

form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1. **NOTE: Any Post Commanders who do not have access to the VFW website are to forward their election report to the State Adjutant who will file the respective election report. NOTE: Please make sure that all officer information is completed 0Tis includes both elected and appointed Officers.)**

Post Commanders: Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.

Recent changes to the VFW National By-Laws, Manual of Procedures and Ritual establish that **Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised** shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of procedure. Newly revised **Robert's Rules of Order** is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

VFW Foundation Community Support Grant Available: Funding for VFW Post and Auxiliary community service projects is still available through the VFW Foundation Community Support Grant. Qualified Posts and/or Auxiliaries may receive grants of up to \$1,000 to support local nonprofits or important outreach projects in their communities and up to \$500 more if a Post/Auxiliary conducts an activity with a VFW Foundation sponsor such as Humana, Burger King, Sport Clips, etc. As of Jan. 25, 2019, 245 Posts/Auxiliaries have received approximately \$245,349 to support their community outreach. To apply, please go to: vfw.org/grants or for additional information contact Jason Couch at JCouch@vfw.org or 816.968.1174.

Dates to Remember:

13 Apr > Commanders Testimonial Mt. Pleasant, MI
19 Apr > Good Friday
12 May > Mother's Day
18 May > Armed Forces Day
18-19 May > Camp Trotter Clean-up
27 May . Memorial Day
6-9 June > State Convention ~ Council of Administration, Flint, MI
20-24 July > National Convention, Orlando, FL

Congratulations to all of the Posts and Districts that attained 100%+ in Membership for 2018-2019 during this last month: We now have 127 Posts And 2 Districts that have reached 100% or better.

District Standings

>District 8>100.33% Commander Vern Blauwkamp
>District 9>100.26% Commander Shane Houghton
>District 11>99.29% Commander Terry Inosencio
>District 6>98.88% Commander Bill Lietaert
>District 14>98.67% Commander Steven Olsen

>District 13>98.65% Commander Richard Plater
>District 12>98.44% Commander Billy Stancroff
>District 10>97.90% Commander Don Callaway
>District 5>97.75% Commander Norman Mauldin
>District 7>96.61% Commander Bill Kushmaul
>District 15>96.54% Commander Butch Paavola
>District 4>95.65% Commander Bob Caldwell

Who will take over the top spot next month???????
Department 98.24%

Commander in Chief next Benchmark is 100% by May31st "MAKE IT HAPPEN"

It's great to see that Membership for the State is 98.24% which means you all have been working hard at making us 100% for the Year, so THANK YOU for all the hard work, this makes us 21th in the Nation. I know that with all your hard work, we will reach our goal of 100% this year, we have a large amount of Posts that are 10 and under that will be 100% shortly. GREAT JOB! Let's all get out and help the National Commander in Chief reach his goal of 100%. We are having an Excellent year to date; let's keep it going.

COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Once again, my Special Project this year is Cancer. Please make sure all your donations go through Department so that you may receive the proper credit.

I am asking that all Post issues try to be handled within your District prior to bringing them to the Department example:(QM questions, 990's, audits, monthly reporting etc.....). Try to establish a good working relationship within your District, every District has a lot of comrades that have a wealth of knowledge that they are willing to share with you, all you have to do is ask them. If your District cannot answer your questions by all means call Dept.

The Department Website is in good working order. Please remember National has a new website and is still offering Departments and Posts free grants to build a new website. Please insure any directory changes are sent to the Department Adjutant. Comrades, the Department website contains an incredible amount of information designed to make everyone's job more helpful. Many years have been devoted to creating this site so please utilize it! If anyone has any problems, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank You!

Changes to Department Roster:

Post 1584 Adjutant:
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Adrian, MI 49221

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Daniel Ratell
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Midland, MI 48642
989-496-2282

Post 3724 Location Change:
American Legion #104
3221 S. M-76
Standish, MI 48658

Post 3946 Quartermaster:
Richard Ringersma
14975 Algoma Ave. NE
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
616-485-4085

Post 10194 Quartermaster:
Brandon Richards
13580 Curtis Rd.
Grass Lake, MI 49240
517-812-3814

BY COMMAND OF:

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