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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

The month of May is upon us. It seems that the year is flying by. Every Post should have had their elections completed and the proper election forms submitted. To those who were elected to positions of leadership in your respective Post, congratulations. I know you'll step up to the plate and support your Post, District and the Department in our shared goals, programs and ambitions. District elections will be held this month. To those who are running for elected office, I wish each of you success, and congratulate you on seeking a leadership role in your District. The Post and District Officer's are the true leadership at the grass-roots level. You are the folks that have your fingers on the pulse of our membership.

As you know, the cut-off for second half reports was April 30th. All reports must be AT State Headquarters not later than May 16th for judging of All State honors. Posts should now be getting reports in for the first half for the membership year 2008-2009.

I am extremely proud to announce that as a Department, we have already passed our established goal of being 101% in membership, and have been declared an All American Department. Job Well Done by all! We still have a few Posts striving for either All State Honors or All American status. Further, we have several Districts who have already exceeded 100% in membership. The weather is turning nicer, and now would be a good time to start working on setting up your recruiting events. If you need assistance, contact your respective District Commander.

Our wonderful Ladies Auxiliary is very close to making their membership goals this year. Let's help them out by signing up our wife's, daughter's, sister's, etc. The Ladies do so very much for us, we have a responsibility to support them in any way we can.

Again, I would like to thank all the many volunteers who support our organization and our programs. The MOC/MOCA, Men's Auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary, and the many, many volunteers who give unconditionally to make this great organization even better. Thank You!!

Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Commander

2. VA INCREASES TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT TO ELIGIBLE VETERANS:

WASHINGTON – Over a million eligible veterans will see their mileage reimbursement more than double starting tomorrow, for travel to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities. “This increase helps veterans -- especially those living in rural areas -- offset some of the gasoline costs as they travel to VA’s world-class health care,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. “Increasing the mileage reimbursement is one more step by VA to help veterans access the health care they deserve.”

The 2008 appropriations act provided funding for VA to increase the beneficiary travel mileage reimbursement rate from 11 cents per mile to 28.5 cents per mile. The increase goes into effect on Feb. 1.

After little more than a month on the job, Secretary Peake used his authority to establish the first increase in the mileage reimbursement in 30 years, fulfilling a pledge he made during his Senate confirmation hearing last month.

While increasing the payment, VA, as mandated by law, also equally increased the deductible amounts applied to certain mileage reimbursements. The new deductibles are \$7.77 for a one way trip, \$15.54 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$46.62 per calendar month. However, these deductibles can be waived if they cause a financial hardship to the veteran.

For the latest news releases and other information, visit VA on the Internet at <http://www.va.gov/opa>. To receive e-mail copies of news releases, subscribe to VA’s list server at: http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/opalist_listserv.cfm

3. SECTION 213 OF THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS:

Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies

4. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

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|------------------------|---|--|
| 1ST- | Date: 05-03-08
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 7167 Warsaw
Rep: State SVC Hal Roesch | Location: Post 1115 Hillsville Hosted by Post 7568 Galax
Time: Following Lunch
Rep: Chaplain Ray Wells |
| 2ND- | Date: 05-18-08
Lunch: 1:00 PM
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 4809 Norfolk
Rep: PDC Bobby R. Walls | 6TH- Date: 05-18-08
Time: 2:00PM
Location: Post 5311, Christiansburg
Rep: State Surgeon Bob Loy |
| 3RD- | Date: 05-10-08
Meeting: 10:00AM
Location: District Headquarters
Rep: State Surgeon Bob Loy | 7th Date: 05-18-08
Time: 11:30 AM
Location: Post 9760 Berryville
Rep: Judge Advocate Jim Martin |
| 4TH- | Date: 05-18-08
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 8163 Clarksville
Rep: Chief-of-Staff Roy Swanner | 8th Date: 05-04-08
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 3103 Fredericksburg
Rep: Judge Advocate Jim Martin |
| 5TH- | Date: 05-18-08
Lunch: 12:00 Noon | 9TH- Date: 05-04-08
Time: 11:00 AM Lunch to follow
Location: Post 1184 Pulaski
Rep: State JVC Rex Faris |

