

# 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:

<p><b><u>DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:</u></b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS:</u></b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch 12:00noon</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Aug 28, 2021 Post 8720</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Joint Meeting 10:00 am            Meeting 11:00 am            Lunch 12:00noon</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 11 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Aug 21, 2021 Post 4317</b>            Registration 10:30 am            Meeting 11:00 am            Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon  <b>Jan 8, 2022 Post 3615</b>            Registration 10:30 am            Meeting 11:00 am            Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon  <b>May 15, 2022 Post 1809</b>            Registration 10:30 am            Meeting 11:00 am            Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon</p>
<p><b><u>DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Sept 25, 2021 Post 5097</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Joint Meeting 10:00 am            Meeting 10:30 am            Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon  <b>Jan 15, 2022 Post 5097</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Joint Meeting 10:00 am            Meeting 10:30 am            Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon  <b>May 22, 2022 Post 5097</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Joint Meeting 10:00 am            Meeting 10:30 am            Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Aug 21, 2021 Post 5153</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch (Free)  <b>Nov 13, 2021 Post 6720</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch (\$10.00)  <b>May 14, 2022 Post 8971</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch (\$10.00)</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Sept 25, 2021 Post 3139</b>            Registration 10:00 am            Meeting 11:00 am            Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon  <b>Feb 5, 2022 TBA</b>            Registration 10:00 am            Meeting 11:00 am            Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon  <b>May 14, 2022 TBA</b>            Registration 10:00 am            Meeting 11:00 am            Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 12 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Sept 11, 2021 Post 5951</b>            Registration 9:00 a.m.            Meeting 10:00 a.m.            Lunch (\$7) 12:00 noon  <b>Jan 8, 2022 Post 5187</b>            Registration 9:00 a.m.            Meeting 10:00 a.m.            Lunch (\$7) 12:00 noon  <b>May 7, 2022 Post 4588</b>            Registration 9:00 a.m.            Meeting 10:00 a.m.            Lunch (\$7) 12:00 noon</p>
<p><b><u>DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Sept 11, 2021 Post 1982</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon  <b>Nov 6, 2021 Post 9822</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon  <b>Feb 2, 2022 Post 12065</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon  <b>May 14, 2022 Post 4158</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch(\$8) 12:00noon</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:</u></b>  <b>Aug 28, 2021 Post 4224</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon  <b>Nov 20, 2021 Post 3784</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon  <b>Mar12, 2022 Post 3693</b>            Registration 9:00 am            Meeting 10:00 am            Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon</p>		

# District Training Dates:

<p>District's 4 &amp; 7</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>District's 2, 3, 8, &amp; 9</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>District's 5 &amp; 10</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>District's 11 &amp; 12</p> <p>TBA</p>
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# Congrats to the newly elected & appointed Officers for 2021-2022:

**Commander- Tim Sloan**  
**Sr. Vice Commander- Don Reber**  
**Jr. Vice Commander- Ron Delaney**  
**QTM/ADJ- Precilla Wilkewitz**  
**Judge Advocate- Aaron Lawrence**  
**Surgeon- Albert Cusimano**  
**Chaplain- David Fields**  
**Inspector- Phil Gallet**  
**Chief of Staff- Casey Person**  
**Jr. Past Commander- Bobby Lovergne**

## **Council of Administration Meeting (School of Instruction):**

The C of A will be August 13-15, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Alexandria. In addition to the usual briefings we will have a commanders and quartermaster workshop on Saturday. The workshops will be good training for all new commanders and quartermasters. Any future post or district officers would also benefit from the training. Topics that will be covered at the workshop are many to include: by-laws, trustee duties, duties of officers, and VFW programs.

## **2020-2021 All American:**

Quartermasters may pick up packets after the All-American ceremony on Monday.

Your All-American packets may be picked up at the Membership Booth. Department Commanders and

For the first time ever, the National Commander in Chief has authorized The a "Post Member" cap for members in a Post that achieves All-American during the 2020-2021 Membership year. Post members may purchase a cap from the VFW store, <https://www.vfwstore.org/> once the All-American announcement is made in early July.



# **Congrats to all of the Post that reached their 100 % goal for the 2021-2022 year!**

**The Department would like to send a heartfelt “Thank You” to VFW Post 8971 in Eunice for hosting our one day State Convention. The hospitality was outstanding!**

## **DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS:**

Military service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order (left to right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and then Coast Guard. For military flags, go to [vfwstore.org/products/GP238](http://vfwstore.org/products/GP238).

## **Community Service Reporting:**

All reports to be submitted online. Any questions contact State Chairman, Shane Fowler  
[vfwlacommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto: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: [vfwlanvms@gmail.com](mailto:vfwlanvms@gmail.com)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT [WWW.VFW.ORG](http://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 31-Aug 5, 2021      July 16-21, 2022**

