



Ryan S. McDowell 2019 Voice of Democracy Winner

The Department of Maryland Voice of Democracy Award Banquet was held on January 27, 2019 at E. E. Streets VFW Post #5118. Ryan S. McDowell, sponsored by District 6, from VFW Post 304 was proclaimed the Department of Maryland's winner. He received a total of \$1,300 in

monetary awards from the Department VFW and Auxiliary. Other winners are as follows:

- 2nd Pl. Sophie N. Heimbrock—District 7-Post 3285, \$900
- 3rd Pl. Lydia A. Shreves—District 4-Post 5118, \$600
- 4th Pl. Anna J. Saweikis—District 3-Post 6775, \$450
- 5th Pl. Corie J. Mahan—District 5-Post 8126, \$350
- 6th Pl. Alans I Levy—District 14-Post 2678, \$250
- Jada . Brinkley—District 10-Post 7687, \$150
- Legend G. VanField—District 2-5633, \$150
- Sidney Marohn-Johnson—District 1-Post 8810, \$150
- Utopia J. Diabe—District 11-Post 8509, \$150



Amanda Collingham 2019 Patriot's Pen Winner

The Patriot's Pen contest was also held on January 27, 2019 in conjunction with the VOD Award's banquet. Amanda Collingham, sponsored by District 7, from VFW Post 3285 was named the winner for the Department of Maryland. She received a total of \$1,050 in monetary awards. Other winners are as follows:

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- 2nd Pl. Toluwanimi Emmanuel—District 2-Post 5633, \$650
- 3rd Pl. AnneMarie Gallo—District 14-Post 2621, \$500
- 4th Pl. Julia Kries—District 4-Post 7464, \$350
- 5th Pl. Lucy Wood, District 1-Post 10081, \$250
- 6th Pl. Michael Grube, District 6-Post 304, \$150
- Anelise Rodriguez, District 5-Post 10146, \$150
- Alyza Woods, District 3-Post 1411, \$150
- Ella Bierly, District 10-Post 8185, \$150
- Chloe Zheng—District 11-Post 2916, \$150



**Thomas Williams
Jr. Vice Commander
Dept. of MD VFW**

Comrades,

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm this winter. Spring is just around the corner and it's time to wrap up all your programs and turn them into department.

Membership is still at the top of the list. We can't "Storm the Hill" in Washington without the numbers in membership. Our younger veterans have families and kids in sports. We need to work closer with our auxiliaries to attract these potential members. If we all work together and tap this resource it will benefit both the VFW and it's Auxiliary.

A way to attract members is to get out in the public. As the summer holidays approach, we need to be active in the community, participate in parades, have open houses, and plan more events

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**Frank Bennett
Surgeon
Dept. of MD VFW**

Comrades,

With Spring around the corner, its time to get outside and cleanup all the debris from Winter. Be careful when working outside. You can be more prone to muscle sprang and pulls, if you are not

careful.

Membership should be in the forefront. The Department needs all the help it can get. It is also time to start thinking about your upcoming elections in your Post. When nominating...look at the comrades ability and willingness to perform the duties of the office. Comrades, I will be running again for State Surgeon and respectfully ask for your support.

To you and your family Happy New Year!

In Comradeship,
Frank Bennett
Jr. Vice Commander

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Tiffany Daniel
Chaplain
Dept. of MD VFW

Dear Comrades,

I pray you all are doing well and enjoying serving and ministering to Veterans and their families. This year has really taken off and we have had some major transitions. Which is why the following has been heavy on my heart and I need your assistance.

As Chaplains, if we are going to have any impact on our Posts and with our Comrades, we must get to know them by having regular meaningful contact with them. In addition to the Commander, if there is one other person that everyone in the Post should know – it is the Chaplain.

Please consider to make an effort to get to know your Post members. Be friendly and take the initiative to introduce yourself to those you do not know. Remember, there should be no one in your Post who does not know you or how to get in touch with you.

Consider sending “Birthday” or “Thinking of You” cards to members who moved out of the area. The Lynn Card Company (<https://www.lynncard.com/>) has very nice Patriotic Cards www.patrioticcards.com (Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, Thank You, and Christmas)

WWII and Korean war veteran should be contacted monthly. For life is too short not to let them know how much we appre-

ciate them.

