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Illinois

2022-2023 Series
General Orders No. 8
February 2023

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

The P O 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

INCORPORATION OF UNITS

Your attention is directed to the following excerpts from Section 708 of the Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

BYLAW - Posts, Districts, and Departments of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States **shall be incorporated** within the state where they are located **as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure.**

MANUAL OF PROCEDURE - Proposed Articles of Incorporation and amendments thereto shall be forwarded to the Department Commander for review through channels to the Adjutant General for review by the Commander-in-Chief for compliance with this Section. **Articles shall not be filed with the appropriate state officials until review has been completed.** No proposed Articles or amendments thereto shall be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief unless so recommended by the Department Commander.

PATRIOT'S PEN WINNERS

The four finalists for Department Patriot's Pen are listed below.

Grace Garcia, District 4, Post 5151
Chris Mertz, District 5, Post 4600
Connor Allison, District 9, Post 4999
Makayla Korsmeyer, District 12, Post 5694

VOD AND PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET

The doors will open for the 77th annual Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Banquet at 6:00p.m., on Saturday February 11, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Springfield. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

Quartermasters are reminded and encouraged to go to the Online Membership System (OMS) and click on the reports listing members that are 30 and 60 days from expiration. All officers are encouraged to make every effort to contact these continuous members and ask them if they are ready to renew their membership or become Life Members prior to their expiration date. Remember that the Post Relief Fund can help pay the dues of a member that wishes to remain a member but is financially unable to pay his/her dues.

BONDS

Posts not bonded with the State of Illinois VFW are required to provide State Headquarters with a copy of the Surety Bond with a Fidelity Company approved by your Post membership.

Bonds are valid from September 1 through August 31 annually. If you have questions or concerns, please contact State Headquarters at (217) 529-6688.

SEC. 219 - RELIEF FUND

Section 219 of the National by-laws is quoted below:

A relief fund will be established and maintained by the Posts. In this fund shall be credited the net proceeds of the distribution of Buddy Poppies and such other monies as may be solicited or donated for veteran's relief purposes. Expenditures from the relief fund shall be as prescribed in Section 219 of the Manual of Procedure.

Any audit submitted to Department Headquarters that does not indicate the Post is maintaining a Relief Fund will be rejected and returned for correction.

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.

Information on reserving your room for the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel or the Wyndham City Centre Hotel will be in upcoming General Orders and on the vfwil.org web page under "Events" Tentative Agenda is attached.

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 is \$17.00 after **June 2nd, 2023**. Letters of registration confirmation will be mailed to registrants after the proper registration fee has been paid. Registrants will be required to present this confirmation 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 31, 2023 audit must be submitted and approved.

Delegate strength to the convention is based on one delegate and one alternate delegate per thirty members or fraction thereof.

ILLINOIS VFW PUBLICATION CONTEST

Editors of Post and District publications are invited to send in a copy of one issue published during 2022 for the Illinois VFW Publications Contest. Please provide the contact information for the Editor, as well as how often the newsletter is published. If you want to send a hard copy – mail to Barbara Wilson, Editor, 802 N. 3rd St., Riverton, Illinois 62561. You can also e-mail a copy to bwilson@vfwil.org.

DEPARTMENT BY-LAW CHANGES

Resolutions having effect on the By-Laws of the Department must be submitted in **proper form** and received by State Headquarters by no later than **April 30, 2023**** so that the resolutions can be circulated to all Posts within the proper time prior to the State Convention. Resolutions affecting the Department By-Laws received after that date cannot be considered at the convention. **If you have questions regarding proper form please contact State Headquarters.**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORDBOOK

Community service, as defined by the National Community Service Trust Act “encompasses any human act serving the common good; in the interest of the community.” Elsewhere, community service is further defined as “a service that is performed for the benefit of the public or its institutions.”

Annually we ask all VFW Posts to submit record books detailing their Community Service Projects. We encourage Posts to gather pictures, newspaper clippings, letters, receipts, etc and compile this important record of your Post’s activities in your community. We are receiving fewer and fewer entries each year for judging; ask for volunteers in your Post to assemble this important part of your Post’s history. Please contact State Headquarters if you have any questions.

