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1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

With only 2 more months left in the current VFW year, now is not the time to back off. There are still opportunities in membership. All community activities are to be completed by April 30 and promptly submitted to State Headquarters.

We should still be recruiting because membership is very important to our organization. We need to not only bring in new members but improve our retention of current members. There is still time to get your Post membership that will help make you a productive organization in your community.

All Posts should have completed their elections in April and sent their election report in. Congratulations to all new officers. I request that each of you take the time to read our By-Laws and to fully understand your duties as an officer. You have accepted a responsible position that will require work. Do not just fill the chair; make the chair an important part of your Post and community.

Awards judging will be held during the month of May. Thanks to all who have submitted the information that will be needed for judging. Remember, the activities are not completed until all the documentation is completed.

This is the time for all of us to look around and see if there may be something else we can do to make this a better VFW year. Remember, our goal should be our veterans and communities, not the interior of a bar.

Yours in Comradeship,
Charlie Absher
Department Commander

2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1ST - Date: 5/19/12
Meeting: 12:00 AM
Location: Post 3219, Phoebus
122 E. Mellon Street
Rep: Doug Keller,
Department Surgeon

2ND - Date: 5/20/12
Lunch: Noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 4809, Tidewater
5728 Bartee Street
Rep: Doug Keller,
Department Surgeon

3RD - Date: 5/12/2012
Meeting: 10 AM lunch to follow
Location: 3rd District Headquarters
10044 Pamunkey Rd,
Mechanicsville
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander

4TH - Date: 5/19/12
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 8759, Amelia
Amelia City Veterans Center
Rep: Buddy Weekley,
Department Judge Advocate

5TH - Date: 5/19/12
Meeting: 12:00 PM
Location: Post 4637, Martinsville
2327 Old Chatham Road
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander

6TH - Date: 5/20/12
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Location: Post 5311, Christiansburg
490 High Street
Rep: Doc Crouch,
Past Department Commander

7th - Date: 5/20/12
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 9760, Berryville
425 S. Buckmarsh Street
Rep: Tom Gimble,
Department Chief of Staff

8th - Date:
Meeting:
Location: Post 7728, Remington
Corner of Rt. 17& Rt. 836,
Morrisville
Rep:

9th - Date: 5/20/12
Registration: 10:00 AM
Lunch: 12:00 noon
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1115, Hillsville
701 W. Stuart Drive
Rep: Charlie Absher,
Department Commander

10th - Date: 5/6/2012
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 1:00 PM
Location: Post 1503, Dale City
Rep: Jim Martin,
Past Department Commander

11th - Date: 5/6/12
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Meeting: 12:30 PM
Location: Post 632, Harrisonburg
450 Waterman Drive
Rep: Buddy Weekley,
Department Judge Advocate

12th - Date: 5/12/12
Registration: 10:00 AM
Meeting: 11:00 AM
Location: Sponsored by Post 4301, Norton
Prime Sirlion Restaurant
Rep: Chris Birch,
Department Jr. Vice Commander

13th - Date:
Lunch:
Meeting:
Location:
Rep:

3. AUDITS:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 (a) (11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.

4. CLOSING:

State Headquarters will be closed May 28, 2012 for Memorial Day.

5 DELEGATES:

Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to District conventions at a regular meeting of the Post 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 thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

Delegates and alternates to the Department conventions 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.

6. DISTRICT PROCEDURES:

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws and the 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 forty-five (45) days prior to the convening of the Department convention.

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws – Regular Meeting, unless otherwise provided for in Department By-Laws, Districts shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings each year for purposes as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Manual of Procedure – Regular Meeting, at least one (1) regular meeting shall be held by the District each year for the purpose of promoting schools of instruction for Post officers.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, 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 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

7. E-MAIL SCAM:

From: Jennifer McDonald <JMcDonald@vfw.org>
Date: April 10, 2012 11:03:19 AM EDT
Subject: Beware: scam email that appears to be sent by DFAS employees

The VFW has been made aware of scam emails that appear to come from a DFAS employee and displays .mil address, but it is actually from a non-government email account.

