

# Mail Call



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Louisiana

## December 2020 | Issue 6

### Upcoming Events:

Mid Winter Conference  
January 14-18, 2021  
Holiday Inn Alexandria, LA

State Commander & President's  
Testimonial  
March 13, 2020  
Post 3750—Luling, LA

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*“Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler for Veterans”*

**State Commander  
Bobby Lovergne**

# District Meeting Dates:

## DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:

**Jan. 23, 2021 Post 3750**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Meeting 10:00 am  
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon  
**May 15, 2021 Post 3121**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Meeting 10:00 am  
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS:

### **January 30, 2021**

Registration 9:00 am  
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am  
 Meeting 10:30 am  
 Lunch 12:00noon

### **May 22, 2021**

Registration 9:00 am  
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am  
 Meeting 10:30 am  
 Lunch 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS:

**Jan. 23, 2021 Post 12065**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Meeting 10:00 am  
 Lunch(\$7) 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS:

**Feb. 20, 2021 Post 3619**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Meeting 10:00 am  
 Lunch 12:00noon  
**April 17, 2021 Post 3802**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Meeting 10:00 am  
 Lunch 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:

**May 15, 2021 Post 8971**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Meeting 10:00 am  
 Lunch (\$8)

## DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:

**Dec. 12, 2020 Post 3784**  
**Hosted by 11169**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Meeting 10:00 am  
 Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:

**Jan. 9, 2021 Post 3652**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am  
 Meeting 11:00 am  
 Lunch 12:00noon  
**April 24, 2021 Post 5735**  
 Registration 9:00 am  
 Joint Meeting 10:00 am  
 Meeting 11:00 am  
 Lunch 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS:

**Feb. 13, 2021**  
 Registration 10:00 am  
 Meeting 11:00 am  
 Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon  
**May 8, 2021**  
 Registration 10:00 am  
 Meeting 11:00 am  
 Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 11 MEETINGS:

**Jan. 9, 2021 Post 3615**  
**(Tentative)**  
 Registration 10:30 am  
 Meeting 11:00 am  
 Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon  
**May 15, 2021 Post 1809**  
 Registration 10:30 am  
 Meeting 11:00 am  
 Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon

## DISTRICT 12 MEETINGS:

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

## Disaster Relief:

Attention all VFW Members in the Lake Charles and surrounding areas, please contact Post 2130 Quartermaster, Jesse Curry for your Disaster Relief Application. You may also call Department Headquarters at 225-928-5025 for an application as well.



The Department  
 Headquarters would like to  
 wish everyone a Merry  
 Christmas & Happy Holidays!

# 2021 Mid Winter January 14-18, 2020

**Hotel Reservations:** Can be made on the Hotel's website using code MWC or by calling the hotel directly at 318-541-8333. Be sure to say VFW for the group rate.

**Registration:** Fill out the form in this month's mail call or register online at [www.vfwdeptla.org](http://www.vfwdeptla.org) under News & Evens - Mid Winter Conference.

**Banquet Tickets:** \$30.00 per person. Use the form in this mail call or order your Banquet Tickets online at [www.vfwdeptla.org](http://www.vfwdeptla.org) under News & Evens - Mid Winter Conference.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please be advised that the Online Membership System (OMS) will be shutting down at 4:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020. Any transactions that are submitted through OMS on Dec. 31, up to the closing time, will be posted to Memstats and Post Query later that evening and available for viewing the morning of Jan. 4, 2021.

Mail received at the National Headquarters prior to Dec. 30, 2020, will be processed and counted in the December total. Mail received after that date, regardless of the postmark date, will not be counted in the December total. We suggest you have your Posts mail in their membership as early as possible or take advantage of the Online Membership System tools. Please note that email sent to the Member Service Center or its advisors are not guaranteed to be processed due to the closure of VFW National HQ beginning December 24, 2020.

