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Illinois

2022-2023

General Orders No. 1

July 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT-QUARTERMASTER

ALL QUARTERMASTERS: If you have not created an account on the Online Membership System (OMS), please go to <https://www.vfw.org/login.aspx>. Below you will see a link to *Create an Account*. After following the instructions, you will be identified as the Post Quartermaster.

National Headquarters will mail a PIN number to the address registered for the Quartermaster on your Post Election Report to complete your registration as Post Quartermaster. Once you enter the PIN number, you'll be able to update information for members of your Post, revise your Post Election Report, etc. ***Important note:*** *The Online Membership System will be unavailable beginning on Thursday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m. for end of year membership processing. All membership transactions should be entered prior to that time. Check back frequently for availability.*

Make sure to visit our state website – <http://www.vfwil.org>! You'll find upcoming events at the District, State, and National level. You can also view the new Commander's Leadership Manual, Illinois VFW submit/view online reporting for programs, etc! Please do not hesitate to call State Headquarters with questions – (217) 529-6688.

POST AND DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS

Posts that have not sent in a Post Election Report Form listing the Post Officers for 2022-2023 should do so immediately for matter of record and so mailings can be made to the proper officers within the Post. The District Election Report should be completed with not only the elected and appointed officers but the District Program Chairpersons

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.

PROGRAMS

Posts are reminded that now is the best time to send in their required X Sheet donations for Homeless Veterans, Commander's Special Project and Military Assistance Program. If you wish to donate to the National Home you may send that to Department as well.

THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS

Problems arising in the Post should be resolved through the proper channels – Post Commander, District Commander, and State Commander. Please do not hesitate to contact State Headquarters for assistance.

ALL POST AND DISTRICT ADJUTANTS

Keeping properly formatted meeting minutes is one of the most important duties you have to your post or district. There have been recent incidents of post meetings being held and important decisions, such as the membership approving to sell property, not being recorded in the minutes. If it is not recorded, it did not happen. For further information on how to properly record meeting minutes please refer to Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) Section 48, paragraphs 1 through 8.

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

All reports to the Council of Administration will be typed and forwarded to Headquarters no later than **Friday, August 5, 2022**. These will be presented to the Council in the form of a **Book of Reports**, you will be given two minutes to highlight any changes or important information contained within your written report. As a reminder, any action items that need Council of Administration approval will be listed after the information you are providing for your program report. District Commanders will be required to present these reports at their District meetings.

ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS AND POST COMMANDERS

REMINDER: Print each month's General Orders to take them to your Post and District Meetings. Please read them to your members so they are aware of what is going on within our department. Every month of General Orders can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.vfwil.org>.

ATTENTION POST COMMANDERS

Your attention is drawn to Section 218 of the National By-Laws...

Among the Duties of a Post Commander, the Commander shall:

Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings and County Council meetings (if applicable).

VETERAN OF THE MONTH, QUARTER AND YEAR

In an effort to create and maintain a culture of recognition, motivate high performance and reinforce desired behaviors. A new award has been instituted by the Commander and the leadership team to recognize outstanding Comrades who perpetuate the purposes set forth in our Congressional Charter. Post and District leaders are encouraged to submit to headquarters a narrative write up on a comrade from their Post/District that is leading from the front and supporting one or more of the purposes in Sec. 230102 of our Congressional Charter. The write up should be no more than one page in length and the first award will be given in August. Nominations are due by the 25th of each month. Veteran of the Quarter will be chosen from the 3 monthly awardees for that quarter and the Veteran of the Year will be chosen from the Quarterly awardees. A limited number of "spot awards" will also be available. Awardees will receive a Department of Illinois Meritorious Service Medal as depicted in the attached artwork.



Basic medal for
Spot Awards

Veteran of the Month
5/16" Bronze Star

Veteran of the Quarter
5/16" Silver Star

Veteran of the Year
5/16" Gold Star

Reverse

ELECTED OFFICERS

Below are the State Officers who were elected during our 103rd Annual State Convention...