The email indicates that individuals receiving VA disability compensation can receive additional funds from the IRS. It states that such funds can be obtained by sending copies of your VA award letter, your income tax returns, your 1099-Rs, your RAS statements, and a copy of your DD 214, to a so-called retired Colonel at an address in Florida. **Do not follow the suggestions in the email because you will be providing a significant amount of your personal information to a complete stranger, which could result in a financial loss to you. Please share this information with your fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, military retirees and families so they are aware of this scam.**

The 1099-Rs that are issued by DFAS reflect only the taxable portion of a member’s retired pay. DFAS is not aware of any legal basis for the alleged additional funds that the IRS would supposedly pay over. By ignoring the email, you will avoid frustration, the release of personal information to a stranger, and the possibility of financial loss by ignoring the email. If you have any questions or concerns about these or any other tax issues, you should contact a known, reputable tax consultant, tax attorney, or legal assistance officer for advice and assistance. Read our agency email policy that has been developed to protect customer privacy.

Below is the text of the scam email:

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*Sent: Thu, March 17, 2011 7:04:17 PM
Subject: FW: Income Tax*

*Sandra,

here you go!*

I been informed that you can receive additional funds from IRS for SM who retired with 20 years of AFS, information required to receive this entitlement is as follows:

Copy of your VA award letter (note: if your VA rating has been increase within the last three years, you'll need to send all ratings).

Copies of your 1040's for tax years: 08, 09 and 10

Any copy of your 1009R for year 08, 09 and 10

Copies of your RAS statements (Retired pay statements) for year 08, 09 and 10

Copy of your DD Form 214

This information should be mailed by Priority Mail to:

*Willie Brooks
726 Mayflower Ave.
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547-3175
850-862-1673.*

Mr. Brooks, is a retired AF COL who worked for IRS and charges you 10% of what you receive. I have known of several within the AW2 program who has received from \$8,000.00 to \$19,000.00. For additional information concerning this matter below is the link to verify this information.

<http://cfr.vlex.com/vid/122-relating-reduced-uniformed-pay-19700943>

You can pass this on to any of your friends who has a VA rating and 20 or more years of AFS.

8. 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.

9. IMPORTANT DATES:

May 11, 2012	All-State Deadline, 5PM
June 7-10, 2012	State Convention, Williamsburg, VA Room Rate: \$85.00. The deadline for reservations is May 16, 2012, to insure group rates. Call 800-227-6963.
July 21-25, 2012	National Convention, Reno, NV
September 7-8, 2012	National Commander in Chief Homecoming
October 18-21, 2012	Southern Conference, Williamsburg, VA
April 13, 2013	Department Commander's Homecoming at Post 9808

10. MEMBERSHIP:

We are almost finished with the 2011-12 administrative year and we are lagging way behind in membership. We are currently 670 members behind where we were at this time last year. The main problem is that less than 70 percent of our annual members from last year have renewed thus far. Although we have some great recruiters in this Department, they are not going to be able to get another 1400 new members in the next two months and they shouldn't have to try. We have over 2500 unpaid members on the rolls at the Posts and as Department MALs who can and MUST be encouraged to renew. Not just asked to renew but informed of what the loss of their membership does to our great organization. To call or visit with them to find out "why" they have not renewed is a first step. The second step is to follow through and to overcome their objections. As I noted before in the General Orders, there are a number of unpaid former Comrades from other Departments that have moved into Virginia and who may not realize that they live near your Post. If you bring them on board as a "paying transfer" they will count toward your membership goal and may very well provide you with a needed volunteer to assist in your activities. If you will provide

me with the Zip Codes in your Post's area of responsibility I can provide you with a listing that will not only include addresses, but in many cases phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. All it takes is a little effort. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at (703) 319-0845 or at cqdc1@juno.com.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch
Membership Committee

11. NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Reservations for the 113th National Convention opened in February.

