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**Illinois**

**2023-2024 Series  
General Orders No. 12  
June 2023**

**2023-2024 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS**

All members of the 2023-2024 Council of Administration are hereby notified that a special Council of Administration Meeting will be held in Conference Room 2 of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 9:00 am. This should only take a few minutes and a roll call will be held to ascertain their attendance at this most important meeting.

**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.

**DISTRICT CAUCUS DURING STATE CONVENTION**

Each District will be responsible for establishing their own District Caucus and it will be their responsibility to contact and invite candidates to address their caucus.

## **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 8 a.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 9 a.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](http://www.vfwil.org). The registration fee is \$15.00 until **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**, and will be \$17.00 after **June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday June 9, 2023	8:00 am - 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 104<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. Contact State Headquarters at 217-529-6688 for more information. Here is a list of the current vendors/exhibitors that have registered:

Humana  
Greco Graphics  
BMBFC Law  
American Income Life  
Gold Star Mission  
Illinois Joining Forces  
Central IL Veterans Commission  
Military Order of Purple Heart  
Eagles Nest/The Joseph Center  
Salvation Army  
American Red Cross  
Project Diehard  
Springfield Cares Soldiers Mailing  
IL Attorney General  
IL Department of Veterans Affairs

IL Department of Natural Resources  
VA – Illiana  
IL Central Management Services  
IL Department of Human Rights  
VFW National Home  
IL VFW Historian  
IL VFW Emblem and Supply

### **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.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE-DELEGATE VOTING**

Posts are also reminded that in accordance with *Resolution No. B-2*, adopted during the 1993 State Convention. The Department By-Laws were amended by adding Section 11:

*Voting - Tally sheets shall be printed in reverse numerical order in the even numbered years, therefore roll call voting will begin with Post 12014.*

### **APPLICATION FOR POST QUARTERMASTER'S BOND**

Bond applications for Post Commanders and Quartermasters are available online. Ordering poppies and Convention Delegate Registration can also be done online.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE & TRIBUTE TO GOLD STAR PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS**

The Memorial Service held during our State Convention will be held in the IL/Capital Room of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Thursday June 8, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm with State Chaplain Reverend Gary Holmes presiding.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE - CREDENTIALS**

Post Commanders and Quartermasters are reminded that they will not receive their credentials for the State Convention unless they have:

- Report of Election of Officers Submitted
- All Quarterly Audits Properly Completed - Including March 31, 2023
- Post Bonds Properly Submitted to State Headquarters
- All Debt to the State Covered (*Including: poppies, etc...*)

**NOTE:** All delegates will pick up their credentials in the *Prairie Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre beginning at 1:00pm on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

