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Commander

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To be read at regular Post meetings and placed in file for future reference.

1. Discussions have been happening on many levels regarding meetings coming up. So here is a rundown as of now.... A message was passed out saying the Western Conference, in Cheyenne, Wyoming was cancelled. The Department of Wyoming has continued planning the conference as scheduled, November 6-8. The only change is that the current Western Conference Chairman will not be at the meeting, in person. He will be in attendance by way of ZOOM. A roll call vote of the 16 Western Conference Commanders was called via ZOOM on Sunday, September 27, and 15 of the 16 voted to support the Department of Wyoming and to continue with plans in Cheyenne. I highly encourage any who are able to attend, to do so. Wyoming would love the support. If you are unable to attend, please consider the purchase of the conference hat, and/or shirt. Please contact Quartermaster Holmes if you need assistance.

2. Mid-Winter is tentatively scheduled for January 8-10, 2021. However, I will be inviting the Council of Administration to a ZOOM call on Friday, October 9 at 7 pm (MST) to discuss the convention. During that time discussion will be allowed by COA members, and a roll call vote will then be taken to decide if the convention will happen as scheduled. Any member of the department may sit in on the call.

3. Post Commanders are highly encouraged to attend the Hospitality Room with the Commander ZOOM calls each month. Any member of the VFW is welcome to sit in on those calls as well. They are informal and really just a question/answer session. If you would like the invite, please contact Quartermaster Holmes at Department headquarters. The call this month will take place: **Friday October 23 at 7:00 pm (MST)**

4. Veteran's Day is coming up quickly, Wednesday, November 11, and many of your Posts will not have a November meeting before that day. It goes without saying, this year will not be the same as others. Make sure, if you plan on having an event, your members all know about it. (Does your Post utilize a phone tree?)

5. Commander pins are in the process of being delivered to District Commanders. If anyone has a special use for extras please do not hesitate to contact me.

6. Post and District meetings that I personally plan to attend for the month of October;

Saturday, October 10 – District 7(Preston)

Sunday, October 11 – District 6(Burley)

Tuesday, October 13 – Post 3604 Buhl

Wednesday, October 14 – Post 5423 Mountain Home

Tuesday, October 20 – Post 2136 Twin Falls

Wednesday, October 21 – Post 735 Pocatello

Thursday, October 22 – Post 8893 Mud Lake
Tuesday, October 27 – Post 3001 Jerome

If for any reason a Post meeting has been modified (location/time/date) I will be reaching out to each Post command in the coming weeks to verify meeting information.

7. VOTE! Without getting political, please just Vote!

8. Thank you for the amazing work you do for our Veterans!



"Bridge the Gap"

By order of the Commander

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Melanie Foster", written over a white rectangular background.

Attested to:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Robert Holmes", written over a white rectangular background.

Adjutant/Quartermaster

October 2, 2020

1. Adjutant/Quartermaster Robert Holmes

Comrades,

If your posts have been bonded, I thank you for getting that accomplished. If you have not bonded your post and do not have it in by the end of October, Tallman Insurance will not cover your post and will not be Insured for the 20-21 year. In the future please send your Bond request forms in during the month of August. I hope that everyone stays in good mental and physical health during these crazy times.

Notice: Outstanding Audits April to June

18 Posts have not turned in their Audits. Please get those scanned or sent to the state office.

And last but not least: Buddy Poppy Program

Shout out to post 142 for leading the state in Buddy Poppy Orders.

Take care,

Rob Holmes

2. Correction to National Awards listed in the July General Orders. Lewiston's Sourdough Post 10043 was selected as Idaho's Community Service Post for 2019 – 2020. This was incorrectly reported.

3. Corrections to the Officers Resource Directory

- a. Meridian Post 4000 Commander Tammy Clements address should be:
2984 NW 3rd Street, Meridian 83646.
Her email should be tammy0122@yahoo.com
- b. Wilder Post 6232 has officer changes:
Commander: Debra J. Dibble, 2948 Mill Road, Cambridge 83610-5140,
Phone: 208-257-3410, email: flophouse4@yahoo.com
Junior Vice Commander: Raymond V. Miller, 2625 Patricia Avenue,
Ontario OR 97914-5308, phone: none, email: none.
Quartermaster Jack Toothman is now also the Adjutant.

