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State Commander



T. C. Williams

Comrades,

The year is quickly approaching the end of our administration. A lot of good things have happened and a few not so good. OTI, in the hands of the District Commanders, did not work very well. That was my responsibility. Saturday C of A meetings took some getting used to, but most of the detractors have come around. The 50% Life Membership Program is such a big success that we will have to ask the

Council for a second allocation of funds to enable the program to continue through the next year.

Membership, as of this writing, is greater than 97.5%, and climbing. The Department is number five in the nation. 100% is entirely possible as 33 posts have already achieved this bench mark, and others only need 1 to 5 five members to get there. I think that 50 posts at 100% or greater is entirely possible.

The Convention is fast approaching and I look forward to presenting the awards. Remember the criteria, as outlined in the training material. Don't be left out because you did not provide an audit, bond, or inspection in the prescribed time frames.

It has been a great year for you, the Department, and myself. It has provided me with memories that I will cherish forever. For this I thank you all.

Remember to choose the harder right over the easier wrong.

T.C. Williams
Commander



State Sr. Vice Commander



William Miller

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters;

As I said last issue, this year is quickly disappearing. Most of the programs have wound down, but the one program we need to continue to work on, and can until June 30th, is Membership. As of this writing, the Department of Maryland is at 97.92% and only needs 428 members to be 100%. Many posts only need 10 or less members for the White Hat requirement of 100% membership. It can be done comrades!

Use the 50/50 membership program to get new members. If you don't know what that is, contact your Post or District Commander, or contact me at millerbill406@gmail.com. Get your membership committees to contact those who have not paid yet. Let's all work to make sure that State Commander T.C. Williams gets the All-American honors in New Orleans he so richly deserves.

On another note, I will be running for, and hopefully obtain the high office of State Commander. Many of you have been asking the State Adjutant about my Motto and my Logo for the shirt. My motto for the year will be **"Giving Star-Spangled Veterans Service Daily"** and the Logo on my shirt is below. The Shape of Fort McHenry, The Home of the Star-Spangled Banner", filled in with the Maryland State Flag, with the National colors flying overhead.



I will have Shirt Order forms available at the May C of A and it is also available on the State Web Site at vfwmd.org in the members' section. There will be no shirts available for sale at the Ocean, however orders will be taken. No orders will be accepted after the July C of A, so get your order in now. As

always, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ocean in June; and I am truly

"Giving Star-Spangled Veteran Service Daily"

Bill Miller

State Jr. Vice Commander



Denise Perry

Comrades,

The year is coming to a close, most of the programs and elections have been completed. Upcoming events include Officer Installations and the State Convention. For those of you who have free time and want to get prepared for next year, check out the Learning Materials on the Department website. <http://www.vfwmd.org>. Congratulations to all of the Posts and Districts who met

their goals this year. I look forward to seeing you receive your awards at the State Convention.

VFW National Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee's next scheduled conference isn't until September. We still need to remain vigilant regarding legislation and the FY 2018 budget that affects veterans, military and their families. The best resource for getting information about upcoming legislation is the VFW Action Corps. You can click on the link or contact me if you need help (deniseperryea@gmail.com)

Congress will be home in August for a recess. Some of them will be having Town Halls and others are campaigning for the 2018 elections. I received a list of Town Halls that are scheduled in Maryland. I will post the information on the Department website and contact the Districts with the locations so we can show up with our concerns.

<http://www.vfw.org/VFW-in-DC/Action-Corps>

Denise Perry

State Adjutant



Douglas MacArthur

Comrades;

As we wind down the 2016-2017 Administrative year, there is still work to be done.

By now you should have held your elections and either input your 2017-18 elected officers into the VFW National website or sent the information to me. You should also have sent your request for an Installation warrant to me and received one in return.

Also due to the Department is your Delegate listing and appropriate fees. Remember, these items will impact if you have a vote at the Convention or not. So please get the required information into the Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

Pam Edmiston, my Auxiliary Co-Chair, and I are happy to report that the First Annual VFW and VFW Auxiliary Golf Outing held on April 21st was a success. While the weather was a bit “iffy” all who turned out were able to participate and finish their round of golf. We had ten (10) teams participate which included several Wounded Warriors. Congratulations to the Team from 8175, Elkton (Charlie McCoy, John Dickerson, Greg Cranmer, and Linwood Parker) who took home the First Place Trophies. Bryan Lankford, Post 5246, received a trophy for the Longest Drive and Christopher Ahrens (Harford Systems) received a trophy for Closest to the Pin. We would like to say a special thank you to VFW Auxiliary 10028 who provided Breakfast to all prior to the event as their donation. Post 10028 also hosted the event providing their hall for the entire day. After finishing their round of golf, all golfers returned to Post 10028 where they enjoyed pit beef and assorted salads, fruit and desserts (and a beverage or two). Thanks to all of our supporters who made donations; were Hole sponsors; or donated raffle gifts that made the after party a success also.