## **STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Paul Augsburg Post 9789-7

### **POPPY DISPLAY COMMITTEE**

*Chairman:* Stephanie Kirksey, Post 6504-14

Robert Guebert, Post 7980-14

Thomas Cleland, Post 2955-6

Matt Willis, Post 6871-10

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

*Co-Chair:* Bill Regan, Post 7452-19

*Co-Chair:* Rick Frank, Post 1461-6

Lowell Spieker, Post 6190-11

Chuck Ingle, Post 2955-6

Duane Hisel, Post 4763-10

Jeff Britt, Post 6865-14

### **EMBLEM & SUPPLY COMMITTEE**

Lee Morgan, Post 4763-10

Bob Migalich, Post 4763-10

Duane Hisel, Post 4763-10

### **DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE**

Brad Gould, Post 630-7

John Davin, Post 5917-18

Jeff Hastings, Post 805-14

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

*Chair:* Dave Stout, Post 1308-12

Scott Holley, Post 3873-19

Joe Wein Post 2202-4

**BYLAWS & RESOULATIONS COMMITTEE**

*Chair:*

Chris Garza, Post 8821-3

Steve MacInnes, Post 981-4

Marie Honeywell, Post 2486-5

Ruben Hernandez, Post 2955-6

Jim Watters, Post 454-7

Ken Morey, Post 1422-8

Chris Rush, Post 4668-9

Josh Seed, Post 755-10

Joe Swinford, Post 4168-11

Tim O' Donnell, Post 976-12

Don Porter, Post 2055-13

Rod Thompson, Post 805-14

Chris Maynor, Post 7190-15

Bill Brown, Post 311-16

Sean Conner, Post 10009-17

Todd Latham, Post 1486-18

Laurie Emmer, Post 5768-19

**RULES OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

*Chair:* Vince Long, Post 1756-10

Bill Regan, Post 7452-19

Rick Frank, Post 1461-6

Jeff Britt, Post 6865-14



**AWARDS & CITATIONS COMMITTEE**

Bobby Edwards, Post 10302-10

Brett Nila Post 5696-19

Maurice Bridges, Post 4183-14

Joe Bartley, Post 10302-10

**JOINT HOSPITALITY ROOM**

Michael Cohagan, Post 7980-14

**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

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

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

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

**STATE PROGRAM AWARDS**

State Program Awards will be presented as each Program Director gives his/her final report during the 104th Annual State Convention. The presentation of final program reports will begin on Friday, June 9, 2023 in the *Capital/IL Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 East Adams Street in Downtown Springfield. Directors, please provide the Adjutant a written copy of the report at the time you give the report.

**AMERICANISM & LOYALTY DAY AWARDS**

The Districts listed below will receive a monetary award for having the highest amount of hours, dollars, and members reported in the following categories...

Category I - Up to 2,500 Members - District 12 - \$30

Category II - 2,501-3,600 Members - District 14 - \$30

Category III- 3,601 Members and Up - District 19 - \$30

The Posts listed below will receive a monetary award for having the highest amount of hours, dollars, and members reported in the following categories....

Category I - Up to 100 Members - L. Percy Tucker Post 6026-7 - \$30

Category II - 101-300 Members - St. Charles Memorial Post 5036-19 - \$30

Category III - 301 Members and Up - Niles Memorial Post 3579-4 - \$30

**SMART/MAHER VFW CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARDS**

The first place winner in each of the three categories received \$100 cash and a specially engraved plaque awarded to them at ceremonies held at their schools. A specially engraved plaque will also be presented to the winning Teacher's School. This year's Department winners are:

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>School</i>
Jill Strohm	K-5	Marshall North Elementary School
Angie Menard	6-8	St. John the Baptist Catholic School
Javier Martinez	9-12	Kaneland High School

Honorable Mentions: Jill Strohm K-5 Marshall North Elementary School  
John Erwin 6-8 Franklin Middle School

**\*BLOOD DONOR AWARDS**

A monetary award of \$50 will be awarded to the Post who donates the most pints of blood in each of the following membership categories...

Category I - Up to 150 Member Category - no entries

Category II - 151-300 Member Category- no entries

Category III - 301 and Up Member Category- no entries

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORDBOOKS AWARD**

The top Community Activities Record Book in each Membership Category will receive a \$50 monetary award at the State Convention...

Category I - Up to 150 Members - No Entries

Category II - 151 to 300 Members - Chatham Auburn Memorial Post 4763-10

Category III - 301 Members and up - No Entries

### **HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS**

The Districts who achieve 100% in Post participation in the Hospital/VAVS Program by April 30, 2023 will be awarded \$50.00 CASH to be used in the continuation of the Hospital VAVS Program...

District 11, Rick Hobbs, Commander

### **HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS**

The *Top Post* in each membership category will receive a plaque....

Category I - Up to 150 Members - Lweis P. Schultz Post 1486-18

Category II - 151-300 Members - Crawford County Post 4549-17

Category III- 301 and Up Members - Judd Kendall Post 3873-19

### **PUBLICATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 1-4 (Post) Veterans of Mount Prospect Illinois, Dutch DeGroot, Editor

1<sup>st</sup> Place 5 and up (Post) Oren Davis Post 99 Newsletter, Joseph May, Editor

\*There were no winners for District

### **NATIONAL HOME AWARDS**

The Post with the most dollars donated will receive a beautifully engraved plaque noting their accomplishment...

Judd Kendall Post 3873, District 19

Fox River Post 4660, District 5

Sgt. Charles A. Fricke Post 805, District 14

These Districts will receive a citation for reporting 100% before April 30, 2022.

District 13, Donald Porter, Commander

District 14, Rodney Thompson, Commander

### **SAFETY AWARDS**

A special plaque will be presented to the top Post in the following three membership categories who reported the largest amount of hours, dollars and members:

Category I - Up to 150 Members - Prospect Post 1337, District 4

Category II - 151-300 Members - Kahokian Memorial Post 5691, District 12

Category III - 301 and Up Members - Bremen Post 2791, District 16

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARDS**

A \$50 cash award and certificate will be presented to the following Posts who have the most hours, dollars, and number of members participating in the following membership categories...

