



**IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**

## Calendar of Events

July 4, 2022	Independence Day.
July 16-21, 2022	National Convention, Kansas City, MO
August 26-28, 2022	Council of Administration Meeting, Springfield, IL.
August 27, 2022	State Commander's Homecoming Banquet, Springfield, IL
September 11, 2022	Patriot Day
September 16, 2022	Prisoner of War/Missing In Action Recognition Day
September 17, 2022	Commander's Call - Location and Time to be determined
September 18, 2022	Commander's Call - Location and Time to be determined
September 24, 2022	Illinois Day at the National Home (Eaton Rapids, Michigan)
October 1, 2022	Commander's Call - Location and Time to be determined
October 2, 2022	Commander's Call - Location and Time to be determined
October 14-16, 2022	Big 10 Conference Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 29, 2022	Auxiliary Department President Homecoming
November 5, 2022	Council of Administration Meeting (Zoom - 9 a.m. to noon)
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day
December 7, 2022	Pearl Harbor Day
February 9-12, 2023	Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, Illinois
February 11, 2023:	State Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Banquet in Springfield, IL
May 1, 2023	Loyalty Day
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day
June 7, 2023	District Commander-Elect Training, Springfield, IL
June 8-11, 2023	State Convention, Springfield, IL
June 14, 2023	Flag Day
July 22-27, 2023	National Convention, Phoenix, AZ
October 20-22, 2023	Big 10 Conference Itasca, IL

## Deadline Dates to Remember for 2022-2023

June 25, 2022	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
July 25, 2022	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
July 31, 2022	Audits for quarter ending June 30 due to State HQ
August 1, 2022	Deadline to submit articles for Illinois VFW News
August 4, 2022	Deadline to make Hotel Reservations for Council of Administration and Commander's Homecoming
August 22, 2022	Deadline to order Commander's Homecoming dinner tickets
August 25, 2022	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
August 31, 2022:	Quartermaster bonds issued through State HQ expire
September 25, 2022	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
September 30, 2022	Fall Program book ads due to State HQ
October 25, 2022	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
October 31, 2022	Audits for quarter ending September 30 due to State HQ
November 1, 2022	Deadline to submit articles for Illinois VFW News*
November 25, 2022	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
December 25, 2022	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
January 11, 2023	Deadline to make Hotel Reservations for Council of Administration and VOD/PP
January 25, 2023	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
January 31, 2023:	Audits for quarter ending December 31, 2022 due to State HQ
February 1, 2023	Deadline to submit articles for Illinois VFW News
February 6, 2023	Deadline to order VOD/PP Banquet dinner tickets
February 25, 2023	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
March 25, 2023	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
April 25, 2023	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Ads for Convention Book due to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Post Election Reports due.
April 30, 2023	Audits for the quarter ending March 31, 2023 due to State HQ
May 1, 2023	Any proposed By Law Changes for IL VFW By Laws due to State Adjutant
May 1, 2023	Deadline to submit articles for Illinois VFW News*
May 16, 2023	Deadline to make Hotel Reservations for State Convention
May 25, 2023	Veteran of the Month Nomination due to State HQ
May 31, 2023	Any proposed Resolutions for consideration at State Convention due to State Adjutant
June 1, 2023:	District election reports due to State HQ

## **VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES**

NOTE: Updated for the 2022-2023 VFW Program Year

### **Membership**

January 15, 2023	Posts recruiting 5% of prior membership (minimum of 6) to receive State Commander's Jacket
February 1, 2023	District Commanders with 98% in membership receive \$500 cash award
February 15, 2023	Order Form for those earning State Commander's Jacket due to State HQ
April 1, 2023	District Commanders with 100% in membership receive \$500 cash award
April 30, 2023	Deadline to determine winner of Cramer-Soden Award
April 30, 2023	Deadline to complete All-State Post Criteria to receive award at State Convention
April 30, 2023	Post with largest increase of Legacy Life Memberships (minimum 5) receives \$100 gift certificate to VFW Store
April 30, 2023	Deadline for Districts to have completed all Post Inspections and Inspections approved by State Inspector
June 1, 2023	100 new or reinstated members to receive \$500 to attend 2023 National Convention
June 15, 2023	Deadline to qualify for All State Post/District
June 30, 2023	Deadline to qualify for All American Post/District