**Kansas City, MO      Kansas City, MO**

**July 22-27 , 2023      July 27-Aug 1, 2024**

**Phoenix, AZ      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.*

**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**

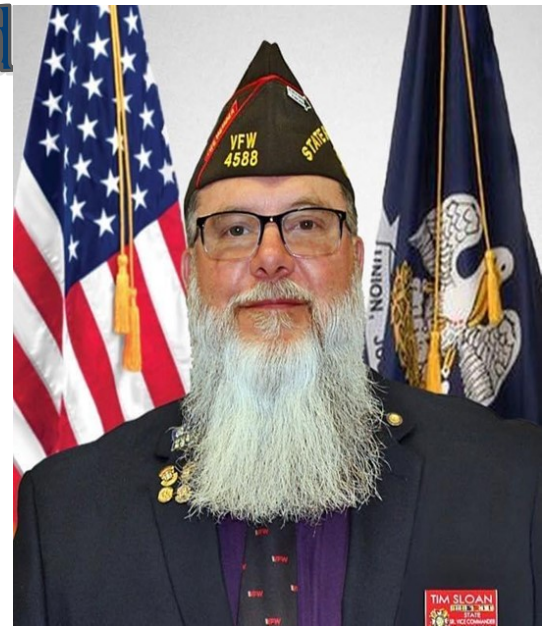
**January 26-29, 2023**

**State Convention**

**June 15-18, 2023**

# From the desk of the State Commander

Welcome to the 2021-2022 VFW year. I would like to take the time to congratulate the members of this department for the year that we have just finished. What an outstanding job on all fronts! Your unwavering support and positive can-do attitude for fellow veterans and your community during the Covid Pandemic, hurricanes, and other disasters throughout the year were instrumental in getting the programs done and getting into your community. Thank you. A special congratulations goes out to our outgoing Commander Bobby Lovergne. Without his leadership and guidance, I do not think this year would have been possible.



**State Commander  
Tim Sloan**

I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers, appointees, committee chairmen, and committee members at the Department, District and Post levels. Our work has already started, and the year has just begun. Membership is ongoing and some of the program information is already out. The rest of the guidance will be available coming up at the School of Instruction in August. I look forward to working hand in hand with you over this year to make our Department better for both current members and future generations. I would also like to welcome all our new members to our Department. We have grown over the last year and we will continue to foster that growth as we develop and build our programs and continued community outreach. If you have questions, reach out. That is why we are here.

I would like to close by thanking my family for standing with me over the years leading up to my being elected as your Department Commander. I also want to show my gratitude to all the past leaders who have mentored me over the years and who continue to assist me with their guidance and wisdom. Let us keep the momentum rolling down the runway and get the year underway.

And with that I will leave you with a quote. "If I must start somewhere, right here and now is the best place imaginable." — Richelle E. Goodrich

See you around the state!

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

Finally, the membership drive is over. Well, not really. You see it never ends. The strength of the VFW lies in the membership numbers. Without the numbers, nothing will come from congress to help our veterans. Nationally that number is over a million. When you consider the family and friends of veterans who are concerned the number grows to over seven million. Enough for congressmen and senators to pay attention.

Most recently we have pushed and got Blue Water Navy and added three new presumptives to the Agent Orange list. We need more. We were exposed to burn pits and other toxics we may not even be aware of yet. Keep this in mind when you find a veteran that has not signed up for the VFW nor the American Legion. We need them and they need us. Remember it is not the price one pays to be a member, it is the price one paid to qualify for membership.

When does membership count for the post? If you are a Life member it always counts and never expires as long as you are alive. If you are a Legacy Live member, your post continues to get dues back from National even after you die. If you are an annual renewal member, your membership is good until the expiration date on your membership card. But, in order for it to count for the post numbers the expiration date must be beyond June 30 of the current fiscal year. As of now that means June 30, 2022.

If yours is an annual membership, consider becoming a Life Member then a Legacy Life Member. Otherwise, consider paying your dues in July or August. You do not lose membership time as your dues will be extended for twelve more months. This helps your post, district and department know they can count on you for your continued support of Veterans programs.

By the way, the Department of Louisiana achieved 100% in membership in March and finished third in the nation behind Arkansas and Montana. It has been a long time since we have done so well. Did I tell you that membership is still needed? We have a lot to prove in 2021-2022.

Renew your dues and sign someone up today. Thank you for all you do for the VFW.

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

Wow, what a year we just completed. Even dealing with Covid, hurricanes, storms and everything Mother Nature threw at us, we managed to work our way up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world. Congratulations to everyone!! But, even with that accomplishment, we must strap in and continue the great work.

I'm excited to be the JR. Vice Commander for the 2021/2022 year. Congratulations to all officers, at all levels and welcome to all the new members. We must engage everyone to work with leadership to make this another great year.

With almost the entire state open for business, our programs should do even better this year. After C of A, hopefully we can get out to those schools and engage those young minds to participate in Americanism, Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy, and all other youth programs.

This past year, I've encounter young adults who have seen the VFW sign on my truck and ask me "What does VFW mean?" and then ask if I'm a veteran!!!!

So, let's get our word out to the world, build our tribe and have ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR!!



**State Sr. Vice Cmdr  
Don Reber**



**State Jr. Vice Cmdr  
Ron Delaney**

# AUGUST

## 27 - 29, 2021

*Hosted at*

# VFW Post 4562

VETERAN RIDERS PROMOTING WIND THERAPY - SUICIDE PREVENTION

*Come Ride with us in*

# TEXARKANA

*food | fun | fellowship*



### WEEKEND INCLUDES

- Friday -

**Meet & Greet**

**Dinner and Live Music**

- Saturday -

**Breakfast, Ride**

**Dinner and Live Music**

- Sunday -

**Breakfast, Ride**

**Redbone Brewery**

**Riders \$66**

**Passengers \$56**

*Pre-Registration Required at*

**[VFWMGTX.COM/ODB-RALLY](http://VFWMGTX.COM/ODB-RALLY)**

### Hotel Information:

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott  
4209 Mall Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503

Call: (903) 838-1000 Code: VFW Riders  
Cost: \$80 + tax per night

Hampton Inn & Suites (Hilton Honors Hotel)  
4601 Cowhorn Creek Rd, Texarkana, TX 75503

Call: (903) 832-3499 Code: VFW Riders  
Cost: \$92 + tax per night - King/DbI  
\$109 + tax per night - Suite

**Deadline for these rates is August 7th**

Ride with us to Benefit the VFW Unmet Needs Program and ODB Suicide Prevention Fund

**VFW POST 4562 -- 4700 E 9th St, Texarkana, AR 71854**