We look forward to next year and already have a tentative date of May 8, 2018 for our Second Annual event. I hope to see all of this

year's participant back next year along with some new teams and our Wounded Warriors.

On the following page, you will find information pertaining to the upcoming National Convention in New Orleans, LA from July 22nd thru July 26, 2017.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 410-752-6474. Please forward all faxes to the Department Hqtrs at 410-783-2939.

In Comradeship,
Doug MacArthur



2017 DEPARTMENT HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS

HERITAGE NEW ORLEANS (VFW HQ)

Kentucky
Ohio
New Mexico
Missouri
Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Tennessee
Texas
West Virginia
Unaffiliated Pools

HILTON REVERSOLE

New Jersey
Kansas
Nebraska
North Dakota
Oregon
Pacific Area
Utah
Washington
Wyoming
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Europe
Hawaii
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont

MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS (Auxiliary HQ)

Illinois
Virginia
Maryland
South Carolina
Indiana
Iowa
Michigan
Minnesota
Nebraska
South Dakota
Wisconsin
Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana

VFW 118th National Convention New Orleans Louisiana Ernest A. Morial Convention Center Tentative - July 22-26, 2017

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.

Saturday, July 22, 2017

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. National Veterans Service Advisory Committee
9:00 a.m. Vander Clute Memorial Motorcycle Ride
9:30 a.m. 1st Time Attendees Reception (Meet & Greet First time Convention attendees)
10:30 a.m. Budget and Finance Committee
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. National Council of Administration Meeting
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Conference Meetings
6:00 p.m. Catholic Mass
6:00 p.m. Protestant Service
7:00 p.m. Veterans Service Resolutions Committee (for Chairmen)

Sunday, July 23, 2017

7:00 a.m. Gold Star Families Reception
7:00 a.m. Catholic Mass
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. Joint Memorial Service
10:00 a.m.-Noon Membership Workshop
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Veterans and Military Support Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.-Noon Veterans Benefits Forum
10:00 a.m.-Noon National Legislative Service Meeting
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Programs Workshop
1:00-2:00 a.m. Alcohol Health Panel discussion
2:00-3:00 p.m. VFW Programs Town Hall
3:00-4:00 a.m. Alcohol Health Panel discussion

Committee Meetings

1:45 p.m. Resolutions Committees
2:00 p.m. National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual

Resolutions Committees

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)
2:00 p.m. National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series)
Sub-committee I - Health
Sub-committee II - Benefits
Sub-committee III - Economic Opportunities/Other
Membership Recruiting Seminar
3:30 p.m.

VFW National TENTATIVE AGENDA

New Orleans, LA July 22-26, 2017

Monday, July 24, 2017

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.-12:00 p.m. Joint Opening Session
1:00-4:00 p.m. Business Session
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

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.-11:30 a.m. VFW Business Session
12:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 2017-2018 Incoming CIC (Apt. Cnals.) Luncheon by invitation
12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m. All-American Commanders Lunch (ticketed event)
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 2017-2018 Senior Vice Commander/Senior Vice President luncheon by invitation
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 2017-2018 Junior Vice Commander/Junior Vice President luncheon by invitation
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Planning Your Legacy
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Chaplains Workshop
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Grants and Fundraising Meet for Post
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. National Home

6:00 p.m. Patriotic Celebration

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

8:00 a.m. Business Session/Nomination/Election/Installation of Officers
11:00 a.m. National Council of Administration (immediately following installation)
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception (Ticketed Event)

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Have you made your reservations for the 2017 National Convention in

New Orleans, LA July 22-26, 2017?

If not, do so today, rooms are
selling out fast!

VFW Delegate Registration On-
Line at vfw.org

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

118th VFW National Convention 2017
July 22-26, 2017 - New Orleans, LA
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
TELEPHONE: Call 800-415-7288
Toll Free 1-800-415-7288
Toll Free 1-800-415-7288
Toll Free 1-800-415-7288
FAX: 800-236-0340
MAIL: Central Event Solutions
175 S. West Temple, Suite 30
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
EMAIL: info@vfwconvention.com

DEADLINE
Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail or internet by June 8, 2017. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and room availability.

