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STATE COMMANDER DON REBER*"Respect, Honor, and Prepare"*

There are amazing stories to be told, buried deep within each and every one of us. Often, those stories come to light at funerals. Some of the most profound stories are concealed within the memories of our veterans. All too often the memories are

those coming from our family or friends left behind when our veteran has passed away.

On December 7, 2022, Navy Seaman First Class Houston Temples was buried at his hometown of Bogalusa, Louisiana. Houston died on December 7, 1941, eighty-one years earlier. Houston served on the USS Oklahoma; a ship destroyed in the attack on Pearl Harbor. At the funeral a niece of Houston's read from a letter written to his mother eighty-two years earlier: "Mama, mama, don't worry about me. I'm serving my country". There were many other memories shared by nieces and nephews that were passed on to them by their parents, Houston's brothers and sisters.

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LOUISIANA WELCOMES VFW NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 92ND ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION*Past National C.I.C. William Bill Thien*

William A. "Bill" Thien was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 24, 2013, at the VFW's 114th National Convention, held in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Thien served in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1974 and

served five years in the Indiana National Guard. His decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Bar, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), National Defense Service Medal and several from the National Guard.

He joined the VFW in 1971 at Post 3281 in New Albany, Ind., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life Membership. He has served the VFW in many leadership positions.

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92 ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

June 15-18, 2023

Holiday Inn Downtown
Alexandria, LA

See Page 6 for more information!

FUTURE CONF/CONV DATES

2023-2024

CofA Aug. 11-13, 2023

MW Jan. 25-28, 2024

State Conv. June 27-30, 2024

STATE COMMANDER CONTINUED

The stories were full of patriotism and honor for a sailor who was proud to serve his country.

Houston's remains were identified in November 2021 because a member of his family donated DNA. Anyone who has a family Veteran that has never returned home after a war should make a DNA donation. With modern technology we can identify those Missing in Action and bring them home to rest and give some closure to their families.

Throughout the year and throughout our state our VFW members and our Post Honor Guards gather to honor the passing of Veterans who very well could have written home at some point in their lives, ".....don't worry about me. I'm serving my country". We should not be sad that they died but should be happy that they lived. There is always conversation at these funerals about the accomplishments of the deceased veteran and the pride for their military service.

Sometimes there is the unfortunate situation when a veteran dies alone with no family. But the VFW is family, and we should and do attend those ceremonies with honor and dignity.

We must do everything we can to bring our Combat Veterans into our Posts as members. We should try to learn their story while they are still living. We should be mindful of our elderly members who need assistance to attend our meetings and our functions. We should not let their membership lapse because no one is reaching out to them with buddy-checks. We should not wait until a funeral to share our veteran's amazing stories.

Keep up the great work of the VFW. I am proud to have served with you and to have learned many of your stories this past year.

VFW NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CONTINUED

Mr. Thien's VFW Positions include All American Post Commander, All State District Commander and All American State Commander. He has also held positions on numerous National committees, including Vice Chairman of Citizenship Education and Community Service and as Chairman of National Scholarship and Recognition.

In 1995, Indiana Governor Evan Bayh bestowed the honor of naming him a Distinguished Hoosier, and Governor Joe Kernan awarded Bill the Sagamore of the Wabash Chieftain in 2004. Kentucky Governor Steven Beshear commissioned him a Kentucky Colonel in 2012.

Mr. Thien attended Indiana University Southeast. He worked as a Team Leader/Shift Supervisor at Duke Energy and is now retired.

Mr. Thien is a member of the American Legion, DAV, Veterans of Vietnam War Inc., Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 51 and VFW National Home.

He and his wife Linda have four children and eight grandchildren. Bill and Linda make their home in Georgetown, Ind.

LOUISIANA TOP RECRUITERS

The Department would like to THANK the following individuals for recruiting 5+ members this year.

