

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8

February 7, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Top Individual Recruiter: John Larney, Post 1526. 10 Members
2. Top Post: Medway Post 1526 10 Members

Per your monthly membership contest, the individual is awarded a \$50 VFW Store Gift Cert and the Post is also awarded a \$50 VFW Store gift cert.

STATE MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is vital to the success of our organization and to the services we provide. Most of the time getting a new member is as easy as saying hi and where did you serve? Every community has younger veterans who are eligible, and it should be the priority of every post and every member to let them know the VFW is here and ready to serve them. Massachusetts is at 83.60%. That leaves us with 3280 members needed to just keep up with last year. In Massachusetts there are approximately 85,000 VFW eligible veterans out of a total of 365,000 living here. If they are not members of any organization, their voices are not being heard. If we want to maintain the benefits and services we have worked so hard to obtain, we must remain a loud and viable voice in front of our lawmakers. The need has never been higher. All it takes is everyone just signing up one more person or getting that member who left for whatever reason to sign back up. Let's all work together to get to at least 100%.

One area that needs attention is our Women Veterans. Currently we have 177 women in our whole department. There are 26,818 female Veterans living in our state. Even if only 20 percent of them are VFW eligible, we are still looking at over 5000 eligible members! If you know of any Women Veterans do not hesitate to ask them about joining. Their voices matter!

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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP CONTEST:

1. Any posts that achieve 100% by February 29 (effective March 1) will qualify for a special drawing:

A. Large Posts with 50 or more members will have a chance to win \$500.

B. Small Posts with 49 or less members will have a chance to win \$250.

There are over **50** Posts that need 10 members or less to qualify! That means any of these posts could pay up their needed members and then have a chance to have it completely paid for! Give it a go and good luck!

Members are reminded that under the subscription dues model, an annual member's dues expire on the last day of the month of which they paid the previous year. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership.

If an Officer or Committee member fails to renew their membership before the last day of the month they renewed in the year before, they shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office for the remainder of the administrative year. This situation creates an administrative headache for the post and should be avoided. Please keep track of your officers and make sure they are renewed in time, or better yet, have them upgrade to a Life Membership!

POST INSPECTIONS:

Section 518 provides that the Department Inspector shall require that each Post be inspected in accordance with Department and National guidelines. The purpose of the inspection is to assure that the Post operates in a manner that supports the purposes set forth in the Congressional Charter, complies with the By-Laws, preserves the financial integrity of the Post and protects the interest of the member. Every Post is expected to be inspected at least once each year.

It is the duty of the District Inspector to notify the Post Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant and Trustees of the date and time that the inspection is scheduled. The inspector should allow you enough time to prepare for the visit. The Post inspection will go a lot smoother if it is conducted at some time other than a Post meeting night. If, for any reason, a Post cannot be inspected thoroughly, a report stating the facts must be submitted. It is the responsibility of the Post Quartermaster and Post Adjutant to provide the records necessary to complete the duties of Inspector. When the inspection of a Post is completed, the Post Inspection Form will be made out in triplicate. The yellow copy will be mailed to the Post Commander and a copy should be retained for your files.

We are currently behind on inspections. Make every effort to get these done.

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POST ELECTIONS:

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.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DONE IN MARCH AT THE POST LEVEL WITH ALL ELECTIONS HELD IN APRIL. INSTALLATIONS ARE DONE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BUT THE OFFICERS CANNOT ASSUME DUTIES BEFORE THE NEW DEPARTMENT COMMANDER IS INSTALLED.

If your post is not following these by-laws, please bring it into compliance.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION TO BE HELD JUNE 11-14, 2020 LEOMINSTER MA

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. Please ensure the election is done in April and the names of those delegates turned into the Department no later than May 1st! Also, if you know you are attending the convention, it is not too early to let us know! It makes things go a lot smoother if you help us out that way. For one thing your name tag will already be done and you won't have to wait for it!

DISTRICTS:

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.

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN RENO NEVADA JULY 18-23

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 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 121st National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

FORMS:

If you are looking for forms, try these links first! Also, forms are available on our state website, www.vfwma.org, under Member Tools.

**For all Veterans & Military Support program information and forms, use provided link below:
VMS Formstack Links:**

- Virtual Pins: <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/virtualpinrequest>
- VFW Website Solution: <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/websolutionapp>
- AUX Website Solution: <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/auxwebsolutionapp>
- Chairman Report: https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vms_chairman_report
- MAP Grant Application: www.vfw.org/MAPGrantApplication
- MAP Grant Report: www.vfw.org/MAPGrantReport
- Adopt a Unit Application: www.vfw.org/AdoptAUnitApp
- Adopt a Unit Report: www.vfw.org/AdoptAUnitReport
- Programs Donation Form: https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation.