The OMS system will be back online for the submittal of transactions by noon CST, Monday, Jan. 4, 2021; however, membership transactions that are processed will not be posted to Memstats until Jan. 8, 2021.

The Department would like to send a Get Well Message to PSC, Stan Kolniak.

Sympathy message to the family of PSC Harold Dick. Harold passed away from complications related to COVID.

Everyone please remain safe during these times.

**VFW Spirit Award  
Winner 2019-2020:  
Patrick "Pat" Dempsey  
Post 8290 in Lacombe,  
LA.**

**Thank you Pat going  
above and beyond the  
call of duty for all  
Veterans and their  
families!**

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**Nominations for the 2020-2021 Spirit Award are now being accepted. You can send your Nominations by email to [lavfw@aol.com](mailto:lavfw@aol.com)**

# Membership

**As of December 3, 2020 we are at 88.64%. We need 1,208 members to make 100%!**

**ATTENTION:** Post Commanders should hold a Membership Roundup this weekend. Whether it's a calling system, door knock, letter mailings we need to have each Post do something to help contact the Unpaid, Relocated, Members at Large to get them to extend their Membership in the VFW.

Sharee Arends- vfwlamembership@gmail.com

**CONGRATS TO POST 3619 FOR WINNING THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CHALLENGE LAST MONTH. THEY REMAINED FIRST IN THEIR DIVISION FOR INCREASING MEMBERSHIP!**

## **VFW Foundation Post Pandemic Grant:**

The VFW National Foundation Post Pandemic Grant is still open for Post to apply. Please visit [www.vfw.org/grants](http://www.vfw.org/grants) for more information.

## **Department COVID Relief Grant:**

The Department COVID Relief Grant is still open for Post to apply. *See the application on Page 8 in this month's mail call for more information.*

# Recruiter Spotlight:



Each month we will highlight someone who has excelled in their recruiting efforts for our Membership. Our Recruiter Spotlight will shine on the Quartermaster of Post 8720 in Abita Springs, Michael Peats!

**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**

Baltimore, MD

**July 22-27 , 2023**

Phoenix, AZ

**July 16-21, 2022**

Kansas City, MO

**July 27-Aug 1, 2024**

Louisville, KY

### **Community Service Reporting:**

All reports to be submitted online. Any questions contact State Chairman, Tim Sloan - [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)

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Bobby Lovergne

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### **POST ACTIVITY REPORT:**

**Please visit the follow link to view the most up-to-date report!**

**<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1r63WwtMGPIObwc2FDQHomlRVZIDqmJK326xzW8ntQ/edit?usp=sharing>**

### **Department Conference/ Convention Dates:**

**2020-2021**

**MW-January 14-17, 2021**

**SC- June 24-27, 2021**

**\*\*All the above Conferences/ Conventions will be held at the HOLIDAY INN ALEXANDRIA, LA!**

**2021-2022**

**\*\*The prior dates listed have been cancelled. We will update when the new dates are confirmed.**

# From the desk of the State Commander...

As we move into December I hope all of you had a Great Thanksgiving and were able to relax and recharge those batteries for the stretch run to the end of 2020. As we completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Conference for the Department it was good seeing and visiting with those members and Auxiliary members who attended. We had a good weekend of training, award presentations and motivating words from the National SVC Fritz Mihelcic.

Comrades, as I was looking over the Unpaid Officers list which had 54 elected or appointed members on it, what caught my eye was the number of WWII members who hold offices and had dues Unpaid. As Department Commander I authorized the Department Quartermaster to pay these individuals dues.

Comrades, just my opinion but if you have a WWII member in your Post who is an Annual pay member the Post should take care of this for these members, they are entitled to that for their dedication and service to this country.

We are on the verge of breaking through with an Outstanding Membership Year, we cannot slow down but need to continue with a steady pace of renewing, reinstating and recruiting members into our Department. Brag on your Posts accomplishments within your communities and success will be yours. As we talked about in the training, if you don't ask, you will never know the answer.