Prayers offered at Post & District Meetings:

As a Post and/or District Chaplain, there are at least three prayers that are part of every meeting. The first prayer takes place at the opening of the meeting. The second is a prayer for our National Home, and the third one is the prayer that is part of our closing ceremony.

Things to consider when offering prayers:

When a Chaplain reads or offers a prayer publicly, it should not only be his/her personal prayer, but it is a collective prayer offered to God on behalf of everyone present.

National Chaplain of the Year Award:

Included is the information sheet pertaining to the National Chaplain of the Year Award for 2018-2019. Please send your submissions to our National Chaplain, Charlene Cobb and a copy to me via email. Her contact information is included at the end of the information sheet.

National Chaplain Event Planned for May 17-19, 2019:

The weekend of May 17-19, 2019 is our National Chaplain Weekend. Save the date and plan to come to Gettysburg, PA. We will check in Friday evening and have dinner together. Then on Saturday, May 18 (Armed Forces Day), we will have a special guided tour of the Battlefield highlighting the role of Chaplains in the Civil War. On Saturday evening, there will be a dinner and program at VFW Post 8896 in East Berlin, PA honoring our National Chaplain. See the additional infor-

mation. Fax, email, or send me your reservation. Call and reserve a room at the Altland House.

Online Reporting System for Chaplains:

For those who are not familiar with the reporting system, simply click on this link and it will take you directly to the reporting system. VFW Chaplains are encouraged to report their activity at the end of each month using this reporting system. Once you submit your report you will receive an email containing the data you submitted. That email can then be forwarded to both you and I. It can also be forwarded to your Post and included in the Post Community Service Report. Again, to submit your Chaplain's Report please use this link. Don't forget to hit SUBMIT at the bottom of the form.

Resources for Chaplains:

The Chaplains Handbook: The Chaplains Handbook has been posted on the VFW National Website https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY_VFW/Training-and-Support/Member-and-Officer-Training/Chaplains-Handbook.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20180801T143458Z

Blessings

Tiffany Daniel
Chaplain



National Chaplain Event

May 17-19, 2019

Honoring
VFW National Chaplain
2018-2019

For fifty years the members of VFW Post 1865, and the citizens of Kenosha, Wisconsin, honored the VFW National Chaplain and other VFW Chaplains for the service they provided. This was a special event not duplicated anywhere else in the world.

Unfortunately, a few years ago, the tradition stopped when Post leadership changed. Past National Chaplain, Ted Bowers, presented the idea of bringing this event to Pennsylvania to his home Post (Richard J. Gross VFW Post 8896) in East Berlin, PA. The East Berlin Post decided to take on the responsibility of honoring the VFW National Chaplain and the work of Chaplains. They held their first event in 2017 when Rev. Peter R. Hook from Department of PA served as National Chaplain. Last year the "National Chaplain Event" took place May 18-20, 2018 and VFW National Chaplain, Rev. James Gray was honored. This year we will be honoring our VFW National Chaplain, Charlene Cobb, May 17-19, 2019.

Check-in is Friday evening, and we will be having dinner together at a local restaurant at 6:30 pm. On Saturday, Armed Forces Day, a special guided tour of the Gettysburg battlefield by Chaplain John Wega has been planned. Chaplain Wega, is an expert, not only in Civil War history, but in the role Chaplains and faith played in the Civil War. Then, on Saturday evening there will be a banquet and program honoring our special guest, our VFW National Chaplain.

This event is open to Chaplains, spouses, and anyone else who would like to attend. Contact State Chaplain Rev. Peter R. Hook. (Cell: 267-229-7722 or Email: PeterHook@verizon.net)



National Chaplain of the Year Award

At the National Council of Administration workshop held on Sunday, August 27, 2016 provisional approval was given to move forward in presenting a National Chaplain of the Year Award.

The following criteria will constitute the basis for nominations, and a proposed procedure and timeline to receive nominations for this award.

