

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11

01 May 2019

MARCH TOP INDIVIDUAL RECRUITER:

Eric Segundo Post 3236 (6 Members)

MARCH TOP POST:

Post 3236 (6 Members)



Congratulations to the following Posts for attaining 100%+ in Membership for 2018-2019:

City	Post	Percent	City	Post	Percent
SOUTH HADLEY	3104	142.46%	TOWNSEND	6538	102.85%
ROCHDALE	7556	137.50%	MASHPEE	5489	102.77%
FRAMINGHAM	929	126.82%	CLINTON	523	102.73%
LITTLETON	6556	121.95%	ARLINGTON	1775	102.70%
HAMPDEN	9397	115.18%	SALEM	1524	102.18%
SOMERVILLE	529	115.18%	OAK BLUFFS	9261	101.88%
NORTH ADAMS	996	113.39%	UXBRIDGE	1385	101.70%
NEEDHAM	2498	111.11%	SHELBURNE FALLS	8503	101.56%
ATTLEBORO	115	111.00%	ATHOL	650	101.51%
LEOMINSTER	1807	110.00%	METHUEN	8349	101.50%
LUDLOW	3236	109.72%	WALTHAM	10334	101.49%
MANSFIELD	3264	109.37%	BELMONT	1272	101.39%
WATERTOWN	1105	109.09%	BROCKTON	1046	101.31%
HALIFAX	6258	107.81%	NORTH BROOKFIELD	3439	101.23%
LEXINGTON	3007	107.69%	REVERE	4524	101.17%
WESTMINSTER	7389	107.44%	WALPOLE	5188	101.08%
BOSTON	144	106.89%	AMHERST	754	101.07%
SCITUATE	3169	106.84%	MEDWAY	1526	100.41%
NORTH BILLERICA	8819	106.45%	WEST ROXBURY	2902	100.00%
MILFORD	1544	106.25%	SHARON	7238	100.00%
SWANSEA	2045	106.15%	FALL RIVER	486	100.00%
GARDNER	905	105.94%	SOMERSET	8500	100.00%

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City	Post	Percent	City	Post	Percent
MIDDLEBORO	2188	105.71%	WESTPORT	8502	100.00%
FRANKLIN	3402	105.66%	HOLYOKE	801	100.00%
BRAINTREE	1702	105.49%	NORTHFIELD	9874	100.00%
BOSTON	1018	105.42%	SOUTHBOROUGH	3276	100.00%
SOUTH BOSTON	6536	105.40%	EAST DOUGLAS	7554	100.00%
FOXBORO	2626	105.26%	PITTSFIELD	448	100.00%
EAST DENNIS	10274	105.00%	BRADFORD	675	100.00%
CAMBRIDGE	8818	104.96%	SWAMPSCOTT	1240	100.00%
SHREWSBURY	10278	104.76%	ASHBURNHAM	5509	100.00%
FAIRHAVEN	2892	104.54%	WEST BOYLSTON	6907	100.00%
WALES	2596	104.54%	HULL	1787	100.00%
WEBSTER	654	103.57%	ABINGTON	5737	100.00%
BOURNE	5988	103.42%	SUDBURY	8771	100.00%
EASTHAMPTON	3422	103.17%	STONEHAM	620	100.00%
REVERE	6712	103.07%	WALTHAM	2152	100.00%
WEST SPRINGFIELD	6714	103.00%	BURLINGTON	7423	100.00%
WESTFORD	6539	102.98%	PLYMOUTH	1822	101.17%
LOWELL	662	100.37%			

Congratulations to the top 10 recruiters in the state:

Name	Post	District	Members
Robert W. Hardy Jr	529	18	54
Keith Jackson	6538	15	35
Michael A. Raymond	2498	5	25
Michael J. Slater	3104	7	21
Anthony F. Manfredi Jr	5988	12	20
Eric Segundo	3236	7	16
Jered S. Sassen	9397	7	15
Gerard J. Milch	2188	12	14
Kim F. Emerling	1524	10	12
Christopher D. Golden	662	15	10

100% Membership Award Deadline: May 31, 2019: Posts achieving 100% membership by May 31, 2019 will be entered to win either \$500.00 cash prize (1 winner) \$300.00 Cash Prize (1 winner), or \$100.00 cash Prize (1 winners). Note: A Post must have a minimum of 50 members (prior year total) or more to qualify for this award. Posts with 49 or less members will be entered for a chance to win \$100.00. Note: All Posts that achieved 100% between 1 April - 31 May 2019 are eligible for this award.

