

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY UPDATE



July 12, 2024

Greetings,

We hope you enjoy this week's National Council Weekly Update on the pertinent happenings of your VFW departments.

Development

The final numbers for June were quite impressive, particularly given that June, July, and August are historically slow months. We surpassed our projections of \$4 million, ending the month at \$5.6 million. July is off to a great start; we're already tracking nearly 26,000 responses ahead of this time last year. We've been able to surpass projections each month of the fiscal. However, it's important to understand that hurricane season has now begun and the significant impact these natural disasters have on fundraising projections as donations are diverted to disaster relief efforts.

RFP Update – Participants' questions were received by the deadline of June 28. All questions have been compiled to eliminate duplicity, and the process of answering the 16 pages of questions has begun to ensure we meet the response deadline of July 24 by the VFW.

This week's Development Campaigns are listed below:

- July 9 Appeal:
 - o June Acquisition reminder with nickel, notepad and check.
- July 12 Appeal:
 - o July matching gift reminder to member and nonmember donors.
- July 13 Appeal:
 - o June lapsed reminder with nickels and check to nonmember donors.

Contact: VFW Development Director Kelly Jones, KellyJones@vfw.org.

Communications and Public Affairs

- 125th VFW National Convention Event App:

For those planning on attending the 125th VFW National Convention, ensure you receive important notifications and reminders throughout the event, gain instant access to the daily agenda, and so much more with the VFW Event App. [Search for the "VFW Event App" in the Google Play and Apple App stores today!](#)

Contact: VFW Communications and Public Affairs Director Randi Law, RLaw@vfw.org.

Human Resources

- Positions Actively Recruiting For:
 - o National Pre-Discharge Claims Representative – Naval Base -San Diego, California.
 - o National Pre-Discharge Claims Representative – Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.
 - o Executive Director, VFW Foundation- National Headquarters – K.C. Office.

Contact: VFW General Counsel John Muckelbauer, JMuckelbauer@vfw.org.

Programs

- VFW National Convention 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament is Right Around the Corner!

Don't forget to please encourage our members to register teams and participate in the 2nd annual VFW Cornhole Tournament taking place at the 125th VFW National Convention in Louisville!

The series will take place on Sunday, July 28, and Monday, July 29, 2024. All proceeds from the competition go to VFW PACT Act benefit assistance. For more information and to sign up for this event, visit <https://kccrew.com/leagues/vfwcornholetournament/>.

Contact: VFW Programs Director Lynn W. Rolf, III, LRolf@vfw.org.

Membership

- As we complete year-end processing and pack up to head to the 125th VFW National Convention, take stock in the effort your fellow comrades made during the 2023-2024 membership year. An outstanding year for recruiting new members, with an increase in retention of our annual members which helped bring the VFW membership strength above 100%!
- The 2024-2025 VFW National Membership Program is now available online. Find next year's National Membership Program on vfw.org, at the top of the Membership Recruiting & Retention Page. **Home>MyVFW>VFW Training & Support**. The current 2023-2024 National Membership Program will remain online until after the national convention elections in July 2024.

Contact: VFW Membership Interim Director Corey Hunt, CoreyHunt@vfw.org.

Meetings and Events

- Last minute convention details:
 - o Review Banquet Orders – Levy Catering (Convention center in-house caterer.)
 - o Review revised BEOs – Banquet Event Orders.
 - o Sign BEOs and prepare deposit for caterer.
 - o Confirm electric/internet order with convention center staff.
 - o Last minute VIP/Awards reservations revisions.
 - o Security for convention center.
 - o Review new signs and incorporate them into sign trunk for use on-site.
 - o Forwarded sign placement agenda to meeting halls co-chairs for on-site flag, sign placement for meetings/events.
 - o Finalizing VFW Taiwan-VAC dinner taking place on July 30, 2024.
 - o Memo out to AQs for COMP rooms based on their room block pick-up.
 - o Finalize entertainment requirements for Patriotic Celebration on July 30 and closing reception on Aug. 2.
 - o Provide updated materials to the communications department for inclusion in the VFW National Convention Event app.
 - o Additional last-minute items as needed.

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Administrative Operations

- There are currently 36 Posts under suspension. The organization has 5,623 chartered Posts.
- Administrative Operations is engaged in 19 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, six Administrative Removals/Actions and 10 membership eligibility challenges.
- Currently Administrative Operations has 176 Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions in for review, 32 of which are new; current turnaround time on Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions is approximately 45-60 days.

Department Proof of Eligibility:

Departments are required to submit proof of eligibility for all newly elected Junior Vice Commanders and any elected Department Quartermaster or appointed Department Adjutant who are new to their position this coming year (2024-25). Failure to do so by the National Convention may result in an Officer Position declared vacant.

Additionally, proof of eligibility for any new Department Commander or Senior Vice Commander, who for whatever reason were not in the line of succession the previous year, to which we already have proof of eligibility on file.

This proof of eligibility must be submitted to the Adjutant General pursuant to Section 516 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

This must be done after officers are installed and prior to National Convention and is most easily completed by sending documentation via email to Joseph Wolfgeher at jwolfgeher@vfw.org.

Election Reports:

The deadline for submitting a completed election report for the 2024-25 term has passed. The National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure require a properly completed Election Report be submitted to Department and National Headquarters by **June 1**. Please continue to work with Posts that have not met this requirement as we will begin suspending Posts after July 1 for failure to submit an election report for the 2024-25 term. This suspension by the Commander-in-Chief will result in the Post being placed in arrears and denied any representation at the National Convention.

To access the election report online; sign in to VFW.org and proceed to My VFW. Select Online Membership System (OMS), then press the drop-down menu on the left side of the screen for Election Report and select Post Election Report Filing.

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National Veterans Service

- NVS leadership attended the monthly USB meeting for program and policy updates.
- NVS leadership participated in a Senate Roundtable discussion on the appeals process.
- NVS leadership participated in the VBA VSO Partnership meeting.
- VFW's NVS Pre-Discharge representatives briefed transitioning service members on VA benefits at military installations around the country.
- NVS health team attended a bimonthly meeting with the VA ATLAS program manager.
- NVS health team participated in a VA townhall on diabetes care.
- NVS health team attended the Lycos PTSD Therapy meeting.
- NVS BVA staff attended the BVA VSO quarterly call.

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