Chaplain of the Year Criteria

1. Performance of Duties:
 - A. Exemplary character and conduct: e.g., A person of upmost integrity, professional execution of duties, dependability, punctuality, and timely submission of reports, etc.
 - B. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.
2. Personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW and the Department in the best possible way.
3. Commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain, as reflected by service to comrades and their families and responsiveness to needs.
4. A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District, and Department.

Review Committee Composition and Instructions

1. A committee assembled by the National Chaplain will review nominations for the award and recommend a recipient.
2. The committee shall include:
 - A. The National Chaplain
 - B. Three Past National Chaplains
 - C. The most recent past recipient of the Chaplain of the Year Award.
3. Instructions to the Committee
 - A. The committee shall follow procedures and criteria as outlined in this document. However, if no candidates are nominated or judged by the committee to meet the criteria for Chaplain of the Year, the committee shall not recommend a recipient.
 - B. All proceedings of the committee must be kept strictly confidential.
 - C. The National Chaplain will review with the National Commander and the National Adjutant General the recommendation for Chaplain of the Year prior to announcing the award recipient.

Procedure

The following procedure is recommended for receiving and reviewing nominations:

1. Information concerning this award will be distributed to the National Council of Administration each year following the National Council of Administration August meeting. The members of the National COA can then present this information to their respective Department Commanders and Adjutants when they give their report.
2. The National Chaplain will email information concerning the Chaplain of the Year Award and begin to solicit nominations from Department Commanders and Adjutants, beginning in October.
3. All nominations should be submitted to the National Chaplain by April 1. Nomination letters should be emailed, faxed, or sent USPS to the National Chaplain. Contact information is listed below.
4. A nomination shall address the above criteria and shall not exceed two type written pages.
5. The committee shall review each nomination according to the selected criteria and recommend a recipient by April 30th.
6. The National Chaplain will review the Committee's recommendation for Chaplain of the Year with the National Adjutant General.
7. The Chaplain of the Year Award will be presented at the recipients Department Convention.
8. The National Chaplain will notify the respective Department, and if feasible, request attendance to present the award.
9. The recipient's Department will notify the recipient of the National Chaplain of the Year Award and request attendance at the Department Convention to receive the award.

Rev. Charlene K. Cobb
National Chaplain
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Darien, WI 53114
262-348-6547
ckcand2k9@yahoo.com



VFW National Chaplain Event May 17-19, 2019

Registration

(Please Print)

_____ Yes, I plan on attending the National Chaplain Event May 17-19, 2019.

_____ I will **only be** attending the Banquet on Saturday, May 18th at 6:00 pm.

Your Name: _____

Your VFW Post number and town: _____

VFW positions you presently hold: _____

Current Street Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred contact phone or phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Will someone be attending with you? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Spouse/Partner if they are planning to attend: _____

Where are you planning to stay? _____

NOTE: Arrive sometime Friday afternoon May 17, 2019. Dinner together at a local restaurant at 6:30 pm.
Dress: Casual for all events except Saturday Evening Dinner (Blues & Grays recommended)

Please return to Rev. Peter Hook 534 Parkvale Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047; Fax: 215-750-1511; Email: PeterHook@verizon.net



National Chaplain Event Housing Information

Altland House

1 Center Square #100
Abbottstown, PA 17301
(717) 259-9535

We are very pleased to confirm your reservation hold for eight (8) hotel rooms due to check in on Friday, May 17, 2019 for 2 nights (departing the morning of Sunday, May 19, 2019).

Guests should call us individually on a first come, first service basis to review what each room features and confirm what the nightly rates are.

Room #22 has a queen bed, faces the side of the building (along route 194) and has a shower/tub combo. Your discounted rate is \$119 per night plus 11% tax.

Room #23 has 2 queen sized beds, faces directly over the traffic circle where 194 and 30 meet, adjoins to room #22 and has a shower/tub combo. Your discounted rate is \$119 per night plus 11% tax.

Room #24 has a queen bed, faces route 30, has a separate standalone shower PLUS a claw footed soaking tub (also with hand held shower nozzle). Your discounted rate is \$119 per night plus 11% tax.

