

Mail Call

Department of Louisiana

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CofA/School of Instruction

August 9-11, 2024

The Bentley Alexandria

Southern Conference

November 7-9, 2024

Nashville, TN

Mid-Winter Conference

January 23-26, 2025

The Bentley Alexandria

State Convention

June 26-29, 2025

The Bentley Hotel Alexandria &
Convention Center

“Generations Continuing to Serve”

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:

Aug 31, 2024	Post 3267
State Rep, QTM, Ray Bass	
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon
Feb 22, 2025	Post 3750
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon
April 26, 2025	Post 3267
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon

DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS:

Aug 24, 2024	Post 4222
State Rep, SVC, James Prestenback	
Registration	9:00 am
Joint Meeting	10:00 am
Meeting	10:30 am
Lunch(\$8)	12:00noon
Jan 11, 2025	Post 4222
Registration	9:00 am
Joint Meeting	10:00 am
Meeting	10:30 am
Lunch(\$8)	12:00noon
April 26, 2025	Post 4222
Registration	9:00 am
Joint Meeting	10:00 am
Meeting	10:30 am
Lunch(\$8)	12:00noon

DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS:

Aug 17, 2024	Post 9822
State Rep, SVC, James Prestenback	
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch(\$8)	12:00noon
Feb 15, 2025	Post 1982
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch(\$8)	12:00noon
May 3, 2025	Post 9822
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch(\$8)	12:00noon

DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS:

August 24, 2024	Post 7321
State Rep, JVC, Sharee Arends	
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon

DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS CONT'D:

Nov 2, 2024	Post 3106
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon
April 12, 2025	Post 3619
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon

DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:

Aug 17, 2024	Post 5153
State Rep, ADJ, Carl Karnish	
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch(\$10)	12:00noon
Nov 2, 2024	Post 2483
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch(\$10)	12:00noon
May 17, 2025	Post 6720
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch(\$10)	12:00noon

DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:

Sept 14, 2024	Post 4224
State Rep, ADJ, Carl Karnish	
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon
Jan 18, 2025	Post 3785
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon
April 12, 2025	Post 3784
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:

Aug 24, 2024	Post 8290
State Rep, QTM, Ray Bass	
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	11:00 am
Oct 26, 2024	Post 8720
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	11:00 am
Feb 15, 2025	Post 5735
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	11:00 am

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS CONT'D:

April 26, 2025	Post 3652
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	11:00 am

DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS:

Sept 14, 2024	Post 1736
State Rep, JPC, Ron Delaney	
Registration	10:00 am
Meeting	10:30 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon
Feb 15, 2025	Post 3139
Registration	10:00 am
Meeting	10:30 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon
May 3, 2025	Post 7643
Registration	10:00 am
Meeting	10:30 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon

DISTRICT 11 MEETINGS:

Aug 24, 2024	Post 5442
State Rep, JPC, Ron Delaney	
Registration	10:30 am
Meeting	11:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon
Jan 18, 2025	Post 3615
Registration	10:30 am
Meeting	11:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon
May 10, 2025	Post 1809
Registration	10:30 am
Meeting	11:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon

DISTRICT 12 MEETINGS:

Sept 14, 2024	Post 5187
State Rep, JVC, Sharee Arends	
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch (\$7)	12:00noon
Jan 11, 2025	Post 4588
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon
April 12, 2025	Post 5951
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The first day of school is just right around the corner. Be sure to get your VOD & Patriot's Pen Student Entry Forms ready to be handed out at the school! Now is the time to start promoting our Youth Programs.

2024-2025 YOUTH ESSAY THEMES:

Patriot's Pen: "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

VOD: "Is America Today Our Forefather's Vision?"

Visit <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships> for more information!

