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***2021-2022 Series  
General Orders No. 12  
June 2022***

***ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023***

All elected and appointed officers on the state level are reminded that they must comply with *Section 516-Elected and Appointed Officers, Chairmen and Committees, of the National By-Laws*, that state...

*“State Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the State Adjutant. Additionally, State Commanders, State Senior Vice Commanders, State Junior Vice Commanders, State Adjutants and State Quartermasters shall submit proof of eligibility to the Adjutant General. State Officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed.”*

Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the State Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to Office. In the event an elected or appointed officer fails to submit proof of eligibility within sixty (60) days of election or appointment, any right of the officer to hold the office shall be forfeited and the office declared vacant and the eligibility qualifications of such officer shall be questioned in accordance with the provisions of *Section 108 of the National By-Laws*.

**ATTENTION:** 2022-2023 Officers-Elect, specifically District Senior Vice and Junior Vice, if you have not already submitted a copy of your DD-214 to State Headquarters, please do so immediately!

***2022-2023 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS***

All members of the 2022-2023 Council of Administration are hereby notified that a special Council of Administration Meeting will be held in the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 9:00 am. This should only take a few minutes and a roll call will be held to ascertain their attendance at this most important meeting.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE – DELEGATE VOTING**

Posts are also reminded that in accordance with *Resolution No. B-2*, adopted during the 1993 State Convention. The Department By-Laws were amended by adding Section 11:

*Voting – Tally sheets shall be printed in numerical order in the even numbered years, therefore roll call voting will begin with Post 99.*

### **APPLICATION FOR POST QUARTERMASTER'S BOND**

Bond applications for Post Commanders and Quartermasters are available online. Ordering poppies and Convention Delegate Registration can also be done online.

The State Commander's Leadership Manual will be available online. Also, a thumb drive will be available for pick up at our Registration Desk located in the *Capitol Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre containing the 2022-2023 Commander's Leadership Manual.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE & TRIBUTE TO GOLD STAR PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS**

The Memorial Service held during our State Convention will be held in the IL/Prairie Room of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Friday, June 10, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm with State Chaplain Reverend Donald Meeks presiding.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE – CREDENTIALS**

Post Commanders and Quartermasters are reminded that they will not receive their credentials for the State Convention unless they have:

- Report of Election of Officers Submitted
- All Quarterly Audits Properly Completed - Including March 31, 2022
- Post Bonds Properly Submitted to State Headquarters
- All Debt to the State Covered (*Including: poppies, etc...*)

**NOTE:** All delegates will pick up their credentials in the *Capitol Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre beginning at 1:00pm on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

### **STATE PROGRAM AWARDS**

State Program Awards will be presented as each Program Director gives his/her final report during the 103rd Annual State Convention. The presentation of final program reports will begin on Friday, June 10, 2022 in the *IL/Prairie Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 East Adams Street in Downtown Springfield. Directors, please provide the Adjutant a written copy of the report at the time you give the report.

**AMERICANISM & LOYALTY DAY AWARDS**

The Districts listed below will receive a monetary award for having the highest amount of hours, dollars, and members reported in the following categories...

- Category I - Up to 2,500 Members – Eighteenth District – \$30
- Category II - 2,501-3,600 Members – Fourteenth District – \$30
- Category III – 3,601 Members and Up – Nineteenth District – \$30

The Posts listed below will receive a monetary award for having the highest amount of hours, dollars, and members reported in the following categories....

- Category I – Up to 100 Members – Coulterville Post 6865-14 – \$30
- Category II - 101-300 Members – Olney Memorial Post 426-13 – \$30
- Category III - 301 Members and Up – Judd Kendall Post 3873-19 – \$30

**SMART/MAHER VFW CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARDS**

The first place winner in each of the three categories received \$100 cash and a specially engraved plaque awarded to them at ceremonies held at their schools. A specially engraved plaque will also be presented to the winning Teacher’s School. This year’s Department winners are:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	
Tracy Skinner	K-5	Lewis & Clark Elementary School
Theresa Rompala	6-8	Elwood CCSD #203
Stephanie Kezios	9-12	Elk Grove High School

**BLOOD DONOR AWARDS**

A monetary award of \$50 will be awarded to the Post who donates the most pints of blood in each of the following membership categories...