Room #25 has a king bed, faces the back of the building and has an oversized shower with multiple shower heads (no tub). Your discounted rate is \$119 per night plus 11% tax.

Room #26 has a queen bed, faces route 30, has a whirlpool tub and gas fireplace. Your discounted rate is \$119 per night plus 11% tax.

Suite #30 is our nicest suite. It has a king bed, full kitchen, dining nook, seating area and work area all in one room (think studio apartment). The bathroom features double sinks, a glass standalone shower and oversized whirlpool tub (it is triangular in shape and fits in one corner of the bathroom). Your discounted rate is \$169 per night plus 11% tax.

Suite #31 has a queen bed in the bedroom and a separated seating/living area (there is a doorway between the two rooms but not an actual door). This living area has very high ceilings and is very roomy. If faces the traffic circle so it has the nicest view of the suites... and it sits high enough that you are further away from the traffic.. but if you are very light sleepers, I might recommend the other suites which face the back of the building. The bathroom only features a shower, it has a seat in it, but not a tub. Your discounted rate is \$149 per night plus 11% tax.

Suite #33 also has a queen bed and features a separated sun porch with a 2nd TV (there is a TV in the bedroom too) and furniture which leads to a private deck with patio furniture. The bathroom features a newly tiled standalone shower and jetted tub (this is the standard size of a bathtub but it does have jets). Your discounted rate is \$169 per night plus 11% tax.



VFW NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S EVENT

Richard J. Gross Post 8896
107 Locust Street
East Berlin, PA 17316
(717) 259-0124

Friday, May 17, 2019

Arrival at Hotels / Bed & Breakfast
6:30 pm - Dinner at a local restaurant
8:00 pm - Informal gathering at Post

Saturday, May 18, 2019

TOUR OF GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD

9:30 am - Meet at the Gettysburg Museum & Visitors Center,
1195 Baltimore St., Gettysburg

9:45 am - See movie / Cyclorama

11:00 am - Visit Museum / Gift Shop / Lunch in cafeteria

12:00 pm - Board Bus for Tour
(Monuments and other sights we plan to see)

- Pennsylvania Monument
- Various other State Monuments (Arkansas)
- Peace Light
- Sight where Catholic Priest prayer for and encouraged troops
- Devil's Den
- Little Round Top (high ground) occupied by Union troops
- Pickets Charge near PA monument & from Southern side

3:15 pm - Return to Hotels / Bed & Breakfast

6:00 pm - **BANQUET** at - VFW Post 8896
107 Locust Street East Berlin, PA 17316
(717) 259-0124

Following Dinner and Program: Informal fellowship at East Berlin VFW

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Breakfast and Return home



Irma Elfrieda Sofinowski Dept. President 2009-10

Sunrise 2/13/1926

Sunset 2/21/2019

Irma has gone home to be with the Lord. Though her health deteriorated rapidly, her mind was clear and strong to the end.

Irma was born in Germany to Freida & Herman Wronowski. She married Herman Sofinowski on 1/24/1948. She worked for a department store in her youth, a munitions factory during the war, and Baltimore County Schools Food Service for over 25 years. She enjoyed polka and square dancing, traveling and a variety of crafts. She was an active life member in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in many positions including President at VFW 6506, and achieved the high honor of serving as Department of Maryland President 2009-2010.

Irma was preceded in death by Herman, her mother Frieda, father Herman, stepfather Eitel Duda and brother Fred Wronowski. She is survived by Beverly Stewart, Donna Sofinowski and Lowell Hash, Sharon Ganzler, her brother Raymond Duda and his wife Wanda, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to her President's Special Project, McVets (Maryland Center for Veteran Education & Training), 301 High Street, Baltimore MD 21202 or to the charity of your choice.

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around families. And remember, we still have ½ off life membership available!

No idea is a bad idea – give it a try. It’s out with the old and in with the new. We can’t get anything accomplished if we keep saying “That won’t work”. Give it a try. Even National is trying to change. The VFW magazine has a whole new format.

Our Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen department winners have been sent to National. We’re proud of all our contestants and hope the great state of Maryland can take National’s first place again.

