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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

It is hard for me to realize that we are entering the third month as me being Commander and the fifth month of VFW's reporting year. Even though National Convention is behind us, a lot will still happen this month, Homecomings, Labor Day and Patriot Days.

I want to thank all of those that participated in one of the three Schools of Instruction held at three different locations. Thanks go out Bristol, Mechanicsville and South Hill Posts for hosting these events.

At this point, our stats are sad. Over half of our Posts have not recruited or reinstated a member, or reported any activities. You cannot expect to maintain or increase your membership if you do not complete community activities, let the community know what you are doing, and then go in the community to recruit qualified applicants for our organization. As you do what a VFW Post should do, you need to send in the paperwork. It helps us to tell local, state, and federal officials about our work and gives us a louder voice when asking for legislation affecting veterans and their families.

I thank each member who was elected to an office and each who accepted an appointment. Go to the By-Laws and read what your duties are. Ask if you do not understand what the stated duties are. An office is not another cap to wear but mission to complete.

At any time you have a question or need assistance, feel free to contact Headquarters or any state officer. There are plenty of trained recruiters in place around the state if you need assistance in recruiting. We will recruit with you but we will need you with us. You know your community far better that we do.

Thank you to all of you that are doing the work of the VFW and for the ones that are not, remember we all should honor, serve, and assist our military, veterans, their families, and our communities.

Yours in Comradeship,
Charlie Absher
Department Commander

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1ST- **Date:** 12/3/11
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location:
Rep:

2ND - **Date:** TBA
Lunch: Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 3160, Norfolk
111 A View Ave
Rep:

3RD- **Date:** 9/17/11
Meeting: 10 AM lunch to follow
Location: 3rd District Headquarters
10044 Pamunkey Rd,
Mechanicsville
Rep: Merle Gootee,
Department Chaplain

4TH - **Date:** 11/5/11
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 7059, Farmville
1616 Graham Road
Rep: Margo Sheridan,
Department Sr. Vice Commander

5TH - **Date:** 11/19/11
Meeting: 12:00 Noon
Location: Post 8243, Halifax
1055 LP Bailey Memorial Hwy
Rep: Chris Birch,
Department Jr. Vice Commander

6TH - **Date:** 11/13/11
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 4522, Vinton
117 E Lee Ave.
Rep: Chris Birch,
Department Jr. Vice Commander

7th- **Date:** 9/11/11
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1860, Front Royal
1847 N. Royal Street
Rep: Doug Keller,
Department Surgeon

8th- **Date:** 10/9/11
Meeting: 1:00
Location: Post 3103, Fredericksburg
2701 Princess Anne St
Rep: Margo Sheridan,
Department Sr. Vice Commander

9th- **Date:** 9/25/11
Registration: 10:00 AM
Lunch: 12:00 noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 4667, Marion
861 Goolsby Street, Marion
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander

10th - **Date:** 9/25/11
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 8241, McLean
1051 Springhill Road, McLean
Rep: Buddy Weekley,
Department Judge Advocate

11th- **Date:** 9/18/11
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 12:30 PM
Location: Post 8644, Bridgewater
118 Dry River Road
Rep: Margo Sheridan,
Department Sr. Vice Commander

12th- **Date:** 9/24/11
Registration: 10:00 AM
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Post 6975, Bristol
516 Cumberland Street
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander

13th- **Date:** 9/18/11
Meeting: 1:00 PM lunch to follow
Location: Post 8947, Louisa
102 Mineral Ave
Rep: Doug Keller,
Department Surgeon

3. ADOPT A UNIT:

All Post who have adopted a Guard, Reserve, or active military unit, please send me your yearly report so you can keep the adoption active. If you fail to report, National will terminated the adoption on the VFW end. **If you have not reported in the last couple of years, please send me your report as soon as possible. I will try to reactivate your unit adoption.** If you have not adopted a unit and would like to, please contact me. I will help with the adoption process.

Ron Link
Chairman

4. AUDITS:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report you will have to visit the Department website (www.vfwva.org).

