

120th National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Post Commanders: Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the 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 OTis 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.

Post Commanders: Are directed to Section 218 (a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.

District Meetings: All District Commanders are reminded that if a District meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, they are to immediately notify the Department Representative, the State Adjutant and their respective Posts Commanders. **WE do not want anyone to have an accident due to inclement weather.**

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.

Kansas City Spree: The top two Post Commanders and the top two District Commanders in each division who achieve 100 percent membership by April 1, 2019, along with their spouse or guest, will be awarded: Round-trip airfare to Kansas City, Mo., from the airport nearest the awardee's home. A fun-filled weekend (May 16-19, 2019) that may include but is not limited to touring, shopping, and a complete tour of the VFW National Headquarters.

Walgreens No-Cost Flu Shots Now Available: Be prepared for the upcoming cold and flu season! Now through March 31, 2019, all VA-enrolled veterans are eligible for free annual flu shots at their local Walgreens or Duane Reade pharmacy. While this immunization program is limited to VA patients, Walgreens offers flu shots to most VFW members and their families through other coverage programs, such as TRICARE, Medicare and many health care plans.

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:

18 Feb > President's Day

19 Feb > USCG Reserve Birthday

2-7 March > Voice of Democracy ~ Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.

13 Apr > Commanders Testimonial Mt. Pleasant, MI

6-9 June > State Convention ~ Council of Administration, Flint, MI

20-24 July > National Convention, Orlando, FL

Congratulations to all of the Posts that attained 100%+ in Membership for 2018-2019 during this last month: We now have 86 Posts that have reached 100% or better.

District Standings

>District 9>98.02% Commander Shane Houghton

>District 11>97.47% Commander Terry Inosencio

>District 8>97.41% Commander Vern Blauwkamp

>District 14>97.07% Commander Stephen Olsen

>District 13>97.06% Commander Richard Plater

>District 12>96.92% Commander Billy Stancroff

>District 10>96.27% Commander Don Callaway

>District 6>95.84% Commander Bill Lietaert

>District 5>94.92% Commander Norman Mauldin

>District 15>94.67% Commander Butch Paavola

>District 7>94.63% Commander Bill Kushmaul

>District 4>93.00% Commander Bob Caldwell

Who will take over the top spot next month???????

Department 95.92%

It's great to see that Membership for the State is 95.92% 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 18th 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:

All State Director:

Robert Caldwell

15767 Swathmore Ct. S.

Livonia, MI 48154

248-508-0232

National Cemetery (Fort Custer):

Steven Eernisse

Phone Number Change

269-270-4431

Post 1071 Quartermaster:

Galen Turner

2550 N. Coleman Rd.

Coleman, MI 48618

989-465-1638

Post 1518 Adjutant:

Paul Koronka

2069 Birch Manor Dr.

Gaylord, MI 49735

989-732-4990

Post 3323 Meeting Time Change:

3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm

Post 3735 Adjutant:

Nathan Colvin

6140 Loud Dr.

Oscoda, MI 48750

419-537-3716

Post 3794 Meeting Location Change:
American Legion #101
1320 W. Washington St.
Greenville, MI 48838

Post 4952 Commander:
James Ball
1153 W. Glenlord Rd. Lot 116
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-588-3097

Post 6579 Meeting Time/Location Change
New Lothrop Village Office
9435 Beech St.
New Lothrop, MI 48460
1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm

BY COMMAND OF:

Phil Patterson

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