- Category I - Up to 150 Member Category – Bond County Memorial Post 1377-4
- Category II - 151-300 Member Category – Ambraw Post 2244-13
- Category III - 301 and Up Member Category – John Hugo Kaiser Post 1461-6

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORDBOOKS AWARD**

The top Community Activities Record Book in each Membership Category will receive a \$50 monetary award at the State Convention...

Category I – Up to 150 Members – No Entries

Category II – 151 to 300 Members – Chatham Auburn Memorial Post 4763-10

Category III – 301 Members and up – No Entries

### **HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS**

The Districts who achieve 100% in Post participation in the Hospital/VAVS Program by April 30, 2022 will be awarded \$50.00 CASH to be used in the continuation of the Hospital/VAVS Program...

Fifteenth District, Commander William Hatfield

### **HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS**

The **Top Post** in each membership category will receive a plaque....

Category I - Up to 150 Members – Carol Stream Post 10396-19

Category II - 151-300 Members – Ambraw Post 2244-13

Category III - 301 and Up Members – Judd Kendall Post 3873-19

### **NATIONAL HOME AWARDS**

The Post with the most dollars donated will receive a beautifully engraved plaque noting their accomplishment...

Judd Kendall Post 3873, District 19

These Districts will receive a citation for reporting 100% before April 30, 2022.

Eleventh District, Rick Hobbs, Commander

Twelfth District, Dustin Dixon, Commander

Thirteenth District, Chris Hatcher, Commander

Fourteenth District, Ron Milton, Commander

Seventeenth District, Sean Conner, Commander

Nineteenth District, Robert Bailey, Commander

### **SAFETY AWARDS**

A special plaque will be presented to the top Post in the following three membership categories who reported the largest amount of hours, dollars and members:

Category I - Up to 150 Members – Prospect Post 1337, District 4

Category II - 151-300 Members – Roscoe Post 2955, District 4

Category III - 301 and Up Members – General Hill Post 3601, Dist. 17

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARDS**

A \$50 cash award and certificate will be presented to the following Posts who have the most hours, dollars, and number of members participating in the following membership categories...

Category I - Up to 150 Member Category – Prospect Post 1337, District 4

Category II - 151 - 300 Member Category – Ambraw Post 2244, District 3

Category III - 301 Member and Up Category – \_Scott Post 4183, District 14

An engraved plaque will be presented to the District with the most total hours, donations and members reported....

Robert Bailey, Nineteenth District Commander

### **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS**

For sponsoring the State Voice of Democracy Champion, this Post will receive a personalized plaque...

Niles Memorial Post 3579, District 4

The school where the State winner attends will receive a \$500.00 award.

All Posts who participated in the judging portion of the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a certificate presented at their next District Meeting.

### **EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Scout listed below will receive a monetary award of \$300...

Jackson Mills, Sponsored by Wayne County Memorial Post 4535-13

### **GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

The recipient of this year's Girl Scout Gold Award will received a \$300 monetary award...

Emma Wiker, Sponsored by Cronin Brothers Post 1756-10

### **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

I would like to congratulate those who qualified for the All-State Team. *Please see the complete listing of our All-State Team Members in this General Orders.*

*All-State Team Post Commanders* will be presented:

All-State Commander's Cap  
Distinguished Service Lapel Pin

*All-State Team Post Quartermasters* will be presented:

Distinguished Service Lapel Pin  
Quartermasters may purchase an All-State Quartermaster's Cap

#### **Cramer-Soden Award**

The Cramer-Soden Award is presented to the All-State Commander who had the highest membership increase from their 2020-2021 year to their 2021-2022 year. This award is presented to:

No All-State District Commanders as of 05/31/2022

### **POW/MIA PROGRAM AWARD**

The Dennis Nelson Memorial POW-MIA Award will be awarded to the VFW Post that demonstrates the most outstanding POW-MIA Recognition Program within their community...

