

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

1. **Spring Conference and Banquet** is 18 - 20 March 2022 at Indy Marriott East. Cutoff date for Banquet Tickets is 14 March 2022. Council of Administration is on Friday 18 March 2022 at 7pm (uniform is State Shirts). Business session starts at 0900 on 19 March 2021 (Uniform Business Attire) and the Banquet at 6pm that evening. VFW National Representative will be Commander-in-Chief Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic. Please make every effort to attend. Please see attachment for Reservations forms.
2. **Finance Meeting** is 18 March 2022 at the Marriott East at 2pm. This meeting is open to all who want to attend.
3. **Council of Administration** a breakfast is scheduled for 730am on 19 March 2022.
4. **VFW National Convention Registration** Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a national convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the VFW National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10.00) delegate fee provided the Post has paid the mandated \$25.00 advance registration fee. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register online by going to vfw.org.
5. **VFW National Convention Housing** - 123rd National Convention housing officially opened 17 February 2022. Housing reservation information is located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at vfw.org/convention. The convention website has general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information for Kansas City, MO, 16 - 21 July 2022, including a tentative agenda.

6. **Scout of the Year** - Posts are reminded the Scout of the Year scholarship program deadline is approaching. The Post should submit its winner up the organization so that all Post winners are to the Department Chairman (Andy Whitt) not later than 1 April 2022. The Scout of the Year program information is available at www.vfw.org.

7. **All State** - The nomination for All State Post Commander and Quartermaster is included in these General Orders. The deadline for submission for All State nominations and related documentation is Noon on April 4, 2022. All material must be at VFW State Headquarters at this time.

8. **James Butters Award** - The James Butters Award is an annual award that goes to a deserving Post Service Officer. The nomination form for this included within these documents. The deadline for submission is 30 April 2022. Submit nominations to the State Adjutant at VFW State Headquarters.

9. **Post Elections** - Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election, and installation of Post Officers. Post-Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they completed the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to the State Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than 27 May 2022.

10. **Post Delegates** - Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of 31 March.

11. **District Elections** - Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws - Regular Meetings, Districts shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year for purposes of transacting business and conducting schools of instruction.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.

District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

12. **Attention of Post Commanders** - is directed to Section 218(a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.

13. **Happy Anniversary to the following Post's:**

11 March 2022	100 th	908	Indianapolis
30 March 2022	75 th	9107	Mitchell

14. Several important documents are attached to these orders. Please review all.

15. 3 March - "Star-Spangled banner" Made U.S. National Anthem (1931).

16. 12 March - Girl Scouts of the USA founded. (1912).

17. 13 March - Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead one hour).

18. 17 March - St. Patrick's Day.

19. 19 March - Iraq War began (2003).

20. 24 March - Kosovo Campaign began (1999).

21. 29 March - National Vietnam War Veterans Day (2017).

23. 31 March - Somalia Campaign ended (1995).

BY ORDER OF:

OFFICIAL:



RICHARD LINEBERRY

STATE COMMANDER



REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT



Comrades,

I can't believe March is here and Spring is right around the corner.

March is a special month for me in that its Women's History Month where we honor women in military service, for my mom is a WWII Army Veteran. Thank you to all women who are serving or have served!

Congratulations to our new Chaplin, Jerry Blake. He has big shoes to fill with Keiston's passing.

I want to also thank all the Comrades and Auxiliary members who helped make our VOD, PP and Teacher of the Year programs a huge success! Our special guest, Jessica Lynch will help present the awards to the winners along with myself and CIC Fritz Mihelcic at our banquet.

The time is now for all Post Commanders and District Commanders to reach out to our unpaid Comrades and re-engage with them, talk to them, and invite them back to the post. If you have any planned recruiting events. Reach out to Tyler Campbell for assistance. If you see a Vet because of the clothing they are wearing, go up to them and thank them for their service. That is a good ice breaker to start a conversation.

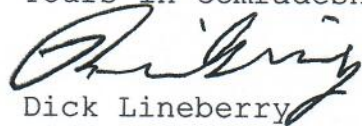
Post Qm/Adj's don't forget to stay on top of the All-American Dashboard.

Our top 2 recruiters for February are Ken Lange with 21 and Steve Milbourn with 16. Great job and thank you!

100% Posts are 1954 North Liberty, 9820 South Bend, 1110 Frankfort, 11365 Ferdinand & 1587 Indianapolis. Thank you for your hard work!

Our March Conference will be jam packed with several special guests to include National Commander in Chief Fritz Mihelcic, Jessica Lynch, Representatives from the Women in Military Service Memorial, Arlington, Virginia, and a few others. Please make every effort to attend and give them a big IN VFW welcome!

