

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 09, 2022 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**District Commander-Elect Conference: 8 a.m. – 12: 00 p.m. Northenders Post 10302**

Northenders Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Rd., Springfield, IL 62702

Break for Lunch...

**Committee Meetings: 1:30 p.m. Rendezvous Room, Wyndham City Centre**

By-Laws & Resolutions Meeting

Vince Long, Chairman

17 District Committee Members

Rules of the Convention Meeting

George Cramer, Chairman

Vince Long

**Final 2021-2022 Council Meeting: 3:00 p.m. IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre**

Presentation of Commander's Plaque

Reports:

Veterans Service Committee, Dave Stout, Chairman

Budget & Finance Committee, Phil Maughan, Chairman

Illinois VFW News Committee, Laurie Emmer, Chairman

Convention Committee, Bill Regan

National VFW Representative: Hal Roesch

Comments:

Chief of Staff, Duane Hisel

Inspector, Clarke Christiansen

Judge Advocate, Jayson Hoffman

Surgeon, Eugene Blackwell

Chaplain, Donald Meeks

National Council Member, Phil Maughan

Program Reports:

Membership, Ryan Higginbotham

All-State, Steve Eller

Americanism, Sean Conner

Blood Donor, Robert McLeod

Community Activities, Chuck Ingle

Homeless Veterans, Paul Bezazian

Hospital/VAVS, Harold Olsen

Marketing/Public Relations, Barb Wilson

Student Veterans, Georges Sanon & Jay Hoffman

National Home, Michael McGrath

Veterans & Military Support, John Metzger

POW/MIA, Clarence Caraker

Legislative, Jay Hoffman

Buddy Poppies, Stephanie Kirksey

VFW/MOC, John Jakoby

Safety, Les Durov

Youth Activities, Robert McLeod

Scouting, Ron Milton

VOD, Dave Darte

State Fair, Larry Carter

Announcements:

Joe Bartley, State Adj-QM

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**Friday Session: 8:30 a.m., IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre**

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Opening of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention by Convention Chairman

Introduction of Auxiliary Rep. by Rhonda Borkgren and remarks from Auxiliary National Rep.

Introduction of VFW National Rep. by State Commander and his remarks.

**Special Presentations**

Presentations: Teacher of the Years, Sean Conner, Americanism Chairman

“Of the Year”, Bobby Welch, State Commander

Publications Contest, Barb Wilson, VFW News Editor

Ntl. Publications, VFW Ntl. Rep. Hal Roesch

Reports: Rules of the Convention, Vince Long, Chairman

Credentials, George Doeden, Chairman

Legislative Report, Jayson Hoffman

Break for Lunch...

**Program Awards: 1:00 p.m., IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre**

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Membership, Ryan Higginbotham

All-State, Steve Eller

Community Activities, Chuck Ingle

Americanism, Sean Conner

Voice of Democracy, Dave Darte

Patriot’s Pen & Youth Activities, Robert McLeod

Scout of the Year, Ron Milton

National Home, Michael McGrath

Hospital/VAVS, Harold Olsen

Blood Donor, Robert McLeod

Safety, Les Durov

POW/MIA Dennis Nelson Memorial Plaque, Clarence Caraker

Nominations of 2022-2023 State Officers: Following Program Awards

*\*Awards not handed out must be picked up by District Commanders in Headquarters office.*

**Foundation Meeting: Following Nominations, Conference Center 4, Wyndham**

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**Church Services: 4:30 p.m., Plaza 1, Wyndham City Centre**

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**Memorial Service: 6:00 p.m. IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre**

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Bobby Welch, State Commander

Don Meeks, State Chaplain

Jeff Britt, Officer of the Day

Bobby Edwards, State Sr. Vice Commander

Brett Nila, State Jr. Vice Commander

Cindy Watters, Auxiliary Chaplain

Laurie Emmer, State Jr. Past State Commander

Rhonda Borkgren, Auxiliary President

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**Saturday Session: 8:30 a.m., IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre**

Commander Welch will start Business Session.