Olney Memorial Post 4226, District 13

### **POPPY AWARDS**

The Post below will be awarded a beautiful plaque for the greatest numerical increase in buddy poppy sales according to the following membership classifications...

Category I - Up to 150 Members - TBD

Category II - 151-300 Members – TBD

Category III - 301 and Up Members – TBD

### THROUGH CHANNELS

Post Commanders, County Council Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all Resolutions or communications relative to FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR TO THE POLICY OR PROCEDURE OF THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY to the State Headquarters for endorsement and referral to the Adjutant General.

### FIRST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The first Council of Administration Meeting will be held August 26-28, 2022 at VFW Post 10302, 2349 Stockyards Rd, Springfield, IL. Sleeping rooms are priced at \$85 plus tax per night at your choice of hotel, The Northfield Center, 3280 Northfield Dr, Springfield, IL or The Ramada Springfield North, 3281 Northfield Dr, Springfield, IL. The cut-off date for reserving your room is August 4, 2022. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (217) 523-7900 for the Northfield Center or (217) 523-4000 for the Ramada Springfield North. Our group code is VFW.

### STATE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

The Homecoming Dinner for Commander-elect Bobby Edwards will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2021, in conjunction with our First Council of Administration Meeting. *Please look for the flyer on the state website for more information.*

You may purchase your tickets through State Headquarters by calling (217) 529-6688 or making a donation on <http://www.vfwil.org>. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION, JULY 16-21, 2022

Complete information regarding National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri is attached at the end of these orders. **Housing cut off is June 13, 2022.** You can use the following methods (call-in or online) to make reservations:

- Toll-Free: 877.464.6840 – Mon.-Fri. 9a-6p - EST
- International: 980.337.3372 – Mon.-Fri. 9a-6p EST
- VFW Convention website – [www.vfw.org/convention](http://www.vfw.org/convention)

**STATE CONVENTION REMINDERS!**

**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. Plaza III, 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**

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**

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**

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

**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**

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Commander Welch will start Business Session.

Auxiliary President will arrive and address the VFW at 11:00 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. 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**

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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: 6:00 p.m., Northenders Post 10302**

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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.

**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 2149 in Wood Dale and 5167 in Itasca, to be known as Tioga Post 2149 in Wood Dale, Illinois. Please update your records accordingly.

Commander-in-Chief Fritz Mihelcic has approved the consolidation of Posts 2486 in Island Lake and 11020 in Lake Zurich, to be known as Major Paul R Syverson III Memorial Post 2486 in Wauconda, Illinois. Please update your records accordingly.

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:



JOSEPH BARTLEY  
State Adjutant-Quartermaster



ROBERT WELCH  
State Commander

**2021-2022 ALL-STATE TEAM OF POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS**

<b><u>POST #</u></b>	<b><u>CMDR.</u></b>	<b><u>QM.</u></b>
<b><u>DISTRICT 4</u></b>		
Post 981	Matthew Voss	Roger Santagato
Post 1337	Les Durov	Charles Ohrn
Post 7186	Charles Spivey	Rehova Nemo
<b><u>DISTRICT 5</u></b>		
Post 2486	Michael Peck	Ken Samborski
Post 11020	Marie Honeywell	Patrick Fissette
<b><u>DISTRICT 7</u></b>		
Post 2131	Dave Kroll	Al Weedon
<b><u>DISTRICT 9</u></b>		
Post 5506	Billy Jennings	John Finnegan
<b><u>DISTRICT 10</u></b>		
Post 10302	Robert Painter	Dave McLean
<b><u>DISTRICT 11</u></b>		
Post 99	Joseph May	Fred Whobrey
<b><u>DISTRICT 12</u></b>		
Post 5691	Alonzo Skipper	Robert Grayson
<b><u>DISTRICT 14</u></b>		
Post 2698	Kenneth Hall	Jeremy Wiley
<b><u>DISTRICT 15</u></b>		
Post 7190	Christopher Maynor	Jesse Elder

