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CALENDAR OF EVENTS As of 03-16-2017

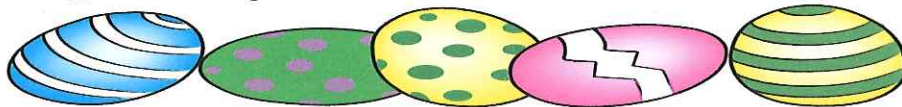
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March 2017

- 18 Cheyenne VA Medical Center St. Patty's Day Party at 9:00 am 2360 E Pershing Blvd Cheyenne WY
- 18 Scottsbluff Veterans Home St. Patty's Day Party at 7:00 pm 1102 W 42nd St Scottsbluff NE
- 19 Hot Springs VA Medical Center St. Patty's Day Party at 11:00 am 500 North 5th St Hot Springs SD
- 31 Scholarship Student application to Department

April 2017



- (T-4) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Jan to March 31)
- 1 Eagle Scout State Entry to Department
- 2 Dist 13 Mtg in Red Cloud Post 5641 to host at the Community Center at 2:00. Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Roger Broeker
- 9 Dist 15 Mtg in David City Post 5814 to host at the Senior Center at 1:30 Reg starts at 2:00 \$5.00 reg fee. Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Evening lunch to follow. **Rep: Joe Smith**
- 9 Dist 10 Mtg in Omaha at post 247 at 2:00 Auxiliary to meet same time and place. **Rep: Jim Pierce**
- 9 Dist 11 Mtg in Ord Post 7029 to host at the Club at 2:00 \$1.00 reg fee Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Lunch to follow.
Rep: Gary Bush
- 15 Cut Off (for all Awards State Convention June 8-11, 2017)
- 15 Top District Commander---State Convention
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 23 Dist 1 Mtg in Gering at Post 1681 at 12:00 for lunch \$5.00 reg meeting to follow at 1:00. Auxiliary to meet same time and place. **Rep: Larry Gerlt**
- 23 Dist 4 Mtg in Ogallala Post 3755 to host at Front Street Steakhouse 519 E 1st St at 12:00 mst Reg fee \$7.50 for meal. Auxiliary same time and place. **Rep: Gary Bush**
- 23 Dist 7 Mtg in Ft. Calhoun Post 5637 to host at Am Legion Hall at 1:30. Auxiliary to meet same time and place. Lunch to follow. **Rep: Jerry Ludwig**
- 23 Dist 3 Mtg in Hartington Post 5283 to host at the VFW Hall at 1:00 \$5.00 Reg fee. Auxiliary same time and place.
Rep: Joe Smith
- 23 Dist 9 Mtg in Seward Post 4755 to host at the Post at 2:00 Auxiliary same time and place, lunch to follow. **Rep: Dave Beran**
- 30 Dist 6 Mtg in Beatrice Post 1077 to host at the Post at 2:00 Auxiliary same time and place. Potluck lunch to follow meeting.
Rep: John Liebsack
- 30 Post Service Officer entry to Department

May 1, 2017 Cut Off For Election Reports!!!!

- 1 Americanism—Post Scrap Book to Department
- 1 Blood Report
- 1 Chaplain Memorial Record to Department
- 1 Community Service Record Book to Department
- 1 Loyalty Day (May1, 2016 activity) – Record book to Department
- 1 Post Color Guard Report to Department
- 1 Youth Activities—Post Scrap Book to Department
- 1 Volunteer of the Year (Letter of Nomination)
- 1 6 month Community Service Report (November to April)
- 15 Delegate Registration due to Department



June 2017

8-11 State Convention Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center 110 S 2nd Kearney, NE Reservation form enclosed

VFW Nebraska State Convention

June 8-11, 2017

Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center

110 S 2nd Kearney, NE

Room Rates: \$99.95+tax

Call Department or mail in form for Reservations!!

VFW Department of Nebraska 2431 N. 48th St. Lincoln, NE 68504

402-464-0674

email to: trudie@vfwne.org

Deadline for Reservations is May 10, 2017

Personal and Billing Information	
Traveler name	
E-mail	
Post	
Phone	
Billing address	
Badge name(s)	
Credit card number	
Credit card expiration date	
Lodging Information	
Destination	Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center
Check in date?	
Check out date?	
Cost per night	\$99.95 + tax
Number of people	
Room preference (e.g., king, double, single)	
Special requests?	