CONFIRMATIONS
Central Event Solutions 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 Central Event Solutions at the above listed phone number. You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.

TAX RATE & FEES
All rates are per room and are subject to 15.75% state tax and 5% or 10% occupancy tax per night 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.

ROOM DEPOSIT REQUIRED:
Reservations will not be accepted without a room deposit of \$150 to each room reserved. Room deposits will be accepted in the form of a valid credit card. Payment with cash or money order is not acceptable. Room deposits will be accepted by check made payable to "Central Event Solutions" in the amount of \$150 until June 8, 2017.

CANCELLATION POLICY:
Cancellations after June 8, 2017 will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. One night room & tax will be forfeited unless a cancellation occurs within 72 hours prior to the attendee arrival date and will be charged to your hotel.

GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)
FOR BEST AVAILABILITY AND IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT www.vfw.org OR BY PHONE AT 800-415-7288 (toll-free) OR 801-236-0340 (toll-free).

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Address 2: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____
Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

HOTEL SELECTION
Each state/delegation has been assigned a hotel with an allocation of rooms. In the event the allocation 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? please select ☐ Room Rate ☐ Location
State you reside in: _____
Room Type Request: ☐ 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. All have designated outdoor smoking areas.

DEPOSIT INFORMATION
All reservations requests must be accompanied with a \$150 room deposit in the form of a credit card, money order or check. Housing Forms received without a valid guaranteed deposit will not be processed.
Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.
☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard
Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Name on Credit Card: _____
Cardholder's Signature: _____
I hereby authorize the participating hotel to charge a deposit of \$150 to my credit card on or after July 22, 2017 and authorize the participating hotel keep the \$150 or a one night room & tax charge whichever is greater if I fail to cancel my reservation 72 hours prior to my arrival date.
☐ Check deposit of \$150 enclosed and made payable to Central Event Solutions. Mail check with completed housing form to: Central Event Solutions, 175 S. West Temple, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Must be received no later than June 8, 2017.

State Chief of Staff



Keith Kaider

Comrades,

The Commander's year is drawing to a close. It has been my pleasure to serve as his Chief of Staff. I want to congratulate those Posts that have already met the criteria for All State status and those that are in contention for All American. I urge all to continue efforts through these final days to bring our membership up to 100% and to fund the "VFW Maryland Wounded Warriors Program" and the Commander's Special Project.

I look forward to our Convention and wish the incoming Commander a successful year.

In Comradeship,
Keith Kaider

State Judge Advocate



Victor Fuentealba

Comrades,

Only one proposed amendment to the Department By-Laws was submitted prior to the April 15th deadline. This proposal would restore the number of meetings of the Council of Administration to monthly as was the practice several years ago and reads as follows:

"Proposed New Section 3: Meetings. The Department Council of Administration shall meet at least once a month with the exception of the month of July, and no funds may be transferred between the May and August Council of Administration meetings except as may be approved by the members of the Department Council of Administration at a special meeting called by the Commander for such purpose."

A two-thirds vote of the delegates voting at the Department Convention is necessary to adopt this proposed change and as of the date of this column, the By-Law and Resolutions Committee has not had an opportunity to make its recommendation. The Committee's report will be submitted to the Convention delegates.

Vic Fuentealba

State Chaplain



Rev. Ron James

Comrades,

May is a month of Installation. Don't forget to pray during the ceremony. (It's in the manual) Also, don't forget during the obligation the words "So help me God". It may have been long ago that you were installed in the VFW as a comrade, but the first words of the obligation are "In the presence of Almighty God". God is a big part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars procedures, and our daily routine. I often think of the old saying: "There are no

atheists in a foxhole!" I think of the United States of America as a foxhole during the past few years, and believe there should be no atheists among us. This nation was founded on religious freedom, not the freedom of the few to stop the majority from practicing their religion. A few are trying to get the "UNDER GOD" removed from the pledge of allegiance. If this happens, then "In God we Trust" will soon be off our currency. Crosses are being taken down as a result of a few persons being vocal. Prayers are already out of schools, and people are not letting their children join the scouts because of the reference to God in the Oath.