When the Community Activity Record Books are submitted for judging they must have the official entry form attached to the inside front cover. The Official Entry Form is in the Commander’s Leadership Manual and at the end of these orders and your record book must be at State Headquarters by **May 2, 2023**, for judging on **May 6, 2023**.

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 vfwil@vfwil.org.

Ads must be received in State Headquarters no later than **April 15, 2023**. **PAYMENT FOR ADS MUST BE REMITTED AT TIME OF PLACEMENT!**

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS

Section 217 of the Constitution, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, states that *prior to the opening of nominations, the Post shall decide which form of election shall be used, unless the Post By-Laws specify the manner of election.*

Any nominee shall have the opportunity to decline nomination for the office to which he has been nominated before nominations are closed. A member making the 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 opening of nominations. Nominations of Post Officers shall open in March and remain open until the Post is ready to vote, provided, however, that when a poll system is used, nominations must be closed at the meeting prior to the election to allow the Adjutant to prepare a printed ballot.

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 and preprinted ballot. **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 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.

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 District Commander, mailed no later than three (3) days after the election.

Complete details regarding the election of Post, District, County Council and Department Officers are available in the 2023 Podium Edition of the National Constitution, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Every Post is urged to purchase a copy of the [Podium Edition](#) from the [VFW Store](#) for a nominal fee.

NATIONAL BY-LAW CHANGES REGARDING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers at all levels should take note of Part 216 and 416 of the National By-Laws regarding the election of officers. Please also take the time to review your Post/District By-Laws.

Section 416 – Elected and Appointed officers; Chairmen and Committees.

(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.

Section 216 - Elected and Appointed officers; Chairmen and Committees.

(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 the Post By-Laws.

VOTING AT DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Each member of a District Convention or District meeting are those persons as defined in Section 404 of the By-Laws, except delegates elected by the Posts, present at a District Convention or meeting shall be entitled to one vote, and an individual possessing more than one qualification for membership in the District Convention or meeting shall have no more than one vote. The delegate or delegates of a Post present at a District Convention or meeting shall be entitled to vote the full delegate strength to which the Post is entitled.

Should there be a division among the delegates representing the Post, each delegate present shall cast his pro rata share of the total voting strength of the Post. For the purpose of this Section (Section 421-Voting), a Post Commander shall be considered a delegate.

A roll call vote may be required and entered upon the record at the call of any three officers or delegates representing three different Posts.

This means that District Elections are determined, not by the number of individuals present and voting, but by the amount of weighted vote that each Post possesses

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.

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention Registration Fee of \$25 – which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Please note each additional delegate attending the National Convention will have to pay an additional \$10 delegate fee. Information on delegate registration will be available at a later date.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Posts and individuals have the opportunity to make donations to the Veterans of Foreign Wars by going to our state website, <http://www.vfwil.org>. Once on the website, by clicking on “Donation” link and following the instructions. Through that same form, it is also possible to purchase banquet tickets for state events, pay for poppies, and make donations for the x-sheet to the Department of Illinois VFW Programs. ***Don't forget to specify what the donation is for under the “allocate funds to” line. Please note, if you are paying for poppies, supplies, or VFW Programs, we need your Post number!***

BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM

Order your poppies now for your Memorial Day distribution or for your Poppy Display. You can order electronically from our webpage – <http://www.vfwil.org>, or fill out the form and mail or fax or just call us. Please keep in mind:

- You can order in increments of 500. Poppies are priced at \$130.00 per 1,000.
- Your poppies should be ordered 6 to 8 weeks in advance of your distribution. State Headquarters does have Poppies in stock for rush orders. A shipping charge will be added to the invoice for orders that are shipped from this office. **Please order early!**
- Poppies must be ordered using a name. Your order will be shipped to the *name* of the person who ordered them, but not to “VFW Post _____” or just “Commander” or “Quartermaster”.
- **Please include a street address.** Poppies are shipped via UPS or Fedex and cannot be delivered to a Post Office Box.
- Poppies can be paid for by check or by credit card. **Please submit payment with your order or pay promptly when invoiced.**
- Be sure to put an actual sale date on your order; to avoid paying for shipping, **do not just put RUSH or ASAP.**
- Poppy cans, caps, table covers, vests, aprons, etc. are ordered directly from the [VFW Store](#) at National Headquarters.
- **Special Note: If you have ordered your poppies from the State website and didn't pay with a credit/debit card, please do not send a paper copy of your order form if paying with a check. This will eliminate the possibility of a duplication of your order.**