POST INSURANCE:

It's the conversations and relationships that happen in local Posts that make it critical to maintain and protect your Post. Learn how to manage the risks associated with your Post operations. Your Post may have coverage needs that include:

- Property Insurance to protect against loss or damage to the Post home, its contents and other Post-owned property.
- General Liability Insurance for the Post and its members to cover bodily injury or property damage and defense costs related to a liability claim.
- Liquor Liability Insurance for any Post that sells alcohol and may end up legally obligated to pay damages as a result.
- Workers' Compensation Insurance to cover medical expenses and lost wages in the event of on-the-job injuries to employees and volunteers.
- Employee Dishonesty Insurance to cover the theft of money or other property by employees or volunteers.
- Special Events Coverage to protect the Post when it hosts or sponsors functions such as a parade, bingo, picnic, reception or fundraiser.
- Umbrella Liability Insurance in excess of your Post's primary liability policy to cover larger claims.
- Surety Bonds, also known as Tax & Gambling Bonds, to guarantee your required obligations to other parties.

Let the team at Lockton Affinity build a customized insurance package just for your Post.

Contact Lockton Affinity at 800-829-8390 to learn more

***All Post that have Building Insurance through a Company other than Lockton Affinity are required to submit a copy of their Building Insurance Certificate Coverage to Department Headquarters!**

State Commander's Membership Challenge

"Let's Knock it Out The Park"



The recruiter with the most new and/or reinstated members from 8/1/2024 to 8/31/2024 will be awarded a genuine Louisville Slugger with the VFW 125th Logo

OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL

AUGUST 9-11, 2024
The Bentley Hotel
Alexandria, LA

Each Post Commander will receive a packet during the CoA. The packet will contain the following items:

- USB Drive with forms for Post Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant, Trustee, as well as information about the VFW Programs this year.
- Commander's Leadership Book

See the Tentative Agenda on **Page 13 of this months Mail Call.**

POST BONDS

Bonds for each Post and District will be due for renewal on September 1, 2024.

The 2024-2025 Bond Applications can be found on the Department's Website or by clicking the link below <https://vfwdeptla.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=133811>

Bond Cost is \$7.00 per 1,000.

POST ADMISSION FEE:

When a Post signs up a new member *they owe the Department \$2.00* for every new member. This is consider the Admission Fee in accordance with VFW By Laws!

**THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON
FACEBOOK, PLEASE GO LIKE OUR PAGE TO BE
UPDATED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

www.facebook.com/vfwdeptla



COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING:

All reports should be submitted **MONTHLY** by logging onto the Department's Website - Members Only Section. It's very important that Community Service Activities are reported in the month that they take place.

EVENT FLYERS:

Any District/Post that has upcoming events and would like to include a flyer in our monthly Mail Call, please send the information to adj@vfwdeptla.org!

Future National Convention Dates:

August 9-14, 2025 Columbus, OH	Aug 15-20, 2026 Salt Lake City, UT
July 31-Aug 4, 2027 Milwaukee, WI	Aug 5-10, 2028 San Antonio, TX

Department Conference/ Convention Dates:

2024-2025
CofA/Officer Training
August 9-11, 2024

Mid Winter
January 23-26, 2025

State Convention
June 26-29, 2025

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CofA/Officer Training
August 22-24, 2025

Mid Winter
January 22-25, 2026

State Convention
June 18-21, 2026

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State Commander:
Debbie McElhannon

From the desk of the State Commander...

As I write this article, we are currently at National Convention in Louisville, KY, what a wonderful time. I am so honored to be here representing Louisiana as the state Commander. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I am super excited about this year and can't wait to see how it turns out. I want to thank everyone who took the time to come out to the Louisiana get together at Ovrdrive. I truly enjoyed the camaraderie there and at National Convention. At National, you get to meet people from around the nation that are all fighting for veterans. We get so much information at National Convention to continue to help veterans. If you get a chance next year, join us next year at Columbus, OH from 9 to 14 August.