4. Legislative Chairman/Youth Programs Chairman PSC Bob Jones:

It's been a very trying time for everyone with this COVID-19 pandemic and the accompanying restrictions and personal disruptions to our way of life. However, while this virus may be changing the way business is done, it will not stop the VFW and its Auxiliary from being the voice of our members and fighting for veterans' benefits on Capitol Hill. This week, I and my wife Carmelita, VFW Auxiliary National Legislative Ambassador, participated in the first-ever virtual national legislative conference. We are updating the Legislative Program's information on our Department website to include the highlights of the conference. Please take a minute or two and read about what your VFW representatives are doing to make a difference in benefits for our veterans and their families.

Voting: With the general elections just a few weeks away, it is important that we are all registered to vote and aware of our voting options. Once again, please check out your voting options and accompanying time frames for voting on the legislative programs page on our Department website.

Youth Programs: In addition to all the information currently on VOD and Patriot's Pen Programs on the website, we have added the names of each of the District Program Chairman. If you have questions regarding either of these two program, the answers are probably on the website. In addition, our District Program Chairman and myself are available to help you at any time. Need help, please reach out to us.

5. Western Conference Secretary/Treasurer Tom Black

Comrades,

Please be advised that Western Conference registrations are due by 4 OCT.

The deadline for ads in the convention book has been extended to 7 OCT. Please send your convention ad to Trish Peoples at her email tlapples@yahoo.com. Her phone number is 805-757-2125. Please contact her to let her know about your ad status and payment options before the deadline.

6. Midwinter Conference: Registration forms and the tentative schedule are included with these General Orders.

Make sure you note the deadline dates. No meal tickets will be sold on site.

7. An updated VFW Fact Sheet is included here and Posts may find it useful to copy and distribute during your Buddy Poppy promotions. At the very least, if you take it with you to the promotion, you will have the latest information to provide when asked.

8. Checklist for October

_____ Review state incorporation paperwork for your post. You should get a card from the Secretary of State that must be signed and filled out and returned no later than 60 days from the date on the card. Due this month: 2453, 3603, 5407, 10320, Districts 2, 7.

_____ Posts and Districts should file IRS form 990. It is due to the IRS no later than 15 November each year.

_____ Posts and Districts Quarterly Audit Reports are due to Department HQ by 31st.

_____ Posts need monthly Community Activity Reports sent to the JVC by the 26th of the month. Email to jr.vice.commander@vfwidaho.org.

_____ Posts should begin to receive entries from your schools for VOD & Patriots Pen. Check with your schools to see if they have questions or need explanations. Remember due dates for VOD & Pat Pen is the 31st of October to the posts and the 15th of November to the districts.

_____ Teacher of the Year nominations are due to the post by October 31st and must be forwarded to District by November 15th.

_____ Membership for the New Year began on 1 July. By Nov 11 posts should be at 85%, and Mid-Winter Conference 95%. Work the continuous and unpaid members. Recruit new members and see if you can sign all up as life members.

_____ District Commanders, Post inspection dates should be scheduled by now.

_____ Post Commanders, this is the time to review last year's inspection report and ensure that you have everything necessary before the inspection.

