

Mail Call



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Louisiana

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Upcoming Events:

CofA/School of Instructions
August 14-15, 2021
Holiday Inn Alexandria, LA

VFW Riders Event
August 27-29, 2021

*See Flyer on Page 9 for more information!

Southern Conference
November 18-20, 2021
Hilton head Island, SC

Mid Winter Conference
January 27-30, 2022
Holiday Inn Alexandria, LA

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"Building The Tribe"

**State Commander
Tim Sloan**

District Meeting Dates:

DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:

Sept 11, 2021 Post 3267
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon
Jan 8, 2022 Post 3267
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon
May 7, 2022 Post 3267
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS:

Sept 25, 2021 Post 5097
 Registration 9:00 am
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am
 Meeting 10:30 am
 Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon
Jan 15, 2022 Post 5097
 Registration 9:00 am
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am
 Meeting 10:30 am
 Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon
May 22, 2022 Post 5097
 Registration 9:00 am
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am
 Meeting 10:30 am
 Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS:

Sept 11, 2021 Post 1982
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon
Nov 6, 2021 Post 9822
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon
Feb 2, 2022 Post 12065
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon
May 14, 2022 Post 4158
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS:

Aug 28, 2021 Post 9854
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch 12:00noon
Nov 13, 2021 Post 7321
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch 12:00noon
April 9, 2022 Post 3619
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch 12:00noon

DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:

Aug 21, 2021 Post 5153
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (Free)
Nov 13, 2021 Post 6720
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$10.00)
May 14, 2022 Post 8971
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$10.00)

DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:

Aug 28, 2021 Post 4224
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon
Nov 20, 2021 Post 3784
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon
Mar 12, 2022 Post 3693
 Registration 9:00 am
 Meeting 10:00 am
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:

Sept 18, 2021 Post 8720
 Registration 9:00 am
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am
 Meeting 11:00 am
 Lunch 12:00noon

DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS:

Sept 25, 2021 Post 3139
 Registration 10:00 am
 Meeting 11:00 am
 Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon
Feb 5, 2022 TBA
 Registration 10:00 am
 Meeting 11:00 am
 Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon
May 14, 2022 TBA
 Registration 10:00 am
 Meeting 11:00 am
 Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 11 MEETINGS:

Aug 21, 2021 Post 4317
 Registration 10:30 am
 Meeting 11:00 am
 Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon
Jan 8, 2022 Post 3615
 Registration 10:30 am
 Meeting 11:00 am
 Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon
May 15, 2022 Post 1809
 Registration 10:30 am
 Meeting 11:00 am
 Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 12 MEETINGS:

Sept 11, 2021 Post 5951
 Registration 9:00 a.m.
 Meeting 10:00 a.m.
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00 noon
Jan 8, 2022 Post 5187
 Registration 9:00 a.m.
 Meeting 10:00 a.m.
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00 noon
May 7, 2022 Post 4588
 Registration 9:00 a.m.
 Meeting 10:00 a.m.
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00 noon

District Training Dates:

District's 2, 3, 4, 8, & 9
Sept. 25, 2021
Post 3750
9:00 a.m.

District's 7 & 10
Sept. 18, 2021
Post 3106
9:00 a.m.

District's 11 & 12
Aug 21, 2021
Post 4588
9:00 a.m

Congratulations to the following District and Post for receiving All American for 2020-2021!

Past Department Commander—Bobby Lovergne

DISTRICTS - 2,3,5,7,8,9,10,11,12

POSTS -

1809,3139,3337,3619,3665,4317,5951,8720,8971,9854,12182

all finished in the Top 25 of their Divisions

POSTS - 3106,3267,3615,3750,4588,5153,5735,8290,8538,9903
completed all requirements and are identified as All American

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
& PATRIOT'S PEN:**

The first day of school is just right around the corner. Be sure to get your VOD & Patriot's Pen Student Entry Forms ready to be handed out at the school! Now is the time to start promoting our Youth Programs.

*You can download entry forms at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

REMINDER: STUDENT ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED INTO THE POST BY OCT. 31ST AND THE POST MUST COMPLETE JUDGING BY NOVEMBER 15TH.