ACTION CORPS:

If you are not already an Action Corps Advocate, we urge you to sign up to receive our *VFW Action Corps Weekly* which will keep you informed about the work we are doing on your behalf on Capitol Hill. By staying connected, you will be the first to know what is happening in Washington regarding legislation that impacts the lives of veterans and their families, and you will be able to assist in our grassroots efforts by responding when we send out any Action Alerts. To become an Action Corps Advocate and receive the VFW Action Corps Weekly, sign up at: <http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>.

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COMMANDERS'S MESSAGE:

"Comrades, I hope all is well with you and your families. I think that we are so lucky that all of this rain is not snow! Winter is definitely not my favorite time of the year and I can't wait for Spring to arrive. Believe it or not, we only have four months left until convention! It's time to shift into second gear and work on your memberships. We actually have 64 Posts in the State that currently need 10 members or less for 100%! Comrades, these are quick fixes. By following through with just a few hours of work and phone calls and doing the right thing, those posts with 10 or less could be 100% very quickly. Comrades, make it happen!

When we make our 100% for the State, this will be our third year in a row! That will be quite an accomplishment, something that we all can be proud of. Keeping in mind that membership is the key to success for all that we do in the VFW with each generation of veterans fighting for the rights of the next generation of veterans. That is the way it has always been, helping our brothers and sisters. Also, membership really affects everything we do at all levels of the VFW. Our numbers have a tremendous effect on our leader's ability to fight for the rights and benefits of veterans and their dependents in all levels of government. As a matter of fact, our team will soon be going to Washington DC to 'Storm the Hill', by visiting with each of our legislators to discuss various bills that affect veterans and their dependents. Our dues help pay for the wide variety of exceptional programs that we do each and every year, our extraordinary Service Officers Program (over 2000 worldwide), scholarships, donations, disaster relief, etc. Plus, the services and good work that each and every one of you perform for your Post, your District and for your communities are worthy to be called proud VFW member. So, make some calls, help make this happen, do the right thing!

As an incentive, I want to announce a special opportunity: for any Post that achieves 100% in membership effective March 1st, will be eligible for one of two raffles. The first is for large Posts with 50 or more members you will have a chance to win \$500. The second for small Posts with 49 or less members you will have a chance to win \$250. (Please note that those Posts that have already achieved 100% will automatically be included in the drawing since they have already done their job!) This information has already been sent out to you by other means, but please share this with everyone. You have the rest of the month of February to achieve this goal! You even get a bonus day as this is a Leap Year with 29 days in February. The drawing for the 2 Posts will take place at the Council of Administration Meeting on March 14th at the Westford Post #6539.

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Following the Legislative Conference on March 5th, our Commander-in-Chief 'Doc' Schmitz, will be visiting Massachusetts. More information will be coming out soon on these events so that you can make plans to attend.

We have officially entered the beginning of our 100th year as a VFW Department, which will culminate in December. The Department was actually chartered on December 12, 1920. That is quite a milestone and, Sr. Vice Commander Russ Jobe (our incoming Commander for the Centennial Anniversary) has requested that Posts and Districts actively pursue initiatives to commemorate this special event, culminating in a special event to be scheduled for some time in December. Russ has my full support on this and we hope that many of you will host and coordinate your events with us. We can also help advertise the events for you to assist in getting as many participants as possible. Russ has also commissioned a special commemorative coin that is available and that will be sold as a fundraiser for the Centennial for \$10.00 each.

As I stated at our Convention Banquet last June, always be willing to 'do the right thing' and 'to be willing to take that extra step' to make it happen. If you choose to live by this, you will succeed. I can tell you that it won't be easy. In fact, it will probably be the hardest thing to do. Remember, it's not about me and it's not about you, it's about the VFW's mission, to assist our veterans, our servicemen and women and their dependents. You'll get a lot of satisfaction out of knowing that you did the right thing.
All my Best, Jeff

BY COMMAND OF:



COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:



ADJUTANT

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BE READY - ORDER YOUR BUDDY POPPIES NOW

BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM

EFFECTIVE 1/01/2020

REVISED 11/20/19

NO OTHER FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 1/1/20

ORDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MASS. ONLY

ITEM	COST	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1,000 BUDDY POPPIES	\$130.00		\$
500 BUDDY POPPIES	\$80.00		\$
10 COIN CANS	\$25.00		\$
25 COIN CANS	\$45.00		\$
TOTAL DUE THE DEPARTMENT			\$

PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING

MAIL ORDERS TO::

DEPT OF MASS, VFW
24 BEACON ST SUITE 546-1
STATE HOUSE
BOSTON MA 02133

DATE YOU NEED POPPIES

DATE:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF MASS, VFW

POST/AUXILIARY #

NAME (MUST BE A PERSON, NOT POST NAME)

ADDRESS (CAN NOT MAIL TO A PO BOX)

CITY/STATE/ZIP

ALLOW 6 TO 8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
HYATT REGENCY
CRYSTAL CITY, VA
February 29-March 5, 2020**

Saturday, February 29

All Day

Arrival: Appeals Committee

Sunday, March 1

All Day

Arrival: All Attendees

9:00 a.m.