Donald A. Reber- 115	Jared L. Nolen- 8
Federico M. Arends- 80	Shantrece Hooker- 7
Albert M. Cusimano Sr.- 51	Robert E. Baldwin Jr. - 6
Kevin J. York- 16	Bradford Clark- 6
James H. Minchew Jr.- 15	Patrick Kennedy- 5
Shane A. Fowler- 14	Sherman Whiting- 5
Vance Sutton- 13	Robert Boudreaux- 5
Brent M. Gautreau- 11	Lawrence S. Koons- 5
Walter R. Korb- 11	Allen R. McNeal- 5
Raymond J. Ledet- 10	Elton Barks- 5
Paula S. Baldwin- 10	Precilla Wilkewitz- 5
Christopher LeGuin- 10	Paul E. Hamburger- 5
Philip Lawrence- 10	Eric Bettevy- 5
James E. Reynolds- 10	
Sylvester Martinez- 9	
Ronald E. Barnard- 9	
James M. Prestenback- 8	

STATE PRESIDENT MARY JOHNSON

"With Respect, Honor, & Gratitude We Serve"



Hello from myself and National President Jane Reape from Cartridge, New York. President Jane's theme is. "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care." It has truly been an Honor to visit with the Louisiana Auxiliaries as they accomplish my theme: "With Respect, Honor and Gratitude We Serve." Across Louisiana I am amazed at the wonderful Auxiliary members I have met. No matter where I go, I find out we are more alike than different. Many members have become great friends and get together to volunteer at VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and VA Clinics across the state. Keep sharing your ideas, your projects, and your activities. Always remember it's easy to be kind and to respect others and their diverse opinions. The women who have served and are now serving in overseas combat have given the VFW Auxiliary new members as relatives to these veterans.

I am proud to announce that this year many auxiliaries have already reached 100% and the Department as of this writing is at 103.04% and 3rd in the Nation. I am so proud of all the hard work that has been put in this year. The 2022-2023 Program year is coming to an end. I cannot say "Thank You" enough to our Chairmen for all their great work.

VFW Auxiliary Officers met with Senator Bill Cassidy, along with many aids for all the Louisiana Congressmen. We spoke on 2023 VFW Priority Goals. I spoke briefly on Veterans Spouse and Dependent Benefits. On Wednesday, March 8th at the Capitol, I was able to be in the audience as VFW Commander-in-Chief Tim Bordelon addressed the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committee at the 2023 VFW Legislative Conference. What an experience and honor to be there in person. Thank you for donating to my Special Project this year - the Shriners Hospital for Children, in Shreveport, LA. At Shriners Hospital approximately 85% of all funds spent each year are dedicated to patient care, research, and education. With your help we can help many children throughout Louisiana. I cannot say Thank you enough for everything you do every day to serve our country.

VFW AUXILIARY NATIONAL REP FOR THE STATE CONVENTION

Past National President Diana Stout of Charleston, W. Va., continues to serve the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary as a member of the National Appeals and Grievances Committee.



A Life Member of East Huntington Auxiliary 9738, she joined on the eligibility of her father, Thair Stout, who served in World War II.

As 2001-2002 National President, she led the membership behind the theme "Liberty and Justice for All," which is derived from her background in law, and one of the Auxiliary's main objectives: to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and equal rights and justice to all men and women. That theme took on added meaning in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Auxiliaries throughout the country reacted by providing personal care packages, donating thousands of dollars to help the victims' families, and providing \$280,000 for Operation Uplink™, giving long-distance telephone cards to servicemen and servicewomen.

During her term, the \$3 million mark was topped for the 14th consecutive year in the Auxiliary Cancer Aid & Research Fund; two Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships in the amount of \$50,000 each were awarded; the National First-Place Young American Creative Patriotic Art was featured on note cards and funds raised went into a newly-created escrow fund.

Diana held many offices for the organization. She was named Outstanding Department President in 1986-1987 and served seven terms as Auxiliary President and two as District President. She was Department Secretary for three years and is currently Department Treasurer. She represented West Virginia and Virginia on the National Council of Administration. She also was National Chairman for the Southern Conference on the Publicity Program, twice on the Legislative program, and served as National Legislative Director in 1988-1989.

Stout is currently employed as the General Counsel of the West Virginia State Treasurer. She belongs to the American Bar Association, West Virginia Bar Association, National Association of Bond Lawyers, Government Finance Officers Association, National Association of Public Pension Attorneys and Kanawha County Humane Association.



YOUTH PROGRAMS



During the 92nd Annual Mid Winter Conference, all 10 First Place District Winners came together for a day of celebration. The students went on a tour to a local museum in Alexandria, LA before attending the Awards Banquet where we announced the First Place Department Winner. The Department would like to congratulate all the students and their respective Post for their awards.