All members who desire to make room reservations for the National Convention are directed to use one of the following procedures:

- 1) Telephone: 888-665-1375 or 801-505-5260 - International
- 2) Fax: 801-355-0250 (do not mail after faxing)
- 3) Mail: **The Housing Connection
175 S. West Temple Suite 140
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
- 4) Internet: Visit the VFW website at www.vfw.org to access an on-line registration form.

**Please note we are using The Housing Connection out of Salt Lake City, UT as our central reservations system for the Reno convention.

In order to take advantage of the special VFW Convention rates, be sure to book your reservation by **June 15, 2012**. All reservations require a valid credit card or check deposit for guarantee at time of confirming reservations. **Reservations received without a valid guarantee will be returned and will not be processed.** If you choose to guarantee with a check deposit, please include it with your housing request form and mail to the address provided above. All check deposits must be in the amount of \$125.00.

This housing procedure gives our membership the most efficient and effective method of making and ensuring room reservations in Reno. The enclosed Housing Form may be duplicated, as needed.

12. NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out this month. Advanced registration for the 113th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and address to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

13. REPORTING:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report, 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.

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.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

It is that time of year to be thinking about any changes we would like to see in the operation of the VFW at the Department and National level. If a Post wishes to make a Resolution or By-Law change, Please note that Please a draft of the proposed new text to [address]it is not required to submit it through your District, however, by obtaining the support of your District and the other Posts within your District it can reinforce your Post's position.

The Resolutions Committee consists of Ron Link, Post 7589--Chair; Margo Sheridan, Post 7327—Dept. SVC; Mike Boehme, Post 9808; Doc Crouch, Post 3150; Tom Ferguson, Post 2239; Venner Milewski, Post 824 and Rick Raskin, Post 7589. Any member of the committee is available to assist in drafting of your resolution.

Please see additional information in the General Orders or ask any member of the Resolutions Committee about your thoughts.

The Deadline for Resolutions and By-Laws changes is 15 May 2012. Send all Resolutions to Department Headquarters either via US mail or electronically via Email.

Ron Link
Chair, Resolutions Committee

15. ROSTER CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES:

VFW Post 9835
New Meeting Day
Second Thursday of each month

16. SCHLOARSHIP THEMES:

The VFW scholarship themes for 2012-13 are as follows:
Voice of Democracy – Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?
Patriot's Pen - What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers

17. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Special Order # 237
Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of his membership upon the ascertainment of his desire to no longer be affiliated with the Veterans Of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of James D. Ratliff, Life Membership No. 5789320, be removed from the rolls of Onsbys Rose, Post No. 3782, Haysi, Virginia, and his membership be placed in inactive status in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

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

18. STATE CONVENTION:

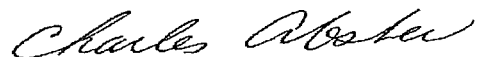
The State Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA on June 7-10, 2012.

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Charles Absher
State Commander



STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

State Convention will be held June 7 – 10, 2012 at the

Crowne Plaza at Fort Magruder
6945 Pocahontas Trail
Williamsburg - 800-227-6963

The banquet/dance will be held on June 9th.
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 (NO REFUNDS)**

Banquet/Dance (Live Band) Tickets:	\$45.00
Dance (SATURDAY NIGHT ONLY) Tickets Only (Live Band):	\$10.00
Friday Night Dance (Sponsored by Cooties) available at Cootie Registration Table (Live Band):	\$10.00

Your choice of:

Braised Beef Short Ribs
Served with Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
~or~

Fort Magruder Braised Chicken
Served with Roasted Red Skin Potatoes

Both Served with:

House Salad with Mixed Greens
Chef's Choice Mixed Vegetables
Warm Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice Dessert
Your choice of Iced Tea, Iced Water, Coffee, or Hot Tea

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401 BY June 1, 2012
No Exceptions No Refunds after June 1st Check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express 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) Short Ribs or Chicken **Dance Only** (circle)
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ Food Choice: (circle) Short Ribs or Chicken **Dance Only** (circle)
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ Food Choice: (circle) Short Ribs or Chicken **Dance Only** (circle)
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ Food Choice: (circle) Short Ribs or Chicken **Dance Only** (circle)
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____ Food Choice: (circle) Short Ribs or Chicken **Dance Only** (circle)

