four months, and two months prior to their subscription end date.

Annual members will receive a *mailed lapsed notice* one, three, and five months following their subscription end date.

## 8. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://www.vfwva.org).
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFWS#2019** 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](mailto:cdrpost176@vfwva.org) where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

[adjpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:adjpost176@vfwva.org)  
[qmpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:qmpost176@vfwva.org)

For District Officers your address will be [cdrdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrdist1@vfwva.org) for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district #

[adjdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:adjdist1@vfwva.org)  
[qmdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:qmdist1@vfwva.org)

## 9. IMPORTANT DATES:

September 28, 2019	Fall Council of Administration meeting, State Headquarters
October 12, 2019	Homecoming for the State Commander and State President, Post 9808 (Mechanicsville)
October 17-20, 2019	Southern Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
January 10-12, 2020	Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA. Phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$90.00 per night. Group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars-Winter Council Meeting". Cut-off Date December 9, 2019. The link

needed to register for your room on line is as follows: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1562340618766&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

June 11-14, 2020

State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$131.00 per night. Group name “VFW Department of Virginia Annual Convention”; Cut-off Date May 11, 2020.

#### **10. GENERAL ORDERS:**

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **11. 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.

#### **12. IRS FORM 8822-B:**

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

#### **13. JOINT LEADERSHIP COUCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:**

The mission of the Joint Leadership Council is to provide advice and assistance to the Governor, General Assembly and the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) on matters of concern to the veterans community and provides a conduit of information to and from the veterans service organizations on policy and legislation, pending and enacted, as well as information on existing services.

The Joint Leadership Council is open to qualifying veterans service organizations in Virginia. VSOs and their representatives are appointed by the Governor. Each member VSO is allotted one representative and one alternate. ... All meetings are open to the public.

The VFW Department of Virginia’s JLC Committee representatives are:  
Dan Boyer – Chair (276) 236-3185  
Tom Gimble – Vice-chair (703) 851-5822

Additional information is available at:

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>

#### 14. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), click on JOIN, scroll down to Legacy Life Membership and then click on the video on the right. This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are three levels of membership, each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

<i>Enrollment Cost:</i>	<i>Annual Payouts:</i>	<i>Post:</i>	<i>Department:</i>	<i>National:</i>
<b>Levels:</b> Gold-	\$1200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

#### 15. LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAY-OUT:

The following will be the 2019 Life Member payout.

- Plan ABC - A total payout of \$10.44 for each life member (\$3.48 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan D - A total payout of \$11.58 for each life member (\$3.86 to each Post, Department and National).
- Plan E - A total payout of \$22.50 for each life member (\$7.50 to each Post, Department and National).

As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2019 for all Life Members recorded as of August 31, 2019. In addition, a payment will be made in January 2020 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31.

#### 16. MEMBERSHIP:

Greetings Comrades,

I have returned from our National Convention with a renewed motivation to assist with membership. We reviewed the new National Membership Program for 2019-2020. Below is an excerpt from the program regarding retention. Even if you do not have a recruiting event planned, you can check MEMSTATS and see a list of those that will soon expire. You can contact them to remind them that their dues are about to expire. This is a good time to suggest that they go for the Life Membership option so that they don't have to worry about stroking that check once a year. Stress that it will save them money in the long run.

##### **Retention Defined**

Although retention is *not* a prerequisite for the All-American program, it is extremely important to understand how retention is derived and the important role retention plays in accomplishing growth. The number of paid annual members in your Post on July 1 is the ensuing year's "prior year total." One more new or reinstated member is required to make up for each prior year annual member the Post fails to retain.

Your Post retention is derived from six types of payment components based on your prior year total of annual members:

1. A prior year annual member pays his or her annual membership dues.
2. A prior year annual member pays the life membership installment fee.
3. A prior year annual member pays for life membership dues.
4. A prior year annual member transfers to another Post and pays his or her annual membership dues to your Post prior to transfer.

5. A prior year annual member transfers to another Post and pays the life membership installment fee to your Post prior to transfer.
6. A prior year annual member transfers to another Post and pays life membership dues to your Post prior to transfer.

A change you need to be aware of is that in order to be eligible for All-American, you must have an entry for VOD, Patriot's Pen and for each of the 3 levels for teachers. You MUST have an entry for Grade School, Middle School and High School teachers. If you cannot get an entry, you can opt to pay \$75 in lieu of an entry. The payment must be received by 31 Oct and are to be made using the following link:

[https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/.../vfw\\_programs\\_donation](https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/.../vfw_programs_donation).

