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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT-QUARTERMASTER

ALL QUARTERMASTERS: If you have not created an account on the Online Membership System (OMS), please go to <https://www.vfw.org/login.aspx>. Below you will see a link to *Create an Account*. After following the instructions, you will be identified as the Post Quartermaster.

National Headquarters will mail a PIN number to the address registered for the Quartermaster on your Post Election Report to complete your registration as Post Quartermaster. Once you enter the PIN number, you will be able to update information for members of your Post, revise your Post Election Report, etc. **Important note:** *The Online Membership System will be unavailable beginning on Friday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m. for end of year membership processing. All membership transactions should be entered prior to that time. Check back frequently for availability.*

Make sure to visit our state website at <http://www.yfwil.org>! You will find upcoming events at the District, State, and National level. You can also view the new Commander's Leadership Manual, read the current issue of the Illinois VFW News, submit/view online reporting for programs, etc! Please do not hesitate to call State Headquarters with questions at (217) 529-6688.

PROGRAMS

Posts are reminded that now is the best time to send in their required X Sheet donations for Homeless Veterans, Commander's Special Project, Military Assistance Program, and Operation Uplink. If you wish to donate to the National Home you may send that to Department as well.

THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS

Problems arising in the Post should be resolved through the proper channels at Post Commander, District Commander, and State Commander. Please do not hesitate to contact State Headquarters for assistance.

ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS AND POST COMMANDERS

REMINDER: Print each month's General Orders to take them to your Post and District Meetings. *Please* read them to your members so they are aware of what is going on within our department. Every month of General Orders can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.yfwil.org>.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Below are the State Officers who were elected during our 97th Annual State Convention

State Commander at Donald Boyer at Post 9545-18

State Senior Vice Commander ó Bradley Gould ó Post 630-7
State Junior Vice Commander ó Laurie A. Emmer ó Post 5768-19
State Quartermaster ó Michael A. DeRoss ó Post 8821-3
State Judge Advocate ó C. Victor Smith ó Post 1239-10
State Surgeon ó Nina L. Petru ó Post 3873-19
State Chaplain ó Reverend Donald Meeks ó Post 2024-3

APPOINTMENTS

Below are appointments for the 2018-2019 year made by our State Commanderí

State Adjutant ó Michael A. DeRoss ó Post 8821-3
State Assistant Adjutant-Quartermaster ó Jeffrey G. Hastings ó Post 805-14
State Assistant Quartermaster - Lee Morgan ó Post 4763-10
State Assistant Adjutant - Jonathan Cooper ó Post 8821-3
State Assistant Judge Advocate - Edwin B. Esmenda - Post 5768-19
State Veterans Service Director ó Derek Giffin ó Post 2378-4
State Chief of Staff ó Gary Stork ó Post 2698-14
State Deputy Chief of Staff - Robert Welch ó Post 450-16
State Inspector ó George F. Foy, Jr. ó Post 5788-18
State Illinois VFW News Editor ó Barbara Wilson ó Post 3455-15
State Sergeant-at-Arms ó Jack Lamont ó Post 3851-13
State Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms
James Danielson ó Post 4308-5
Daniel Merry ó Post 2301-8
State Officer of the Day ó Larry A. Shaver - Post 5917-18
State Assistant Chaplain ó Kenneth G. Hauser ó Post 4600-5
Aides to the State Commander
 James Singler ó Post 12059-18
 Michael Bushey ó Post 805-14
Advisor to State Commander ó John Davin ó Post 5917-18
State Emergency Services Director ó Richard Luemen ó Post 5220-3
State Marketing Director - Barbara Wilson ó Post 3455-15
State Membership Director ó J.D. Spindler ó Post 4549-17
State Assistant Membership Directors
 Lee Wallace ó Post 1117-14
 Joseph Stachon ó Post 5220-3
 Vincent Long ó Post 1756-10
 Kenneth Seay ó Post 9759-6
 Michael Breyne ó Post 1197-19
Membership Recruiters
 Duane Hisel ó Post 4763-10
 Christopher Hatcher ó Post 2606-13
 W. Wayne Erickson ó Post 1984-8
State Student Veterans Liaison ó Jayson Hoffman ó Post 4763-10
State Americanism & Loyalty Director ó Thomas Davidson ó Post 3579-4
State Assistant Americanism & Loyalty Directors
 Wayne C. Moore ó Post 5694-12
 Michael L. òMickö Rolando - Post 1308-12
State Blood Donor Director ó Walter Sanders, Jr. ó Post 311-16
State Assistant Blood Donor Director ó David L. Crouch - Post 755-10
State Community Activities Director ó Thomas Denman ó Post 4308-5