State Commander – Bobby Edwards – Post 10302-10
State Senior Vice Commander – Brett Nila 5696-19
State Junior Vice Commander – Maurice Bridges – Post 4183-14
State Quartermaster – Joe Bartley – Post 10302-10
State Judge Advocate – Jayson Hoffman – Post 4763-10
State Surgeon – Eugene Blackwell – Post 311-16
State Chaplain – Gary Holmes – Post 2955-6

APPOINTMENTS

Below are appointments for the 2022-2023 year made by our State Commander...

State Adjutant – Joe Bartley – Post 10302 -10
State Assistant Quartermaster - Lee Morgan – Post 4763-10
State Assistant Adjutant – Dave Stout – Post 1308-12
State Veterans Service Chairman – Derek Giffin – Post 2378-4
State Chief of Staff – Ryan Higginbotham – Post 4226-13
State Deputy Chief of Staff – Duane Hisel – Post 4763-10
State Inspector – Robert Bailey – Post 7452-19
State Assistant Inspector – Clarke Christiansen – Post 9545-18
State *Illinois VFW News* Editor – Barbara Wilson – Post 3455-15
State Sergeant-at-Arms – Samuel Scaife Jr. – Post 2024-3
State Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms
 Raymond Bachewicz – Post 2298-5
 Roy Johnson – Post 5220-3
 Jack Lamont – Post 3851-13
State Officer of the Day – Jeff Britt – Post 6865-14
Aide-De-Camps – Kyna Simpson – Post 311-16, Robert Migalich – Post 4763-10
Advisor to State Commander – Phil Maughan – Post 3873-19
Emblem & Supply Chairman – Lee Morgan – Post 4763-10
State Marketing/Public Relations Chairman - Barbara Wilson – Post 3455-15
State Membership Chairman – Matthew Willis – Post 6871-10
State All-State Program Chairman – Steve Eller – Post 7710-14
State Student Veterans Liaison – Georges Sanon – Post 311-16
State Assistant Student Veterans Liaison – Jayson Hoffman – Post 4763-10
State Americanism/Loyalty Day Chairman – Sean Conner – Post 10009-17
State Blood Donor Chairman – Chris Maynor – Post 7190-15
State Community Activities Chairman – Charles Ingle – Post 2955-6
State Homeless Veterans Chairman – Paul Bezazian – Post 8322-3
State Hospital & VAVS Chairman – Harold Olsen, Jr. – Post 4079-9
State Legislative Chairman – Michael Peck – Post 2486-5
State Assistant Legislative Chairmen
 Jay Davis – Post 1197-19
 Dutch DeGroot – Post 1337-4 Jayson Hoffman – Post 4763-10
State National Home Chairman – Michael McGrath – Post 3873-19
State Assistant National Home Chairman – Paul Zinck – Post 805-14

State Veterans & Military Support Programs Chairman – John Metzger – Post 2671-15
 State Parliamentarian – Victor Smith – Post 1239-10
 State Photographer – Dutch DeGroot – Post 1337-4
 State Buddy Poppy Chairman – Stephanie Kirksey – Post 6504-14
 State POW/MIA Chairman – Clarence Caraker – Post 3455-15
 State Safety Chairman – Les Durov – Post 1337-4
 State Fair Chairman – Larry Carter – Post 10302-10
 State Voice of Democracy Chairman – Dave Darte – Post 3912-12
 State Assistant Voice of Democracy Chairman – Kyna Simpson – Post 311-16
 State VFW/MOC Coordinator – John Jakoby – Post 2978-3
 State Youth Activities Chairman – John Davin – Post 5917-18
 State Assistant Youth Activities – Michelle Ramlow – Post 1756-10
 State Scouting Chairman – Ron Milton – Post 4183-14
 State Yellow Ribbon Chairman – Joshua Seed – Post 755-10
 State Historian – Bobby Welch – Post 450-16
 Deputy/District Inspectors

- District 3 – _____
- District 4 – Steven Wilson – Post 5151-4
- District 5 – Richard Coombe – Post 7448-5
- District 6 – Mark Miller – Post 5418-6
- District 7 – Robert Sable – Post 454-7
- District 8 – Larry Hines – Post 5083-8
- District 9 – Christopher Rush – 4668-9
- District 10 – Lee Morgan – Post 4763-10
- District 11 – Fred Whobrey – Post 99-11
- District 12 – Timothy O’Donnell – Post 976-12
- District 13 – Chet Fisher – Post 4226-13
- District 14 – Elmer Sparwasser – Post 6504-14
- District 15 – John Metzger – Post 2671-15
- District 16 – Ermon Davis – Post 311-16
- District 17 – Jon Beck – Post 10009-17
- District 18 – Kevin Pomykala – Post 2199-18
- District 19 – William Regan – Post 7452-19