Some events coming up include the Department golf tournament in May. We need your support to make this fundraiser a success. Then comes our department convention in June. Start making your plans to attend. Convention ads will be due soon and your hospitality rooms need to be planned.

Stay safe and warm. See you soon,

In Comradeship,

Thomas Williams

Jr. Vice Commander
USNR Retired Seabee



New Department Adjutant Appointed

Arthur Westbrook

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“VFW...Family”



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary State of Maryland Annual Golf Tournament



Dear Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

This year the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland are again working to host their Annual Golf Tournament on May 3, 2019 at Ruggles Golf Course, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Every combined dollar we raise through individual golfers, corporate sponsors, Post/Auxiliary Sponsors and auction items goes directly towards helping Veteran projects.

We are hoping that you too, will work with us to make this event a success and hopefully start a combined fundraiser that will endure for years to come! All donations will be greatly appreciated.

There are several sponsorships available. We are accepting both monetary sponsorships and “in-kind” sponsorships in the way of products or services donated for tournament prizes, auction items, raffle prizes, etc.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Hole Sponsor: \$100 per hole (you can sponsor as many holes as you like)

Team Sponsors – Foursome plus a hole sponsor: \$500.00 (\$450.00 if paid by 3/15/19)
(Cost for golfers is \$100.00 each)

If you don’t have a team but would like to sponsor a team of veterans/local wounded warriors, please let us know and we can arrange a team for you.

If you have any questions/concerns or require additional information, please contact Douglas MacArthur 410-459-1275 or Pam Edmiston 443-831-7728.



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary State of Maryland Annual Golf Tournament



When: May 3, 2019
Where: Ruggles Golf Course
5600 Maryland Blvd.
APG, MD 21005
410-278-4794



Ruggles is located outside of the APG Post gate.

**Prizes to Top 3 Teams,
Longest Drive,
& Closest to the Pin**

Cost: \$100.00 per player (Prior to April 15, 2019)
Registration: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start

Teams Will Consist of Four Players:

	Name:	Phone #	Email
Player 1:	_____		
Player 2:	_____		
Player 3:	_____		
Player 4:	_____		

If you don’t have a “Team” but would like to **sponsor Veterans/ Wounded Warriors** let us know and we can arrange it.

Deadline for Entry Confirmation April 15, 2019

Please return applications with payment to:
VFW Department of Maryland
War Memorial Building, Room J
101 North Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Checks should be made payable to: **VFW Dept of MD** and earmarked “**Golf Tournament**”

Golfers Registration Includes: Greens fees, cart, practice range, breakfast and lunch, Happy Hour & Hors D’oeuvres

Proceeds to benefit the MD VFW and VFW Auxiliary Veterans Programs

“VFW...Family”



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary State of Maryland Annual Golf Tournament



The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary State of Maryland are hosting their Annual Golf Tournament on May 3, 2019 at Ruggles Golf Course, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary are Non-Profit Veteran Service Organizations that have been serving our veterans and communities for over 100 years. Every dollar we raise through individual golfers, corporate sponsors, and auction items goes directly towards helping Veteran projects. (MD VFW for Wounded Warriors Program (taking Wounded Warriors to State Convention in Ocean City, MD), McVets, programs at local VA Hospitals in and around the State of MD, are just a few of the programs to which we will be donating this year.)

There are several sponsorships available. We are accepting both monetary sponsorships and “in-kind” sponsorships in the way of products or services donated for tournament prizes, auction items, raffle prizes, etc.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Hole Sponsor: \$100.00 per hole (you can sponsor as many holes as you like and a sign with your name/company name will be posted at one of the 18 holes on the course).

Team Sponsors – Foursome plus a hole sponsor: \$500.00 (\$450.00 if paid by 3/15/19) (Cost for golfers is \$100.00 each)

If you are unable to do any of the above sponsorships, any donation is greatly appreciated. All donations are tax-exempt; our Tax ID is 52-0517415.

If you don't have a team but would like to sponsor a team of veterans/local wounded warriors, please let us know and we can arrange a team for you.

All sponsors will receive ongoing recognition for your support, as we will promote our loyal supporters in the tournament program, on social media, and on all publications that go out through-out our state.