We update the website weekly usually on Friday. We hope this will eliminate the confusion of whether or not your Post has been credited with submitting a report. Due to the delay of printing and mailing the monthly General Orders, sometimes, the information is over 3 weeks old in the General Orders. If you have any questions please call State Headquarters.

5. CLOSINGS:

State Headquarters will be closed September 5, 2011 for Labor Day

6. COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth or Hospital report you will have to visit the Department website (www.vfwva.org).

We update the website weekly usually on Friday. We hope this will eliminate the confusion of whether or not your Post has been credited with submitting a report. Due to the delay of printing and mailing the monthly General Orders, sometimes, the information is over 3 weeks old in the General Orders. If you have any questions please call State Headquarters.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING;

Beginning in the 2011-2012 program year, the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW will no longer have Community Service Chairmen. This decision does not in any way diminish their commitment to what each Auxiliary does within their community. The philosophy they have adopted is that everything they do is, in fact, a service to the community. As such, their remaining chairmen are strongly encouraged to report their activities, hours and participation to their VFW counterpart at every level. These report forms are included in the Ladies Auxiliary 2011-2012 National Program Book, on CD and will soon be available on-line at www.ladiesauxvfw.org

With this change in mind, it is important for every VFW chairman to request these reports from their Auxiliary counterpart so the information can be included in VFW Department reports in June and December.

8. FALL COUNCIL:

The Fall Council Meeting is being held at State Headquarters on October 1st. The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm with lunch scheduled from noon until 1:00 pm. Due to the space the meeting is being made available to everyone through a conference call. If you would like to be involved with the meeting the conference call number is available beginning at 9:00 am. You may join the call by calling toll-free 1-866-842-9555; you will be prompted for a pass code. At this time enter **7630688** and then press #. You will then be connected to the conference call. The conference call will not be available during the lunch scheduled from noon until 1:00 pm. You may call again to be reconnected at 1:00 pm.

9. 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.

10. HOMELESS REPORTS:

There will be no form for Homeless when reporting for assistance to a homeless veteran please put it on a Community Activity report under aid to others.

11. IMPORTANT DATES:

September 10, 2011	State Commander's Commander Homecoming, Mechanicsville, VA Post 9808
September 15-18, 2011	National Commander-in-Chief Homecoming, Quincy, MA
October 1, 2011	Council of Administration Meeting, State Headquarters, Staunton, VA
November 3-6, 2011	Southern Conference, Mobile, AL
January 20-22, 2012	Council of Administration, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$68.00. The deadline for reservations is December 28, 2011, to insure group rates. Call 800-227-6963.

12. INSPECTION:

District Inspectors and Post Commanders, please ensure all questions, including dates, are answered before signing the inspection form. I had to return one inspection form recently because a number of dates and other information were missing. Use N/A for those few questions which do not apply to the Post being inspected. Include a comment as necessary to explain.

J. Gary Wagner
Department Inspector

13. LEADERSHIP REFERENCE GUIDE:

Attention Post Commanders and Quartermasters: the 2011-2012 VFW Leadership Reference Guide is now available online at the National VFW website (www.vfw.org). You will have to create an account and log on as a VFW member to be able to view or print it.

14. MEMBERSHIP:

We are now into September: New students are starting school and older students are returning to learn and refresh themselves in the 3 R's. We in the Department of Virginia should be doing the same thing. We should be teaching our new members about the importance of annual membership Renewals, the Reinstatement of former members and the necessity of Recruiting new members to strengthen our ability to carry out our very important programs and to provide service to veterans and their families. We should be reminding those members who have been around for a while about the same 3 R's.

We are currently over 750 renewals behind where we were at this time last year. Posts cannot sit and wait for members to renew their membership on their own. We must reach out to them and encourage them to renew. A personal letter from the Post Commander is good, a phone call from a Post Officer is better, and best of all is dropping by to look them in the eye when you ask them to not only renew but to check in with them to see how they and their families are doing these days. When the Post shows a personal interest in its members they will generally respond in kind. We need to keep that type of contact going throughout the year. Who knows, they might start volunteering for Post projects.

