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Illinois

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CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

The PO Box has been closed and mail will only be forwarded for a short period of time. Please update all your records so mail is sent to our physical address. All correspondence sent to Department Headquarters via USPS should now be mailed to our physical address. Please update your records to reflect the information listed below.

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; the Quartermaster must be bonded for the total amount of liquid bonds and CD'S. According to the Post Inspection Form as published by the 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 its 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.

IMPORTANT-REPORT OF ELECTION FORM

National Headquarters has mailed all Post Quartermasters a packet which includes the 2023-2024 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 (OMS). Also included in that packet is information on how to register your Post for National Convention along with a room reservation form for National Convention. The 124th VFW National Convention will be held July 22-27, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ. 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 the 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.

REMINDER - STATE BY-LAW CHANGES

Resolutions having effect on the By-Laws of the Department must be received in State Headquarters by no later than April 30, 2023 so they can be circulated to all Posts within the prescribed time prior to the State Convention. Resolutions affecting Department By-Laws received after that date cannot be considered at this State Convention. ALL RESOLUTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PROPER FORM. Any Resolutions received that are not in proper form will be returned for correction. **NOTE:** in order for your resolution to be included in the State Convention Resolutions Book, it must be received at State Headquarters no later than **April 30, 2023**.

NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Part 216 of the National By-Laws is quoted below for your information and necessary action. Please note paragraph c.

Sec. 216 - Elected and Appointed Officers; Chairmen and Committees.

(a) The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander,

Quartermaster, Chaplain and three Trustees.

(b) The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant and Service Officer.

(c) The Post may elect or the Post Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day and/or Guard if required by Post By-Laws.

(d) The Post Commander may appoint such other chairmen and committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Post or as may be required by Post By-Laws.

A number of posts have by-laws that state that Post Officers will be elected in accordance with the National By-Laws or are silent on the election of officers as the National By-Law has precedence. With the change to 216c should review their by-laws and decide if they wish the positions in 216c to be elected or appointed. Part 416 of the National By-Laws is quoted below for your information and necessary action. Please note paragraph c.

Sec. 416 - Elected and Appointed Officers; Chairmen and Committees.

(a) The elected officers of each District shall consist of a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, and three (3) Trustees.

(b) The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Service Officer and an Inspector

(c) The District may elect or the District Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chief of Staff or Officer of the Day if required by the District

By-Laws

(d) The District Commander may appoint such other chairmen and committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the District or as may be required by District By-Laws
Paragraph c allows Districts to choose between election or appointment of the listed officers. Should the District wish to appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chief of Staff or Officer of the Day they need to have this reflected in their by-laws.

Part 417 of the Manual of Procedure

Sec. 417 - Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office. Order of nominations and elections.

The order of nominations and elections shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and Trustee(s).

Nomination: A member may be nominated and elected although not present at the meeting. A member making a nomination of an absentee for any office shall have presented to the Adjutant, in writing, the consent of the member being nominated prior to the closing of nominations. Any nominee shall have the opportunity to decline nomination for the office to which they have been nominated before nominations are closed. Nominations shall remain open until the District Convention is ready to vote.

Election: In balloting for District officers, a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for election. If there is no 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.

Challenging Election Results: If irregularities are claimed with respect to the election to any office, such challenge must be made in a writing containing specific details concerning the irregularities, signed by the challenger, and forwarded to the Department to the Department Commander, mailed no later than three (3) days after the election.

Installation: District officers shall be installed before the adjournment of the meeting at which elected. The installation shall be conducted by a member in good standing who holds or has held an office equal to or higher than District Commander, The District Commander-elect shall select the installing officer. An officer who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or cause; shall be installed at any succeeding regular or special meeting of a unit of the organization within sixty (60) days of the date of installation. If not then installed, the office will automatically become vacant.

Term of Office: Officers shall be elected for a term of one(1) year except that three trustees shall initially be elected for term of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years. District officers shall take office upon the conformation of election and installation of the Department Commander by the Department Convention.

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 216 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post

officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Post Election Reports must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1 to the National Headquarters. We highly encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The District Convention is held for the purpose of electing your officers for the upcoming administrative year. Any member, not a member of the District Convention, (Refer to Section 404 of the National By-Laws) may attend the Convention, however, they shall have no voice in business discussions unless requested by the Commander, and shall have no voting privileges. Those on official business shall be recognized by the Commander for the conduct of business. (Article IV, Sec. 403 – Regular, Special and Committee Meetings; Convention; Quorum; Authorized Attendees).

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED FOR ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the District Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to office. In the event an elected or appointed officer fails to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment, any right of the officer to hold the office shall be forfeited, the office declared vacant and the eligibility qualifications of such officer shall be questioned in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws.

COMMANDERS-ELECT AT ALL LEVELS

Your attention is directed to the fact that the State Commander does NOT ASSIGN a Past Post, District, County Council Commander or a State Officer to be an Installing Officer. This is something that is between you and the Officer you choose.