Sponsor a Vet!



The Department of Massachusetts is seeking sponsors to help our elderly members with their membership dues. Currently we have a lot of members over the age of 85 in our "At-Large" Post. Many are now housebound, hospitalized, or on fixed incomes. They enjoy receiving the Department newspaper and VFW magazines.

Help us Honor those who have given so much

Any Post, Auxiliary, or person that would like to sponsor a Vet for \$27.50 will be entered into a \$100 cash drawing. For every sponsored veteran, you will receive one entry in the raffle. Posts and Auxiliaries can use their relief fund.

Contest Dates 1 April -31 May 2019

Send check to

VFW Department of Massachusetts
24 Beacon Street
State House, Suite 546-1
Boston, MA 02133

In the memo indicate "Sponsor a Vet"

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Commander's Challenge



Posts who achieve 100% in membership
from April 1 - May 31st, 2019
will be entered into the following drawing:

(1) \$500

(1) \$300

(1) \$100

Post with 49 members or less will be
entered into (1) \$100 drawing
(stats as of 1 July 2018)



5,000 LIKES

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**#MAKEITHAPPEN #VFWSTRONG #100% #DEPTOFMAVFW
#COMMANDER'SCHALLENGE #VFW #100%CLUB #ALLSTATE #ALLAMERICAN**

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COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of May 2019!

As we near the end of our membership year, the VFW is pushing ever closer to that goal of breaking 100% in membership, and it's up to you to MAKE IT HAPPEN!

For the month of May, the *top TEN Posts* who lead their divisions in New and Reinstated members will be entered into a drawing for a Henry .30-30 Rifle!



At close of business on May 31, 2019, the top ten Posts in each Division that shows the highest number of New and Reinstated Members (measured from close of business 4/30 through close of business 5/31) will be entered into a drawing (one drawing per Division) for a Henry .30-30 Rifle.

Winners of the Henry .30-30 Rifle will be contacted with the necessary forms for delivery to a licensed FFL dealer.

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May Council of Administration (CoA): Will be held on May 18th at Old Colony Post 1788: 22 Church St, Rockland, MA 02370-1848 at 10:30.

Buddy Poppies: Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2019 Memorial Day "Buddy"® Poppy Campaign. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW "Buddy"® Poppies.

Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post-Election Report forms have been completed and submitted to National Headquarters. If a Post-Election Report form has not been forwarded to National Headquarters at the time of installation, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers no later than June 1. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post-Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters. Additionally, Section 413 of the National Bylaws requires that a properly completed District Election Report be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Proof of Eligibility for all Newly-Elected and Appointed Officers: Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure about proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

Officers Duties: Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

National Convention Registration Fee: Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and

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materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out later this month. Registration forms for the 120th National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Post Election Report: Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post-Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1.

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

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

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws – Regular Meeting, Districts shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year for purposes of transacting business and conducting schools of instruction.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

Trustees Report of Audit: Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 (a) (11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ended March 31.

Dates to Remember

4 May	Loyalty Day Ceremony Upton Center 9 AM
4 May	MGM Lager for Heroes at MGM Casino Springfield, MA at 1 2PM
4 May	Joint Legion Post 20 and VFW Post 115 100 th Year Anniversary 887 South Main Street Attleboro
5 May	District 12 Banquet, Whitman VFW Post 697 at 12 PM
5 May	District 7 Banquet, WWII Club Northampton at 12 PM
5 May	District 6 Banquet, Freetown VFW Post 6643 at 12 PM
5 May	101 Engineer Battalion Change of Command Camp Edwards at 1 PM
11 May	Field Training (AKA OTI) Florence Post 8006 at 9 AM
12 May	Redsox Game Fenway Park at 1:05 PM
17 May	Lager for Heroes Fundraiser, Irish Cottage Methuen at 6 PM
18 May	Council of Administration, Rockland Post 1788 at 10:30 AM
18 May	Dilboy Post Grand Reopening Banquet Somerville, MA at 6PM
19 May	District 15 Banquet, Natick Post 1274
26 May	Memorial Day Ceremony at Borne, 12:30 PM
01 June	Field Training (AKA OTI) Grafton Post 1497 at 9 AM
02 June	Field Training (AKA OTI) Plymouth Post 1822 at 9 AM
6-9 June	State Convention, Doubletree by Hilton Leominster, MA
15 June	Field Training (AKA OTI) Saugus Post 2346 at 9 AM
15 June	100 Year American Legion Massachusetts Parade
23 June	Field Training (AKA OTI) Westford Post 6539 at 9 AM
26 June	Storm the State House Rally with Multiple Veteran Organizations at 9 AM