_____ Letters to stores for permission to set up for Buddy Poppies in November.

_____ Veterans Day is next month so make plans, contact local officials and other veterans groups for appropriate plans.

_____ Make plans for school speeches and interactions with students on what a veteran is.

IDAHO VFW MEMBERSHIP REPORT

PERCENT 80.70%

AS OF: October 1, 2020

LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CONT	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
889 Coeur d'Alene	0	249	0	0	23	272	341	79.77%	69	86.05
1473 Spirit Lake	0	43	0	0	6	49	57	85.96%	8	10.85
1675 Osburn	0	120	0	0	12	132	157	84.08%	25	32.85
2453 Sandpoint	0	59	1	0	4	64	81	79.01%	17	21.05
2909 Priest River	0	39	1	0	4	44	47	93.62%	3	5.35
3603 Post Falls	0	75	0	0	0	75	90	83.33%	15	19.5
3622 Bonners Ferry	1	34	0	0	2	36	45	80.00%	9	11.25
10320 Clark Fork	0	46	1	0	9	56	62	90.32%	6	9.1
Dist #1 TOT	1	665	3	0	60	728	880	82.73%	152	196

Note: The N/R LM numbers are for information only. They have already been added to the above numbers.

LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CONT	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
2905 Moscow	0	55	0	0	4	59	70	84.29%	11	14.5
3296 Orofino	1	143	0	9	15	167	197	84.77%	30	39.85
3520 Grangeville	0	109	0	0	24	133	133	100.00%	0	6.65
3913 Kendrick	0	46	1	0	21	68	90	75.56%	22	26.5
4902 Cottonwood	1	76	1	0	15	92	108	85.19%	16	21.4
5407 Kamiah	0	73	0	0	2	75	87	86.21%	12	16.35
8311 Elk City	0	52	0	0	5	57	75	76.00%	18	21.75
10043 Lewiston	0	221	2	1	9	233	283	82.33%	50	64.15
10300 Potlatch	0	51	0	0	7	58	71	81.69%	13	16.55
Dist #2 TOT	2	826	4	10	102	942	1114	84.56%	172	227.7
AREA 1 TOT	3	1491	7	10	162	1670	1994	83.75%	324	423.7

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CONT	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
2738 Payette	0	206	0	0	15	221	274	80.66%	53	66.7
4900 Emmett	0	83	0	0	5	88	111	79.28%	23	28.55
6232 Midvale	0	40	1	0	7	48	54	88.89%	6	8.7
9036 New Plymouth	0	63	0	0	4	67	78	85.90%	11	14.9
11065 Wilder	0	30	0	0	0	30	46	65.22%	16	18.3
Dist 4 TOT	0	422	1	0	31	454	563	80.64%	109	137.15

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CONT	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
63 Boise	2	1028	1	1	51	1081	1243	86.97%	162	224.15
142 Idaho City	0	35	1	0	9	45	83	54.22%	38	42.15
3465 Nampa	0	59	1	0	4	64	85	75.29%	21	25.25
3886 Caldwell	0	100	12	3	23	138	245	56.33%	107	119.25
4000 Meridian	0	164	0	1	16	181	255	70.98%	74	86.75
5423 Mt. Home	0	65	0	0	5	70	97	72.16%	27	31.85
7019 Kuna	0	73	2	0	3	78	109	71.56%	31	36.45
Dist 5 TOT	2	1524	17	5	111	1657	2117	78.27%	460	565.85
AREA 2 TOT	2	1946	18	5	142	2111	2680	78.77%	569	703

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
2136 Twin Falls	0	92	0	0	5	97	125	77.60%	28	34.25
2974 Wendell	0	20	0	0	3	23	31	74.19%	8	9.55
3001 Jerome	0	68	0	0	6	74	130	56.92%	56	62.5
3043 Burley	0	54	0	0	3	57	74	77.03%	17	20.7
3078 Gooding	0	11	0	0	3	14	23	60.87%	9	10.15
3604 Buhl	0	46	1	0	10	57	64	89.06%	7	10.2
3646 Glens Ferry	0	135	1	0	15	151	185	81.62%	34	43.25
Dist 6 TOT	0	426	2	0	45	473	632	74.84%	159	190.6

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
735 Pocatello	0	112	2	0	9	123	144	85.42%	21	28.2
3884 Montpelier	0	17	0	0	0	17	26	65.38%	9	10.3
9141 Soda Springs	0	35	0	0	2	37	53	69.81%	16	18.65
9443 Blackfoot	0	23	0	0	2	25	37	67.57%	12	13.85
10323 Preston	0	24	0	0	3	27	31	87.10%	4	5.55
Dist 7 TOT	0	211	2	0	16	229	291	78.69%	62	76.55

