

# A CELEBRATION IS IN ORDER

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HOMECOMING  
Of  
HAL ROESCH STATE COMMANDER  
&  
MARY PROFITT STATE PRESIDENT**

**WHEN:** AUGUST 30, 2008

**TIMES:** 6:00 PM - RECEPTION (OPEN BAR)  
7:00 PM - DINNER  
8:00 PM - PROGRAM (gifts to be given during program)  
9:00 PM - DANCE

**WHERE:** VFW POST 4809  
5728 BARTEE STREET, NORFOLK, VA

**Suggested Hotel:** Americas Best Value Inn Norfolk, 235 Military Hwy, Norfolk  
Telephone: (757) 461-6600 for reservations and mention "VFW event" to get the special rate of \$54 + tax. Reservations are being taken now so don't delay.

**Directions to Post 4809:** I-64 to Exit #264 (stay in right lane) - At 1<sup>st</sup> Light turn right and loop (right) onto Service Road. VFW is behind Lone Star Steak House.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



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**July 1, 2008**

Staunton, Virginia 24401  
In Virginia 800-888-3521

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**1. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:  
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Judge Advocate	<a href="mailto:judge@va.vfwwebmail.com">judge@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Surgeon	<a href="mailto:surgeon@va.vfwwebmail.com">surgeon@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Past Department Commander	<a href="mailto:pastcdr@va.vfwwebmail.com">pastcdr@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
Chief of Staff	<a href="mailto:chiefstaff@va.vfwwebmail.com">chiefstaff@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
State Chaplain	<a href="mailto:chaplain@va.vfwwebmail.com">chaplain@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
State Inspector	<a href="mailto:inspector@va.vfwwebmail.com">inspector@va.vfwwebmail.com</a>
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At the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual State convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia, held in Richmond, Virginia, June 12-15, 2008, I, Harold Roesch, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in Accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National By-Laws, do hereby assume Commander.

All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 14, 2008, except those set forth in the By-Laws.

**ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008-2009**

<b>Commander</b>	Harold Roesch, II	Post 3219
<b>SR. Vice Commander</b>	Rex Faris	Post 8467
<b>JR. Vice Commander</b>	James K. Martin	Post 1503
<b>Adjutant/Quartermaster</b>	Kim A. DeShano	Post 993
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	Charles Absher	Post 6364
<b>Surgeon</b>	Steve Lasseter	Post 4809
<b>Chaplain</b>	Ray Wells	Post 5715
<b>Chief of Staff</b>	John T. Edwards	Post 8545
<b>Inspector</b>	William R Shifflett	Post 9292
<b>Past Dept. Commander</b>	Jimmy Lee Wallace	Post 1503
<b>Historian</b>	John "Sam" Nealey	Post 7589
<b>District Commander 1</b>	Dennis W Walk	Post 176
<b>District Commander 2</b>	Glenn Holman	Post 3160
<b>District Commander 3</b>	Willie A Taylor	Post 10654
<b>District Commander 4</b>	Kumiko Lewis	Post 637
<b>District Commander 5</b>	Daniel Boyer	Post 7726
<b>District Commander 6</b>	Crowell Smith	Post 4920
<b>District Commander 7</b>	Richard M Griffith	Post 9760
<b>District Commander 8</b>	John S Nealey	Post 7589
<b>District Commander 9</b>	Milton L Dye	Post 9640
<b>District Commander 10</b>	Margo D Sheridan	Post 7327
<b>District Commander 11</b>	Earle Weekley, Jr	Post 8644
<b>District Commander 12</b>	Jackie Branham	Post 8979
<b>District Commander 13</b>	Gary Myers	Post 8947