District Meetings

05 May	District 5	Meeting	Post 5188	10 AM
05 May	District 10	Meeting,	Post 2346	10:30 AM
05 May	District 18	Meeting,	Post 1012	10:00 AM
12 May	District 9	Meeting	Post 9566	1 PM
12 May	District 10	Meeting,	Post 6712	10:30 AM
13 May	District 12	Meeting	Post 1788	7:30 PM
19 May	District 6	Meeting	Post 6643	1:00 PM
19 May	District 11	Meeting	Post 905	2 PM
19 May	District 15	Meeting	Post 1274	10:30 AM

State Officer Assignment

4 May	VFW Post 115 100 th Anniversary (Jackson)
5 May	101 Engineer Battalion Change of Command (Jackson)
5 May	District 12 Banquet (Najarian)
5 May	District 7 Banquet (Jobe)
5 May	District 6 Banquet (Wood)
18 May	Dilboy Post Grand Reopening Banquet (Jackson)
19 May	District 15 Banquet (Jackson)
19 May	William F. Davitt 90 th Celebration (Najarian)

26 May Memorial Day Ceremony Borne (Najarian)

Candidates for Department High Office 2019-2020

Department Commander - Jeff Najarian, Post 1788

Department Sr. Vice Commander - Russell Jobe Post 6538

Department Jr. Vice Commander - Doug Wood Post 6539

Department Quartermaster - John Larney Post 1526

Department Chaplain - Fr. Joseph J. Gallick Post 697

Department Judge Advocate - Michael Raymond Post 2498

Department Surgeon - James Morrissey Post 3264

Department Surgeon - Christine Tron Post 545

I wish you and your family good health and happiness with many blessings.

Thank you all for your continued support!

////Original Signed////

Keith M. Jackson

State Commander

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As of May 1, 2019 we only need 518 member to achieve 100%.

Asking all Quartermasters to transmit as many members you can to help the Department. Please dig deep and look at expired members and help them find themselves back to the VFW.



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

FIELD TRAINING 2019-2020

1

VFW Post 8006
18 Meadow St
Florence, MA

May 11, 2019

2

VFW Post 1497
25 S Main St.
Grafton, MA

June 1, 2019

3

VFW Post 1822
#22 7 Hills Rd.
Plymouth, MA

June 2, 2019

4

VFW Post 2346
190C Main St.
Saugus, MA

June 15, 2019

5

VFW Post 6539
67 W Prescott ,
Westford, MA

June 23, 2019

VFW Posts and Districts are at the heart of the VFW. From members to officers, you each play a vital role in the success and future of the VFW. This training will provide you with tips and insight into VFW officers responsibilities, VFW traditions, programs, and other ways to improve your knowledge of the VFW. This training is your one-stop-shop to access the tools and resources designed to ensure you and your post succeed. Each training starts at 9:00AM

- 2019-2020 Membership Program
- New Programs
- Special Project
- Adjutant/QM Duties-updates
- Legislative update
- State VFW Foundation
- Communications/email/website
- Trustees Duties
- Officer Duties
- And more

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15.00 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES LUNCH (BY-LAWS & RITUAL MANUAL CAN BE PURCHASE SEPARATELY) EACH LOCATION/TRAINING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE BY VISITING WWW.VFWMA.ORG OR BY MAIL TO: DEPT. OF MA VFW ROOM 546-1 24 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MA 02133-1043.