Auxiliary President will arrive and address the VFW and Bobby will go and address the Auxiliary

**Program Awards**

Buddy Poppy, Stephanie Kirksey

Any additional awards not given out on Friday

**Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m., IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre**

Silver March

Convention Raffle Drawing

Reports: By-Laws & Resolutions, Vince Long  
Credentials Report, George Doeden

**Elections**

State Commander: (Running: Bobby Edwards)

Sr. Vice Commander: (Running: Brett Nila)

Jr. Vice: (Running: Maurice Bridges)

Quartermaster: (Running: Joe Bartley)

Judge Advocate: (Running: Jay Hoffman)

Surgeon: (Running: Eugene Blackwell)

Chaplain: (Running: Gary Holmes)

**Installation**

Installing Officer

Prayer given by Chaplain

Capping Ceremony

2022-2023 State Commander closed the Convention

**Cmdr. Reception: 6:30 p.m., Northenders Post 10302**

Reception for Bobby Edwards. Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Rd., Springfield, IL 62702

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**First 2022-2023 Council Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Rendezvous Room, Wyndham City Centre**

Attendees: Commander  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Adjutant-QM  
Chief of Staff  
Inspector  
Judge Advocate  
Chaplain  
Surgeon  
Jr. Past State Commander  
National Council Member  
District Commanders

Need to pass an interim budget until August 2022 Council Meeting.



**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

Illinois

*2021-2022 Series  
General Orders No. 11  
May 2022*

### **2022-2023 OFFICERS-ELECT**

District and Post Officers elected or appointed for the 2022-2023 term are reminded that they *will not take office until the Installation of the State Commander on Saturday, June 11, 2022*. You are also reminded that the nomination of officers will be held on Friday afternoon, June 10, 2022 with the election and installation of officers taking place on Saturday afternoon, June 11, 2022. **DELEGATE REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 12:00 p.m. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11th. REGISTER EARLY!!**

### **GOT YOUR 6K**

We attempted to have the inaugural 6K Race last year but it was cancelled due to COVID. We are planning the inaugural "Got your 6K" on May 21, 2022 at Field of Dreams Park, 1100 Riverton Rd., Riverton, IL 62561. This is located just a few miles off the northeast corner of Springfield. Dust off your running shoes and get ready to support the VFW. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the VFW and show our veterans and their families "we got your 6." You can register early [here](#). There is also an early registration form included at the end of these orders, if you'd like to register using cash or a check. On-site registration is an extra \$10 per entrant, so register early.

### **VFW DAY OF SERVICE**

VFW Day of Service is in May. Starting on May 7 and lasting all month long, VFW Posts, VFW members, community advocates and veterans will host service events across the nation and around the world. People everywhere will know America's Veterans are #STILLSERVING. Are you in? Attached to the end of these General Orders is a flyer from Post 311 in Richton Park for an activity they are doing in support of VFW Day of Service. Just one of the many ways you can participate.

### **2022-2023 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN**

The VFW has announced the topics for the 2022-2023 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth essay competitions.

**Voice of Democracy -- "Why is the Veteran Important?"**

**Patriot's Pen -- "My Pledge to Our Veterans"**

Posts are encouraged to start distributing this information to the schools in your area now and rather than waiting until fall. Entry forms can be found on both National Headquarters website [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) or Illinois website [vfwil.org](http://vfwil.org).

### **IMPORTANT - REPORT OF ELECTION FORM**

Per section 213 of the National By-laws, Posts that have not submitted a properly completed Post Election Report by June 1 are in arrears and shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustments of such deficiencies. Posts that have registered delegates for the Department and National Conventions will not receive credentials until the Post has satisfied their arrearage.

### **ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS; CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES**

- (a) The **elected** officers of each **District** shall consist of a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three (3) Trustees.
- (b) The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Service Office and Inspector.
- (c) The District may elect or the District Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chief of Staff or Officer of the Day if required by the District By-Laws.
- (d) The District Commander may appoint other chairmen and committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the District or as may be required by District Bylaws.