**AUGUST COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION
PACKETS:**

****EACH POST COMMANDER WILL RECEIVE A PACKET DURING THE CofA. THE PACKET WILL CONTAIN A FLASH DRIVE WITH THE NEW LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY FOR THIS YEAR AS WELL AS MANY FORMS THAT THE POST WILL NEED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT EACH POST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE FORMS AND INFORMATION ON THE FLASH DRIVE!**

POST BONDS:

REMINDER Bonds are due Sept 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 year!

Bond Cost:

\$7.00 per 1,000

Example: 3,000 Bond would Cost \$21.00.

A Bond Application MUST be filled out when sending payment for the bond!

See Bond Application in this months mail call!

Post Insurance:

It's the conversations and relationships that happen in local Posts that make it critical to maintain and protect your Post. Learn how to manage the risks associated with your Post operations. Your Post may have coverage needs that include:

- Property Insurance to protect against loss or damage to the Post home, its contents and other Post-owned property.
- General Liability Insurance for the Post and its members to cover bodily injury or property damage and defense costs related to a liability claim.
- Liquor Liability Insurance for any Post that sells alcohol and may end up legally obligated to pay damages as a result.
- Workers' Compensation Insurance to cover medical expenses and lost wages in the event of on-the-job injuries to employees and volunteers.
- Business Auto Liability Insurance for any automobiles the Post owns.
- Employee Dishonesty Insurance to cover the theft of money or other property by employees or volunteers.
- Special Events Coverage to protect the Post when it hosts or sponsors functions such as a parade, bingo, picnic, reception or fundraiser.
- Umbrella Liability Insurance in excess of your Post's primary liability policy to cover larger claims.
- Surety Bonds, also known as Tax & Gambling Bonds, to guarantee your required obligations to other parties.

Let the team at Lockton Affinity build a customized insurance package just for your Post.

REMINDER:

When a Post signs up a new member they owe the Department \$2.00 for every new member. This is consider the Admission Fee in accordance with VFW By Laws!

Community Service Reporting:

All reports to be submitted online. Any questions contact State Chairman, Shane Fowler vfwlacommunityservice@gmail.com

*Any National Veterans & Military Service reporting information, please send a copy to State Chairman, Paul Hamburger

173 Cherokee Dr., Abita Springs, LA 70420

Email: vfwanvms@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT WWW.VFW.ORG AND CLICK ON THE PROGRAM SECTION! Note all deadline dates!

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON FACEBOOK, PLEASE GO LIKE OUR PAGE TO BE UPDATED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION!



Future National Convention Dates:

July 16-21, 2022

Kansas City, MO

July 22-27 , 2023

Phoenix, AZ

July 27-Aug 1, 2024

Louisville, KY

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The previously known "Post Activity Report" is NOW known as the Good Standing Report. You can find this report by logging into the Members only section of the Departments website. Once you have logged in, you will be able to click on the Good Standing Report of Post Projects.

Department Conference/ Convention Dates:

