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Illinois

*2021-2022 Series
General Orders No. 10
April 2022*

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

All correspondence sent via USPS should be mailed to our physical address. Please update your records to reflect the following.

VFW, Department of Illinois 3300 Constitution Drive
Springfield, IL 62711

BONDS AND INSPECTIONS

As inspections are being completed, we have had several Posts that are marked as the Quartermaster's Bond being for less than the amount required. We have also had inquiries as to the definition of liquid assets. We asked for clarification from National Headquarters and received the following.

Section 703 requires officers accountable for funds are bonded in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which they may be accountable. As our inspection form indicates, liquid assets include bonds and CD's; therefore, the Quartermaster must be bonded for the total amount of liquid assets to include bonds and CD's.

According to the Post Inspection Form as published by Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, question 16: Post funds include checking accounts, savings accounts, CD and bond accounts, and all other account types. The Quartermaster Bond amount MUST be greater than the total of all these funds. CD's are considered liquid assets because if a Quartermaster is going to steal funds, they don't care that there is a penalty fee associated with liquidating a bond or CD before it's maturity date. The purpose of a bond is to protect the Post's assets that can be liquidated with relative ease which would include bonds and CD's. The Post may purchase their Quartermaster Bond through State Headquarters or they may purchase their Quartermaster Bond from a commercial bond company and provide a copy of that bond to State Headquarters.

PUBLISHING CONCEPTS INC (POSTCARD MAILING)

By now, members of the Illinois VFW should have received a yellow postcard or an email from Publishing Concepts Inc (PCI). This mailing to the members of the IL VFW was approved by the Council of Administration at the August 2021 meeting in Joliet. [Click here](#) for a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the PCI Program.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Your respective Programs end on April 30, 2022. As soon as your program winners are determined, please send that information to Department Headquarters.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY VIRTUAL PARADE OF WINNERS

Every year, nearly 230,000 of our nation's youth compete in the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen audio essay competitions for their chance to win a portion of more than \$3 million in college scholarships and awards.

The competitions culminate with the Parade of Winners event, designed to celebrate and recognize the contests' top national winners.

This year, the VFW will be hosting its virtual Parade of Winners on April 7 at 7 p.m. CDT, live on Facebook.

Join us as VFW and VFW Auxiliary state and national leadership, representatives from program sponsors Twisted X, and this year's 52 Voice of Democracy Department (state) winners come together from all over the world as we crown the 2022 national Voice of Democracy first place winner.

Be sure to visit the VFW Facebook Page, select the Virtual Parade of Winners event, tap "interested", then "going" to ensure you stay up-to-date and receive all event notifications and reminders.

GOT YOUR 6K

We attempted to have the inaugural 6K Race last year but it was cancelled due to COVID. We are planning the inaugural "Got your 6K" on May 21, 2022 at Field of Dreams Park, 1100 Riverton Rd., Riverton, IL 62561. This is located just a few miles off the northeast corner of Springfield. Dust off your running shoes and get ready to support the VFW. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the VFW and show our veterans and their families "we got your 6." You can register early [here](#) or the registration form is listed both as a slide and a direct link on the homepage of the [VFWIL](#) website. There is an early registration form included at the end of these orders, if you'd like to register using cash or a check. On-site registration is an extra \$10 per entrant, so register early.

GUN RAFFLE

State Headquarters is holding a raffle for a 1911 MIL-SPEC .45 ACP Handgun or \$800 cash prize. Tickets are just \$20 each and only 2,500 tickets will be sold. Each District Commander has been given 96 tickets to sell. To purchase a ticket, contact State Headquarters or your District Commander. This drawing will take place at the same time as our State Convention Raffle-- Saturday June 11, 2022.

STATE CONVENTION AD BOOK

The Program Book Order Form for the 103rd Annual State Convention is on our website at www.vfwil.org. Full Page Ads are \$200, Half Page Ads are \$125 and Quarter Page Ads are \$75. Please mail your ad form, picture (*if applicable*) and payment to Editor, State Convention Program Book, 3300 Constitution Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 or e-mail to bwilson@vfwil.org.