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING (AUGUST 26-27, 2022)

Northenders Post 10302
 2349 Stockyards Rd, Springfield, IL 62702

Hotels

Northfield Inn & Suites
 3280 Northfield Dr
 Springfield, IL 62702
 217-523-7900
 \$85.00 per night + tax

Ramada Springfield North
 3281 Northfield Dr
 Springfield, IL 62702
 217-523-4000
 \$85.00 per night + tax

Group name is VFW to receive special rate.

State HQ will make room reservations for Council of Administration members. All other attendees need to contact hotel direct for room reservations

All details are tentative and *subject to change*, such as meeting location and time.

The cut-off to make reservations is August 4, 2022.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS/PROGRAM CHAIRMANS

All Officers and Program Chairmen are expected to be in attendance for all meetings. The committees being called into the August Council of Administration will meet on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 1:00 pm and the August Council of Administration Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. The meetings will take place at Northenders VFW Post 10302. All *Program Chairmen* are expected to be present and to introduce themselves and outline their programs giving instruction on how to accomplish program goals.

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: If you need a PowerPoint presentation or any visual aid, please contact State Headquarters as soon as possible to have arrangements made. **If you have documentation you would like to handout, please forward them to State Headquarters by Friday, August 5, 2022!**

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Veterans Service Committee will meet at 1:00 pm ...

Dave Stout, Chairman

Bobby Edwards, State Commander

Brett Nila, State Senior Vice Commander

Maurice Bridges, State Junior Vice Commander

Joe Bartley, State Adjutant-Quartermaster

Bobby Welch, State Junior Past State Commander

ILLINOIS VFW NEWS COMMITTEE

The *Illinois VFW News* Committee will meet following the Veterans Service Committee...

Laurie Emmer, Chairman, Past State Commander

Barbara Wilson, *Illinois VFW News* Editor

Bobby Edwards, State Commander

Joe Bartley, State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget & Finance Committee will meet after the *Illinois VFW News* Committee...

Phil Maughan - Chairman

Joe Bartley – Assistant Budget and Finance Chairman

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The Council of Administration will meet at the Northenders VFW Post 10302, Springfield, IL on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 3:00 pm. This meeting should adjourn at approximately 5:30 pm, and reconvene on Saturday, August 27th at 8:30 am. The following State Officers and Program Chairmen should be prepared to report on Friday, August 26, 2022

Philip Maughan, National Council Member
Ryan Higginbotham, State Chief of Staff
Rob Bailey, State Inspector
Eugene Blackwell, State Surgeon
Jay Hoffman, State Judge Advocate
Gary Holmes, State Chaplain
Matt Willis, State Membership Chairman
Steve Eller, State All-State Program Chairman
Barbara Wilson, State Marketing/Public Relations Chairman
Georges Sanon, State Student Veterans Liaisons
Sean Conner, State Americanism Chairman
Chris Maynor, State Blood Donor Chairman
Stephanie Kirksey, State Buddy Poppy Chairman
Larry Carter, State Fair Chairman
Josh Seed, Yellow Ribbon Chairman
Charles Ingle, State Community Activities Chairman
Paul Bezazian, State Homeless Veterans Chairman
Harold Olsen, Jr., State Hospital & VAVS Chairman
Michael Peck, State Legislative Chairman
Michael McGrath, State National Home Chairman
Clarence Caraker, State POW/MIA Chairman
John Metzger, State Veterans and Military Support Programs Chairman
Laurie Emmer, *Illinois VFW News* Committee Chairman
Barbara Wilson – *Illinois VFW News* Editor
Les Durov, State Safety Chairman
Dave Darte, State Voice of Democracy Chairman
John Davin, State Youth Activities Chairman
Ron Milton, State Scouting Chairman
John Jakoby, VFW/MOC Coordinator
Dave Stout, Veterans Service Chairman
Phil Maughan, Budget & Finance Committee Chairman

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

These additional State Officers will also be called into the Council of Administration Meeting...