FEBRUARY COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

**February 10-12, 2023 Crowne Plaza,
3300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703.**

All persons assigned or called-in to report during the February Council of Administration will receive two complimentary room nights from State Headquarters. It is their responsibility to cover any additional expenses – such as additional nights and incidentals, etc. Those called-in are expected to be in attendance for all meetings and to purchase a banquet ticket for the Voice of Democracy Banquet on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE

The Lincoln Pilgrimage will take place at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. All District Commanders are required to attend.

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 WINNERS

Date of Drawing	Winner	Seller
1/6/2023	Darrel and Hilda Fry	No Seller Listed
1/13/2023	Robert Drzewiecki	Robert Drzewiecki
1/20/2023	Bill Frazer	No Seller Listed
1/27/2023	Bruce Wendling	Bruce Wendling

OFFICIAL:



JOSEPH BARTLEY
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



BOBBY EDWARDS
State Commander

**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: _____

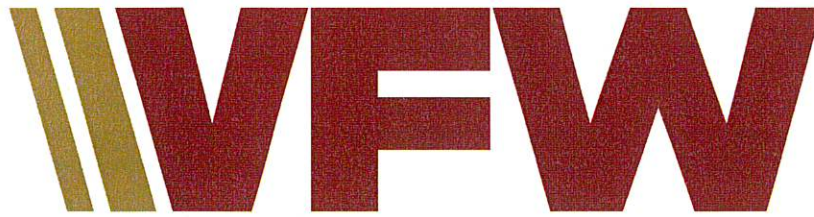
Please register the below listed Comrades for the Department Convention being held June 8-11, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois. The registration fee of \$15.00 per comrade is enclosed.

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

	Name	Street	City	Zipcode
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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



20__ - __ POST ELECTION REPORT

DATE OF ELECTION:

POST #	DISTRICT #	DEPARTMENT	POST NAME	POST DUES AMOUNT <small>Includes National and Department Per Capita</small>	\$
POST MEETING LOCATION (PHYSICAL ADDRESS)			POST MAILING ADDRESS		
BUILDING NAME (IF NOT POST NAME)			STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
STREET ADDRESS			ADDRESS LINE 2		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
POST E-MAIL ADDRESS			POST MEETING DAY/TIME		
POST WEBSITE		FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION # (EIN)		CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: <input type="checkbox"/> OWN <input type="checkbox"/> RENT <input type="checkbox"/> NO POST HOME <input type="checkbox"/> CANTEEN/CLUBROOM <input type="checkbox"/> PROVIDE HALL RENTALS <input type="checkbox"/> PROVIDE MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS	
COMMANDER					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
QUARTERMASTER					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
CHAPLAIN					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
JUDGE ADVOCATE (APPOINTED)					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SURGEON (APPOINTED)					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1 YEAR TRUSTEE					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
2 YEAR TRUSTEE					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
3 YEAR TRUSTEE					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
ADJUTANT (APPOINTED)					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SERVICE OFFICER (APPOINTED)					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

February Council of Administration and 77th Annual Voice of Democracy Banquet

Tentative Agenda (May be subject to change.)

Crowne Plaza Springfield
3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62703

February 10-11, 2023

Friday, February 10, 2023

1:00 PM	Various Committee Meetings <i>Plaza F</i>
2:00 PM	<i>VFW Sales Open</i> <i>West Plaza Lobby</i>
3:00 PM	Council of Administration Meeting <i>Plaza F</i>
4:00 PM	<i>VFW Sales Close</i> <i>West Plaza Lobby</i>

Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:00 AM	<i>VFW Sales Open</i> <i>West Plaza Lobby</i>
8:15 AM	Council of Administration Meeting <i>Plaza F</i>
12:00 PM	<i>VFW Sales Close</i> <i>West Plaza Lobby</i>
3:00 PM	Lincoln's Pilgrimage <i>The Lincoln Tomb & War Memorials Site</i> <i>1500 Monument Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702</i>
4:00 PM	Church Service <i>Plaza C</i>
6:00 PM	Doors Open for 77th Annual Voice of Democracy <i>The program will begin at 6:30 pm.</i> <i>Emerald, Diamond, Sapphire Rooms</i>