MINUTES MID WINTER CONFERENCE (AMMENDED)

February 24th, 2017 Minutes

Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln NE

Commander Doug Whitaker opened the Council meeting at 9:00 A.M. in due form. Adjutant Liebsack called the roll. Motion was made by State Judge Advocate to excuse Chief of Staff Sam DeJohn for illness. Seconded by District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, motion carried. Absent also was District 15 Commander Bryce Preister. Motion was made by State Judge Advocate Joe Smith to remove him from office. Motion was seconded by District 6 Commander Steve Calkins, motion passed unanimously.

Commander Doug Whitaker introduced Assistant Adjutant General, Administration and Programs Kevin Jones who addressed the group. The VFW website was discussed after Kevin Jones addressed the group.

Parliamentarian Jim Pierce to read the rules of conduct for the meeting. A motion was made by State Sr. Vice Commander Larry Gerlt to dispense with the reading of the rules. Motion seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Gary E Bush Sr., motion carried.

Commander Doug Whitaker called for reading of the minutes. State Judge Advocate Joe Smith moved that the minutes be approved and not be read as they were mailed out in the general mailing. District 13 Commander Jim Lutz seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Commander Whitaker called for the budget report. Sr. Vice Commander Larry Gerlt made a motion to dispense with the reading and to pass out and review. Seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Gary E Bush Sr., motion passed. Judge Advocate Joe Smith moved for the approval of the budget report. Seconded by Sr. Vice Commander Larry Gerlt. Motion passed without opposition.

Commander Whitaker called on State Quartermaster Liebsack to discuss Publishing Concepts Inc. Judge Advocate Joe Smith made a motion to not sign contract for at least 2 years. District 6 Commander Steve Calkin seconded and motion passed.

Commander Whitaker called on AmVets Executive Director Mike Sweeney to report on Amvets Carillon project. After a brief discussion, a recommendation to make a donation to the project was made. Commander Whitaker asked Adjutant/Quartermaster Liebsack for a recommended amount. Adjutant/Quartermaster Liebsack suggested \$2,500.00. A motion was made to approve the donation by Judge Advocate Joe Smith. Seconded by Sr. Vice Commander Larry Gerlt, motion carried.

Membership report was given and awards were presented by Membership Chairman Larry Gerlt.

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 95.20%**

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

District winner is: **District 3, Cmdr Leroy Clausen with 92.83%**

Commander Doug Whitaker called for the Inspection report and awards were presented by Inspector Roger Broeker and Membership Chairman Larry Gerlt.

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

District Commanders were: **District 1 Commander Thomas Arends, District 3 Commander Leroy Clausen, District 4 Commander P.J. Pajerski, District 7 Commander Jerry Halladay and District 11 Commander Russell Horst.**

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

District Commanders were: **District 6 Commander Steve Calkin, District 9 Commander Dionne Gorji, District 10 Commander Ron Sibal and District 13 Commander James Lutz.**

Convention Corporation Barry Caster Chairman, members Mike Sweeney and Dave Beran reported on the upcoming dates of Convention and Conferences.

Reports given:

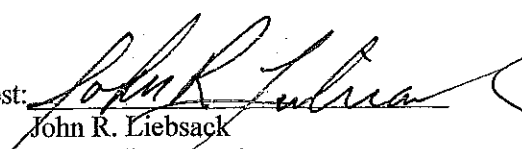
VOD, Patriot Pen, Youth Activities and Teachers by John Iossi; Buddy Poppy report by Dale Wittrock; Americanism & Loyalty Day report by Jerry Chlopek; Chaplain & Homeless Vets Jerry Ludwig; Hospital Chairman Mike Medina; Legislative Federal Richard Morrison; State Legislative Jeff Baker; National Home Chairman Gary E Bush Sr.; POW/MIA Chairman Dave Beran; Scholarship by Jerry Chlopek; Scouting Chairman Larry Gerlt; Volunteer Veterans Chairman Mike Dunn and Womens Veteran by Anne Ream.

Quartermaster Liebsack announced ad rates for 2017-2018 office, delegate registration forms and deadline for election reports.

Next meeting will be the State Convention June 8th thru the 11th, in Kearney NE at the Holiday Inn at 102 S 2nd Ave.

Meeting closed in due form at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:


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

Date: 2-24-17



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

**VFW 118th NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING
New Orleans Marriott
New Orleans, LA – July 22-26, 2017**

TO: Department Adjutants/Quartermasters
FROM: National Convention Office, VFW
SUBJECT: Convention Housing
DATE: February 7, 2017

The housing assignments for New Orleans are finalized. You may now contact the hotel regarding any hospitality arrangements by contacting – Jessica Held, Event Manager- Jessica.Held@Marriott.com - #504-553-5376

If you are making housing reservations for your department staff/officers, please fill out the attached form and fax it to Orchid Event Solutions/VFW housing at: 801-355-0250. On-line access will **not** be open until **February 21**.