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>			<b>Post</b>	<b>Post</b>
Audit	Chairman	Tom		Gimble	Post	1503
	Member	Joe	B	Martin	Post	1827
	Member	Frank	R	Plitcha	Post	7726
	Member	Gary	D	Dressel	Post	1503
	Member	Jim		Richardso	Post	8046
Awards & Citations	Member	M	Conrad	Agresti	Post	3150
	Chairman	Conrad		Yetter	Post	993
	Member	Margo	D	Sheridan	Post	7327
	Member	Jill	A	Lynch	Post	3219
Blog Master	Member	John	S	Nealey	Post	7589
		Jerry		Peterson	Post	3150
		Kim	A	DeShano	Post	993
Buddy Poppies	Chairman	Paul	T	Moore	Post	4491
	Vice Chair	Fred	L	Wolking	Post	1426
	Member	John		King	Post	5500
	Member	Conrad		Yetter	Post	993
	Member	Christopher		Birch	Post	9760
By-Laws & SOP	Chairman	Charles		Absher	Post	6364
	Member	Rex		Faris	Post	8467
	Member	J	Gary	Wagner	Post	3150
Community Services	Member	James	K	Martin	Post	1503
	Chairman	James	K	Martin	Post	1503
	Vice Chair	J.	Gary	Wagner	Post	3150
	Vice Chair	Lynn		Harris	Post	7166
Community Activities	Vice Chair	Carl	A	Penning, I	Post	3160
	Vice Chair	John		Miska	Post	8208
Youth Activites						

Council of Admin. & Convention	Chairman	Eugene		Chavis	Post	10826
	Member	Earle	P	Weekley, Jr	Post	8644
	Member	Joseph	T	Horan	Post	993
Credentials	Chairman	Fred	L	Wolking	Post	1426
Fund Raisers	Chairman	Kim	A	DeShano	Post	993
Homecoming	Chairman	Kevin		Ehrhardt	Post	3160
Homeless Veterans	Surgeon	Steve		Lasseter	Post	4809
Honor Guard	Captain	Ronald	L	Mills	Post	647
	Lieutenant	Fred	L	Wolking	Post	1426
	Member	Melvin	E	Webb	Post	1115
	Member	Donald		Scholton, Jr	Post	
	Member	Herbert		Goodrich	Post	7166
	Member	Richard		Zick	Post	4639
	Member	Oscar	K	Creasy	Post	3103
	Member	Robert	H	Crowe	Post	8545
	Member	Kenneth	R	Williams	Post	647
	Member	Douglas	S	Hayes	Post	647
	Member	George	E	McCracke	Post	1503
	Member	Venner		Milewski	Post	824
Hospital	Surgeon	Steve		Lasseter	Post	4809
Hospitality	Chairman	Kevin		Ehrhardt	Post	3160
	Member	Winfred	H	Beckwith	Post	3219
	Member	Christopher		Birch	Post	9760
	Member	Joe	B	Martin	Post	1827
Joint Leadership	Chairman	Daniel	D	Boyer	Post	7726
	Vice Chair	Kim	A	DeShano	Post	993
Legislative	Chairman	J	B	Young	Post	7327
	Member	Dan	D	Boyer	Post	7726
	Member	Charles	(Doc)	Crouch	Post	3150
	Member	Ray		Wells	Post	5715
	Member	M	Conrad	Agresti	Post	3150
	Member	Eric		Hilleman	Post	9274
	Member	Richard		Raskin	Post	7589
	Member	Ron		Link	Post	7589
	Member	Fred	L	Wolking	Post	1426
Medicare	Chairman	Charlie		Sloan	Post	824
Membership/Life Membership	Co-Chair	Charles	(Doc)	Crouch	Post	3150
	Co-Chair	Rex		Faris	Post	8467
Military Services	Chairman	Conrad		Yetter	Post	993
Military Women's Advocacy	Chairman	Margo	D	Sheridan	Post	7327
Outreach	Chairman	Conrad		Yetter	Post	993
Parliamentarian	Chairman	M	Conrad	Agresti	Post	3150
Patriots Pen	Chairman	Donald	L	Hall	Post	2216
	Member	Joe	B	Martin	Post	1827
Political Action	Chairman	Jerry		Peterson	Post	3150
	Member	Bob		Smith	Post	9274
POW/MIA	Chairman	Joe	B	Martin	Post	1827
Programs	Chairman	Carl	A	Penning, I	Post	3160
Public Relations	Chairman	Lawrence	F	Mattera	Post	5500
	Member	Jerry		Peterson	Post	3150
Recruiting/Training	Chairman	Roy		Swanner	Post	7726
Resolutions	Chairman	J	B	Young	Post	7327
	Member	Charles	(Doc)	Crouch	Post	3150
	Member	M	Conrad	Agresti	Post	3150
	Member	Ron		Link	Post	7589