I want to close by wishing each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to thank each of you for your continued service to this Department and Country by being a part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

See you around the Department and remember I am only a phone call away.



**State Commander  
Bobby Lovergne**

## A note from the State Sr. Vice Commander

The month of November was busy! We have great leaders within the state, meeting Community Service hour's goals and setting the standard, leading by example! In the northern part of the state, a group of veterans and community leaders came together, planned and hosted the first ever VetFest Louisiana.

VetFest Louisiana was led by VFW Post 4588 and its members who made significant impact. It included Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Overton Brooks VA Hospital, many veteran owned small businesses and non-profit agencies, live music and food trucks, a Job Fair for our men and women transitioning from the military to civilian life, and of course the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The community came together and raised funds for 22Kill, a suicide prevention non-profit that focuses primarily on the needs of our veterans for free. This was a great example of a great community event bringing awareness to different programs available to our Veterans, active duty, first responders, and their families.

We had a great mini Fall Conference, giving out well deserved awards and recognition from last year's hard work. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic was in attendance for the conference, giving us great words of encouragement and mentoring us as we continue to train on our programs to make Louisiana the best Department we can be.

As Thanksgiving has passed and as we move into December and the full-on holiday season, please remember that every day is Suicide Prevention day, and YOU matter. Please continue reaching out to your friends, family and comrades to let them know you are there. More than ever, people are looking for human connection. We must continue working towards solutions and what we can do for our fellow comrades, now more than ever. I know this has been a very tough year; we are stronger together.

With that I will leave you with a quote. "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston S. Churchill.

See you around the state!



**State Sr. Vice Cmdr  
Tim Sloan**

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

In November I had the pleasure of attending Post meetings in five different VFW posts, helped District 5 twice with recruiting in Kinder, LA for a new post and enjoyed the first ever "Fall Conference" in Alexandria. The above activities left me with a great feeling about the Louisiana VFW members and their enthusiasm for our cause. Our members are eager to engage socially with other members and are more than ready to get past this Covid thing. We are also extremely cautious because of the virus and we do the right things to protect each other as much as possible.

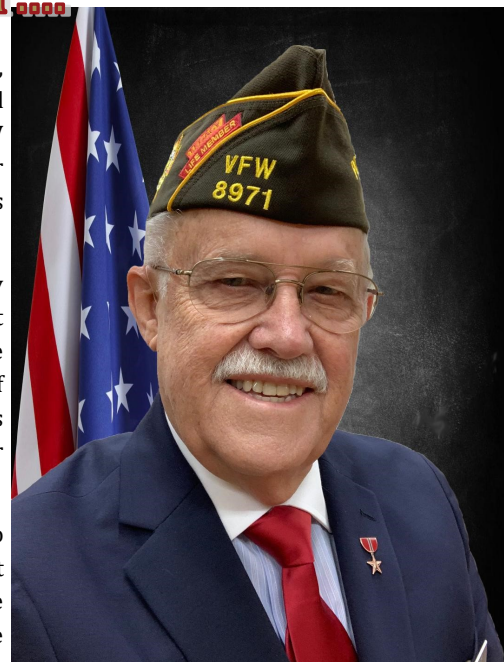
In my own post, 8971 Eunice, I worked with our members to assemble 75,000 Buddy Poppies. A feat that not only helped provide poppies for other posts in the country but also brought many members of our post together with a mission that became enjoyable. Enjoyable because of the conversations that took place with each other, rather than sitting at home. I saw the involvement of the local schools and LSUE students who came to help and I listened as they shared their experiences with our members. Our members grew an appreciation of what these young people do for our community and the students learned much about the VFW and the meaning of the Buddy Poppies.