State Assistant Community Activities Directors

Dan Swaner ó Post 4549-17

John Barrett ó Post 3523-14

State Homeless Veterans Director ó Paul Bezazian ó Post 8322-3

State Assistant Homeless Veterans Director ó Julius öJ.C.öGrantham ó Post 4183-14

State Hospital & VAVS Director ó Harold Olsen, Jr. ó Post 4079-9

State Assistant Hospital & VAVS Directors

James Singler ó Post 12059-18

James Conn ó Post 5691-12

State Legislative Director ó C. Victor Smith ó Post 1239-10

State Assistant Legislative Directors

Jayson Hoffman ó Post 4763-10

Anthony Avers ó Post 976-12

State National Home Director ó Michael McGrath ó Post 3873-19

State Assistant National Home Director ó John Jakoby ó Post 2978-3

State Veterans & Military Support Programs Director ó Clarke Christiansen ó Post 9545-18

State Assistant Veterans & Military Support Programs Director ó John DeGroot ó Post 1337-4

State Operation Uplink Director ó Paul J. öP.J.öHymes, Jr. ó Post 1303-8

State Public Relations Director ó Carl Sorensen, Jr. ó Post 2245-5

State Photographers

Dale Roach ó Post 8350-7

Rodney Thompson ó Post 805-14

State Poppy Director ó Stephanie Kirksey ó Post 6504-14

State Assistant Poppy Directors

Roger Guebert ó Post 7980-14

Thomas Cleland ó Post 2955-6

State POW/MIA Director ó Raymond Bachewicz ó Post 5915-5

State Safety Director ó Robert Mattson ó Post 5151-4

State Fair Director ó Richard Yoakum ó Post 10302-10

State Assistant State Fair Director ó Bobby Edwards ó Post 10302-10

State Voice of Democracy Director ó Robert McLeod ó Post 5788-18

State Assistant Voice of Democracy Directors

James Ellis ó Post 6750-7

David Darte ó Post 3912-12

State VFW/MOC Coordinator ó John Jakoby ó Post 2978-3

State Youth Activities Director ó John Metzger ó Post 2671-15

State Assistant Youth Activities/Scouting Director ó Ronald G. Milton ó Post 4183-14

Deputy/District Inspectors

David J. Edwards ó Post 5220-3

Steven Wilson ó Post 5151-4

Thomas Denman ó Post 4308-5

John Von Guerard ó Post 342-6

James Ellis ó Post 6750-7

Larry Hines ó Post 5083-8

David öScottö Buennemeyer ó Post 5506-9

Duane Hisel ó Post 4763-10

Lowell Spieker ó Post 6190-11

Christopher Retzer ó Post 2859

Donald Smithenry ó Post 4226-13

Ronald G. Milton ó Post 4183-14

John Metzger ó Post 2671-15

Terrance McDonald ó Post 9801-16

John Beck ó Post 1009-17

Ernest Errico ó Post 5788-18

Philip Maughan ó Post 3873-19

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING (AUGUST 9-12, 2018)

Clarion Hotel ó Joliet Banquet & Convention Center
411 South Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60436

All details are tentative and *subject to change*, such as meeting location and time. We will notify those being called in via e-mail if any changes occur!

ATTENTION: Reservations for our August Council of Administration are open, and can be made through State Headquarters or by going to: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/LJ9PH5>. The cut-off is Tuesday July 24, 2018.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS/PROGRAM DIRECTORS

All officers and program directors are expected to be in attendance for all meetings. The committees being called into the August Council of Administration will meet on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Larkin Room. Our August Council of Administration Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. All *Program Directors* are expected to be present and to introduce themselves and outline their programs giving instruction on how to accomplish program goals.

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: If you need a PowerPoint presentation or any visual aid, please contact State Headquarters as soon as possible to have arrangements made. If you have documentation you would like to handout, please forward them to State Headquarters by Friday, July 27, 2018!