**103<sup>rd</sup> Convention Committee Members (June 9-12, 2022)**

Rules of the Convention Committee

George Cramer, Chairman  
Vince Long  
Bill Regan  
Rick Frank  
Duane Hisel  
Jeff Britt  
Maurice Bridges  
Russ Rieke

Convention Committee

Rick Frank, Co-Chairman  
Bill Regan, Co-Chairman  
Russ Rieke, Co-Chairman (alt)  
Duane Hisel  
Jeff Britt  
Maurice Bridges  
Lowell Spieker

Silent Auction

Paul Augsburger

Distinguished Guest

Bill Wolff  
Butch Spindler  
Brad Gould

Emblem & Supply

Bob Migalich  
Lee Morgan

Credentials

George Doeden  
Joe Wein

Poppy Committee

Stephanie Kirksey  
Roger Guebert  
Thomas Cleland

Hospitality Room

Michael Cohagan

By-Laws & Resolutions

Vince Long

D3: R. Luemen

D4: \_\_\_\_\_

D5: \_\_\_\_\_

D6: \_\_\_\_\_

D7: \_\_\_\_\_

D8: \_\_\_\_\_

D9: \_\_\_\_\_

D10: \_\_\_\_\_

D11: \_\_\_\_\_

D12: R. Rieke

D13: \_\_\_\_\_

D14: \_\_\_\_\_

D15: \_\_\_\_\_

D16: B. Browne

D17: B. Spindler, alt. S. Conner

D18: T. Latham

D19: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Apr 2022

<b>1. Office Interviews:</b>	<u>186</u>	<b>8. Appeals Actions</b>	
<b>2. Communications:</b>		a. NOD Filed	<u>0</u>
a. Correspondence Recd	<u>125</u>	b. VA Form 9 Filed	<u>0</u>
b. Correspondence Orig	<u>267</u>	c. DRO:	
c. Emails Received	<u>130</u>	1. Conferences	<u>2</u>
d. Emails Responded to	<u>125</u>	2. Favorable Decisions	<u>0</u>
e. Telephone calls	<u>922</u>	3. Unfavorable Decisions	<u>0</u>
f. Other	<u>34</u>	d. VA Form 646 Filed	<u>0</u>
<b>3. Claims Filed</b>	<u>130</u>	<b>9. Health Care Assistance</b>	
<b>4. Powers of Attorney Filed</b>	<u>74</u>	a. Enroll 10-10EZ Compl	<u>0</u>
<b>5. File Accessed</b>	<u>58</u>	b. Health Care Ref Asst	<u>0</u>
<b>6. Ratings Cleared</b>	<u>209</u>	c. Hospitalized Vets Visit	<u>0</u>
<b>7. Rating Queries</b>	<u>16</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>152</u>	<u>4,180,958.04</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>6</u>	<u>4,632.02</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>50</u>	<u>393,656.08</u>
<b>17. TOTALS</b>	<u>208</u>	<u>4,579,246.14</u>
<b>18. Miscellaneous Comments:</b>		

**2022-2023**

**STATE  
COMMANDER'S  
&  
PRESIDENT'S  
MEET AND GREET**



**June 11, 2022**

**Northenders VFW Post #10302  
2349 Stockyard Road  
Springfield, Illinois 62702**

**Meet and Greet - 6:00 p.m.  
Cash Bar available**

**Questions:  
Please contact State Headquarters  
(217) 529-6688**



★ **HIGHLAND VFW POST 5694** ★

JOIN US  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022**  
FROM 1 PM - 6 PM



# OPEN HOUSE AND BARBECUE

HONORING ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY  
WITH A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL  
GULF ONE AND TWO AFGHANISTAN  
VETERANS AND GLOBAL WAR  
ON TERRORISM MEDAL RECIPIENTS

*Sponsored by Highland VFW  
Post 5694 and Auxiliary*

**HIGHLAND VFW POST 5694**  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
BRETT LEMAN AT 618-610-3121 OR  
BRETTBANDDAD@YAHOO.COM  
OR MIKE VOEGELE AT 618-781-8400

# Taylorville VFW Riders Annual PTSD Awareness Run



## July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### ALL VEHICLES WELCOME!

\$10 per  
person

Registration is from  
10am-12pm at  
Taylorville VFW  
Kickstands up  
at 12:15 p.m.