Category I - Up to 150 Member Category - Arnold Heath Memorial Post 5151, District 4

Category II - 151 - 300 Member Category- Ambraw Post 2244, District 13

Category III - 301 Member and Up Category- Villa Park Post 2801, District 19

An engraved plaque will be presented to the District with the most total hours, donations and members reported....

Bob Zeman, District 19, Commander

### **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS**

For sponsoring the State Voice of Democracy Champion, this Post will receive a personalized plaque...

Lemont 22 Honor Post 5819, District 19

The school where the State winner attends will receive a \$500.00 award.

Lemont High School

All Posts who participated in the judging portion of the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a certificate presented at their next District Meeting.

### **PATRIOT'S PEN**

For sponsoring the State Patriot's Pen Winner, this Post will receive a personalized plaque...

Arnold Heath Memorial Post 5151, District 14

### **SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Boy Scout listed below will receive a monetary award of \$300...

Zachary Walker, Sponsored by Red Bud Post 6632-14

### **GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

The recipient of this year's Girl Scout Gold Award will received a \$300 monetary award...

Katherine Lowrie, Sponsored by DuPage Memorial Post 2164-19

### **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

I would like to congratulate those who qualified for the All-State Team. *Please see the complete listing of our All-State Team Members in this General Orders.*

All-State Team Post Commanders will be presented:  
All-State Commander's Cap Distinguished Service Lapel Pin

All-State Team Post Quartermasters will be presented:  
Distinguished Service Lapel Pin Quartermasters may purchase an All-State Quartermaster's Cap

## 2022-2023 ALL-STATE TEAM OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS

District 4, Steve MacInnes, Commander  
District 12, Dustin Dixon, Commander  
District 14, Rod Thompson, Commander  
District 15, Chris Maynor, Commander

## 2022-2023 ALL-STATE TEAM OF POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS

<u>POST #</u>	<u>CMDR.</u>	<u>QM.</u>
	<u>DISTRICT 4</u>	
Post 981	Matthew Voss	Roger Santagato
Post 1337	Les Durov	Charles Ohrn
Post 2202	Dean Moran	Joseph Wein
	<u>DISTRICT 5</u>	
Post 4600	Ben Keefe	Peter Kim
	<u>DISTRICT 6</u>	
Post 342	Gary Holmes	Cameron Linder
	<u>DISTRICT 8</u>	
Post 2257	Rick Shea	William Tomlin
	<u>DISTRICT 9</u>	
Post 5506	Daniel Jackson	John Finnegan
	<u>DISTRICT 10</u>	
Post 755	Josh Seed	Don VanEtten

Post 6871  
Post 10302

Stanley Porter  
Lawrence Miller

Charles Fagan  
Joe Bartley

DISTRICT 11

Post 4495  
Post 6190

Micah Hankla  
Dion Lathrom

Stacey Hankla  
Lowell Spieker

DISTRICT 12

Post 976  
Post 1104  
Post 1241  
Post 1308  
Post 5691  
Post 7678

Anthony Avers  
Daniel Tate  
Bradley Lemke  
Wayne Able  
Alonzo Skipper  
Ronald Knapp

Tim O'Donnell  
Justin Talmadge  
Wayne Bruhn  
Chad Sibley  
Robert Grayson  
Curtis Berrey

DISTRICT 14

Post 805  
Post 3523  
Post 4183  
Post 5696  
Post 6632  
Post 7710

Karen Ridge  
Richard Schulte  
Seth Miller  
Arthur Stine  
Clarence Nail  
Amiee Louer-Wagoner

James Stover  
Gale Gehrs  
Ron Milton  
Steven Elliott  
Larry Ehlers  
Cathy Stubbs

DISTRICT 15

Post 2671  
Post 7190  
Post 9763

Michael Cross  
Ralph Randolph  
Kyle Zimmerman

John Metzger  
Tamala Ryan  
Robert Owen

DISTRICT 16

Post 311

Aretha Spurlock

Arnold Taylor

DISTRICT 17

Post 5975

John McGlynn Sr.