Foundation Board Meeting

Following Foundation

Life Member Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Committee on Appeals Meeting (*tentative*)

5:30-7:45 p.m.

National Council of Administration Workshop
(NC of A members only)

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Briefing for **New** Conference Attendees

8:00-10:00 p.m.

CIC Open House for Department Commanders

Monday, March 2

8:00-11:30 a.m.

SVA Fellows

8:30 a.m.

National Veterans Service Advisory Committee

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Budget & Finance Committee

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch (*On your own*)

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Legislative Meeting (*All Attendees*)

2:30-4:30 p.m.

National Council of Administration

Immediately following NC

Photo Shoot (*Select Individuals*)

5:15 p.m.

Parade of Winners Walk-Thru

(*Select Individuals*)

6:00 p.m.

Voice of Democracy: Parade of Winners

***Participants: VOD students, Department Commanders and
Department Presidents (if in attendance)***

8:15-10:00 p.m.

CIC Reception for Membership "Early Birds" (*by invitation only*)

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Visits (*All attendees*)

6:00 p.m.

VFW/SVA Fellows Dinner (*by invitation only*)

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 a.m.

Buses to Capitol Hill (Officers)

TBD

Video Shoot (*SV CIC, Escort*)

10:00 a.m.

Commander-in-Chief's Testimony

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Legislative Reception

8:00 p.m.

Buses return to Hyatt Regency Crystal City

Thursday, March 5

All Day

Departure



HYATT REGENCY CRYSTAL CITY
(703) 418-1234

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City is in the heart of it all! Conveniently located in Crystal City we are a five-minute drive to Reagan National Airport and perfectly positioned to allow easy access to the entire Washington, DC area. Visiting monuments and museums, taking in a show, attending a national sporting event and touring historical sites are just minutes away!

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City has 686 newly renovated guest rooms. Every guest room includes a Hyatt Grand Bed, 47-inch LCD flat screen television featuring On Command, new deluxe bathrooms with rain down showerheads and Portico Spa bath amenities as well as oversized work areas, hair dryer, coffee maker and an iHome alarm clock radio. An onsite 24-hour fully equipped Hyatt Stay Fit gym, seasonal outdoor pool, gift shop and complimentary shuttles to both Reagan National Airport and the Metro system complete your stay at our hotel!

Hotel valet parking is offered at the discounted rate of **\$22.00 per day**. Hotel check-in time is 3:00pm; checkout is 12:00 noon. Please call **(888) 421-1442** to make your reservation. Reservations may also be done by completing the form on the bottom of this page and returning by mail to: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 **Attn: Reservations**, or by fax - (703) 418-1289. Do not mail the form if you have already faxed the form to the hotel. Always keep a copy of your form for your records.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN February 4, 2020.

*****CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL*****

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS-NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE:
March 1 - March 5, 2020**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Arrival Date (**Check-in time is 3 PM**): _____ Special Requests: King or Double/Double
Departure Date (**Check-out time is 12PM**): _____ Share with: _____

Rooms (Please Circle):

Single Rate: \$222.00 / Double Rate: \$222.00 / Triple Rate: \$247.00 / Quad Rate: \$272.00

Room rates do not include 13.25% sales tax

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival. Call the hotel to cancel. Record your cancellation number.

Method of Payment: American Express Visa Master Card Diners Club Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

*Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Massachusetts*



**National VFW
Commander-in-Chief
William J. "Doc" Schmitz
will be making his visit to
Massachusetts on
March 6-8, 2020**

Commander-in-Chief Banquet

Saturday, March 7th, 2020
Cocktail: 1:00 PM Meal: 1:30 PM
USS Jacob Jones VFW Post 2017
84 Eastern Avenue
Dedham, MA 02026

For Tickets Mail to: VFW Dept. of MA, 24 Beacon Street, State House, Suite 540-1,
Boston, MA 02113 Memo Line: Chief's Banquet
or purchase online at: www.vfwma.org Chief Banquet page

\$25 Per Person

Butter Roll, Garden Salad, Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables,
Dessert and Coffee

LOYALTY DAY 2020



CELEBRATE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

**Department of Massachusetts
Veterans of Foreign Wars
& Auxiliary**

**USS MASSACHUSETTS
Fall River, MA 02720**

Sunday, 26 April 2020, 1:00 PM

Members, Families, & Friends Invited
Collation to Follow

This event will take place rain or shine



Commander's Special Project

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall

The Memorial Wall will be the only such Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall in MA and RI and will signify to all Vietnam Veterans and their families, that we, their fellow Americans, will never forget the sacrifices of their brothers in arms and we will honor and remember them always.

