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(To be read or distributed at a regular Post meeting and filed)

1. The 2024 Department Convention will be held at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, June 6 – June 9, 2024. Currently, all rooms are booked but they will add your name to the waiting list in case of cancelations. The hotel's direct number is 1-888-532-4338. Be sure to let them know you are with the VFW. There are several other hotels close by. See attached list. Also attached is a tentative agenda.
2. A meeting of the Council of Administration will be held in the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, at 5 pm. On Thursday, June 6, 2024. All business of the current administration will be concluded at that time.
3. All Department Officers, District Commanders, and Committee Chairmen are reminded that they are to submit a written report to the State Adjutant covering their activities of the past year. This report may be forwarded directly to Department Headquarters or given to the State Adjutant after arrival at the Convention. These reports will be made an official part of the Convention minutes. This report should be concise and cover the highlights of the 2023 - 2024 year.
4. **The 125th VFW National Convention will be held July 27-August 1, 2024**, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Please go to the VFW website at vfw.org/convention for general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda.
5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that is being mailed to all Post. **Post Quartermasters, please send in the \$25.00 registration fee and register at least one (1) delegate as soon as you receive the registration forms. Don't wait until July to send in your delegate fee.**
6. Newly installed Post and District Officers do not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed at the State Convention on Saturday evening. If you have not submitted an election report, please do so ASAP, to avoid being put on suspension.

7. **Post Quartermasters**, you should have received a letter from Department in early April concerning your Voting Strength and Delegate Dues owed. **Dues must be paid in order to vote at the State Convention.** To help ensure a smooth election process please submit a check to Department Headquarters immediately to avoid last minute chaos and confusion. Don't wait to pay your dues at the convention Checks for Delegate Dues will not be accepted at Convention Registration.

8. **REMINDER:** In order for your Post to be able to vote at the State Convention you must have turned in all four (4) quarterly audits, submitted an election report for upcoming year, and paid your post delegate dues.

9. The 2023-24 Membership Campaign is now underway. As of today, May 28, 2024 the Dept. of MO is at 97.02%. You need to start calling your Annual Members to check on them and urge them to renew as soon as possible. National Headquarters runs a membership incentive monthly. Watch your email or go on vfw.org for information.

10. All Posts should be using the Online Reporting Portal. If you have any member that cannot log on or have any questions or problems, please call Ken Allison at 636 448-3061 or Randall Craig at 573 312-3777. Or email Ken at webmaster@movfw.org or Randall at asstwebmaster@movfw.org.

11. Commander Charles Williams sends Congratulations to all of the Post Commanders and Quartermasters that achieved All-State for the 2023-2024 year. Forty-Seven (47) Posts have achieved this Honor and will be receiving White Hats at the Awards Ceremony Friday Evening at the Awards Ceremony. If your Posts met all the criteria except membership by May 1. You can still make All-State if you reach 100% by June 30. You will receive your White Hat at the Fall C of A.

12. Commander Williams wishes to thank everyone for their hard work this year to assist Veterans and to make the Veterans of Foreign Wars stronger. Hope to see you at the Convention.

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By Order of:
Charles Williams
Commander