Yours in Comradeship



Dick Lineberry

Commander

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Greeting Comrades,

As you probably already know the Department has elected a new Chaplain, congratulations to Past Department Commander Jerry Blake, I am certain he will do a good job as Department Chaplain. I also want to thank all the other nominees for submitting their resumes and for being willing to step-up for the VFW. The Commander has also filled another important open position, our new Veteran and Military Support Chairman is Mark Carr from the 6th District Post 1550 in Greencastle. Mark has a history of helping Veterans as one of our Department Service Officers he goes above and beyond to help Veterans, I am positive he will continue this and do a great job as our new Veteran and Military Support Chairman. Congratulations Mark.

The Spring Conference is quickly approaching, Saturday March 19th is the Conference and banquet, with the Finance Committee and Council of Administration both meeting on Friday March 18th. The Spring Conference is one of my favorite events of the year! We get to award the students who participated in our scholarship programs and the outstanding teachers that encourage and educate them to be better people. If you don't have your tickets - get them now, you don't want to miss the awards banquet Saturday night.

The Veterans Foundation of Indiana is enrolled with the Amazon "Smile" program. If you are an Amazon shopper think about doing the Amazon Smile program. It doesn't cost you anything and Amazon donates .05% of your purchase to the Veterans Foundation of Indiana. Check it out at <https://smile.amazon.com/>. Also the Department Quartermaster John Reischman has been working hard on donations. Go to our Department website www.vfwin.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page!

As I have said several times in these letters "Membership is the responsibility of every member" or something very similar! The year is winding down so let's do those "buddy checks", contact those members who haven't renewed. Ask the Post Commander or Quartermaster for a list and start doing the buddy checks. Don't just ask them to pay their dues, ask them how things are going or something other than just blurting out "we need your dues".

Hope to see everyone at the Spring Conference!
Get your banquet tickets NOW!

Richard Leirer
Senior Vice Commander
VFW Department of Indiana
rwleirer@yahoo.com



Comrades,

I hope you are enjoying this cold weather we have been having. As I write this it is a dreary overcast day, 25 degrees. I will be glad when February is over.

All American dashboard is looking much greener. Remember to update your information. **Community Service**-if the box is grayed out and says "Ineligible" contact Lynn Rolf, VFW Programs Director at National Headquarters, phone 816-968-1116.

Veterans and Military Support, 23 posts have donated to VMS. To make your donation log into vfw.org. Go to the All-American Dashboard page where there is a link that you can use to make your donation. **Please do not** wait to the last minute.

Where does your donation go? This year to date the National Unmet Needs program has helped 173 Indiana veterans. In doing so they paid out \$278,582.00 in grants. Nationally the VFW has donated \$12,360,289.00 to veterans in need.

National VFW has announced a **VFW Day of Service**. This is a nationwide day of projects led by veterans in partnership with other organizations and civic groups in their communities. The inaugural VFW Day of service kicks off on Saturday, May 7, 2022. All VFW posts and individual veterans are encouraged to plan and participate in service events throughout the month. Please let National know by registering your event at VFW.ORG.

We have an exciting Spring Conference planned for you. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring conference. If I can be of service do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for all you do,
Sheila Corcoran
Jr Vice Commander
scorcoran.vfw@gmail.com
317-413-8142

2021 proved to be a trying time for the VFW Veterans Service Office. With the continuance of COVID and other reasons, we were forced to close then re-open the Department Veterans Service Office.

Opening the office with minimal personnel in May 2021 then being mostly staffed by mid-June resulted in a steep learning curve to our Service Office.

On 15 July we were fully functional once again and conducting both local (aka Pre-Determination) hearings and hearings before the Board of Veterans Appeals.

By end of Month July 2021, the office had developed metrics to track how we are supporting our veterans with their VA Claims. The following information is based off data collected since May 2021. It is difficult to assess the status of the Department Veterans Service Office with its temporary closure and the lasting impact of COVID. That being said, based on previous data, the VFW Department Veterans Service Office has risen from the ashes like the Phoenix.

We saw a drastic increase in processed claims and consults (emails / phone calls / and mailings) resulting in the last six months of the year over doubling every category than the first six months and equal to or surpassing 2019.

In hearings, we conducted 94 hearings. Hearings are actual time in front of the BVA Judge or the Regional Office Representative. When we conduct a hearing, it requires research into the claim / case followed by an initial pre-hearing conference with the veteran. It is then followed by a plan and a final pre-hearing conference before the claim is presented to the VA. Each hearing is actually a series of steps from research and development through conferences until final presentation taking no less than eight hours of time with the longest taking over 30 hours of preparation. Again, 94 hearings since 15 July 2021 to 31 December 2021. Keep in mind that this group of service office personnel had just been brought on board by mid-month June and conducting hearings by mid-month July. This alone is a truly amazing feat.

Of note, the VA Regional Office Hearing Representatives and the BVA Judges have given the VFW Department Veterans Service Office accolades for its hard work and presentation of the veterans claims.

In December of 2021, the VFW National Veterans Service Office did an evaluation of our Department Veterans Service Office. This is a requirement with every newly appointed Department Service Officer. They also commented that they expected chaos with our massive turn over but stated it was the easiest evaluation they had ever conducted giving laudatory comments on the efficiency of our organization. When they requested an office call with the VA Regional Office, the Service Director gave them a tour of the facility and at each stop, they were given praise of our new staff and their ability to adapt, overcome and work as a team to assist our Indiana Veterans.

In the latter six months, we conducted over 467 office calls even with the COVID Restrictions; over 1849 emails responded to; and over 2455 phone calls. We filed over 301 initial claims and over 171 new veterans are represented by the VFW. And the VFW has the highest success rate in hearings for the last six months of the year. All of that with a brand-new staff is a major accomplishment especially when combined with our claims consultants / service officers completed their national level required training well ahead of schedule with a 100% first time success rate.

Administratively, we have digitized over 3329 archived files into the VFW National database with expected conclusion of that task by end of month March 2022.

Looking into the future of 2022 and beyond, our goals shift from:

Fixing and becoming more efficient while maintaining a high level of support to our Indiana Veterans

To the multifaceted goal of:

Sustaining and becoming more proficient by focusing not only on the task of 'assisting' our Indiana Veterans.

To providing educated 'advice' to increase success and provide realistic expectations. A claim filed today is not going to result in a decision tomorrow...that is not reality.

To provide that educated advise, we will continue with meeting and exceeding national standards in required training and we have instituted internal office professional development and individual training. We don't know what we don't know until we look and learn and then spread that newly found information and knowledge amongst ourselves and our Indiana Veterans.

Finally, back to our initial assessment and the development of metrics coupling with 'we don't know what we don't know' mentality...Our initial metrics did provide a baseline of where we were and where we were going. As the first six months passed, we realized there were other metrics we could track. In 2022, we will start tracking how these claims impact our veterans and ultimately the state of Indiana. In January alone, we assisted our Indiana Veterans with claims and appeals resulting in over \$364k being distributed to our Veterans. This number will always be lower than reality because we don't get notified if a Veteran received any service-connected compensation...we find out when they call and thank us for our hard work.

SHAWN RANSFORD
STATE SERVICE OFFICER

Great trivia questions: Within the U.S. military in 2021, what percentage of the senior enlisted were women? According to the Department of Defense Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 2021, the answer is 14%. In 2021, what percentage of women on active duty earned a commission from Officer Candidate School or equivalent? Answer: 15.7%. This is an increase of 2.7% from 2019.

For all enlisted and officer positions (2021):

- Air Force consisted of more than 21% women
- Navy came in second with more than 20% women
- Army was comprised of +15%
- Marine Corps 9 out of 100 were women

More than likely, after these women transition into civilian status they will continue to contribute to our defense and the health and well-being of other military veterans. The Department of Defense (DoD) consists of 27.4% women civilian employees who were/are military veterans. From 2019 to 2021 there was a 6.8% increase of senior executive positions held by women veterans in the DoD

(https://diversity.defense.gov/Portals/51/Women%202021_ACC.pdf). If we look at 2022, the active-duty military consists of about 200,000 women who are serving (14.4%). And an impressive 18% of the U.S. Reserve force is made up of women. The point of all these statistics is the number of women serve in our armed forces is ever increasing.

As a result of the many military operations the amount of deployed and returning troops (both men and women) are plentiful. As VFW members we can take care of these veterans in the most basic ways. One of those ways is as simple as establishing and building camaraderie. Camaraderie is an important part of social support and helps those transitioning military members who are replacing military life for civilian survival. The women veteran population is increasing and so is the need to continue supporting them along with all of our other comrades and their families.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out! Ljmckee5150@gmail.com

Laura McKee
Women Veterans Chairperson



1 March 2022

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

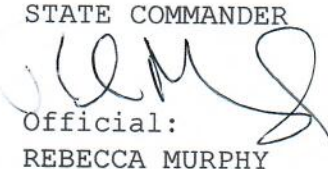
Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022

District meetings are scheduled as follows: Department Representatives are listed. If assigned Department Representative cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate member, and update the State Adjutant at 317-377-1795 or at adj@vfwin.org.

District	Date	Time	Place of Meeting	Dept. Rep
One	3/27	12:00pm C	Dyer Post 6448	Cory Mahan
Two	3/27	2:00pm	Warsaw Post 1126	Richard Leirer
Three	3/6	1:00pm	South Bend Post 9820	Tyler Campbell
Four	3/12	3:00pm	Kendallville Post 2749	John Reischman
Five	3/26	12:00pm	Wabash Post 286	Rebecca Murphy
Six	3/13	11:00am	Carmel Post 10003	Tyler Campbell
Seven	3/27	10:30am	Gosport Post 7850	Terry Peck
Eight	3/27	9:00am C	Evansville Post 2953	Dick Lineberry
Nine	3/27	1:00pm	Salem Post 6636	Sheila Corcoran
Ten	3/27	1:30pm	Shelbyville Post 2695	John Reischman
Eleven	3/26	10:30am	Indianapolis Post 908	Dick Lineberry

By Order of:

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STATE COMMANDER


Official:
REBECCA MURPHY
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY BANQUET

SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2022



MENU

WEDGE SALAD

BREADED PORK CUTLET

HOOSIER CREAM GRAVY

BUTTERMILK WHIPPED POTATOES

GREEN BEANS & CARROTS

RED VELVET CAKE

ICED TEA, COFFEE



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY BANQUET
RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE# _____

POST/AUXILIARY # _____

NUMBER OF DINNERS REQUESTED _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (\$32.00 EACH)

DEADLINE FOR RESEVATIONS - 14 MARCH 2022

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Type of CC: _____ CVV# _____ Exp. Date _____

Card # _____

(Office use only)

Date Processed _____ Initial (person processed) _____

Office use only

CHECK # _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

VFW Dept of Indiana
9555 E 59th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46216



An afternoon with Iraq War Veteran and former POW Jessica Lynch

PRESENTATIONS:

9:45 AM DURING THE MEETING

6:00 PM DURING THE SPRING BANQUET

VFW SPRING CONFERENCE MARCH 19, 2022

VFW MEMBERS ONLY

"LYNCH IS A TRUE HERO IN THE BEST TRADITION OF A NATION THAT INTUITIVELY
PREFERS MODEST HONESTY TO GRANDSTANDING BRAVADO."

-- LOS ANGELES TIMES

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

INDIANA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS &
THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS





TESTIMONIAL DINNER

COMMANDER RICHARD LINEBERRY

23 APRIL 2022

PLACE: VFW POST 10003, CARMEL, IN

COCKTAILS/HOR D'OEUVRES – 4:30PM – 6PM

DINNER – 6PM – 7:30

FRIED CHICKEN OR HAM WITH SIDES

TICKETS \$15.00 PER PERSON

For Tickets Contact:

COMMANDER DICK LINEBERRY

STATE ADJUTANT REBECCA MURPHY



2021 - 2022
ALL STATE POST COMMANDER/QUARTERMASTER NOMINEE

STATE OF INDIANA-POST NO. _____ LOCATION _____

POST NOMINEE _____
Name Address

This Report Form along with the Post's short Narrative Report.
Commanders Yearbook and other supporting evidence must be
completed and received at State Headquarters, 9555 E 59th St.,
Indianapolis, IN 46216. NO LATER THAN NOON ON APRIL 4, 2022.

The judges will consider the following programs when selecting
All State Post Commander's and Quartermaster's Teams:

MEMBERSHIP 55 Points Maximum

1. 2021-2022 Membership reported to date _____
2. 2021-2022 Total Membership as of 3-31-22 _____ (mem stats)
3. Percentage of gain over 2020-2021 total _____
4. Numerical gain over 2020-2021 total _____

BUDDY POPPY DRIVE 5 Points Maximum

1. Post must have conducted a Buddy Poppy drive _____
2. How may Poppies purchased for 2021-2022 Buddy Poppy Drive
_____.
3. How may Poppies per member _____.

COMMUNITY SERVICE 5 Points Maximum

1. Has the Post been credited by the State for 2021-2022
participation _____.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES 5 Points Maximum

1. Are other youth project sponsored? _____
2. Did Post have a Patriot's Pen Program? _____
3. Did Post have Scout of the Year entry? _____

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 5 Points Maximum

1. Did Post sponsor Voice of Democracy Program? _____

2. How many schools participated in program? _____
3. How many students participated in program? _____

TEACHER OF THE YEAR/CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

5 Points Maximum

1. Did Post conduct Teacher of the Year? _____
2. How many schools? _____
3. How many teachers? _____

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE

3 Points Maximum

1. Did Post conduct National Military Fundraiser? _____
2. Did Post donate to National Military Service? _____

LOYALTY DAY

3 Points Maximum

1. Has Post participate din a Loyalty Day Program? _____
2. Has Post reported programs to State Headquarters? _____

SAFETY

3 Points Maximum

1. Has Post sponsored a safety program? _____
2. Law Enforcement, Fireman, and EMT Appreciation Program? _____
3. Have reports on these projects been forwarded to State Headquarters? _____

NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE

3 Points Maximum

1. Does the Post have a Service Officer? _____

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT

4 Points Maximum

June 30 _____ September 30 _____ December 31 _____ March 31 _____

ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING

4 Points Maximum

1. District Meetings _____
2. School of Instruction _____
3. Fall Conference _____
4. Spring Conference _____
5. State Convention _____

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POST COMMADNER OR THEIR DESIGNATED OFFICER TO PREPARE THIS REPORT FORM AND A NARRATIVE REPORT COVERING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NOMINEE. The Narrative Report should follow the Program sequence shown on

PLEASE DO NOT SEND SCRAPBOOKS

OFFICIAL DELEGATE LIST FOR STATE CONVENTION

RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT BY 18 MAY 2022

Date _____

Post _____

2 - 5 JUNE 2022

- A. Date of Post-Election _____
- B. Number of Members per memstats on 1 April 2022. (Make sure OMS reflects this) _____
- C. 1 per 30 members or faction divided by 30 _____
- D. Number of Post Delegates. $B/30$ =(round up to whole number) _____
ex: (280 members/30=9.34=10 Delegates).
- E. Line D, Delegates _____ plus Commander (1) = _____
- F. Fee to State. Delegates plus Commander X \$3.00= _____

(STATE USE ONLY)

Quartermaster Bonded	Y__N__	A. Delegate Fee \$	_____
Officers Elected	Y__N__	B. Admin Fee \$	_____
Installed	Y__N__	C. Poppies \$	_____
Jun/Sep/Dec/Mar Audits	Y__N__	D. Other \$	_____

Money owed to State must be paid by 18 May 2022.

List Delegates Below: ** List Alternates and additional delegates on an attached list.

Commander _____	11. _____
1. _____	12. _____
2. _____	13. _____
3. _____	14. _____
4. _____	15. _____
5. _____	16. _____
6. _____	17. _____
7. _____	18. _____
8. _____	19. _____
9. _____	20. _____
10. _____	21. _____

Certified: _____

Post Adjutant

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

TELEPHONE (317) 377-1795

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA
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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46216

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JAMES BUTTERS SERVICE OFFICER AWARD

Are you and the members of your post proud of your Post Service Officer? You should be, if he or she carries out the duties of his or her office.

At the State Convention in Indianapolis, the James Butter award will be awarded to the most outstanding Post Service Officer in the State of Indiana. To enter your Post Service Officer, complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to VFW State Headquarters, 9555 E. 59th St. Indianapolis, IN 46216.

Name _____

District _____ Post _____

Number of Post meetings attended since 1 July 2020 _____

Did they take part in the Buddy Poppy Program? _____

Number of Poppies Distributed? _____

Did they take part in the School of Instruction, August 2020?

Did they attend any Post Service Officer Training Schools?

Number of Hospital Visits during the year _____.

Are they paid? Y/N _____ If Yes, how much? _____

A brief statement by the Commander of other activities rendered by the Service Officer for the post in which you are representing. (Please attach statement to this form).

Deadline for returning is April 30, 2021. No exceptions.

The late Fred C. Hall was an active Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as many other civic and fraternal organizations. Throughout his adult life, he was a great

proponent of VFW Posts taking an active role in the community. He is credited with starting the VFW Post Insurance program.

POST SPECIAL PROJECT ENTRY FORM

All entries must be in the form of a record book (binder) and this form must be the first page of your book. Information should be neatly presented and in chronological order. All entries must be post-marked by midnight April 30th each year.

VFW Post/Auxiliary (if applicable) County Council, District and Department _____

Address _____

Dates of the project from inception to conclusion _____

List of other organizations (if any) that assisted/participated _____

How many people directly benefitted from this effort? _____ Approx. local population _____

List local media and addresses (we will send them news releases) _____

Signatures

Department Community Service Chairman _____ Date _____

Printed name of Community Service Chairman _____

(NOTE: This signature confirms that you have reviewed this entry and are verifying that the form is complete and there is evidence to support the nomination.)

Department Adjutant _____ Date _____

Printed name of Department Adjutant _____

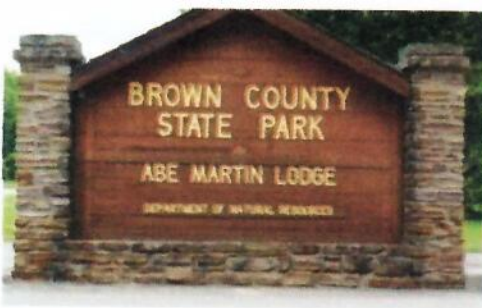
Submitted by (Submission will be returned to this individual)

Name _____

VFW position/title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____



Friday Evening April 1 & Saturday April 2, 2022

The IDVA WINVets program is partnering with the Indiana State Parks to bring our first women veterans wellness retreat!

The focus of the retreat is to develop camaraderie, encourage wellness and provide relaxation. Attendees can find time for peace and friendship through the activities offered, or on their own. Simply enjoy the park and each other!



**Friday
April 1
2022**

4pm Hotel Check-In begins
Park Exploration
6pm - 9pm Meet & Greet Reception
Story Telling, Cocktails & Complementary Hors D'oeuvres
Brown County State Park History and Fun Facts

**Saturday
April 2
2022**

8am - 10am Retreat Check-In
8am - 10:30am Complementary Breakfast, Abe Martin Lodge Restaurant
9am - 1pm Optional Activities:
-Yoga -Art Therapy
-Park Bus Tour -Explore or Relax at your leisure
1pm Complementary Lunch (details below)

Representatives from VA Healthcare and Experts in Veterans Benefits will be available

Sit Down Lunch on us! 1pm Saturday:



Keynote Speaker: Lourdes Tiglao
Director, Center for Women Veterans
Department of Veterans Affairs

Hosted by Laura McKee, IDVA WINVets Coordinator
Guest Speakers:

Lori A. Deyoung, VA Community Engagement Partnership Coordinator
Christie Pronzato, Roudebush VA Women Veteran Program Manager



[Read Lourdes Tiglao's Bio](#)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Loyalty Day Parade

ENTRY FORM

Saturday April 30th, 2022

Line up starts at 12:00 pm, Parade starts at 1:00 pm.

Route: Depot St. east to Vandallia St. along US 40

THEME: Freedom

Sponsored by VFW Post 1127 & 7th District

To enter the parade please complete this form and return it to:

VFW Post 1127, 303 S. Depot St., Brazil, IN. 47834

Or email the form to vfw1127@yahoo.com

DEADLINE: Saturday, April 23, 2022

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners announced for the best theme. Winners will be announced following the parade and advertised in the Brazil Times.

Individual Name/Company and Contact Name:

City and State:

Contact Phone Number:

Number of people in your group:

Description of Float or Vehicle being entered:

Specific Request:

Frequently Asked Questions by Members

- 1. I received an email/postcard/phone call from a company asking for my personal information and a story about Indiana VFW. Is this a legitimate project?**

It's legit! We have partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce an Oral History Publication for Indiana VFW. PCI is a family owned business based in Dallas, TX that has published directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities, and military organizations across the nation for almost 100 years. This project allows Indiana VFW to hear about your personal experiences and explain how Indiana VFW has helped shape your lives.

- 2. Does Indiana VFW benefit from this at all?**

Yes, in a few different ways:

- a. Updated Information – allows us to effectively communicate with and engage members
- b. Legacy – preserves the history of our organization
- c. Revenue – generates non-dues revenue for member programs
- d. Pride – wearing apparel shows support and love for our organization

- 3. How do I know my information will only be used for Oral History Project purposes?**

PCI is committed to protecting your information. The names, addresses and information provided to PCI for the publication of the Oral History Project will be held confidential by PCI, except to the extent that they are utilized in, or in the preparation of, the Oral History Project and except as required by court order or law. Upon completion of the project, PCI will redact PII (Personal Identifiable information) from any and all electronic files that we have supplied or were produced by PCI in connection with the production of the Oral History Project.

- 4. I would like to verify or update my information and share a story. How may I do this?**

- If you have received a postcard or an email with a telephone number, you may call the number to speak with a dedicated representative for the Oral History Project. The representative will verify all the information we have on file for you, make any updates where needed, then ask you to share your story about your time with Indiana VFW. Your story will be recorded and the sound clip provided to Indiana VFW at the conclusion of the project.
- If you have received an email with an embedded link, you may go to the online site to review your information and submit a story.
- If you did not receive a postcard or email, you may call the dedicated Indiana VFW update line at 1-866-441-6441.

- 5. Can I choose what information prints in the publication?**

When you call to update your information, you can tell the representative if you prefer any of your information be excluded. You can also communicate your preferences to PCI's customer service helpdesk at 1-800-982-1590 / customerservice@publishingconcepts.com or to the organization directly.

- 6. I updated my information but need some more time to think about what experience to share.**

You can call back at any time until July 22, 2022 to share your story.

- 7. I shared a story and the representative said I could send some photos. How do I do this?**

You will receive an email with a link to upload up to two photos (black and white or color) plus captions.

If you have also purchased a book but do not have an email address on file, you will be sent a photo mailer to send physical photos in to be printed (note: photos will be returned if you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope).

8. Can anyone purchase a book?

The Indiana VFW Oral History Publication is available for sale only to Indiana VFW members.

9. When will I receive my book?

The total duration of the Oral History Project is about 12-14 months. Since we began the project in January 2022, the books will be distributed in January – March 2023.

10. I ordered a book / package over the phone and would like to cancel my order. How do I do this?

Contact PCI's customer service helpdesk at 1-800-982-1590 and they will take care of this for you.

From: "VFW Communications" <Communications@vfw.org>
Subject: VFW Announces Annual Publications Contest
Date: Mon, January 10, 2022 2:31 pm
To: "VFW Communications" <Communications@vfw.org>

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VFW Announces Annual Publications Contest
Submissions must be mailed by April 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Jan. 10, 2022) - The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is now accepting submissions for its 2022 National Publications Contest. VFW publications published up to four times annually, or five or more times annually, will be judged in four categories.

The categories are:

Department-level publications:

- * Newspaper/Newsletter
 - * Defined as being printed on newspaper stock.
- * Best Feature Story
 - * All publications judged together in this category and submitted separately. The story must be a published article of at least 300 words. It can be originally written by your newspaper/magazine staff or by a freelance writer, or be reprinted from a newspaper within your state. Feature articles published in online/electronic newsletters, newspapers or magazines also are eligible, but must be printed in color and submitted via USPS, not email.
- * Magazine
 - * Defined by physical size and paper stock, or designed for online distribution as a PDF. Online/electronic magazines must be printed in color and submitted via USPS, not email.

District/Post-level publications:

- * Overall Design and Content

Each category will be awarded three places: a grand award (first overall), silver (second overall) and bronze (third overall). Grand prize winners will receive a plaque, and the silver and bronze awards will take the form of a certificate suitable for framing.

The VFW Publication Department's awards system conforms to that of professional societies within the association publishing industry: National Mature Media Awards, Association Trends, Society of National Association Publications, Society of Professional Journalists and Communications Concepts. In other words, the same types of awards for which VFW magazine competes.

All entries submitted must have been published sometime between Jan. 1, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2021.

Examples of eligible subjects for the Best Feature submissions include operations of state VA departments, National Guard/Reserve unit deployments overseas, troop-support activities, Department VFW programs, dedication of state memorials and state or local commemorative events for the 50th anniversary of Vietnam. Editorials or opinion articles WILL NOT be considered this year. Articles written by VFW magazine staff and reprinted in District, Post or Department publications will not be considered. Only one issue per publication will be reviewed by judges. DO NOT send multiple editions, as judges will not review all of them.



All entries should be sent directly to the VFW National Headquarters. Similar to last year, the competition will be open to any submission, not just the winning submissions from the Department level. This is to remove any bias at all levels. One copy of each submission should be postmarked by April 1, 2022, to:

Publications Contest
VFW Magazine
406 W. 34th Street, Suite 523
Kansas City, MO 64111

All issues and articles published between Jan. 1, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2021, qualify.

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About the VFW: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in over 6,000 Posts worldwide, the nonprofit veterans service organization is proud to proclaim "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS" than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. For more information, or to join, visit our website at [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org)<<https://www.vfw.org>>.

VFW Contact: Ismael Rodriguez Jr., irodriguez@vfw.org<<mailto:irodriguez@vfw.org>>

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BB GUN SHOOT
Sunday March 13, 2022
12:00 (NOON) – 3:00 PM
VFW POST 2939 IN TELL CITY

**COST IS \$2.00 A ROUND, SHOOT UP
TO 14 ROUNDS**

“ONLY RED RIDER GUNS”

**WIN A RED RIDER BB GUN
AND OTHER PRIZES**

**GUNS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ONE.**

COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!!

**FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE
AVAILABLE.**



VFW State Commander – Richard Leirer
2022-2023 Shirt Order Form
Polo – ¼ Zip Pullover - Oxford



INDIANA

Service ~ Honor ~ Advocacy
22 ~ 23

Orders must be received at HQ by these deadlines to be delivered at the event.
Ordered by April 1st – available at State Convention
Ordered by May 27th – available at National Convention or SOI
Ordered by Aug 20th – LAST ORDER – available at Fall Conference

Name _____
Phone _____ Post # _____
Address _____

Commanders Shirt Logo

Polos, ¼ zip Pullover, Oxford will have Commanders Logo

Navy Blue Men's or Ladies Polo (no pocket – wicking material)(Ladies polo runs small)
Small to XL - \$31 2XL - \$33 3XL - \$35 4XL - \$37 5XL - \$38 American Flag right shoulder Polo + \$6.00
Men's/Ladies Size Quantity Total \$

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Heather-Gray Men's ¼ Zip Pullover Cotton/Pol Pre-shrunk Fleece

Small to XL - \$30 2XL - \$33 3XL - \$36
Men's Size Quantity Total \$

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Light Blue Men's or Ladies Oxford long sleeve Wrinkle-Resistant

Small to XL - \$33 2XL - \$35 3XL - \$37 4XL - \$39 5XL - \$42
Men's Size Quantity Total \$

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Name, VFW title, Post/Aux or Branch of Service embroidered on right chest.
No embroidery on right chest subtract \$4.00

Line #1 NAME _____

Line #2 TITLE _____

Line #3 POST/AUX/BOS _____

Line #4 POST/AUX/BOS _____

Right Sleeve – American Flag(Polo Only) add \$6.00 YES/NO

NO shipping cost unless you want shirts shipped other than VFW HQ!
Shipping for 3 shirts \$8.00 – Any questions call HQ 317-377-1795

SHIPPING \$ =

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
VFW Dept of Indiana

GRAND TOTAL \$ =

Payment with Credit Card

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date _____

Card Number: _____ CCV Code (3 digits) _____

Mail Orders To:
VFW Dept of Indiana
9555 E. 59th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46216

FAX Orders to:
317-377-1797

Email Orders to:
adj@vfwind.org

Question please email adj@vfwind.org or call 317-377-1795

PLEASE DISCARD OLD FORMS THIS IS THE CORRECT FORM



TOTAL

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Asking for your Support for the office of Surgeon for the Department of Indiana 2022-2023

- Gold Legacy Life Member Post 908
- Life Member of National Home for Children
- Member of Military Order of the Cooties
- All State Post Commander two times 2014-2015, 2015-2016
- Current State Rider's Chairman 2016 to current
- All State District 11 Commander 2016-2017
- Current State Conference/Convention Chairman
- Current National Unmet Needs Representative
- National Resolutions Committee 2019
- Special Aide-De-Camp 2018-2019
- National Aide-De-Camp 2019-2020



David earned his eligibility in Desert Shield & Desert Storm 1990-1991. He served with 24th Infantry Division (mechanized) out of Ft. Stewart Georgia.

Loyalty . Integrity . Dedication with Veterans First

ROGER FERGUSON

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



CANDIDATE FOR 2022-2023 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA **SURGEON**

- * REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE 1971-1972
- * VANDERBURG COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL
- * VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2021
- * GOLD LEGACY LIFE MEMBER
- * VFW NATIONAL HOME LIFE MEMBER
- * POST COMMANDER 2020-2022
- * 8TH DISTRICT COMMANDER 2019-2020
- * SOUTHERN MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022
- * HOSPITAL VAVS EVANSVILLE 2021-2022
- * DISCIPLINARY HEARING PANEL MEMBER 2021-2022
- * NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP 2019-2020/2021-2022
- * NATIONAL GEN. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 2021-2022



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DISTRICT 1	J			NA			X
717	JS		X	X			X
802	JSD		X	X			X
1109	JSD		X	X			X
2151	JSD		X				X
2697	JSD		X	X			X
2724	JSD		X	X			X
5365	JS		X				X
6448	JS			X			X
6841	JSD		X	X			X
7881	JS		X				X
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DISTRICT 2				NA			X
748	JSD	\$24.00	X				X
988			X				X
1106		\$9.00					X
1121	JSD		X	X			X
1126	JS	\$23.00					X
1154	JS		X	X			X
1279	JS	\$16.00					X
1343	JSD	\$20.00	X				X
1728	JSD		X	X			X
2231	J	\$17.00	X	X			X
2511	J	\$16.00					X
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985	JSD		X	X			X
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1162	JSD		X	X			X
1954	JS		X				X
2536	JS		X				X
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1421	JS	\$27.00					X
1892	JS						X
2457	JS		X				X
2749	JSD		X				X
3846	J		X				X
4717			X				X
5582	JSD		X	X			X
6236	JS		X				X
6751	JSD		X				X
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1110	JSD		X	X			X
1152	JSD		X	X			X
2067	JSD		X				X
2689	JSD		X	X			X
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2395	JS		X				X
3284	JSD		X				X
3318	J	\$28.00					X
6128	JSD		X	X			
6246	JSD		X				X
6574		\$18.00	X				X
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1111	J			X			X
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1257	J		X				X
1405	JS		X	X			X
2459	JSD		X	X			X
2714	JS		X	X			X
3321	JSD		X				X
5864	JSD		X				X
6606				X			X
6978	JS		X	X			X
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7850	JSD		X	X			X
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673	JSD		X	X			X
1114	JSD		X	X			X
1427	JSD		X	X			X
1693	JSD		X	X			X
1832	JSD		X	X			X
2366	JS		X	X			X
2939	JSD		X	X			X
2950	JSD		X	X			X
2953	J		X				X
3281	JS		X	X			X
3418	JSD		X	X			X
3587	JSD		X	X			X
6160	JSD		X	X			X
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1083		\$10.00	X				X
1686	JSD		X	X			X
1925							X
1969	JSD		X	X			X
1987	JSD		X				X
2014	JSD		X	X			X
2021	JSD		X	X			X
3183	JSD		X	X			X
5396	JSD		X	X			X
6195	JSD		X	X			X
6234	JS		X				X
6582	JS		X	X			X
6636	JSD		X				X
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1108	JSD		X				X
1282	JSD		X	X			X
1472	JSD		X	X			X
2693	JSD		X	X			X
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98	JSD		X	X			X
261	JSD		X	X			X
908	JSD		X	X			X
1120			X				X
1587	JSD		X	X			X
2839	JS		X				X
2999	JSD		X				X
5626	JSD		X	X			X
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