I watched our membership grow from 8,871 paid members and 27<sup>th</sup> place nationally to 9,399 paid members and 17<sup>th</sup> place nationally. Wow! This is 88.56%. I cannot remember the last time we ranked this high. We achieved this because we have members who are serious about the VFW and are not afraid to ask veterans to sign up and/or pay their annual dues. We know the importance of membership and how it helps our veterans.

And then there was Thanksgiving and a renewed urgency with Corona. Not all of us were able to have our families with us this year. Some of us even gathered through facetime or zoom (ugh). In spite of this I look at my blessing of my family, friends and the VFW. I am immensely proud of the Louisiana veterans for all the things we do for one another.

Now let us get ready for a merry Christmas and oh, by the way, let's get our membership to 95% before the end of December. I will be seeing you at your post meetings.

Thank you one and all for your service to our country and your continued service through the VFW.



**State Jr. Vice Cmdr  
Don Reber**



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# DEPT OF LOUISIANA VFW COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT APPLICATION

GRANTS MAY BE DECIDED TO ASSIST VFW POSTS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. ALL GRANTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DEPT. OF LOUISIANA VFW COUNCIL. GRANTS WILL ONLY BE APPROVED FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AS PER COVID-19. APPROVED GRANTS COULD BE LESS THAN REQUESTED. POSTS MAY APPLY FOR THIS GRANT AT ANYTIME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. ONCE SIGNED BY THE COMMANDER AND QUARTERMASTER, THE APPLICATION FORM AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO: VFW DEPT OF LOUISIANA, COVID-19 GRANT COMMITTEE, 10185 MAMMOTH AVE, BATON ROUGE, LA 70814

POST NAME:		POST No:	
COMMANDER:		PHONE:	
QUARTERMASTER:		PHONE:	
AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED:	\$		

ATTACH COPIES OF PRIOR 3 MONTHS QUARTERMASTER REPORTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
ATTACH COPIES OF MARCH AND JUNE, 2020 TRUSTEE REPORTS	<input type="checkbox"/>

**LIST ALL OBLIGATIONS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO DELINQUENCY THAT ARE DUE NOW:**  
**EXAMPLES - POST INSURANCE, ELECTRICITY BILL, ETC.**


COMMANDER SIGNATURE	DATE	QUARTERMASTER SIGNATURE	DATE
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# VFW Mid Winter Conference Registration Form

Post # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$5.00 per Member attending, Plus \$5.00 for Post Commander.** Make check payable to: VFW, Department of Louisiana. Mail form to: VFW, Department of Louisiana, 10185 Mammoth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70814. **Deadline Date is January 10<sup>th</sup> of current year.** Please only send a list of names of those members attending the Mid Winter Conference.

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Signed - Cmdr.:  or Qtm: 

**FOR DEPARTMENT ONLY:**

Department Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Mid-Winter Conference

### Banquet Ticket Form

Tickets - \$30.00 per person

*Deadline: Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>*

Name:

Email:

Phone #:

Post/Aux:

No. of Tickets:

*Please make a note if the tickets being purchased are for any State Officers, VOD Parents, etc...*

**Make Checks Payable to VFW Department of Louisiana Mail to:  
10185 Mammoth Avenue Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70814**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**\*NO PHONE CALL REQUEST FOR TICKETS**

\*Tickets will be assigned on a first come first serve bases.

**\*No tickets will be held without payment!!**

**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No: \_\_\_\_\_

# District/Post Commander's Check list

***TIME FOR ALL MEMBERS, POST/DISTRICT COMMANDER'S TO CHECK ON THEIR REPORTING GOALS AND SET DISTRICT/POST'S GOALS THAT APPLY. PRINT THIS FORM AND POST ON BULLETIN BOARD FOR MONTHLY CHECKING***

**ALL POSTS RECEIVED A FLASH/TUMB DRIVE WITH THE LEADERSHIP BOOK ON IT AT COFA IN POST PACKETS. DEPARTMENT PRINTED LEADERSHIP BOOKS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WANTED TO PURCHASE ONE FOR \$5.00 PLUS MAILING – CONTACT DEPT – 225-928-5025**