10TH-Date: 05-18-08
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503 Dale City
Rep: State Cmdr Jimmy Lee Wallace

12TH- Date: 05-10-08
Meeting Time: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 8979 at the High School
Rep: Chaplain Ray Wells

11TH-Date: 05-18-2008
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Post 632, Harrisonburg
Rep: PDC James F. Werner

13th Date: 05-18-08
Time: 1:00 PM Lunch after Meeting
Location: Post 8947 Louisa
Rep: State SVC Hal Roesch

5. IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 16, 2008 Deadline for All-State Judging – 5:00 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- June 12-15, 2008 State Convention Room Rates \$89.00, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000. Room rates through May 21, 2008
- August 16-21, 2008 National VFW Convention, Orlando, FL
- January 14-19, 2009 Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$69.00
Deadline for reservations – December 24, 2008 to insure group rate.
- August 15-20, 2009 National VFW Convention, Phoenix, AZ
- January 15-18, 2010 Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$67.00
Deadline for reservations – December 24, 2009 to insure group rates
- August 21-26, 2010 National VFW Convention, Indianapolis, IN

6. ROSTER CHANGES:

4th District	Nathaniel Miller PO Box 542 Blackstone, VA 23824 434-293-3716 804-765-1431 (cell)	993	Joseph D. Wilson, III, QM 4318 County St. Portsmouth, VA 23707
6th District	Dana C. Jackson, Adj 7506 Peppers Ferry Blvd Fairlawn, VA 24142	8479	John H. Loan 1000 Patton Farm Rd Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 540-943-0695

7. AMERICANISM:

We completed the activities year on 30 April. All reports are due at Department HQ in approximately the next two weeks. See due date elsewhere in the General Orders. For all activities in May, please report them on First Half report forms. And give your incoming commander a head start by reporting the many May activities before the Department Convention.

See April General Orders for information on submitting an Americanism Record Book to be judged by the Awards Committee.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Americanism Report for the 2nd Half as of 04/11/08

Dist 1.	2296								
Dist 2	2582								
Dist. 3	100%								
Dist. 4	8048	8902	10570						
Dist. 5	100%								

Dist. 6	1841	4522	4920	7854	8184							
Dist. 7	100%											
Dist. 8	2524	7728										
Dist. 9	100%											
Dist. 10	100%											
Dist. 11	452	4204	4989	8479								
Dist. 12	100%											
Dist. 13	10295											

J.Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman, Americanism

8. 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 **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.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted an Audit Report for the period ending 3/31/08 as of 04/20/08

Dist. 1	176	960	2296	3219	5500	8252	8629	9358				
DIST. 2	993	2582	3160									
DIST. 3	1426	2239	4639	8046	9224	10387	10657					
DIST. 4	2163	2584	5313	7819	8228	8759	8902	10570				
DIST. 5	873	1115										
DIST. 6	1033	1444	2157	4299	4318	4522	5311	8184				
DIST. 7	2123	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660						
DIST. 8	1177	2524	3103	7728	8208							
DIST. 9	2719	7136	9696									
DIST. 10	609	5412	7916	9274	9478							
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2216	3060	3136	4989	8479	9339	9480		
DIST. 12	3782	6975	9830	10298								
DIST. 13	1827	2613	8717	8947	10574							

9. BUDDY POPPIES:

The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies in their respective areas.

NOTE: As the upcoming Memorial Day approaches, and given the daily hazards confronting our military on a daily basis during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, it is appropriate that we direct as many VFW resources as possible to supporting our troops and their families.

In the ongoing effort to provide as much assistance as possible to those serving in the military, we recommend that proceeds or portions from this year's annual poppy distribution be designated for the purpose of providing VFW support to our military. Via the VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP), Posts now have the opportunity to assist qualified military personnel through the MAP *emergency financial grant* process.

In keeping with the intent of Section 704(a)(c) of the Manual of Procedure "Relief Fund," this year's poppy campaign can play a direct role in demonstrating to those who are charged with protecting and defending our way of life that we appreciate and value their sacrifice.

For more details on how your Post can participate, please contact Kim DeShano, Buddy Poppy Chairman at 800-888-3521.

10. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed for the following holiday: May 26, 2008, Memorial Day.

11. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Congratulations to Districts 2, 7, 9, 10, and 12 for 100% reporting. **Comrades time is running out.**

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Community Activities Report for the 2nd Half as of 4/11/08.

Dist. 1	2296	7167	8629					
Dist. 2	100%							
Dist. 3	2583							
Dist. 4	10570							
Dist. 5	7568							
Dist. 6	1841	4522	4920	7854	8184			
Dist. 7	100%							
Dist. 8	2524	7728						
Dist. 9	100%							
Dist. 10	100%							
Dist. 11	452	4204	4989	8479				
Dist. 12	100%							
Dist. 13	10295							

Lynn Harris
Community Activities Vice Chairman

12. FLAGS:

HALF-STAFF U.S. FLAG. The U.S. Flag should be half-staffed on Peace Officers Memorial Day on the 15th of May, unless it is Armed Forces Day; and Memorial Day, the last Monday in May (federal holiday - half-staff until noon).

FLAG DAY, JUNE 14. All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. See the VFW Programs Chairmen's Guide, "It's About Service" for Fun Facts about the U.S. Flag. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizens Award for those who have daily displayed our National flag. Product No. 4385, VFW Emblem and Supply Department.

13. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th 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. Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

14. GOLF TOURNAMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHILDRENS HOSPITAL:

We would like to invite you to participate in the VFW Department of Virginia Golf Tournament, held at the Hollows Golf Course, located in Montpelier, to be held June 11th, 2008. A registration form is attached for your use. If you are unable to attend, please pass this information on to those that may be interested. Hole sponsorships in the amount of \$100.00 (minimum) are available. Donations of other amounts are needed and appreciated. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital, Richmond. We would like to thank those Post's that have already stepped up to the plate and sponsored a hole.

15. HOSPITAL:

The information listed below is per State Headquarters records.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Hospital Report for the 2nd Half as of 04/23/08

Dist 1	7167			
Dist 2	2582			
Dist 3	100%			
Dist 4	2163	10570		
Dist 5	100%			
Dist 6	4522	4920	7854	8184
Dist 7	100 %			
Dist 8	2524	7728		
Dist 9	100%			
Dist 10	100%			
Dist 11	4204	4989	8479	
Dist 12	100%			
Dist 13	10295			

16. INSPECTION:

All Districts and Posts are 100% reported as of this General Orders printing.

William R. Shifflett
State Inspector

17. INSTALLING OFFICERS:

Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed.

The installing officer shall ascertain that a Post Election Report has been mailed to National Headquarters prior to the installation. If a Post Election Report has not been forwarded to National Headquarters, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time he installs the Post officers. Attention is directed to see that the proper amount of dues the Post charges is reported to National Headquarters.

Special Note: All Post Election Reports are to be forwarded directly to National Headquarters who will be responsible for forwarding to the Department.

18. MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE TICKETS:

Reminder to all Posts: Motorcycle Raffle tickets and money are due at State Headquarters by June 1st to be included in the drawing. Support this cause by buying your ticket now. Tickets will also be available at State Convention in June. We are very pleased with the response and thank everyone who has participated. Do **NOT** wait until the Convention to turn in your unsold tickets, we may not have a chance to sell them before the drawing.

19. 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.

20. NOMINATION, ELECTION, & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete and return the forms directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers.

Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to County Councils at the same time the annual election of Post officers is held; two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

Delegates and alternates to District conventions shall be elected at a regular Post meeting held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District convention at which District officers are to be elected; one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

Delegates and alternates to the Department convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

Pursuant to Section 405 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department convention. District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 414 of the National By-Laws.

21. POW/MIA:

March 24, 2008

Missing WWII Airman is Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is **2nd Lt. Arthur F. Eastman**, U.S. Army Air Forces, of East Orange, N.J. He will be buried in September in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

April 04, 2008

Soldiers Missing From the Korean War are Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors. They are **Capt. Edward B. Scullion** of Norfolk, Va; and **Pfc. Elwood D. Reynolds** of Schoolfield, Va.; both U.S. Army. Reynolds will be buried April 18 in Danville, Va., and Scullion will be buried this summer in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Both men were members of A Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, then attached to the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT), 7th Infantry Division. The team was engaged against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, from Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1950. Both soldiers died in late November as result of intense enemy fire, but their bodies were not recovered at the time.