The Memorial Wall will be a 380 feet long & 8 feet high replica of the Vietnam Wall located in Washington D.C.



Please make checks payable to:

VFW MA Foundation

State House

24 Beacon Street Suite 546-1

Boston, MA 02133

at Fall River Bi-Centennial Veterans Memorial Park



For more
information
Contact: VFW Hqs
617-727-2613





WOMEN VETERAN NETWORKING and FOCUS GROUP

Stop Harassment Now! A discussion to further explore:

- Women Veterans meeting as a group to share ideas and experiences.
- Do you think harassment occurs at the VA/in the VFW/military groups?
- Is there an area that you have experienced harassment?
- If you want to report a harassment situation that occurred, do you know how to do it?

Friday, Feb. 26, 2020

8 p.m – 9 p.m.

ZOOM CALL IN

Questions: Ingrid Centurion, MA STATE VFW Women's Liaison

(901) 289-8158

VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

NOTE: Updated for the 2019-2020 VFW Program Year

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

- *October 31, Teacher Nominations to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- *December 15, Completion of District judging
- *January 10, Completion of Department judging
- January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairman
- *January 15, Department winners due to National
- *January 31, Department reports due to National

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

- *October 31, Student entries to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- December 15, Completion of District judging
- January 10, Completion of Department judging
- January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen
- *January 15, Department winners due to National
- *January 31, Department reports due to National

Scout of the Year

- *March 1, Scout entries to the Post
- April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
- *May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

Community Service

- *April 30, Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission (Department to National)
- *April 30, National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission(s) (Department to National)
- *May 31, Department Community Service Report (Department to National)

Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services)

- January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)
- February 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

National Certificate of Recognition

- April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

****Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested, and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.***

Updated 7/10/2019

District Meetings Schedule 2019-2020

DISTRICT #5	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/22/19	10AM	1018	DORCHESTER
	11/03/19	10AM	1645	STOUGHTON
	01/12/20	10AM	3402	FRANKLIN
	03/15/20	10AM	2498	NEEDHAM
	05/03/20	10AM	1526	MEDWAY
DISTRICT #6	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/15/19	1PM	7239	ACUSHNET
	11/17/19	1PM	3260	NEW BEDFORD
	01/19/20	1PM	8502	WESTPORT
	03/15/20	1PM	2547	NORTH EASTON
	05/17/20	1PM	6643	FREETOWN
DISTRICT #7	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	06/23/19	11AM	8503	SHELBURNE FALLS
	08/25/19	11AM	9397	HAMPDEN
	10/27/19	11AM	N/A	THE WALES OLD TOWN HALL
	02/23/20	11AM	8428	BELCHERTOWN
	03/22/20	11AM	7352	SPRINGFIELD
DISTRICT #8	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/15/19	2PM	10278	SHREWSBURY
	10/20/19	2PM	3329	MILLBURY
	11/17/19	2PM	1385	UXBRIDGE
	02/16/20	2PM	312	WORCESTER
	03/15/20	2PM	5594	UPTON
	04/30/20	2PM	5594	MILFORD (UPTON HOST)
DISTRICT #9	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/15/19	9AM	10338	LANESBORO
	10/27/19	9AM	448	PITTSFIELD
	11/17/19	9AM	8183	HOUSATONIC
	02/16/20	9AM	996	NORTH ADAMS
	03/15/20	9AM	12079	LENOX
	04/19/20	9AM	8348	GREAT BARRINGTON
	05/17/19	9AM	9566	DALTON
DISTRICT #10	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
CANCELLED	01/12/20	10:30AM	2104	N. ANDOVER
	03/8/20	10:30AM	2359	DANVERS
	05/3/20	10:30AM	2346	SAUGUS