Derek Giffin, State Service Office Chairman
Lee Morgan, State Assistant Quartermaster
Jeff Britt., State Officer of the Day
Kyna Simpson, State Aide-De-Camp

STATE COMMANDER/PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

The Homecoming Dinner for Commander Bobby Edwards will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, in conjunction with our First Council of Administration Meeting..

You may purchase your tickets through State Headquarters by calling (217) 529-6688 or making a donation on <http://www.vfwil.org>. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

POPPIES – IMPORTANT!

Although we emphasize Buddy Poppies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, it is important to realize that the distribution of Buddy Poppies should be a year-round exercise. Each time a Post participates in an activity where the public will be present, Buddy Poppies should be present as a fundraising tool and simply to recognize our fallen comrades. Where the VFW appears, Buddy Poppies should be a constant reminder that we will never forget those who have perished in the name of liberty. Just as “They Gave, Will You?” is a year-round thing, so should the distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies.

Poppies can be ordered online by going to our website, www.vfwil.org, log in to “report entry” and scroll down to “Poppy Order.” Submit order.

Please note the price of the poppies is \$130.00 per thousand. **Please allow a minimum of 8-10 weeks for processing and shipping** when you order your poppies; **Be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required, do not use “ASAP.”** Poppies can be paid for by check or by credit card. Please submit payment with your order or pay promptly when invoiced.

PROGRAM BOOKS

The State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars has been given permission by members of the Council of Administration to sign a contract with Golden Rule, Inc. to sell advertising space in our Convention Program Book, 2022 Fall Program Book and our 2023 Voice of Democracy Program Book. Representatives of this company work throughout the State of Illinois to sell advertising; this is a legitimate advertising program and is not a donation. If anyone in your immediate area has a problem with any these representatives, contact Jim Alyea at 1-800-433-4680. The Sales Representatives have received a “Letter of Introduction” and should produce it if asked to do so. This is not a new program. We ask that you help promote this on behalf of the State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars.

NATIONAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES DATES

The National Convention will take place from Saturday, July 16, 2022 through Thursday, July 21, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri. A tentative agenda and other information regarding the National Convention in July can be found on National’s website under *Media & Events*.

NATIONAL CONVENTION – ADVANCE REGISTRATION

All Posts are once again reminded **every** Post must register a delegate to the 123rd National Convention. Section 222 of the National Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure states – *Each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention, by the payment of a fee in the amount of \$25, which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.*

If your Post has not registered a delegate, **PLEASE DO SO NOW!** We still have a good number of Posts from Illinois who have not registered. If you are unsure if your Post is registered, contact National Headquarters. If you registered online, you must still fill out the paper form and mail it to our National Headquarters. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee. *A delegate registration form is included in these General Orders.*

NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS

National Convention Delegates will receive a letter acknowledging their registration of the 123rd National Convention. This letter must be presented to the Credentials Committee at the Registration Booth in Kansas City, Missouri. Post Commanders, District Officers, and State Officers are not automatic delegates. They must attend as Post Delegates and carry credentials.

DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

All District Meetings have been posted on our State of Illinois VFW Website. Click on the tab for “News” and then click on “Calendar”. Commanders, please check the website to insure your events are listed correctly. District Commanders are reminded that if a date or location should change after being submitted, they are to contact State Headquarters to provide the updated information. Please be advised that no State Officer will be assigned to District Conventions.

WHEN A STATE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS YOUR DISTRICT OR POST FUNCTION...

When you request a state officer to attend a function at the Post or District level, they should be greeted upon arrival at the designated location. Please make sure they have a designated parking space, and that they are introduced around. If the event is overnight, accommodations need to be made for the assigned officer. They will need prior notification of their reservation, along with their confirmation number to make sure check-in goes smoothly.

REMEMBER: This may be their first visit to your Post or District. They are giving up their time. Let’s show the courtesy they deserve. State Representatives assigned to District Meetings will be taking roll call so please make a special effort to be present at your upcoming District Meetings.