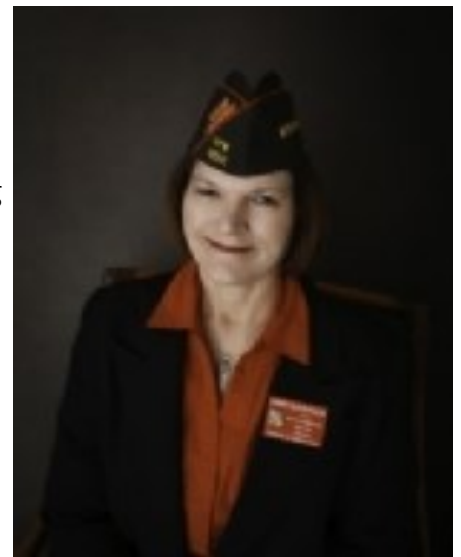
Our Council of Administration (COA)/ training is coming up 9 through 11 August. The COA has training to help you succeed and gives the requirements for the year. National has made it mandatory for Departments to use a program called Scholar's App to submit all Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy entries. Districts will also be required to use the App to upload entries. We will go over these requirements at COA. I invite each of you to attend. I hope you can make it to the training. Look for the agenda further in the Mail Call.

Posts need to bring the youth programs for the students and teacher of the year entry forms to the schools to give the students and teachers plenty of time to participate. You can start now by putting the information out on social media, send to people you know, home school students and contact the schools so they can add it into their calendar. All youth programs are required for All-State this year.

Shortly after COA, District Meetings begin. Ensure you have training ready to give at your meetings. The list of state and district representatives is in your program books that you will receive at COA. If your district has a change, ensure you contact the Department as soon as possible.

We will have monthly membership challenges sent each month. Hopefully, you will enjoy these challenges. The membership challenge is also listed further in this Mail Call.

You will also see the Joint special project in this Mail Call. We researched organizations that would combine our love of dogs with our passion for helping veterans with PTSD or other mental health issues to cut down on suicides. Brother and Sisters in Arms Service Dogs (BSASD) connects veterans, first responders and their dependents with service dogs. They choose the dog and provide training that the veteran attends with the dog. Look for the article about BSASD to learn more about this organization.



**State Commander
Debbie McElhannon**

From the State Sr. Vice Commander....

Comrades,

I hope all those who attended the National Convention have returned home safely. It is now time to focus our attention on the upcoming Counsel of Administration. I highly recommend all newly elected Post & District Officers attend the CoA. There will be valuable training and resources available. It's also a time where we can share ideas and camaraderie. I look forward to seeing you there.

Let's continue to recruit, educate and mentor members!

Thanks for being a part of the Great Organization.



**Sr. Vice Commander
James Prestenback**

From the State Jr. Vice Commander....

Greetings Comrades,

We have started the year off doing great in membership, but do not let it sneak up on you. We are waiting for Life memberships to come into the system, when they do, where will your Post, District, and where will our Department be?

School is just around the corner, you see the sales going on in all the stores, let this serve as your reminder to get those programs into the schools now so the teachers and/or the principal can add them into their assignments/curriculum!

Do not let the summer fly by without taking advantage of the beautiful weather, get out there into the community and show them what VFW is about. Buddy Poppy and membership drives should be your focus! Make sure to include your new members in those community activities! Start planning now for the holidays, get a committee together and plan a holiday gathering and include your community. The more we open our doors, the more those that can be members, will be members.



**Jr. Vice Cmdr
Sharee Arends**

From the State Adjutant....

Let's Grow Our Post

Do you want your post to grow? Has your post become stagnate? So, what are you going to do?

I have found one of the things that has helped me is being proactive. Proactive people take responsibility for their life. They don't blame circumstances or conditions for their behavior. They recognize that they are "response-able".

Our Membership looks to us as the example and then they decide whether to join our Post or not. Do they see and hear the proactive member who does things or uses proactive language like I Can, I Will or do they see the person who is reactive to their surroundings and uses language such as I Can't, or I must. Reactive people feel they have no choice in what is happening.

We need proactive Leaders and members. Members who focus their efforts on things they can do something about. They focus on their strengths and their circle of influence. Being proactive will move your Post forward and will give new members an uplifting experience that so many want and need.

So what is the next step..... Beginning with the End in Mind.



**State Adjutant
Carl Karnish**

From the State Chaplain..

Comrades, the experiences I have had since my accident have reinforced a lot of what I taught my Soldiers when I was a Platoon Sergeant. We would attempt to create the worse environments, not to make training crappy but when things are all kinds of messed up one of two things will happen. One, you either get focused on the suck and get no training value or Two, you dig deep, embrace the suck, and emerge a better leader or Soldier. In much the same way our VFW lives develop in similar ways. You might not be camouflaged carrying a loaded weapon but the end should be the same. To create a more effective team.

