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NOMINATIONS FOR VFW MEMBER OF THE YEAR

District Commanders are reminded that they are to submit their nominee for VFW Member of the Year to Junior Past State Commander Jeffrey Hastings, 118 W. 6th St., O'Fallon, Illinois 62269. There is no special form to submit with your nominee for this award. However, we will need the nominee's name, address, and telephone number for notification purposes.

Please submit the information along with a written statement explaining why you feel your nominee is deserving of this recognition prior to Friday, April 19, 2019. This award will be presented during the 98th Annual State Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

IMPORTANT - REPORT OF ELECTION FORM

National Headquarters has mailed all Post Quartermasters a packet which includes the *2019-2020 Report of Election Form* with instructions on how to submit their report online using the Online Membership System (OMS). A blank Post Election Report can also be found in the "Document Repository" section on the Online Membership System. Post Quartermasters having difficulty submitting their election report can call VFW State Headquarters for assistance, (217) 529-6688. Included in this packet is information on how to register your Post for the National Convention along with a room reservation form for the National Convention. The 120th VFW National Convention will be held July 20-24, 2019 in Orlando, Florida.

POLITICS

Your attention is directed to Section 702 of the National By-Laws regarding Politics:

"No officer or member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall in any manner use the Veterans of Foreign Wars for partisan politics and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any meetings nor shall any nominations, recommendations or endorsements for political office be made, provided this shall not apply to discussion of policies of any organization that seeks to alter our present form of government by force, violence or other unlawful means.

Participation in activities supporting or opposing legislation or administration of laws for veteran's welfare or relating to other matters pertaining to the purposes of the organization shall be permitted. Such participation shall be consistent with the legislative and welfare programs and policies approved by the National Convention.

No Post, County Council, District or Department shall participate in a labor dispute, either on behalf of labor or management. No member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall wear the

VFW uniform or VFW cap in any plant or picket line or meeting of employees where a labor dispute arises.

Nothing contained in this Section shall prevent the organization of a lawful political action committee to further the purposes of the VFW as set forth in Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter, nor prevent any discussion of the activities of such a committee."

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS AND CITATIONS

The deadline for award nominations for our State Convention is May 1, 2019 for the following categories: Outstanding Legislator of the Year, Humanitarian of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Paramedic of the Year, Outstanding Patriotism of the Year, Outstanding Governmental Service of the Year, Clergy of the Year, News Media Professional of the Year, and Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

There is no special form to fill out to nominate an individual. All you would need is the name of the individual, their address, the sponsoring Post and/or Auxiliary, the contact person for the nomination, and why this individual deserves to be recognized.

2020 DISTRICT COMMANDER-ELECT CONFERENCE

Once District Elections are held, an invitation will be sent to newly-elected District Commanders for 2019-2020 year. State Headquarters will provide rooming accommodations at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel for four nights for District Commanders-Elect.

State Headquarters will be conducting a conference to cover their duties and our goals for the incoming year. We ask District Commanders-Elect arrive at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel, 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701. This conference will continue Thursday, morning, June 13, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: District Commanders-Elect should be present during Council of Administration Meeting, June 13th, 2019. Please dress in a coat, tie and cap to have your photograph taken. Also, they **must** be present Saturday, June 15, 2019 during installation!

STATE CONVENTION AD BOOK

The form for the Convention Program Ad Book is on the homepage of our website: www.vfwil.org . Please print out the form, complete your ad and mail it to State Headquarters with your check. Note that the deadline for receiving your ad is April 30, 2019!

CONVENTION EXHIBIT BOOTHS

Please let the businesses in your area know exhibit space is available during our 98th Annual State Convention at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. Contact State Headquarters at 217-529-6688 for more information.

SILENT AUCTION

The Annual Silent Auction will be held during the State Convention. Check out your home for items in good condition to donate. Please bring your donated item to the Foyer of the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre and make sure to fill out the form given to you. If you have any questions, please contact State Headquarters. District Commanders are asked to donate an item from their District valued at no less than \$75.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHERS

The *Plaza IV* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre will be the base of operations for State Photographers Dale Roach, Bill Fiegel and Public Relations Director Carl Sorensen.