NAME _____ POST # _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

INDICATE WHICH TRAINING DATE/LOCATION _____ # of Attendees _____



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

April 2, 2019

Comrades,

I am writing to remind you that our 99th Massachusetts VFW State Convention will be held June 7 to June 9, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Leominster. I have enclosed in this packet the Convention Flyer which also has the Hotel Reservation information on it, a copy of the Convention Ad Book ordering form for posts and individuals, the Awards Banquet Flyer, vendor information and the itinerary. Your attendance is highly encouraged and appreciated. Remember, at our state convention, you have an opportunity to have your voice heard and to meet your department leadership. You also have the responsibility to vote for the leadership team you want for the coming year, and by-law changes that will have an impact on how we operate moving forward.

Our department is on the rise as more and more posts are doing more across the state to help our veterans and to contribute to their communities. Currently, we are very close to attaining 100% membership and our successes are mounting. For example, our service office is helping more veterans than ever before and securing more deserved benefits as a result. Participation in our programs has risen over the past few years and our ability to respond to the needs of our members has grown too. By participating in our State Convention, you will contribute greatly to our continued success as the largest organization of deployed veterans in Massachusetts. As your Convention Corporation Chairman, I look forward to seeing you in June.

Yours in Comradeship,

Stan King, PSC, Convention Corp Chairman

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

99th Massachusetts VFW State Convention

June 6, 2019-June 9, 2019

Doubletree by Hilton Leominster

99 Erdman Way

Leominster, MA 01453

Room Rate: \$105.00 per night total with tax \$117.28

ALL RESERVATION MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

Click on or go to this link: <http://group.doubletree.com/VeteransOfForeignWars>

1. Enter your arrival and departure dates.
2. Enter the amount of rooms you would like and the number of people occupying in each room.
3. In the box "Group Code" --- Enter VFW
4. Click on Check Rooms & Rates.
5. Proceed with choosing your discounted room type and booking your reservation.
6. Check off "I'm Not A Robot" and then hit Continue

HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY PHONE:

Call (978) 534-9000 and ask for reservations.

Press 1 for Central Reservations anytime 24/7 or

Press 4 for In House Reservations M-F during regular hours.

Inform them you would like to "make a reservation under the Group Code VFW"
for the 99th VFW State Convention and dates.

For additional information, contact the State Headquarters at 617-727-2612

You will need to secure your room with a credit card. You will NOT be charged until check-in.
If paying by check, you still need to reserve the room online or by phone with a credit card, and then
present the check at check-in if not paying with a credit card.

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2018-2019

Commander's Special Project Massachusetts VFW Foundation Inc



If not us, then who?

The Foundation's mission is to support the core programs of the VFW. The VFW is dedicated to helping veterans and their families rebuild their lives. You can make a difference by donating to the MA VFW Foundation. Your generous donation will meet vital needs and improve the lives of thousands of Massachusetts veterans and their families. The MA VFW Foundation is a tax-exempt 501C(3) nonprofit organization.

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Make Checks payable to:

Massachusetts VFW Foundation Inc.

24 Beacon Street Room 546-1 State House

Boston, MA 02133

Memo Line: CDR Special Project

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2019 STATE CONVENTION AD SIZES AND PRICES

1/4 PAGE \$35.00

ADS DUE BY MAY 4TH

ANY LATE ADS WILL NOT BE ENTERED AND FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED

FULL PAGE \$80.00

REMEMBER THE AD BOOK IS VERTICAL 8 1/2" BY 11" SIZE

1/2 PAGE \$55.00

**AD MUST FIT IN THE BOX SIZE PURCHASED
AD MUST BE IN FINISHED FORM READY TO SCAN**

**SEND AD AND CHECK TO:
DEPARTMENT OF MASS VFW
STATE HOUSE RM 546-1
24 BEACON ST
BOSTON, MA 02133**



STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

& Awards Presentation

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Cocktails 5:00 PM Dinner 5:30 PM

Doubletree by Hilton Leominster 99 Erdman Way
Leominster, Massachusetts

Caesar Salad

Warm Rolls with Butter

New England Baked Haddock with Ritz Crumb Topping

Teriyaki Beef Tips with Peppers and Onions

Grilled Portobello Mushroom stuffed with roasted vegetables served over creamy
polenta

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Green Bean Almandine

NY Style Cheesecake with Strawberries

Coffee, Tea, Decaf

\$40.00 Inclusive

RSVP by June 1st to 617-727-2612 or rsvp@vfwma.org

For Tickets Mail check to:

Department of Massachusetts VFW

24 Beacon Street Suite 546-1 Boston MA 02133

Make checks payable to VFW Dept of MA

Please Indicate your Meal Selection Table of 8 Available

No tickets will be mailed

Name _____

Amount of Check \$ _____

Post/ Aux # _____ Number of Tickets _____

Meal Selection: Beef _____ Fish _____ Mushroom _____

2019 State Convention Agenda

Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:00PM By-laws, Resolutions, and Rules Committee Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2019

9:45 AM Registration (Main Lobby)

9:45 AM Email Registration (Main Lobby)

10:00 AM Foundation Meeting (Amphitheater)

1:00 PM Convention Corporation President Opens the Convention

Introduction of By-Law Changes

Report of Officers and Committees

2:00 PM Opening of Nominations

3:00 PM Incoming Council of Administration Information Meeting (Amphitheater)

4:00 PM Registration Closes for the Day

5:00 PM Memorial Service Rehearsals for key members

6:00 PM Hawaiian Theme-American Cookout \$5.00 Per Person. Live Entertainment (outside Tent).

Saturday, June 8, 2019

8:00 AM Registration (Main Lobby); Closes at 3:00 PM

Email Registration (Main Lobby)

8:30 AM Memorial Service

9:15 AM Joint Opening of the VFW and Auxiliary Conventions

Department of Massachusetts



- 10:15 AM Convention Business Session (Ballroom)**
- Report of By-Laws Resolution and Rules Committee**
- Nomination of Officers**
- Election of Officers**
- Installation of Officers**
- Cootie Meeting**
- Remarks from Guest Speakers (TBD on personnel)**
- 4:00 PM Non-Denomination Service**
- 4:30 PM Pictures of Award Winners with State Commander & Auxiliary President**
- 5:30 PM Convention Awards Banquet with Special Guests (Ballroom)**

Sunday, June 9, 2019

- 8:00 AM Religious Service of your choice in local area**
- 9:00 AM Meeting of VFW and Auxiliary State Officers**
- 10:00 AM Council of Administration Meeting**
- Passing of the State Budget**
- 12:00 PM State Commanders Reception**

Department of Massachusetts

VFW ~~AUXILIARY~~ DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

~~95th~~ ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

3:00-4:30 p.m.	Credential Registration / Advance Registration	Cole Porter room
3:30 p.m.	Council of Administration Meeting	Grand Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Past Department Presidents' Dinner	
6:30 p.m.	Floorwork Rehearsal (Dept. Conductress & Floor team)	Grand Ballroom

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

	6:30 a.m.	Restaurant Opens	
8:00-12 Noon	Credential Registration / Advance Registration		Cole Porter room
8:30 a.m.	Official Ritual Opening		Grand Ballroom
	Business Session:		
	Reading of Convention Rules		
	Reading of Resolutions		
	State Commander's Visit		
	Introduction of District Presidents		
	Awards by Department Chairmen		
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK		
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Credential Registration / Advance Registration		Cole Porter room
1:00 p.m.	Business Session continues:		Grand Ballroom
	Awards by Department Chairmen (if necessary)		
	Nomination of Department Officers		
	Presentation of Invited Guests:		
	Gold Star Relatives		
	Out of State Guests		
	45+ Year Members		
	Past Department Presidents		
	Presentation of Hospital Gift to Boston VAMC		
	Presentation of State President's Special Project		
	Distinguished Guests Reception (by invitation only)		Gershwin room
5:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for Memorial Services		Grand Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Hawaiian Theme–American Cookout \$5 + Live Entertainment		Outside Tent

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

	6:30 a.m.	Restaurant Opens	
9:00 a.m.-12 Noon.	Credential Registration / Advance Registration		Cole Porter room
9:00 – 12 Noon	Buddy Poppy Display		Irving Berlin room
8:30 a.m.	VFW & Auxiliary Joint Memorial Service		Grand Ballroom
9:15 a.m.	VFW & Auxiliary Joint Opening		Grand Ballroom
10:15 a.m.	Business Session:		Grand Ballroom
	Presentation of Auxiliary Presidents with colors		
	Announcement of Auxiliaries of the Year		
	Greetings from VFW Auxiliary National Representative		
11:45-1:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK		
1:00 p.m.	Announcement of Buddy Poppy Contest Winners		Grand Ballroom
	Election of Department Officers		
	Announcement of Department Officers and Chairmen for 2019-20		
	Installation of Department Officers		
	Official Convention Closing (by 2018-2019 Department Officers)		
4:00 p.m.	Non-denominational Church Service		TBA
5:30 p.m.	VFW Awards Banquet with Special Guests		Grand Ballroom
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Department President's Reception (joint with VFW Hospitality Room)		