2022 Commander's Calls

State Commander Bobby Edwards will be holding 4 Commander's Calls this fall at Posts around Illinois

Schedule

September 17, 2022

Knox County Post 2257
1001 Michigan Ave
Galesburg, IL 61401

September 18, 2022

Malcolm J Mayo Post 5422
557 W Baltimore St
Wilmington, IL 60481

October 1, 2022

Russell E Dunham Memorial Post 1308
4445 Alby St
Alton, IL 62002

October 2, 2022

Theodore Hoffman Post 1769
2304 S Veterans Dr
Effingham, IL 62401

All Commander's Calls are scheduled for 10 am to 2 pm on the dates and locations above

ALL Veterans of Foreign Wars officers and members are invited to attend and meet with the State Commander and other State Officers and Chairmen of the IL VFW

As a reminder, A Post Commander or representative must attend at least one (1) of the scheduled Commander's Calls in order to be eligible for All-State Post for 2022-2023

BOND APPLICATION AND OTHER NECESSARY FORMS

Post Officer's bond applications, poppy order forms and the Commander's Leadership Manual are available on our website – <http://www.vfwil.org>. Poppies can be ordered and paid for online! Your bond can be applied for and paid for online as well! Quick, easy, and saves you a stamp!

FORM 990 – RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX

We call attention to the fact that all VFW Posts are required to annually file the IRS Form 990. As a subordinate unit of the Department of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars, you could lose your non-profit status by failing to file this annual report. ***We are asking all VFW Posts to forward copies of the 990 filed with the IRS starting with the year ending June, 30, 2022 to this office.***

OFFICIAL:



JOE BARTLEY
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



BOBBY
EDWARDS
State Commander

Planning Calender

Schedule of Meetings and Events

2022

July 16-21	National Convention, Kansas City, MO
August 11-21	Illinois State Fair Springfield, IL
August 26-27	August Council of Administration Meeting, Commander's Homecoming Springfield, IL
August 26-Sept 5	Duquoin State Fair Duquoin, IL
September 17	Commander's Call Galesburg, IL
September 18	Commander's Call Wilmington, IL
September 24	Illinois Day at the National Home Eaton Rapids, MI (Lodging Information will be available in the attached Program Bulletin.)
October 1	Commander's Call Alton, IL
October 2	Commander's Call Effingham, IL
October 14-16	Big Ten Conference Milwaukee, WI
October 29	Auxiliary Department President Homecoming Chicago, IL



JOIN US for our annual ILLINOIS DAY at the VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022

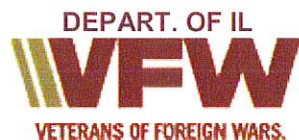
Events: Beginning at 10:00 am, tour the campus (over 600 acres) & visit Illinois Homes #1 & #2, activities in gym (ice cream & popcorn), gift shop, museum, Montana Farmstand, plus visit to the NHC Cemetery.

Lunch: Noon w/program at 1:00pm (Departure after 2:00pm)

Get Acquainted (Meet & Greet): Come early (Friday, September 23, 2022); Welcome dinner & activities at nearby Maple City VFW #2406 - 695 Lansing St., Charlotte (517/543-1719); social hour begins 5:00 pm w/dinner at 6:00 pm (local time-remember, Michigan is on Eastern time -1 hour earlier than Illinois).

Where to stay if arriving Friday: Comfort Inn - 1302 Packard Hwy, Charlotte; (517/543-7307); Holiday Inn - 500 Meijer St., Charlotte (517/541-5000); America's Best Value Inn - 828 E. Shepard St., Charlotte (517/543-8288)

Mike McGrath, Chairman



(630) 357-2680
mackcav1@sbcglobal.net

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT PATRIOTS PEN

With the convention behind us, new officers elected and school out for the summer, It's time to start our programs all over again,
What better time to plant the seed in the minds of our young youth and parents. We can do this by starting our Patriot Pen now.

How can we do this? We can start by using our local newspaper and television. Contact them by tell them about the program. Give them a Patriot Pen entry form, brochure and poster. Which you can order online at the VFW Store. Use the local library or recreation center, pools, and any place you find our students utilizing, place a poster. By doing this you can reach out to our Home School students also.

Contact your Local School Board or School District. Don't wait for school to start. By talking to them about the program will help you get the word out faster. They may give you some help and ideas.