Please refer to Section 417 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure regarding the **Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office** of District Officers which states in part that the elected District Officers shall be nominated and elected annually at the District Convention. An officer elected and assuming the duties of his office shall continue to hold office for the period for which elected and until his successor assumes the duties of the office unless the office is declared vacant under the provisions of Sections 416 and 420 of the National By-Laws. An officer or committee member must remain in good standing in a Post in the District, otherwise he forfeits the office and the office shall be vacated.

### **DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS**

All District Quartermasters have received a 2022-2023 Report of Election form for the District and they are asked to please submit them as soon as the District election has been held. It is very important that the names, addresses, Post numbers, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are up-to-date. Commanders-elect who may receive mail at a Post Office Box should also include their street address for shipping purposes.

### **CREDENTIALS - CONVENTION**

#### **Sec. 222 - Delegates, District Convention & Meetings, Department and National Conventions.**

- (a) Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.
- (b) Delegates elected under this section shall not be considered instructed and may exercise full authority in the duty to be performed.
- (c) Each Post will pay, in accordance with its Department Bylaws, a delegate registration fee for each and every delegate to which the Post shall be entitled.

(d) 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.

### **FINAL EXPENSE VOUCHER**

Reminder for all Officers who have Expense Accounts – the final date for submitting expense voucher for the 2021-2022 term is **Wednesday, June 1, 2022**. Expense vouchers must be within budget limitations and must be marked FINAL. **Expense Vouchers received after that date will not be honored.**

### **PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORTS – STATE CONVENTION**

**All program directors** – please have your reports printed so that you will be able to pass it to the Court Reporter when you finish giving your report to the Convention floor. Please provide a duplicate copy of your report to the State Headquarters and please make sure your name is on your report. **Please remember to keep your reports short and to the point.**

**Reminder** – the State Convention is also the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. Please be sure to have your correct name and title on your report since our Court Reporter will not be familiar with your face. Your cooperation in this matter will eliminate the chances of errors in the report and will help Department by having information available for the news media, etc.

### **ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

Advance Registration (\$15.00) for the State Convention is still open. Delegates are urged to submit their Advance Registration Form to State Headquarters. There is an advanced registration form included at the end of these orders. The deadline date for advance registration is June 3, 2022; and after that date the registration fee is \$17.00.

**IMPORTANT!!** – Post Commanders are reminded that our Department By-Laws dictate that under ARTICLE V, CONVENTION – Section 8, Registration at Annual Department Convention – it states, “Each Post shall register, in advance or at the Convention, at least one delegate to the Department Convention by the payment of the Advance registration Fee in effect for such Convention, which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of Convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this requirement shall be considered delinquent and in arrears”.

### **FIRST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING & COMMANDER’S HOMECOMING**

The first Council of Administration Meeting will be held August 26-28, 2022 at the Northfield Inn and Suites, 3820 Northfield Drive in Springfield. Rooms are priced at \$84.00 plus tax per night. Please check the June General Orders for more information. The Homecoming Reception for the State Commander will be held at Northenders Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Rd in Springfield. Tickets are \$35.00 each and can be purchased from the State Headquarters by sending a check or paying with a credit card from the Donate tab on the state website.

## **123<sup>RD</sup> VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Kansas City Missouri is the host city for the 123rd VFW and 109<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary National Conventions. VFW and Auxiliary members will convene at the Downtown Kansas City Marriott July 16-21, 2022. Convention housing opened in February and closes 6/13/22. You can arrange housing and view additional information at <http://www.vfw.org/convention>.

### **DEPARTMENT ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DISTRICT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS**

All newly elected and appointed Department Officers and District Junior Vice Commanders for the 2022-2023 term of office are reminded that according to our National By-Laws all Officers listed above are required to submit proof of eligibility to the Department Adjutant prior to being installed into their respective offices during the State Convention. If you have a question on whether or not you have ever submitted your DD-214 or Proof of Eligibility to the Department, please contact the State Adjutant prior to the convening of the State Convention in June.