	Member	Ray		Wells	Post	5715
	Member	Richard		Raskin	Post	7589
	Member	Fred	L	Wolking	Post	1426
	Member	Eric		Hilleman	Post	9274
Scouting	Chairman	Curtis	S	Hunter	Post	1503
Service Officer		Cindy	G	Lawhorn	Post	2157
Teacher's Recognition	Chairman	Christopher		Birch	Post	9760
Time & Place	Chairman	Clarence	E	Clements	Post	2239
	Member	Christopher		Birch	Post	9760
Virginia Cottage	Chairman	W	J	Leonard	Post	7327
	Member	Wirt	C	Alvis	Post	9808
Voice of Democracy		Earle	P	Weekley, Jr	Post	8644

## 2. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades, I am truly humbled that you have elected me as your State Commander, I will strive to continue the great traditions that we have established. We have been over 100% in membership for the last five years and I need your help to do it again this year. We have established ourselves as a leader in membership in the Southern Conference and at National; we need to continue this trend. We need every member to recruit one-two new members, if this were to happen, we would double our membership and Virginia would be a power player in the VFW. We are one of the largest Departments in this organization and with your help we can be a real force for future change.

Membership is the life blood of our organization, but submitting reports is what makes an impact on our local communities. We need to report all activities we are involved in, that way we can document what we do and report it to our local and national representatives. The more members we recruit and the more activities we report; the louder our voice will be.

To help in this endeavor we will hold five (5) School of Instructions throughout the State (see Important Dates). I encourage every District Officer, Post Commander and Quartermaster to attend and any other member who is interested in gaining knowledge of the workings of the VFW. Please fill out the enclosed form and send it to State Headquarters so the host Post will know how many will be attending so they may prepare enough food.

I have established two new committees for this year: First is the Recruiting/Training – Chaired by Roy Swanner, his committee will be available to visit your Post or District to conduct recruitment training for your Members. They will conduct training and then (if required) go out to a recruiting site and conduct on-the-job training.

The second committee is the Military Women's Advocacy Committee: this is chaired by Margo Sheridan; this committee will establish ways to get eligible women to join our organization and get involved, it will also look at special needs for our female veterans.

I only ask that we continue to recruit new/reinstated members and to report the GREAT work that you do, if we can do this, we will again be an OUTSTANDING Department.

I cannot do this on my own; I rely on your support and help.

**LET'S KEEP VIRGINIA NUMBER ONE!!!**

Hal Roesch, II  
State Commander

## 3. NATIONAL PROGRAMS:

**DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS:** Military Service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order (Left to Right as you face the flags), Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

**PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11.** Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11 is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States.

**VFW NATIONAL AWARDS CHANGE.** In the past, VFW has accepted nominees from each Department and selected a recipient of a VFW Gold Medal for Law Enforcement, Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). This year, Departments are asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the VFW Programs Office by November 17. VFW Programs will create citations for the following awards in each Department:

- VFW National Law Enforcement Award
- VFW National Firefighter Award
- VFW National Emergency Medical Technician

Each Department will receive their three awards and contact their recipients to arrange a presentation. Department Commanders may present the awards at their Department Convention, but are encouraged to also present the award in front of the recipient's peers at a professional association event, city council meeting, etc. The purpose of the second venue is to expose these VFW awards to the general public and especially other law enforcement personnel, firefighters and EMTs, many of whom are veterans eligible for VFW membership.