The 2022-2023 theme is " MY PLEDGE TO OUR VETERANS".

John Davin

SCOUTING

Ron Milton/Scouting Chair: usafret1@att.net

It's not too early to start promoting the Scout of the Year Program. Make contact with those Councils and Units in your area and provide them with information on the program and if you have activities at your Post include those units. Below is the contact information for the Councils:

Girls Scouts of America (5 councils in the state)

Central Illinois <https://www.getyourgirlpower.org/en/about-girl-scouts/girl-scouts-of-central-illinois/contact-us.html>

Southern Illinois <https://www.gsofsi.org/>

Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois <https://www.girlscoutstoday.org/>

Greater Chicago <https://shop.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/>

Northern Illinois <https://www.girlscoutsni.org/>

Scouts BSA (8 councils in the state)

Prairie Lands <https://prairielandsbsa.org/>

Three Fires <https://threefirescouncil.org/>

Northeast Illinois <https://neic.org/>

W.D. Boyce <https://www.wdboyce.org/>

Mississippi Valley <https://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/>

Blackhawk Area <https://blackhawkscouting.org/>

Pathways to Adventure <https://pathwaytoadventure.org/>

Greater St Louis Area <https://stlbsa.org/>

Community Activities
Chuck Ingle, Chairman
815 979-7152
chuck@roscoevfw.com

As the new Community Activities reports have started coming in since May 1st, three Posts have an X. Department is now on the board with 1%.

\$30,000 is still available from the original \$200,000 matching grant budget. The VFW Foundation is expecting to exhaust, or come very close to exhausting this balance, when the program concludes at the end of July. We reported at our Springfield Convention that Waltonville Memorial Post 9153, was the only "UTCH" applicant from Illinois. We congratulate and thank them for participating!

Closing soon: Uniting to Combat Hunger Grant

PLEASE NOTE: The UTCH grant will be open from Feb. 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022, or until all budgeted funding is exhausted.

Join us in our fight against food insecurity!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the demand for food assistance has increased at an alarming rate. In response, the VFW is once again teaming up with Humana to mobilize donors and volunteers for the annual Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) campaign. We are focusing our efforts on collecting monetary donations to Feeding America®, our nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. We are challenging VFW Posts to support their local food banks by reaching out to their communities to collect cash donations. As an incentive, VFW Posts may be eligible to receive a matching grant of up to \$5,000! To obtain details about this opportunity, please click the link below and access the UTCH Limited Matching Grant application.

<https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/UTCH/UTCH-Grant-Application.pdf?v=1&d=20210520T175142Z&la=en>

**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: May 2022

1. Office Interviews:	<u>169</u>	8. Appeals Actions	
2. Communications:		a. NOD Filed	1
a. Correspondence Recd	<u>104</u>	b. VA Form 9 Filed	0
b. Correspondence Orig	<u>208</u>	c. DRO:	
c. Emails Received	<u>207</u>	1. Conferences	6
d. Emails Responded to	<u>203</u>	2. Favorable Decisions	0
e. Telephone calls	<u>718</u>	3. Unfavorable Decisions	0
f. Other	<u>35</u>	d. VA Form 646 Filed	0
3. Claims Filed	<u>127</u>	9. Health Care Assistance	
4. Powers of Attorney Filed	<u>79</u>	a. Enroll 10-10EZ Compl	0
5. File Accessed	<u>51</u>	b. Health Care Ref Asst	0
6. Ratings Cleared	<u>196</u>	c. Hospitalized Vets Visit	0
7. Rating Queries	<u>10</u>	Veterans Assisted through	
		10. outreach	4
		11. New VFW Members	0

Awds Recd

Totals

12. DISABILITY BENEFITS

a. Compensation	<u>151</u>	<u>3,637,905.12</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	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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16. Lump Sum and Retroactive	<u>45</u>	<u>400,154.57</u>
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17. TOTALS	<u>196</u>	<u>4,038,059.69</u>
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18. Miscellaneous Comments:

Military Caregiver Support

PRESENTS

Military Caregiver Virtual PEER Forum

July 7, 2022

11:00 am (EST) / 8:00 am (PST)

Warror Care Recovery Coordination Program, Office of Warrior Care Policy, and the entire Caregiver Support team are hosting a virtual Military Caregiver PEER forum. Active Duty, recently retired, National Guard, and Reserve Caregivers of wounded, ill, and injured service members are invited to attend.

