



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
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(To be read or distributed at a regular Post meeting and filed)

1. The 2022 Department Convention will be held at the Marriott St Louis Airport, St Louis, MO. June 2 – June 5, 2022. Room rates are \$100 per night plus any applicable taxes. Please see attached flyer for link to hotel to make reservations and other information.

2. **Deadline for receipt of Convention Book Ad's is May 1, 2022.** All Post and Districts are encouraged to give recognition to their officers by submitting an Ad for the Convention Book. Ad costs are \$100 for Full Page and \$60 for Half Page. The book is being published in ½ size and in house. Please email or Fax Ad request information to Angela @ Department HQ's. Her email is hqangela@movfw.org. The fax number is (573) 636-2664

3. The 123rd. VFW National Convention will be held in Kansas City Missouri July 16 – 21, 2022. Convention housing officially opened on February 17, 2022. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through the main VFW website at vfw.org/convention. The convention website will also have general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda.

Since we are the Host State, we will be called upon to support this endeavor in many ways. We will need volunteers to serve as Drivers, Registrants, and in other vital roles. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Department HQ's.

4. 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 Posts. **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.**

5. Proceeds from the Raffle of the Savage 110 in 6.5 RPC, w/Vortex Crossfire 3X9 scope and adjustable trigger are to be used for the Hospitality Room at the 2022 National Convention in Kansas City. All funds and requests for additional tickets are to be mailed to Sr Vice Commander Royce Kelb at PO Box 103, Lincoln, MO 65338 so he can account for which tickets have been sold or returned. All proceeds will be turned over to the Department Quartermaster.

Drawing will be in June at the State Convention.

6. Post Commanders are reminded that the annual election of Post Officers must be held during the month of April. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention. Newly installed officers do not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed at the State Convention. Post-Election Report Forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters **immediately following** the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1, 2022.

7. Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

8. Post and Districts are reminded that sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedures states in part: "-----officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the Adjutant. ---officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to office."

9. Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.

10. It's likely that **membership has never been more important**. As of today, March 1, 2022. the Department is at 94.16%. We **MUST** work hard if we are going to reach our goal. The weather has opened up so please set up a group and schedule a time to call your continuous members and those Comrades whose membership has expired. It is vital that you do so. We need these members to carry out our mission, and we need their presence in our organization to fight for funding for our various programs that are vital for all Veterans. It is important that they remain with us. Don't forget about the Life Member rebate program. Anyone joining as a Life Member or upgrades to a Life Member will receive a check for 50% of their Life Member Dues from the Department Quartermaster. Make sure to notify him at qm@movfw.org so he knows to mail you your rebate check. The Council voted a specific amount of money for this program so when it runs out the program will end so don't delay in letting your members know about this program. Email or call the State Quartermaster if you have questions. The 50% rebate does not apply to Legacy Life but the \$45 incentive still applies

11. New / Reinstated Membership Grant Initiative for VFW.

Effective January 1, 2022 every VFW Post that signs up and submits full membership dues* for each member will receive a grant based on the type of membership submitted while funds are available. Please see attached from Dan West, Assistant Adjutant General, for full details

12. Congratulations go out to all of the Post Commanders, Quartermasters, and Membership Chairmen that have achieved 100% membership.

13. If your Post has not made a donation to the Veterans Service Officer Program or the Veteran and Military Support Program, please do so ASAP. These are requirements for your Post to earn All-State. **REMEMBER:** VSO checks must be mailed to Department HQs and VMS checks must be mailed to National HQs as stated in your Commander Handbook.

14. Prior to your monthly meeting, please review your All-State status and conduct your meeting so as to accomplish items to get your Post to that Honor. Please take a look at your 2021-2022 Post Commander Handbook to see what your Post needs to do. All State determination will be made from data collected by the Department Headquarters on May 1, 2022

15. Anyone requesting a Department Officer to attend a function must submit a **written request** to Department Headquarters at least 30 days prior to the date of the function. An e-mail to the Adjutant at adj@movfw.org is acceptable.

16. The deadline for submitting bids for the 2025 Department Convention is March 15, 2022, as prescribed by the Department By-Laws. Any Post or group of Posts wishing to submit a bid should contact Department Headquarters for the Convention hotel requirements and coordination of the bid request.

17. Posts are reminded that **ALL** Officer Changes must be reported to National and Department. You can email the Officer Change Form to the State Adjutant at adj@movfw.org or to the Office Manager at hqangela@movfw.org, or Fax to 1-573-636-2664 or mail to: 3401 Knipp Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

18. There are no District Meeting scheduled in the month of March

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