### **DISTRICT CAUCUS DURING STATE CONVENTION**

Each District will be responsible for establishing their own District Caucus and it will be their responsibility to contact and invite candidates to address their caucus.

### **SPECIAL NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT PROGRAM CHAIRMEN**

All Department Program Chairmen are reminded that most Programs ended officially as of April 30, 2022 and you are therefore requested to type up your Program Award Winners; we must have your Award Winners in State Headquarters by no later than Monday, **May 9, 2022** to enable us to order and prepare your Convention Awards in a timely manner. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

### **STATE COMMANDER AND STATE PRESIDENT RECEPTION**

A reception will be held for the 2022-23 State Commander and State Auxiliary President on Saturday June 11, 2022, beginning at 6:30p.m. at Northenders Post 10302. The address is 2349 Stockyard Road in Springfield.

### **ROOM RESERVATION REMINDER!!!**

The cut-off date for making your room reservation for the State Convention is **May 17, 2022**. ***Remember....we reserve the right to place your reservation at the hotel of our choice based on contractual agreements.*** You may make reservations online for the Wyndham Springfield City Centre by clicking [here](#) or at the President Abraham Lincoln, a DoubleTree by Hilton by clicking [here](#).

### **REMINDER - 2022 ILLINOIS CONVENTION RAFFLE**

*There is still time to enter the 2022 Convention Raffle.* This year's mailing consists of two sheets of tickets and each sheet has five (5) Convention Raffle Tickets for \$40.00 and two Purple Heart Tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held at the VFW State Convention on June 11, 2022 in Springfield,

Illinois. Grand Prize is \$10,000.00. Second Prize is \$3,000.00, Third Prize is \$2,000.00 and Fourth through Tenth Prize is \$500.00. Please contact this State Headquarters for additional tickets.

### **REMINDER - GUN RAFFLE**

State Headquarters is holding a raffle for a 1911 MIL-SPEC .45 ACP or \$800 cash equivalent. The drawing will be held on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at the State Convention in Springfield. Tickets are \$20 each and only 2,500 tickets will be sold. Please contact your District Commander to purchase tickets.

### **CONVENTION EXHIBIT BOOTHS**

Please let the businesses in your area know exhibit space is available during our 103rd Annual State Convention at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. Contact State Headquarters for *Exhibitor's Contract and Release* forms.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

The Annual Silent Auction will be held during the State Convention. Check out your home for items in good condition to donate. Please bring your donated item to the Foyer of the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre and make sure to fill out the form given to you. If you have any questions, please contact State Headquarters. District Commanders are asked to donate an item from their District valued at no less than \$75.

### **RULES OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Chairman, Rick Frank (Post 1461-6), Past State Commander  
Co-Chairman, Bill Regan (Post 7452-19), Past State Commander  
Convention Committee (1 Year), Duane Hisel (Post 4763-10)  
Convention Committee (2 Year), Jeff Britt (Post 6865-14)  
Convention Committee (3 Year), Maurice Bridges (Post 4183-14)

### **DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE**

The Distinguished Guest Committee Members will use *Room 2 of the Conference Center* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre as their base of operations for our distinguished guests.

Rich Coombe, Past State Commander  
JD Spindler, Past State Commander

### **34<sup>TH</sup> ILLINOIS VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL 24- HOUR VIGIL**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial 24 Hour Vigil will take place May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. There is a flyer included with these orders.



**"X-SHEET"**

The reporting period for the State "X-sheet" is May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> each year. This year, when the new X-sheet reporting opens on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the newly revised X-sheet will go live. The new X-sheet will appear more like the All-American Dashboard. The Commanders Leadership Manual that will be available at Convention will be organized and updated to match this new x-sheet.

**CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS**

All correspondence sent via USPS should be mailed to our physical address. Please update your records to reflect the following.