As I look back on my decades of time as a member of the VFW I have found myself in a multitude of positions. Regardless if at the Post, District, or State level, I have always strived to do the best job I could and to always give my entire effort. Things may not always go perfect or be in the greatest situation. However, in much the same way as when I look back on my 27 years in uniform the times when everything was falling apart are when I made my best memories. In much the same way always remember to bend and not break, and never hesitate to ask for assistance. Always remember that I'd rather hear about your problems than have to hear you lost the battle.



**State Chaplain
David Fields**

From the State Surgeon....

Comrades, first and foremost, let me say how grateful I am to have been voted in as “Your Surgeon” for this year. I hope to be able to bring support and insight to not only our members, but also to any Veteran that needs it. Our Commander has asked me to put together some topics focusing on Suicide Awareness. Although I have struggled to find things that I feel are relevant, I am working hard to find sources that we, as a family, can use along these lines. If anyone out there has sources that may not be available via a simple Google search, please do not hesitate to send them my way. This position is to help our Veterans as well as our members. I am always available if you or someone you know needs to talk. My wife, Susan Koons, and I will be taking classes through Operation Daily Battle and the programs they support so we can be of assistance. Looking forward to a Great Year.

**State Surgeon
Larry Koons**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Louisiana

Legislative Report July 2024

These are the key Topics from this month. Please read through these and let me know your thoughts on how we can continue to show Louisiana, that our Elected Officials are committed to our Veterans.

July 1st:

Pass the Dole Act: The VFW was proud to host a coalition of supporters, survivors, and caregivers to advocate for H.R. 8371, *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act*. [Watch the video](#), which starts at the 16:23 mark, and [urge your representatives to pass H.R. 8371 today!](#)

VFW on PBS News: In a television interview conducted by PBS News Hour correspondent Lisa Desjardins, VFW National Legislative Director Pat Murray discussed how unaccredited companies, known as [Claim Sharks](#), are exploiting loopholes to illegally represent and overcharge veterans through the VA claims process. “VA just recently announced their one millionth PACT Act claim granted. They’re putting out so much more money into veterans’ pockets, and these companies -- a lot of unscrupulous actors around the country -- are seeing an opportunity to take a cut of that,” said Murray. [Watch the interview](#).

VA Upgrades Claim Status Tool: VA has announced enhancements to its online [claim status tool](#). This free service allows veterans to access the status of their VA claim, decision review, or appeal via [VA.gov](#) using a variety of login options. The recent upgrades were designed to facilitate more user-friendly ways to quickly view and manage your information.

July 8th:

Free Connections to Resources: The National Resource Directory (NRD) gives service members, veterans, family members, and caregivers the ability to find and connect with organizations that can assist with specialized recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration needs. The NRD is the product of a partnership with DOD, VA, and the Department of Labor. This program is meant to facilitate free connections between individuals and stringently vetted resources that provide support in many areas such as employment, education, veteran benefits, caregiver support, housing, and the Military Adaptive Sports Program. [Read more](#).

Mental Health Care Services During Transition: The Military Health System inTransition program aids service members, veterans, and retirees — regardless of component, time served, or discharge category — to establish or transfer mental health care during times of transition. This program is a free service that is not time limited. It is staffed with qualified coaches familiar with military culture who stand ready to assist individuals to connect with the care they need. [Read more](#).

Claim Shark Victims: Predatory unaccredited companies referred to as “Claim Sharks” coach veterans in filing VA disability claims with promises of increasing their ratings, while charging fees and taking a portion of the veterans’ compensation. This is an illegal practice. Veterans Service Organizations like the VFW have [accredited service officers](#) who provide claims assistance to veterans free of charge, as is the law. If you or someone you know has been charged fees for VA claims assistance, please email the [VFW](#).

July 15th:

VFW Speaks at Press Conference: The VFW proudly stood alongside partner Veterans Service Organizations, supporters, and advocates to urge for swift passage of the *Major Richard Star Act*. America’s veterans have served and sacrificed for this country, and the VFW is calling upon Congress to pass this commonsense bill to finally take care of the veterans who were wounded in service.