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
1004 Rigby	0	163	0	0	1	164	171	95.91%	7	15.55
2146 Idaho Falls	0	171	0	0	14	185	234	79.06%	49	60.7
3012 Rexburg	0	72	1	0	8	81	104	77.88%	23	28.2
5840 Salmon	0	49	0	0	4	53	70	75.71%	17	20.5
7137 Arco	0	45	0	0	2	47	54	87.04%	7	9.7
8893 Mud Lake	0	25	0	0	0	25	32	78.13%	7	8.6
9425 Saint Anthony	0	147	0	0	0	147	151	97.35%	4	11.55
Dist 8 TOT	0	672	1	0	29	702	816	86.03%	114	154.8
AREA 3 TOT	0	1309	5	0	90	1404	1739	80.74%	335	421.95

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
15013 AT LARGE	0	201	10	0	23	234	302	77.48%	68	83.1

LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 20	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
STATE	FOSTER	5	4947	40	15	417	5419	80.70%	1296	1631.75

AREA 1	WELCH	3	1491	7	10	162	1670	83.75%	324	423.7
AREA 2	TETTON	2	1946	18	5	142	2111	78.77%	569	703
AREA 3	FOSTER	0	1309	5	0	90	1404	80.74%	335	421.95

DIST 1	English	1	665	3	0	60	728	82.73%	152	196
DIST 2	Riener	2	826	4	10	102	942	84.56%	172	227.7
DIST 4	Spurling	0	422	1	0	31	454	80.64%	109	137.15
DIST 5	Junier	2	1524	17	5	111	1657	78.27%	460	565.85
DIST 6	Bolich	0	426	2	0	45	473	74.84%	159	190.6
DIST 7	Hollingsworth	0	211	2	0	16	229	78.69%	62	76.55
DIST 8	Babcock	0	672	1	0	29	702	86.03%	114	154.8

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VFW Department of Idaho
Community Service Report
September 2020

Div #	Post #	Location	Total Activities	# Members	# Hrs	# Miles	Total Monies Donated
DISTRICT ONE							
3	889	Coeur d'Alene	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
10	1473	Spirit Lake	29	48	212	881	\$223.34
6	1675	Osburn	16	43	70	90	\$2,562.60
8	2453	Sandpoint	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
10	2909	Priest River	12	49	136	271	\$422.94
8	3603	Post Falls	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
11	3622	Bonnors Ferry	9	14	84	452	\$248.28
9	10320	Clark Fork	22	31	166	1146	\$160.44
5		TOTALS	88	185	668	2840	\$3,617.60
DISTRICT TWO							
9	2905	Moscow	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
5	3296	Orofino	30	86	419	1380	\$1,217.20
7	3520	Grangeville	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
9	3913	Kendrick	30	75	646	2121	\$1,046.94
8	4902	Cottonwood	5	14	94	298	\$147.19
8	5407	Kamiah	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
9	8311	Elk City	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
4	10043	Lewiston	162	253	1317	4548	\$3,266.72
9	10300	Potlatch	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
5		TOTALS	227	428	2476	8347	\$5,678.05
DISTRICT FOUR							
4	2738	Payette	16	18	24	227	\$1,731.78
7	4900	Emmett	10	12	59	5	\$825.76
10	6232	Midvale	4	32	7	80	\$262.20
9	9036	New Plymouth	44	31	438	1996	\$4,204.44
10	11065	Wilder	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
6		TOTALS	74	93	528	2308	\$7,024.18
DISTRICT FIVE							
1	63	Boise	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
9	142	Idaho City	35	23	39	1075	\$1,400.50
8	3465	Nampa	31	63	190	1314	\$942.30
5	3886	Caldwell	21	23	2465	3061	\$940.54
5	4000	Meridian	86	111	287	1503	\$1,850.05
8	5423	Mt. Home AFB	7	11	370	490	\$953.60
9	7019	Kuna	13	20	157	1136	\$409.20
3		TOTALS	193	251	3508	8579	\$6,496.19