**VFW HONORS AMERICA'S TEACHERS DURING 2008-2009 PROGRAM YEAR.** The VFW wants to recognize the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively through the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

Based on the nominees submitted by November 1, local VFW Posts will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Posts then submit the winners' names to their District level judging who will forward their winners to the Department (or state level) by December 15. After judging, each Department forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher awards include: a national \$1,000 award for each of the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses; \$1,000 award to each winning teacher's school; plaques for both the winning teacher and school; and, an all-expenses paid trip to attend the VFW Mid-Winter Conference, February 19-22, 2009. Teachers who win first-place in each category will be invited to make a brief presentation at the conference.

A program brochure (designed to be duplicated for distribution) was mailed in March to Junior High and High School teachers across the nation and to VFW and Ladies Auxiliary leaders. Additional information on how to conduct the program will be included in the VFW Programs Chairman's Guide "*It's About Service*", mailed the first week in June, in the Quartermaster kit to all 2008-2009 Post Commanders.

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM.** This program is designed to provide recognition and awards to VFW members who volunteer their time to outside organizations. Recognition is in the form of certificates and/or lapel pins which are given to volunteers who have completed the number of hours prescribed for those awards. For more information, see the VFW "*It's About Service*" Programs Chairmen's Guide portion of the 2008 - 2009 VFW Leadership Reference Guide CD or contact the VFW Programs department at 816-968-1148 for a nomination form.

**POW/MIA FLAG - OFFICIAL DISPLAY DAYS.** Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations, and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 16 (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day, May 25 (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; National POW/MIA Day, September 19, (third Friday in September); and Veterans Day, November 11.

#### 4. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 <sup>ST</sup> -	<b>Date:</b> TBA	<b>Rep:</b>	James Martin, State JVC
	<b>Meeting:</b>		
	<b>Location:</b>	3 <sup>RD</sup> -	<b>Date:</b> 08/09/08
	<b>Rep:</b>		<b>Meeting:</b> 10:00 AM
			<b>Location:</b> District Headquarters
			<b>Rep:</b> Steve Lasseter, Surgeon
2 <sup>ND</sup> -	<b>Date:</b> 9/13/08	4 <sup>TH</sup> -	<b>Date:</b> 08/10/08
	<b>Lunch:</b> Noon		<b>Meeting:</b> 2:00 PM
	<b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM		
	<b>Location:</b> Post 392 Virginia Beach		

	<b>Location:</b> Post 8902 Keysville	<b>Rep:</b> Hal Roesch, State CMDR
	<b>Rep:</b> Charles Absher, Judge Advocate	
<b>5<sup>TH</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 08/23/08	<b>9<sup>th</sup>-</b> <b>Date:</b> 09/07/08
	<b>Lunch:</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>Meeting:</b> 11:00 AM Lunch to follow
	<b>Meeting:</b> To Follow	<b>Location:</b> Post 6000 Narrows
	<b>Location:</b> Post 8243 Halifax	<b>Rep:</b> Rex Faris, State SVC
	<b>Rep:</b> Hal Roesch, State CMDR	
<b>6<sup>TH</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> TBA	<b>10<sup>th</sup>-</b> <b>Date:</b> TBA
	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>
	<b>Location:</b> VAMC Salem	<b>Location:</b>
	<b>Rep:</b>	<b>Rep:</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 7/27/08	<b>11<sup>th</sup>-</b> <b>Date:</b> 09/14/08
	<b>Meeting:</b> Noon	<b>Lunch:</b> 11:30 AM
	<b>Location:</b> Post 2447 Edinburg	<b>Meeting:</b> 12:30 PM
	<b>Subject:</b> School of Instruction	<b>Location:</b> Post 8644 Bridgewater
	<b>Rep:</b> Rex Faris, State SVC	<b>Rep:</b> Hal Roesch, State CMDR
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> TBA	<b>12<sup>th</sup>-</b> <b>Date:</b> 09/13/08
	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Meeting:</b> 11:00 AM
	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Location:</b> Post 3782 Haysi
	<b>Rep:</b>	<b>Rep:</b> Hal Roesch, State CMDR
<b>8<sup>th</sup>-</b>	<b>Date:</b> 09/21/08	<b>13<sup>th</sup>-</b> <b>Date:</b> 08/17/08
	<b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM	<b>Meeting:</b> 1:00 PM
	<b>Location:</b> Post 2524 Culpeper	<b>Location:</b> 7638 Gordonsville
		<b>Rep:</b> John Edwards, Chief of Staff