50/50  
RAFFLE

- Midway Bar & Grill- Harvel
- Thunderbird - Taylorville
- JB's - Blue Mound
- The Garage II - Edinburg
- VFW Post 4495 - Taylorville



T-shirts & Tanks  
Available for  
Purchase

AFTER PARTY INCLUDES  
PORK CHOP DINNER  
SILENT AUCTION  
RAFFLES  
LIVE AUCTION

Live DJ!  
SIX SHOOTER  
KARAOKE



PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS  
WITH PTSD





WHEELERS  
FOR  THE  
WOUNDED

The logo for "Wheeler's for the Wounded" consists of the words "WHEELERS" at the top, "FOR" on the left, "THE" on the right, and "WOUNDED" at the bottom. In the center, there is a stylized logo featuring a red and blue "W" shape.

Wheeler's for the Wounded- Midwest Chapter  
Free Veterans and Active Duty Off Road Event  
First Saturday of August each year. This year is August 6  
2022

Wheeler's for the Wounded is a nationwide event of off-roading honoring our Country's Military Veterans and Active Duty Members. Safe trail-rated rigs will be provided and operated by our skilled members

Preregistration is required by emailing [wftwilstyle@gmail.com](mailto:wftwilstyle@gmail.com)  
[wftwil@foxriverjeepclub.com](mailto:wftwil@foxriverjeepclub.com)

Please let us know in your email if you have any special needs and how many is in your party

Join The Fox River Jeep Club for a day of wheeling, food, music and the great outdoors at the Badlands Off Road Park in Attica, Indiana. Our way of saying thanks to Veterans and Active Duty Military. Check us out on Facebook at WFTW Midwest Chapter

**THE 3RD DISTRICT VFW AUXILIARY  
WITH THE CHICAGO BRIDGEPORT  
VFW #5079 AUXILIARY**



Invite You to Join Us  
As We Celebrate  
Our Department President



**Marvie Wisniewski**

# **DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S HALLOWEEN HOMECOMING**

**Saturday,  
October 29, 2022**

**Rhine VFW Post #2729**  
5858 S. Archer Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60638

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour**  
**6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. FOOD & FUN!!**  
*DJ \* Cash Bar \* Tacos \* Gyros*  
*Costume Contest \* Photo Booth*

**TICKET: \$20.00**

**TABLE: \$160.00**  
**(includes 8 tickets)**

To purchase tickets, make checks payable to "3<sup>rd</sup> District VFW Auxiliary" and mail to:

Diane Pencak, Ticket Chairman  
5100 S. Long Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60638

**Please note Post/Auxiliary # and District when ordering tickets!**

**TICKET DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2022**

## **ATTIRE**

**Halloween Costumes are encouraged!**

*For those choosing NOT to wear a costume,  
casual dress with Department President's shirt is requested.*



**KANSAS CITY WEB VERSION  
PRE-REGISTRATION BROCHURE  
July 16-21, 2022**

*Note: This information will be updated periodically.*

**WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY**

We're looking forward to having you in Kansas City! Resilience is in our nature- just like our innovative dining, creative culture and entrepreneurial spirit. Get reacquainted with the New Midwest and see what you've been missing. No matter the reason for your travel, trust that you can travel with confidence in Kansas City.

Every corner of our city has a story to tell. Visit our revitalized Downtown, hop aboard the free KC Streetcar or enjoy the buzzing Power & Light District. Historic jazz is the cornerstone of 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine, and repurposed warehouses have transformed the heart and soul of the Crossroads Arts District.