What about those who were members the year before last and did not renew their membership? If they still live in the area they should be visited to see why they failed to renew and to see if they can be brought back on board. We had them as members at one time. What changed their minds? Only by talking with these former Comrades can we understand their thoughts. Is it possible that the routine renewal notices have gone into the round file with all the junk mail and they failed to renew because they haven't really heard from the Post? How many times have heard a new or reinstated member say that they would have been on board with us before but "no one asked them" or "I didn't really feel like I was a part of the Post"?

The renewals and reinstatements are out there, so let's go get them. Let's do it NOW so that we can get a full grip on membership early. That way we can devote more time to those programs that would benefit from our full attention.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch
Membership Committee

15. PATRIOT'S PEN GUIDELINES:

2011-2012
Patriot's Pen Reporting Dates
6TH through 8th Grade Students
Theme: "Are You Proud Of Your Country?"

Student Entry: Deadline: November 1, 2011
Complete Post Judging: Deadline: November 15, 2011
Complete District Judging: Deadline: December 15, 2011

Awards to be given to Department Winner at Winter Council Meeting

All District winners' Essays and District forms must be mailed and received by Don Hall, Department Patriot's Pen Co-Chairman, Department Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Hwy, Staunton, VA 24401, by Saturday December 30, 2011.

Note: Posts can only submit one (1) winner to the District for judging. This is a change from previous years by the National Programs Director.

Be sure you send **ALL** of the District Information that is needed, the Official Student Entry Form, Typed Student Essay, Photo of the District Winner and District Reporting forms. If this information is not received as requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will be disqualified.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Department Judging will be held on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Department Headquarters, Staunton, VA.

Patriot's Pen Department Awards:

- 1st Place: Student will receive \$500.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting in Williamsburg, VA on January 21, 2012 to read their entry and receive the award. The student will also receive a check for \$200.00 from the Department of Virginia Commander's Club.
- 2nd Place: Will receive \$300.00 which the Department will mail.
- 3rd Place: Will receive \$200.00 which the Department will mail.

Each Post/Auxiliary that participates in the Patriot's Pen Program will receive a citation. However, the Auxiliary cannot submit entries on their own. National specifies this is a VFW Program and entries must be submitted from the Posts.

We welcome any feedback from Post and District Commanders and Chairpersons.

Don Hall, Co-Chairman
Joe Martin, Co-Chairman

16. POST INSURANCE:

Provide Your Members a Valuable Benefit Just for Being Members

The **VFW Post Insurance Program** gives you a great way to show appreciation to your members with our Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage for Post members. It's a valuable addition to the personal accident insurance that members receive from VFW Headquarters with their membership.

Benefits of this AD&D coverage to your members include:

- Accidental Death benefit of \$1,050
- Benefit doubles to \$2,100 if the accident occurs on the Post premises or at a Post event
- Benefits are also provided for accidental loss of limb(s) or sight

- If your Post purchases this coverage, all members of your Post are included in the policy automatically

The cost of this coverage is very affordable at \$1.35 per member per year. To enroll your post call the **VFW Post Insurance Program** at **1-800-829-8390** or visit the Post AD&D page www.vfwinsurance.com.

17. RECRUITING:

We are currently on track to achieve about ten percent in new and reinstated members. That's a pretty fair goal "if" we can keep pace. The problem lies in keeping up our efforts at some of our Posts and getting recruiting events going in others. How many recruiting drives has your Post had since 1 July? Need a place to start? A large number of counties will be conducting County Fairs this month and in more urban areas that may not have a County Fair there are a lot of neighborhood or town festivals. A Post can make a large impact on the public at these types of events. They are excellent locations to set up a table or booth to inform the public about what the VFW is overall and specifically what your Post is doing. Especially what your Post is doing for the community and our work with our returning Veterans and our youth programs. At the same time it presents your Post with an opportunity to meet fellow Veterans who could become new members of our organization.