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Veterans Service Committee will meet at 1:00 pm in the Larkin Room

John Davin, National Council Member, Past State Commander, Chairman
Philip Maughan, Junior Past State Commander
W. Dave Stout, Jr. Past State Commander
Jeffrey G. Hastings, Junior Past State Commander
Donald Boyer, State Commander
Bradley Gould, State Senior Vice Commander
Laurie Emmer, State Junior Vice Commander
Michael DeRoss, State Adjutant-Quartermaster

ILLINOIS VFW NEWS COMMITTEE

The *Illinois VFW News* Committee will meet following the Veterans Service Committee

Jeffrey G. Hastings, Junior Past State Commander ó Chairman
Barbara Wilson, Illinois VFW News Editor
Glen Goodrich, Past Eleventh District Commander
William Fiegel, Member, Post 2378-4
Thomas Bailey, Past Seventh District Commander

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget & Finance Committee will meet after the *Illinois VFW News* Committee

Gary Stork ó State Chief of Staff - Chairman
Fred Retter ó Member, Post 2876
Philip Maughan ó Past State Commander

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

This committee will not be meeting at the August Council of Administration Meeting

Rick Frank, Past State Commander & Co-Chairman
Matthew Claussen, Past State Commander & Co-Chairman
Lowell Spieker, Past Eleventh District Commander
Anthony Maruszak, Past Third District Commander
Albert Yankle, Past Nineteenth District Commander
Duane Hisel, Member of Post 4763-10
Willard W. Wayne Erickson, Post Eighth District Commander

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

This committee will not be meeting at the August Council of Administration Meeting

H. George Doeden, Member of Post 2580-16 & Chairman
Joe Wein, Member of Post 2202-4
Scott Holley, Member of Post 3873-19
Robert Zeman, Member of Post 1197-19

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The Council of Administration will meet in the at the Clarion Joliet Banquet & Convention Center on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm. This meeting should adjourn approximately 5:30 pm, and reconvene on Saturday, August 11 at 8:30 am in the same room. The following State Officers and Program Directors should be prepared to report on Friday, August 10, 2018

John Davin, National Council Member
Gary Stork, State Chief of Staff
George Foy, State Inspector
Nina Petru, State Surgeon
Reverend Donald Meeks, State Chaplain
J.D. Spindler, State Membership Director
Jayson Hoffman, State Student Veterans Liaison
Thomas Davidson, State Americanism Director
Walter Sanders, Jr., State Blood Donor Director
Stephanie Kirksey, State Buddy Poppy Director
Thomas Denman, State Community Activities Director
Paul Bezazian, State Homeless Veterans Director
Harold Olsen, Jr., State Hospital & VAVS Director
C. Victor Smith, State Legislative Director
Michael McGrath, State National Home Director
Ray Bachewicz, State POW/MIA Director
Clarke Christiansen, State Veterans and Military Support Programs Director
Carl Sorensen, Jr. & State Public Relations Director & Post 2245-5
Richard Yoakum, State Fair Director
Robert Mattson, State Safety Director
Robert McLeod, State Voice of Democracy Director
John Metzger, State Youth Activities Director
VFW/MOC Coordinator, John Jakoby
John Davin, Veterans Service Committee Chairman
Jeffrey Hastings, *Illinois VFW News* Committee Chairman
Gary Stork, Budget & Finance Committee Chairman

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

These additional State Officers will also be called into the Council of Administration Meeting:

Derek Giffin, State Service Office Director
Jeffrey Hastings, State Assistant Adjutant-Quartermaster
Lee Morgan, State Assistant Quartermaster
Jonathan Cooper, State Assistant Adjutant
Larry Shaver, State Officer of the Day
Jack Lamont, State Sergeant-at-Arms
James Danielson, State Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Daniel Merry, State Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Jim Singler, Aide to the State Commander
Mike Bushey, Aide to State Commander
Dale Roach, State Photographer
Rod Thompson, State Photographer
Richard Luemen, State Emergency Services Director

COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

There will be a celebration held for State Commander Don Boyer on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at New Lenox VFW Post 9545, 323 Old Hickory Road, New Lenox, Illinois. Social Hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner follows at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25 per ticket. You may order your tickets through VFW State Headquarters by calling 217-529-6688 or by ordering online at www.vfwil.org and clicking on the "Donate" tab. Don't forget to allocate funds to "Homecoming".

ANNUAL SERVICE OFFICER SEMINAR

This seminar will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria, 101 Holiday Street, East Peoria, Illinois 61611. The registration fee is \$25 per person and includes the cost of the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. and all training materials. Registration can be paid by check or credit card (by allocating an online donation to Service Office Seminar or go to www.vfw.org and scroll down to the tab for "Donate").

For more information, please see the flyers in this General Orders. If you have any questions, please contact the Service Office at (312) 980-4284.