**CONVENTION LOCATION**

Convention activities will take place at the Kansas City Convention Center located at 301 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO

**LOCATION**

Kansas City is a vibrant downtown that is "walkable" for visitors. With restaurants, hotels, attractions, and museums in close proximity of each other, Kansas City is an easy city for visitors to navigate on foot or via the free KC Streetcar. From its location in the Heart of America to tried-and-true traditions like jazz and barbecue, there are many reasons to love KC.

Kansas City is easily accessible by car, plane or train. Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is located just 15 miles north of the city.

The population of Kansas City in 2019 was 486, 404. Average temperatures in July & August are in the high 80s with lows in the 70s

**WHAT TO WEAR**

A general guideline for attire for the convention is business casual for meetings. For VFW members, it is always appropriate to have your cap on hand for meetings. Jackets are not required unless you are, All American Commanders) and may be on stage to receive your award as photographs are taken during those functions.

**AIRPORT SHUTTLE**

The Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is located just 25 minutes north of Downtown Kansas City. Getting to and from the airport is easy with many transportation options available. Ranging from public transportation to app-based ride services, you can find a mode of transportation to meet your travel needs. Explore options [HERE](#) to figure out which is best for you.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

[Try](#) any of these Kansas City transportation options to explore the city like a local.

**PARKING**

Check with your assigned hotel for parking availability and costs. Parking information, costs etc., for the convention center can be accessed via this link <https://kcconvention.com/downtown-kc/directions/> The link also has a map of additional downtown parking lots.

**REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP**

See mobile APP for times and locations of registration/packet pick-up. Registration for both VFW for Auxiliary, Hall B.

**Note:** Want to miss the crowds/lines and pick-up your name badge & packets early? Try Remote Registration. Both the VFW and Auxiliary will have remote registration for those who are **PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY**. You will be able to do that at the VFW Headquarter hotel, **Kansas City Marriott Downtown** and the Auxiliary Headquarter hotel, **Loews**.

### **PACKET PICK-UP**

**VFW** - if you are not pre-registered, you will need to go to Hall B at the convention center on Saturday, July 16 starting at 8a to register and pick-up your convention packet.

**Auxiliary** 'remote' **pre-registration:** Friday, July 15, 9a-5p  
Loews Hotel - Locations/times: **Mobile Check-in desk - Lobby**

**VFW** 'remote' **pre-registration.** Friday, July 15, 9a-5p  
KC Marriott Downtown- Locations/times: **Marriott Lobby West**

### **MOBILE APP**

We will NOT be publishing a convention schedule of events in hard-copy. All events and convention information will be contained in the Mobile APP. Go to [www.vfw.org/convention](http://www.vfw.org/convention) for instructions on how to download the mobile APP which will be closer to the dates of the convention. The mobile APP provides immediate updates on any changes that may occur during the convention.

### **SHUTTLES**

The hotels in Kansas City are located in the downtown area and within walking distance from the convention center. Therefore, a **limited shuttle service** will be provided. The following is a **tentative** schedule of days the shuttle will operate. Specific times will be found in the convention mobile app. If you require special transportation (handicap/scooter/wheelchair), contact the shuttle provider at the number provided in the mobile APP event schedule. A final shuttle schedule will be included on the Mobile APP and will be updated on the VFW convention web page prior to the convention dates.

#### **Saturday, July 16, 2022**

**7a-8p**

#### **Sunday, July 17, 2022**

**7a-5p**

#### **Monday, July 18, 2022**

**7a-6p**

#### **Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

**7a-9p**

#### **Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

**7a-5p**

#### **Thursday, July 21, 2022**

**7a-6:30p**

**(refer to convention mobile app for complete schedule including pick-up and drop-off points)**

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Housing opened **2/17/22** and closes **6/13/22**. Go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) at the convention website. The official convention hotels for the 123rd National convention are listed on the convention web site.

### **HOTEL PARKING**

Check with your assigned hotel regarding parking availability and costs.

### **LUGGAGE STORAGE**

If you wish to store your luggage at the hotel before you check in, or after checking out before departure, please make arrangements with guest services.