Don't forget Mother's Day May 14th. Remember your Father on June 18th. Armed Forces Day is May 18th and Memorial Day is May 30th (29th observed). Try and get to a ceremony somewhere to honor our fallen comrades. Flag day is June 14th, and if you have a Flag disposal ceremony, please remember the prayer. The convention is June 5 to 8.

The Memorial ceremony is Monday night June 5th (upstairs) at 6 pm. Practice is at 2 pm June 5th. Try and get your "Gold Star Families" to the ceremony. I have been YOUR Chaplain since 2007 and I am again running for Dept. Chaplain at O.C. this year.

I am available to perform weddings at Ocean City, by the pool or on the beach, but arrangements must be made before convention. You would need to obtain a Worcester County marriage license (no learner's permits)! I can help get a license before convention if you wish.



I am always available to each member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their family. 24/7. (410) 829-6308
vfwchaplain@verizon.net

Rev. Ron James

State Surgeon



Roy Lare

Comrades,

Remember Spring is a terrible time to get a cold. It seems to hang on and on, this came from Parkville post as a surgeons report. I thought it was good information. A lot of us do not follow these rules but we should

How to clean hands with soap and water:

1. Wet hands with warm water
2. Add soap to make lather
3. Rub palms, back of hands and between fingers vigorously
4. Rub at least 15 seconds
5. Thoroughly rinse and dry hands well

When using alcohol-based hand sanitizes:

1. Apply to palm of one hand
2. Rub palms, back of hands and between fingers vigorously

3. Rub until hands are dry. If it does not take at least 30 seconds you may need to add more alcohol hand sanitizer

When to clean hands, clean hands before:

1. Eating or preparing food (use soap and water)
2. Caring for someone who is sick
3. Treating a cut or wound
4. Visiting a patient's room

When to clean hands, clean hands after

1. Going to the bathroom (use soap and water)
2. Handling animal waste (use soap and water)
3. Changing diapers or helping someone with toileting (use soap and water)
4. Caring for someone sick.
5. Blowing your nose
6. Coughing or sneezing
7. Touching garbage
8. Touching an animal.
9. Treating a cut or wound
10. Leaving a patients room



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VFW Auxiliary State President



Betty Stahm

Dear Brothers, Sisters
and Comrades,



This train is getting close to the Station with Convention being only six (6) weeks away. That being said, it is time to finish this year with a Bang. There is still time to get all our work done. The Department of Maryland has 59 Auxiliaries (two that are new) broke down into 11 Districts. There are also MD Members at Large that are not affiliated with a Post. We are at

113.67% in membership with 9,275 members strong. That is 1,116 more members than we had last year. Great Job Recruiting! The breakdown is 1,720 Male members and 7,555 Female members. Make that final push to contact your unpaid members. Even though your membership may be at 100%+, you may still have members in your Auxiliary that are unpaid. June 30th is fast approaching and we do not want members to lose their years of service.

Membership is so important to our organization. Our membership numbers count when we go before our legislators in Washington, D.C. The money from your dues is being used in our organization to support: Cancer Grants for our Members, National Home for Children, Scholarships for our Youth & Members, Hospital Programs and Visits, National Veteran Services, Legislative Action, Un-Met Needs, (Aid to Veterans and their Families), Military Assistance Programs, our Youth Programs and so much more. Remember someone's Veteran, their Hero, gave them the eligibility to join our great organization which supports that Hero. Make them feel welcome and needed.

I am so grateful for all that we have accomplished this year. The "Steam Team" has gone beyond the call of duty. The Department of Maryland is 100% reported in ALL programs! Thank you to my Line Officers and Program Chairmen for all of your support and hard work. You have done an amazing job this year. To the Auxiliaries; I "Thank You" for what you do. Your continuous work

and support for our Veterans is noticed and appreciated. You are the foundation of who we are and what we do for our Veterans.

I am sad that my year is almost over! This has been a phenomenal year. I have enjoyed working with you and for you as we support and help our Veterans. Thank You for a Great Ride!!!!!!



With Gratitude and Love,
Betty Stahm
410.598.5895



VFW Auxiliary Secretary



Linda MacArthur

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Well, your elections should be over and your Installations upcoming. Thank you to all who have requested their warrant and submitted their Election reports.

Once your Installation of Officers has been completed, please forward the signed bottom portion of your Auxiliary Warrant to me right away. If you would like for me to upload your

Officers for the 2017-18 year to the National website, please make a note so that I know you have not already done so. Please don't wait until the last minute if you have a problem with forms or questions. You can contact myself, Treasurer Betro, or Chief of Staff Edmiston with your questions or concerns.