DISTRICT #11	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	08/18/19	12:00 PM	7389	WESTMINSTER-DIST BBQ
	09/15/19	2:00 PM	1807	LEOMINSTER
	10/20/19	12PM	523	CLINTON
	11/17/19	2:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	12/15/19	12:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	01/19/20	2:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	02/02/20	2:00 PM	7389	WESTMINSTER
	03/15/20	2:00 PM	3439	NORTH BROOKFIELD
	04/19/20	2:00 PM	650	ATHOL
DISTRICT #12	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	1/13/20	7:30 PM	697	WHITMAN
	2/10/20	7:30 pm	6053	HINGHAM
	3/21/2020	10:30 AM	9917	BREWSTER
	4/13/20	7:30 PM	8345	MARSHFIELD
	5/11/20	7:30 PM	1788	ROCKLAND
	6/8/20	7:30 PM	2846	EAST WAREHAM
DISTRICT #15	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	9/15/19	10:30 AM	8819	NORTH BILLERICA
	10/20/19	9:30 AM	662	LOWELL
	11/17/19	12PM	1274	NATICK
	01/19/20	10:30 AM	6539	WESTFORD
	02/16/2020	10:30 AM	3291	PEPPERELL
	03/15/20	10:30 AM	6556	LITTLETON
	04/19/20	10:30 AM	6538	TOWNSEND
	05/03/2020	12PM	BANQUET	TOWNSEND
	05/17/20	10:30 AM	1027	HUDSON
DISTRICT #18	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/8/2019	10AM	529	SOMERVILLE
	10/13/19	10AM	1506	MELROSE
	11/10/19	10AM	1775	ARLINGTON
	01/12/20	10AM	8818	CAMBRIDGE
	02/09/20	10AM	1506	MELROSE
	03/08/20	10AM	2394	MELROSE
	04/12/20	10AM	529	SOMERVILLE
	05/10/20	10AM	1012	MEDFORD

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	08/18/19	12:00 PM	7389	WESTMINSTER-DIST BBQ
	09/15/19	2:00 PM	1807	LEOMINSTER
	10/20/19	12PM	523	CLINTON
	11/17/19	2:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	12/15/19	12:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	01/19/20	2:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	02/02/20	2:00 PM	7389	WESTMINSTER
	03/15/20	2:00 PM	3439	NORTH BROOKFIELD
	04/19/20	2:00 PM	650	ATHOL
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	1/13/20	7:30 PM	697	WHITMAN
	2/10/20	7:30 pm	6053	HINGHAM
	3/21/2020	10:30 AM	9917	BREWSTER
	4/13/20	7:30 PM	8345	MARSHFIELD
	5/11/20	7:30 PM	1788	ROCKLAND
	6/8/20	7:30 PM	2846	EAST WAREHAM
DISTRICT #15	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	9/15/19	10:30 AM	8819	NORTH BILLERICA
	10/20/19	9:30 AM	662	LOWELL
	11/17/19	12PM	1274	NATICK
	01/19/20	10:30 AM	6539	WESTFORD
	02/16/2020	10:30 AM	3291	PEPPERELL
	03/15/20	10:30 AM	6556	LITTLETON
	04/19/20	10:30 AM	6538	TOWNSEND
	05/03/2020	12PM	BANQUET	TOWNSEND
	05/17/20	10:30 AM	1027	HUDSON
DISTRICT #18	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/8/2019	10AM	529	SOMERVILLE
	10/13/19	10AM	1506	MELROSE
	11/10/19	10AM	1775	ARLINGTON
	01/12/20	10AM	8818	CAMBRIDGE
	02/09/20	10AM	1506	MELROSE
	03/08/20	10AM	2394	MELROSE
	04/12/20	10AM	529	SOMERVILLE
	05/10/20	10AM	1012	MEDFORD

Dept of Massachusetts

MA State VFW National Home Project: Massachusetts House Fund



Gifts to the Massachusetts House Fund are used to cover the annual costs of the home including utilities, lawn care and general maintenance as well as repairs to the home. A generator will be purchased out of the house fund.



To make a donation, make checks payable to:

Massachusetts VFW

And send to

VFW Department of Massachusetts

24 Beacon Street

State House Suite 546-1

Boston, MA, 02133

Reference **“National Home Mass House”** in the memo line.

Direct any questions to the MA State VFW National Home Program Chair

Christine Tron: ctron@vfwma.org



CHRISTINE TRON
Program Chair
VFW National Home for Children
Department of Massachusetts
Veterans of Foreign Wars
ctron@vfwma.org



www.vfwnationalhome.org

Mission Statement

The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America's veterans by helping our nation's military and veteran families.

The VFW National Home for Children was born out of a desire to honor those who served our country by helping their families.

- Its early founders dreamed of a complete village for those families and children left behind.
- 1922: Amy Ross was instrumental in planting the seed for the VFW National Home, with the thought of helping thousands of veterans.
- A private businessman, Corey Spencer, donated the original 472 acres of land near Eaton Rapids, Michigan.
- The first family, Mrs. Pollett and her six children, arrived in March 1925. 93 plus years of serving military and veteran families this year!

The VFW National Home for Children is the only community like it in the nation.

- 629 total acres, including:
- 80 acres that is developed into a community of 42 single-family homes, a licensed child-care center, a Community Center, and other buildings,
- In addition, the property includes hiking trails, picnic areas, campsites, and a fishing pond,
- 501(C) 3 non profit,
- As in our very beginning- Operate on private donations-NO GOV'T FUNDING.