VFW, Department of Illinois  
3300 Constitution Drive  
Springfield, IL 62711

**POST CONSOLIDATIONS**

Commander-in-Chief Fritz Mihelcic has approved the consolidation of Posts 8157 in Auburn and 4763 in Chatham, to be known as Chatham-Auburn Memorial Post 4763 in Chatham, Illinois. Please update your records accordingly.

OFFICIAL:



Joe Bartley  
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



Robert Welch  
State Commander

## Dates to Remember for 2022

**May 1, 2022:** Loyalty Day

**May 3, 2022:** Community Service Project Books and Nominations due to State Headquarters

**May 7, 2022:** VFW Day of Service kicks off, and lasts the month of May. You can learn more about it [here](#).

**May 17, 2022:** Cut-off date for lodging at Wyndham Springfield City Centre for State Convention. There is a link to make those arrangements on the VFWIL website.

**May 25, 2022:** Cut-off date for lodging at President Abraham Lincoln for State Convention. There is a link to make arrangements on the VFWIL website.

**May 30, 2022:** District Election Reports, dates and times for District Meetings due to State Headquarters.

**June 3, 2022:** Early Registration for State Convention ends. Registration will go up to \$17 per delegate after this date.

**June 9-12, 2022:** State Convention, Springfield. There will be an incoming District Commander training at Northenders Post 10302 in Springfield.

**June 13, 2022:** Housing for the 123rd National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri closes. Please visit <http://www.vfw.org/convention> for more information.

**June 26, 2022:** Welcome Home celebration for Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism Veterans will be held at Post 5694. 1900 VFW Rd, Highland, 62249 from 1-6 p.m. For reservations, please call (618) 654-6367

**July 16-21, 2022:** National Convention, Kansas City Missouri

**August 26-28, 2022:** Council of Administration Meeting, Springfield, IL. August 27th will be the date for the State Commanders Homecoming Banquet. Tickets will go on sale at a later date.

**September 1, 2022:** Officer Bonds issued through State Headquarters expire

**September 24, 2022:** Illinois Day at the National Home (Eaton Rapids, Michigan)



SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, 2022

# GOT YOUR 6K

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

INAUGURAL VETERANS 6K RUN  
BENEFITING VETERANS IN ILLINOIS

TICKET SALES ARE  
**NOW OPEN**

PRICE INCLUDES  
REFRESHMENT,  
EVENT SHIRT,  
AND MEDAL

FREE UNDER 4 ENTRY

\$35 MILITARY ENTRY\*

\$35 VETERAN ENTRY\*

\$40 GENERAL ENTRY

\$35 60 AND OVER ENTRY\*

\*PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED

DAY-OF ENTRY IS AN ADDITIONAL \$10

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 AM

SCAN THE  
EVENT CODE



FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

# GOT YOUR 6K

## REGISTRATION FORM

Field of Dreams Park  
1100 Riverton Rd.,  
Riverton, IL 62561

FULL NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
SHIRT SIZE	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X

PLEASE CHECK ONE OPTION BELOW:

- |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Military/Veteran Entry         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 General Entry (Age 5-59)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Senior (60 and older)          | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 and under FREE                  |
| REGISTRATION DAY OF EVENT IS<br>\$10 MORE THAN PRICES LISTED | <input type="checkbox"/> I will be participating Virtually |

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

CARD TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER
CARD NUMBER	
EXPIRATION DATE	
SECURITY CODE (CVV2)	

COMPLETE BELOW IF BILLING ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE.

STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE NUMBER	

**PLEASE NOTE:** AN EMAIL ADDRESS MUST BE PROVIDED ON THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO KEEP REGISTRANTS UPDATED REGARDING ANY UPDATES AS WELL AS NOTIFICATIONS AS THE 6K APPROACHES.

