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APPOINTMENT OF A NEW DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

State Commander Donald Boyer has appointed David A. Darté, a Life Member of Litchfield Post 3912-12, as the new Department Youth Activities/Patriotø Pen Director.

THROUGH CHANNELS

District Commanders, County Council Commanders, and Post Commanders must forward all resolutions and/or communications related to: federal legislation, policies, or procedure of the U.S. Veterans Administration ó or any other government agency ó to State Headquarters for endorsement and referral to the Adjutant General.

ILLINOIS DAY AT THE VFW NATIONAL HOME

Illinois Day was held Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the VFW National Home, located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Special thank you to all those who took the time to attend this yearø activities!

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

Department Auxiliary President Susan Parrishø Homecoming will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Alton VFW Post #1308 located at 4445 Alby Street, Alton, IL. Tickets can be ordered for Sue's Homecoming by contacting Susan Rolando; ticket deadline is October 5th. Order your tickets TODAY! Tickets are \$25; make your check payable to VFW #1308 Auxiliary and mail to Susan Rolando, 27836 McClusky Road, Jerseyville, IL 62052. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at (618) 946-9907 or e-mail her at srolando@frontier.com.

VETERANS DAY | NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs for the observance of Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 ó *see Sec. 223 of the Manual of Procedure*. National Headquarters will provide an updated speech on their website in early November. Once signed in on <http://vfw.org>, it can be found under *MY VFW* by clicking on *Patriotic Holiday Speeches*.

STATE PROGRAM BOOKS/ADVERTISEMENT SOLICITATIONS

The State of Illinois VFW has a contract with Golden Rule Publishing ó which allows representatives to contact individuals and businesses for the purpose of selling advertisement in our State Convention Program Book, Fall Program Book and our Voice of Democracy Program Book. If individuals or businesses contact you to validate this company, please let them know they are an approved solicitor of the State of Illinois VFW. Golden Rule Publishing has been working with us for years. If you have any questions/concerns, please call State Headquarters at (217) 529-6688.

DRINKING AND SMOKING

Section 1001-25 is quoted for your information and necessary action. ö25. The dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are prohibited.ö

The attention of all Post Commanders is directed to this section and compliance is expected.

ATTENTION POST QUARtermasters

The Online Membership System (OMS) ó available on <http://vfw.org> ó is a quick and easy way for you, as a Post Quartermaster, to handle all membership reporting, order new membership cards, update information on your Post members ó such as an address change, or report a Post member has passed away. If you are not currently using the OMS, we encourage you to log on and start using the system today. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact State Headquarters at (217) 529-6688 for assistance.

BONDING OF ACCOUNTABLE OFFICERS

ATTENTION QUARtermasters: *Sec. 703 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States By-Laws* requires each accountable officer to be bonded with an indemnity company in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which they may be accountable. Posts that are not properly bonded are subject to disciplinary actions.

If you have yet to submit your bond application, one is available on our State of Illinois Website by going to www.vfwil.org. Go to öLog Inö and click on öReport Entryö on the drop down menu. You will need to Log in on this page by entering the following: username is your Post Number and your password is your District Number. After you have logged in, scroll down and click on öBond Applicationö. Fill it out and hit öSubmitö. ***All bonds not renewed expired on August 31, 2018.***

QUARTERLY REPORT OF AUDIT

Sec. 218 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Manual of Procedure (a) (11) Trustees ó Post Trustees shall perform a Trustees Report of Audit quarterly ó through their Post Commander ó to the State Quartermaster for referral to the State Inspector. Reports are due at the end of September, December, March and June of each fiscal year. Every report must be in accordance with and upon such form as may be prescribed by the Adjutant General. Post Leadership, remember that the audit is the tool used to inform the Post Membership of the financial status of the Post. We owe our members an accurate and timely reporting. A thorough, complete audit can prevent financial problems down the road.

You may submit an audit by visiting <http://vfwil.org>. Go to "Log In" and click on "Report Entry" on the drop down menu. You will need to Log in on this page by entering the following: username is your Post Number and your password is your District Number. After you have logged in, scroll down and click on "Audit Sheet". Complete the form and submit.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION RESERVATIONS

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
701 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62702

ATTENTION: The special room rate of \$95.00/night + 13% tax will be available until January 16th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. You may call the hotel at (217) 544-8800 to book your reservation. Make sure to mention the group code: **VVD**.