Ads must be received in State Headquarters no later than **April 30, 2022** **PAYMENT FOR ADS MUST BE REMITTED AT TIME OF PLACEMENT!**

IMPORTANT - REPORT OF ELECTION FORM

National Headquarters has mailed all Post Quartermasters a packet which includes the *2022-2023 Report of Election Form* with instructions on how to submit their report online using the Online Membership System (OMS). A blank Post Election Report can also be found in the "Document Repository" section on the Online Membership System. Also included in that packet is information on how to register your Post for the National Convention along with a room reservation form for National Convention. The 123rd VFW National Convention will be held July 16-21, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri. Post Election Reports must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1st to National Headquarters. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report filing process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to Department Headquarters.

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS AND CITATIONS

The deadline for award nominations for our State Convention is April 30, 2022 for the following categories:

- Outstanding Legislator of the Year
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- Firefighter of the Year
- Outstanding Patriotism of the Year
- Paramedic of the year
- Outstanding Governmental Service of the Year
- Clergy of the Year
- News Media Professional of the Year
- Outstanding Citizen of the Year

There is no special form to fill out to nominate an individual. All you would need is the name of the individual, their address, the sponsoring Post and/or Auxiliary, the contact person for the nomination, and why this individual deserves to be recognized.

2022 DISTRICT COMMANDER-ELECT CONFERENCE

Once District Elections are held, an invitation will be sent to newly-elected District Commanders for 2022-2023 year. Department Headquarters will provide rooming accommodations for 4 nights (Wednesday-Sunday) for incoming District Commanders at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E. Adams Street in Springfield.

We will be conducting a conference to cover their duties and our goals and expectations for the incoming year. This conference will begin Thursday morning, June 9, 2022 at 8a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: District Commanders-Elect should be present during Council of Administration Meeting, June 9th, 2022. Please dress in a coat, tie and cap to have your photograph taken. Also, they **must** be present Saturday, June 11, 2022 during the installation of officers!

Sunday morning, June 12th, there will be a brief Council of Administration meeting to begin at 9a.m. for the purpose of passing an interim budget until the next meeting in August.

CONVENTION EXHIBIT BOOTHS

Please let the businesses in your area know exhibit space is available during our 103rd Annual State Convention at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. Contact State Headquarters at 217-529-6688 for more information.

SILENT AUCTION

The Annual Silent Auction will be held during the State Convention. Check out your home for items in good condition to donate. Please bring your donated item to the Foyer of the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre and make sure to fill out the form given to you. If you have any questions, please contact State Headquarters. District Commanders are asked to donate an item from their District valued at no less than \$75.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Plaza IV of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre will be the base of operations for State Photographer Dutch DeGroot and Public Relations Director Barbara Wilson.

POPPY DISPLAY COMMITTEE

Chairman: Stephanie Kirksey, Member- Post 6504-14
Roger D. Guebert, Member-Post 7980-14
Thomas E. Cleland, Member-Post 2955-6
Matthew Willis, Member-Post 6871-10 John
Lenhardt, Member-Post 6504-14

POPPY DISPLAYS

Poppy Displays will be accepted in *Plaza 1 and 2* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre starting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, and continuing on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

All poppy displays must be picked up from *Plaza 1 and 2* before 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

STATE AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Awards will be presented at the time the Program Director makes their final report during the State Convention. Directors must insure their awards are in the stage area prior to making their reports.

ATTENTION POST COMMANDERS

Under the Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars By-Laws, Article V - Convention, Section 8 - Registration at Annual Department Convention:

“Each Post shall register, in advance or at the Convention, at least one delegate to the Department Convention by payment of the advance registration fee in effect for such Convention, which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this requirement shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.”

STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registration will be open in *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre:

Thursday, June 9, 2022	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday, June 10, 2022	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 11, 2022	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

SUPPLY SALES BOOTH

The Supply Sales Booth will be set up in the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre starting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. The Supply Sales Booth will continue on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE

The Distinguished Guest Committee Members will use *Room 2 of the Conference Center* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre as their base of operations for our distinguished guests.

Richard Coombe, Past State Commander
J.D. Spindler, Past State Commander

OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO STATE CONVENTION

The officers below are assigned to be present at the Council of Administration Meeting in *Plaza III* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Thursday, June 9, 2022. They should also be in attendance for the Joint Opening Session on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 8:00 am in the *Grand Ballroom* and all business sessions on Friday and Saturday.