For anyone needing overnight accommodations (Friday night, September 7th) we have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn & Suites. The rate is \$99.00 per night plus tax; to reserve your room you may call the hotel directly at 309-698-3333; be sure to mention "VFW Seminar" to get our rate. Below you will find a link that you can use to reserve your room online; just click on the link and you will be taken directly to the Holiday Inn website. Enter your arrival and departure dates and then click on the Check Availability button. This will pull the rooms and rate directly from our contracted block. This link will not work with some mobile devices.

[VFW - Service Officer Seminar](#)

POPPY SALE – IMPORTANT!

If your Post is planning to hold a Poppy Day Sale or you are working on a special Poppy Day Program which might carry over into a neighboring Post's territory, you are urged to contact that Post Commander so they will know what you are doing and there will be no hard feelings.

Let's make sure to work together and *follow the golden rule*. Please use the Poppy Order form included under the FORMS section of the State Web Page or you can order them and/or pay for them online.

Please note the price of the poppies is \$130.00 per thousand. Please allow 8 weeks for processing and shipping when you order your poppies; please indicate the date of your sale on the order form. Poppies can be paid for by check or by credit card. **Please submit payment with your order or pay promptly when invoiced.**

PROGRAM BOOKS

The State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars has been given permission by members of the Council of Administration to sign a contract with Golden Rule, Inc. to sell advertising space in our Convention Program Book, 2018 Fall Program Book and our 2019 Voice of Democracy Program Book. Representatives of this company work throughout the State of Illinois to sell advertising; this is a legitimate advertising program and is not a donation. If anyone in your immediate area has a problem with any these representatives, contact Jim Alyea at 1-800-433-4680. The Sales Representatives have received a "Letter of Introduction" and should produce it if asked to do so. **This is not a new program.** We ask that you help promote this on behalf of the State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars.

NATIONAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES DATES

The National Convention will take place from Saturday, July 21, 2018 through Wednesday, July 25, 2018 in Kansas City, Missouri. A tentative agenda and other information regarding the National Convention in July can be found on National's website under *News & Events*.

NATIONAL CONVENTION – ADVANCE REGISTRATION

All Posts are once again reminded every Post must register a delegate to the 119th National Convention. Section 222 of the National Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure states "Each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention, by the payment of a fee in the amount of \$25, which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears."

If your Post has not registered a delegate, **PLEASE DO SO NOW!** We still have a good number of Posts from Illinois who have not registered. If you are unsure if your Post is registered, contact National Headquarters. If you registered online, you must still fill out the paper form and mail it to our National Headquarters. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee. *A delegate registration form is included in these General Orders.*

NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS

National Convention Delegates will receive a letter acknowledging their registration of the 119th National Convention. This letter must be presented to the Credentials Committee at the Registration Booth in Kansas City, Missouri. Post Commanders, District Officers, and State Officers are not automatic delegates. They must attend as Post Delegates and carry credentials.

DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

All District Meetings have been posted on our State of Illinois VFW Website. Click on the tab for "News and Events" and then click on "Calendar". **Commanders, please check the website to insure your events are listed correctly.** District Commanders are reminded that if a date or location should change after being submitted, they are to contact State Headquarters to provide the updated information. Please be advised that no State Officer will be assigned to District Conventions.

WHEN A STATE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS YOUR DISTRICT OR POST FUNCTION...

When you request a state officer to attend a function at the Post or District level, they should be greeted upon arrival at the designated location. Please make sure they have a designated parking space, and that they are introduced around. If the event is overnight, accommodations need to be made for the assigned officer. They will need prior notification of their reservation, along with their confirmation number to make sure check-in goes smoothly.

REMEMBER: This may be their first visit to your Post or District. They are giving up their time. Let's show the courtesy they deserve. State Representatives assigned to District Meetings will be taking roll call so please make a special effort to be present at your upcoming District Meetings.

BOND APPLICATION AND OTHER NECESSARY FORMS

Post Officers' bond applications, poppy order forms and the Commander's Leadership Manual are available on our website at <http://www.vfwil.org>. Poppies can be ordered and paid for online! Your bond can be applied for and paid for online as well! Quick, easy, and saves you a stamp!

FORM 990 – RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX

We call attention to the fact that all VFW Posts are required to annually file the IRS Form 990. As a subordinate unit of the Department of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars, you could lose your non-profit status by failing to file this annual report. ***We are asking all VFW Posts to forward copies of the 990 filed with the IRS starting with the year ending June, 30, 2019 to this office***

OFFICIAL:



MICHAEL A. DE ROSS
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



DONALD BOYER
State Commander