If you have any questions/concerns or require additional information, please contact Douglas MacArthur 410-459-1275 or Pam Edmiston 443-831-7728.



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and VFW Auxiliary State of Maryland Annual Golf Tournament



November 1, 2018

Dear Friends and Supporters;

We are pleased to announce that the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are hosting their ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. The Tournament will be held on May 3, 2019 at Ruggles Golf Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

In addition to providing a networking atmosphere for our members and guests each year our golf outing serves as a core fundraiser. Funds raised are used for the VFW and VFW Auxiliary Programs.

We are offering you the opportunity to showcase your Post, Auxiliary or Business at this event. Please consider enhancing your Post, Auxiliary or Business's visibility by “*Sponsoring a Hole*”. All Hole Sponsors will have a sign prominently displayed at the tee! As is a tradition in these tournament events, we would like to hold a raffle for prizes such as clothing, hats, sporting event tickets, golf equipment, etc. Contributions of raffle items are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged at the event.

We want to make this year a successful one. Thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support of our Military, Veterans and their families. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Pam Edmiston at 443-831-7728 or Doug MacArthur at 410-459-1275.

Please detach and return your completed form to:

VFW Department of Maryland
War Memorial Building, Room J

101 North Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Checks should be made payable to: **VFW Dept of MD** and earmarked “**Golf Tournament**”

All donations are tax-exempt; our Tax ID is 52-0517415.



Yes! We will sponsor a Hole for \$100.00! Our check number _____ payable to VFW Dept of MD is enclosed.

Please provide the following information for your sign:

(Post, Auxiliary or Business Name)

Your Name

Yes! Will contribute a Raffle Item! The item will be: _____

Contact _____ at _____ Phone _____ to arrange for delivery.

To be properly acknowledged during the tournament, please return this form as soon as possible or before April 15, 2019. Thank you.



Auxiliary News



**Dr. Joyce Thomas, President
Dept. of MD VFW Auxiliary**

Greetings,
May each of you continue to be a part of the positive efforts that are making a major difference in the lives of so many of our Veterans and their family members.

A special thank you to Department Chairmen for putting forth the challenges suggested by your National Ambassadors. Additionally, many thanks to each Auxiliary for meeting and in many cases surpassing proposed challenges.

This Auxiliary year is progressing at a rapid pace and you continue to work as “busy bees.” The miracle of your success can be seen in the smiling faces of Veterans in the hospitals and nursing homes; in the words of thanks from homeless Veterans; in the number of bills addressing Veteran needs that are moving forward in Congress through your lobbying efforts; in the heartfelt thanks expressed by scholarship recipients; in the appreciation shared by

new and rejoining members to our ranks; and so much more!

Thank you for caring and sharing!

Respectfully,
Joyce M. Thomas

Dr. Joyce M. Thomas, President
VFW Auxiliary Department of
Maryland 2018 - 2019



Auxiliary News



Betty J. Stahm, PDP
Membership Chairman
Dept. of MD VFW Aux.

Team Maryland, You are AWESOME! As of this writing February 21st, the Department of Maryland is at 98.02%, needing 190 paid annual members to be 100% plus One. Our National Membership Ambassador set a goal of 98% before the end of February and with your hard work we reached the goal ahead of schedule. I encourage everyone to please attend the Membership Recruitment training that will be held on March 31st immediately following Council of Administration Meeting.

All members are welcomed to learn the 3 R's -

Recruit, Retain and Rejoin. We must continuously grow our organization for our Veterans, Our Heroes. Special prizes will be awarded to Auxiliaries and Members.



Time is running out. June 30th is fast approaching. Members who do not pay their dues by June 30th will need to rejoin our organization. Please reach out to your unpaid members. Explain to them that if their dues are not paid by June 30th it means they will need to start the joining process all over again which includes showing proof of eligibility. It also means that they must wait a full year before the Cancer Grant from the National Organization is available to them. We certainly do not want our members to lose their many years of service. Now is

the time to be a *Membership Worker BEE*. An unpaid member is only a phone call away. Remind them of their "WHY" they joined.....to support and help our Veterans and Active Military Members. No One does more for Veterans than the VFW with the Auxiliary by their side. We are strong in numbers.