Kevin Twing

DISTRICT 19

Post 3873

Leo Jaime

Phil Maughan

**POST AWARD**

The Post having the largest increase in Legacy Life Memberships by April 30, 2023, will receive a \$100 gift certificate from the National VFW Store. This award is presented to:

Kahokian Memorial Post 5691, District 17 (+7)

**CRAMER-SODEN AWARD**

The Cramer-Soden Award is presented to the All-State Commander who has the highest membership increase from their 2021-2022 year to their 2022-2023 year. This award is presented to: no entries

**POW/MIA PROGRAM AWARD**

The Dennis Nelson Memorial POW-MIA Award will be awarded to the VFW Post that demonstrates the most outstanding POW-MIA Recognition Program within their community. This award is presented to:

Steger Honor 11 Post 8283, District 16

**POPPY AWARDS**

The Post below will be awarded a beautiful plaque for the greatest numerical increase in buddy poppy sales according to the following membership classifications...

Category I - Up to 150 Members - Bartlett Post 11018, District 19

Category II - 151-300 Members - Arlington Post 981, District 4

Category III - 301 and Up Members - Villa Park Post 2801, District 19



## **THROUGH CHANNELS**

Post Commanders, County Council Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all Resolutions or communications relative to FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR TO THE POLICY OR PROCEDURE OF THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY to the State Headquarters for endorsement and referral to the Adjutant General.

## **FIRST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

The first Council of Administration Meeting will be held August 25-27, 2023 at VFW Post 3873 908 W. Jackson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. Sleeping rooms are priced at \$114 plus tax per night. The Sheraton Lisle/Naperville, 3000 Warrensville Rd, Lisle, IL. The cut-off date for reserving your room is August 11, 2023. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (630) 505-1000. Our group code is ILVFW

## **STATE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING**

The Homecoming Dinner for Commander-elect Brett Nila will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, in conjunction with our First Council of Administration Meeting. *Please look for the flyer on the state website for more information.*

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

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION, JULY 22-27, 2023**

Complete information regarding National Convention in Phoenix, AZ is attached at the end of these orders. You can use the following method to make reservations:

- VFW Convention [website-www.vfw.org/convention](http://www.vfw.org/convention)

### **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>
5/5/2023	Allen Lane	Allen Lane
5/12/2023	Ernest Brooks	No seller listed
5/19/2023	Leticia Soto	No Seller Listed
5/26/2023	Robert Toms Sr.	Robert Toms Sr.

### **VETERAN OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Doug Jameson of Belleville Post 1739-14 on being selected as the May 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.

**POST CONSOLIDATIONS**

Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland has approved the consolidation of Posts 11496 Johnsborg and 4308 in Lake Villa, to be known as Lake Villa Memorial Post 4308 in Lake Villa, Illinois. Please update your records accordingly.

By Order of:

Official



Joseph H. Bartley  
State Adjutant/Quartermaster



Bobby Edwards  
State Commander

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	Plaza 3
1200-1300	Membership Challenge Luncheon (District Commanders – By Invite Only)	Vista 1/2
1300-1600	Registration Open in Prairie Room	Prairie
1330-1500	Committee Meetings	Plaza 3
1500-1630	Council of Administration	Plaza 3
1630-1700	Foundation Meeting	Plaza 3
1800-1900	Memorial Service	Capitol/Illinois

Friday, June 9

0800-1000	Joint Opening Ceremony	Capitol/Illinois
0800-1600	Registration Open in Prairie Room	Prairie
1000-1200	Business Session Rules of Convention, Credentials, Legislative Guest Speaker	Capitol/Illinois
1200-1300	Program Reports Past District Commander's Association Luncheon (Cost \$20)	BOS Center South Terrace
1300-1400	Business Session Program Reports 1 <sup>st</sup> Nominations	Capitol/Illinois
1400-1500	Breakout Sessions (Duties and Responsibilities of Officers) Commanders and Vice Quartermaster Adjutant Trustee Service Officer Chaplain	Capitol/Illinois Vista 1 Vista 2/3 Vista 4/5 Vista 6 Plaza 1
1500-1600	Breakout Sessions (Post Activities) Membership Fundraising and Grants Social Media and Marketing Publicity and Newsletters Programs	Capitol/Illinois Vista 4/5 Plaza 1 Vista 2/3 Vista 6

Audits and Inspections

1630-1700 Church Service  
1800-1930 Patriotic Rally – Springfield Municipal Band

Vista 1  
Plaza 1  
Capitol/Illinois

Saturday, June 10

0800-1100 Business Session  
Guests from other Veterans Groups  
VA Hospitals  
State Veterans Homes  
0800-1200 Registration Open in Prairie Room  
1100-1200 Business Session  
Buddy Poppy

