

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY UPDATE



June 14, 2024

Development

RFP Update

Nine invites were sent out last Monday. Yesterday was the deadline for the invitees to submit their intent to participate and eight have responded with their intention to participate in VFW's RFP.

- June 10 Appeal:
 - o May acquisition #2 reminder email #1 to all recipients of the May acquisition package.
- June 14 Appeals:
 - o Thank you eCard for Army Birthday to Friends of Freedom identified as Army veteran or active military.
 - o Partners in Patriotism quarterly statement to nonmember donors.
 - o June erase board, cards and check package to lapsed nonmember donors.
- June 15 Appeals:
 - o May acquisition #2 reminder package with nickels, notepad and check.
 - o June currency reminder package with labels and check to nonmember and member donors.

Contact: VFW Development Director Kelly Jones, KellyJones@vfw.org.

Human Resources

- New Hires:
 - o LaDesta Brockman is a new Member Services Advisor in the Member Services Department in the K.C. Office.
- Positions Actively Recruiting For:

- o National Pre-Discharge Claims Representative - Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.
- o Executive Director, VFW Foundation – K.C. Office.

Contact: VFW Human Resources Director Sari Maple, SMaple@vfw.org.

Member Services

The Member Service Center will pause membership processing on Friday, June 28, at 4:30 p.m. CDT in preparation for the membership year-end. All membership mail received prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT (including orders faxed and phoned in) will be processed.

The Online Membership System (OMS) will remain open for membership submissions until Sunday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m. CDT. Please be sure to advise all Posts to submit their final membership orders by then. Shortly after 6:30 p.m., all membership processing will shut down so we can begin the year-end processing reports.

As in the past, IT will require a short period of time to reconcile VFW final year-end processing reports and will keep you posted as to when the system(s) will be returned to service.

Contact: VFW Member Services Director David Prohaska, DProhaska@vfw.org.

Programs

- VFW National Convention 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament:

Please encourage our members to register teams and participate in the 2nd annual VFW Cornhole Tournament taking place at the 125th VFW National Convention in Louisville!

The series will take place on Sunday, July 28, and Monday, July 29, 2024. All proceeds from the competition go to VFW PACT Act benefit assistance. For more information and to sign up for this event, visit <https://kccrew.com/leagues/vfwcornholetournament/>.

Contact: VFW Programs Director Lynn W. Rolf, III, LRolf@vfw.org.

Administrative Operations

- There are currently 38 Posts under suspension. The organization has 5,629 chartered Posts.
- Administrative Operations is engaged in 20 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, 11 Administrative Removals/Actions and eight membership eligibility challenges.
- Currently Administrative Operations has 151 Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions in for review, six of which are new; current turnaround time on Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions is approximately 45-60 days.

Department Approved Resolutions and Amendments:

This is a reminder to please send your Department-approved resolutions and/or amendments that require action to the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual Committee prior to the National Convention and immediately following the close of your Department Convention.

In order to meet the requirements mentioned in Article XIV of the National Bylaws/Manual of Procedure, stating “All proposed amendments will be available to Posts by the Adjutant General at least fifteen (15) days before the assembling of the National Convention for those amendments being proposed for consideration at the convention.”

It is extremely important we receive these documents within two (2) days from the conclusion of your Department Convention. A response is required even if your Department does not have any resolutions/amendments to submit.

Please send the electronic version (word document) to TGniotczynski@vfw.org.

Election Reports:

The deadline for submitting a completed election report for the 2024-25 term has passed. The National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure require a properly completed Election Report be submitted to Department and National Headquarters by **June 1**. Please continue to work with Posts that have not met this requirement as we will begin suspending Posts after July 1 for failure to submit an election report for the 2024-25 term. This suspension by the Commander-in-Chief will result in the Post being placed in arrears and denied any representation at the National Convention.

To access the election report online; sign in to VFW.org and proceed to My VFW. Select Online Membership System (OMS), then press the drop-down menu on the left side of the screen for Election Report and select Post Election Report Filing.

Department Proof of Eligibility:

With the start of Department Conventions right around the corner I wanted to remind everyone of the requirement to submit proof of eligibility for all newly elected Junior Vice Commanders and any elected Department Quartermasters or appointed Department Adjutants who are new to their position this coming year (2024-25).

Additionally, proof of eligibility for any new Department Commanders or Senior Vice Commanders, who for whatever reason were not in the line of succession the previous year, to which we already have proof of eligibility on file.

This proof of eligibility must be submitted to the Adjutant General pursuant to Section 516 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

This must be done after officers are installed and prior to National Convention and is most easily completed by sending documentation via email to Joseph Wolfgeher at JWolfgeher@vfw.org.

Contact: VFW Administrative Operations Director Quentin Carroll, QCarroll@vfw.org.

Membership

- The 2024-2025 VFW National Membership program is now available online. Find next year's National Membership program on vfw.org, at the top of the Membership Recruiting

& Retention Page. **Home>MyVFW>VFW Training & Support.** The current, 2023-2024 National Membership program will remain online until after the National Convention elections in July 2024.

Contact: VFW Membership Interim Director Corey Hunt, CoreyHunt@vfw.org.

National Legislative Service

- VA Can Assist Business Owners to Employ Veterans: Stable employment can help ease the transition from military to civilian life, provide a sense of purpose and security for veterans and their families, and serve as a protective factor against homelessness and suicide. If you or someone you know is a business owner interested in providing employment opportunities or services to veterans, contact your local VA Community Employment Coordinator for details. [Read more](#).
- Tips to Avoid Posthumous Scams: The death of a loved one can be a traumatic experience. During this challenging time, VA supports survivors through several benefits programs. Unfortunately, nefarious actors seeking to exploit a family's grief may target vulnerable survivors and try to swindle them. [Learn more](#) about survivor benefits and how to avoid these unscrupulous fraudsters.

Contact: VFW National Legislative Service Director Patrick Murray, PMurray@vfw.org.

National Veterans Service

- NVS director testified before a House Subcommittee on Individual Unemployability benefits.
- NVS leadership attended a VA PACT Act conference.
- NVS leadership attended a VA roundtable to discuss updates to VA notification letters.
- VFW's NVS Pre-Discharge representatives briefed transitioning service members on VA benefits at military installations across the country.
- NVS health team participated in a VA roundtable on Women's Reproductive Health.
- NVS health team attended the VA Innovation symposium.
- NVS health team collaborated with the VA ATLAS team at the biweekly meeting.
- NVS health team participated in the VA's Social Determinants of Health meeting.
- NVS health leadership attended the Lycos PTSD treatment roundtable.

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