I "BEE" Lieve.....Yes we can!

Please feel free to contact me if you need help with your membership.

Respectfully Submitted:

Betty J. Stahm

Betty J. Stahm, PDP
Membership & Recruitment Chairman
VFW Auxiliary - Department of Maryland

"BEE-Lieve * Yes we can" "Bee Miracle Workers for our Veterans"!



Auxiliary News



RECRUITER TRAINING WORKSHOP



*Build the skills and confidence you need to
"BEE" a Membership Recruiter for the VFW and Auxiliary*

- Gain a better understanding of our organization, its benefits and values.
- Learn how to plan, prepare and implement a recruiting campaign.
- Understand the methods and strategies for gaining new members and retaining continuous members.
- Increase your confidence as a VFW and Auxiliary recruiter.
- Learn "Why" Membership Matters!

March 31, 2019
immediately following the
Council of Administration Meeting
Aberdeen Memorial VFW Post 10028
821 Old Philadelphia Road
Aberdeen MD 21001

Presented by:
Betty J. Stahm, PDP
Department Membership and Recruitment Chairman
and Libby DallaTezza

For more information please contact Betty @ 410.598.5895 or bjstahm226@hotmail.com



BUS TRIP



COME JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY
AS WE VISIT THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

3573 S Waverly Rd (471.82 mi)
Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Thursday April 4th – Saturday April 6th, 2019

Departing from Yingling-Ridgely VFW Post 7472
4225 VFW Lane Ellicott City, MD

Depart from Post 7472 at 5:30 am on April 4th, 2019
Arrival in Eaton Rapids at approximately 4:00 pm on April 4th, 2019
Depart Eaton Rapids on April 6th, 2019 at approximately 9am
Arrival at Post 7472 on April 6th, 2019 approximately 7pm

Transportation price is **\$145.00** per person.
A deposit **\$45.00** is needed to reserve a seat.

Make checks payable to: **Dept of MD VFW Auxiliary.**
Mail to: **Carole Betro, 26595 Blue Jay Lane, Hebron, MD 21830**

Please call to make your personal room reservations at the

Comfort Inn:

1302 E Packard Hwy
Charlotte, MI 48813
517-543-7307

Group Name VFW Dept of Maryland # 3414868

Room Type
Single \$75.00 + Tax
Double \$75.00 +Tax

For further information please call:
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Testimonial Dinner Honoring



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State Commander
and
Dr. Joyce Thomas
State President

Richlin Catering & Event Center · 1700 Van Bibber Road · Edgewood, Maryland 21040
Saturday—March 30, 2019 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM Social Hour & Cash Bar—7:00 PM Dinner—8:00 PM

Hors d'œuvres: Fresh Raw Vegetable Display & Assorted Cheeses

Entrée: Choice of **Stuffed Chicken Breast with Wild Rice and Mushrooms in a Chicken Veloute** or **Sliced Roast Sirloin with Chausser Sauce, Tomatoes, Onions and Mushrooms**—With Assorted Bread Basket, Mixed Green Salad, Herb Roasted New Potatoes and Green Bean and Carrot Medley.

Dessert: Choice of Assorted Layer Cakes

\$50 per Guest—Tables of Ten Guest—\$500

**For Tickets Contact: Tom Kimball, PSC—1019 Queen Ave—Salisbury, MD 21801
443-235-0742—thomaskimball@comcast.net**

GUEST DESIRING TO BE SEATED TOGETHER MUST SEND THEIR MONEY AND TICKET/MEAL REQUEST TOGETHER. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HONOR YOUR SEATING REQUEST IF MONEY AND REQUEST ARE NOT SENT TOGETHER.

Ticket Order—Please Write Legible

Contact Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Send Tickets to _____

Address _____

No. of Tickets Requested _____ x \$50 = \$ _____ (Whole Table—\$500—10 Tickets)

No. of Chicken _____ No. of Beef _____

GUEST DESIRING TO BE SEATED AT THE SAME TABLE MUST SEND IN THEIR TICKET REQUEST TOGETHER.

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