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

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa or Discover or American Express

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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

You may e-mail this form to: stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com or fax to: 1-866-416-0586

90th ANNUAL CONVENTION
 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
 CROWNE PLACE WILLIAMSBURG AT FORT MAGRUDER, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
 JUNE 7-10, 2012

Eugene Chavis
 Convention Chairman

Joseph T. Horan
 Convention Vice Chairman

Tentative Subject to Change

**Thursday,
 June 7, 2012**

9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	
11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATON MEETING	EARLY'S
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	CLARA BARTON
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	HILLS & MCCLELLANS
6:00 PM	10:30 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	HILLS & MCCLELLANS

**Friday,
 June 8, 2012**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	CLARA BARTON
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JOINT OPENING SESSION	HILLS & MCCLELLANS
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCHEON	EMORYS
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION	PETERSBURG HALL
5:30 PM	8:00 PM	COOTIE GRAND SCRATCH	EMORYS
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE – LIVE BAND	RICHMOND HALL

**Saturday,
 June 9, 2012**

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	EMORYS
9:00 AM	3:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	CLARA BARTON
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	BUSINESS SESION (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	PETERSBURG HALL
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	MEN'S AUXILIARY AWARDS INFORMATION	ANNEX
2:00 PM	5:00 PM	NEW DISTRICT COMMANDERS SCHOOL	STUARTS
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	RECEPTION	PETERSBURG HALL
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	ANNUAL BANQUET	RICHMOND HALL
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE – LIVE BAND	RICHMOND HALL

**Sunday,
 June 10, 2012**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	EMORYS
9:30 AM	1:30 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS)	PETERSBURG HALL
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF CONVENTION	PETERSBURG HALL

Registration \$5.00 (All persons are required to register)
 FRIDAY DANCE: \$10.00 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 \$10.00 & 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
 TBA**

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 8, 2012, at the Crowne Plaza in Williamsburg from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Commanders, please pass this information on to your Comrades.

COST: \$30.00 (includes tax & gratuity)

MENU:

- Mixed Greens Salad with assorted dressings
- Prime Rib of Beef au Jus with horseradish sauce
- Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Oven Fresh Rolls with Butter
- Bread Pudding with Custard Sauce
- Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal and Iced Teas, Ice Water

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, 2012 ***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 \$30.00; ANNUAL DUES are \$10.00.
All dues can be sent to Earle P. Weekley, Jr. at the above address.

Chris Birch, President

Buddy Weekley, 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	DATE JOINED
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Annual Dues for _____
Life Member Dues for _____



VFW DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA GOLF TOURNAMENT
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT 2012 WHEELCHAIR
OLYMPIC GAMES IN RICHMOND, VA

Fort Eustis Army Base

3518 Mulberry Island Rd

JUNE 6, 2012

ENTRY FEE IS \$65.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES
GREEN, CART FEES AND RANGE BALLS

FOOD AND DRINKS AT THE END OF THE DAY

SHOTGUN START AT 11 AM, "4 PERSON CAPTAINS CHOICE"

JOIN THE FUN: LONGEST DRIVE,

CLOSEST TO THE FLAG PIN, HOLE IN ONE

SPONSOR A HOLE \$100.00

SPONSOR A HOLE AND A TEAM FOR \$350.00

(Includes round of golf, cart, lunch, drinks and range balls)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

GARY DRESSEL 703 447-3607

ARCH ARCHAMBEAULT 757 478-0083

COMPLETE ENTRY FORM BELOW AND MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO VFW DEPARTMENT
OF VIRGINIA, 403 LEE JACKSON HIGHWAY, STAUNTON, VA 24401

PUT "GOLF TOURNAMENT" IN THE MEMO LINE

1st Place \$400.00

2nd Place \$300.00

3rd Place \$260.00

SPONSOR A HOLE: \$ _____ SPONSOR A HOLE AND A TEAM: \$ _____

SPONSOR NAME: _____

PLAYER 1 _____ PLAYER 2 _____

PLAYER 3 _____ PLAYER 4 _____

PAYMENT DUE TO STATE HEADQUARTERS WITH ENTRY FORM BY JUNE 1, 2012

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPERLY SUBMITTING
POST CONVENTION REGISTRATION, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND ATTENDEES

NATIONAL BY-LAW - SECTION 222

Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.