POPPY DISPLAY COMMITTEE

Chairman: Stephanie Kirksey, Member- Post 6504-14

Roger D. Guebert, Member-Post 7980-14

Thomas E. Cleland, Member-Post 2955-6

Matthew Willis, Member-Post 6871-10

John Lenhardt, Member-Post 6504-14

POPPY DISPLAYS

Poppy Displays will be accepted in *Plaza 1 and 2* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre starting on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, and continuing on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

All poppy displays must be picked up from *Plaza 1 and 2* before 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

STATE AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Awards will be presented at the time the Program Director makes their final report during the State Convention. Directors must insure their awards are in the stage area prior to making their reports. *Please see agenda for Friday and Saturday for timeframe of when reports will be given.*

ATTENTION POST COMMANDERS

Under the Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars By-Laws, Article V - Convention, Section 8 - Registration at Annual Department Convention:

"Each Post shall register, in advance or at the Convention, at least one delegate to the Department Convention by payment of the advance registration fee in effect for such Convention, which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this requirement shall be considered delinquent and in arrears."

STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registration will be open in *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre:

Thursday, June 13, 2019 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday, June 14, 2019 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, June 15, 2019 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

SUPPLY SALES BOOTH

The Supply Sales Booth will be set up in the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre starting on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm The Supply Sales Booth will continue on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE

The Distinguished Guest Committee Members will use *Room 2 of the Conference Center* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre as their base of operations for our distinguished guests.

Chairman, William Wolff, Past State Commander
Donald Porter, Past State Commander
Richard Coombe, Jr., Past State Commander
J.D. Spindler, Past State Commander

OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO STATE CONVENTION

The officers below are assigned to be present at the Council of Administration Meeting in *Plaza III* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Thursday, June 13, 2019. They should also be in attendance for the Joint Opening Session on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 8:00 am in the *Grand Ballroom* and all business sessions on Friday and Saturday.

OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS & ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Larry A. Shaver, Officer of the Day
Jack Lamont, Sergeant-at-Arms
Daniel Merry, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
James Danielson, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
William "Roy" Johnson, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

H. George Doeden, Member, Post 2580-16 – Chairman
Scott Holley, Member, Post 3873-19
Donald Reaska, Member, Post 2602-9
Joe Wein, Member, Post 2202-4

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The State Headquarters Office will open in the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 10:00 am. The Final Council of Administration Meeting of 2018-2019 year will be held in the *Plaza III* of the hotel on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

RULES OF THE CONVENTION Plaza III 12:00 pm

Chairman, George Cramer, Past Commander-in-Chief
Vincent Long, Past State Commander
Jim Michel, Past State Commander
William Phillips, Past State Commander
Jeffrey Hastings Past State Commander

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE Plaza III 12:30 pm

John Davin, National Council Member, Past State Commander - Chairman
Philip Maughan, Past State Commander

W. Dave Stout, Past State Commander
Jeffrey Hastings, Junior Past State Commander
Donald Boyer, State Commander
Brad Gould, State Senior Vice Commander
Laurie Emmer, State Junior Vice Commander
Michael A. DeRoss, State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY-LAWS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Plaza III 1:00 pm

Chairman, Vincent Long	District 11,
District 3,	District 12,
District 4,	District 13,
District 5,	District 14,
District 6,	District 15,
District 7,	District 16,
District 8,	District 17,
District 9,	District 18,
District 10,	District 19,

District Commanders: Send your By-Laws Committee appointments to Headquarters as soon as possible. This is a District Appointment therefore the Department offers no compensation for this position.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE Plaza III 2:00 pm

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

2018-2019 FINAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING Plaza III 3:00 pm

Program Directors will report and present awards at the State Convention:

Introduction of District Commanders-Elect
Report for Veterans Service Committee – John Davin, *Chairman*
Report for Budget & Finance Committee – Gary Stork, *Chairman*
Report for Convention Committee – Rick Frank, *Co-Chairman*

MEMORIAL SERVICE Grand Ballroom 6:00 pm

WEBSITE TRAINING - Conference Room 4 7:30 pm

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

All Business Sessions of the State Convention will be held in *Grand Ballroom* of the *Wyndham*. The Auxiliary’s State Convention will be held at *President Abraham Lincoln Hotel*.

FUN WALK TO LINCOLN SITES Main exit of Wyndham Hotel 7:00 am

JOINT OPENING SESSION Grand Ballroom 8:30 am

Presentation of Flags by the Auxiliary

Keynote Speaker (*TBA*)
Introduction of Various Dignitaries
Publications Contest Awards, Michael DeRoss, Editor of the *Illinois VFW News*
VFW Member of the Year Presentation
Credentials Committee Report, H. George Doeden, Chairman
Rules of the Convention, George Cramer, Chairman
Voice of Democracy Report, Robert McLeod
Americanism & Loyalty Day Report, Thomas Davidson
Youth Activities Report, David A. Darte
Hospital & V.A.V.S. Report, Harold Olsen, Jr.

VA ROUNDTABLE Plaza III 10:00 am

INSPECTOR TRAINING Conference Room 4 11:00 am

QM TRAINING 1. OMS AND VFW REPORTS Conference Room 4 12:00 noon

PAST STATE COMMANDERS DUTCH TREAT LUNCHEON Vista Room 6 12:00 pm

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION Grand Ballroom 1:30 pm

Foundation Report , Philip Maughan
Community Activities Report, Charles Ingle
Blood Donor Report, Walter Sanders, Jr.
Safety Report, Robert Mattson
Operation Uplink Report, Paul J. Hymes, Jr.
Veterans & Military Support Programs Director, Clarke Christiansen
POW/MIA Report, Ray Bachewicz
Membership Report, J.D. Spindler
Membership Awards

NOMINATION OF 2019-2020 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING Plaza III 12:00 Noon

PATRIOTIC RALLY Grand Ballroom 7:00 pm

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

STATE CONVENTION CHURCH SERVICE Plaza III 7:00 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION BEGINS Grand Ballroom 8:30 am

Credentials Committee Report, H. George Doeden, Chairman
Legislative Report, C. Victor Smith
Scout of the Year and Youth Activities
Patriots Pen
Person of the Year Awards
National Council Member
IDVA Advisory Council Member, Vincent Long
Homeless Veterans Report, Paul Bezazian
National Home Silver March and report, Michael McGrath
Final Report of Credentials Committee, H. George Doeden, Chairman

WEBSITE TRAINING Conference Room 4 11:00 am

DISTRICT INCOMING SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT INCOMING SENIOR VICE COMMANDER **29th Floor** **11:00 am**

PAST DISTRICT COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON 29th Floor 12:00 pm

The Past District Commanders Association Luncheon will be held on the 29th floor of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 12:00 pm. Tickets will be \$25 per person.

BUSINESS SESSION RECONVENES **Grand Ballroom** **1:30 pm**

2019 Illinois Convention Raffle Drawing
Remaining Reports
Final Credentials Committee Report
By-Laws and Resolutions Report

ELECTION OF 2019-2020 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

STATE COMMANDER AND STATE PRESIDENT RECEPTION

A reception will be held for the 2019-2020 State Commander and State President on Saturday, June 15, 2019 in the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online with your credit/debit card or by sending a check to State Headquarters..

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

2019-2020 FIRST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING **Plaza III** **9:00 am**

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING **Plaza III** **10:30 am**

ELECTION OF POST DELEGATES

CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER, BY-LAWS, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE AND RITUAL

Article II – Posts, Section 217

Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office of Post Officers

Post officers shall be elected in April. Balloting for Post Officers may be conducted by open vote or written secret ballot (handwritten or printed) at a regular Post meeting, or, if required by Post By-Laws or authorized by Post vote prior to the opening of nominations, by a poll system. Absentee ballots and proxy votes are prohibited. A majority vote of all votes cast, except where otherwise designated, shall be necessary to elect. If there be not election on the first ballot, the name of the comrade receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so on in successive ballots until an election is made.

Article II – Posts, Section 222

Delegates, District Conventions & Meetings, Department and National Conventions

*Delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in **April**. Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of March 31st.*

Delegates shall not be recognized at the National Convention unless they personally register their completed delegate card with the National Credentials Committee. Posts instituted after strength has been determined, but prior to convening date of the respective convention or district meeting, shall on the day of institution, elect one delegate and one alternate for each thirty names or fraction thereof according to the number of names listed on the charter application.

QUARTERMASTER BOND REQUIREMENT

The books and records of the Quartermaster, and other accountable officers, must be submitted at least quarterly by the Post Trustees. Failure on the part of the Commander to strictly enforce Section 218 of the National Manual of Procedure may release the Bonding Company of all liability in case of a defalcation. National By-Laws require Posts to have a Relief Fund. **Any Audit submitted that does not show an active Relief Fund will not be accepted and will be returned. AUDITS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE THREE POST TRUSTEES AND THE POST COMMANDER PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

OFFICIAL:



MICHAEL A. DE ROSS
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



DONALD S. BOYER
State Commander