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM. RACE STARTS AT 10 AM

### WEATHER POLICY

No refunds will be given due to inclement weather. The safety of our attendees and volunteers is our primary concern. In the event of inclement weather, the race will continue under the following circumstances. The event will not be cancelled due to rain alone.

If lightning is seen and/or thunder is heard, the event will be postponed for a minimum of twenty minutes until no signs of the storm are present. Participants should seek shelter in their vehicles or a nearby building if available. If lightning and/or thunder continues twenty minutes after the scheduled event start, the race will be subject to cancellation.

In the circumstance of a tornado warning, the race will be cancelled. If the event is cancelled, you will receive an email with further instruction on a new date as well as other options we can offer to our registrants. Any event updates the day prior to the event will be emailed to participants.

### WAIVER POLICY

All registrants must be 18 years or older to sign the event waiver. If a registrant is under the age of eighteen, there must be a parent/guardian signature on their waiver.

A waiver can be requested by contacting the State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters by calling (217) 529-6688 or emailing [vfwil@vfwil.org](mailto:vfwil@vfwil.org).

#### **Event Waiver:**

I know that participating in a 6K Run is a potentially hazardous activity, which could cause injury or death. I will not enter and participate unless I am medically able and properly trained, and by my signature, I certify that I am medically able to perform this event, and am in good health, and I am properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to any aspect of my participation in this event, including the right of any official to deny or suspend my participation for any reason whatsoever. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the course which contains but is not limited to ruts, roots, bridges, branches, roads and trees, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Village of Riverton, Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars, any event sponsors, their officers, employees, representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use my photographs, video, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

**I understand and agree to all terms and conditions of the waiver.**

**Signature:**

***If under 18 years of age***

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE  
DSO MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

THIS REPORT IS FOR: Illinois Service Office

REPORT MONTH OF: Mar 2022

<b>1. Office Interviews:</b>	<u>183</u>	<b>8. Appeals Actions</b>	
<b>2. Communications:</b>		a. NOD Filed	<u>0</u>
a. Correspondence Recd	<u>164</u>	b. VA Form 9 Filed	<u>0</u>
b. Correspondence Orig	<u>292</u>	c. DRO:	
c. Emails Received	<u>168</u>	1. Conferences	<u>7</u>
d. Emails Responded to	<u>159</u>	2. Favorable Decisions	<u>0</u>
e. Telephone calls	<u>808</u>	3. Unfavorable Decisions	<u>0</u>
f. Other	<u>56</u>	d. VA Form 646 Filed	<u>0</u>
<b>3. Claims Filed</b>	<u>149</u>	<b>9. Health Care Assistance</b>	
<b>4. Powers of Attorney Filed</b>	<u>87</u>	a. Enroll 10-10EZ Compl	<u>0</u>
<b>5. File Accessed</b>	<u>69</u>	b. Health Care Ref Asst	<u>0</u>
<b>6. Ratings Cleared</b>	<u>144</u>	c. Hospitalized Vets Visit	<u>0</u>
<b>7. Rating Queries</b>	<u>23</u>	<b>Veterans Assisted through</b>	
		<b>10. outreach</b>	<u>7</u>
		<b>11. New VFW Members</b>	<u>0</u>

	<b># Awds Recd</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>12. DISABILITY BENEFITS</b>		
a. Compensation	<u>81</u>	<u>1,857,098.76</u>
b. Pension	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>13. DEATH BENEFITS</b>		
a. DIC	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
b. Pension	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
c. Burial	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>14. OTHER BENEFITS</b>		
a. VR & E	<u>12</u>	<u>12,873.95</u>
b. Waivers of Indebt	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>15. C &amp; C Awards</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>16. Lump Sum and Retroactive</b>	<u>51</u>	<u>692,399.51</u>
<b>17. TOTALS</b>	<u>144</u>	<u>2,562,372.22</u>
<b>18. Miscellaneous Comments:</b>		



Chicago Heights  
VETERANS CENTER

# JOIN US FOR OUR VFW DAY OF SERVICE

A veteran-led community service event.