The National Home's Program offers:

- Case management services to help families set up a family plan and goals.
- Educational, recreations, and enrichment opportunities for residents and their children.
- Community resources and counseling provided as needed.
- Free housing and daycare.

Lanes of Eligibility to Apply to Program:

- Relatives of eligible members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.
- Veteran families; honorably discharged or still serving in the National Guard or Reserves.

1st generation of houses

- Built in the 1920's, 30's, 40's
- Michigan house
- Constructed in 1926 and is maintained by VFW Dept. of Michigan & its Auxiliary

2nd generation of houses

- Built in the 50's & 60's
- Florida house
- Constructed in 1959/maintained by VFW Dept. of Florida & its Auxiliary

3rd generation of houses

- Duplexes
- Built in the 2000's
- Last house built in 2010 (one of the duplexes)
- Stephen P. Yokich House
- Built by UAW Veterans Affairs Dept
- This is our wheelchair access

Licensed Day Care

- Constructed in 1945
- Licensed by State of MI
- No charge daycare for families
- 3 rooms: Infant/toddler/preschool

Summary

Families come to us with many needs. Our loving and caring community offers:

- Financial relief
- Support for the whole family
- Healing
- Caring focus on issues to strengthen families and individuals
- Stability

The National Home offers these military & veteran families HOPE for better futures.

**To donate, make checks payable to: [Massachusetts VFW](#)
And send to: [VFW Department of Massachusetts](#)
[24 Beacon Street](#)
[State House Suite 546-1](#)
[Boston, MA 02133](#)
Reference [“National Home Mass. House”](#) in the memo line.**



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
HELP HOPE HONOR

VA Urgent Care Benefit

PRINT or show this page for important tips for you and the provider.

Take it with you for your urgent care visit.

Check Eligibility

- You do not have an insurance card for this benefit.
- Call **1-833-4VETNOW** (1-833-483-8669) to verify you are eligible for urgent care services.

Do NOT Pay a Copayment at Time of Visit

Eligible Veterans will be billed separately by VA for any copayment that is applicable.

Receive Prescription, If Needed

A network urgent care/retail location provider may write you a prescription for up to a 14-day supply. The medicine must be listed on VA's Urgent Care Formulary: www.triwest.com/urgent-formulary. If the medicine is needed urgently and is not listed on the Urgent Care Formulary, it must be listed on the VA National Formulary, available here: www.pbm.va.gov/nationalformulary.asp. Urgent prescriptions may be filled at a VA or pharmacy in the ExpressScripts network. Opiates will be limited to seven days or less consistent with state law.

Important Message for Your Urgent Care/Retail Location PROVIDER:

As a TriWest network urgent care provider, you are authorized to care for eligible Veterans.

Unsure if you're in the network? Urgent Care/Retail Location Look-Up Tool: www.va.gov/find-locations or call 1-866-620-2071.

• Submit Claim Within 30 Days

Provider may call **1-800-782-2680** during normal working hours; option 2, for questions on claims submission.

• Send In Medical Documentation

After the visit, the provider should submit medical documentation to your home VA medical center. Find a VAMC at www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER CHALLENGES AT THE URGENT CARE VISIT, CALL:

1-866-620-2017

Scout of the Year Program



WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. Awards are as follows:

- \$5,000 1st place National scholarship
- \$3,000 2nd place National scholarship
- \$1,000 3rd place National scholarship

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. There is no minimum age requirement for applicants as long as all other eligibility criteria has been met. The maximum age requirement for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the time of the submission deadline. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is **March 1**.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by **April 1**. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department (state) Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by **May 1**.

Questions should be directed to 816.756.3390, ext. 6155 during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to scouting@vfw.org.

Official Entry Form

VFW Scout of the Year Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT and submitted directly to a VFW post in your community.

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Home Phone

Email

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Scout Troop Number

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Scout/Venture Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit or was when the award was received and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Unit Leader's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Scout of the Year Program

VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST

POST NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT #: _____

DISTRICT CDR.: _____

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPT (STATE) VFW SCOUT- ING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- **Photograph of the Scout** — must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- **School Participation Record** — a single page, one sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
- **Scouting Record** — maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- **Community Service Record** — a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- **Letters of Recommendation** — Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 - In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- **Completed Entry Form** – submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

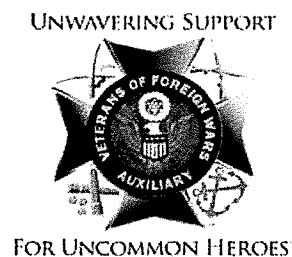
The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816.756.3390, ext. 6155 or email scouting@vfw.org.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
816-756-3390 ext 6155



Department of Maryland
Veterans of Foreign Wars & its Auxiliary
Eastern Conference October 30 – November 1, 2020