REMINDER – POST/DISTRICT OFFICER CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

Please note that changes in Post or District Officers must be reported to State Headquarters immediately. Changes in addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses should also be reported immediately – even if changes are made on the Online Membership System (OMS). These changes are not always transmitted to State Headquarters; please help us keep our records current.

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 - Post, Section 222

Delegates, Districts Conventions & Meeting, Department and National Conventions

Delegates and alternatives 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 is 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. Post 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.

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Part 222 of the Manual of Procedure

- *Please note the recent changes in Part 222 of the Manual of Procedure. Delegates to the District, Department and National Convention shall be elected in April*

Section 222- Delegates, District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions.

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SPRING POPPY DISTRIBUTION

Commanders on all levels should be organizing their 2023 Memorial Day Poppy Distribution. Promotional material is available from the VFW Store Catalog. Every Post is urged to order and distribute Buddy Poppies; poppies can be ordered and paid for from our website – www.vfwil.org. They are available in multiples of 500. All other accessories such as caps, aprons, cans, etc. can be ordered directly from the VFW Store at National Headquarters. If you order prior to April 14th 2023, **Poppies are priced at \$130.00 per thousand**; please allow eight to ten weeks when ordering your poppies.

Special Note: If you have ordered your poppies from the State website, please do not send a paper copy of your order form with your check. This will eliminate the possibility of a duplication of your order.

BUDDY POPPY PRICE INCREASE

Here is a message that we received from National Headquarters regarding a price increase for Buddy Poppies:

We are experiencing an increased demand for Buddy Poppies this year in advance of Memorial Day and additionally by folks trying to meet end of year All-American requirements. As you're likely aware through previous dialogue, the pandemic closed many of our assembly centers permanently, forcing us to obtain the assistance of a local nonprofit organization to meet production demands. The process of outsourcing Buddy Poppy assembly has forced us to pass the increased cost of assembly onto you, the consumer. Our original forecasts, using average demand numbers, projected the increase would not need to occur until the start of the new program year on July 1st. However, increased orders this year are rapidly depleting the supply of poppies we had in stock manufactured by those assembly centers.

As a result, National has increased the price of poppies significantly effective with any orders they receive beginning April 15, 2023. Due to processing time and procedures at State HQ, any order received prior to close of business on April 13, 2023 will be at the current price of \$65 per 500 poppies or \$130 per 1,000 poppies. Any poppy orders received at State HQ on **April 14, 2023 or after will be charged the new rate of \$140 plus shipping per 500 poppies or \$280 plus shipping per 1,000 poppies**. The only good news is that starting in July, National has streamlined the ordering process that State HQ uses to order poppies and we will have the ability to track poppy orders and this SHOULD result in quicker ship times for poppy orders and daily updating of the National dashboard for poppy orders.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 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.

Congratulations to our Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners from Illinois.

Our Patriots Pen winner Grace Garcia, Sponsored by Post 5151, District 4 finished in 5th Place at National and received \$2,500.

Our Voice of Democracy winner Andrew Kula, Sponsored by Post 5819, District 19 finished in 26th Place at National and received \$2,000

Themes for 2023-2024 Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy have been announced.

Information is on the vfwil.org web page and included as attachment in this General Order.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Javier Martinez, a Marine Corps veteran and high school history teacher at Kaneland High School in Maple Park, Illinois. He was selected to receive the 2023 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award at the high school level. He was sponsored by VFW Post 5819, District 19.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AD BOOK

The Program Book Order Form for the 104th Annual State Convention is included in these General Orders. Full Page Ads are \$200, Half Page Ads are \$100 and Quarter Page Ads are \$75. Ads on the Inside Front or Back Cover are \$300 and outside back cover is \$350. (Contact Headquarters Office for availability of Cover Pages) Please mail your ad form, picture (*if applicable*) and payment to Editor, State Convention Program Book, 3300 Constitution Ave, Springfield, IL 62711 or e-mail to vwil@vwil.org. Ads must be received in State Headquarters no later than **April 15, 2023**. **PAYMENT FOR ADS MUST BE REMITTED AT TIME OF PLACEMENT!**

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Your respective Programs end on **April 30th, 2023**. As soon as your program winners are determined, please send that information to Department Headquarters.

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS AND CITATIONS

The deadline for award nominations for our State Convention is **April 30, 2023** for the following categories:

- Outstanding Legislator of the Year
- Outstanding Patriotism of the Year
- Outstanding Governmental Service of the Year
- Clergy of the Year
- News Media Professional of the Year
- Outstanding Citizen of the Year

LOYALTY DAY, May 1st

Post and Districts are urged to start planning now for Loyalty Day (May 1, 2023) observations in their community. Go to the VFW Store for Loyalty Day Posters, Award Citations and Brochures and Patriotic Holiday Speeches are available at www.vfw.org.

