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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February 2020

14 Valentine's Day
17 President's Day

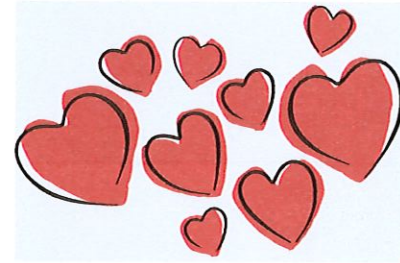


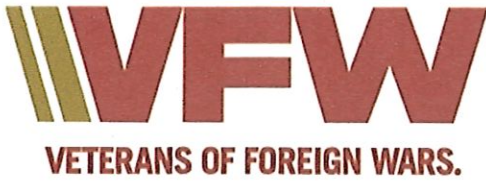
March 2020

1 Eagle Scout Entry to Post
29 Dist 13 Mtg in Hastings Post 1346 to host at the Hastings Public Library at 2:00. **Rep: Joe Smith**
Lunch to follow, Auxiliary same time and place. 314 N Denver Ave.
31 Scholarship Student Applications to Department

April 2020

(T-4) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Jan 1 to March 31)
1 Eagle Scout State Entry to Department
5 Dist 1 Mtg in Gering Post 1681 to host at 1:30. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Joe Smith/Dan Kramer**
5 Dist 15 Mtg in David City Post 5814 to host at the Senior Center 592 D St at 2:00 pm, 1:00 pm registration evening lunch. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Ken Yount**
15 12 Month Program reporting due to Department
19 Dist 3 Mtg in Creighton Post 1151 to host at the Post at 1:00, \$5.00 reg fee, noon lunch.
Auxiliary same time at Creighton Sr Citizen Center, 703 Peabody. **Rep: Joe Smith**
19 Dist 4 Mtg in Imperial Post 4688 to host at 12:00 Mst, \$9.50 reg fee, noon lunch.
Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Dan Kramer**
19 Dist 7 Mtg in Wisner Post 5767 to host at the Post at 1:30, Lunch at 12:30. Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Dionne Gorji
19 Dist 11 Mtg in Taylor Post 6159 to host at the Post at 2:00, \$1.00 reg fee. Lunch to follow. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Jerry Chlopek**
26 Dist 6 Mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at 2:00. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Dan Kramer**
26 Dist 9 Mtg in Lincoln Post 3606 to host at 2:00. Small meal will follow. Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Dionne Gorji
26 Dist 10 Mtg in Omaha Post 2503 to host at 12:30 for awards ceremony and lunch, 2:00 mtg. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Joe Smith**
30 Post Service Officer entry to Department





121st VFW National Convention 2020
July 18-23, 2020 · Reno, NV

Official Hotel Reservation Form

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

INTERNET: Visit the VFW web site at www.vfw.org/convention

TELEPHONE:

Toll-free US: 833.277.7335
International: 801.715.4419
7:00 am to 6:00 pm MT, Mon-Fri

FAX: 801.355.0250

MAIL:

Orchid.Events
175 S. West Temple, Suite 30
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

EMAIL: help@orchid.events

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail or internet by **May 15, 2020**. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

CONFIRMATIONS

Orchid Events will send you an e-mail confirmation of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call Orchid Events at the above listed phone number.

TAX RATE & REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to a room tax up to 13% and a daily \$2 tourism surcharge fee (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed; hotels will do their best to honor requests. Hotels will assign specific rooms upon check-in, based on availability.

**** Please note resort fees may apply.**

ROOM DEPOSIT REQUIRED:

Reservations will not be accepted without a room deposit of one night's room and tax for each room reserved. Room deposits will be accepted in the form of a valid credit card (preferred) with signature authorizing the credit card guarantee to be charged for the deposit. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation. Room Deposits will be accepted by check made payable to "Orchid Events" in the amount of one night's room and tax until June 1, 2020.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after **May 15, 2020** will be subject to a \$50 processing fee. One night's room & tax will be forfeited entirely if cancellation occurs within 72 hours prior to the attendee arrival date and will be charged by your hotel.

GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY AND IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT www.vfw.org/convention OR BY PHONE AT 833.277.7335 (toll-free) OR 801.715.4419 (international).

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____

Zip Code: _____ **Country:** _____

In accordance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) or similar statutes, by checking this box you are consenting to our use of the information you are providing us solely for the purpose of making a hotel room reservation.

HOTEL SELECTION

Each state/department has been assigned a hotel with an allocation of rooms. In the event the allotment has been filled, a room will be reserved at another VFW hotel based on your preference of rates or proximity and availability.

If hotel assignment is sold out, which is more important? (check one) Room Rate Location

State you reside in: _____

Room Type Requested: One Bed Two Beds

Submit only one room request per form, please make copies if additional forms are needed.

List all room occupants:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Check here if you have special needs and specify below.

Non-Smoking Smoking

Special Requests: _____

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

All reservations requests must be accompanied with a one night's room and tax room deposit in the form of a credit card guarantee or check. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

Call me for a valid credit card guarantee. Your hotel reserves the right to charge this card a deposit of one night's room and tax to my credit card on and/or after June 15, 2020 and authorize the participating hotel keep the one nights room & tax charge if I fail to cancel my reservation 72 hours prior to my arrival date. This credit card must be valid through July 2020.

Check deposit of one night's room and tax enclosed and made payable to Orchid Events. Mail check with completed housing form to: Orchid Events, 175 S. West Temple, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Must be received no later than June 1, 2020.

2020 DEPARTMENT HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS

GRAND SIERRA RESORT (VFW HQT)

New York
Virginia
Missouri
Illinois
Delaware
Europe
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont
Alabama
Arkansas
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
West Virginia
Indiana
Iowa
Minnesota
Nebraska
Ohio
South Dakota
Wisconsin

ATLANTIS RESORT (AUXILIARY HQT)

Hawaii
Michigan
Florida
Connecticut
Arizona
Nevada
New Mexico
Utah
Pacific areas
Unaffiliated Posts

NUGGET CASINO RESORT

Alaska
California
Colorado
Idaho
Kansas
Montana
North Dakota
Oregon
Washington
Wyoming

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

VFW 121st NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING Grand Sierra (VFW Headquarter hotel) Reno, NV – July 18-23, 2020

TO: Department Adjutants/Quartermasters
FROM: National Convention Office, VFW
SUBJECT: Convention Housing
DATE: February 10, 2020

The housing assignments for Reno have been finalized. You may now contact the hotel regarding any hospitality arrangements by contacting – **Susan Donahue, #775-789-1105 – Susan.Donahue@GrandSierraResort.com** – *Note: If Susan is unavailable, ask to speak to her assistant Amy Sanchez.*

If you are making housing reservations for your department staff/officers, please fill out the attached form and fax it to: VFW/Orchid Events #801-355-0250. On-line access **will not be open until February 18**. **Housing will hold these and process once the system is opened on 2/18.**

Please review the hotel's smoking policy with your hotel contact.

If you need to know the amenities for your hotel, the phone number is #775-789-2000, www.GrandSierraResort.com

Housing for the 121st National Convention will officially open on **February 18, 2020**. The special convention rates (shown below) are available until **May 15** or **until our block of rooms sells out**. As a reminder, we recommend not waiting until cut-off as there are no guarantees there will be rooms available by that time. **It is always easier to release a room, than it is to get one at the last minute. Reservations cancelled after 5/15/2020 are subject to a \$50 processing fee.**

Rates for:

Tax: 13% Washoe County Room Tax
Resort Fee: \$15 (discounted from normal \$30) per night

Tourism Tax: \$2 daily
Note: Taxes subject to change

Summit Block – Single/Double - \$119 - "The Summit Rooms are our "standard" rooms. Spacious accommodations featuring large flat screen TVs, coffee makers, small refrigerators, granite bathrooms, plush bedding and stunning views."

A Block – Single/Double - \$139 - "Make your luxury escape to the AAA® Four Diamond experience of The A at Grand Sierra. With offerings including decadently comfortable beds, sumptuous fabrics, gorgeous mountain views, HD TV entertainment, and spa-inspired bathroom retreats, The A Tower achieves a unique fusion: metropolitan style and spaciousness meets exclusive mountain aerie coziness."

Triple/Quad rates: \$25 over the listed single/double rate.

Suites: *Hospitality suites; (based on availability)*

Parking: Valet and self-parking, complimentary

You may duplicate the housing form for general use in your Department. The housing bureau requires a **separate form for each room reservation**. Housing forms along with department housing assignments are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with the election report mailing. An electronic version will be available 2/18 on www.vfw.org/convention

No individual, other than the VFW Department, will be able to block more than 5 rooms under one name unless authorized by the VFW department.

Please be advised as a result of your final room block pick-up your department may be eligible for comp rooms based on the amount provided by the hotel contract. It is your responsibility to work directly with the hotels to determine the distribution of these comp rooms prior to your leaving the hotel at the end of the convention. There are no guarantees you will receive your comps if you do not handle this prior to leaving the hotel at the end of the convention.

cc: Department Commander
Department Sr. Vice Commander
Hotel
VFW Housing bureau

All-American Leadership Criteria

The All-American leadership program exists to recognize exceptional leadership, authentic accomplishment in membership growth and VFW core programs.

All-American Post Leadership Criteria

- Membership greater than 100%
- Finish in top 25 posts in your division that meet all the following criteria
 - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Any Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry)
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Any Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry**see last page)
 - National Citizenship Education Teachers Award -- submit an entry in all three categories (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) advanced to District judging (Any Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of each entry)
 - Buddy Poppy- must purchase Buddy Poppies
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$100.
 - National Veterans Service -- Appoint a Post service officer
- **Deadline for VOD, PP and Teacher of the Year submissions and donations in lieu of submissions, will coincide with the Posts' entry deadline of midnight October 31st 2019. Donations after the deadline will not be accepted for participation credit.
- **Donations made to replace a Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, National Citizenship Education Teachers Award and towards Veterans & Military Support Programs Services as listed above will only be accepted through the following link. Do not donate through your Department or by any other means.

https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation

Here is a copy of the Criteria for All-American Post
and a copy of the Membership and State
White Hat Program.

They are separate Programs and you must donate
To both if you want to qualify for either program.

Thank You

National Vets Military Support Chairman: Jeff Baker

2019 - 2020 MEMBERSHIP & WHITE HAT PROGRAM

"The Call That's What Brothers Are For"

Membership Chairmen: Gary Steckelberg and Jerry Ludwig

All State White Hat Competition Guideline (to be awarded at fall District meetings)

ALL STATE CRITERIA: This criteria applies to BOTH the Post Commander and Quartermaster. There will be 22 possible white hat winners. (11 Cmdrs. & 11 QMs) **The items in red are required items.**

1. **Post MUST be 100%, or above, in membership by June 30th, 2020.**
(Post MUST have over 25 members and have at least 1 new or reinstated member)

One extra point will be given for each percentage, or portion thereof, over the 100% level.

2. **Post Commanders and Quartermasters MUST submit the completed Twenty (20) Questions from this program book. Ten (10) points** will be awarded if completed and received at Dept. HQ by Nov. 1st, 2019. **Five (5) points** will be awarded if completed and received at Dept. HQ by Jan. 16th, 2020.
3. Each of the following programs carry a **twenty (20) point value, Post MUST complete a MINIMUM of five (5) of these core programs:**
 - (a) Voice of Democracy Program (VOD)
 - (b) Patriot's Pen Program
 - (c) Citizenship Teacher's Award
 - (d) VFW State Scholarship
 - (e) Military Assistance Program (MAP) Donation by Division
 - (f) Nat'l Veterans Service (appoint a Post Service Officer)
 - (g) Purchase at least five (5) Poppies Per-Member based on June 30, 2019 membership.

Credit will be given for items a, b, c and d above if the Post sends in a donation for the proper amount by Division (see below). MEMBERSHIP WILL BE BROKEN INTO 3 DIVISIONS:

MEMBERS	DIVISION	DONATION
0-100	ONE	\$50.00
101-300	TWO	\$100.00
301 & over	THREE	\$150.00

In lieu of entries for VOD, Patriot's Pen and/or Teacher, donations to these programs may be made for 15 points for each donation made.

4. Sell at least 20 Department of Nebraska raffle calendars. **20 points**
5. **C** Community Service Report. **10 points**
6. Post Trustee reports completed and filed on time, 5 points each. **20 points max.**
 - T1 Apr-Jun T2 Jul-Sep 3 Oct-Dec T4 Jan-Mar
7. **Y** Youth Activities Report. **10 points**
8. **V** Veterans Volunteer Report. **10 points**
9. **B** Post is Bonded according to Nat'l By-Laws. **10 points**
10. **A** Americanism Report. **10 points**
11. Post Cmdr., Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and QM receive 2 points and all other Post members receive 1 point for attendance at the FALL and SPRING meetings. **20 points max.**
12. Prompt payment of all Dept. bills (QM only) **5 points**

MINUTES MID WINTER CONFERENCE

February 8th, 2020 Minutes

Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln NE

Commander Joseph Smith opened the Council meeting at 9:45 A.M. in due form. Adjutant Liebsack called the roll. Excused absent was District 6 Commander Jerome Halladay, Parliamentarian Jim Pierce and Inspector Roger Broeker.

Commander Smith introduced National Chief of Staff Paul Phillips who addressed the group and Nebraska National Council member Larry Gerlt.

A motion was made by State Surgeon Dionne Gorji to dispense with the reading of the rules. Motion seconded by District 10 Commander Chris Beaty, motion carried.

Commander Joe Smith called for reading of the minutes. State Sr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer moved that the minutes be approved and not be read as they were mailed out in the general mailing. Jr. Vice Commander Jerry Chlopek seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Commander Smith called for the reading of the budget report from State Quartermaster John Liebsack. After being read, District 6 Commander Steve Calkin made a motion to approve. Seconded by State Surgeon Dionne Gorji, motion passed.

Membership awards were presented by Membership Chairmen Gary Steckelberg and Jerry Ludwig.

Leaders of the Top District Commanders in the two membership divisions received a check for \$50.00.

Division 1 : **Districts 1, 7, 11, 13, 15**
 District winner is: **District 13, Cmdr Jim Lutz with 91.23%**

Division 2 : **Districts 3, 4, 6, 9, 10**
 District winner is: **District 6, Cmdr Steve Calkin with 91.86%**

District Commanders 100% District inspected by November 1st, received a Polo shirt and a certificate.

District Commanders were: **District 1 Commander Thomas Arends, District 4 Commander Gary E Bush Sr., District 6 Commander Steve Calkin and District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay.**

District Commanders 100% District inspected by January 1st, received a cap and a certificate.

District Commanders were: **District 10 Commander Chris Beaty, District 11 Commander Rex Gallino and District 15 Commander Don Eckstein.**

Convention Corporation member Barry Caster reported on the upcoming dates of Convention and Conferences.

Reports given:

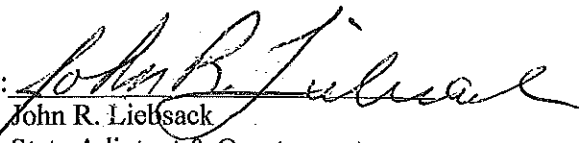
Americanism & Loyalty Day by Dionne Gorji, Buddy Poppy report by Dale Wittrock; By-Laws & Rituals, Community Activities and Volunteer Veterans from Ken Yount; Editor John Liebsack, Homeless Veterans Chairman Jerry Ludwig, Hospital Chairman Mike Medina, Legislative NMS/MAP/Outreach Chairman Jeff Baker; Membership Chairmen Jerry Ludwig and Gary Steckelberg; National Home Chairman and Scholarship Chairman Jerry Chlopek; Photography Dan Petersen; POW/MIA Chairman Gary E Bush Sr.; Sgt-At-Arms Anne Ream; Sports and NE Riders Ronald Packard and Veterans Home Board from Joe Smith.

Quartermaster Liebsack announced ad rates for 2020-2021 office, delegate registration forms and deadline for election reports.

Next meeting will be the State Convention June 5th thru the 7th in Norfolk at the Divots Conference Center.

Meeting closed in due form at 2:00 p.m.

Attest:


John R. Liebsack
State Adjutant & Quartermaster
Department of Nebraska, VFW

Date: 2-10-20