Email or scan QR code to RSVP:
OSD.Caregiver@mail.mil



During this forum, Military Caregivers will have the opportunity to connect with their peers; share best practices; learn about new resources for Active Duty, recently retired, National Guard, and Reservist families; and encourage others.

Scan QR Code to RSVP



Taylorville VFW Riders Annual PTSD Awareness Run



July 9th, 2022

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME!

50/50
RAFFLE

**\$10 per
person**

Registration is from
10am-12pm at
Taylorville VFW
Kickstands up
at 12:15 p.m.



- Midway Bar & Grill- Harvel
- Thunderbird - Taylorville
- JB's - Blue Mound
- The Garage II - Edinburg
- VFW Post 4495 - Taylorville

T-shirts & Tanks
Available for
Purchase

**AFTER PARTY INCLUDES
PORK CHOP DINNER
SILENT AUCTION
RAFFLES
LIVE AUCTION**

Live DJ!
SIX SHOOTER
KARAOKE

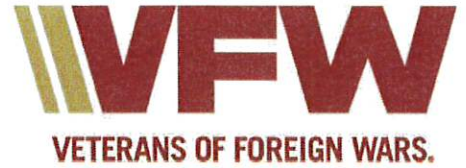


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INVOICE

Due Upon Receipt



National Convention - Post & Delegate Registration

Section 222 of the National Bylaws states "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Each Post is encouraged to register at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for every thirty (30) members or fraction thereof. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure. Delegates and alternates for the National Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of March 31.

Any member in good standing may register for the National Convention. Registering for the National Convention is another way a member can show support for VFW programs. The ten dollar (\$10) registration fee entitles the member to a convention packet which may be picked up at the convention.

Please type or print each member's information below and designate as delegate, alternate or attendee.

(Any change to a delegate's status shall be reported to the Member Service Center)

Registration Type	Membership Number	Member Name	Member Address	Email	Amount
Post Registration Fee w/ Delegate					\$25.00
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Packets not picked up at the convention will not be mailed unless a request is received in writing within 60 days of the close of the convention.

Post Registration Fee with one (1) Delegate \$ 25.00
 Add \$10.00 each additional Delegate/Alternate/Attendee \$ _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Signature of Adjutant or Quartermaster: _____
 Post # _____

CHECK/MONEY ORDER VISA MASTER CARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Card Number: _____
 Expiration Date: _____
 Card Holder's Name: _____

Mail completed form & payment to:
VFW Convention Registration
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

TENTATIVE AGENDA

**VFW 123rd National Convention
Kansas City, MO
Kansas City Convention Center
July 16-21, 2022**

*All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.
Times for various functions are subject to change.
Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates and are subject to change*

Friday, July 15, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Remote registration – VFW/Auxiliary – Downtown Marriott & Loews Kansas City hotel
Note: *If registered, you can pick-up your badge at either hotel, if not you will need to come to registration on Saturday at the convention center.*

Saturday, July 16, 2022

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW/Registration/Exhibits
8:30 a.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
1:30 p.m.	National Council of Administration Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Eastern Conference Caucus
4:00 p.m.	Southern Conference Caucus
4:00 p.m.	Big Ten Conference Caucus
4:00 p.m.	Western Conference Caucus
6:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass
6:00 p.m.	Protestant Service

Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
7:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass
8:30 a.m.	Annual Memorial Service
10:00 a.m.	Membership Seminar
10:00 a.m.	Veterans & Military Support Committee
10:00 a.m.	VFW Riders National Advisory Committee
11:00 a.m.	Update on VFW Legislative Priority Goals
11:00 a.m.	Veterans Service Update
12:30 p.m.	First Time Attendees Welcome Orientation
1:00 p.m.	Programs Town Hall

Committee Meetings:

2:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual
2:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
2:00 p.m.	General Resolutions (300 Series)
2:00 p.m.	National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series) Sub Committee – POW/MIA
2:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series) Sub-committee – Medical Sub-committee – Employment Sub-committee – Other Benefits
4:00 p.m.	Membership Seminar – Post Development