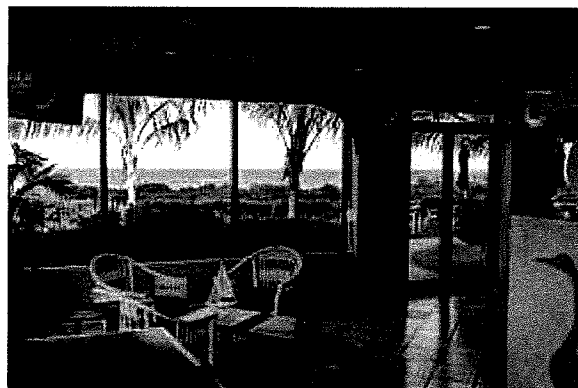
Ocean/Pool View	\$ 89.00 plus tax
Ocean Front	\$ 129.00 plus tax
2 Bedroom Condo	\$ 219.00 plus tax
3 Bedroom Condo	\$ 319.00 plus tax

*Rates based on single and double occupancy.
Add'l adults over and above double occupancy
will be charged \$20.00 per person.*

*Reservation cut-off date will be
September 20, 2020*



Pool level Atrium Suites will serve as Hospitality Rooms at a cost of \$99.00 plus tax (\$110.90). Add'l \$30 charge to remove beds.



Schooners on-site Lounge and Restaurant

Princess Royale Ocean Front Hotel and Conference Center
9100 Ocean Highway - Oceanfront
Ocean City, Maryland 21842
1-800-4-ROYALE
www.princessroyale.com



Department of Maryland
Veterans of Foreign Wars & its Auxiliary



Eastern Conference 10-30-2020 to 11-01-2020

Room Rates:

<i>Ocean/Pool View</i>	<i>\$ 89.00 plus tax</i>
<i>Oceanfront</i>	<i>\$129.00 plus tax</i>
<i>2 Bedroom Condos</i>	<i>\$219.00 plus tax</i>
<i>3 Bedroom Condos</i>	<i>\$319.00 plus tax</i>
<i>Rates are based on single & double occupancy. \$20.00 for each additional person above double occupancy.</i>	

All Hotel room reservations must be made by phone to the hotel directly (1-800-4-ROYALE).

*Room reservations can be made at any time; however, the deadline is **September 20, 2020**. Note: After the deadline, all unreserved rooms will be released to the general public.*

If a handicap room is needed, please let the hotel know at the time of reservation.

*The Princess Royale Ocean Front Hotel and Conference Center is 100% non-smoking. Fine will be **\$250.00** for smoking in your room.*

Check-in time is 4:00 pm; Check-out time is 11:00 pm. All guests arriving before 3:00 pm will be accommodated as rooms are available.

If you want to check in to your hospitality room prior to 4pm on FRIDAY, you **MUST** reserve **THURSDAY** night otherwise you must adhere to the 4pm check in time on FRIDAY.

TRAVELING

Flying: You can fly into Salisbury-Ocean City -Wicomico Regional Airport, 5485 Airport Terminal Rd, Salisbury, MD 21804, (410) 548-4827

Driving: The easiest way to get to the Hotel is to mapquest or use your GPS to the address of the hotel provided.



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary

EASTERN CONFERENCE BANQUET

Saturday - October 31, 2020



~ MENU ~

**** Fresh Garden Salad with choice of Ranch or Balsamic Dressing**

With Your Entrée Selection of:

****Chicken Cordon Bleu**

****Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab Cakes**

****Prime Sirloin Tips**

Accompanied with:

****Baked Potato and Seasonal Vegetable** Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter**

****Coffee, Regular & Decaf, Hot & Cold Tea, Water**

Dessert:

Smith Island Cake

Please advise of any Special Dietary Needs as early as possible.

Dinners are priced at **\$ 50.00** each. ***VFW and Auxiliary Dinner reservations must be made through your respective Department Adjutants.***

The Department Adjutant is to provide a list of all attendees with dinner choices and payment in full. Dinner reservations are to be received by **October 11, 2020**.

Department Adjutants, please make all checks payable to the: "Department of Maryland, VFW."