2022-2023 VOD DISTRICT WINNERS

DISTRICT	NAME:	SPONSORING POST:
2	Dalton Haydel	6640
3	Nathan Adams	12182
4	Syed Temur Ali	12065
5	Kynzlie Smith	4759
7	Rylan Fontenot	9903
8	Gregory Crain	7017
9	Cary Cusimano	3652
10	Nathan Price	1736
11	Kinleigh Harvey	4317
12	Ashlyn Moore	4588



VOD DISTRICT FIRST PLACE WINNERS

2022-2023 PATRIOT'S PEN STATE WINNERS

1st Place - George Hurley sponsored by Post 3665 in Raceland, LA.

2nd Place- Candence Bass sponsored by Post 3155 in Winnsboro, LA.

3rd Place- Dawson Dubois sponsored by Post 7017 in Denham Springs, LA!

2022-2023 AMERICANISM STATE WINNERS

CATEGORY 1

1st Place	Madison Mingo	Post 2130
2nd Place	Madeline Montesdeoca	Post 3267
3rd Place	Caroline Fielder	Post 5951

CATEGORY II

1st Place	Nash McClure	Post 4224
2nd Place	AnnMarie Campell Weathers	Post 4222
3rd Place	Elvis Marroquin	Post 9854
3rd Place	Stella McCullough	Post 1736

CATEGORY III

1st Place	Jeremias Akamine	Post 8720
2nd Place	Jose Guevara	Post 3693
3rd Place	Saniyah Saulsberry	Post 4317

CATEGORY IV

1st Place	Mary Albares	Post 5097
2nds Place	Emily Gilbert	Post 4317
3rd Place	Marci Guerrero	Post 4588



Dalton Haydel from Metairie, LA was the Department's First Place Winner. Dalton is a Senior at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, LA. He was Sponsored by Post 6640 in Metairie, LA.

Dalton is pictured above with State VOD Chairman, Fred Wesley, State President, Mary Johnson, his mother, and State Commander, Don Reber.

2022-2023 TEACHER AWARDS

The Department would like to congratulate the following Teachers for coming in First Place at the State level.

K-5th Suzanne Lestage

Suzanne is a 2nd grade teacher at G.W. Carver Elementary in DeRidder, LA. She was sponsored by Post 3619 in DeRidder, LA.

6th-8th Justin Rayburn

Justin is a teacher at Denham Springs Jr. High. He was sponsored by Post 7017 in Denham Springs, LA.

9th-12th Kristie Penick

Kristie is a Special Education Teacher at Delhi Charter School in Dehli, LA.. She was sponsored by Post 3375 in Rayville, LA.

2023-2024 YOUTH ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP THEMES

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to announce the 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen themes. Post will begin accepting entries in August of this year.

Voice of Democracy is for students in grades 9th-12th and the Voice of Democracy Theme for 2023-2024:

""What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"

Patriot's Pen is for students in grades 6th-8th and the Patriot's Pen Theme for 2023-2024: **"How Are You Inspired by America?"**

These two programs allow students to win scholarships totaling more than \$3 million on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

2022-2023 SAFETY AWARDS

Post are commended again this year for their commitment to honoring Law Officers, First Responders, Firefighters, and 911 Dispatchers who serve their Communities. Without a doubt these individuals deserve our upmost respect for putting their lives on the line everyday. From grateful Department of Louisiana VFW and VFW Auxiliary, we extend "Thank you for your service" to all.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

1st - Leighton Becker sponsored by Post 5951
2nd- Eddie Thibodeaux sponsored by Post 8971
3rd- Brian McGowan sponsored by Post 3615

EMT

1st- Stephen Braidwood sponsored by Post 4588
2nd- Garry Carter sponsored by Post 3139
3rd- Stephen Olivier sponsored by Post 2483

911 DISPATCHER

1st- Angeline Comeaux sponsored by Post 8971
2nd- Jennifer Kruithof sponsored by Post 4586
3rd- Franke Landers sponsored by Post 3615

FIREFIGHTER

1st- Charles Keith LaJack Jr. sponsored by Post 8971
2nd- Corey Tuminello sponsored by Post 4588
3rd- Taylor Kay Foster sponsored by Post 3615

2023 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2023
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

RIVER SPIRIT CASINO RESORT
8330 RIVERSIDE PKWY
TULSA, OK 74137

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE IS \$85.00 PER PERSON
REGISTRATION FEE COVERS: BANQUET, HOSPITALITY ROOM, ENTERTAINMENT, \$10 FREE PLAY IN THE CASINO AND ONE (1) EXCURSION PER PERSON* (*EXCURSIONS ARE LIMITED IN SIZE AND RESERVED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.)