Do you need assistance at these kinds of events? Let me know what kind of assistance you need. When and where is the event, and who is the Post point of contact. If you have no one in your Post with recruiting experience, we may be able to get a Certified State Recruiter to provide you with assistance. BUT, members of your Post have to be there as well. CSRs from outside your Post will not be able to answer a lot of "Post specific" questions and the answers to those questions are of key importance to anyone thinking about joining your Post. Also, if you have an Auxiliary, don't forget to invite them to join you in your effort.

This month offers a lot of potential to get those new members you will need to grow your Post, but you need to reach out and push now while the iron is hot.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch
Membership

18. ROSTER CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES:

New Department Resolutions Chairman
Ron Link

Correct Address
ADJ/QM District 4
Raymond Stafford
5324 Tower Hill Road
Gladstone, VA 24553

Correct Phone Number
Commander District 9
Roy Swanner
276-579-2321

Correction to Commander VFW Post 632
Donnie Price
5963 Mayberry Road
Singers Glen, VA 22850
540-705-7720

New Quartermaster VFW Post 1994
Jimmy Thompson
233 Morningside Lane
Abingdon, VA 24210
276-676-2389

New Jr. Vice Commander VFW Post 3219
Terrance McGowen
52 W. Little Back River Road
Hampton, VA 23669

Mailing Address for VFW Post 4318
PO Box 393
Salem, VA 24153

New Meeting Day
VFW Post 5500
Meeting Day 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM
Northampton Community Center
1435 A Todds Lane
Hampton, VA

Correct Address
Commander VFW Post 7136
William Buffalow
PO Box 356
Tazewell, VA 24651

Correct Address
Quartermaster VFW Post 7167
Tom Neuman
4189 Naylor Beach Road
Warsaw, VA 22572

Dues Correction
VFW Post 7897
\$25.00

Quartermaster VFW Post 8947
Jim Horn
1105 Mica Road
Mineral, VA 23117

New Address
Quartermaster VFW Post 9640
Clyde Roberts
106 Hill Creek Road
Richlands, VA 24641

Correct Phone Number
Commander VFW Post 9808
Michael Boehme
804-539-9967

New Jr. Vice President
Men's Auxiliary 1827
Johnny Drumheller
5229 Alberene Road
North Garden, VA

19. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE:

Please note the change to making reservations at the Southern Conference in Alabama for the November 3-6 meeting for 2011:

Members who plan to attend must make their room reservations through the Department of Alabama Headquarters. The reservation form is attached to these General Orders.

20. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Special Order #367:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of his membership upon his ascertainment of his ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of Lawrence U. Phillips, Life Membership No. 1555825, be removed from the rolls of Steeles Tavern Post No. 8279, Vesuvius, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

Special Order #368:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of his membership upon his ascertainment of his ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of Jerald W. Newman, Membership No. 2546013, be removed from the rolls of Steeles Tavern Post No. 8279, Vesuvius, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

Special Order #369:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of his membership upon his ascertainment of his ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of Ellsworth F. Rowe, Life Membership No. 6172887, be removed from the rolls of Steeles Tavern Post No. 8279, Vesuvius, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

Special Order #372

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 210 of the National By-laws, the charter of Steeles Tavern No.8279, Steeles Tavern, Virginia mustered February 26, 1960, is hereby canceled and the Post declared defunct.

Special Order #437:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of her membership upon her ascertainment of her ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of Laura R. Ferguson, Membership No. 10112541, be removed from the rolls of Ocean View Post No. 3160, Norfolk, Virginia, and her membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
Richard L. Eubank
Commander-in-Chief

21. TEACHER OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES:

2011-2012 CITIZEN EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

The Veterans of Foreign Wars launched the National Citizenship Education Teacher promoting citizenship education. Three teachers from each grade level (K-5, 6-9, & 9-12) will be selected first as Post winners, then as District winners and finally as National winners. Each National Award teacher winner receives the Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart Award and \$1,000.00 check. They receive a paid trip to a VFW national event to receive their award.