SATURDAY

# MAY 14

## 10AM - 3PM

CLOTHING  
DRIVE

**DROP OFF LOCATION!**

22341 GOVERNORS HWY  
RICHTON PARK, IL

ASKING FOR MEN & WOMENS  
CLOTHING AND/OR HYGENIC  
PRODUCTS



[RICHTONPARK.ORG](http://RICHTONPARK.ORG)



708.481.8950

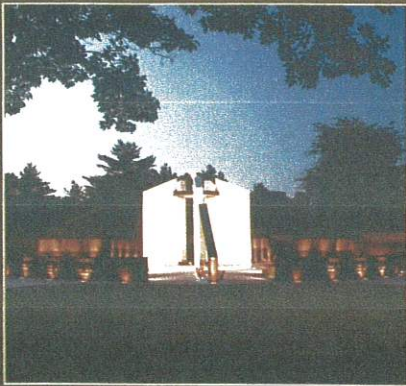
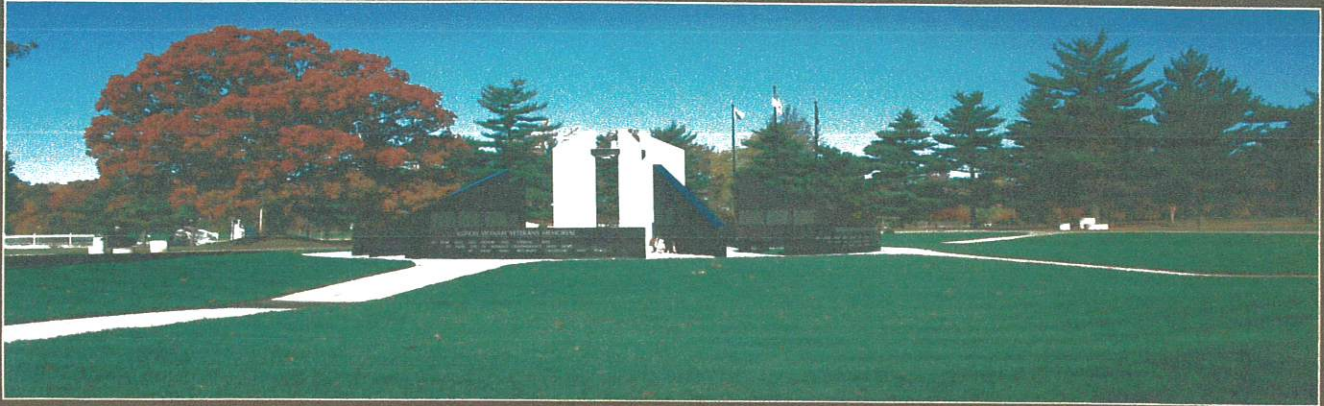


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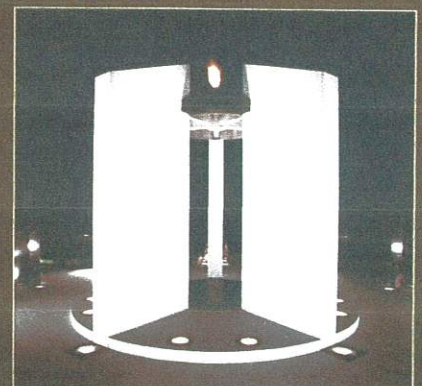


# 34th Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial 24-Hour Vigil

May 7 and 8, 2022



JEN A • CHILDRESS, LEWIS C • CHIL  
ISTER, JAMES V •  
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ONARD A • CLA  
HARD C • CLARK, WILLIAM J III  
CHARLES P • CLAY, DOYLE C • CLA  
RHONDAL G  
EDWARD F • CLINCH, JOSEPH R  
NIE J • CLYMER, DENNIS L • COATE  
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YES I • COLEMAN, MICHAEL L • CO  
JAMES A • COLLINS, MICHAEL L • CO  
RD M • COLVINS, RONALD E • CO  
ON, FELIX M • CONEY, LAWRENCE N  
R, PATRICK • CONNER, THOMAS E