Each hotel's policy is different with regard to food and beverage. To assist you with controlling expenses for your hospitality suites (if applicable), the following Food & Beverage clause has been contracted with the hotel:

Food & Beverage

Hotel will provide special pricing of 20% over cost (hotel's actual purchase prices) of liquor (liquor, beer, wine) for hospitality suites (for VFW Departments assigned to hotel) during the conference. Service charges to be charged on discounted pricing. In addition, hotel will provide special pricing of 10% off of food pricing for hospitality suites. In addition, hotel will allow persons attending the conference to bring food and beverages into their personal hospitality suites in a manner suitable to the hotel and to the VFW. Department contact names for hospitality suite arrangements will be provided to the hotel at least 90 days prior to the actual convention dates and at such time as the specific department housing assignments have been completed. Additional surcharges may apply in hospitality suites which outside food and beverage is brought into the hotel such as clean-up etc.

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 504-581-1000
www.marriott.com/MSYLA

Housing for the 118th National Convention will officially open on **February 21, 2017**. The special convention rates (shown below) are available until **June 9** 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

Rates for:

Tax: 15.75% + \$3.00 tourism fee per night

Single: \$144
Double: \$154
Triple: \$164
Quad: \$174

Suites: *Limited availability as Marriott is VFW Auxiliary Headquarters hotel – Check with Event Manager for types and rates.*

Parking: Valet - \$12-42 plus tax (*depending on length of parking*)
Overnight parking: \$42 plus tax

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 on 2/21 with the election report mailing. An electronic version will be available 2/21 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 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



118th VFW National Convention 2017
July 22-26, 2017 · New Orleans, LA
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: 800-873-7265
International: 801-214-7275
7:00 am to 6:00 pm MT, Mon-Fri

FAX: 801-355-0250

MAIL:

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

EMAIL:

help@orchideventsolutions.com

DEADLINE

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail or internet by June 9, 2017. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

CONFIRMATIONS

Orchid Event Solutions 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 Event Solutions at the above listed phone number. You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.

TAX RATE & REQUESTS

All rates are per room and are subject to 15.75% room tax and \$2 or \$3 occupancy tax per night (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 \$150 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 Event Solutions" in the amount of \$150 until June 9, 2017.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after June 9, 2017 will be subject to a \$25 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 OR BY PHONE AT 800-873-7265 (toll-free) OR 801-214-7275 (international).

Arrival Date: Departure Date:

First Name: Last Name:

Email Address:

Daytime Phone: Fax:

Company:

Address:

Address 2:

City: State/Province:

Zip Code: Country:

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 \$150 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.

Visa American Express Discover MasterCard

Card Number: Exp. Date:

Name on Credit Card:

Cardholder's Signature*:

I hereby authorize the participating hotel to charge a deposit of \$150 to my credit card on and/or after June 9, 2017 and authorize the participating hotel keep the \$150 or a one nights room & tax charge whichever is greater if I fail to cancel my reservation 72 hours prior to my arrival date.

Check deposit of \$150 enclosed and made payable to Orchid Event Solutions. Mail check with completed housing form to: Orchid Event Solutions 175 S. West Temple, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Must be received no later than June 9, 2017.

2017 DEPARTMENT HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS (VFW HQT)

Kentucky
Ohio
New Mexico
Missouri
Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Tennessee
Texas
West Virginia
Unaffiliated Posts

MARRIOTT NEW ORLEANS (Auxiliary HQT)

Illinois
Virginia
Maryland
South Carolina
Indiana
Iowa
Michigan
Minnesota
Nebraska
South Dakota
Wisconsin
Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana

HILTON RIVERSIDE

New Jersey
Kansas
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North Dakota
Oregon
Pacific Areas
Utah
Washington
Wyoming
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Europe
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont

Buddy Poppy

“To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.”

The Manual of Procedure provides that post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Youth Essay, Citizenship Education, and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairman guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organization, exempt from taxes under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of “Buddy” Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the post general fund.



VFW Meeting Schedule



2017



State Convention

June 8th thru 11th, 2017

Holiday Inn at 110 S. 2nd Street Kearney NE

Room Rates: \$99.95 + TAX

Council Meeting and August Training

August 5th VFW Post 4755 to Host at

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford Street

Fall Council of Administration & Homecoming

October 6-7, 2017

Motel: Comfort Inn 7007 Grover St Omaha NE

Room Rates: \$82.00 + tax