STATE CONVENTION TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 7

Set up State HQ Remote Office, Registration Area, Emblem and Supply
No VFW Events Scheduled

Thursday, June 8

0800-1200 District Commander Elect Training
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
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

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

Sunday, June 11

0900-0930 Council of Administration

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE
DSO MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

THIS REPORT IS FOR: Illinois Service Office

REPORT MONTH OF: Dec 2022

1. Office Interviews:	<u>209</u>	8. Appeals Actions	
2. Communications:		a. NOD Filed	<u>0</u>
a. Correspondence Recd	<u>122</u>	b. VA Form 9 Filed	<u>0</u>
b. Correspondence Orig	<u>254</u>	c. DRO:	
c. Emails Received	<u>263</u>	1. Conferences	<u>0</u>
d. Emails Responded to	<u>257</u>	2. Favorable Decisions	<u>0</u>
e. Telephone calls	<u>677</u>	3. Unfavorable Decisions	<u>0</u>
f. Other	<u>51</u>	d. VA Form 646 Filed	<u>0</u>
3. Claims Filed	<u>132</u>	9. Health Care Assistance	
4. Powers of Attorney Filed	<u>72</u>	a. Enroll 10-10EZ Compl	<u>0</u>
5. File Accessed	<u>48</u>	b. Health Care Ref Asst	<u>1</u>
6. Ratings Cleared	<u>133</u>	c. Hospitalized Vets Visit	<u>0</u>
7. Rating Queries	<u>0</u>	Veterans Assisted through	
		10. outreach	<u>20</u>
		11. New VFW Members	<u>0</u>

Awds Recd

Totals

12. DISABILITY BENEFITS

a. Compensation	<u>88</u>	<u>2,051,981.64</u>
b. Pension	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>

13. DEATH BENEFITS

a. DIC	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
b. Pension	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
c. Burial	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>

14. OTHER BENEFITS

a. VR & E	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
b. Waivers of Indebt	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>

15. C & C Awards

0 0.00

16. Lump Sum and Retroactive

45 405,871.88

17. TOTALS

133 2,457,853.52

18. Miscellaneous Comments:

Comrades, as per the Commander's Leadership Manual, in order to receive program credit, a minimum donation of \$50.00 is required and must be reported on the "Department of Illinois Dashboard" reporting form.

Your donation may be earmarked for a specific purpose such as a Life Membership or a Commemorative Brick or to the National Home's General Fund. Please remember to indicate your Post or District Number on your check and you must submit a program report to receive credit.

The top 3 Posts in dollars donated will receive a beautifully engraved plaque and citations will be awarded to all District which are 100% reported by April 30, 2023.

Important reminder, if your Post or District donated money to the VFW National Home during the Silver March at the State Convention in June, please notify the State Quartermaster's Office so as to get credit for the donation. Unfortunately, the money from the Silver March was deposited before the report showing which Posts or Districts contributed and how much was contributed was completed.

Thank you, we greatly appreciate your help and will work to get proper credit for you.

So do reach out! As your Program Chairman, I am glad to be of help to you.

Mike McGrath

Phone Number: 630-357-2680

Email: mackcav1@sbcglobal.net

We look forward to Illinois Day 2023 on September 23 and we will soon have information about the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the National Home in 2025.

Legislative report - February 2023

Many post have responded to our urging for VAC delegates.

Responses have included Inquiries about VAC communication to post on meeting dates.

Our committees best answer is that you must have your delegates seated by March 1.

Post have asked why VACs don't communicate with us. In many cases the VAC's do not know that you exist, you need to communicate with the VAC..

We urge that you look at your VAC Bylaws, and if necessary make changes so that all post receive email blast or written letters, confirming dates and agendas.

Our agenda for 2023 Illinois general assembly remains, keeping the Senate Veterans Affairs committee, transfer 4.7 acres to Fort Sheridan national cemetery and a definition for veterans service organizations in Illinois in keeping with the congressional charters.

On the federal side, our number one agenda item in keeping with The Illinois passed resolution at the VFW National Convention to give Guard and Reserve retirees veteran status under title 38. This would allow them to be admitted to the Illinois veterans homes. They cannot be admitted unless the VA pays the Perdiem. We've asked Senator Duckworth to sponsor the bill.

We've also asked the senator to introduce legislation to establish a superCBOC in Sangamon county. This is per a resolution passed by the VAC Sangamon county, to have a CBOC similar to that established in Peoria.

We have received communications from VFW National to have the President support repeal of concurrent receipt. Our committee is looking at all the VFW priority legislation, and we will urge the Illinois congressional delegation to support this legislation. However, we need every post to contact its Congressman and urge support for the VFW legislation.

Remember, all politics is local and your federal and state representatives are looking at their veterans for input on veterans legislation. You are their experts on the needs of veterans and their families. You need to provide them, and more importantly their staff with input. Again, we have fewer and fewer veterans involved in government and it our duty to fill the void.

Michael Peck
Chair, legislative committee

All-State Report
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
Feb 2023

Comrades we need your help and The Time Is Now! We have about 4 months remaining to complete actions for All-State Programs. I am confident most posts that have yet to report programs have completed them but have failed to notify Department they have completed them VIA the Dashboard. If anyone needs help getting things reported please call at 618 567 9296 or email me at SPE9296@YAHOO.COM.AU and I will be glad to walk you through reporting them

We have a lot of low hanging fruit we can knock out in the next few days. Americanism, POW/MIA, safety, Community Service, Youth Activities. I assume those of you with a post home fly the US and POW/MIA flags at your post. That minimally satisfies your Americanism and POW/MIA programs. If you display them at a meeting that also meets the requirement. Provide a safety briefing at your meetings or displaying some safety literature on your post bulletin board will meet that requirement. Community service can be anything your post has sponsored or supported in your community, albeit a nursing home, veteran's home, marching in a parade, donating funds to other organizations in your community, or assisting in a food drive and so forth. Youth activities can be anything from sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop, youth sports team, attending a school function honoring veterans, or conduction a class on flag etiquette. The possibilities are endless and I am confident most posts have simple neglected to complete the reporting process through the dashboard. We currently have 5 Posts that have not reported a single thing. With another 120 Posts are 40% or less on reporting with another 70 posts between 41% and 70% completed. Please take a few minutes to submit your reports by the end of March.

In addition to the low hanging fruit we also have programs that depend on every post donating a minimum of \$50.00 to sustain them: Homeless Veterans, Military Assistance Program, Commanders Special Project, VFW National Home and the Service Officer Support Program. Your Post donations are critical to ensure our ability to sustain these programs. Let's ensure we can support every veteran needing assistance, leaving no veteran behind. Please expedite your donation to the department ASAP.

I am including a spreadsheet reflecting posts status on District meeting attendance, Department Commander Call, Teacher of the year and Dashboard completion percentages.

Please pass this information on to your respective posts so they can get started aggressively addressing these programs and ensure we continue to provide support to all of our Veteran Programs.