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

	6:30 a.m.	Restaurant Opens	
9:00 a.m.	Greetings from Department of Massachusetts VFW		Grand Ballroom
	Presentation of Convention Committees		
	2018-19 Department President's Welcome Home		
	2019-2020 Council of Administration Meeting		
	Finance and Convention Fund Raffles		

99th State Convention

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EXCELLENCE
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OPERATION SERVICE



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VA Certified Veteran Service Officer



and more

99th State Convention

OPERATION:

HOME TIES

Faces of Remembrance



Sgt Glenn Allison
Pittsfield, MA



Capt Christopher J. Sullivan
Princeton, MA



SSG Robert R. Pirelli
Franklin, MA



SFC Robert Rooney
Plymouth, MA



PFC Bryan C. Lounsbury
Cambridge, MA



PFC Kenneth J. Iwasinski
Belchertown, MA



Capt Jennifer Harris
Swampscott, MA



Sgt Joshua D. Desforges
Ludlow, MA



PFC Matthew M. Pollini
Rockland, MA

Operation: Home Ties is an ongoing volunteer mission by portrait artist, Gina Johnson and her brother Paul Roth honoring the memory of ALL our fallen servicemen and women, starting with those who have ties to Massachusetts and served since 9/11/01, by replacing each name with a detailed pencil Memory Portrait, presenting the original portrait to their family and sharing the images on a Traveling Tribute Wall called "Faces of Remembrance" as a grateful reminder that we remain land of the free because of our brave.

The Wall Will be on Display at the Convention
Saturday June 8th, 2019
8AM-4PM

VFW MASSACHUSETTS VFW FOUNDATION INC.

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Keith Jackson
State Commander


Eric Scungione, PSC
Special Project Chairman

All Donations received will help Veterans in Need

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We need the support of every member and post. If you can do your part, we can reach our goal. Please send your generous tax-deductible donation to support our Massachusetts VFW Foundation

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$ Other

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The American Heritage Museum will open to the public starting **May 3rd**.
School / group tours and special events available now. Call for scheduling:
800-568-8924



The American Heritage Museum (AHM) is housed in a 70,000+ square foot facility located at 588 Main Street in Hudson, Massachusetts. This amazing collection combined with additional rare artifacts and exhibits from the Collings Foundation make up one of the most extraordinary museums of military history in the world.

Comrades, I visited there on May 2nd as part of a pre-opening event. What they have done is incredible! There are over 85 pieces of armor including tanks, halftracks, self-propelled guns and towed guns. On top of that, there are many airplanes, and at least one original landing craft from D-Day. Each conflict is represented with pieces from all combatants, videos, static displays, and information. The attention to detail is incredible. Also, each piece and each aircraft are fully operational! I believe each and everyone of us can get something out of visiting this top of the line museum located right in our back yard.

For more information go to: www.americanheritagemuseum.org

Bill LeBeau
State Adjutant



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

May 2, 2019

Comrades,

Delegate cards for the upcoming State Convention, which is being held June 6-9 at the Doubletree Hotel, 99 Erdman Way in Leominster, MA, were mailed out of this office on April 30th to your post Quartermasters. Please ensure they were received. Also, it is very important they are filled out completely and that they are **legible**. Failure to do those two things causes unnecessary delays at the registration.

Also, please make every effort to provide the names of your post delegates so the name tags can be made ahead of time. By waiting until the convention, it causes more delays as the cards must be printed there. Plus, everyone likes it when they show up and a card is already made in their name.

If a post is buying multiple tickets to attend the awards banquet, please make every effort to provide names with the tickets. We are going to be giving the tickets out at registration and this will help to make the process go much smoother. Lastly, the deadline for purchasing the banquet tickets is June 1st, 2019 and it will be adhered to. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William LeBeau".

William LeBeau
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