## 5. IMPORTANT DATES:

Jul 11-12, 2008	Flying Squadron, Charlotte, NC
	School of Instruction will be held at the following locations: All classes will be 9:00AM-4:00PM
Jul 19, 2008	Post 9808 Mechanicsville, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville
Jul 20, 2008	Post 2216 Staunton, 212 Frontier Drive, Staunton
Jul 26, 2008	Post 392 Virginia Beach, 2408 Bowland Pkwy, Virginia Beach
Jul 27, 2008	Post 1503 Dale City, 14631 Minnieville Rd, Dale City
Aug 09, 2008	Post 1115 Hillsville, 701 West Stuart Dr, Hillsville
Aug 16-21, 2008	National VFW Convention, Orlando, FL
Aug 30, 2008	State Commander Harold Roesch and Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Profitt Homecoming. VFW Post 4809, Norfolk. Information enclosed.
Sept 27, 2008	Council of Administration, State Headquarters, Staunton, VA
Oct 30-Nov 2, 2008	Southern Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK Room Rate \$79.00 Deadline for reservations - October 16, 2008.
Jan 16-19, 2009	Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$69.00 Deadline for reservations – December 24, 2008 to insure a group rate.
Jun 11-14, 2009	Department of Virginia State Convention, Richmond, VA. Reservation Cut-off is 5/11/09 Room Rate: \$93.00
Aug 15-20, 2009	National VFW Convention, Phoenix, AZ

Jan15-18, 2010

Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$67.00  
Deadline for reservations – December 24, 2009 to insure group rates

Aug 21-26, 2010

National VFW Convention, Indianapolis, IN

## 6. AUDIT REPORTS:

In accordance with the SOP and the National By-Laws, **three Trustees must sign** the Trustees' Report of Audit before it can be accepted.

Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which is March 31 and is now **PAST DUE**.

Please submit to State Headquarters. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.

Congratulations to Dist 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 for 100% reporting.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 3/31/08 as of 06/24/08

<b>DIST. 2</b>	2582												
<b>DIST. 3</b>	11124												
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163												
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873												
<b>DIST. 6</b>	1444	4522											
<b>DIST. 11</b>	3136												
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782												
<b>DIST. 13</b>	2613												

## 7. BONDS:

All bonds will expire August 31, 2008. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters before August 31st.

## 8. BUDGET AND FINANCE:

Each Chairperson appointed for this year is advised that our Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) requires that a budget be prepared and forwarded to the chairman of the Budget and Finance committee within a period of thirty (30) days after appointment. This budget is to show the anticipated expenses for the ensuing year.

Paul T. Moore, Chairman  
Budget and Finance Committee

## 9. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.

## 10. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. If you received a hard copy of the General Orders and have the ability to print satisfactory copies from the internet please call us or email us at [stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com). Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

## 11. MEMBERSHIP:

Attached to the General Orders is the 2008-2009 State and National Membership & Awards Programs.



## **12. NATIONAL CONVENTION BANQUET:**

The National Convention Banquet will be held on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 each and must be purchased through your Department Headquarters. Deadline to order tickets is July 15, 2008.

## **13. NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:**

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws, which provides that each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention by the payment of a fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) per delegate. Advanced registration for the 109th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and address to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or you may register on-line at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).

## **14. OFFICIAL E-MAIL COMMUNICATION INFORMATION:**

The passwords of Post, District and State Officers holding the positions of Commander, Quartermaster and Adjutant will be changed on or about 1 July 2008.

July's General Orders will list all Department of Virginia Officer's @va.vfwwebmail.com e-mail address. These addresses will be used for all communication to Department of Virginia's Officers. Provisions have also been made to assign an e-mail address to each Post's and District's Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants. The Department of Virginia uses these standardized addresses for all official business instead of personal addresses. This standardization of e-mail addresses will reduce the massive workload incurred every year required to update new elected Officers' e-mail addresses.