Steve Eller

All-State Programs Chairman

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Dist	Post	Dist Attendance Rollcall	Dept Cmdr Call	Teacher Of The Year	Dashboard Completion %
3	198	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	0 of 25= 0% Complete
3	2024	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	3 of 25= 12% Complete
3	2729	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	15 of 25= 60% Complete
3	2978	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	4 of 25= 16% Complete
3	3940	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	3 of 25= 12% Complete
3	5079	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	4 of 25= 16% Complete
3	5216	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	5 of 25= 20% Complete
3	5220	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
3	6870	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	11 of 25= 44% Complete
3	8322	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	20 of 25= 80% Complete
3	8821	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	16 of 25= 64% Complete
3	9773	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
20003	Sol	Yes as of 23 Jan		Not Met	1 of 25= 4% Complete
4	981	Not Met	Not Met	Met	2 of 25= 8% Complete
4	1337	Not Met	Not Met	Met	2 of 25= 8% Complete
4	2202	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	16 of 25= 64% Complete
4	2868	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	13 of 25= 52% Complete
4	3579	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	21 of 25= 84% Complete
4	4831	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	2 of 25= 8% Complete
4	5151	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	14 of 25 = 56% Complete
4	5979	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
4	7186	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	12 of 25= 48% Complete
4	9284	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
4	10236	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
4	10778	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
20004	Sol	Yes as of 23 Jan		Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
5	1293	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	20 of 25= 80% Complete
5	1307	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
5	2245	Not Met	Not Met	Met	15 of 25= 60% Complete
5	2298	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
5	2486	Not Met	Not Met	Met	14 of 25 = 56% Complete
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5	4551	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	14 of 25 = 56% Complete
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5	4737	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Met	15 of 25= 60% Complete
5	5040	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	16 of 25= 64% Complete
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5	7448	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	20 of 25= 80% Complete
5	8387	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
5	8741	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
5	11496	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
5	12014	Not Met	Not Met	Met	23 of 25= 92% Complete
20005	Sol	Yes as of 23 Jan		Met	15 of 25= 60% Complete
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6	540	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
6	998	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	21 of 25= 84% Complete
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6	8455	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	14 of 25 = 56% Complete
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7	630	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	1 of 25= 4% Complete
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12	4528	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	13 of 25= 52% Complete
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15	7190	Not Met	Yes	Met	24 of 25= 96% Complete
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16	7660	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	3 of 25= 12% Complete
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16	8283	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	3 of 25= 12% Complete
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17	1769	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	14 of 25 = 56% Complete
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17	3637	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
17	4325	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
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17	7862	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	16 of 25= 64% Complete
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18	1493	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	3 of 25= 12% Complete
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18	5422	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
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18	5917	Not Met	Yes	Met	15 of 25= 60% Complete
18	6049	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
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19	503	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	14 of 25 = 56% Complete
19	1197	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
19	1578	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	12 of 25= 48% Complete
19	2149	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
19	2164	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete

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19	3873	Not Met	Not Met	Met	21 of 25= 84% Complete
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19	5768	Not Met	Yes	Not Met	14 of 25 = 56% Complete
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19	6663	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	11 of 25= 44% Complete
19	6791	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	16 of 25= 64% Complete
19	7446	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	20 of 25= 80% Complete
19	7452	Not Met	Yes	Met	15 of 25= 60% Complete
19	7539	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	22 of 25= 88% Complete
19	8081	Yes as of 23 Jan	Not Met	Not Met	6 of 25= 24% Complete
19	10396	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	11 of 25= 44% Complete
19	11018	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	4 of 25= 16% Complete
20019	Sol	Yes as of 23 Jan		Met	16 of 25= 64% Complete

From: Erin Morrissey
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 10:07 PM
To: Erin Morrissey
Subject: 2022/2023 Teacher of the Year Results

Good afternoon All! Department has received the results from the Teacher of the Year judges. The results are as follows...

K-5th Grade Winner: Jill A. Strohm, sponsored by Post 5975, District 17
K-5th Grade Honorable Mention: Tim R. Smiddy, sponsored by Post 1241, District 12
6-8th Grade Winner: Angie F. Menard, sponsored by Post 6632, District 14
6-8th Grade Honorable Mention: John J. Erwin, sponsored by Post 5036, District 19
9th-12th Grade Winner: Javier F. Martinez, sponsored by Post 5819, District 19

The overall Department winner was Javier Martinez, whose entry will be forwarded to National for judging.

All three winners will have notification letters mailed to them next week and the winners and honorable mentions will be published in the next General Orders.

Thank you,

Erin Morrissey

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MEET and GREET



THE DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
VFW AUXILIARY
INVITES YOU TO A
MEET AND GREET
IN HONOR OF OUR
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
JANE REAPE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

NORTHENDERS VFW POST #10302
2349 STOCKYARD ROAD
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

3:00 P.M. AISLE OF HONOR

*(Auxiliaries are requested to bring their small
flags and participate!)*

HOR D'OEURVES WILL BE SERVED

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!



**PHOENIX WEB VERSION
PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE
July 22-27,2023**

Note: This information will be updated periodically.