House Subcommittee Pending Legislation Hearing: VFW National Legislative Associate Director Nancy Springer provided a statement for the record regarding several bills discussed during a House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs hearing. Overall, the legislation pertains to modernizing and improving the delivery of benefits to veterans and survivors.

House Subcommittee Pending Legislation Hearing Continued: More specifically, these bills aim to safeguard VA claimants and certain veterans' due process rights, expand burial authorities, broaden the use of automated tools in VA claims processing, and update survivor benefits. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 8:40 mark.

Afghanistan War Commission Begins Its Work: The bipartisan legislative Afghanistan War Commission (AWC) was established by the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022*. Co-chairs Shamila N. Chaudhary and Dr. Colin F. Jackson have announced the AWC will hold its first public hearing on Friday, July 19, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EDT, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Washington Office, located at 200 Maryland Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. Commissioners will hear testimony from expert witnesses comprising two panels. [Learn more](#) or [watch the hearing](#).

VA Life Insurance Programs: Life insurance can provide enduring financial security for veterans and their families. However, due to pre-existing conditions, some veterans have difficulty obtaining affordable life insurance in the commercial marketplace. To bridge that gap, VA offers a variety of financially tailorable insurance policy options, including a guaranteed acceptance plan specifically designed for veterans with service-connected disabilities. [Read more](#) about VA's life insurance programs and benefits.

July 22nd:

Louisville Welcomes VFW National Convention: The 125th VFW National Convention is taking place July 27 – Aug. 1, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky. Every year, thousands of VFW and Auxiliary delegates gather to represent the organization's more than 1.4 million combined membership. The focus while there is to elect new VFW leadership and approve resolutions to guide our priorities in Washington, D.C., as we advocate for our nation's veterans, service members, and their families. Be sure to search #VFWConvention on social media, view vfw.org, and download the [VFW Events App](#) for helpful information and convention news.

VFW Participates in Transition Assistance Summit: Staff members from the VFW Washington Office attended the 2024 Military-Civilian Transition Summit 7.0. This event is a collaboration between VA, the Departments of Defense and Labor, and military community partners. VFW National Veterans Service Assistant Director of Field Operations Cindy Noel participated in a panel discussion about how Veterans Service Organizations help in the process from assisting with VA benefits to integrating service members and families into communities.

VFW Hosts First of Historic War Commission Hearings: The VFW hosted the first hearing of the Afghanistan War Commission (AWC) at our headquarters in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the AWC is to investigate the entirety of the 20-year war in Afghanistan, from first boots on the ground to when the last Americans left in 2021. The VFW is honored to host the very first hearing. A live stream of the hearing can be found on the [commission's YouTube channel](#).

Imminent Filing Deadline for PACT Act Claims: The deadline is fast approaching in August to file a claim with the earliest possible effective date for benefits in accordance with the *Honoring our PACT Act of 2022* (P.L.117-168). Prospective claimants who submitted an intent to file notice by Aug. 14, 2023, must follow up with a completed claim within 365 days to preserve eligibility for retroactive benefits dating back to the law's enactment. [Read more](#) about the PACT Act and find an [accredited service officer](#) to assist with your claim.

Respectfully,

Matthew J. West

Matthew J. West
VFW, Department of Louisiana
National Legislative Committee Member
2020-2026

2024-2025 COMMANDER SHIRTS



\$50.00 EACH

VFW Members– Cash, Check (Made payable to Debbie McElhannon), Venmo (@debbiemc01), or CashApp (\$Debbie McElhannon)

VFW Auxiliary Members– Cash, Check (Made payable to Ella Wilson), or Venmo (ejwilson_72)

Additional questions contact Debbie @ 337-526-3695

2024-2025 VFW State Commander, Debbie McElhannon and VFW State Auxiliary President, Ella Barks Wilson's Joint Special Project

Brothers and Sisters in Arms is a non-profit organization that is focused on providing the highest quality trained service dogs to qualified active duty military members, military veterans and first responders at no cost to them. Service dogs make a significant difference in the lives of our veterans and first responders. We work with both group classes and individual training. Group classes help our handlers with integrating back into social environment, learning he or she is not alone, making new friends and working together again with others. Brothers and Sisters in Arms is currently located in Leesville, La. and Mansura, La.

