IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT-QUARTERMASTER

ALL QUARTERMASTERS: If you have not created an account on the Online Membership System (OMS), please go to https://www.vfw.org/login.aspx. Below you will see a link to Create an Account. After following the instructions, you will be identified as the Post Quartermaster.

National Headquarters will mail a PIN number to the address registered for the Quartermaster on your Post Election Report to complete your registration as Post Quartermaster. Once you enter the PIN number, you’ll be able to update information for members of your Post, revise your Post Election Report, etc. Important note: The Online Membership System (OMS) will remain open for membership submission until June 30th at 6:30pm CST. Please be sure to advise all Posts to submit their final membership information by then. Shortly after 6:30pm, all membership processing will shut down so we can begin the year-end processing. All membership transactions should be entered prior to that time. Check back frequently for availability.

Make sure to visit our state website – http://www.vfwil.org! You’ll find upcoming events at the District, State, and National level. You can also view the new Commander’s Leadership Manual, Illinois VFW submit/view online reporting for programs, etc! Please do not hesitate to call State Headquarters with questions – (217) 529-6688.

PROGRAMS

Posts are reminded that now is the best time to send in their required X Sheet donations for Homeless Veterans, Commander’s Special Project and Military Assistance Program. If you wish to donate to the National Home you may send that to Department as well. ALL X-sheet donations need to be routed thru State Headquarters to insure credit.

THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS

Problems arising in the Post should be resolved through the proper channels – Post Commander, District Commander, and State Commander. Please do not hesitate to contact State Headquarters for assistance.

ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS AND POST COMMANDERS

Reminder: Print each month’s General Orders to take them to your Post and District Meetings. Please read them to your members so they are aware of what is going on within our department. Every month of General Orders can be viewed and downloaded from http://www.vfwil.org.
ELECTED OFFICERS

Below are the State Officers who were elected for the 2020 - 2021 year.

State Commander – Laurie A. Emmer – Post 5768-19
State Senior Vice Commander – Robert Welch – Post 450-16
State Junior Vice Commander - Bobby Edwards - Post 10302
State Quartermaster – W. Dave Stout – Post 1308-12
State Judge Advocate – Jayson Hoffman - Post 4763-10
State Surgeon – Eugene Blackwell - Post 311-16
State Chaplain – Rev. Donald Meeks - Post 2024-3

APPOINTMENTS

Below are appointments for the 2020-2021 year made by our State Commander…

State Adjutant – W. Dave Stout – Post 1308-12
State Assistant Adjutant/Quartermaster – Donald Smithery - Post 4226-13
State Assistant Quartermaster - Lee Morgan – Post 4763-10
State Assistant Quartermaster – H. George Doeden – Post 2580-16
State Assistant Quartermaster – Bob Zeman - Post 1197-19
State Veterans Service Director – Derek Giffin – Post 2378-4
State Chief of Staff – Maurice Bridges - Post 4183-14
State Deputy Chief of Staff – Christopher Garza - Post 8821-3
State Inspector – Tim Timer - Post 5768-19
State Surgeon - Eugene Blackwell - Post 311-16
State Illinois VFW News Editor – Barbara Wilson – Post 3455-15
State Sergeant-at-Arms – Jack Lamont – Post 3851-13
State Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms
  James Danielson – Post 4308-5
  Daniel Merry – Post 2301-8
  W. Roy Johnson – Post 5220-3
State Officer of the Day – Samuel Scaife Jr. – Post 2024-3
Aides to the State Commander
  Duane Hisel – Post 4763-10
Advisor to State Commander
  Bill Regan - Post 7452-19
  George Cramer - Post 3873-19
Emblem & Supply Director - Robert Migalich - Post 4763-10
State Emergency Services Director – Richard Luemen - Post 5220-3
State Marketing & Media Relations Director - Barbara Wilson – Post 3455-15
State Membership Director – J.D. Spindler - Post 4549-17
Assistant Membership Directors
  Michael Breyne - Post 1197-9
  Christopher Hatcher - Post 2606-13
  Vince Long - Post 1756-10
  Gary Holmes - Post 2955-6
  Richard Coombe, Jr - Post 7448-5
State Americanism/Loyalty Day Director – John Barrett - Post 3523-14
State Blood Donor Director – Jeffery Britt - Post 2698-14
State Assistant Blood Donor Directors
  Dwane Lundren - Post 4600-5
  C. Maurice Theriac - Post 2244-13
State Community Activities Director – Charles Ingle – Post 2955-6
State Homeless Veterans Director – Paul Bezazian – Post 8322-3
State Hospital & VAVS Director – Harold Olsen, Jr. – Post 4079-9
State Legislative Director – Jayson Hoffman – Post 4763-10
AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING (AUGUST 7-8, 2020)