2021-2022

CofA

August 14-15, 2021

Mid Winter

January 27-30, 2022

State Convention

June 16-19, 2022

2022-2023

CofA

August 12-14, 2022

Mid Winter

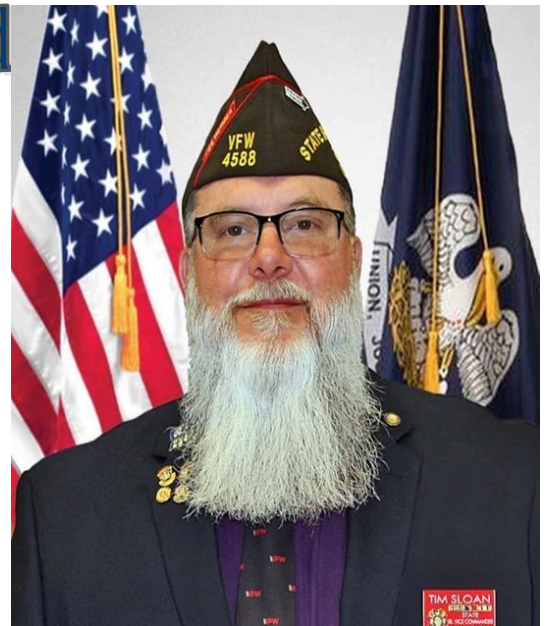
January 26-29, 2023

State Convention

June 15-18, 2023

From the desk of the State Command

We have been working hard in our communities in our first month of this new year. So far, I see us continuing the great work from last year. Many have just returned from our National Convention near the VFW National Headquarters, where Louisiana was well represented and was awarded for our hard work last year. I would like to congratulate Past Department Commander Bobby Lovergne, along with all of the District Commanders and the Post Commanders who with the help of the membership earned the All-American title. I would also like to congratulate Past Department Commander Ray Bass on receiving his Triple Crown Award. Lastly, I want to give a special congratulations to the Cole-Miers Post 3619, DeRidder for earning the 2021 VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award. These all show what our state is capable of, especially in time of turmoil.



**State Commander
Tim Sloan**

The Covid Pandemic did not stop us from serving last year and it will not stop us this year. As we continue to get out and work in our communities, please remember that we are coming back into an upsurge in Covid cases. Please take the proper precautions. There are many ways to get our programs out into our communities. One way is by using our social media platforms. For example, showcase what we have to offer to our youth and their parents through our Facebook pages and other social media marketing. We have become well versed in thinking outside of the box and getting our programs out to the people who benefit. Keep it up! If you need help with this please ask.

We are continuing our Multi-District Training this year. We have three weekends scheduled and will be starting after the Department School of Instruction with Districts 11 and 12 later in August. Get the dates and locations out to all your post members so that everyone can get in on the training. As you go through your 2021-2022 Commanders Book, make sure to get the program due dates out to your membership and take note of the changes in the different programs.

Get started early so you can finish early with your programs, membership, and your projects to help our veterans, families, military members, and our communities and continue Building the Tribe.

And with that I will leave you with a quote. "Life's most urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" -Martin Luther King Jr.

See you around the state!

A note from the State Sr. Vice Commander...

Everything is set now. A new National Commander-in-Chief, Fritz Mihelcic, a new State Commander, Tim Sloan and a new year for all. Leadership in all Louisiana Posts are in place, and we are ready for a great 2021-2022 year without Covid and hopefully without hurricanes.

The plan for all posts should be to achieve All-American. It was with great pride this past weekend to watch our All-American Posts and Districts as well as our Past State Commander, Bobby Lovergne as they walked across the stage at the National Convention to receive their rightful honors. Post 3619 Deridder was recognized as the Outstanding Community Service Post for 2020-2021 and we should all take pride in this outstanding achievement of a Louisiana VFW Post.

Louisiana demonstrated to the world this past year that we are among the strongest of all Departments. Covid and five hurricanes could not keep us from doing our best to serve our Veterans and communities. Now is the time to take our strength to a higher level and show the world again that Louisiana is a leader that keeps on giving.

My pledge to all of you, as the State Senior Vice Commander is to give you all the help I can to get you on the stage next year. You will be seeing me at the C-of-A this month in Alexandria and in the District meetings scheduled over the next couple of months. You will also see me at the training meetings and some of you will see me at your post meetings as I continue to visit our State Posts. Please reach out to me and let me know what I can do to help you and the State make All-American again this year.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and communities.



**State Sr. Vice Cmdr
Don Reber**

A note from the State Jr. Vice Commander....

It is difficult to believe it is August already. Many of us just attended the 122nd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, MO. Join us in congratulating our new National Commanders. Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic, Commander-in-Chief; Timothy Borland, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; & Duane Sarmiento, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I look forward to a great year ahead with these qualified leaders guiding us at the national level along with the strong VFW leadership we have here in Louisiana.

I was extremely honored to be a small part of the Louisiana representation at the National Convention. I can tell you that Louisiana was well represented. More importantly the great work being done in our state was also recognized at the National level. Help me congratulate Cole-Miers VFW Post 3619 in DeRidder as one example of national recognition LA received. Post 3619 was selected to receive the 2021 VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award! OUTSTANDING! This national recognition is for unique and outstanding community service projects and was presented to only one Post worldwide. What an honor to have a Louisiana Post win this prestigious award. Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle said, "There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." Proud to be a member of the Louisiana VFW team which, in my opinion, is overflowing with strong hearts & volunteer spirits.