WELCOME TO PHOENIX

It's time to go beyond. Follow trails that reveal mighty mountaintops. Wander among iconic landscapes beneath picture-perfect skies. Let the Sonoran Desert be your guide to limitless adventure. Downtown Phoenix is where you'll find sports arenas, live music, rooftop lounges, museums, theaters, art galleries and more than 200 restaurants. Historic neighborhoods like Roosevelt Row and Grand Avenue share an urban footprint with modern marvels like CityScape and the Phoenix Convention Center.

CONVENTION LOCATION

Convention activities will take place at the Phoenix Convention Center located at 100 North Third Street, (downtown) Phoenix, 85004.

LOCATION

Phoenix is a place where it's easy to migrate between high culture and low, resort escapes and local hangouts, outdoor adventure, and poolside lounging. Start planning your trip at VisitPhoenix.com or [order a travel guide here](#).

WHAT TO WEAR

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are, All American Commanders) and may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken during those functions.

AIRPORT

Sky Harbor, dubbed America's Friendliest Airport, is the main airport for the Greater Phoenix area. Sky Harbor serves more than 120 domestic and international destinations. With 1,200 daily flights—about 500 of them nonstop—Sky Harbor is one of the most convenient airports in the United States. Sky Harbor is only 4 miles from Phoenix Convention Center and can be accessed via rideshare, taxi, or [public transportation like Light Rail](#).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Convenient transportation to and from the airport comes by way of PHX Sky Train. This driverless people mover transports Valley Metro Rail passengers to the airport from the 44th Street/Washington Street station. There passenger can take Valley Metro Rail to downtown Phoenix. The 28-mile line links Phoenix to the neighboring communities of Tempe and Mesa, and includes stops at attractions such as Phoenix Art Museum, Heard Museum, Chase Field, Footprint Center and Tempe's Mill Avenue.

PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel for parking availability and costs. Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center can be accessed via this link <https://www.phoenixconventioncenter.com/parking>

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP

See mobile APP for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW for Auxiliary, Hall 5-6.

Note: *Want to miss the crowds/lines and pick-up your name badge & packets early? Try Remote Registration. Both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY**. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, **Hyatt Regency Phoenix** and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, **Renaissance**.*

PACKET PICK-UP

VFW - if you are not pre-registered, you will need to go to Hall 5-6 at the convention center on Saturday, July 22 starting at 8a to register and pick-up your convention packet.

VFW & Auxiliary 'remote' **pre-registration**: Friday, July 21, 9a-5p
Renaissance - Locations/times: **Lobby**

VFW & Auxiliary 'remote' **pre-registration**. Friday, July 21, 9a-5p
Hyatt Regency Phoenix- Locations/times: **Lobby**

MOBILE APP

We will NOT be publishing a convention schedule of events in hard-copy. All events and convention information will be contained in the Mobile APP. Go to www.vfw.org/convention for instructions on how to download the mobile APP which will be closer to the dates of the convention. The mobile APP provides immediate updates on any changes that may occur during the convention.

SHUTTLES

The hotels in Phoenix are located in the downtown area and within walking distance from the convention center. Therefore, a **limited shuttle service** will be provided. The following is a **tentative** schedule of days the shuttle will operate. Specific times will be found in the convention mobile app. If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number provided in the mobile APP event schedule. A final shuttle schedule will be included on the Mobile APP and will be updated on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

Saturday, July 22, 2023

7a-8p

Sunday, July 23, 2023

7a-5p

Monday, July 24, 2023

7a-6p

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

7a-9p

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

7a-5p

Thursday, July 27, 2023

7a-6:30p

(refer to convention mobile app for complete schedule including pick-up and drop-off points)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Housing opens **2/17/23** and closes **6/21/23**. Go to www.vfw.org at the convention website. The official convention hotels for the 124th National convention are listed on the convention web site.

HOTEL PARKING

Check with your assigned hotel regarding parking availability and costs. Parking charges are set by the individual hotels and are not representative of fees charged by the VFW/Auxiliary.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

Note the Phoenix Convention Center is a 'Cash-less' facility. You will need to pay for any concessions with a credit or debit card. There are 'reverse ATMs' located throughout the convention center. You may put in cash and receive a VISA Card to use at no-charge. Upon leaving Phoenix, any remaining \$\$ on your card can be used anywhere VISA is accepted. Locations for the Reverse ATMS will be published ahead of the convention.