Instructions on how to log on and take ownership of these e-mail addresses are located at:  
[http://www.vfwva.org/New\\_Dept\\_Email.htm](http://www.vfwva.org/New_Dept_Email.htm)

You can contact Jerry Peterson at [blogmaster@va.webmail.com](mailto:blogmaster@va.webmail.com) for assistance

Jerry Peterson  
Blogmaster

## **15. PATRIOT'S PEN:**

I am sorry I could not be with you at the Department Convention but my doctor and I agreed it would not have been a good thing for any of us. I am improving and hope to be close to 100% very soon. Thanks for the calls. All District Commanders will be receiving a package in the mail in a few weeks.

The following schedule is subject to change but I think we are ok to go with it for now:

THEME: "WHY SHOULD AMERICA'S VETERANS BE HONORED".

Student Entry Deadline: November 1, 2008 Post Judging Deadline: November 15, 2008 District Judging Deadline: December 6, 2008 Department Judging Deadline: January 7, 2009 Department Winner To National Deadline: January 15, 2009 Department report to National Deadline: January 31, 2009 Department Judging: January 6, 2009(This date may need to be sooner).

More information to follow later.

VERY IMPORTANT: On the Student's entry form: Commander's (Post and District) be absolutely sure you sign the form in the appropriate area. This must be done in order to receive credit for the entry.

Don Hall, Chairman

## **16. RAFFLE WINNER:**

CONGRATULATIONS!! To the winner of the 2008 Harley Davidson Motorcycle: Larry Shaffer, Post 392, Virginia Beach, VA.

**17. REPORT FORMS:**

Please mail all reports to State Headquarters. This includes Americanism, Community Activities, Deceased Comrades reports, Homeless Veterans, Hospital, Inspection, Safety, and Youth Activities. Copies of all reports are attached. District Commanders also have copies of all reports.

**18. VOD THEME 2008-2009:**

VOD Theme: Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefits Today's Youth by

**19. 109TH NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:**

109<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Orlando, Florida, August 16-21, 2008 and we anticipate many members will take this opportunity to plan family vacations. To assist our members we will open housing and convention registration early this year – *December 31, 2007*.

This early open will be communicated to each post by e-mail. It is however, our understanding, many posts may not access their e-mail accounts on a regular basis. Convention registration and housing information were mailed with the election reports in February.

Our Department has been assigned to the Rosen Centre with a block of **30** rooms.

A list of amenities for your hotel may be found on the hotel website [www.rosencentre.com](http://www.rosencentre.com) or by contacting the hotel at 407-996-9840.

Be sure to book your reservations by **July 14, 2008** in order to receive special convention rates noted below:

Rates for:	Single:	\$115
	Double:	\$115
	Triple:	\$135
	Quad/Club Level:	\$155

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Harold Roesch  
State Commander

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, VFW

SUBJECT: SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

There will be a School of Instruction held on the following dates and locations, all times will began at 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Post 9808 Mechanicsville	7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Post 2216 Staunton	212 Frontier Drive, Staunton
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Post 392 Virginia Beach	2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Post 1503 Dale City	14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Post 1115 Hillsville	701 West Stuart Drive, Hillsville

All new Post Commanders and Quartermasters are urged to attend, and everyone else is invited. You must register for one of the above locations so we may have a count as to how many are attending at each location so lunch preparation can be made (meals will be provided by the Host Post). **IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED MEALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.**

Subjects of Instructions will include:

- Membership
- MIP & Recruiting Programs
- Dept. & National Membership Awards Program
- Rules and Regulations of Club Rooms
- Parliamentary Law & Procedure, By-Laws (Nat'l/Dept/Post) & SOP
- Inspections & Reports
- Duties & Responsibilities of Post CMDR's, SVC & JVC
- Duties of Post ADJ & QM, QM Records (Ledger & Computer)
- Post Visits/Roundups
- VOD, Patriots Pen, Teachers Recognition Program, Scouting, MAP
- eMembership and Web Development

We must know how many will be attending, so therefore, the following form must be completed and returned to State Headquarters **no later than July 10th.**

No food will be prepared for those that do not register with the Department.

### SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REGISTRATION

Return this form to:  
 Department of Virginia, VFW  
 403 Lee Jackson Hwy  
 Staunton, VA 24401

Or by Fax: 1-866-416-0586

Name of Attendees: (please print) (please use additional paper if necessary)

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Location \_\_\_\_\_

No. of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Commander

# Department Commander's Homecoming Fund Raiser



Shirts are available thru State Headquarters for purchase with the state of Virginia on the left side. These shirts are Black in color with the State in red, white, and blue. You can use the Shirt order form below.

**SIZES ARE LIMITED- ORDER NOW!**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Post/Auxiliary Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Number	Size	Price	Total
_____	Small	\$25.00	_____
_____	Medium	\$25.00	_____
_____	Large	\$25.00	_____
_____	X-Large	\$25.00	_____
_____	XX-Large	\$25.00	_____
_____	XXX-Large	\$25.00	_____

Method of Payment: Cash Check MasterCard Visa Discover

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Shipping add \$5.00 for the first Shirt and \$3.00 for each additional Shirt not to exceed \$11.00*

SHIPPING \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**VFW 109th National Convention  
Orlando, Florida  
Orange County Convention Center  
August 16-21, 2008**

*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.*

**Saturday, August 16, 2008**

8a Natl. Veterans Service Committee  
9a PAC Board  
10:30a-12:30p Budget & Finance Committee  
11a NVS Resolution Subcommittee preliminary meeting  
VFW Health Fair  
VFW/Registration/Exhibits  
National Council of Administration Meeting  
5p-6p Catholic Mass

**Sunday, August 17, 2008**

VFW Health Fair  
VFW Registration/Exhibits  
8:30a Annual Memorial Service  
Eastern Conference Caucus  
Southern Conference Caucus  
Big Ten Conference Caucus  
Western Conference Caucus

**Committee Meetings**

2p Finance and Internal Organization  
2p General Resolutions  
2p Natl. By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual  
2p Natl. Veterans Service Resolutions  
2p Natl. Security and Foreign Affairs  
2p Military Assistance Program & Operation Uplink Chairmen  
4p POW/MIA Subcommittee  
4p Women Veterans Forum

**Monday, August 18, 2008**

VFW Health Fair  
VFW Registration/Exhibits  
Joint Opening Session (***session will resume after a lunch break***)  
11:30a Natl. Outstanding Community Service Post Reception  
(*time changed to follow joint session*) – Sponsored by Wal-Mart  
Field Competition  
General Reception  
National Convention Banquet

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008**

7a Member Dues Processing

7a Estate Planning Seminar

VFW Health Fair

VFW Registration/Exhibits

8a VFW Business Session

Field Competition

**VFW Workshops**

1p Membership

1p Chaplain Workshop

1p Programs Workshop

1p Grant Workshop

1p Estate Planning Seminar

1p Military Assistance Program Workshop

1:30p Communications/Public Affairs

2p VFW Post Insurance Program Protecting Your Post

2p VFW/VA Health Care and Benefits Forum

Patriotic Rally – *Co-sponsored by Lockton-Post Insurance*

**Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

6:30a All American Commander Breakfast

7a Grant Workshop

7a Estate Planning Seminar

7:30a Citizenship Education

VFW Health Fair

VFW Registration/Exhibits – **Closing at noon**

8a Business Session /Nomination of officers

**VFW Workshops**

1p Natl. Legislative and Action Corps

1p VFW Natl. Home

1p Dept. VFW A/Q & Auxiliary Secretary & Treasurers

Orientation meeting

2p PAC

3p Financial Planning Seminar

**7p-9:30p** All Conference Reception – *Location to be advised*

**Thursday, August 21, 2008**

8a Business Session: Election and Installation of National Officers

12:30p National Council of Administration Meeting

*(Immediately following business session)*

**3p-5p** Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception