

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
HEADQUARTERS**

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“Team Florida Together”



FLORIDA VFW IN THE NEWS:

In the September issue of the VFW Magazine the Department of Florida is front and center; twice. Turn to page 22 and read what Florida Legislative Director and Student Veterans of America Liaison Mark Alvarez said about In-State tuition rates for Florida Veterans. Mark, former District 2 Commander, is active working with the Student Veterans of America (SVA) and Florida State University Veteran students and has developed a strong partnership with students and the Tallahassee VFW Posts.

Also look on page 46-47 for a great story and photos of our own Veterans village at Fort McCoy Florida. Congratulations to the Board, the Director and the entire staff for a job well done – you make Florida proud.

Department of Florida VFW members will proudly participate in two Major League Baseball games in September. Post 8203 is providing a flag detail for the Tampa Bay Rays game on Sunday, September 7. This is the VFW Day at the Rays, an annual fund raising opportunity for the VFW. Post 4127 Homestead will be providing a Color Guard at the 19 September Miami Marlins game honoring POWs and MIAs. Great work representing the VFW in your community!

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS:

Helpful Hints: Many of the tools to help you through the year are available on the VFW National Web Site but are only accessible after establishing an account through the Online Membership System or OMS. Post and District Quartermasters can access information such as the Document Repository that includes Patriotic Day speeches, Chairman Guides and Member Services.

Department Newsletter: Check out the Department of Florida newsletter. Sign up to receive it at www.flvfw.org. Click on VFW News at the top tool bar and scroll down to VFW Newsletter to access the sign up form. The next issue is due out mid-September.

Did you miss the Department School of Instruction or would you like to review the information presented there? Simply go to the Department Web Site at www.flvfw.org and click on VFW News at the top tool bar and then Department Announcements. The different briefings presented are listed on the left side. Just click on the one that interests you.

Department Commanders Special Project: Commander T Wayne Markham has designated an upgraded Security gate and fence at the entrance to VFW Veterans Village, Ft McCoy as his 2014-2015 Commander's Special Project. This ambitious project will provide a welcoming entrance to our beautiful Veterans Village that will make visitors and residents feel welcome and truly "at home". Donations to the project should be sent to the Department Quartermaster with a note in the memo line "Cmdrs Special Project". For more details regarding the project contact the Department Deputy Chief of Staff, Bob Young at djyoung1@centurylink.net.

Department Help a Hero Golf Tournament: The Department of Florida Help a Hero Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Sanctuary Ridge Golf Club, Clermont, Florida. There are many different ways to contribute to this fund raising event for the Department Help a Hero program (formerly Because We Care). Posts can sponsor a team and play or solicit outside donors for hole and/or team sponsorships. For more information contact Alan Ayoubee at 386-663-4880 (aayoubee@flvfw.org), Gary Mobbs at 727-868-5299 (statechap@flvfw.org) or the Department Adjutant Karen Nigara at 352-622-5126 (knigara@flvfw.org). Let's all get out and support the cause whether you are golfing, helping, or just watching.

Request for Government Military Equipment: Post Officers are reminded to refer to their *2014-2015 Leadership Reference Guide* when requesting a “conditional” donation of any government military equipment, ceremonial rifles or ammunition. Before contacting the governmental agency, a formal written request is to be addressed and mailed to the Adjutant General at VFW National Headquarters, and must be completed and signed by the current *Post Commander, Post Adjutant* or *Post Quartermaster*, one of whom needs to be the contact person.

Also to be included is that contact person’s mailing address and phone number, not the Post address. Address the request to the Adjutant General, VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Include the proper information as outlined in the *Leadership Reference Guide*. It is requested that a Post not go through the Department Headquarters but ensure they send them a courtesy copy.

Caps during Chaplain prayers – In accordance with the Ritual General Rule 13(b), “members will follow the action of the Chaplain or presiding officer relative to removal of caps during prayers; if uncovering, the hat shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart.”

VFW Document Repository: VFW National Administrative Operations continues to add forms, templates and other types of reference material to VFW’s Document Repository. To access the Document Repository, sign in at www.vfw.org under “General Member Tools and Resources” and click on “Document Repository.” There is a wealth of information available at your fingertips.

VFW Development: Did you know that over the last decade, approximately 80% of support received from VFW members and patriotic Americans was applied directly to veteran’s service, community service, legislative advocacy and military service programs worldwide? This is a great fact to keep in your back pocket when talking to members, prospective members and your community. It is imperative that we as members in good standing stay informed and are able to voice VFW accomplishments.

Showing Your Patriotism – Several weeks ago VFW National mailed out a special set of Patriotic Address Labels with bonus gifts for you to use. This month you will receive a reminder if you did not respond. As always, your support of all the life-changing programs the VFW has for veterans of all generations is appreciated. There is a smaller sheet of patriotic labels in the reminder for you to use on your mail, with all the significant days to display the U.S. flag listed on the back. Please remember to display your U.S. flag, especially on those patriotic holidays, to show your fellow veterans they are thought of and appreciated. Let everyone in your community know you believe in showing your patriotism. You can visit heroes.vfw.org/flag and print a free flag poster to display.

VFW’s Special Edition Christmas Cards for 2014 – This month VFW National is mailing the VFW’s Special Edition Christmas Cards for 2014. It may still be summer, but all too soon summer will be over and the holidays will be approaching! In the letter that accompanies the cards and gifts, members will be asked to consider making some time to visit a hospitalized or homebound veteran in your community.

Announcing the New VFW Planned Giving Website – The VFW is getting ready to launch a new and improved Planned Giving resource website. It’s now easier than ever to learn about the financial tools you can use to wisely plan your gifts so you can get benefits in return! From general estate planning tips to interactive brochures and gift illustrators, you’ll see how planned giving not only helps you now, but leaves a lasting legacy to further the VFW’s mission. All of this and more will be available soon for FREE at www.vfw.org/plannedgiving. Contact the VFW Planned Giving Office at (816) 968-1119 or by email at plannedgiving@vfw.org.

Have You Heard about the VFW’s Partners in Patriotism? – Would you like to support the VFW’s life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail? The VFW has developed an option that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department Donor Services at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318 or by email at partners@vfw.org with “Partners in Patriotism Application” in the subject line.

VFW Friends of Freedom – If you are not already a member of the VFW’s online community, please visit www.vfw.org and look for “STAY IN THE KNOW” to sign up. As a member of the VFW’s Friends of Freedom you will receive special emails with breaking VFW news, legislative alerts and unique opportunities to help the VFW in assisting our nation’s veterans, service members and their families. You may also visit www.vfw.org/vfwatwork and click on “Story Archive” to read stories about how the VFW is fighting for veterans’ rights, assisting veterans in need, educating our youth and aiding military families across the nation. Check back often to see newly posted stories!

Student Veterans

Chairmen Arden Battle

Student Veterans of America

Department Liaison Mark Alvarez

Did you know there are more combat Veterans attending college today than ever. Posts are encouraged to reach out to local colleges and Universities and welcome student Veterans into their posts. The Department Veterans in College Chairman, Arden Battle (D-6), works in coordination with District Commanders to establish communication with college Veterans in order to promote the Veterans of Foreign Wars programs, goals and benefits. His goal for the Department is to establish local committees to work with universities and colleges throughout the state of Florida. If you are interested or have ideas please contact him at 904-828-0321 or abl2bat@bellsouth.net.

Many Florida College and University campuses have Student Veterans of America (SVA) chapters. The SVA is a vibrant and energetic group of young Veterans pursuing higher education. VFW National is working hard to forge a relationship with the SVA chapters nationwide in an effort to promote the VFW and develop partnerships. Here in Florida our Department SVA Chairman is Mark Alvarez, former District 2 Commander and Tallahassee resident. He has a wealth of experience working with Student Veterans and has initiated some exciting partnerships with student veterans at FSU. He can help you in your community with local SVA chapters. Contact him directly for assistance in reaching out to your local SVA chapters. Mark Alvarez, 850-402-4133, markalvarez@embarqmail.com.

Calling all Iraq War Veterans: Florida VFW was contacted by a graduate student at California State University who is looking for Iraq War Veterans to interview for a graduate thesis. If you are interested contact Ms. Janet Shelley at 352-207-5046 or by e-mail at jshelley1@toromail.sudh.edu. Interviews will be scheduled at your convenience and done via telephone.

PROGRAMS:

Director Dani Hernandez

Important Program Information

This is to clarify the information passed at the Department School of Instruction Program session.

When reporting hours, miles and money for a program, these items can be reported one report or if there are multiple reports for one program, you can split the totals between reports. If you report the totals on one report, you must enter zero in the hours, miles and money sections on subsequent reports. When reporting volunteer hours, take the number of volunteers working and multiply it by the number of hours the volunteers worked. For example, if ten (10) volunteers are working a one hour event, you enter 10 hours for the length of the program. **Posts SHOULD NOT include a volunteer hourly monetary amount, as that is done on the National level. If it is already reported, it will inflate the information and cause incorrect reporting and possible auditing from the IRS.**

The PowerPoint presentation from the School of Instruction can be found on the Department website at www.myfloridavfw.org. Once you are on the home page, go to Post forms and the presentation is titled 2014-2015 VFW Department Programs Presentation. The presentation can also be found by clicking on Department, clicking on Department Officer & Committees and clicking on School of Instructions Presentations and Download forms. For more information or questions contact the Department Programs Chairperson, Dani Hernandez at 904-762-9364 or by e-mail at progdir@flvfw.org or profwmn@comcast.net

PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11 is designated as “Patriot Day”. The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States. Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, SEPTEMBER 19. Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2015 (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; National POW/MIA Day, September 19 (third Friday in September); and, Veterans Day, November 11. To purchase a POW/MIA flag, go to <http://www.vfwstore.org/products/22305>.

VFW DAY, SEPTEMBER 29. Celebrates the founding of our National organization.

50th ANNIVERSARY VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION PROGRAM. The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families. As a Commemorative Partner, VFW Posts are encouraged to participate in the Commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize the Vietnam Veterans and their families' service, valor, and sacrifice.

Events and activities should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many. Commemorative Partners should communicate how their events will achieve the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program. Events or activities should meet one or more of the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program, and as a minimum, with an emphasis on objective one.

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.
6. **VFW Posts interested in becoming an official Commemorative Partner, must submit an application and a signed Statement of Understanding. Applications are available at www.VietnamWar50th.com on the Commemorative Partner Program.** The approval process is usually less than thirty (30) days. Partners will be kept informed through electronic notifications. Once approved as a Partner, the Commemoration will provide organizations with a starter kit of materials for developing and implementing their programs. If you have any questions regarding the Commemorative Partner Program application process, please direct them to: whs.vnwar50th_cpp@mail.mil.

**To date no Florida VFW Post or District is an official Vietnam War Commemorative Partner.
See page 8 of the August VFW Magazine.**

VFW Youth Programs
Chairman Larry Spanish

Working alongside America's youth and instilling a sense of patriotism has always been — and will always be — a VFW priority. These are VFW CORE Programs. You should have budgeted monies for awards at the Post level and have an awards dinner scheduled for the VOD, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year winners. Deadline for entries to the post is **1 November 2014**. If you have any questions please contact the Department Youth Activities Chairman, Larry Spanish by e-mail at youthchrm@fl.vfwwebmail.com.

Veterans play an important role in educating our nation's youth about the founding principles upon which America was founded. As combat veterans, VFW members can provide students with insight into the great sacrifices our service members make to maintain freedom for all of us. We are part of America's History. **SHARE IT!**

JROTC:

Chairman Pat Love

Get involved and work closely with a school that has a JROTC. It is a good way to get "Veterans in the Classroom" program activities and reports. Ask and encourage the OIC of the unit and the NCO to join your Post. It is perfect for Voice of Democracy entries. Make sure and be a good partner by sponsoring their events and activities; you may be supporting future VFW members.

Voice of Democracy

Chairman Bob Poucher

The Voice of Democracy contest provides students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to explore democratic ideals and principles through audio essays. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. The 2014-2015 VOD subject is "**Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future**". Entries must be forwarded to the District for judging by 15 November, 2014.

Patriots Pen Contest:

Chairman Peggy Peardon

Why I Appreciate American Veterans
Patriot's Pen Theme 2014-2015

Commanders and Chairman are reminded of the following:

Post Forms: Patriot's Pen Score Sheet and Patriot's Pen Report Form are on the Department web site. Patriot's Pen Report Form is due to me NLT 31 Dec 2014

District Forms: Patriot's Pen Score Sheet, Participation Report, and the District Report Form are on the Department web site. The Participation Report and the District Report are due to me NLT 31 Dec 2014.

Check the Scholarship section on the Department web site for additional information.

IMPORTANTANT DATES:

Post entries from participating schools or individuals are due to the Post by 1 Nov 2014.

Post entries are due to the District by 15 Nov 2014.

District winners are due to me NLT 14 Dec 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanking you in advance for time and efforts to make our Patriot's Pen successful again this year!

If you have questions contact the Patriots Pen Department Chairman, Peggy F. Peardon at 12395 S. Canna Pt, Floral City, FL 34436 or by phone at 352-344-5334(H) 352-201-4702.

National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year

Chairman Robert Hernandez

Each year the VFW recognizes classroom teachers for promoting citizenship education. Three teachers from each level (grades K-5, 6-8 & 9-12) will be selected as national winners. Department winners will receive \$500, plaque, invitation to Voice of Democracy Mid-Winter Banquet and one nights lodging at the Mid-Winter hotel. National winners will receive the Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award and \$1000. Their respective schools receive a \$1000 award. Winners also receive a paid trip to a VFW national event to receive their award.

To access forms, go to www.myfloridavfw.org. Go under Quick Navigation to Post or District forms and look for National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Packet 2014-2015.

Deadlines for Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year

Midnight, November 1, 2014: Teachers entries to Post

November 15, 2014: Completion of Post judging, winners sent to District

December 5, 2014: Completion of District judging

December 15, 2014: District winners due to Department Chairman

December 20, 2014: Beginning of Department judging

January 7, 2015: Completion of Department judging

January 10, 2015: District participation reports to Department/Department winner to National

Here's what a Post needs to have to the District Chairman by November 15, 2014

- Winning Post teacher's entry form, original nomination form and essay by individual making the nomination. (Up to 350 words)
- Teacher's one page resume (no more than two sides)
- Up to five pages (both sides) of documentation, such as news articles or supervisors recommendations
- Good quality head and shoulders photo of the teacher

Above requirements are the same for Districts to send to Department by December 15, 2014.

Please submit questions and/or District winners to Department Chairman:

Robert Hernandez
3294 Lake Effie Ct North
Jacksonville, FL 32277

(904)762-9364
futh@comcast.net

Scout of the Year Program:

Chairman Bruce Sitki

Some of the VFW's earliest ties to the community involve youth groups. Few are stronger than the close relationship between the VFW and the Boy Scouts of America, dating back to 1915. Each year, the VFW selects three Scouts – of the Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Venturing Crew or Girls Scouts – who have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, scouting and the community. The first place winner receives a \$5,000 award, the second place winner receives a \$3,000 award and the third place winner receives \$1,000. Scouts who are registered, active members of a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, Sea Scout Ship or Girl Scout Troop who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award, Sea Scout Quartermaster Award or Girl Scout Gold Award are eligible to enter.

Department HQ was recently contacted by an Eagle Scout with a proposal for a Scout project. Thirteen year old Thomas Weiss is a son and grandson of Veterans. He has identified a flagpole at a major State Park that is disrespectfully located and in disrepair. He is working to raise money to buy and construct a new flagpole, at a more respectable location. This small project sparked a move to begin a contest for boy scouts across the State to identify the flagpole they believe is in the worst condition and most disrespectful location in their area. He is looking for partners in the VFW to assist in this project. He will contact and coordinate Boy Scout Districts, Councils and Troops in your area and together the VFW and the Scouts will select the flagpoles most in need of repair and relocation. If you are interested in this project contact Thomas directly at SPL Troop 180, 180leadership@mail.com.

VFW Veterans in the Classroom. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students. Invite your local military recruiter to join you to talk about military service today. Additional information can be found in the 2014–2015 VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education VFW Chairman’s Guide. Simply visit www.vfw.org and LOG IN (or create an account if you do not have one.) After logging in, you’ll be redirected to the “My VFW” page where you’ll have access to the “CHAIRMAN GUIDES.” *Participate in this activity as part of “National Veterans Awareness” week, November 9-15, as designated by Congress.*

VFW Special Project Program. This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects. Entry nominations must be complete and well-substantiated and submitted to the Department for endorsement. Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the May judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the 2014 – 2015 VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairman’s Guide.

BUDDY POPPY:
Chairman Ray Jarvis

VETERANS DAY BUDDY POPPY CAMPAIGN. Plans should be under way for the Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Contact your Department Quartermaster to place your order for Buddy Poppies. Remember that your Poppies should be ordered a minimum of 12 weeks in advance of your distribution date. Be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required; do not use, “ASAP”. Miscellaneous items (coin cans, caps, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddypoppy> or the VFW Store/Emblem and Supply Catalog.

The Manual of Procedure provides that post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Youth Essay, Citizenship Education and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairmen guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organizations, exempt from taxes under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of Buddy Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the post general fund.

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES (NMS):

Chairman Amber Putnam

How many of your Post members really know what National Military Services is and does? It is easy to educate them on all of the great things about this program using two updated Power Point presentations available to download at www.vfw.org. The first Power Point covers all VFW Programs and is for use at VFW training and fundraising purposes. The second Power Point is NMS specific and for use when giving presentations to service members and their families. Login using your VFW "member login," then click on National Military Services under "How to Get Involved" for the Power Points.

MEMBERSHIP:

Director: Glen Tilley

It is a new year and now it is time for us to hit the road running! Our Department goal of reaching 100% and at least 85% retention works hand in hand with the mission of the Membership Team – **"Recruit, Retain and Instruct** a stable membership base, including all generations of veterans, which is well-versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization." The Deputy Directors and I are available throughout the Department to assist your Districts and Posts in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to call upon me or any member of the Membership Staff throughout the year. I know that by working together, we can achieve our goals.

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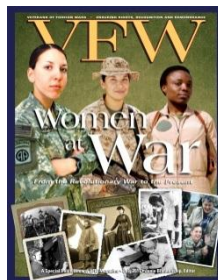
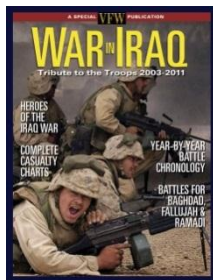
Membership applications have been updated. Members now have the option to enroll in two beneficial programs:

- VFW Autopay—renews your annual membership automatically!
- Life Installment Plan—automatic monthly payments option—with this option, there is no longer the need to complete a payment authorization form.

Once enrolled in either program, automatic payments are processed using the credit card information provided on the application. These are simply added options on the membership application. The traditional methods of signing up for both annual and life membership are still options as well.

***Also, please note it asks for Dates of Service. Dates of overseas service are not required.**

- VFW special edition magazines are great recruiting aids! Contact Carla in the Membership Department to place your order today at cdarnell@vfw.org or 816-756-3390, ext. 208. For a limited time, the magazines are free as long as you pay for the shipping.



VFW FLORIDA PLANNING CALENDAR:

15 – 18 September, 2014: VFW National Legislative Conference, Wash DC

19 -21 September, 2014: Commander T Wayne Markham Home-Coming
Edgewater Resort, Panama City, Florida.

30 Oct – 1 November: Department Fall Conference, Orlando, Florida.
Florida Hotel, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, Florida 32809. Phone: 407-859-1500.

6 – 9 November: Southern Conference, Charleston W.V., Marriott Town Center.

12 – 16 February: Mid-Winter Conference, Hilton Lake Buena Vista