I will be working at the Virginia State Fair at the end of Sept so maybe I will see you there!

Yours in Comradeship,  
Kathy Goodall  
757-572-8224(cell/text)  
[membership@vfwva.org](mailto:membership@vfwva.org)  
[skckagret@yahoo.com](mailto:skckagret@yahoo.com)

#### **17. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:**

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th 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 bookstores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

#### **18. POST OFFICER'S DUTIES:**

Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

#### **19. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:**

Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure regarding proof of eligibility for officers.

#### **20. REPORTING:**

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](http://www.vfwva.org)). Once you arrive at the site, click on the "Resources" link and then "Online Reporting". You will select "Click Here" to make an entry or on the "Community Reports" and "District Report" links to view them. The website is updated daily. If you have any questions, please call State Headquarters.

#### **21. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY THEMES:**

The 2019-2020 themes have been chosen by Commander-in-Chief William J. "Doc" Schmitz. There will be **ONE THEME FOR BOTH CONTESTS**. The Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen theme will be "What Makes America Great".

## 22. WINTER COUNCIL MEETING:

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to a successful event.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1562340618766&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

## 23. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

The Voice of Democracy program, instituted in 1947, has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. Annually, nearly 40,000 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 2019 theme is, "What Makes America Great". 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>.

### 2019-2020 Voice of Democracy Reporting Deadlines

31 October, 2019 Student entries due at the Post

15 November, 2019 Completion of Post judging

15 December, 2019 Completion of District judging

22 December, 2019 Department VOD Selection Board

10 January, 2020 Completion of Department Judging

15 January, 2020 District Participation Reports due for Department Chairman

15 January, 2020 Department winners due for National

Awards will be presented to the top three Department winners at the Department Winter Council meeting awards banquet on Saturday, 11 January 2020 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Please send complete application packets to your District Department Chairman to include the completed Official Student Entry form, a typed transcript, an audio CD or flash drive and a photograph of the District winner. Make sure your flash drive or CD is properly recorded and playable before sending it. Incomplete application packets will disqualify your candidate from District and Department judging. District Chairmen are expected to complete the District Participation Report and submit it to the Department VOD Chairman NLT Wednesday, 15 January 2020.

The District first place winning submissions should be mailed to the Department VOD Chairman Louis Filippone at 15608 Jillians Forest Way, Centreville, Virginia 20120-1255.

For those competing for the All-American award, please take note of the changes to the All-American program as Posts may donate \$75 to the National HQs Programs Department in lieu of submitting an entry. Districts may not substitute an entry for a donation. **ALSO**...the All-State plan will **NOT** be changed and donations in lieu of a submission does not earn credit for a Post competing for the All-State award.

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 VOD Chairman must receive your submissions NLT Saturday, 21 December 2019. The Department VOD Selection Board will be held on Sunday, 22 December 2019 at Post 7589 in Manassas, Virginia.

### Voice of Democracy Department Awards

The top three finalists will be invited to the Winter Council Luncheon in Portsmouth, Virginia on Saturday, 11 January 2020. All three finalists will receive their awards and present their essays at the awards banquet. The first-place winner will receive a **minimum** of \$2,000.00 from the Department along with \$500.00 from the Commander's Club and an additional check from the Auxiliary. The second-place winner will receive a **minimum** of \$1,000.00, and the third-place winner will receive a **minimum** of \$500.00. 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 on Thursday, 11 June 2020. Should you require any assistance or additional information regarding the 2019-2020 Voice of Democracy program, or its administration please contact me directly.

Louis Filippone  
Chairman, Voice of Democracy Program

**24. POST HOME IMPROVEMENT 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, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide six (6) grants worth up to \$500 for the 2019-2020 year. Should any money remain after the six (6) 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<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the application is due no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State HQs.

**25. 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, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 for the 2019-2020 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<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the application is due no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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 HQs.