Between 2002 and 2005, joint U.S. and Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), conducted excavations of three burial sites near the Chosin Reservoir. The sites correlate closely with defensive positions held by the 31st RCT at the time of the Chinese attacks. The teams recovered remains there believed to be those of several other U.S. servicemen. Analysis of the remains recovered from the sites led to the identification of 10 individuals, including Scullion and Reynolds.

DIST. 6	1841	4165	4522	4920	7854	8184			
DIST. 7	100% Reported								
DIST. 8	2524	7728							
DIST. 9	100% Complete								
DIST. 10	5412								
DIST. 11	452	4204	4989						
DIST. 12	100% Complete								
DIST. 13	10295								

Posts that have submitted Safety Reports have been removed from the matrix. The Posts that are still showing have not submitted their Safety reports as of April 11, 2008. Congratulations to District 3, District 5, District 7, District 9, and District 12 for being 100% reported. Districts 1, 2, 4, 8, 10 and 13 are all getting close to being complete. We only have a couple of weeks to get the remainder of the reports in. Thank you for your assistance to complete this task.

Steve Lasseter
Safety Vice-Chairman

25. VOD, PATRIOT'S PEN & TEACHER OF THE YEAR CREDIT:

If your Post participated in Patriot's Pen, VOD, and Teacher of the Year programs please check the reports spreadsheet on the web at <http://www.vfwva.org/Reports/districtreport.htm> and verify that your Post was given credit. If you have not been given credit contact your District Chairman or District Commander before the judging deadline. Do not wait until judging to say that you participated as it will be too late.

26. VOD & PATRIOTS PEN THEMES 2008-2009:

VOD Theme: Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefits Today's Youth by
Patriot's Pen Theme: Why America's Veterans Should be Honored

27. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Congrats to District 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 12 for being 100%. There is still time for all Posts to have a Youth Activities Report. How is this for a Youth Activity? Call and Visit your local elementary school and wear your "Cover". I guarantee you will make a difference and the kids love to ask all manner of questions of a Vet! It will only take an hour of your time and it counts!

If I have missed any Post please feel free to Call me at 434-760-1940 and I will amend my report.

Posts listed below **HAVE NOT** submitted a Youth Activities Report for the 2nd Half as of 4/11/08

Dist 1	2296						
Dist 2	2582						
Dist 3	100%						
Dist 4	5313	8902	10570				
Dist 5	100%						
Dist 6	1841	4165	4522	4920	7854	8184	
Dist 7	100 %						
Dist 8	2524	7728					
Dist 9	100 %						
Dist 10	100 %						
Dist 11	452	4204	4989	8479			
Dist 12	100%						
Dist 13	10295						

John Miska
Youth Activities Chairman

28. 109TH NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:

109th 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 email. It is however, our understanding, many posts may not access their email accounts on a regular basis. Convention registration and housing information will also be mailed with the election reports scheduled for February.

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

NOTE: All sleeping room reservations, other than suites, must be made through the housing bureau. Housing officially opens December 31, 2007. Please use the attached housing form to make a reservation.

A list of amenities for your hotel may be found on the hotel website 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:



Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Commander



STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

State Convention will be held June 12 – 15, 2008 at the

Sheraton Richmond West Hotel –
6624 West Broad Street -
Richmond - 804-285-2000

The banquet/dance will be held on June 14th.

You will **NOT** be able to purchase banquet/dance tickets the weekend of the Convention.
Dance tickets may be pre-purchased or they will be available at the registration table.

You **MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET/DANCE**

Banquet/Dance tickets are \$40.00
Dance tickets only \$5.00

Your choice of:

Sliced Peppercorn Encrusted Sirloin

Alaskan Salmon with Lemon Caper Butter

Both Served with:

- Garden Salad
- Warm Rolls and Butter
- Southwestern Potato Cakes
- Green Beans Almondine
- Strawberry Shortcake

Your choice of Iced Tea, Iced Water, Coffee, or Hot Tea

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY June 6, 2008 No Exceptions No Refunds after June 6th
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post or Auxiliary number.