Post Teacher of the Year chairmen and Post Commanders must be sure to send the following:

- The **original** signed nomination form,
- Signed copy of Post Teacher Entry Form
- An essay describing why you feel your nominee should be selected for the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.
- The official Post teacher entry form of the winner from each grade's category,
- A one page resume,
- Up to five pages of supporting documentation,
- And a good quality head and shoulders photograph from the winning teachers.
- Previous state and national VFW winners are not eligible.

2011-2012 CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM:

DEADLINES: ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

<u>November 1, 2011</u>	Nominations submitted to Post
<u>November 2, 2011</u>	Begin Post judging.
<u>November 15, 2011</u>	Post judging completed and submitted to District
<u>December 15, 2011</u>	District judging completed and submitted to Department

If anyone needs information or assistance please contact me, Sandy MacNabb, Department Chairman, 10600 Sunlit Road, Oakton, Virginia 22124

Email:amacnabb@aol.com, Office 703-281-6941 Cell 703-965-3193

Applications are available on the internet; see Teacher of the Year Award

22. VIRGINIA COTTAGE:

Greetings comrades, this year will mark the 3rd consecutive year Virginia has participated in the National Home Memorial Motorcycle Ride. I will be accompanying members of the Virginia VFW Riders to the home on Sunday August 21, 2011. Some of you may recall we held a \$2,000.00 50/50 raffle to raise money for the home on August 4, at Post 3160. Please join me and congratulating the winners below.

1st Place for \$500.00 went to Monica Braxton of Glouster

2nd Place for \$300.00 went to Jay Abalos of Virginia Beach.

3rd Place for \$200.00 went to Connie M. Agresti of Arlington.

Look for details from the ride and the donation totals next month. W. J. and I would like to thank all of you for the generous contributions and support for our Virginia Cottage and the National Home.

In Comradeship
Randy Schilling
Virginia Cottage Chairman
(757) 263-9488
Rschilling1@verzon.net

23. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY GUIDELINES:

2011-2012

Voice of Democracy Program Reporting Dates
9th through 12th Grade Students

Theme: "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?"

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2011
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2011
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2011
Awards to be given to Department Winner Winter Council Meeting (01-21-12)	

The District Winner must be mailed and received by Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr., Department Voice of Democracy Chairman, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821 by **Saturday, December 12, 2011.**

No exceptions!

Be sure you send all of the District information that is needed. This means the Official Student Entry Form, a Typed Script and Recorded Cassette/CD and a photo of District Winner. I suggest that if any way possible you submit a CD for judging. Your local radio station or school will be happy to do this. If you do not have the District information that is requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will not be eligible. **Also, you must complete the District Chairman Report Form (which you will receive from National Headquarters in November) and send to me by January 9, 2012.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the Department winning student.

Department Judging will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Myers-Hodges VFW Post 8644 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

1st Place Winner Student will receive \$1,000.00 and be expected to attend the Winter Council Meeting to be held in Williamsburg on January 21, 2012, to read their entry and receive this award. In addition, student will receive a check for \$500.00 from the Department of Virginia Commanders Club.
2nd Place Winner will receive \$600.00 which the Department will mail
3rd Place Winner will receive \$400.00 which the Department will mail

Each Post that participates in the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a Citation.

The Post that sponsors the Department's 1st Place Winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy and will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at the Department Convention in June 2012.

Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, Jr.,
VFW Chairman

24. VFW RIDERS:

The VFW RIDERS have been busy riding and supporting the VFW and other organizations. The months of May, June & July VFWR have completed 24 projects, with 239 volunteers, 633 hours and over 7,000 miles and monies used to complete the projects was over \$1,600. If you would like to join the VFWR Group, check our web site or contact me at glenov3160@cox.net or phone me at 1-757-434-8139. You also contact State HDQTR.