Official:



Ken Wiseman  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Rick Raskin  
State Commander



# State Commander And President's Homecoming



**October 12, 2019**  
**Battlefield Post 9808**  
**7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

Cocktails at 5 p.m. (Open bar)  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
DJ at 8 p.m. (Cash bar)

**RSVP BY FRI, SEPT. 13, 2019 TO VFW POST 9808 (804) 746-9808**  
**BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

Hotel Accommodations:  
Holiday Inn Express Mechanicsville  
7441 Bell Creek Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
(804) 559-0022 (804) 559-6810  
[www.himechanicsville.com](http://www.himechanicsville.com)

Two Queen Beds: \$94/night  
King Beds: \$94/night



**Smart/Maher VFW National  
Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program  
Grades K - 12**

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Nominations of outstanding teachers in three categories: grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12

**Dates To Remember**

**Required Documents**

<u>October 31, 2019</u> : Nominations to Post	1. <u>Original entry form</u> and essay of 350 words or less signed by the person who has nominated the teacher. All words must be counted including one-letter words.
<u>November 15, 2019</u> : Post judging completed	2. <u>Official Post Teacher Entry Form</u> with signatures at Post, District and Department level.
<u>December 15, 2019</u> : District judging completed	3. One page <u>resume</u> (no more than two sides)
<u>December 20, 2019</u> : District winners to State Chairman	4. Up to 5 pages (both sides) of additional <u>documentation</u> .
<u>December 28, 2019</u> State judging completed	5. Good quality head & shoulder <u>photograph</u> (no poor quality or computer pictures).
<u>January 15, 2020</u> Department winners to National	

**Important Information:**

1. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Nominations made by relatives or the teacher are ineligible.
2. Home School Teachers – are not eligible - primarily because of the half-day in a classroom environment requirement teaching citizenship education specific courses.
3. Photograph requirement – is a time factor. The time from when the winners are selected to the time the publicity process begins does not allow time to have to go back to the winners and secure a photograph. The size of the photo can vary from wallet size on up to 3" x 5". Please make sure it is a good quality photograph.

If you have trouble getting information on the program or getting any of the necessary forms, please contact me and I will mail you what you need.

**Remember:** Nominations can be submitted in each of three categories: K-5, 6-8, 9-12.

Chris Birch, Chairman  
304 E. Main St  
Berryville, VA 22611-1306

home: (540) 955-3311  
cell: (540) 539-5446  
email: [bigredtruk@comcast.net](mailto:bigredtruk@comcast.net)  
[cbirch@vfwva.org](mailto:cbirch@vfwva.org)

# **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 twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 each for the 2019-2020 year. All requirements must be met, or the grant must be returned, in part or in whole, depending on the circumstances.

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) The project must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Quartermaster/Treasurer name, phone number, and email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of the project to be completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Grant*

The purpose of the VFW Post Home Improvement Grant is to assist VFW Posts in Virginia who need assistance with funding projects to improve, expand, or repair their Post home. There will be of six (6) grants worth up to \$500 each for the 2019-2020 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.

The requirements of the grant are as follows:

- 1) The project must be initiated and completed in the period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 2) The VFW Post 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 must be in good standing with the VFW National Headquarters and the Department of Virginia.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 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 \$500 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 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.

# **THE VIRGINIA VETERANS FOUNDATION**

## *VFW Post Home Improvement 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of the project to be completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Post Commander: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Quartermaster: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tommy Schryver**

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POC: Michael Merriman  
757-632-6621  
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## About Tommy Schryver:

Born May 17, 1938 , Harold "Tommy Schryver, was a lifetime member of VFW Post 392. He was a member of the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 9 and performed many volun-



teer acts. Each year he would organize a trip to Atlantic City for the members of Post 392. Tommy organized many golf tournaments for VFW Post 392.

Tommy was a Retired PR1 and was one of the original Chuting Star members (he broke his arm and leg during one of the jumps). He worked closely with the Children's Hospital of Kings Daughters. His name is placed on the highest beam for the CHKD newest wing built in 1990, (an honor only presented to a select few).

Above all, Tommy believed in getting together for a cause and enjoying the friendship of others. In honor of Tommy Schryver, who passed away on December 21, 2000, VFW Post 392 hosts an Annual Memorial golf tournament in remembrance of "Tommy".