1. Membership Percentage: Sep 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
Dec 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Feb 28 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mar 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Apr 30 \_\_\_\_\_ May 31 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Membership date to be 100% \_\_\_\_\_, at least by June 30 of current year.  
See ALL STATE TEAM REQUIREMENTS IN STATE COMMANDER'S LEADERSHIP BOOK, current year. Membership applications are ordered from VFW Emblem and Supply!!  
Go online: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) Have early bird membership drive and have a drawing with the names of those who paid early and pay their Life Members or one year's dues next year.

3. Post Community Service Report on all Post/Aux projects done and post online at [www.vfwdeptla.org](http://www.vfwdeptla.org)  
– see spreadsheets for reporting or call St Chm for help or Sent report to State Chairmen:

Jul 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Aug 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Sept 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 31 \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Feb 28 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mar 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Apr \_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_ Jun 30 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Post Trustee Audit Reports sent to Department Headquarters Quarterly- due by end of next following month:

June 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Sept 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 31 \_\_\_\_\_

Post Inspections should be done by Dec 1 of current year. Call District Inspector for date!

5. Voice of Democracy Program put in the schools, Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sent entries to District Chairman on deadline date: \_\_\_\_\_

6. State Membership Awards ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ (See State Commander's Program Book for details and work those goals)

7. Patriotic Holidays details online under Resources and are Observed as follows:

Independence Day \_\_\_\_\_ Veterans Day \_\_\_\_\_ POW-MIA \_\_\_\_\_  
Loyalty Day-May 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Day \_\_\_\_\_ Flag Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Make a Difference Day \_\_\_\_\_ Patriots Day – Sept 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Post Charter day \_\_\_\_\_

8. Number of Buddy Poppies ordered: Prior Year total ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Poppies ordered this year \_\_\_\_\_ for All State Team Award – see “All State Team Requirements”. Reminder: Post ordering 500 or more Buddy Poppies received a citation.
9. Quartermaster Bonded: \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00/\$1000.00 – Min. \$3,000.00 bond, equals \$21.00. Post Commanders are allowed the same type of bond as QTM’s – just note on the check. Which check is marked for Post Cmdr.’s bond? Same price as QTM’s Bond. Bond due September 1 of current year. See bond form in CofA Packet.
10. Bartender; Bingo Manager Bonded; Video Poker Bond (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ Special Bond forms in Post CofA packets, must be filled out and submitted to dept.
11. Attended District Meetings: *See Article II; Section 218 – attending District meetings.*  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
12. Community Service Record book appoint a Post Chairman & mail to St Chm.  
 To make a record book, see page 100 in St Cmdr Leadership book.
13. Safety Report sent to State Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Youth Activities Report sent to State Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Patriots Pen Youth Essay Entry Sent to District Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Americanism Report sent to State Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Four State Americanism entries sent to District Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Hospital Report sent to State Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
19. Loyalty Day Report sent to State AQ: \_\_\_\_\_
20. Voice of Democracy tape sent to District Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
21. Outstanding Teachers award entry sent to District Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
22. Post Inspected: Date \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_
23. Checked the new “All State Team Requirements” listed in the new Commander’s Book Leadership?
24. Monthly, I have, as Post Cmdr, called all Post Officers and reminded them of:
  - A. Post Meetings \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Membership Meetings \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Post Programs \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. District Meetings \_\_\_\_\_