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Cat #	Post #	Location	Total Activities	# Members	# Hrs	# Miles	Total Monies Donated
DISTRICT SIX							
6	2136	Twin Falls	88	66	787	3657	\$1,326.98
11	2974	Wendell	6	21	47	159	\$2,522.26
7	3001	Jerome	22	101	932	2147	\$1,066.58
9	3043	Burley	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
11	3078	Gooding	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
9	3604	Buhl	35	47	400	2629	\$4,153.06
5	3646	Glenns Ferry	32	110	420	1031	\$860.34
6		TOTALS	183	345	2585	9623	\$9,929.22
DISTRICT SEVEN							
6	735	Pocatello	9	22	46	448	\$62.72
11	3884	Montpelier	3	18	5	12	\$101.72
10	9141	Soda Springs	18	53	137	848	\$1,173.72
11	9443	Blackfoot	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
11	10323	Preston	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
6		TOTALS	30	93	188	1308	\$1,338.16
DISTRICT EIGHT							
5	1004	Rigby	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
4	2146	Idaho Falls	18	24	444	50	\$1,566.75
7	3012	Rexburg	18	72	213	437	\$186.15
9	5840	Salmon	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
10	7137	Arco	3	3	7	179	\$525.06
11	8893	Mud Lake	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
6	9425	St. Anthony	5	28	56	294	\$41.16
5		TOTALS	44	127	720	960	\$2,319.12
	DEPT	TOTALS	839	1522	10672	33966	\$36,402.52

Activities to be reported:

Community Activities can fall in several categories, including community involvement, cooperation with other organizations, aid to others, school; and church assistance, safety, Americanism, and youth activities. The reporting date deadline to be included in the next General Orders is the 26th day of each month. Standardized forms are located on the state website, "www.vfwid.org" under "Resources / Forms"

Bob Tettleton
Jr. Vice Commander - Idaho
Community Activities Chairman
jvc@vfwid.org





**Veterans of Foreign Wars
and Auxiliary
2020 Western Conference
November 5-8, 2020**



Tentative Schedule of Events

***Little America, Cheyenne, Wyoming**

Thursday, November 5th

12:00 – 4:00 pm Conference Registration
5:30 – 10:00 pm Hospitality Room open

Friday, November 6th

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Conference Registration
11:30 am – 4:30 pm Tours on your own
5:00 – 6:00 pm Joint Opening
6:00 – 10:00 pm Dinner on your own/Hospitality Room open
7:00 – 10:00 pm Pub Trolley Tour

Saturday, November 7th

8:00 – 9:00 am Conference Registration
9:00 am – 12:00 pm VFW General Session
 Auxiliary General Session
12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch
2:00 – 4:00 pm VFW General Session
 Auxiliary General Session
5:00 – 6:00 pm No Host Cocktails
6:00 – 8:00 pm Banquet
8:00 – 10:00 pm Hospitality Room open

Sunday, November 8th

Depart for Home

*Little America was recently awarded the Patriotic Employer Award. This recognition is for employers that support employees who are also in the military. The leadership team at Little America is proud to support employees who choose to serve their country.



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
and Auxiliary
2020 Western Conference
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Registration Form (One form per person)

Department: _____ Post/Auxiliary #: _____
 Name: _____ Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Includes: Saturday lunch (Deli Buffet), Saturday Banquet (Top Sirloin) and the Hospitality Room on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Dietary Restrictions: _____



Join us on our Pub Trolley Tour!
Friday, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
\$10 per person
(Includes tip for trolley driver)

Regular registration: \$125 _____ Optional Pub Trolley Tour: \$10 _____

Online registration at <https://visitcheyenne.regfox.com/2020-vfw-western-conference>