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ **Food Choice:** (circle) Sirloin or Salmon **Dance Only** (circle)

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ **Food Choice:** (circle) Sirloin or Salmon **Dance Only** (circle)

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ **Food Choice:** (circle) Sirloin or Salmon **Dance Only** (circle)

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ **Food Choice:** (circle) Sirloin or Salmon **Dance Only** (circle)

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ **Food Choice:** (circle) Sirloin or Salmon **Dance Only** (circle)

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ **Food Choice:** (circle) Sirloin or Salmon **Dance Only** (circle)

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ **Food Choice:** (circle) Sirloin or Salmon **Dance Only** (circle)

Please charge my card: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa or Discover

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

*Pre-paid tickets **will not** be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.*

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET/DANCE – DANCE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE. No refunds!

86th ANNUAL CONVENTION
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
SHERATON RICHMOND WEST – RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
JUNE 12-15, 2008

Eugene Chavis
Convention Chairman

Earle P. Weekley
Convention Vice Chairman

**Thursday,
June 12, 2008**

1:00 PM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	BALLROOM FOYER
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	CHESAPEAKE
11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATOR MEETING	CHESAPEAKE
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	BALLROOM B/C/D
6:00 PM	10:30 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	BALLROOM B/C/D

**Friday,
June 13, 2008**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JOINT OPENING SESSION	BALLROOM B/C/D
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	BALLROOM FOYER
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCHEON	MONTICELLO A/B
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION	BALLROOM A
5:30 PM	8:00 PM	COOTIE GRAND SCRATCH	MONTICELLO
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE	REGENCY BALLROOM

**Saturday,
June 14, 2008**

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	TIDEWATER ROOM
9:00 AM	3:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	BALLROOM A
2:00 PM	5:00 PM	NEW DISTRICT COMMANDERS SCHOOL	TIDEWATER
1:30 PM	4:30 PM	SERVICE OFFICERS MEETING	SHULA'S
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	RECEPTION	MONTICELLO A/B
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	ANNUAL BANQUET	REGENCY BALLROOM
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE	REGENCY BALLROOM

**Sunday,
June 15, 2008**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	BALLROOM B/C/D
9:30 AM	1:30 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS)	BALLROOM A
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF CONVENTION	BALLROOM A

Registration \$3.00 (**All persons are required to register**)
FRIDAY DANCE: \$5.00 per person

SATURDAY BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED- THEY CAN NOT BE PURCHASED AT THE CONVENTION - THIS YEAR YOU MAY PURCHASE A TICKET TO THE SATURDAY DANCE FOR \$5.00 & TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE CONVENTION

The hotel will not have cash bars set up for either dance. Bottles will be permitted in the ballroom during both dances. The hotel will furnish ice and mix. **THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE AT EITHER DANCE WITHOUT A TICKET. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

State – Room 147**First & Second Districts - Room 139**Third District – George Washington Room**
Fourth District – Madison Room**Tenth District - Room 257** Cooties - Room 267



**VIRGINIA STATE VFW
GOLF TOURNAMENT
AT THE HOLLOWES GOLF
COURSE
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH, 2008
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,
RICHMOND, VA**



Get your team together and come join the fun at the Hollows, Greenwood Church Rd, in Montpelier. 804-798-2949

Entry Fee: \$45.00 per person
Includes green fees, cart fees,
And a boxed lunch
Shot Gun Start at 9:00 AM

HOLE SPONSORS NEEDED!
SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
\$100.00 MINIMUM – DUE BY JUNE 6TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE VFW STATE HEADQUARTERS AT 1-800-888-3521
OR BY EMAIL: stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com

I would like to sponsor a hole in the amount of \$_____. Name/Company_____

I would like to participate in the tournament. (Singles will be placed on a team the day of tournament. For teams place team members information below.)