## Tournament Information:

**Location: Naval Air Station Oceana, Aeropines Golf Club**

**Date: October 5th 2019**

**Shot Gun Start: 8 a.m.**

**Registration: begins at 6:30 a.m.**

**Cut off Date: September 21st, 2019**

**Format 4 Person Best Ball Prizes**

- **Hole in one prize: \$10,000 (Split with VFW)**
- **Closest to the pin**
- **Longest Drive for Men/Women**

**Price: \$65.00 per person**

**Includes prizes, dinner served by Outback Steakhouse and Cocktails/Beer/Soft Drinks at the VFW Post 392.**

### Things to note:

- **You do not have to be a VFW member to participate, open to the general public.**
- **All participants must provide their full name as it reads on their drivers license on the tournament registration form**
- **All tournament participants must enter through main gate and provide a valid drivers license or State issued identification with name matching the tournament registration form**

## Player Information:

Golfer 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers license: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers license: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers license: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers license: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you need base access, please provide a valid driver's license number.**

Please make checks payable to:  
VFW Post 392 or mail to:

VFW Post 392  
2408 Bowland Parkway  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**  
**General MacArthur Memorial Post 392**  
**2408 Bowland Parkway**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5207**  
**Phone: (757) 486-5875**  
**Fax: (757) 486-3576**  
**E-Mail: vfwpost392@gmail.com**

**Commander**  
**Neil A. Siegfried**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*On behalf of General MacArthur Memorial Post 392 Commander Neil A. Siegfried, greetings.*

**Senior Vice Commander**  
**John W. Flavin**

*Each year, VFW Post 392, with combined membership of approximately 2300 members, host our annual Tommy Schryver Memorial Golf Classic. This year will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year of this event, which serves as both a memorial celebration of an outstanding serviceman and community leader, as well as a fund raising event in support of our local veteran community. All proceeds derived from this tournament are directed entirely towards assisting our local veterans, both in the local community and also those that are hospitalized. It is our hope, that with the assistance of the fine business people of the community, such as yourself, we will be able to continue to provide assistance to those in need as we have in the past.*

**Junior Vice Commander**  
**Troy J. Wagers**

*This year's golf tournament will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course in Virginia Beach. A cardinal element in our attempt to raise funds in conjunction with this tournament is the assistance of the business community. We really and truly need help in this endeavor.*

**Quartermaster**  
**John H. Phillips**

*We are soliciting your assistance in donating any items/services which may either be raffled off or given away as door prizes. We are also in need of hole sponsors. Your name or company will be displayed in a most favorable manner, allowing participants to become aware of your involvement in the endeavor. We are seeking sponsorship help in the form of two tiers:*

**Judge Advocate**  
**David R. Goldstein**

**Gold Tournament Hole Sponsorship at \$200.00**  
**Silver Tournament Hole Sponsorship at \$100.00**

**Chaplain**  
**Maria Cassidy**

*We are thankful for your past assistance and hope you will continue to help us. The federal, state and local governments recognize the VFW as a tax-free organization. Any donations made by you are 100 percent tax deductible. If you have any questions, please contact one of our Golf Committee members:*

**Surgeon**  
**Robert L. Cardona**

**Michael Merriman, 757-632-6621, [dabears2522@yahoo.com](mailto:dabears2522@yahoo.com)**  
**Duane Gordon, 757-635-2473, [dgordon@envistacom.com](mailto:dgordon@envistacom.com)**  
**Ed Evans, 757-651-2280, [ed\\_1198@yahoo.com](mailto:ed_1198@yahoo.com)**  
**Dinah Devins Doyle, 757-560-0493, [n2runn1@yahoo.com](mailto:n2runn1@yahoo.com)**  
**Tina Gordon, 757-613-6245, [jadtg@aol.com](mailto:jadtg@aol.com)**  
**Daryl Baker Jr., 757-202-0374, [DarylBaker73@me.com](mailto:DarylBaker73@me.com)**

**1 Year Trustee**  
**Hal Casey**

*Our goal is to raise as many funds as possible to assist our veterans in need, all donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this endeavor stay inside our Post for the above reason.*

**2 Year Trustee**  
**Robert L. Cardona**

*Sincerely,*  
  
**Michael Merriman**  
**Golf Tournament Chairman**

**3 Year Trustee**  
**Theresa J. DeChamplain**

**Tax ID: 54-1119242**

**Adjutant**  
**Michael T. Marushia, Sr.**

VFW Post 392 Tommy Schryver 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

October 5, 2019

Hole Sponsorship Form



Gold Sponsorship \$200.00

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Please make checks payable to VFW Post 392: Attention: Tommy Schryver Golf Tournament

Mailing Address: VFW Post 392

2408 Bowland Parkway

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I WILL PICK UP HOLE SPONSORSHIP FORM OR DONATIONS IF NEEDED.**

**MIKE MERRIMAN – 757-632-6621**

**Please send your Company's Digital Logo to the following email address so we can use it for the signs.**

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