VFW DAY OF SERVICE, May 6th

In 2020 the VFW launched the #stillserving campaign to highlight the countless ways veterans continue to serve in communities across America. This year the VFW is introducing VFW Day of Service. The inaugural VFW Day of Service kicks off the first Saturday of May-- May 6, 2023-- marking the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month. We're asking VFW Posts, members, community advocates and veterans of every stripe to band together to host one community service event on May 6th or at another point during the month, to make a meaningful difference in your community. Posts can sign up to participate or express an interest in participating by visiting <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/>. Service projects can be any size. After your project is complete, please send information and pictures on how you participated to State and National Headquarters.

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 15TH

Posts within the Department of Illinois are hereby instructed to fly their U.S. Flag at "half-staff" on May 15th, 2023 in observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15th as authorized by Public Law 103-122. (See law below):

175. Position and manner of display

The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

(A)-(1) (Unchanged)

(iii) The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only and then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-

staff according to Presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law. In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, territory, or possession of the United States, that Governor of that State, territory, or possession may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff. The flag shall be flown at half-staff thirty days from the death of a President or a former President, ten days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress. **The flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.**

STATE CONVENTION

The Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel, located at 700 East Adams Street in Springfield, will be the State Convention Headquarters for the VFW. The Auxiliary Headquarters is the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel; this hotel is located across the street at 701 East Adams Street in Springfield. State Headquarters IS NOT taking hotel reservations for State Convention. If you are on the Direct Bill and you have returned your form to State Headquarters, then State Headquarters will make those reservations. All other attendees are responsible to make their own reservations direct with the hotel. The cost is \$95.00/night for a standard room.

**Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel
700 East Adams Street, Springfield
Phone 217-789-1530**

**President Abraham Lincoln Springfield a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
701 East Adams Street, Springfield.
Phone 217-544-8800**

Tell them you are with VFW State Convention when making reservations. The links and codes for the hotels are on the state website www.vfwil.org under news on events page. A tentative agenda is attached.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

At State Convention this year, we will have breakout sessions which will be an opportunity to learn about the duties and responsibilities of Post Officers and Post Activities that will assist a Post.

There will be 6 breakout sessions for duties and responsibilities of Post Officer on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 1400-1500 hours.

Commanders and Vice Commanders

Quartermaster

Adjutant

Trustee

Service Officer

Chaplain

There will be 6 breakout sessions for Post Activities on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 1500-1600 hours

Membership

Fundraising and Grants

Social Media and Marketing

Publicity and Newsletters

VFW Programs

Audits and Inspections

PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION

The Past District Commander's Association is starting to meet again. During the State Convention, there will be a luncheon for the Past District Commanders Association on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 1200-1300 hours. Cost of the luncheon is \$20. Anyone that is a currently serving District Commander (term ending June 2023) and anyone that has served as a District Commander in the past is eligible to participate in the luncheon. Tickets can be ordered through State HQ.

COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

On Saturday, June 10, 2023 join the newly installed IL VFW State Commander and IL VFW Auxiliary State President in the Illinois/Capitol Room for the Commander and President's Reception. Cost of the reception is \$10. Tickets can be ordered through VFW State HQ.

2023 DISTRICT COMMANDER-ELECT CONFERENCE

Once District Elections are held, an invitation will be sent to newly-elected District Commanders for 2023-2024 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 8th, 2023 at 8a.m. The agenda is attached.

PLEASE NOTE: District Commanders-Elect should be present during Council of Administration Meeting, June 8th, 2023. Please dress in a *coat, tie and cap* to have your photograph taken. Also, they **must** be present Saturday, June 10th, 2023 during the installation of officers!

Sunday morning, June 11th, 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.

STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Included in these General Orders is the Advance Registration Form for the State Convention. Delegates can also be registered online by going to www.vfwil.org. The registration fee is \$15.00 until **June 2nd, 2023**, and will be \$17.00 after **June 2nd 2023**. Letters of registration conformation will be mailed to registrants after the proper registration fee has been paid. Registrants will be required to present this conformation when they check in at the convention registration desk at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. **Reminder:** Delegates **will not** be allowed to vote until such issues have been resolved; if the Post is in arrears for supplies, poppies or any sort of financial obligation to the Department. The Post must be bonded, inspected, have an election report on file with Department and National Headquarters for the ensuing year, and all audits **including** the **March 31st, 2023** audit must be submitted and approved. Delegate strength to the convention is based on one delegate and one alternative delegate per thirty members or fraction thereof. Registration will be open

in the Prairie Room of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre:

Thursday June 8, 2023	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday June 9, 2023	8:00am - 4:00 pm
Saturday June 10, 2023	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

ATTENTION POST COMMANDERS

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

“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. Post failing to comply with this requirement shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.

CONVENTION EXHIBIT BOOTHS

Please let the businesses in your area know exhibit space is available during our 104th Annual State Convention at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. Contact State Headquarters at 217-529-6688 for more information.

HUMANA AND UNITING TO COMBAT HUNGER GRANT

This year at State Convention, we are expanding the vendor and exhibitor area. We have organizations that provide services to veterans. We have organizations that will work with VFW Posts and Auxiliaries to support veterans or to support community activities. One such vendor is Humana. Humana has been a great supporter of the IL VFW and supports many of our activities. Humana is also a National Sponsor of the VFW and is a major supporter of the Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) Program.