### **GRATUITIES**

You are responsible for all gratuities during your stay. Tipping is personal, as a guideline, we recommend gratuities of \$1 per day for your housekeeper and \$1 per bag for taxicab drivers and hotel bell-staff.

### **PHONE MESSAGES**

Messages may be left with the hotel operator, who will make sure you get them as soon as you return to your hotel. In case of emergency, call the VFW National Headquarters 816-756-3390.

**SAFETY TIPS** (See hotel information located in room)

### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

**First Aid Room Location Kansas City Convention Center** - Thursday, July 14-Thursday, July 21  
**Emergency**--Emergency after hour's numbers provided before convention or call 911.

**Scooter rental** –Scooter rental information is listed on the convention web page.

If you have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, we encourage you to wear a mask while in attendance of the convention.

### **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

Check with VISIT Kansas City for locations of local churches, synagogues, etc. for services. VFW will conduct a Catholic Mass on Saturday, July 16 and Sunday morning, July 17 at the convention center. Protestant service will be held on Saturday 7/16 at 6p in the Convention Center. *Check Mobile APP for locations.*

### **QUIET ROOM**

A QUIET ROOM for reflection will be open 24 hours at the Kansas City Convention Center – *Check Mobile APP for location.*

### **AGENDA**

See tentative web agenda at [www.vfw.org/convention](http://www.vfw.org/convention). 123rd VFW National Convention information. A final agenda will be provided within the mobile APP and can be found by downloading the VFW Mobile APP approximately 2 weeks before the convention.

### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

For additional visitor information go to [www.visitkc.com](http://www.visitkc.com)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION KANSAS CITY:**

Get the Inside Scoop on specially created Kansas City experiences based on your interests!  
<https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/trip-ideas>

Be sure to sign up for the KC Savings program to get the city's best discounts (registration to the program is free!).  
<https://experience.visitkc.com/checkout/290/visit-kc/1659/kc-savings>

For fun and unique things to do in Kansas City: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do>

Where to Eat: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/places-eat>

Shopping : <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/shopping>

Arts & Culture : <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/arts-and-culture>

Attractions : <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/attractions>

Sports: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do/sports-recreation>

What's going on right now?

<https://www.visitkc.com/things-do-kansas-city-right-now>

**Visitor Information**

Please visit the Visit KC Visitor Center located at 1241 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Make sure to check the hours, as they change each day.

For more information, please visit [www.visitkc.com](http://www.visitkc.com)

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

### **VFW 123rd National Convention Kansas City, MO Kansas City Convention Center July 16-21, 2022**

*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*

#### **Friday, July 15, 2022**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Remote registration – VFW/Auxiliary – Downtown  
Marriott & Loews Kansas City hotel  
**Note:** *If registered, you can pick-up your badge at either  
hotel, if not you will need to come to registration on  
Saturday at the convention center.*

#### **Saturday, July 16, 2022**

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW/Registration/Exhibits
8:30 a.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
1:30 p.m.	National Council of Administration Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Eastern Conference Caucus
4:00 p.m.	Southern Conference Caucus
4:00 p.m.	Big Ten Conference Caucus
4:00 p.m.	Western Conference Caucus
6:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass
6:00 p.m.	Protestant Service

#### **Sunday, July 17, 2022**

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
7:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass
8:30 a.m.	Annual Memorial Service
10:00 a.m.	Membership Seminar
10:00 a.m.	Veterans & Military Support Committee
10:00 a.m.	VFW Riders National Advisory Committee
11:00 a.m.	Update on VFW Legislative Priority Goals
11:00 a.m.	Veterans Service Update
12:30 p.m.	First Time Attendees Welcome Orientation
1:00 p.m.	Programs Town Hall

### **Committee Meetings:**

2:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual
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) Sub Committee – POW/MIA
2:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series) Sub-committee – Medical Sub-committee – Employment Sub-committee – Other Benefits
4:00 p.m.	Membership Seminar – Post Development

### **Monday, July 18, 2022**

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	Joint Opening Session <i>(Business session will resume after lunch break)</i>
1:00 p.m.	National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception

### **Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	VFW Business Session
1:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure 101
1:00 p.m.	Update on Federal Benefits and Services for Veterans
1:00 p.m.	Grants and Fundraising for Posts
2:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure 101
2:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop
1:00 p.m.	OMS Q&A
5:00 p.m.	Parade Line-up
6:00 p.m.	Patriotic Rally

### **Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:00 a.m.	Business Session /Nomination of Officers
1:00 p.m.	VFW National Home Workshop

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

8:00 a.m.	Business Session: Election/Installation of National Officers National Council of Administration Meeting <i>(Following business session)</i>
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Commander-in-Chief's and National **President's Reception (ticketed event)

*Updated: 3/28/22*



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## 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/convention](http://www.vfw.org/convention)

### TELEPHONE:

Toll-free US: 877.464.6840  
International: 980.337.3372  
9:00 am to 6:00 pm ET, Mon-Fri

**FAX: 816-691-3881**

### DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, or internet by **June 13, 2022**. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

### CONFIRMATIONS

Visit KC 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 Visit KC Housing at the above listed phone number.

### TAX RATE & REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to a room tax between 17-22% and a daily 1.76 tourism fee (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed; hotels will do their best to honor requests. Hotels will assign specific rooms upon check-in, based on availability.

### CREDIT CARD REQUIRED:

Reservations will not be accepted without a valid credit card for room guarantee.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

One night's room & tax will be forfeited entirely if cancellation occurs within 24-72 hours prior to arrival date, and will be charged by the hotel. Please check individual hotel cancellation policies.

### GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY AND IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT [www.vfw.org/convention](http://www.vfw.org/convention) OR BY AT 877.464.6840 (toll-free), 980.337.3372 (international).

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) or similar statutes, by checking this box you are consenting to our use of the information you are providing us solely for the purpose of making a hotel room reservation.

### 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, please make copies if additional forms are needed.**

List all room occupants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you have special needs and specify below.

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: All hotels are non-smoking properties.**

### CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

All reservation requests must be accompanied with a credit card valid through July 2022 for room guarantee. Housing forms received without a valid credit card will not be processed.

Visa  American Express  Discover  MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2022 DEPARTMENT HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS

## MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN (VFW)

Illinois  
Arizona  
New Jersey  
Missouri  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Minnesota  
Michigan  
Nebraska  
Ohio  
South Dakota  
Wisconsin  
Alaska  
California  
Colorado  
Hawaii  
Kansas  
Unaffiliated Posts  
Montana  
Nevada  
New Mexico  
North Dakota  
Oregon

## LOEWS (AUXILIARY HQT)

Florida  
New York  
Utah  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Pennsylvania  
Vermont  
Idaho  
Washington  
Pacific Areas  
Wyoming

## HOTEL PHILLIPS

Rhode Island  
New Hampshire  
Europe  
Alabama  
West Virginia  
Kentucky  
Arkansas

## CROWNE PLAZA

Texas  
Virginia  
Georgia  
Tennessee  
Mississippi  
Oklahoma

## HOTEL KANSAS CITY

Louisiana  
North Carolina  
South Carolina

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# **2022 Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr. Memorial Motorcycle Ride**

**All proceeds go to Veterans and Military Support Programs!**



## **Kansas City, MO – Saturday, July 16, 2022**

**Welcome riders, one and all, to support our nation's men and women in uniform and honor the memory of Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr. (Commander-in-Chief 1979-80, Adjutant General 1981-1995). All net proceeds of the ride will be donated to the Veterans & Military Support Programs to benefit those in uniform and their families.**

**Registration, Staging and Ride @ VFW Post 56**

**519 Cherokee St, Leavenworth, KS 66048**

**(913) 682-9200**

**Registration/staging opens at 7:30am**

**Ride begins at 9:30am**

**Let's show the rest of the VFW what those who ride can do for those in uniform and their families!**

For questions contact Lynn Rolf, Director of VFW Programs

Email: [LRolf@vfw.org](mailto:LRolf@vfw.org) / Phone: 816-968-1116.