Monday, July 18, 2022

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	Joint Opening Session <i>(Business session will resume after lunch break)</i>
1:00 p.m.	National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	VFW Business Session
1:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure 101
1:00 p.m.	Update on Federal Benefits and Services for Veterans
1:00 p.m.	Grants and Fundraising for Posts
2:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure 101
2:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop
1:00 p.m.	OMS Q&A
5:00 p.m.	Parade Line-up
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Rally

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	Business Session /Nomination of Officers
1:00 p.m.	VFW National Home Workshop

Thursday, July 21, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Business Session: Election/Installation of National Officers
National Council of Administration Meeting

(Following business session)

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Commander-in-Chief's and National

**President's Reception (ticketed event)

Updated: 3/28/22

GIVE LIKE A VET

DONATE BLOOD

 Community Blood Center

123rd VFW National Convention Blood Drive

July 16th, 2022

9:00 AM - 3:00PM

July 17th, 2022

9:00 AM - 3:00PM

Exhibit Hall CD
301 W 13th Street, Kansas City

Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter **Group Code: EH6X**. For additional details contact Kay Reeves at 816.213.2728 or kreeves@cbckc.org.

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900

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2022 Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.

Memorial Motorcycle Ride

All proceeds go to Veterans and Military Support Programs!



Kansas City, MO – Saturday, July 16, 2022

Welcome riders, one and all, to support our nation's men and women in uniform and honor the memory of Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr. (Commander-in-Chief 1979-80, Adjutant General 1981-1995). All net proceeds of the ride will be donated to the Veterans & Military Support Programs to benefit those in uniform and their families.

Registration, Staging and Ride @ VFW Post 56

519 Cherokee St, Leavenworth, KS 66048

(913) 682-9200

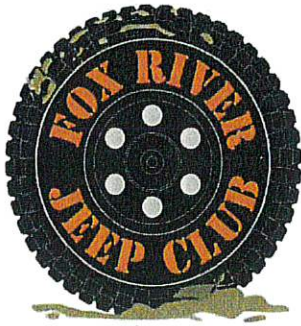
Registration/staging opens at 7:30am

Ride begins at 9:30am

Let's show the rest of the VFW what those who ride can do for those in uniform and their families!

For questions contact Lynn Rolf, Director of VFW Programs

Email: LRolf@vfw.org / Phone: 816-968-1116.



WHEELERS
FOR  THE
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Wheelers for the Wounded- Midwest Chapter
Free Veterans and Active Duty Off Road Event
First Saturday of August each year. This year is August 6
2022

Wheelers for the Wounded is a nationwide event of off-roading honoring our Country's Military Veterans and Active Duty Members. Safe trail-rated rigs will be provided and operated by our skilled members

Preregistration is required by emailing wftwilstyle@gmail.com
wftwil@foxriverjeepclub.com

Please let us know in your email if you have any special needs and how many is in your party

Join The Fox River Jeep Club for a day of wheeling, food, music and the great outdoors at the Badlands Off Road Park in Attica, Indiana. Our way of saying thanks to Veterans and Active Duty Military. Check us out on Facebook at WFTW Midwest Chapter

**THE 3RD DISTRICT VFW AUXILIARY
WITH THE CHICAGO BRIDGEPORT
VFW #5079 AUXILIARY**



Invite You to Join Us
As We Celebrate
Our Department President

Marvie Wisniewski



DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S HALLOWEEN HOMECOMING

**Saturday,
October 29, 2022**

Rhine VFW Post #2729
5858 S. Archer Avenue
Chicago, IL 60638

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. FOOD & FUN!!
*DJ * Cash Bar * Tacos * Gyros
Costume Contest * Photo Booth*

TICKET: \$20.00

TABLE: \$160.00
(includes 8 tickets)

To purchase tickets, make checks payable to "3rd District VFW Auxiliary" and mail to:

Diane Pencak, Ticket Chairman
5100 S. Long Avenue
Chicago, IL 60638

Please note Post/Auxiliary # and District when ordering tickets!

TICKET DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2022

ATTIRE

Halloween Costumes are encouraged!

*For those choosing NOT to wear a costume,
casual dress with Department President's shirt is requested.*