HYDRATION WHILE IN PHOENIX

Please note there are 'water bottle' filling stations located around the center. We encourage you to bring your own water bottles. If you choose not to do that, there will be other options for hydration at the convention center.

GRATUITIES

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for taxicab drivers and hotel bell-staff.

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages may be left with the hotel operator, who will make sure you get them as soon as you return to your hotel. In case of emergency, call the VFW National Headquarters 816-756-3390.

SAFETY TIPS (See hotel information located in room)

SPECIAL SERVICES

First Aid Room Location Phoenix Convention Center - Thursday, July 7/20-Thursday, July 27
Emergency--Emergency after hour's numbers provided before convention or call 911.

Scooter rental –Scooter rental information is listed on the convention web page.

If you have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, we encourage you to wear a mask while in attendance of the convention.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Check with VISIT Phoenix for locations of local churches, synagogues, etc. for services. VFW will conduct a Catholic Mass on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday morning, July 23 at the convention center. Protestant service will be held on Saturday 7/22 at 6p in the Convention Center. *Check Mobile APP for locations.*

QUIET ROOM

A QUIET ROOM for reflection will be open 24 hours at the Phoenix Convention Convention Center – *Check Mobile APP for location.*

MOTHERS ROOM

A mothers room will be located on-site at the convention center - *Check Mobile APP for location.*

AGENDA

See tentative web agenda at www.vfw.org 124th VFW National Convention information. A final agenda will be provided within the mobile APP and can be found by downloading the VFW Mobile APP approximately 2 weeks before the convention. Please note a Schedule of Events will **NOT** be printed. If you are unable to download the *Mobile App*. Please pickup a printed copy of the agenda at registration.

VISITOR INFORMATION PHOENIX

Phoenix Deals & Discounts

The deals are instantly delivered to your phone via text message or email, and you can use them right then and there – just show your coupon. So go eat, drink and play in Phoenix, and let our city surprise you.

Experience the best of downtown Phoenix by seeing these highlights!

Things to Do in Downtown: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/stories/post/things-downtown-phoenix/>

Roosevelt Row: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/greater-phoenix/phoenix/downtown-phoenix/roosevelt-row/>

Cityscape: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/greater-phoenix/phoenix/downtown-phoenix/cityscape-area/>

Attractions Closest to Downtown

Phoenix Art Museum <http://www.phxart.org>

Heard Museum <http://www.heard.org>

Arizona Science Center <http://www.azscience.org>

Desert Botanical Gardens <https://dbg.org/>

Explore Greater Phoenix during your stay:

Shopping (Biltmore Fashion Park & Scottsdale Fashion Square closest to Downtown):

<https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/shopping/>

Local Boutiques <https://www.visitphoenix.com/stories/post/where-to-shop-for-local-phoenix-goods/>

Dining <https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/restaurants/>

Museums <https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/arts-culture/museums/>

Sightseeing: <https://www.visitphoenix.com/things-to-do/tours/>

Bringing your family? Here are family-friendly activities sure to be a hit with all ages:

Purchase an [attraction pass here](#)

Children's Museum Downtown <http://www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org>

Arizona Science Center Downtown <http://www.azscience.org>

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament <https://www.medievaltimes.com/scottsdale>

Mavrix <https://www.mavrix.com>

Main Event <https://www.mainevent.com>

Arizona Boardwalk (Aquarium, Butterfly Wonderland, etc) <https://www.azboardwalk.com/>

VISITOR CENTER

Please visit the Visit Phoenix visitor center on the sixth floor of the One Arizona Center building in the Arizona Center 400 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 600, Phoenix. We are open Monday thru Friday 10 AM to 4 PM.

Visitors can also you the [online chat here](#) or email visitors@visitphoenix.com.

DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS



Downtown's roving hospitality team is on duty seven days a week, 365 days a year to help you — whether that means walking you to your hotel or simply offering directions. Ambassadors are on-foot or bike in areas of high pedestrian activity. Look for the folks wearing orange shirts with "ASK ME" on the back or call 602-495-1500. Complimentary services provided include:

- Walking Escorts
- Car Battery Jumps
- Umbrella Escorts
- Restaurant Recommendations
- Personalized Tours
- Entertainment Info