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ONLINE

Online submission is the most preferred method of submitting the National Convention-Post & Delegate registration fee(s). As Post Quartermaster, you will log into www.vfw.org and access the "Online Membership System" (OMS) under "Post Quartermaster Tools & Resources", click on "Post & Delegate Registration" link. This is a 3-6 minute process for the average user. **Please have the membership number available of all delegates, alternates and attendees you are registering.**

Only the Post Quartermaster, utilizing this system, can register the Post's Delegates online. Members accessing the National Convention website are registered as attendees only.

The Post registration fee of \$25.00 must be remitted *prior* to the convention; Post delegates will not be able to register their credentials unless this fee is paid.

MAIL-IN OR FAX

Enclosed with this notification is an invoice in the amount of \$25.00. Quartermaster's may fill out and return this invoice using the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid envelope. This form must be signed by the Adjutant or Quartermaster. The Post registration fee of \$25.00 must be remitted *prior* to the convention; Post delegates will not be able to register their credentials unless this fee is paid. When using the enclosed form you are required to include the membership number, name and address of all delegates, alternates and attendees you are registering.

DEFINITIONS

Delegate- Member (in good standing) of the Post elected to represent the Post in all business activity at the National Convention. Delegates elected under Section 222 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure shall not be considered instructed and may exercise full authority in the duty performed.

Alternate- Member (in good standing) of the Post elected to represent the Post in all business activity at the National Convention in the event the elected delegate cannot attend. Alternates not fulfilling the role as "Delegate" are considered "Attendees".

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

NOTIFICATION

Post Quartermasters will receive letter confirmation that the Post is registered.

Delegates, Alternates and Attendees will receive a confirmation letter. Included in this letter will be a request for Emergency Contact Information. We are asking all to fill-out and bring this form with them to convention; this is voluntary, but recommended.

All notification will be sent USPS, 3-5 days after processing.

Any change to a delegate's status shall be reported to the Quartermaster General.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

INVOICE

Due Upon Receipt

National Convention - Post & Delegate Registration

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

(Any change to a delegate's status shall be reported to the Quartermaster General)

Registration Type	Membership Number	Member Name	Member Address	E-Mail	Amount
Post Registration Fee w/ Delegate					25.00
<input type="radio"/> Delegate <input type="radio"/> Alternate <input type="radio"/> Attendee	CHOOSE ONLY ONE REGISTRATION TYPE PER LINE				
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Packets not picked up at the convention will not be mailed unless a request is received, in writing, within 60 days of the close of the convention.

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

Signature of Adjutant or Quartermaster: _____

Post # _____

CHECK/MONEY ORDER VISA MASTER CARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card Holders Name: _____

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



2012 National Convention
July 21-25, 2012
Official Hotel Reservation Form

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

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

TELEPHONE:

888-665-1375 Toll-free
801-505-5260 International
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST, M-F

FAX:

801-355-0250

MAIL:

The Housing Connection
175 S. West Temple, Suite 140
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

EMAIL:

THC@housingregistration.com

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail or internet by June 15, 2012. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

CONFIRMATIONS

The Housing Connection will send you an e-mail confirmation of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call The Housing Connection at the above listed phone number. You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.

TAX RATE and REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to 13% 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.