At State Convention this year, we are working with Humana to raise awareness about food insecurity but also to promote the UTCH Grant Program and we are inviting everyone to join the fight against food insecurity.

Bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to the Humana Booth in the vendor/exhibitor area. For every 5 items donated, you will receive 1 raffle ticket and the winner of the raffle will receive a Yeti Cooler. In addition, the winner of the raffle will have the

opportunity to complete a UTCH Grant Application and their Post or Auxiliary will be submitted for the grant. The amount of food collected will determine the amount of the grant.

The food we collect will be donated to the Veterans Pantry at Spring Street Renaissance Center, which is a homeless veterans shelter in Springfield, IL.

Join the Fight for Food Insecurity, help homeless veterans, and earn an opportunity to win up to \$1,500 UTCH Grant for your Post or Auxiliary. See the attached flyer.

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 *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, Post 6504-14

Roger D. Guebert, Post 7980-14

Thomas Cleland, Post 2955-6

John Lenhardt, Post 6504-14

Matthew Willis, Post 6871-10

POPPY DISPLAYS

Poppy Displays will be accepted in the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre starting on Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm, and continuing on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

All poppy displays must be picked up from the *Rendezvous Room* before 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

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.

SUPPLY SALES BOOTH

The Supply Sales Booth will be set up in the *Prairie Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre starting on Thursday, June 8, 2023 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.

Distinguished Guest Committee:

Brad Gould, Post 630-7

John Davin, Post 5917-18

Bill Wolff, Post 2377-19

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 8, 2023. They should also be in attendance for the Joint Opening Session on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 8:00 am in the *Grand Ballroom* and all business sessions on Friday and Saturday.

Credentials Committee:

Chairman: George Doeden, Post 2580-16

Scott Holley, Post 3873-19

Joe Wein, Post 2202-4

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

Jeff Britt: Post 6865-14, Officer of the day

Sam Scaife Jr: Post 2024-3, Sergeant-At-Arms

Raymond Bachewicz: Post 2298-5, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms

Jack Lamont: Post 3851-13, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms

Roy Johnson: Post 5220-3, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms

2023 ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION RAFFLE

The 2023 Convention Raffle Tickets are in the mail!! This year's mailing consists of two sheets of tickets and each sheet has five (5) Convention Raffle Tickets for \$20.00 and two Purple Heart Tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held at the VFW State Convention on Saturday, June 10, 2023, in Springfield, Illinois. Grand Prize is \$10,000.00. Second Prize is \$3,000.00, Third Prize is \$2,000.00 and Fourth through Tenth Prize is \$500.00 each. Purple Heart Grand Prize is \$2,000. Please contact State Headquarters for additional tickets.

ALL-STATE POST AWARDS

The 2022-2023 All-State Program is designed to recognize exceptional leadership and teamwork, not only in Membership but in overall Post/District development and VFW Programs. If a Post qualifies to be "All-State", ALL Post members will be recognized for this achievement because THEY ARE A TEAM. The All state Team of Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters will be made up of Post who achieves:

- Membership greater than 102%
- Post must hold 2 membership drives/events and submit report to Program Reporting Dashboard
- Post must be 100% reported on the Department Programs Reporting Dashboard
- Post must be in compliance with all questions on the National and Department Inspection Sheets (For example: a post that is not incorporated shall not be eligible until proof is provided that they are in compliance.)
- Post must order at least 5 poppies per member with a minimum of 1,000 poppies
- Post must have a nomination from Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year Awards. Donations as stated in the Commander's Leadership Manual or as stated above will be accepted if Post does not have a nomination
- Post must have representation at all properly called District Conventions and meetings
- Post must have representation at all of their respective Regional Commander Calls (A roll Call will be taken)
- Post must make a \$50 donation to the Service Office Support Program (SOS), This is separate from the Red, White and Blue Program donations
- New Post need to attain 50 members to become All-State

The All-State Program runs through June 15th, 2023. To receive All-State Awards at

the State Convention, the deadline for completion of All-State Criteria is April 30, 2023. All-State Post Commanders will receive an All-State Post Commanders Cap and Distinguished Service lapel pin. All-State Post Quartermasters have the option to purchase an All-State Post Quartermaster Cap and will receive a Distinguished Service lapel pin. All-State Post Members have the option to purchase an All-State Team Member cap.

ALL-STATE DISTRICT CRITERIA

The All-State Program runs through June 15, 2023. To receive All-State Awards at the State Convention, the deadline for completion of All State Criteria is **April 30, 2023**. All-State District Commanders will receive an All-State District Commander's Cap and a Distinguished Service Lapel Pin. There will be no limits to the number of Districts that can achieve All-State status. The criteria is as follows:

- Membership greater than 100%
- Districts must have 100% of Posts inspected and the inspections must be cleared by the State inspector by April 30, 2023
- Districts must hold a minimum of one School of Instruction and submit a report to State Headquarters
- District must ensure at least 4 Posts hold a membership drive/event and submit report to Program Reporting Dashboard
- Districts must submit 1 of each of the following to Department Headquarters for judging:
 - Patriots Pen
 - Voice of Democracy
 - Teacher of the Year
 - Police Officer of the Year
 - Firefighter of the year
- District must forward a record of the Roll Call of Officers and Posts of each District meeting to State Headquarters.