Also, if you have not already done so, please forward your list of Delegates to your District (the names that you turn in to your District Secretary) as soon as possible. This is something new this year, in the past you have only sent to your District Secretary.

Please remember to get your Department Delegates for the upcoming Convention in June to Treasurer Carole Betro as soon as possible after your election. The Delegate fee is \$7 for all delegates. Per our Department By-Laws you must pay for all eligible delegates whether or not they physically attend the Department Convention.

On the following pages, you will find information regarding the 2017 Department Convention and the 2017 National Convention. I look forward to seeing you at the Department Convention in Ocean City in June.



Loyally,
Lyn MacArthur



Department of Maryland
90th Annual Department Convention
Princess Royale Hotel & Convention Center
9100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Tentative Schedule

Monday June 5, 2017

10:00 am	Officers Drill (Caribe Ballroom) – Dept. Officers, Chrmn, Dist. Pres, PDP
10:30 am	Ritual Rehearsal- (Caribe Ballroom) Department Chaplain, Conductress, All Color Bearers, Patriotic Instructor, Soloist & Musician
12:00pm -2:00 pm	Registration – Downstairs – (Caribe Ballroom)
2:00 pm	Rehearsal –VFW Joint Memorial Service -All Dist. Presidents-VFW Mtg Rm
6:00pm	Joint Memorial Service - VFW Meeting Room

Tuesday June 6, 2017

7:00 am-9:30am	Registration – Downstairs – (Caribe Ballroom)
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Buddy Poppy Display Submittals (Aruba Room)
8:00 am – 9:50 am	Auxiliary Business Session (Caribe Ballroom)
10:00 am	Joint Session - Veterans of Foreign Wars Meeting Room
1:30 pm	Past Department Presidents' Luncheon (Invitation Only)
3:00pm	2017-2018 Report Writing & Recruiting Training (Caribe Ballroom) (All members invited)
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Pool Side Party Featuring Music and Fun

Wednesday June 7, 2017

7:30 – 9:00am	Registration – Downstairs – (Caribe Ballroom)
8:30 am –12:30 pm	VFW Auxiliary Business Session (Caribe Ballroom)
2:00 pm	2017-2018 Membership and Leadership Technology Access (MALTA) and Website Training (Caribe Ballroom) (All members invited)
7:30 – 10:30 pm	Pool Side Party – Featuring Music and Fun

Thursday June 8, 2017

8:30 am	Auxiliary Business Session (Move to Caribbean Ballroom across the hall)
	Election of Officers
8:30am	Final Registration Report – Cathy Gistedt
Approx. 10:30 am	Joint Installation – (Palmetto Ballroom)

Immediately Following – 2017-2018 Dept. VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting.
All 2017-18 Dept. Officers & District Presidents (or their Sr./Jr. Vice) must attend

Department Commander's & President's Reception – 1:00 pm Pool Side

Note:	Joint Memorial Service – Monday – Blue "Uniform Look" Blouse/Shirt, Black Slacks/Skirt & Patriotic Scarf/Tie, Closed Toe Black Shoes
	Uniform of the day –Business Sessions - White Blouse/Shirt, Black Slacks/Skirt, President's Scarf/Tie, Closed Toe Black Shoes
	Installation of Officers – Thursday – White Blouse/Shirt, Black Slacks & 2017-18 President's Tie, Closed Toe Black Shoes
	<i>Please remove all badges & pins prior to Installation</i>

Wounded Warriors To Attend Department Convention

June 5, 2017 — June 8, 2017

We Need Your Support to Make Their Visit
to our Department Memorable!
Following Items are Needed:

Monetary Donations



Monetary donations should be sent Carole Betto, Department Treasurer and earmarked, Wounded Warriors. All other donations can be brought to the Convention and taken to Dalmar Memorial VFW #276 Hospitality Suite on the pool level of the Princess Royale Hotel.

2017 State Convention June 5 - 8, 2017



M.A.L.T.A. (Membership and Auxiliary Leadership Technology Awareness) and Website Workshop

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
2:00pm
Auxiliary Conference Room
(Caribe Ballroom)

What better way to start our march to success than with knowledge of the new M.A.L.T.A. system and the ability to utilize the website for information regarding programs and happenings.

Please join us. All are welcome!

(All attendees will receive a ticket for a raffle drawing!)