REGISTRATION AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE \$95.00 PER PERSON.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2023

ROOM RATE: \$149 + TAX
SIGNATURE SUITE: \$199 + TAX

92ND ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

June 15-18, 2023
Holiday Inn Downtown Alexandria
701 4th St.

VFW TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, June 15, 2023

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pre-Paid Registration (VFW Only) Pre-Function Area & Banquet Tickets, Dinner Tickets (VFW & Aux)

FRIDAY, June 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Area
8:45 a.m.	Officers Line Up	Pre-Function Area
9:00 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.	Joint Opening & Memorial & Vietnam Veteran's Coin presentation	BR/New Orleans Rm
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Area
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	First Business Session	BR/New Orleans Rm
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	NVMS Prize Bingo	Lake Charles/Lafayette Rm
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Dinner Fundraiser	Lake Charles/Lafayette Rm

Theme: VFW Veterans & Families Got Talent ([Patriotic Flag Theme](#))

SATURDAY, June 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Area
9:00 a.m.	Second Business Session	BR/New Orleans Room
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Health Fair & Blood Drive	Pre-Function Area
12:00 noon	PSC Luncheon	OAK ALLEN ROOM
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Area
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Third Business Session	BR/New Orleans Room
3:30 p.m.	PSCs Meeting	Spire Room
6:30 p.m.	VFW & Auxiliary Awards Banquet	LA Ballroom

Speaker, Past National CIC Bill Thien

SUNDAY, June 18, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Area
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Final Business Session	BR/New Orleans Room
11:15 a.m.	Nomination & Election of Officers	
1:00 p.m.	Joint Installation Ceremony	BR/New Orleans Room
	Reception for Incoming State Commander and President	

All Comrades and Sisters are invited to attend!
SAFE TRAVELS HOME

VFW AUXILIARY TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration - Ticket Pick-up
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Staff, Budget, Audit Meetings
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	District Presidents Meeting - District Presidents & Line Officers Only (Aux Room)
7:00 pm	Floor Practice, including Line Officers (Auxiliary Room)

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration & Sweets Booth
8:45 am	VFW & Auxiliary Officer Line-up
9:00 am - 11:15 am	Joint Opening & Memorial Service VFW Room
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Council of Administration Meeting
2:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Auxiliary First Business Session, Award Presentations
4:30 pm -	NVMS Prize BINGO (to follow Business Session)
6:00 pm	Fundraiser Dinner, Theme: "Veterans and Families Got Talent" - Table Decorations: Patriotic

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration & Sweets Booth
8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Past State Commanders & Past State Presidents Presentation
9:00 am - 11:30 am	Auxiliary Second Business Session
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Past Department Presidents Luncheon
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Auxiliary Memorial Service
1:45 pm - 3:45 pm	Third Business Session, Open Nominations
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Banquet

Sunday, JUNE 18, 2023

8:30 am - 11:00 am	Auxiliary Final Nominations and Election of Officers
11:30 am	Joint Installation

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET TICKETS

Banquet Tickets are \$30.00 per person and may be ordered on our website.

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STATE CONVENTION DELEGATE FEES

Post Delegate Fees can be paid on our website.

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VFW DAY OF SERVICE

The second annual VFW Day of Service will kick off May 6, 2023. VFW Day of Service is part of the VFW's #StillServing campaign and unites veterans across America around a common goal — showing the nation the impact veterans make in their communities.

MAY 6, 2023

VFW DAY OF SERVICE RESOURCES & IDEAS

Tools at Your Fingertips

Planning a VFW Day of Service event? Take advantage of these resources to help you organize your efforts and get the word out!

Visit <https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service-resources/> to check out the resources available.

A Historical Annual Event

The VFW Day of Service is an outgrowth of VFW's #StillServing campaign which highlights the countless ways veterans continue to serve in communities across America.

Visit <https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service-faq/> to read the FAQ



Visit <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/> to sign up today!

**LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING/SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

**Louisiana is pleased to announce that
National Adjutant General, Dan West,
will be attending and conducting our
School of Instruction!**

**August 11-13, 2023
Holiday Inn Downtown
Alexandria, LA**

**ALL VFW MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**Reminder: THE VFW Department ByLaws state that EACH Member in good standing
will receive a copy of the Louisiana Combat Veteran.**

**ARTICLE IV
Revenue and Funds**

SECTION 1. Department Dues

**Department dues of seven dollars (\$7.00) per annum shall be assessed on each and
every member in good standing in each and every Post in the Department except
life members, which shall include a year's subscription to the LOUISIANA COMBAT
VETERAN, the official organ of the Department.**

GENERAL ORDERS

1. Attention Post Commanders: All general orders should be read at your meetings and filed in post files for future references. General Orders will also be on the Department website listed above.

2. TAXES: An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required for each Post exempt from tax under Section 501 (c) of the code. If gross receipts (Gross receipts include from all sources, including membership dues, liquor or restaurant receipts, etc.) some of this may be unrelated business income in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required are \$25,000 or less the Internal Revenue Service requests only the heading on page 1 be completed, being sure to check Box B, and send it to the IRS center in your area. This must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the Department's Fiscal Year.

3. DUTY OF POST COMMANDER: Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duty of the Post Commander, requires that the Post Commander shall see that the Post Trustees Reports of Audit are properly prepared and submitted each quarter.

4. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: Post must have Articles on file with the Secretary of State are reminded that they have must file the annual report each year. If a Post fails to file the Annual Report and pay the \$10.00 fee -- the Post Article of Incorporation become INACTIVE and Post must reactivate the Article of Incorporation at a fee of around \$75.00.

5. VOTING: In accordance with VFW By Laws, Article II, Sections 221 – Voting: VFW members present at a regular or special meeting determines the governing duly made and approved votes on the working order of the Post. Post membership has the final say on the working order of a VFW Post and canteen, unless Post ByLaws voted and approved indicate set rules

6. RESOLUTIONS: Are proposed and approved by a Post then by District before being forwarded to the Department thirty days prior to State Convention for delegate action.

7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Post nominations are in March and Elections are in April and election reports must be completed by April elections and forwarded to National and the Department immediately. Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Reports must be submitted online through OMS by the Post Quartermaster.

8. ELECTION REPORT FILING: All current Post Quartermasters must submit the 2023-2024 Election Report online through the OMS system.

9. DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE MEMBERS ONLY SECTION: Go to www.vfwdeptla.org, on the right side click the Login Tab, click Members Only. The username will be the VFW Members Membership Number and the password will be the VFW Members last name.

10. DISTRICT CONVENTION: Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws 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. District may have the district meeting declared null and void if not held in this time frame in accordance with Section 403 of Manual of Procedure. Special note: Section 403 – Inpart States: Regular meeting -- unless otherwise provided for in Dept ByLaws, District shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings each year for purposes as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure and one of which must be a school of instructions/workshop. All Districts holding only two meetings a year are hereby informed and instructed to hold three (3) meeting a year in accordance with VFW ByLaws and Manual of Procedure.

GENERAL ORDERS CONTINUED

11. ARREARAGE LETTERS: Arrearage letters were mailed to the Post Commander in the month of April along with the Credential Cards for Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.

12. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES: To the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention; one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department ByLaws may provide.

13. COMMUNITY SERVICE: ALL POSTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AT LEAST ONE REPORT IN EACH OF THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT THE VFW participates in, such as Community Service, Hospital Program, POW/MIA Program, Americanism Programs, Loyalty Day Programs, Safety Programs, Youth Activities, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, & Teachers ETC. Reports are to be submitted on the Department's Website under the Member's Only Section. If you have any questions, contact the State Community Service Chairman, James Prestenback (Email: jprestenback302@gmail.com)

14. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: The attention of Department, District, and Post Commanders is directed to Section 103, Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the way application for membership will be handled. Applications for membership of new, reinstated or Transfer Members are voted on by the members present at a regular Post Meeting

15. ALL AMERICAN DASHBOARD NOW KNOWN AS THE "PROGRAM DASHBOARD": Post Adjutants should have access to the National Program Dashboard by logging in at www.vfw.org. Post are encouraged to be sure the correct Adjutant is listed on their Post Election Report. Post Adjutants should receive all Program Information from Chairman within the Post. This information should be entered the Program Dashboard for National. Once the Post Adjutant enters this information, it must be approved by the District Adjutant.

16. VOTING STRENGTH: To calculate the Post Voting Strength, take the current year total as of March 31st and divide it by 30. Example: Current Total as of March 31st is 35. 35 divided by 30 is 1.1666. So Post would get to Delegate Votes + 1 Commander Vote. Therefor, the voting strength would be 2 + 1.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Louisiana as of Wednesday, May 3, 2023

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
Louisiana	3121	2	140	4	8	75	227	213	106.57%	5		GRETNA	LA	5	93	95.70%	7.98 %
Louisiana	3267	2	94	2	1	23	120	153	78.43%	6		HARAHAN	LA	0	59	52.54%	1.96 %
Louisiana	3337	2	141	1	5	91	238	282	84.39%	4		LA PLACE	LA	2	145	72.41%	2.84 %
Louisiana	3750	2	117	4	0	52	173	167	103.59%	6		LULING	LA	5	61	96.72%	5.39 %
Louisiana	5852	2	42	0	4	24	70	70	100.00%	9		LUTCHER	LA	0	26	92.31%	5.71 %
Louisiana	6640	2	110	10	0	34	154	153	100.65%	6		METAIRIE	LA	2	46	76.09%	7.84 %
Louisiana	7732	2	20	1	0	4	25	25	100.00%	11		KENNER	LA	1	8	87.50%	8.00 %
Louisiana	8973	2	232	12	13	40	297	280	106.07%	4		NEW ORLEANS	LA	5	68	64.71%	10.71 %
District Totals		2	896	34	31	343	1304	1343	97.09%	5				20	0	0.00%	6.33 %
Louisiana	3665	3	98	30	5	84	217	178	121.91%	6		RACELAND	LA	0	89	103.37%	19.66 %
Louisiana	4222	3	68	6	1	25	100	95	105.26%	8		MORGAN CITY	LA	1	28	103.57%	8.42 %
Louisiana	4752	3	52	6	0	26	84	75	112.00%	9		HOUMA	LA	0	25	104.00%	8.00 %
Louisiana	5097	3	72	1	3	31	107	107	100.00%	8		THIBODAUX	LA	0	32	96.88%	3.74 %
Louisiana	7755	3	27	0	1	14	42	42	100.00%	11		BOURG	LA	0	16	100.00%	2.38 %
Louisiana	8538	3	52	4	0	40	96	95	101.05%	8		LAROSE	LA	0	40	102.50%	4.21 %
Louisiana	9608	3	26	0	0	0	26	26	100.00%	11		CHAUVIN	LA	0	0	100.00%	0.00 %
Louisiana	12182	3	23	4	0	26	53	46	115.21%	11		PATTERSON	LA	2	26	100.00%	13.04 %
District Totals		3	418	51	10	246	725	664	109.18%	6				3	0	0.00%	9.64 %
Louisiana	1982	4	70	7	4	34	115	106	108.49%	8		NEW IBERIA	LA	0	39	117.95%	10.38 %
Louisiana	3793	4	19	0	0	9	28	28	100.00%	11		KAPLAN	LA	0	9	100.00%	0.00 %
Louisiana	4158	4	19	6	1	16	42	32	131.25%	11		ABBEVILLE	LA	2	15	100.00%	28.13 %
Louisiana	4201	4	51	2	2	15	70	64	109.37%	10		FRANKLIN	LA	2	15	80.00%	9.38 %
Louisiana	4215	4	22	3	1	9	35	33	106.06%	11		BREAUX BRIDGE	LA	0	10	90.00%	12.12 %
Louisiana	9210	4	46	4	3	28	81	78	103.84%	9		YOUNGSVILLE	LA	1	37	78.38%	10.26 %
Louisiana	9822	4	115	8	0	44	167	150	111.33%	6		LAFAYETTE	LA	1	40	85.00%	6.00 %
Louisiana	12065	4	28	4	1	12	45	40	112.50%	11		NEW IBERIA	LA	0	12	100.00%	12.50 %
District Totals		4	370	34	12	167	583	531	109.79%	6				6	0	0.00%	9.79 %