ROOM DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO SECURE RESERVATION:

Reservations will not be accepted without a Room Deposit of \$125 for each room reserved. Room Deposits will be accepted in the form of a valid credit card with signature authorizing the credit card guarantee to be charged for the Room Deposit. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation. Room Deposits will be accepted in a form of a check until June 15, 2012.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after June 15, 2012 will be subject to a \$50.00 service fee. One night's room and tax will be forfeited entirely if cancellation occurs within seventy-two (72) hours prior to the attendee arrival date and will be charged by your hotel.

GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION VIA INTERNET (www.vfw.org) OR BY PHONE AT (888) 665-1375

Arrival Date, Departure Date, First Name, Last Name, E-mail Address, Daytime Phone, Fax, 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:

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:

Check here if you have special needs. Smoking Room
Most hotels are now non-smoking, please check with your assigned hotel for their smoking policy. We cannot guarantee smoking room requests

Special requests:

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

All reservations requests must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee or check for one night's 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.

Card type: Visa, American Express, Discover, MasterCard
Card Number, Exp. Date, Name on Credit Card, Cardholder's Signature*

*I hereby authorize any one of the participating hotels to process a charge to my credit card if I fail to cancel my reservation within 72 hours of my arrival.

Check deposit of \$125 enclosed and made payable to The Housing Connection. Mail check with housing form to: The Housing Connection, 175 S. West Temple, Suite 140, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

VFW 113th National Convention
Reno, Nevada
Reno/Sparks Convention Center
July 21-25, 2012

All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.

Times for various functions are subject to change.

Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates and are subject to change

Saturday, July 21, 2012

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW/Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee
10:30 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
12:00 p.m.	Vander Clute Memorial Ride - Check Presentation
1:30 p.m.-3:30 pm.	National Council of Administration Meeting
3:30 p.m.-5:30p.m.	Conference Meetings
6:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass
7:00 p.m.	Veterans Service Resolutions Committee (for Chairmen)
7:00 p.m.	Past CIC Dinner

Sunday, July 22, 2012

6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Membership Workshop
7:00 a.m.	Gold Star Families Reception
7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Field Competition
7:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass
7:00 a.m.	Protestant Service
8:30 a.m.	Annual Memorial Service
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	NMS Committee meeting
10:00 a.m. – noon	Veterans Benefits Forum
10:00 a.m. – noon	National Legislative Service meeting

Committee Meetings:

1:45 p.m.	Resolutions Committees
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	National Military Services Workshop
2:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual

Resolutions Committees:

2:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
2:00 p.m.	General Resolutions (300 Series)
2:00 p.m.	National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series)

Sunday, July 22, 2012 (cont.)

2:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series) Sub-committee – Medical Programs Sub-committee – Employment Sub-committee –Benefits/Entitlements
6:30 p.m.	VAC Dinner

Monday, July 23, 2012

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Field Competition
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Joint Opening Session
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Business Session
12:00-1:00 p.m.	National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Chaplains Workshop
6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	All-American Commanders Breakfast
7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	VFW National Scouting Team Workshop
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	VFW Business Session
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Incoming CIC (Dept. Cmdrs.) Luncheon
2:00 p.m.	Business Session/Nomination of Officers
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Workshops
	Communications & Public Affairs Workshop
	VFW Programs Workshop
	IAVC Committee meeting
	NWVC Committee meeting
	National Home
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Grants, Financial Assistance and Planned Giving
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Patriotic Rally

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

8:00 a.m.	Business Session /Installation of Officers
11:00 a.m.	National Council of Administration (immediately following installation)
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception (Ticketed Event)

Thursday, July 26, 2012

9:00 a.m.	CIC Assignment Meeting
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**Southern Conference 2012
Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary
October 18-21, 2012**

Hotel Reservation Information

Host Hotel

Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder
6945 Pocahontas Trail
Williamsburg, Virginia
Room rate is \$85.00 (1-4 persons) plus tax

(800) 860-7109 or
(800) 227-6962

Hotel Front Desk: (757) 220-2250

Amenities

Pets Allowed

Pools: Heated Indoor and Outdoor

Hi-Speed Internet Access

Health & Fitness Center

Business Center

Restaurant

Smoke-Free Hotel

To get the special rate, tell the reservation operator you are with the VFW event. Cut off date for the special Southern Conference Hotel Room rate is September 27, 2012.