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____ City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Name/Handicap

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. _____ Handicap _____ | 3. _____ Handicap _____ |
| 2. _____ Handicap _____ | 4. _____ Handicap _____ |

Make checks payable to Department of Virginia VFW earmarked "Golf Tournament" and mail along with payment to : VFW Department of Virginia
403 Lee Jackson Hwy
Staunton, VA 24401

Commanders Club Luncheon

ATTENTION: All Past and Present Commanders

You are invited to attend the Annual Commanders Club Luncheon to be held on Friday, June 13, 2008, at the Sheraton Richmond West from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Commanders, please pass this information on to your Comrades.

COST: \$25.00 (includes tax & gratuity)

MENU:
House Salad
Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
Chef's Choice of Vegetable
Apple Pie
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Commanders Club

MAIL CHECK TO:
Earle P. Weekley, Jr.
Commanders Club Treasurer
595 Bowman Road
Dayton, VA 22821

DEADLINE: June 1, 2008 ***PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MEAL IS REQUIRED.
PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1st, NO EXCEPTIONS.
NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS PRE-REGISTERED.***

REMEMBER: You can become a LIFE MEMBER for \$25.00; ANNUAL DUES are \$5.00. All dues can be sent to Earle P. Weekley, Jr. at the above address.

John King, President

Bill Shifflett, Luncheon Chairman

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PLEASE SEND THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ASSURE ACCURACY.
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Post No. _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Name of each person attending luncheon (*please print clearly*)

NAME	COMMANDERS CLUB CARD NO.	DATE JOINED
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Annual Dues for _____

Life Member Dues for _____



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
2008 National Convention
August 16 – 21, 2008
ORLANDO HOUSING FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

INTERNET: Visit the **VFW** web site at www.vfw.org

TELEPHONE:
Toll free (US) 888-221-9425

FAX:
801-355-8019

MAIL:
THE HOUSING CONNECTION
175 S. West Temple, Suite 140
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail, or internet by **July 14, 2008** in order to guarantee convention rates.

CONFIRMATIONS

The Housing Connection will send you a confirmation of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. Email confirmations will be sent if an e-mail address is provided (preferred), or they can be faxed or mailed. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call The Housing Connection. **You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.**

TAX RATE and REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to 13.5% tax (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed, however hotels will do their best to honor all requests. Hotels will assign specific rooms upon check-in based on availability.

A ROOM DEPOSIT BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE IS REQUIRED TO SECURE RESERVATIONS:

ROOM DEPOSIT/GUARANTEE will be accepted in the form of a check in the amount of \$119.00. Make check payable to: The Housing Connection and mail to the address above. Rooms can also be guaranteed with a valid credit card, expiration date, and authorized signature of cardholder. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations after July 14, 2008 will be subject to a \$25.00 cancellation fee. If cancellation occurs within 72 hours of arrival, one night's room and tax or full check deposit will be forfeited entirely to the hotel.

GUEST INFORMATION

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
VIA INTERNET (www.vfw.org) OR BY FAX (801-355-8019)

Arrival Date _____ **Departure Date** _____

First Name: _____ M.I.: ____ Last Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

If providing international numbers, please include country and city access numbers

Company: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City/State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code, Country: _____

HOTEL SELECTION

Each state/department has been assigned a hotel with an allocation of rooms. In the event the allotment has been filled, a room will be reserved at another VFW hotel based on your preference of rates or proximity and availability.

If hotel assignment is sold out, which is more important? (check one) _____ Room Rate _____ Location

State you reside in: _____

**Rosen Centre & Rosen Plaza are Smoke-Free Hotels
Peabody has 1 Floor of Smoking Rooms only**

Room Type Requested: _____ **One Bed** _____ **Two Beds**
(Submit only one room request per form. Should additional forms be needed, please make copies.)

List all room occupants:

Disability requiring special services N/S room request

Special Requests:

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

All reservation requests must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee or check for a \$119.00 deposit. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Faxed requests must include a valid credit card. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

American Express Visa MasterCard Discover

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Cardholder's Signature* _____

*I hereby authorize the The Housing Connection or any one of the participating hotels to process a charge to my credit card for each Room Deposit in accordance with the policies and information provide herein.

Check deposit for \$119.00 is enclosed and made payable to The Housing Connection. Mail housing forms to: The Housing Connection, 175 S West Temple Suite 140, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Check deposits must be mailed and post marked no later than the deadline of July 14, 2008.