ALL AMERICAN POST LEADERSHIP CRITERIA

- Membership greater than 100%
- Must conduct two Membership Recruiting events and submit reports through the All-American Dashboard
- Post Election Report must be submitted to National
- Meet all of the following Program Participation Criteria:
 - Voice of Democracy - Minimum of one entry advanced to District judging
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs Services (Minimum of \$100)
 - Teacher of the Year award - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging
 - Submit a community service report to their department for submission to All-American Dashboard NLT Jun 30, 2023
 - Buddy Poppy – Purchase five per member in the Post

ALL AMERICAN DISTRICT CRITERIA

- Membership greater than 100%
- Must conduct two Membership Recruiting events and submit reports through the All-American Dashboard
- District Election Report must be submitted to National
- Meet all of the following Program Participation Criteria:
 - Voice of Democracy - Minimum of one entry advanced to District judging
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging
 - Teacher of the Year award - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging

NEW CENTURY RAFFLE

The New Century Raffle has officially started and will run through June 30, 2023. The tickets are just \$10.00 each. Each ticket entitles you to participate in a weekly drawing of \$100 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Drawings will be held each Friday beginning July 1, 2022, with each week's winning ticket being returned to the barrel for the future drawings. This means each ticket has multiple chances to win. The seller of each ticket also has a chance to win \$10.00. If seller prints their name on ticket, they will receive \$10.00. If the seller does not sign the ticket, the \$10.00 will be automatically donated and split between Department's Unmet Needs Program and Children's National Home. Winners will be announced each month in the General Orders and posted on <http://vfwil.org> web site.

WEEKLY WINNER

<u>Date of Drawing</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
3/3/2023	Bruce Hazelman	Bruce Hazelman
3/10/2023	William and Nancy Mancke	No seller listed
3/17/2023	Joni Long	James Long Jr.
3/24/2023	John Hollandsworth	No Seller Listed
3/31/23	Emma Guerard	J. Koch

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Barbara Wilson of Anna Post 3455 on being selected as the March Veteran of the Month! Thank you to all who submitted nominations for this month, please continue to do so and for those that did not please look for those comrades from your post who stand apart from the rest by serving the community, Veterans and embodying the purposes of our congressional charter: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United states from all her enemies.

124TH VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION

Phoenix, Arizona is the host city for the 124th VFW and 109th Auxiliary National Conventions, which will be held **July 22-27, 2023**. Convention housing will open at a later date. Hotel reservations can be booked via the VFW website www.vfw.org . More information will be released as we receive it.

By Order of:

Official



Joseph H. Bartley
State Adjutant/Quartermaster



Bobby Edwards
State Commander

The 2023-2024 Themes for Voice of Democracy and Patriots' Pen have been announced.

**The 2023-24 theme for Voice of Democracy is:
*"What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"***

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022-2023 VOD Winner

During the Annual Parade of Champions, Andrew Kula, from Lemont, IL, represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Connecticut and Auxiliary Scholarship & Stephen and Elsie Riordan Memorial Scholarship (NJ) (combined).

**The 2023-24 theme for Patriot's Pen is:
*"How Are You Inspired by America?"***

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022-2023 PP Winner

National Fifth-place winner Grace Garcia, from Kildeer, IL, represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and was awarded the \$2,500 Rehoboth Beach Post 7447 and Auxiliary (Dept. of Delaware) Award.

The Rules and Eligibility for the 2023-2024 VOD and Patriots Pen programs and the Entry Forms have been posted to vfwil.org We have also posted a complete listing of the National Winners for both of those programs.

Now is the time to start getting the word out about the 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs

Admin

From: Erin Morrissey [erin@vfwil.org]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 7:41 PM
To: 'Joe Bartley'; Heather Etter
Subject: FW: NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM BULLETIN... APRIL 2023

From Mike McGrath for the GOs

From: Michael McGrath [<mailto:mackcav1@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 11:26 AM
To: Erin Morrissey
Cc: Mike Mcgrath
Subject: NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM BULLETIN... APRIL 2023

NATIONAL HOME BULLETIN APRIL 2023

Mike McGrath
Program Chairman
Address, 37 Sussex Court
Naperville, Il. 60540
Phone 630-357 2680
Email mackcav1@sbcglobal.net

Paul Zinck
Assistant Program Chairman

"APRIL, THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD."

ESTABLISHED BY THEN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CASPAR WEINBERGER IN 1986,
APRIL IS DESIGNATED AS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD. UNDERSCORING
THE IMPORTANT ROLE MILITARY CHILDREN PLAY IN THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY,
IT'S A TIME TO APPLAUD MILITARY FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE SACRIFICES
AND CHALLENGES THEY FACE EVERY DAY.

SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR
MILITARY KIDS WHO MUST OFTEN MOVE AND CHANGE SCHOOLS DUE TO A PARENT
BEING DEPLOYED.

"FREEDOM ISN'T FREE," AND WE ALL BENEFIT FROM AND SHOULD BE THANKFUL
FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

"PURPLE UP," ON APRIL 15 TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MILITARY CHILDREN.

PURPLE INDICATES SUPPORT FOR ALL BRANCHES THROUGH THE COMBINATION OF
ALL BRANCH COLORS,

AIR FORCE BLUE, ARMY GREEN, COAST GUARD BLUE, MARINE CORPS RED, NAVY BLUE,
AND SPACE FORCE BLACK.

SO DO "PURPLE UP" ON APRIL 15 TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR MILITARY CHILDREN.

NATIONAL HOME CAMPUS,

AS WE ENTER THE NATIONAL HOME'S 98TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO MILITARY FAMILIES, THERE
ARE A TOTAL OF 80 CHILDREN ON CAMPUS, BOTH ILLINOIS HOMES 1 AND 2 ARE OCCUPIED
AND THE 4H PROGRAM IS UNDER WAY!

HELPLINE... 800-313 4200

"CONGRATULATIONS"

"CONGRATULATIONS" TO DISTRICT 14 AND ROD THOMPSON COMMANDER FOR BEING 100%
REPORTED, THANK YOU ALL FOR THE GREAT SUPPORT.

"AND MAY GOD BLESS OUR NATIONAL HOME."

SCOUT OF THE YEAR

APPLICATIONS FOR SCOUT OF THE YEAR ARE DUE THE DEPARTMENT BY 1 APRIL 2023. IF YOUR POST HAS RECEIVED AN APPLICATION THEY CAN BE SCANNED AND EMAILED TO USAFRET1@ATT.NET OR MAILED TO 209 TAURUS DRIVE, SHILOH IL 62269.

FINAL JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE IN APRIL WITH THE DEPARTMENT WINNER BEING FORWARDED TO NATIONAL BY 1 MAY 2023.

R MILTON

Dept of Illinois Scouting Chair



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

VFW 2022-2023 Community Activities, Dept. of IL

<u>District</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Posts Reported</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Community Activities Chairman</u>
3	Chris Garza	4	36%	
4	Stephen MacInnes	10	83%	Tom Davidson
5	Kevin Cournoyer	10	63%	
6	Ruben Hernandez	10	59%	Rob Bland
7	Adam Lau	4	21%	
8	Arthur Munos	6	38%	Arthur Munos
9	Christopher Rush	2	11%	
10	Larry Carter	7	47%	
11	Rick Hobbs	13	100%	Glen Goodrich
12	Dustin Dixon	17	100%	
13	Don Porter	4	33%	
14	Rod Thompson	16	94%	John Barrett
15	Christopher Maynor	7	58%	
16	Fred Cagle	4	36%	
17	Sean Conner	6	43%	
18	Todd Latham	8	73%	
19	Bob Zeman	21	91%	George Cramer

Total Posts
255

Dashboard Data
3/29/2023

Accuracy
update 1-Mar

Department Percentage
58%

Compiled by
Chuck Ingle

Charles E. Ingle • State Community Activities Chairman
Department of Illinois
chuck@roscoevfw.com • 815 979-7152

Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland has issued a challenge to all VFW members for the Month of April 2023 with a focus on Life Membership!

This month, the Commander-in-Chief is issuing a challenge to all VFW members to get out there and tell eligible veterans about Life Membership and the Life Membership Installment Plan. Increasing our number of Life Members helps the VFW achieve our mission and maintain membership strength, and the Installment Plan provides an affordable way to make a member for life.



(brown or black)

We want every VFW member to be a recruiter, so this challenge is aimed at our individual members!

For every Life and Life Installment member, either new or reinstated, the VFW member who recruits them will get an entry for each one into a drawing for a VFW leather bomber jacket to show our appreciation for those members who are helping to strengthen our ranks!

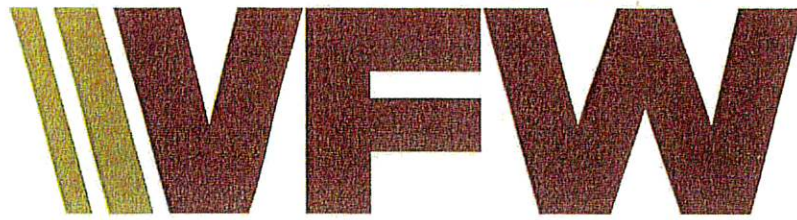
For the month of April, we are going to award 44 of these jackets to our top recruiters. We will draw winners based on their membership division as shown on the table to the right.

Division 1: 5 winners	Division 7: 4 winners
Division 2: 5 winners	Division 8: 4 winners
Division 3: 5 winners	Division 9: 3 winners
Division 4: 4 winners	Division 10: 3 winners
Division 5: 4 winners	Division 11: 3 winners
Division 6: 4 winners	

One of the Commander-in-Chief's top messages this year is that every VFW member is a recruiter, and we want to see everyone doing their part to help increase our membership! The Life Member Installment Plan is an easy and affordable way to make a lifetime commitment to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and to prove to the world that **EVERY VETERAN COUNTS!**

This contest will count the number of New and Reinstated members recruited by a VFW member who have enrolled in the Life Member Installment Plan or paid in full for Life Membership between April 1st and April 30th. Life Installment Plan Members processed through OMS must have responded to the automated email accepting the terms and conditions of the Plan in order to be processed. Signed membership applications sent in via fax, mail, or email will be processed when received and will count if received before April 30th.

STATE OF ILLINOIS



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

104th

Illinois State Convention Program Book Order Form

Our Post/District/Auxiliary would like to purchase the ad size selected

below in the 104th Annual Illinois VFW Convention Program Book

o Full Page - \$200.00 • o Half Page - \$125.00 • o Quarter Page - \$75.00

**PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT IN FULL OR
PAY VIA CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AT www.vfwil.org**

**BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE
JUNE 2023 STATE CONVENTION**

Please mail ad copy and any photos your Post/District wants included in the ad,
along with appropriate payment to:

*Editor, State Convention Program Book
3300 Constitution Dr
Springfield, IL 62711*

or send via email to: bwilson@vfwil.org

Questions? Contact State Headquarters at (217) 529-6688

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS APRIL 15, 2023

Thursday, June 8

- 0800-1200 District Commander Elect Training
- 1200-1300 Membership Challenge Luncheon (District Commanders – By Invite Only)
- 1330-1500 Committee Meetings
- 1500-1630 Council of Administration
- 1630-1700 Foundation Meeting
- 1800-1900 Memorial Service

Friday, June 9

- 0800-1000 Joint Opening Ceremony
- 1000-1200 Rules of Convention, Credentials, Legislative
Guest Speaker
Program Reports
- 1200-1300 Past District Commander's Association Luncheon (Cost \$20) BOS Center South Terrace
- 1300-1400 Program Reports
1st Nominations
- 1400-1500 Breakout Sessions (Duties and Responsibilities of Officers)
 - Commanders and Vice
 - Quartermaster
 - Adjutant
 - Trustee
 - Service Officer
 - Chaplain
- 1500-1600 Breakout Sessions (Post Activities)
 - Membership
 - Fundraising and Grants
 - Social Media and Marketing
 - Publicity and Newsletters
 - Programs
 - Audits and Inspections
- 1630-1700 Church Service
- 1800-1930 Patriotic Rally – Springfield Municipal Band

Saturday, June 10

- 0800-1100 Guests from other Veterans Groups
VA Hospitals
State Veterans Homes
- 1100-1200 Buddy Poppy
National Home Report and Silver March
other Program Reports
- 1300-1500 By-Laws and Resolutions
Credentials
Convention Raffle
2nd Nominations
Election
- 1500-1600 Installation of Officer
- 1800-2000 Commander and President's Reception (Cost \$10)

Sunday, June 11

- 0900-0930 Council of Administration

Agenda
District Commander Elect Training
June 8, 2023

08:00-08:15	Welcome and Introductions, Opening Comments	Adj/QM
08:15-08:30	State Commander and State Senior Vice Commander Welcome	Commander and Sr Vice Commander
08:30-08:45	Role of the VFW Auxiliary	State Aux Vice President Lynn Smith
08:45-09:45	Edutainment	Steve McInnes
09:45-10:15	Inspections	Rob Bailey and Clarke Christianson
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:00	Parliamentary Procedures	Rob Bland
11:00-11:30	Duties and Responsibilities of District Commander Review of 2023-2024 Commander's Leadership Manual	SVC Brett Nila
11:30-11:55	MEMSTATS and Membership	John McGlynn and Matt Willis
11:55-12:00	Closing Remarks	Adj/QM

104th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
VETERANS OF THE FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES

To: Department Adjutant-Quartermaster
Department of Illinois V.F.W.
3300 Constitution Drive,
Springfield, IL 62711

POST NO: _____

Please register the below listed Comrades for the Department Convention being held June 8-11, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois. The registration fee of \$15.00 per comrade is enclosed.

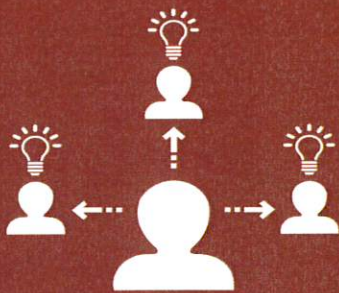
NOTE: REGISTRATION FEE AFTER JUNE 2, 2023 WILL INCREASE TO \$17.00 PER PERSON. SO REGISTER EARLY!!!

	Name	Street	City	Zipcode
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14.	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____	_____

This form may be photo-copied for additional names if needed.