Credentials Committee:

George Doeden, Post 2580-16, Chairman
Scott Holley, Member, Post 3873-19

Officer of the Day, Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms:

Jeff Britt, Officer of the Day
Sam Scaife, Sergeant-at-Arms
Roy Johnson, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Jim Danielson, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Maurice Bridges, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Jack Lamont, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

ELECTION OF POST DELEGATES

Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual

Article II – Posts, Section 217

Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office of Post Officers

Post officers shall be elected in April. Balloting for Post Officers may be conducted by open vote or written secret ballot (handwritten or printed) at a regular Post meeting, or, if required by Post By-Laws or authorized by Post vote prior to the opening of nominations, by a poll system. Absentee ballots and proxy votes are prohibited. A majority vote of all votes cast, except where otherwise designated, shall be necessary to elect. If there be not election on the first ballot, the name of the comrade receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so on in successive ballots until an election is made.

Article II – Posts, Section 222

Delegates, District Conventions & Meetings, Department and National Conventions

Delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of March 31st. Delegates shall not be recognized at the National Convention unless they personally register their completed delegate card with the National Credentials Committee. Posts instituted after strength has been determined, but prior to convening date of the respective convention or district meeting, shall on the day of institution, elect one delegate and one alternate for each thirty names or fraction thereof according to the number of names listed on the charter application.

By Order of:

Official



Joseph H. Bartley

Robert Welch

State Adjutant/Quartermaster

State Commander

Dates to Remember for 2022

April 30, 2022: Ads for Convention Book due to State Headquarters, Post Election Reports due. Convention Book ad form and blank Post election report are included with these orders. Audits for the quarter ending March 31, 2021 due to State HQ.

April 30, 2022: Nominations for LEO, Firefighter, Education, Outstanding in Industrial Field, Legal Profession, Athletic, Government Service, Clergy, News Media Professional, and Outstanding Citizen of the Year due to State Headquarters.

May 1, 2022: Loyalty Day

May 3, 2022: Community Service Project Books and Nominations due to State Headquarters

May 17, 2022: Cut-off date for lodging at Wyndham, Springfield for State Convention. For those wishing to book reservations online, there is a link on the [VFWIL](#) website to do so.

May 25, 2022: Cut-off date for lodging at President Abraham Lincoln for State Convention. For those wishing to book reservations online, there is a link on the [VFWIL](#) website to do so.

May 30, 2022: District Election Reports, dates and times for District Meetings due to State Headquarters.

June 3, 2022: Early Registration for State Convention ends. Registration will go up to \$17 per delegate after this date.

June 9-12, 2022: State Convention, Springfield. There will be an incoming District Commander training at Northenders Post 10302 in Springfield.

June 26, 2022: Welcome Home celebration for Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism Veterans will be held at Post 5694. 1900 VFW Rd, Highland, 62249 from 1-6 p.m. For reservations, please call (618) 654-6367

July 16-21, 2022: National Convention, Kansas City Missouri

August 26-28, 2022: Council of Administration Meeting, Springfield, IL. August 27th will be the date for the State Commanders Homecoming Banquet. Tickets will go on sale at a later date.

September 1, 2022: Quartermaster bonds issued through State Headquarters expire

September 24, 2022: Illinois Day at the National Home (Eaton Rapids, Michigan)

**Voice of Democracy Program
Dave Darte, Chairman
Email: ddartevod@yahoo.com**

I hope you are as excited as I am to view the upcoming National Parade of Champions. Be sure to tune in and celebrate with all of the Young American Patriots from across the country. Let's wish our State Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Winners the best. The program will air April 7th at 7:00p.m. Central time. The link is: [live on Facebook](#)
The new Student Entry Forms are scheduled to be released on April 8th. The 2022-2023 Themes are:

Patriot's Pen-- "My Pledge to Our Veterans?"

Voice of Democracy-- "Why is The Veteran Important?"

National Home Program

**Michael McGrath, Chairman
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Naperville, Illinois 60540
Phone: 630-357 2680
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Paul Zinck, Assistant Program Chairman

**** Note Program Deadline April 30 ****

Comrades we are reminded that our Program deadline of April 30 is fast approaching and we thank all of the Posts and Districts who have already participated as your donations are greatly appreciated and very helpful. Today as in the past there are thousands of military children with active-duty parents, many of whom have had several combat deployments in our "All Volunteer Military".