25. Ask Auxiliary if you can have a copy of their community service reports – to turn in for Post reporting to the VFW State Community Service Chairman monthly online.
26. Or Mail Community Service reports – before the Mid Winter Conference and State Convention for credit to St Chm
27. Review National Membership Program online – at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) – click on Resources.
28. Check all items sent in Post packets and given out at CofA Conference.  
Note: Mid Winter Conference and State Convention Hotel Reservations and Banquet Tickets, Beauty Pageant entry form; All State Team entry forms, etc.\_\_\_\_
29. Attend all VFW State Meetings, Council of Administration Workshop, MW Conferences and State Convention. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
30. Invite all members to attend the State Commander and State President’s Testimonial Banquet Or programs. Dates posted in Mail Call: \_\_\_\_\_
31. Donate at least \$25.00 National Veterans & Military Support Program, Mail to: VFW, 406 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64111
32. Donate to VFW National Home once a year, at least \$25.00 or purchase \$50.00 Life Membership for a member of Post each year.
33. Post with Canteens – check all permits July 1 of current year for renewal. Pay all taxes on Time. Check with IRS or local CPA to assist. Read the current permits and tax laws posted.
34. Submit Tax form 990 by deadline date – go online and/or sign form and submit signed 990 if Post does not make over \$25,000.00 a year. Google taxes and find any form you need online and file.
35. Read Commander and Quartermaster’s Manual online on VFW Web site for deadline dates and material required during the year – [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Special note: if all members Read the Post QTM Manual – all will know what VFW is all about. Great info to study.
36. Have Post QTM in put all info for online membership and info. Must use Post QTM’s Membership number and password to get memstats and membership reports. Must use a credit or debit card to submit membership online.
37. Consider printing a newsletter for the Post/Aux Members. Get email address by submitting an an \_\_\_\_\_ Email form in first newsletter to save funds. Review Post Roster for email addresses also.
38. Post Cmdr & QTM should get a new VFW Podium Book of By Law by Oct 1 current year.  
After new changes are made by National HQs. Go online to VFW Emblem and Supply and order new books at \$6.90 and add taxes.
39. Read at Post meeting or post the Dept.’s VFW Mail Call letter for the members to read before Post meetings, if possible. You may email your copy to any of your post/aux members.

40. Posts must submit a Community Service Record Book to be on the "All State Team" – please Review Community Service program for details and/or call dept. if you have any questions.
41. Order post officer's and members caps, VFW By Laws, Trustee Reports or any VFW items from VFW Store: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) – Emblem and Supply Store. Post's Life Members get a discount at the store.
42. Post Packet given at CofA has "**How to conduct a Meeting Form**" for Post Cmdrs. to use, Review and consider using. Also, see Post Minute form and modify for your Post use.  
Dept. can email you the form for you to modify. Remember, VFW By Laws states that **No part of the VFW Ritual** is to be known to the public, therefore, the minutes and Post QTM report should not be shared with the public or non-members.

### **Post Special projects or Fund Raisers to consider:**

Yearly Disaster Relief donations  
 Food Bank donations  
 Food Baskets – Thanksgiving & Christmas  
 Christmas Tree envelopes – get needy children names and set up to purchase need children's gifts  
 Veterans Breakfasts – yearly  
 Ask Church to host a veteran day services near Veteran Day  
 Host a Patriotic parade, Veteran's Day or 4<sup>th</sup> of July, to celebrate our country  
 Fly flags around the local area

### **Fund Raiser – Post Home large enough to host Dog & Cat shows (good money)**

50/50 raffle at Post meetings  
 Cake Raffle at Post meeting  
 Garage Sales – called Trash & Treasurer sales  
 Host Kraft Booth & charge booth space  
 Pool tournaments  
 Golf Games – invite public  
 Set up VFW Booth at local festivals or market day in local area. Have Buddy Poppy Drive then & recruit.  
 Rent Hall for Church groups, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Christmas parties, etc. – earn funds. Use your post home for success.

Remember Buddy Poppy Drives can be any day of the year, not just Veterans Day or Memorial Day.  
 Use holidays to host a Buddy Poppy Drive, ask Scouts and Auxiliary to help.  
 Remember to check on all your Post members throughout the year. Email, [text](#) or call!  
 Continue to Service – as when service was needed in the military!

A Dist/Post following this guide can be All State and Outstanding!!! Good Luck!