**Oak Ridge Cemetery - Springfield, Illinois**

**Saturday - May 7, 2022**

**Opening Ceremony 11:00 AM**

**POW-MIA Remembrance 6:00 PM**

**Sunday - May 8, 2022**

**Closing Ceremony 11:00 AM**

**General Info: 217-725-9395**

**Vigil Watch Info: 217-259-1545**





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# THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND  
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL



**May 12 - 15, 2022**  
**Boone County Fairgrounds**  
**8847 Rt 76, Belvidere, IL**  
**Enter at Gate 6 off McKinley Ave**

**Free Admission - Open 24 hours - Closes Sunday at 2pm**

For more information visit our Facebook Page: The Wall That Heals/Belvidere IL 2022

Program Information  
May 2022 General Orders

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Paul Zinck  
Assistant Program Chairman

\*\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*\*

Comrades, as our 2021-2022 Program Year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone for your great support. I've really enjoyed meeting and working with so many outstanding people throughout the state of Illinois and will look forward to working with all of you again in the coming year. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity and thank you for giving of your time for our National Home for Children.

We especially want to thank the District Commanders and District Program Chairmen. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

\*\*\*\* AND SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*

Our next "Illinois Day" at the National Home is set for September 24 and we'll have details at the upcoming Convention. We'll look forward to seeing you there!  
OUR NEXT "ILLINOIS DAY" AT THE NATIONAL HOME IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24  
AND WE'LL HAVE

\*\*\*\* ILLINOIS V.F.W. \*\*\*\* NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!

-Loyalty Day-

May 1, 2022

Since passing through Congress in 1958, Loyalty Day has been an official reoccurring holiday. Observed on May 1<sup>st</sup> of every year, Loyalty Day is a special day that requests all Americans to “reaffirm” their loyalty to the United States of America. Loyalty Day is also a day to recognize the rich history that makes this country so diverse and the greatest nation on this Earth. We are all encouraged to fly our beautiful Flag high and proud. It is also our duty to educate our youth about Loyalty Day, why it is special to be an American, and what sacrifices have been made to ensure our Flag still flies.

Loyalty Day is celebrated with parades, ceremonies, and other festivities across the land. These celebrations are very important teaching tools to our youth. It is our chance to pass down to the next generation our love for the Flag, America, and our fellow citizens. Many of us Veterans have been put in situations where we didn't know if we were going to make it back home, we fought for our brothers and sisters to our left and right. We also fought for those back home. All those we fought for had one thing in common, the Flag of the United States of America. We fought for her and what she stands for. Let's continue that fight and continue to educate our communities about how much she means to us. Continue to fight to keep her flying high. And continue our fight to keep her beautiful legacy going into future generations.

If anyone is planning any Loyalty Day activities, please contact the state Americanism/Loyalty Day Chairman at [seanconner2001@gmail.com](mailto:seanconner2001@gmail.com) or Department Headquarters so that information can get to as many people as possible.

R/S

Conner, Sean D.

Cpl/USMC (2001-2005)

State Americanism/Loyalty Day Chairman

Department of Illinois



## PROGRAM SUMMARY

### SCOUTING

The Department winners were selected by a panel of impartial judges. The following scouts were selected:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCOUTING UNIT</u>	<u>SCOUTING COUNCIL</u>	<u>VFW SPONSOR/DISTRICT</u>
Emma Wiker	6702 Athens IL	GS of Central Illinois	1756 10
Jackson Mills	282 Flora IL	Greater St Louis Council	4535 13

Only one scout could be forwarded to National, and Scout Emma Wiker's package was selected to represent our Department.

This year we had 14 applications submitted. This was an increase of three from the previous year. The following District had submissions:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS</u>
5	1
9	1
10	1
13	1
14	2
18	1
19	7

R Milton

Department Scouting Chair