**** Thank you All****

Our thanks to the Department of Illinois for your outstanding support especially during these challenging times. Special thanks to Districts 12 and 14 who are at 100%. Districts 17 and 18 who are within 2 Posts, and Districts 4, 11, 16 and 19 who are within 3 Posts.

****Please Note, April is the Month of the Military Child****

The combat deployments of parents or siblings can cause emotional impact and give military children a lot of worry to carry on their shoulders and the month of April as been designated as "The Month of the Military Child" by the United States Department of Defense.

****Purple to show your support****

The color purple is designated as the official color to show support and thank our military youth and their families for their selfless service to our country.

****Purple Up Day****

Purple Up Day this year is April 20. Please wear purple to show your support!

Other ideas include recognizing and saluting military children at school and sporting events. It can also be a great way to show our appreciation as we go through these challenging times.

The VFW National Home has been helping military families since 1925 and receives no government funding. We are grateful to our Posts, Auxiliaries and communities for your generous support.

Don't forget the National Home Help-line (800)313-4200. Could this help someone you know?

****Strong Finish****

Lets honor our Commander Bobby Welch and our Department by having a Strong Finish! Please keep reporting and do reach out if you've got any questions.

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**Marketing/Public Relations Program
Barbara Wilson, Chairman**

2021-2022 Illinois VFW Publications Contest results

There were four entries in this year's Illinois VFW Publications Contest. All entries have been forwarded to the National Headquarters for entry in the national publications contest. Good luck to our editors.

Post Publications, published four or less times per year

1st place

Veterans of Mount Prospect Illinois (Post
1337, Mount Prospect, District 4) Editor
– John "Dutch" DeGroot

2nd Place The

Informer

(Post 4183, Scott AFB, District 14)
Editor – Janel Smith

3rd Place

Post 4495 Quarterly Newsletter
(Post 4495, Taylorville, District 11)
Editor – Anthony Durbin

Post Newsletters – published 5 or more times annually

1st Place

News and Views from Bremen Post 2791
(Post 2791, Tinley Park, District 16) Editor
– Roger Barton

There were no district newsletters entered in this year's competition.

Community Activities – Chuck Ingle

VFW Foundation ~ #StillServing Grant Program Types

for examples and further details, see www.vfw.org/grants

VFW #StillServing Community Support Grant

VFW #StillServing Community Support Grant has been designed to aid VFW Posts and Auxiliaries with projects that support, enrich and give back to their communities. Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$1,000 each.

VFW #StillServing Corporate Partnership Grant

The VFW #StillServing Corporate Partnership Grant has been designed to support community service projects that involve a local branch or affiliate of a VFW National corporate supporter (e.g., BURGER KING®, Sport Clips, Walgreens, Humana, Ace Hardware, etc.) may be eligible to receive up to \$1,500 in grant funding.

VFW #StillServing Community Volunteerism Grant

The VFW #StillServing Community Volunteerism Grant has been designed so that VFW Posts and Auxiliaries with volunteer hours logged may receive up to \$1,000 in unrestricted grant funds to be used to support VFW Post operating expenses. Each volunteer hour equates to \$1 in grant funding, and a minimum of 500 hours is required. To be eligible, the volunteer hours must have been applied toward a service project that involved a community partner such as YMCA, Scouts, American Red Cross, or a similar service organization.

Uniting to Combat Hunger see www.vfw.org/utch

Veterans Face Food Insecurity During COVID-19 Pandemic

For families already struggling to put food on the table, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a far-reaching impact on Americans across the country, ranging from job loss to food insecurity. Not being able to have access to enough nutritionally adequate foods to live an active and healthy life is something no one should have to worry about, including our nation's service men and women.

Department increased by 3% in the past month. Please remind your District that reporting for the current "X-Sheet" concludes in less than 30 days.