**GET
INVOLVED.**



**RAISE
AWARENESS.**



**FIGHT
HUNGER.**

**JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOD INSECURITY BY
PARTICIPATING IN OUR FOOD DRIVE AT STATE
CONVENTION JUNE 8-10, 2023!**

**Bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to
the Humana Booth. For every 5 items donated, you
will receive 1 raffle ticket. Winner of the raffle will
receive a Yeti Cooler and their Post/Auxiliary will be
submitted for Uniting to Combat Hunger Grant**

**Food will be donated to Veterans Pantry at Spring Street Renaissance Center
(Homeless Veterans Shelter)**



STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 5 marks Gold Star Spouses Day for 2023; and,

WHEREAS, in 2010, Gold Star Wives Day was created to honor the sacrifices made by military spouses; the day was later changed to Gold Star Spouses Day to be more inclusive; and,

WHEREAS, in 1947, the gold star lapel pin was approved by the United States Congress; and,

WHEREAS, the pin is a gold star on a purple background and represents service members who died in combat - it is presented to the spouse or next of kin along with the national colors; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of spouses of Military Servicemembers have lost their spouse who served in the Armed Forces and also deserve national recognition for the burden and legacy they carry, and,

WHEREAS, this designation is a small token of gratitude that the people of the United States owe to the service members who sacrificed all in protecting the freedom of the United States and the people of the United States;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2023, as **Gold Star Spouses Day** to honor the sacrifices and hardships of the spouses of Fallen Servicemembers and encourage the residents of Illinois to observe Gold Star Spouses Day in support.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this _____ TENTH _____ day of _____ MARCH _____, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
_____ TWENTY-THREE _____, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and _____ FIFTH _____.*



Alexis Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR

MAY 3-5 2023 | JOIN US IN BRANSON



Purple Heart Reunion
HONORING PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

Calling All Purple Heart Recipients!

RECONNECT
WITH OLD
FRIENDS.

CREATE NEW
COMPANIONS.

MAKE
MEANINGFUL
MEMORIES.

Where: Westgate Branson Woods Resort

When: May 3-5th 2023

Event will feature:

- Meet & Greet
- Clay Cooper Show
- Fishing Tournament
- Dinner & Dance

Contact Ozarks Kirkwood for more
information on booking your spot:

(417) 335-4668

BRANSON VETERANS  **TASK FORCE** 

PGA HOPE

HELPING OUR PATRIOTS EVERYWHERE

PGA HOPE Clinics

Oak Brook Program

OAK BROOK GOLF CLUB

9157 Fruit Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025

MAY 20TH - JUNE 24TH

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9:00AM - 10:30AM

- Adaptive Instruction provided at no cost.
- Use of adaptive golf equipment.
- No prior experience necessary
- Returning participants are welcome.



Lead Professional
Mike Suhre, PGA

Limited Space, Register Now!

To register for the clinics, you can take a picture of the QR

Code above or contact Fernando Molina at

f Molina@pgahq.com or (636) 579-0281

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PGA HOPE Clinics

Springfield Program

LINCOLN GREENS GOLF COURSE

700 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712

MAY 10TH - JUNE 14TH

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 12:30PM - 2:00PM

- Adaptive Instruction provided at no cost.
- Use of adaptive golf equipment.
- No prior experience necessary
- Returning participants are welcome.



Lead Professional
Lance Flury, PGA
Instructor

Linda Sherwood, LPG
Instructor

Mike Logsdon, PGA
Instructor

Bob Ralph, PGA

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PGA HOPE Clinics

Edwardsville, IL - Women's Only

Sunset Hills Country Club
2525 S State Rte 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025

MAY 14TH - JUNE 18TH
EVERY SUNDAY FROM 10:00AM - 11:30AM

- Adaptive Instruction provided at no cost.
- Use of adaptive golf equipment.
- No prior experience necessary.
- Returning participants are welcome.



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Lead Professional
Jon DePriest, PGA

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Instructor
Sally Collins, PGA

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PGA HOPE

HELPING OUR PATRIOTS EVERYWHERE

PGA HOPE Clinics

Quincy Program

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Adams County, 700 S 36th St, Quincy, IL 62301

MAY 10TH - JUNE 14TH

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 2:00PM - 3:30PM

- Adaptive Instruction provided at no cost.
- Use of adaptive golf equipment.
- No prior experience necessary.



Lead Professional
Gideon Smith, PGA

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
"WE DO MORE FOR VETERANS"

URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED FOR

— ★ ★ ★ —

ROLLING FORK, MS

Donation Drive

Donation event to help raise funds for our veterans in need of support from the tornado that destroyed this town and the surrounding communities



Monetary, Gift Cards, Personal Hygiene
and female hygiene and Restaurant gift
card and canned food



DROP OFF BEFORE

13 APRIL 2023

8:00 PM



Drop Off Locations

VFW POST 1308 ALTON, IL
VFW POST 7678 COTTAGE HILLS, IL



WE WILL BE TAKING THESE ITEMS DOWN
APRIL 14-16