Sycamore Post 5768-19
121 S. California St.
Sycamore, IL 60178
815-895-2931

All details are tentative and subject to change, such as meeting location and time.
ATTENTION: Hotel reservations for our August Council of Administration are open and can be made through state Headquarters or by yourself. Below are listed a few hotels close to the Sycamore Post.

Country Inn & Suites - $111 per night
1450 Peace Rd, Sycamore, IL
(815) 895-8686

Motel 6 - $86 per night
1860 DeKalb Ave, Sycamore, IL
(815) 899-6500

Holiday Inn - $94 to $104 per night
1935 DeKalb Ave, Sycamore, IL
(815) 748-7400

Quality Inn - $90 per night
1475 S. Peace Rd, Sycamore, IL
(815) 895-4979

DISTRICT COMMANDERS/PROGRAM DIRECTORS

All officers and program directors are expected to be in attendance for all meetings. The committees being called into the August Council of Administration will meet on Friday, August 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm and the August Council of Administration Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sycamore Post 5768. All Program Directors are expected to be present and to introduce themselves and outline their programs giving instruction on how to accomplish program goals.

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: If you need a PowerPoint presentation or any visual aid, please contact State Headquarters as soon as possible to have arrangements made. If you have documentation you would like to handout, please forward them to State Headquarters by Friday, July 30, 2020!
VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE
The Veterans Service Committee will meet at 1:00 pm …
Philip Maughan, Past State Commander, Chairman
W. Dave Stout, Jr. State Adjutant-Quartermaster
Bradley Gould, Jr. Past State Commander
Laurie Emmer, State Commander
Robert Welch - State Sr. Vice Commander

ILLINOIS VFW NEWS COMMITTEE
The Illinois VFW News Committee will meet following the Veterans Service Committee…
Bradley Gould - Past State Commander – Chairman
Barbara Wilson, Illinois VFW News Editor
Paul Augsburger, Past Seventh District Commander
W. Dave Stout, State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
The Budget & Finance Committee will meet after the Illinois VFW News Committee…
Phil Maughan - Chairman
W. Dave Stout - State Adjutant-Quartermaster
Gary Stork – Past Fourteenth District Commander
Laurie Emmer - State Commander

CONVENTION COMMITTEE
This committee will not be meeting at the August Council of Administration Meeting…
Rick Frank, Past State Commander – Co-Chairman
Lowell Spieker, Past Eleventh District Commander
Duane Hisel, Member of Post 4763-10
Jeff Britt, 14th District
Dave Edwards, 3rd District

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
This committee will not be meeting at the August Council of Administration Meeting…
H. George Doeden - Post 2580-16 – Chairman
Robert Zeman – Post 1197-19
Scott Holley - Post 3873-19
Donald Reaska – Post 2602-9

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING
The Council of Administration will meet at the Sycamore Post 5768-19 on 121 S. California St.,
sycamore, IL, Friday, August 7, 2020 at 3:00 pm. This meeting should adjourn at approximately 5:30 pm,
and reconvene on Saturday, August 8th at 8:30 am in the same room. The following State Officers and
Program Directors should be prepared to report on Friday, August 7, 2020…
Phil Maughan, National Council Member
Maurice Bridges, State Chief of Staff
Tim Timmer, State Inspector
Eugene Blackwell, State Surgeon
Reverend Donald Meeks, State Chaplain
J.D. Spindler, State Membership Director
Barbara Wilson, State Marketing/Media Relations Director/VFW News
George Sanon, State Student Veterans Liaison
John Barrett, State Americanism Director
Jeffery Britt., State Blood Donor Director
Stephanie Kirksey, State Buddy Poppy Director
Charles Ingle, State Community Activities Director
Paul Bezazian, State Homeless Veterans Director
Harold Olsen, Jr., State Hospital & VAVS Director
Jayson Hoffman, State Legislative Director
Michael McGrath, State National Home Director
Clarence Caraker, State POW/MIA Director
Clarke Christiansen, State Veterans and Military Support Programs Director
Matthew Willis, State Safety Director
Robert McLeod, State Voice of Democracy Director
David Darte, State Youth Activities Director
VFW/MOC Coordinator
Veterans Service Committee Chairman

**AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

These additional State Officers will also be called into the Council of Administration Meeting…

Derek Giffin, State Service Office Director
Donald Smithenry, State Assistant Adjutant/Quartermaster
Lee Morgan, State Assistant Quartermaster
H. George Doeden, State Assistant Quartermaster
Bob Zeman, State Assistant Quartermaster
Samuel Scaife, Jr., State Officer of the Day
Jack Lamont, State Sergeant-at-Arms
James Danielson, State Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Daniel Merry, State Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Duane Hisel, Aide to the State Commander
State Photographer
State Photographer
Richard Lueman, State Emergency Services Director

**STATE COMMANDER/PRESIDENT’S HOMECOMING**

The Homecoming Dinner for Commander-elect Laurie Emmer and President-elect Linda Armstrong will be held in November of 2020. Details will be forthcoming

**ANNUAL SERVICE OFFICER SEMINAR**

The planning for this seminar is in the works. Dates and locations unknown at this time.

**POPPY SALE – IMPORTANT!**

If your Post is planning to hold a Poppy Day Sale or you are working on a special Poppy Day Program which might carry over into a neighboring Post’s territory, you are urged to contact that Post Commander so they will know what you are doing and there will be no hard feelings.

Let’s make sure to work together and *follow the golden rule*. Poppies can be ordered online by going to our website, www.vfwil.org, log in to “report entry” and scroll down to “Poppy Order.” Submit order. Please note the price of the poppies is $130.00 per thousand. Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing and shipping when you order your poppies; please indicate the date of your sale on the order form. Poppies
can be paid for by check or by credit card. *Please submit payment with your order or pay promptly when invoiced.*

**DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

All District Meetings have been posted on our State of Illinois VFW Website. Click on the tab for “News and Events” and then click on “Calendar”. Commanders, please check the website to insure your events are listed correctly. District Commanders are reminded that if a date or location should change after being submitted, they are to contact State Headquarters to provide the updated information. Please be advised that no State Officer will be assigned to District Conventions.

**WHEN A STATE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS YOUR DISTRICT OR POST FUNCTION...**

When you request a state officer to attend a function at the Post or District level, they should be greeted upon arrival at the designated location. Please make sure they have a designated parking space, and that they are introduced around. *If the event is overnight, accommodations need to be made for the assigned officer. They will need prior notification of their reservation, along with their confirmation number to make sure check-in goes smoothly.*

**REMEMBER:** This may be their first visit to your Post or District. They are giving up their time. Let’s show the courtesy they deserve. State Representatives assigned to District Meetings will be taking roll call so please make a special effort to be present at your upcoming District Meetings.

**BOND APPLICATION AND OTHER NECESSARY FORMS**

Post Officer’s bond applications, poppy order forms and the Commander’s Leadership Manual are available on our website – [http://www.vfwil.org](http://www.vfwil.org). Poppies can be ordered and paid for online! Your bond can be applied for and paid for online as well! Quick, easy, and saves you a stamp!

**FORM 990 – RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX**

We call attention to the fact that all VFW Posts are required to annually file the IRS Form 990. As a subordinate unit of the Department of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars, you could lose your non-profit status by failing to file this annual report. *We are asking all VFW Posts to forward copies of the 990 filed with the IRS starting with the year ending June, 30, 2020 to this office.*

**2020 STATE CONVENTION/PURPLE HEART RAFFLE WINNERS**

Purple Heart $2,000 - Joseph Bellis of Streator, IL  
1st Place $10,000 - Dennis Close of Forest Park, IL  
2nd Place $3,000 - Rick Frank of Chicago, IL  
3rd Place $2,000 - Mark E. Beasley of Veedersburg, IN

The following are winners of $500 each:  
Dan O’Brien of Elkville, IL  
Rodney Craig of Hanover Park, IL  
James Cornelius of Waterloo, IL  
Steve Allen of Newman, IL  
Bernard Haggerty of Joliet, IL  
David Anderson of South Holland, IL  
Robert Peters of Collinsville, IL
2019-2020 ALL-STATE TEAM OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Tenth District, Commander Bobby Edwards $

2019-2020 ALL-STATE TEAM OF POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS

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