Capitol/Illinois  
Prairie  
Capitol/Illinois

1300-1500 National Home Report and Silver March  
other Program Reports  
Business Session  
By-Laws and Resolutions  
Credentials

Capitol/Illinois

1500-1600 Installation of Officer  
1800-2000 Commander and President's Reception (Cost \$10)

Capitol/Illinois  
Prairie/Illinois

Sunday, June 11

0900-0930 Council of Administration

Conference Room 2

Registration  
Emblem and Supply  
Vendors and Exhibitors  
Hospitality Room  
Poppy Display  
Silent Auction  
KIA Service Member Tribute

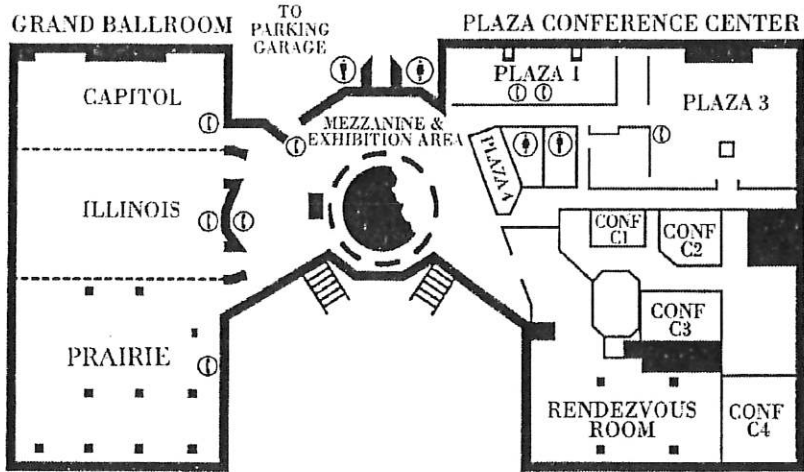
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Embassy and Ambassador  
Rendezvous Room  
Rendezvous Room  
Rendezvous Room Foyer

Agenda  
District Commander Elect Training  
June 8, 2023

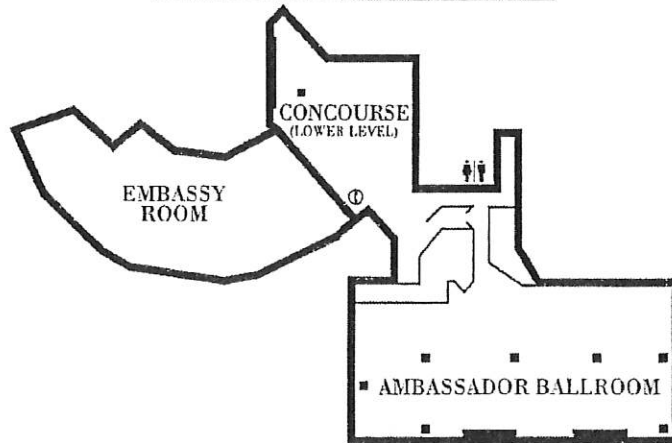
08:00-08:15	Welcome and Introductions, Opening Comments	Adj/QM
08:15-08:30	State Commander and State Senior Vice Commander Welcome	Commander and Sr Vice Commander
08:30-08:45	Role of the VFW Auxiliary	State Aux Vice President Lynn Smith
08:45-09:45	Edutainment	Steve McInnes
09:45-10:15	Inspections	Rob 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

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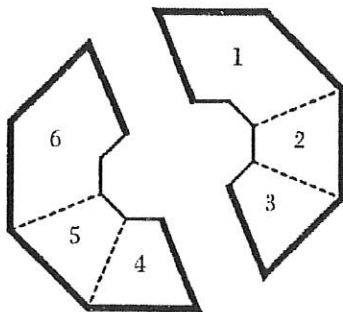
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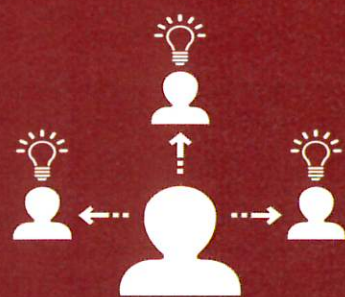


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**Food will be donated to Veterans Pantry at Spring Street Renaissance Center (Homeless Veterans Shelter)**





NATIONAL HOME BULLETIN JUNE 2023

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**2** Sunday, July 23  
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**3** Monday, July 24  
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