Reservations can also be made directly with the hotel by going to the website below:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SPIASDT-VVD-20190207/index.jhtml>

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY BANQUET

The State of Illinois VFW will be celebrating its Annual Voice of Democracy Banquet on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Tickets are available for \$35 per person. Tickets may be ordered online by making a donation at <http://vfwil.org/> ó and allocating the funds to *Voice of Democracy Banquet*. You may also call State Headquarters (217) 529-6688.

CANCELLATION OF POST CHARTER

Commander-in-Chief Vincent "B.J." Lawrence has canceled the charter of South Holland Post 9964, South Holland, Illinois, effective September 20, 2018. Please update your records accordingly.

**REMINDER: NOVEMBER MINI COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING/
MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR**

The Mini November Council of Administration Meeting/Membership seminar will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 101 Holiday Street, East Peoria, Illinois. The meeting will start at 11:00 am. The list of officers called in to this meeting is below.

We have a block of rooms reserved for Saturday night, November 3rd, 2018, at the Holiday Inn & Suites in East Peoria and room reservations can be made by going to this link: [VFW - Membership Seminar](#) or by contacting State Headquarters. The cut-off date for reserving your room is Thursday, October 18, 2018. After the Council Meeting there will be a celebration of Post Namesakes held at Martin Courtney Post 4835, 628 S. Main Street, Creve Coeur IL 61610. Ticket price is forthcoming and payable at the door.

The following individuals are called in to this Council Meeting.

Donald Boyer, State Commander
Bradley Gould, State Senior Vice Commander
Laurie Emmer, State Junior Vice Commander
Michael DeRoss, State Adjutant/Quartermaster
Victor Smith, Judge Advocate
Nina Petru, Surgeon
George Foy, Jr., Inspector
Rev. Donald Meeks, Chaplain
Gary Stork, Chief of Staff
Samuel Scaife, Jr., District Three Commander
Joseph Scanlon, District Four Commander
Raymond Rigsby, District Five Commander
Gary Holmes, District Six Commander
Robert Sable, District Seven Commander
Russell "Pete" Mosher, District Eight Commander
David "Scott" Buennemeyer, District Nine Commander
Michelle Ramlow, District Ten Commander
Joseph "Scott" Swinford, District Eleven Commander
Christopher Retzer, District Twelve Commander
Christopher Hatcher, District Thirteen Commander
Maurice Bridges, District Fourteen Commander
Clarence Caraker, District Fifteen Commander
Eugene Blackwell, District Sixteen Commander
Sean Conner, District Seventeen Commander
Robert Adame, District Eighteen Commander
Robert Zeman, District Nineteen Commander
J.D. Spindler, Membership Director
Larry Shaver, Office of the Day
John Davin, National Council Representative
Jeffrey G. Hastings, Junior Past State Commander

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Your attention is directed to Section 216 of the National By-Laws that was changed at the recent National Convention:

- õ(a) The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three Trustees.
- (b) The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant and Service Officer.
- (c) The Post may elect or the Post Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day and/or Guard if required by Post By-Laws.
- (d) The Post Commander may appoint such other chairmen and committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Post or as may be required by Post By-Laws.ö

Similar changes were made to Section 416 and 516 which effects Districts and Departments respectively.

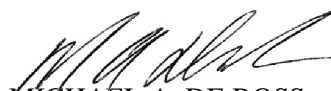
PODIUM EDITION

The new VFW Podium Edition which contains the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, manual of Procedure and Ritual is available through the VFW Store. In accordance with Section 218(a)(6)e the Adjutant of each Post is to õmaintain a current copy of the Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Warsí ö


TRUSTEES, QUARTERMASTERS AND OTHER INTERESTED COMRADES

The Department of Illinois will provide Trustee Training in Alton, Illinois on October 13, 2018. This training will coincide with the Department President's Homecoming. The training will begin in the morning and will be complete by early afternoon. Please mark your calendars; there is more information forthcoming.

OFFICIAL:


MICHAEL A. DE ROSS
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:


DONALD BOYER
State Commander