- lower overall symptoms of posttraumatic stress
- lower levels of depression
- higher levels of life satisfaction
- higher overall psychological wellbeing
- lower levels of social isolation and greater ability to participate in social activities
- higher levels of resilience
- higher levels of companionship
- less absenteeism from work due to health among those who were employed



[Click here for more information, please visit https://
www.brotherandsisterptsddogs.org](https://www.brotherandsisterptsddogs.org)

Council of Administration / School of Instruction

August 9, 2024 to August 11, 2024

All VFW State, District and Post Officers and members are urged and invited to attend the respective Officers training and meetings listed.

VFW Schedule

Friday, August 9, 2024 – 4:00pm to 7:00pm

State Officers and District Commanders and other members who wish to attend. Main Ball Room. **Dress Code for Friday only: Come as you are.**

4:00pm to 6:00pm – District Inspector Training
District Commanders Training
Helping a post under suspension.

6:15pm to 7:00pm – Budget Meeting

Saturday, August 10, 2024 – 8:00AM to 5:00PM Main Ballroom

All VFW members, Post, District and State Officers. **Casual Dress – State Commanders Shirt or regular dress shirt and dress pants.** All Members are invited and urged to attend.

8:00am to 9:00am: Joint Opening / Youth Programs

9:00am to 9:10am: Break

9:10am to 12:00pm: Officers Training School

12:00pm to 1:00pm: Lunch (Support the VFW Auxiliary. Tickets available for \$10.00 for an awesome lunch “Walking Tacos”)

1:00pm to 5:00pm: Training Resumes

1:00pm to 2:00pm: Adjutant / Trustee

2:00pm to 3:00pm: Break out Training Sessions

- Commanders / Sr. Vice Commanders / Jr. Vice Commanders
- Quartermasters
- Chaplin

3:00pm to 3:10pm Break

3:10pm to 3:40pm: Parliamentarian

3:40pm to 4:30pm: Community Service Reporting

4:30pm to 5:00pm: Scholars App

August 11, 2024 Sunday - 8:00AM to Completion

Council of Administration Meeting

All VFW members, Post, District and State Officers invited and to attend.

VFW Officers and District Commanders – Dress Code – Blues and Gray or Business Suits.

IT'S TIME TO START STRONG!



As we begin a new membership year, we want to begin with a strong drive to recruit new members and retain our existing members, with a special focus on Life members! To drive this message home, every month during the 2024-2025 membership year, we will reward our Posts who lead their Divisions in recruiting as well as Life Member upgrades.

Every month, we will award points to our Posts as follows:

- Recruit a New Annual Member into the Post: 1 point
- An Annual or Lapsed Member converts to Life: 5 points
- Recruit a New Life Member into the Post: 10 points

Each month, the Post that leads their membership division in points will receive a special award designated by the Commander-in-Chief. In addition, at the end of the year every Post who has led their division in the monthly challenges will be featured on a video display at the National Convention to recognize their achievements.



**Let's start strong and show everyone how
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!**

VIETNAM WALL & COST OF FREEDOM TRIBUTE

11
SEPTEMBER

ESCORT & SET UP

Volunteers needed

12
SEPTEMBER

DEDICATION & WREATH

Ceremony: 10am to 11:30am

13
SEPTEMBER

QUILT OF VALORS

Ceremony: 10am to 11:30am

14
SEPTEMBER

BENEFIT CONCERT

James Linden Hogg : 5:30pm, Community Center

15
SEPTEMBER

CHURCH SERVICE

10am: In the Wind Ministries, non denomination

**FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTACT:
225-665-3755
PARKSANDRECINFO@WALKER-LA.GOV**

Sidney Hutchinson Park



LAPLACE VFW POST 3337

**VETERANS DAY
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



**BELLE TERRE COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

111 Fairway Dr, LaPlace, LA 70068

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

8:00 AM SHOTGUN START

QUESTIONS OR SPONSOR DONATIONS CONTACT

Ray Bass (504) 273-3622 or Wesley Mitchel (985) 788-8807

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