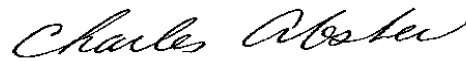
Glenn Holman
Chairman

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Charles Absher
State Commander

**Southern Conference Meeting 2011
Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 South Water Street
Mobile, Alabama**

November 3-6, 2011

Thursday, November 3rd

Noon – 5:00 PM.....Registration

Noon – 10:00 PM.....Alabama Hospitality Open

730 PM – 11:00 PM.....Karoke

Friday, November 4th

2:00 PM.....Bus departs for Biloxi

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.....Registration

7:30 PM – 11:00 PM.....Planned Entertainment

**Bus transportation available to Biloxi, Mississippi Casino's.
Bus will leave from the front of the Hotel, Conference
attendees and guest only.**

Saturday, November 5th

7:00 – 8:00 AM.....Breakfast

State Commanders / Auxiliary Presidents

State Sr. Vice Commanders / Auxiliary Sr. Vice President

State Jr. Vice Commanders / Auxiliary Jr. Vice President

State Quartermaster-Adjutants / Auxiliary Secretary-Treasure

8:30 AM – Noon.....Registration
8:30 – 9:45 AM.....Joint Opening Session & Memorial Service
10:00 AM.....VFW Business Meeting
Auxiliary Business Meetings
1:00 – 4:00 PM.....Alabama Hospitality Room Opens
6:00 – 7:00 PM.....Reception
7:00 – 9:00 PM.....Banquet
(Dress: Semi-Formal)

Sunday November 6th

Conference Ends – Have a Safe Trip Home

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 South Water Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602
1-800-922-3298
NOVEMBER 3 - 6, 2011

***MAIL TO: Department of Alabama, VFW
1231 Carmichael Way
Montgomery, AL 36106
334-270-8399

Registration fee for the Southern Conference 2011 is \$65.00. Registration fee must be received in this office no later than Noon October 27, 2011.

POST/AUX, DEPT _____

(Please Print – One Name Per Line Please)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SHIRT SIZE (MEN'S)</u>
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Pre-registration _____ X \$65.00 each = _____

Registration includes: All Meetings, Banquet Costs, 2 Drinks and T-Shirt

Deadline for Pre-Registration is October 27, 2011

Make checks payable to Dept of AL, VFW and mail to the address above

Registration at convention will be \$75.00

There will be no refunds issued after October 27, 2011

For Dept of AL use only

Date Received: _____ Check # _____
Check Amount _____

2011 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND LADIES AUXILIARY
NOVEMBER 3 – 6, 2011

RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL
64 SOUTH WATER STREET
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36602

Please complete the hotel reservation form and send to:

Department of Alabama, VFW
1231 Carmichael Way
Montgomery, Alabama 36106
334-270-8399
334-270-9056 Fax
vfw@alvfw.org

Your hotel reservation must be made **PRIOR TO OCTOBER 12, 2011** to get the discounted rate.

NAME: _____ # GUESTS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE (WORK PHONE): _____ (HOME PHONE) _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

The room rate is \$139.00 (1-4 persons) standard double plus tax

Beds _____ Special Needs _____ Suite _____

The first night of all guaranteed reservations must be paid in advance by either a credit card, which will be charged when reservations are made, a check or money order. All other reservations will be cancelled at 6:00 P.M. All guaranteed reservations with a deposit will be held for the first night of arrival only.

CHECK ENCLOSED: _____ CHARGE TO CREDIT CARD: _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE: _____

IF YOU CHOOSE TO CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION YOU MUST DO SO ONE (1) DAY PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED ARRIVAL DATE OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ONE (1) DAY.

State of Virginia
Veterans of Foreign Wars and
Ladies Auxiliary
HOMECOMING 2011



Charles Absher

State Commander

Robin Milewski

State President



COME JOIN THE FUN

Saturday September 10, 2011

4:00 p.m. to Midnight

VFW Post 9808

7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

RSVP vfwpost9808@comcast.net or

804-746-9808 M-F 8 a.m. to noon

Hotel: Holiday Inn Richmond Airport (brand new!)
445 International Center Drive, Sandston, VA 23150

Rate: \$109 + tax

Reservation call 804-236-1111 (direct) or
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