Driving Directions to the Crown Plaza Hotel

Travel I-64 West to Exit 242A (Route 199W). Follow Route 199W for about 2 miles and exit onto Route 60 E/W. At the bottom of the ramp, make a left turn on 60W. Crown Plaza Hotel is located one mile down on the left.

**Southern Conference
Sponsored by the
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Virginia
October 18 thru October 21, 2012**

Registration Form

Name	Title	Post/Aux. Dept.	Shirt Size

Pre-Registration per person: \$60.00 x _____ = \$_____

Registration at the Conference: \$65.00 per person

Price covers Reception/Banquet and Shirt

Payment for Reception/Banquet is by Check, Money Order or

VISA, Discover, Master Card, American Express

Payable to VFW Department of Virginia

406 Lee Jackson Highway; Staunton, VA 24401

Deadline for Pre-Registration is September 17, 2011

For Department of Virginia use only

Date Received: _____

Check #: _____

Check Amount: \$ _____

Credit Card Information

Credit Card # _____

Expiration: _____

Card Holder's Signature: _____

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 18, 2012

8:00 a.m. Golf Tournament
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Virginia Hospitality Room Open

Friday, October 19

10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration
12:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Virginia Hospitality Room Open

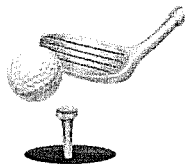
Saturday, October 20

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
State Commanders / Auxiliary Presidents
State Sr. Vice Commanders / Auxiliary Sr. Vice Presidents
State Jr. Vice Commanders / Auxiliary Jr. Vice Presidents
State Quartermasters-Adjutants / Auxiliary Secretaries-Treasurers
8:30 a.m. to Noon Registration
8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Joint Opening Session & Memorial Service
10:00 a.m. VFW Business Meeting
Auxiliary Business Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Virginia Hospitality Room Open
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Banquet
Recommended Dress: Semi-Formal

Sunday, October 21

Conference Ends – Have a Safe Trip Home

**Southern Conference Golf Tournament
Hosted by the Department of Virginia
Thursday, October 18, 2012
Kiskiack Golf Club**



4 Person Scramble: \$70.00 per person
Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Shirt
Shotgun Start begins at 8:00 a.m.
Arrive by 7:30 a.m. Transportation from the hotel will be provided.

Entry Deadline is September 17, 2012

Player #1/POC Name: _____ Shirt Size _____

Telephone/Cell: _____ Email: _____

Player #2: _____ Shirt Size _____

Player #3: _____ Shirt Size _____

Player #4: _____ Shirt Size _____

Department: _____

Hole Sponsorship

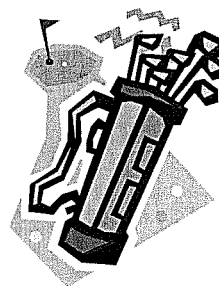
Support the VFW National Military Services program by being a Hole Sponsor. Hole Sponsorships are \$100.00. All proceeds will go to the VFW National Military Services program. You do not have to enter the golf tournament to sponsor a hole.

Sponsor Name: _____

Post #: _____ Department: _____

Send entries to:

VFW Virginia Headquarters
Attention: Hal Roesch, Golf Tournament Chairman
403 Lee Jackson Highway
Staunton, VA 24401
email: stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com



Make the checks payable to the VFW Virginia and on the check memo line, indicate Southern Conference Golf Entry and/or Hole Sponsor.



Let's Go Shopping!

The Department of Virginia will provide transportation to the Williamsburg Premium Outlets on Friday.

The Premium Outlets are located on Richmond Road and offer over 135 stores to include Calvin Klein, Chicos, Hanes, Jones New York, L.L. Bean, Levi's, Talbots, etc.

Transportation will leave the hotel at 10 am. Pick-up schedule will be determined. If you wish to go, please fill out the following transportation request.



Name: _____

Department: _____

Friday: _____

of People: _____