Reservation deadline is October 4, 2020

Total amount on check or credit card: _____

**Make checks payable to:
VFW Department of Wyoming**

**Mail to: VFW Dept of WY/Post 11453
PO Box 22447
Cheyenne, WY 82003**

Credit Card Information: Visa Mastercard Other: _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Billing Address on card: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Card #: _____ Expires: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____



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Little America Hotel
2800 Lincolnway
Cheyenne, WY 82009
307-775-8400/800-235-6396
<https://tinyurl.com/VFWWYO2020>
Reservation deadline is
October 4, 2020

PLEASE LET REGISTRATION STAFF KNOW OF ANY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

Little America has arrangements with other nearby ADA-accessible hotels

Deluxe Rooms – Single/Double - \$95.00 Preferred Rooms – Single/Double - \$115.00
Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____
Name: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
Email: _____
Sharing room with: **(must arrange on your own and prior to making a room reservation)**

Enclosed is check # _____

Credit Card Information:

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Billing Address on card: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Card #: _____ Expires: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____



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Tour Cheyenne

www.terrybison.com for bison tours, horseback rides and the Senators Steakhouse



**Cheyenne Depot and Gift Shop
www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org**



**Cheyenne's Old West Museum
www.cfdrodeo.com/cfd-old-west-museum**



**Cheyenne Botanic Gardens
www.botanic.org**



**Wyoming State Museum
www.wyomingmuseum.state.wy.us**





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Western Conference Ad Request

This year's host for the Western Conference is the Department of Wyoming. The conference is scheduled from November 5 to November 8, 2020 at Little America Hotel in Cheyenne.

A September 1st deadline is needed for all ads in the conference booklet. Prices follow:

Full page: \$100

Half page: \$50

Quarter page: \$25

Only full-page and half-page ads will accommodate graphics. Please provide the following:

Sponsor name: _____

Graphics provided for ad: Yes _____ (Please attach) No _____

Make checks payable to VFW Department of Wyoming (Memo: Western Conf Ad)

Mail to: VFW Dept of WY/Post 11453

PO Box 22447

Cheyenne, WY 82003





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Flights are available directly into Cheyenne, Wyoming

Taxis, Uber and Lyft are available

Approximately 10 minutes from airport to Little America Hotel

If you choose to fly into Denver, Colorado, Groome Transportation provides a low-cost service between DIA and Cheyenne, offering 8 trips daily from DIA and 9 return trips to DIA. Contact Groome at 970-226-5533 or groometransportation.com

Distance between DIA and Cheyenne is approximately 100 miles

Camping in Cheyenne

KOA

**307-638-8840, www.koa.com
8800 Hutchins Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82007**

Greenway

**307-634-6696, www.greenwaytrailerpark.net
3829 Greenway St., Cheyenne, WY 82001**

**Terry Bison Ranch (dry sites only in November)
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Cap with WYO 2020 Logo - \$20



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Number of caps _____ x \$20 = _____

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**Mail to: VFW Dept of WY/Post 11453
PO Box 22447
Cheyenne, WY 82003**

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.5 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



YOUR DONATION OF

\$20

ENSURES THE VFW CAN

Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver 4 morale-boosting “welcome home” celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.

2,100+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

56

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

\$9 billion+

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits — which includes \$1.6 billion in new benefits paid to veterans in fiscal year 2019.

2.3 million+

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

20

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$3.5 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$11.9 million

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 44% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

\$7.9 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 1,764 veterans and service members through VFW's “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” since January 2014.



The VFW by the numbers

1.5 million

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

6,092

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Helping veterans get justice

108,000+

Number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2019.

15,000+

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2019 resulting in more than \$136 million in disability compensation.

25

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Helping struggling military families

10,614

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

\$5,246,634

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

3,575

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



Improving life in America

9.4 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$44.1 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



1899

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Honoring the fallen

8.7 million

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies distributed by the VFW last year.