Congratulations to Past State Commander, Bobby Lovergne, who walked across the stage at the National Convention and was presented with the All American State Commander designation. Well deserved! Bobby was joined by many District & Post Commanders present at the convention who also earned All American and finished in the Top 25 of their Divisions. Past State Commander Ray Bass also earned his Triple Crown by becoming an All American District Commander this year. In total for 2020-21 Louisiana had 21 Posts and 9 Districts qualify for All American. That number tells us Louisiana has many dedicated VFW members working their programs and getting the job done.

Speaking of programs, it is time again to get ready for our Americanism programs. Some schools have already started and it is time to engage these young minds and encourage them to participate in the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, and all other youth programs. Program books will be available on August 14-15 when we meet at the Holiday Inn Alexandria for the Council of Administration. With Covid back on the rise, it appears we may be facing challenges this coming year like we did this past year. We need prayers for all those currently being affected by Covid and for all others to remain safe. As leaders, we will be continuing to look for creative ways to accomplish the work we have ahead while keeping our members safe.

So, let's get busy working our programs, reaching out to our communities, and serving our veterans and members while "building our tribe"!



**State Jr. Vice Cmdr
Ron Delaney**

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Post 3619 was selected for its unbelievable resiliency and extraordinary dedication to supporting and caring for its community in the wake of the deadly 2020 Hurricane Laura. Despite Post 3619's Post home sustaining major water, wind and structural damage, including a 7-foot-wide tree crashing through the roof, Post members focused their efforts on helping others.

For several weeks members worked clearing major lines of communication, removing trees from houses, and clearing debris to allow access for emergency personnel. The Post also teamed up with several local organizations to prepare and feed more than 2,000 people in the first week, and collect and distribute more than 200,000 tons of supplies to families in need around the state.

"The tireless strength and selfless dedication to disaster relief efforts [VFW](#) Post 3619 showed their fellow veterans and community is a perfect example of how VFW members are #StillServing long after our time in the military ends," said Hal Roesch, national commander of the VFW. "When I challenged VFW members to have '20/20' Vision for Veterans,' efforts like that of Post 3619 are more than I could have imagined."

VFW National Commander Hal Roesch and VFW Programs Director Lynn Rolf, III, were on hand this morning to present the 2021 VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award to past VFW Post 3619 Commander Joshua Morgan during the 122nd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, July 31 – Aug. 3, 2021.

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“Building the Tribe”

Each year the newly elected Department of Louisiana, VFW’s State Commander choose a theme to lead the organization for the current year. Working with so many veterans and veteran’s organizations, I wanted to build a cohesive unit of working and serving our veterans. My theme for the 2021-2022 year is “Building A Tribe”, now let me address why I felt a strong need to adhere to building togetherness and what it means to my membership year., and hopefully all will agree with my wish to build unity, working together and “Building A Tribe” working diligently for our veterans and their families.

To the Department of Louisiana VFW Comrades, let me clarify the use of the term used for my year “Building the Tribe”.

Webster’s Dictionary defines Tribe in the following way: a social division in a traditional society consisting of families or communities linked by social, economic, religious, or blood ties, with a common culture and dialect, typically having a recognized leader.

If this does not define what the Veterans of Foreign Wars is then please define it for me.

I, as the Commander am the recognized leader, along with other appointed leaders, the traditional society is shown by our service to defend this country by taking that Oath of Enlistment, blood ties are that we all bleed red, no matter the color of our skin and that we were not afraid to bleed for one another in combat, we all fought for the same thing.

My purpose in using “Building the Tribe” is to help our organization identify with other Veterans Service Organizations and build a joint cohesive support structure to become ONE strong voice for the assistance and to help all our veterans, whether they are Combat or not.

Incoming National Commander Fritz Mihelcic (his theme is “The time is Now”) has a requirement for all VFW Posts throughout this Nation, to work with other service organizations on Community Service Projects, is this not building a Tribe? All we are trying to do is make things better for veterans and their families. Working together, we can get more accomplished than everyone having their own agendas for self interests and self gain.

If the term Tribe offends anyone, then I am sorry that you feel this way. I hope this clarifies my use of the term in my slogan and I invite you to continue serving our VFW and it’s veterans.

In Comradeship,

Timothy A. “Tim” Sloan