### **Public Relations/Marketing**

February 28, 2023	Deadline to submit nominations for State Publication Contest to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Deadline to submit nomination for New Media Professional of the Year to State HQ

### **Community Service**

March 15, 2023	Deadline to submit Community Activities Report to State HQ in order to qualify for National Certificate of Recognition
April 1, 2023	Deadline to submit nomination of Volunteer of the Year to State HQ
April 1, 2023	Deadline to submit Community Activity Records Book to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Deadline to submit reports for Yellow Ribbon Program to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission (Department to National)
April 30, 2023	National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission(s) (Department to National)
April 30, 2023	Department Community Service Report (Department to National)
May 5, 2023	Deadline for Post to submit Community Activities Recordbook to State HQ for judging

### **Americanism Program**

April 30, 2023	Deadline to submit reports for Americanism Program to State HQ
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### **Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award**

October 31	Entries to the Post
November 15	Completion of Post judging
December 15	Completion of District judging
January 1	District participation reports due to State HQ
January 10	Completion of Department judging
January 15	Department winners to National
January 31	Department participation reports due to National

**Safety Program**

April 30, 2023      Deadline to submit reports for Safety Program to State HQ

**Public Servant Recognition**

January 1, 2023      Deadline to submit nominations for Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, Paramedic of the Year to State HQ

February 1, 2023      Deadline for State to submit Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, Paramedic of the Year to National

April 30, 2023      Deadline to submit nominations for Outstanding Legislator, Outstanding Patriotism, Government Service, Clergy, Citizen of the Year to State HQ

**Veteran's Assistance**

April 30, 2023      Deadline to submit donation (\$50 min.) for Homeless Veteran donation to State HQ

April 30, 2023      Deadline to submit reports for Hospital/VAVS Program to State HQ

April 30, 2023      Deadline to submit donation (\$50 min.) for National Home to State HQ

April 30, 2023      Deadline to qualify for National Home Awards

April 30, 2023      Deadline to submit donation (\$50 min.) for MAP Program to State HQ

April 30, 2023      Deadline to order Buddy Poppies

June 30, 2023      Deadline to submit donation (\$100 min.) for VMS Program to National HQ

**Youth Programs**

April 30, 2023      Deadline to submit reports for Youth Activities Program to State HQ

**Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen**

October 31      Student entries to the Post

November 15      Completion of Post judging

December 1      Sponsorship money due at State HQ for Posts or Districts wishing to sponsor VOD/PP Scholarships, Pizza Party, or Ice Cream Social

December 15      Completion of District judging

December 20      District winners entry due to State HQ

January 10      Completion of Department judging

January 15      District participation reports due to Department Chairmen

January 15      Department winners due to National

January 31      Department reports due to National

April 30      Deadline to submit donation for VOD/PP to State HQ for Posts that had no nomination for VOD/PP

**Scout of the Year**

March 1      Scout entries to the Post

April 1      Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

May 1      Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or State HQs

## **Legislative Advocacy**

### **Illinois Specific Programs**

April 30, 2023	Deadline to submit reports or donation (\$50 minimum) for POW/MIA Program to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Deadline to submit reports for Blood Donor Program to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Deadline to submit donation (\$50 minimum) for Commander's Special Project to State HQ
April 30, 2023	Deadline to submit donation (\$50 minimum) for Service office Support to State HQ

### **Poppy Display Contest**

May 29	District judging of Poppy displays completed
June 10	District winners' Poppy Displays delivered to State Convention
June 30	Department sends State winners list to National HQ

“Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters .) All other deadlines are suggested, and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairperson, be sure to communicate with your District Chairperson to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairperson need to communicate with their Department Chairperson to find out their deadlines.