\$8 million

Amount raised through the VFW "Buddy"® Poppy program for needy veterans.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

64,000+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2019–20 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

164,000+

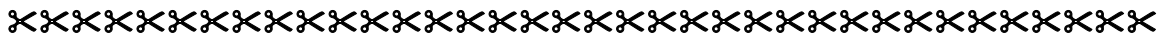
Number of students who competed in the 2019–20 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND ITS AUXILIARY PRESENTS
THE
2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 7 - 10, 2021, at THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL– BOISE, IDAHO

The hotel information is as follows: The Riverside Hotel - Boise
2900 Chinden Blvd. Boise, Idaho 83714
Phone No. 208-343-1871

Call them direct for reservations and ask for “VFW Mid-Winter Rate”
Room Rates are: Single - \$96.00; double - \$106.00 - per night plus applicable taxes.

PER HOTEL: DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AT THIS RATE IS DECEMBER 21, 2020



DETACH AND RETURN FORM AND CHECK TO:

VFW State Headquarters – 1425 S. Roosevelt St., Boise, ID 83705.

Phone (208)342-2438

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, SO YOUR NAME BADGE IS CORRECT.

Name: _____ Post # _____ District# _____
Office Held: _____

Name _____ Auxiliary# _____ District# _____
Office Held: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Phone _____

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT’S PEN AWARDS BANQUET
All choices are \$ 30.00 each until December 30, 2020

Each choice comes with Steakhouse Salad/dressings, Baked Potato/condiments,
Roasted Carrots, rolls/butter, Chocolate Mousse or Fruit Trifle, and Tea/Coffee.

- Choice 1: Grilled Teriyaki Salmon
- Choice 2: Herb Marinated Skirt Steak
- Choice 3: Stuffed Portobello Mushroom Cap

Number of each choice: #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____

Total Number Attending: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 30, 2020

After that date and up to January 6th the price will be \$ 35.00 each.
THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET TICKETS SOLD AT THE CONFERENCE.

NOTE: If you have dietary restrictions and cannot eat one of these choices, please call Department Headquarters and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO, VFW

2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

7 - 10 January 2021

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday 8 January 2021

12:00 noon – 4:00 PM	Registration
12:00 - 2:30 PM	Auxiliary School of Instruction
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Auxiliary Floor Practice
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Department Council Meeting
3:30 – 5:30 PM	Auxiliary Council Meeting
5:00 PM	No Host Cocktails before Homecoming
6:00 PM	Homecoming Dinner at The Riverside Hotel
8:00 PM	Hospitality Room

Saturday 9 January 2021

7:00 – 8:00 AM	PDP Breakfast*
8:00 – 10:30 AM	Registration
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Joint Opening
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Dept & Auxiliary Business Meeting
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
12:00 – 1:30 PM	PSC Luncheon*
1:30 – 4:00 PM	Dept & Auxiliary Business Meeting
4:30 – 5:30 PM	VOD & PP Winners Meeting
5:30 – 6:30 PM	No Host Cocktails

(Everyone in their seats for Introductions)

6:30 P.M.	Introduction of VOD and Patriot's Pen Students
7:00 P.M. – Completion	VFW Awards Banquet
9:00 P.M.	Hospitality Room

Sunday 10 January 2021

Departure Day – Safe Trip Home

*PSC Luncheon, PDP Breakfast, order from limited menu, fixed price. Located in the Quiet Bar.

STATE COMMANDER MELANIE A. FOSTER

AND

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT PATRICIA NEUBAUER

HOME COMING BUFFET

The Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Blvd. Boise

Friday, January 8, 2021

No Host Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Buffet at 7:00 p.m.

Western Buffet

Mixed greens, Macaroni Salad, BBQ Beef Tri-Tip, Pulled Pork w/ BBQ sauce on the side, Smashed Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Apple Pie or Strawberry Short Cake, Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, and Water.

\$30.00 per person, inclusive of all charges.

Number of Tickets _____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VFW Department of Idaho
1425 South Roosevelt Street
Boise ID 83705

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There will be no tickets sold on site.

Questions? Contact Susan Thompson at Department Headquarters, (208) 342-2438