VFW 2021-2022 Community Activities, Dept. of IL

<u>District</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Posts Reported</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Community Activities Chairman</u>
3	Richard Luemen	5	38%	Israel Becerra
4	Stephen MacInnes	9	69%	Richard Wojewnik
5	Dwane Lungren	14	78%	Daniel Pearson
6	Ruben Hernandez	11	65%	Gary Holmes
7	Adam Lau	14	70%	Robert Sable
8	Arthur Munos	10	63%	Mark W. Sowers
9	Christopher Rush	7	37%	
10	Anthony Bellin	10	63%	Joseph H. Bartley
11	Rick Hobbs	13	100%	Glen Goodrich
12	Dustin Dixon	17	100%	
13	Christopher Hatcher	7	58%	Elmer McDuffee
14	Ronald Milton	17	100%	Terry Grime
15	William Hatfield	5	42%	Gary Fravel
16	Fred Cagle	5	45%	
17	Sean Conner	11	79%	Dan R. Swaner
18	Todd Latham	9	75%	Alejandro Gutierrez
19	Robert Bailey	21	88%	George R. Cramer

◆ Assistant State Chairman

Total Posts
264

X-Sheet Data
29-03-22

Department Percentage
70%

Compiled by
Chuck Ingle

Has your Post taken numerous photos of your Community Activity events throughout the term? Give each a caption, then organize your Community Activities Recordbook. Awards for the top Community Activities Recordbooks in each Membership Category will receive a \$50.00 Cash Award at the 2022 State Convention.

For those wishing to make hotel reservations online for the 103rd Department Convention in Springfield the weekend of June 9-12, you may do so by clicking the link to the corresponding hotel below.

[Wyndham Springfield City Centre](#) (VFW Convention)

700 East Adams Street

\$94/night plus 13% tax

(217) 789-1530

[President Abraham Lincoln, A Doubletree by Hilton](#) (Auxiliary Convention)

701 East Adams Street

\$94/night plus 13% tax

(217) 544-8800

You may also call Department Headquarters to make reservations over the phone, or contact the hotel directly at the numbers listed.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

GOT YOUR 6K

REGISTRATION FORM

FULL NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
SHIRT SIZE	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X

PLEASE CHECK ONE OPTION BELOW:

- \$35 Military/Veteran Entry \$40 General Entry (Age 5-59)
 \$35 Senior (60 and older) 4 and under FREE

REGISTRATION DAY OF EVENT IS
\$10 MORE THAN PRICES LISTED

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CARD TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER
CARD NUMBER	
EXPIRATION DATE	
SECURITY CODE (CVV2)	

COMPLETE BELOW IF BILLING ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE.

STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE NUMBER	

PLEASE NOTE: AN EMAIL ADDRESS MUST BE PROVIDED ON THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO KEEP REGISTRANTS UPDATED REGARDING ANY UPDATES AS WELL AS NOTIFICATIONS AS THE 6K APPROACHES.

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM. RACE STARTS AT 10 AM

WEATHER POLICY

No refunds will be given due to inclement weather. The safety of our attendees and volunteers is our primary concern. In the event of inclement weather, the race will continue under the following circumstances. The event will not be cancelled due to rain alone.

If lightning is seen and/or thunder is heard, the event will be postponed for a minimum of twenty minutes until no signs of the storm are present. Participants should seek shelter in their vehicles or a nearby building if available. If lightning and/or thunder continues twenty minutes after the scheduled event start, the race will be subject to cancellation.

In the circumstance of a tornado warning, the race will be cancelled. If the event is cancelled, you will receive an email with further instruction on a new date as well as other options we can offer to our registrants. Any event updates the day prior to the event will be emailed to participants.

WAIVER POLICY

All registrants must be 18 years or older to sign the event waiver. If a registrant is under the age of eighteen, there must be a parent/guardian signature on their waiver.

A waiver can be requested by contacting the State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters by calling (217) 529-6688 or emailing vwil@vwil.org.

Event Waiver:

I know that participating in a 6K Run is a potentially hazardous activity, which could cause injury or death. I will not enter and participate unless I am medically able and properly trained, and by my signature, I certify that I am medically able to perform this event, and am in good health, and I am properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to any aspect of my participation in this event, including the right of any official to deny or suspend my participation for any reason whatsoever. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the course which contains but is not limited to ruts, roots, bridges, branches, roads and trees, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Village of Riverton, Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars, any event sponsors, their officers, employees, representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use my photographs, video, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

I understand and agree to all terms and conditions of the waiver.

Signature:

If under 18 years of age

Parent/Guardian's Signature: