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February 2019

- 2 Norfolk Veterans Home Valentine's Day Party 2:00 p.m. 600 E Benjamin Ave Norfolk, NE
- 3 Central Nebraska Veterans Home Valentine's Day Party 2:00 p.m. 4510 E 56th St Kearney, NE
- 7-9 Mid-Winter The Cornhusker 333 South 13th St Lincoln, NE

March 2019

- 1 Eagle Scout Entry to Post
- 16 Cheyenne VAMC St. Patty's Day Party at 10:30 am 2360 E Pershing Blvd Cheyenne, WY
- 16 Western Nebraska Vets Home St. Patty's Day Party 7:00 pm 1102 W 42nd Scottsbluff, NE
- 17 Hot Springs VAMC St. Patty's Day Party at 11:00 am 500 North 5th St Hot Springs, SD
- 31 Scholarship Student Applications to Department

April 2019

(T-4) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Jan 1 to March 31)

- 1 Eagle Scout State Entry to Department
- 7 Dist 1 Mtg in Gering Post 1681 to host at 1:30. Election of Officers for 2019-2020. Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Mike Dunn
- 7 Dist 6 Mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at the Post at 1:00. Election of Officers, Auxiliary same time and place. Pot luck lunch to follow. **Rep: Bernie Brosnihan**
- 7 Dist 10 Mtg in Omaha Post 2503 to host at 2:00, Auxiliary same time and place. PP & VOD awards will be presented at the Club after the lunch at 12:30. **Rep: Roger Broeker**
- 7 Dist 4 Mtg in Imperial Post 4688 to host at the Post at 1:00. \$8.00 reg fee for lunch. Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Gary E Bush Sr
- 7 Dist 9 Mtg in Lincoln Post 3606 to host at the Post at 2:00. Lunch to follow mtg, Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Joe Smith
- 7 Dist 13 Mtg in Lexington Post 5136 to host at Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles. Snack to follow. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Dan Kramer**
- 7 Dist 7 Mtg in Pender Post 6928 to host at the Community Center at 1:30, lunch to follow. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Jerry Chlopek**
- 14 Dist 11 Mtg in Valentine Post 5138 to host at the Post at 2:00. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Roger Broeker**
- 14 Dist 3 Mtg in Tilden at the Tilden American Legion Post 7603 to host at 12:00 noon lunch Reg fee. \$5.00. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Joe Smith**
- 15 Cut off for All-State Commander & QM for State Convention
- 15 Cut off for Top District Commander for State Convention
- 28 Dist 15 Mtg in Schuyler Post 4836 to host. Reg at 1:30 Mtg at 2:00 Lunch to follow, Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Gary E Bush Sr
- 30 Post Service Officer entry to Department

Roster Book:

Pg 45: Post 5547 QM Garry Hillman 1295 N 32nd Rd Otoe NE 68417 402-269-5669

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MINUTES MID WINTER CONFERENCE

February 9th, 2019 Minutes

Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln NE

Commander Gary E Bush Sr. opened the Council meeting at 9:40 A.M. in due form. Adjutant Liebsack called the roll. Excused absent was District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji.

Commander Bush introduced Jr. Vice Commander in Chief Hal Roesch II who addressed the group and Nebraska National Council member John Iossi.

Parliamentarian Jim Pierce to read the rules of conduct for the meeting. A motion was made by State Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith to dispense with the reading of the rules. Motion seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer, motion carried.

Commander Gary E Bush Sr. called for reading of the minutes. State Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith moved that the minutes be approved with the correction of \$2,000.00 instead of \$1800.00 presented to the Bus fund program from the Golf tournament and not be read as they were mailed out in the general mailing. Jr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Commander Bush called for the reading of the budget report from State Quartermaster John Liebsack. State Judge Advocate Jerry Chlopek made a motion to approve. Seconded by Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith, motion passed.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster discussed support of the legislative bill for VFW license plates. State Sr. Vice Commander Joe Smith made a motion to support the bill. Seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Dan Kramer, motion passed.

Membership awards were presented by Membership Chairman Joe Smith.

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 95.68%**

Division 2 : Districts 3, 4, 6, 9, 10

District winner is: **District 4, Cmdr Joe Peters with 92.73%**

Commander Gary E Bush Sr. called for the Inspection report and awards were presented by Inspector Roger Broeker.

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

District Commanders were: **District 1 Commander Thomas Arends, District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay and District 10 Commander Chris Beaty.**

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

District Commanders were: **District 11 Commander Ken Yount and District 15 Commander Don Hilger.**

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

Reports given:

VOD, Patriot Pen, Youth Activities and Teachers by John Iossi; Americanism & Loyalty Day by Ann Thieman, Buddy Poppy report by Dale Wittrock; By-Laws & Rituals, Community Activities and Scholarship Chairman Jerry Chlopek; Editor John Liebsack, Homeless Veterans Chairman Jerry Ludwig, Legislative Federal Richard Morrison; Legislative NMS/MAP/Outreach Chairman Jeff Baker; Membership Chairman Joe Smith; National Home Chairman Dan Kramer; Parliamentarian Jim Pierce; Photography Dan Petersen; POW/MIA Chairman Gary E Bush Sr.; Sgt-At-Arms Chuck Roberts.

A motion was made to have the VFW Dart Tournament in Kearney on June 1st, 2019 by District 13 Commander Jim Lutz. Seconded by District 10 Commander Chris Beaty, motion carried.

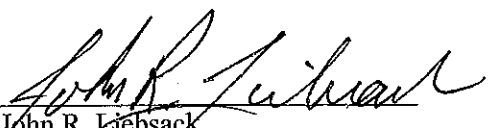
Finishing up reports were Veterans Home Board Joe Smith and John Liebsack; Volunteer Veterans Chairman Mike Dunn; Women's Veteran by Anne Ream and the District Commanders.

Quartermaster Liebsack announced ad rates for 2019-2020 office, delegate registration forms and deadline for election reports.

Next meeting will be the State Convention June 7th thru the 9th in Omaha at the Comfort Inn and Suites.

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

Attest:


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

Date:

2-25-2019



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**VFW 120th NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING
Rosen Inn Pointe Orlando
Orlando, Florida – July 20-24, 2019**

TO: Department Adjutants/Quartermasters
FROM: National Convention Office, VFW
SUBJECT: Convention Housing
DATE: February 9, 2019

The housing assignments for Orlando have been finalized.

If you are making housing reservations for your department staff/officers, please fill out the attached form and fax it to VFW housing at: 816-691-3880. On-line access will **not** be open until **February 15.**

Each hotel's policy is different with regard to food and beverage.

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 407-996-8585

www.roseninns.com

Housing for the 120th National Convention will officially open on **February 15, 2019.** The special convention rates (shown below) are available until **June 14** or until our block of rooms sells out. As a reminder, we recommend not waiting until hotel 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.**

Rates for: Tax: 12.5%

Single/double: \$99
Triple \$119
Quad \$139

Suites: *There are no suites at this hotel. There are limited options (public Space) and the hotel is willing to work on some other options that could potentially be used for hospitality. You may contact **Nancy Ryan, Director of Sales at 407-996-3144 nryan@RosenInns.com** to discuss those options.*

Parking: Complimentary Self-parking

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 2/15 on www.vfw.org

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 Department 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 hotel 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



120th VFW National Convention 2019
July 20-24, 2019 · Orlando, FL

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.

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 **June 14, 2019**. 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 12.5% and 1% OCCC 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.

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 3, 2019.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after **June 14, 2019** will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. One night's room & tax will be forfeited entirely if cancellation occurs within 5 days 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 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) 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.

Special Requests: _____

NOTE: All hotels are non-smoking properties. All have designated outdoor smoking areas.

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 14, 2019 and authorize the participating hotel keep the one nights room & tax charge if I fail to cancel my reservation 5 days prior to my arrival date. This credit card must be valid through July 2019.

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 3, 2019.

2019 DEPARTMENT HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS

ROSEN CENTRE (VFW HQT)

New Mexico
New York
Virginia
Missouri
Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Idaho
Kansas
Montana
Nevada
North Dakota
Oregon
Pacific Areas
Utah
Washington
Wyoming
Delaware
Europe
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont

ROSEN PLAZA (Auxiliary HQT)

Maryland
Hawaii
Connecticut
Michigan
Alabama
Florida
Georgia
Louisiana
North Carolina
South Carolina
West Virginia
Texas

ROSEN INN AT POINTE ORLANDO

Arkansas
Kentucky
Mississippi
Tennessee
Oklahoma
Iowa
Minnesota
Nebraska
Wisconsin
South Dakota
Unaffiliated Posts

ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK

Illinois
Indiana
Ohio

Trudie Hammers

From: johnl@vfwne.org
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:11 AM
To: AA Trudie Hammers; AAA Jody Sullivan
Subject: FW: ****IMPORTANT ORLANDO HOUSING INFORMATION***
Attachments: 3LA_ORLANDO19AQHousingAssignsMemoROSEN INN PTE ORLANDO.doc; 120th VFW National Convention 2019- General Form (Final).doc; DEPARTMENT HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS 2019.doc

Importance: High

From: Vanessa Kane <VKane@vfw.org>
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Christine Oldham, Adjutant/Quartermaster AR <headquarters@arkansasvfw.org>; James Mac Donald, Adjutant/Quartermaster KY <vfwdptky@mw.twcabc.com>; Danny Williams, Adjutant/Quartermaster MS <adjutant@vfwms.us>; John Scott, Adjutant/Quartermaster TN <tnvfw@att.net>; Curtis Watts, Adjutant/Quartermaster OK <VFWHQOK@outlook.com>; Jerry Black, Adjutant/Quartermaster IA <vfw Iowa@qwestoffice.net>; Jerrold Brletich, Quartermaster MN <vfwmn@aol.com>; John Liebsack, Adjutant/Quartermaster NE <johnl@vfwne.org>; David Green, Adjutant WI <adj@vfwwi.org>; Thomas Heath, Quartermaster WI <qm@vfwwi.org>; Darwin Tolzin, Adjutant/Quartermaster SD <dtolzin@brookings.net>
Cc: Susie Brenner <susie@orchid.events>; Nancy Ryan <NRyan@RosenInns.com>; Jan Owens <JOwens@vfwauxiliary.org>; William Beams, Sr. Vice AR <williambeams@att.net>; Michael Griffin, Commander AR <michael.r.griffin@gmail.com>; Bruce Unland, Sr. Vice KY <bunland@yahoo.com>; Robert Daugherty, Commander KY <docdaugh@gmail.com>; Stephan Trochessett, Sr. Vice MS <Marine03Vet@gmail.com>; Douglas Lee, Commander MS <doglee@cableone.net>; Lloyd Hansen, Sr. Vice TN <marinehansen22@gmail.com>; Michael Rhew, Commander TN <michaelrhew@bellsouth.net>; Darryl Mabry, Sr. Vice OK <darrylmabry91@gmail.com>; Coral Porch, Commander OK <coraldenise2@yahoo.com>; Russell Saffell, Sr. Vice IA <resaffell007@gmail.com>; Carol Whitmore, Commander IA <whitmorebc@aol.com>; Chad Solheid, Sr. Vice MN <solheidca@hotmail.com>; Thomas Hanson, Commander MN <thomashanson52@gmail.com>; Joseph Smith, Sr. Vice NE <jesmithess@msn.com>; Gary Bush, Commander NE <commanderbushvfw@gmail.com>; Donald Lynch, Sr. Vice WI <cootielynych@yahoo.com>; Gundel Metz, Commander WI <gmem@tds.net>; Sean Johnson, Sr. Vice SD <seanjohnson@abe.midco.net>; Jackie Frisby-Griffin, Commander SD <danny.frisby-griffin@outlook.com>
Subject: ****IMPORTANT ORLANDO HOUSING INFORMATION***
Importance: High

Good afternoon:

Housing assignments for the VFW 120th National convention in **Orlando, Florida** have been completed.

Attached you will find the following documents:

- Department Housing Memo
- Housing reservation form
- List VFW Department Hotel Assignments

You may begin making advance reservations for your department suites/hospitalities (*based on the specific hotel's suite availability and if applicable*)/commanders/presidents immediately via fax. **General reservations open the week of**

2/15. Your department reservations will be processed first. I am providing the hotel contact with a list of A/Qs as VFW department contacts.

If you fax your housing forms, please do not mail, keep a copy for your records.

Once the reservations are input into the housing system, and if you have provided an email address, you will receive an acknowledgement of that reservation. When housing officially opens **2/15** reservations may be made by phone (833-277-7335)- 9a-8p ET, M-Fri., International: 801-715-4419 – 7a-6p, M-Fri.. MT, mail, fax (801-355-0250) or via the internet through the convention web site located at www.vfw.org.

Please note multiple reservations policy: No individual, is authorized to hold more than 5 rooms using one name for that multiple reservation, unless approved by the Department Adjutant or Quartermaster.

The department Commander and Sr. Vice are copied on this email.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact me.

We look forward to a successful 120th National Convention in Orlando in July!

Regards,

Vanessa

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