Louisiana	2130	5	117	6	1	30	154	151	101.98%	6		LAKE CHARLES	LA	1	37	67.57%	5.30 %
Louisiana	3106	5	521	11	1	81	614	602	101.99%	3		LEESVILLE	LA	5	83	89.16%	2.82 %
Louisiana	3619	5	259	25	5	88	377	459	82.13%	3		DE RIDDER	LA	4	209	53.11%	7.41 %
Louisiana	3686	5	35	0	2	6	43	40	107.50%	11		JENNINGS	LA	0	5	120.00%	5.00 %
Louisiana	3802	5	36	4	1	6	47	41	114.63%	11		DE QUINCY	LA	1	6	100.00%	14.63 %
Louisiana	4759	5	29	3	0	7	39	43	90.69%	11		STARKS	LA	2	18	44.44%	11.63 %
Louisiana	7321	5	128	0	5	16	149	157	94.90%	6		LAKE CHARLES	LA	1	32	56.25%	3.82 %
Louisiana	9854	5	78	0	0	15	93	118	78.81%	7		VINTON	LA	1	41	51.22%	0.85 %
Louisiana	12203	5	12	0	0	12	24	19	126.31%	11		KINDER	LA	0	9	77.78%	0.00 %
District Totals		5	1215	49	15	261	1540	1630	94.47%	4				15	0	0.00%	4.85 %
Louisiana	2483	7	27	3	1	9	40	33	121.21%	11		OPELOUSAS	LA	1	14	92.86%	15.15 %
Louisiana	3803	7	53	0	3	6	62	62	100.00%	10		VILLE PLATTE	LA	0	9	66.67%	4.84 %
Louisiana	5153	7	86	11	5	28	130	124	104.83%	7		ARNAUDVILLE	LA	1	42	76.19%	13.71 %
Louisiana	6720	7	48	1	1	17	67	66	101.51%	10		CROWLEY	LA	2	19	94.74%	6.06 %
Louisiana	8678	7	13	0	0	7	20	22	90.90%	11		PORT BARRE	LA	0	10	90.00%	0.00 %
Louisiana	8971	7	95	21	3	75	194	160	121.25%	6		EUNICE	LA	0	63	85.71%	15.00 %
Louisiana	9903	7	29	1	0	25	55	50	110.00%	11		CHURCH POINT	LA	0	24	95.83%	2.00 %
District Totals		7	351	37	13	167	568	517	109.86%	6				4	0	0.00%	10.44 %
Louisiana	3693	8	138	12	7	36	193	158	122.15%	6		GONZALES	LA	12	53	83.02%	19.62 %
Louisiana	3766	8	11	1	3	19	34	34	100.00%	11		DONALDSONVILLE	LA	0	23	78.26%	11.76 %
Louisiana	3784	8	140	4	1	29	174	173	100.57%	6		BATON ROUGE	LA	1	31	96.77%	3.47 %
Louisiana	3785	8	12	1	1	15	29	28	103.57%	11		ADDIS	LA	0	16	81.25%	7.14 %
Louisiana	4224	8	62	1	3	42	108	106	101.88%	8		BAKER	LA	0	43	102.33%	3.77 %
Louisiana	7017	8	37	15	1	46	99	78	126.92%	9		DENHAM SPRINGS	LA	2	47	117.02%	23.08 %
Louisiana	11169	8	53	2	0	12	67	64	104.68%	10		BATON ROUGE	LA	0	12	83.33%	3.13 %
District Totals		8	453	36	16	199	704	641	109.82%	6				15	0	0.00%	10.45 %
Louisiana	3652	9	59	32	20	20	131	71	184.50%	9		HAMMOND	LA	1	22	95.45%	74.65 %
Louisiana	5735	9	91	3	2	42	138	132	104.54%	7		SLIDELL	LA	1	45	93.33%	4.55 %
Louisiana	7196	9	29	0	2	4	35	35	100.00%	11		FRANKLINTON	LA	0	6	66.67%	5.71 %
Louisiana	7286	9	60	8	2	14	84	77	109.09%	9		COVINGTON	LA	2	22	54.55%	15.58 %
Louisiana	8290	9	80	2	1	25	108	108	100.00%	8		LACOMBE	LA	2	35	71.43%	4.63 %
Louisiana	8720	9	109	10	3	73	195	186	104.83%	5		ABITA SPRINGS	LA	4	89	87.64%	9.14 %
District Totals		9	428	55	30	178	691	609	113.46%	6				10	0	0.00%	15.60 %