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BANQUET ORDER FORM (Please Print)

Department of: _____

MEAL CHOICES: *Chicken Cordon Bleu* _____

Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab Cakes _____

Prime Sirloin Tips _____

Other _____

Number of Meals _____ *x \$ 50.00 = Total \$* _____ *Check #* _____

Department Adjutants *Please Mail to:* Department of Maryland VFW -
War Memorial Bldg, Room J
101 North Gay Street
Baltimore, MD 21202



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary
2020 EASTERN CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, October 30, 2020

Registration	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Hospitality and Entertainment	7:00 pm – 11pm in Atrium

SATURDAY, October 31, 2020

Registration	8:00 am - 11:00 am
Joint Opening Session	8:00 am
Memorial Service	Immediately following the Joint Opening Session
VFW & Auxiliary Business Sessions	Immediately following the Joint Memorial Service
Lunch	11:00 am – 12 noon
Local Church Services	See attached
Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Banquet	7:00 pm

SUNDAY, November 1, 2020

Business (Continued if needed)	9:00 am
Checkout time	11 am

(Schedule subject to Change)

PLANNING CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF VFW MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Rev. February 2020

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2020

February 29 - March 4	Voice of Democracy Washington, DC
March 1 - 5	Legislative Conference Washington, DC
April 2 - 5	Senior Vice Commanders/Adjutants Training Kansas City, MO
May 4 - 8	Accredited Service Officer Proficiency Training Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, PA
May 4 - 8	Accredited Service Officer Basic, Part 2 Training Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, PA
July 18 - 23	National Convention Reno, Nevada
August 21	National Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Kansas City, MO
August 22 - 23	National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO
August 27 - 30	Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming Portsmouth, VA
September 13 - 17	Accredited Service Officer Advanced Skill Level Training Annapolis, MD
September 13 - 18	Accredited Service Officer Basic, Part 1 Initial Training Annapolis, MD
September 14 - 17	Fall Legislative Committee Meeting Washington, DC
October 8 - 11	Junior Vice Commanders/Quartermasters Training Kansas City, MO
October 16 - 18	Big Ten Conference Columbus, OH

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON OFFICE

October 29 - November 1	Southern Conference Asheville, NC
October 30 - November 1	Eastern Conference Ocean City, MD
November 5 - 8	Western Conference Cheyenne, WY
November 15 - 20	Accredited Service Officer Intermediate Skill Level Training Annapolis, MD

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January 10 - 15	Accredited Service Officer Basic, Part 1 Initial Training Annapolis, MD
February 27 - March 3	Voice of Democracy Washington, DC
February 28 - March 4	Legislative Conference Washington, DC
July 31 - August 5	National Convention Baltimore, MD
September 10	National Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 11 - 12	National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 19 - 23	Accredited Service Officer Advanced Skill Level Training Annapolis, MD
September 19 - 24	Accredited Service Officer Basic, Part 1 Initial Training Annapolis, MD
September 20 - 23	Fall Legislative Committee Meeting Washington, DC
November 5 - 7	Eastern Conference Manchester, NH
November 14 - 19	Accredited Service Officer Intermediate Skill Level Training Annapolis, MD
November 18 - 21	Southern Conference Hilton Head Island, SC

2022

February 27 - March 3	Legislative Conference Washington, DC
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July 16 - 21	National Convention Kansas City, MO
August 19	National Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Kansas City, MO
August 20 - 21	National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 12 - 15	Fall Legislative Committee Meeting Washington, DC

2023

July 22 - 27	National Convention Phoenix, AZ
August 25	National Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Kansas City, MO
August 26 - 27	National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 11 - 14	Fall Legislative Committee Meeting Washington, DC

2024

July 27 – August 1	National Convention Louisville, KY
September 6	National Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 7 - 8	National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 9 - 12	Fall Legislative Committee Meeting Washington, DC

Department Calendar 2020

2020

January 6	12:00 PM	Foundation Meeting	Statehouse Office
January 10		Department Judging Complete	
January 11	10:30AM	Council of Administration	Medway Post 1526
January 15		Newspaper Deadline	
January 25	9:30AM	Auxiliary Council of Administration	North Billerica Post 8819
January 26	1:00PM	VOD/Patriots Pen Banquet	Leominster, MA
February 14	1:00 PM	Salute to Hospitalized Veterans	Bedford VA
February 15	9:00AM	Mid-Winter Conference	Beachmont Post 6712
February			
Feb. 29-Mar. 4		Voice of Democracy	Washington DC
March 1-5		Legislative Conference	Washington DC
March 5-8		Commander-in-Chief Visit	
March 7	1-5 PM	C-in-C Reception	Dedham Post
March 14	10:30AM	Council of Administration	Westford Post 6539
March 29	12:00PM	State President's Banquet	Knights of Columbus 27 West Foster St. Melrose
April 2-5		Sr. Vice Cdr./Adjutant Training	Kansas City, MO
April 15		Newspaper Deadline	
April 25	9:30AM	Auxiliary Council of Administration	Chatham Post 8607
April 26	12:00 PM	Loyalty Day USS Massachusetts	Fall River
May 16	10:30AM	Council of Administration	Townsend Post 6538
May 24	12:30PM	Bourne Ceremony	Bourne
June 11-14		State Convention	Leominster, MA
July 18-23		National Convention	Reno, Nevada