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BASKET RAFFLE



To All Auxiliaries and Districts

Bothers/Sisters, it is that time of year again! We need your creative ideas and designs to make this year's Convention Basket Raffle a success. The Basket Raffle has been a great fundraiser for the VFW Auxiliary and we hope that we will again enjoy the creativity of our Auxiliary and District brothers/sisters in their contribution to this raffle. Please bring your "Basket" to the area to the right as you enter the Auxiliary Meeting room (Caribe - downstairs) where you will be greeted by chairman Jo Ann Bush and her committee who will be there to assist you anyway they can with setting up your contributions. Then on Tuesday they will be there bright and early, with smiling faces to sell you those "winning" tickets.

Be creative, have fun, it does not have to be a traditional basket, use your imagination!

For basket ideas click on the following link:

<http://www.betta.com/forums/showthread.php?p=144444&highlight=basket&postcount=20&start=144444>

Pam Edmiston, Convention Chairman
443-831-7728
Pamela.Edmiston@comcast.net

Special Project Pins



will be on sale in the
Atrium on Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Thursday
after the Business session.

The cost of the pins are \$2.00 each and all proceeds go to the *The Diabetic Research Institute at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center*

Reminder: Pins cannot be worn until after installation on Thursday



2017 Membership Kick-Off

Just what makes a little ole ant,
think it can make that 100 percent...
Everyone knows an ant can't
Make 100 percent...



But it's got hi-high hopes, it's got hi-high hopes
It's got 100 percent, in Maryland, membership hopes...



So now it's been lookin' 'round,
and SEE what it has found...
that "All're needed to-so Succeed"

Oops, there goes another percentage point
Oops, there goes another percentage point
Look who's got 100 percentage points now...



Wednesday June 7, 2017 Business Session
Get those transmittals ready to turn in!!!

There will be "Surprise" awards presented!

*** Reminder: "New" membership applications will be counted as 2016/2017 until June 30, 2017 ***

104TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, JULY 22-26, 2017

Read carefully for updated information!

SAVE \$10! Advance registration is \$25. On-site registration is \$35.

Register online at vfwauxiliary.org, pay with credit card (form below) or mail a check to:
VFW Auxiliary 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111

Attn: National Convention Registration

Registration must be received by May 31st. Registrations received after May 31st will be rejected.

Note: Only members attending National Convention will receive packet materials.
Packets will NOT be mailed after Convention. On-site registrations are not guaranteed printed.
Convention packet materials. Do NOT register if you do not plan to attend.
NO REFUNDS.

Member must be present at time of registration to receive packet.

45-YEARS PLUS CLUB LUNCHEON

Have you been a member for 45 years or more?

Come join the 45-Years Plus Club at National Convention.

The luncheon will be at noon on Saturday, July 22nd at the Convention Center.

Register online or fill out form (below) and mail to National Headquarters. Registration is required to attend.

- ☐ National Convention: Advance Registration \$25
☐ 45-Plus Luncheon (Complimentary)

Name _____ Membership No. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Department _____ Phone _____ Email _____

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Money order enclosed ☐ Credit card

VFW Auxiliary does NOT accept American Express. DO NOT SEND CASH.

Credit Card No. _____ ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Name on card _____

Billing address for card _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Expiration date _____ 3-digit CVV code on back of card _____

This form and all payments must be received at National Headquarters by May 31st.
DO NOT ENCLOSE DELEGATE LISTS WITH THIS FORM.

104th National Convention

July 22-26, 2017

New Orleans, LA



2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
JULY 22-26, 2017

All events will take place at the Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Please see final schedule upon arrival at National Convention.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Early Packet Pickup at Marriott French Quarter and Sheraton hotels.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open
Registration
Conference Meetings
45-Plus Club Luncheon (Reservations required)
Circle of Excellence Ceremony

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open
Registration
Joint Memorial
Past Councilors' Club Luncheon
Program Seminar

MONDAY, JULY 24

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open
Registration
Joint Opening Session
Auxiliary Opening Business Session

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open
Registration
Auxiliary Business Session
VFW Patriotic Event

8:00 a.m.-Noon

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

TBD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Presentation of Flags Practice
Presentation of Flags
Final Auxiliary Business Session and Installation
Joint Reception for Commander-in-Chief and National President (Ticketed event)

POST-CONVENTION EVENT

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8:00 a.m.

2017-2018 Council Meeting, Marriott French Quarter
(No Ambassador GMA)

*Laissez les
bon temps
rouler!*

Let the good times roll!