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Louisiana	1736	10	341	2	3	20	366	366	100.00%	3	ALEXANDRIA	LA	1	16	87.50%	1.64 %
Louisiana	1962	10	34	1	2	12	49	48	102.08%	11	NATCHITOCHE	LA	0	17	76.47%	6.25 %
Louisiana	3139	10	45	1	0	30	76	71	107.04%	9	MARKSVILLE	LA	6	37	97.30%	9.86 %
Louisiana	3841	10	13	0	3	8	24	20	120.00%	11	MANSURA	LA	0	8	100.00%	15.00 %
Louisiana	5002	10	35	0	3	14	52	48	108.33%	11	JENA	LA	0	13	115.38%	6.25 %
Louisiana	7643	10	31	3	0	10	44	41	107.31%	11	SIMMESPORT	LA	0	11	100.00%	7.32 %
Louisiana	8852	10	86	5	3	9	103	103	100.00%	8	ALEXANDRIA	LA	0	22	59.09%	7.77 %
District Totals		10	585	12	14	103	714	697	102.43%	6			7	0	0.00%	4.73 %
Louisiana	1809	11	83	11	0	45	139	130	106.92%	7	MONROE	LA	3	55	94.55%	10.77 %
Louisiana	3155	11	47	1	4	17	69	69	100.00%	9	WINNSBORO	LA	0	19	78.95%	7.25 %
Louisiana	3375	11	52	0	0	11	63	73	86.30%	9	RAYVILLE	LA	0	21	52.38%	0.00 %
Louisiana	3615	11	76	4	5	12	97	95	102.10%	8	RUSTON	LA	1	18	83.33%	10.53 %
Louisiana	3977	11	15	2	1	12	30	27	111.11%	11	OAK GROVE	LA	0	13	92.31%	11.11 %
Louisiana	3993	11	22	0	2	4	28	27	103.70%	11	WEST MONROE	LA	0	4	100.00%	7.41 %
Louisiana	4317	11	49	0	10	35	94	92	102.17%	8	JONESBORO	LA	1	43	90.70%	11.96 %
Louisiana	5442	11	68	0	1	11	80	90	88.88%	8	FARMERVILLE	LA	3	28	50.00%	4.44 %
District Totals		11	412	18	23	147	600	603	99.50%	6			8	0	0.00%	8.13 %
Louisiana	2885	12	29	4	1	19	53	51	103.92%	10	MINDEN	LA	0	23	82.61%	9.80 %
Louisiana	4586	12	24	1	0	5	30	30	100.00%	11	MANSFIELD	LA	0	7	85.71%	3.33 %
Louisiana	4588	12	289	4	0	23	316	342	92.39%	4	BOSSIER CITY	LA	5	61	44.26%	2.63 %
Louisiana	4858	12	22	7	0	2	31	25	124.00%	11	MANY	LA	0	2	100.00%	28.00 %
Louisiana	5187	12	35	15	13	7	70	34	205.88%	11	ZWOLLE	LA	3	9	111.11%	91.18 %
Louisiana	5951	12	476	62	28	101	667	520	128.26%	3	BOSSIER CITY	LA	9	48	89.58%	19.04 %
Louisiana	7287	12	22	0	3	23	48	45	106.66%	11	COUSHATTA	LA	0	24	100.00%	6.67 %
District Totals		12	897	93	45	180	1215	1047	116.04%	5			17	0	0.00%	14.80 %
Louisiana	15019	99	1186	85	17	180	1468	1487	98.72%	1	BATON ROUGE	LA	21	0	0.00%	8.27 %
District Totals		99	1186	85	17	180	1468	1487	98.72%	4			21	0	0.00%	8.27 %
State Totals			7211	504	226	2171	10112	9769	103.51%				126	0	0.00%	8.76 %

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My Fellow Comrades of the Department of Louisiana:

This letter is to announce my retirement as Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Louisiana State Quartermaster Adjutant and to thank so many of you for the wonderful blessings that you have brought into my life.

Over the past 37 years I have had the honor of serving as your State Quartermaster Adjutant. I have had the privilege of working with so many of our Posts, Auxiliaries, Districts, State, and National Officers as well as the VIPs who are all the members of our wonderful organizations. I take pride in the wonderful things our Department has accomplished over the years, because of all of you working to help veterans and their families. I can not express my gratitude enough to all of you. I wish all of you great happiness, wonderful health and lots of love.

My retirement date will be effective June 16, 2023. OVER AND OUT!