

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY UPDATE



Aug. 9, 2024

Greetings,

We hope you enjoy this week's National Council Weekly Update on the pertinent happenings of your VFW departments.

## **Development**

This July was consistent with past years and was slow, making me nervous about hitting our \$4.3 million projection. Fortunately, we ended the month at \$5.9 million, primarily due to receiving a bequest of \$1.3 million that came in the end of July. Projections for August is \$3.4 million.

I met the July 24 deadline for responding to participant's questions, which amounted to 16 pages of questions to better understand the scope of VFW's Fundraising program and expectations. This week we were notified that one participant has decided to withdraw from the RFP process due to not having the capability to produce some of our control packages. This now leaves eight participants that we expect to receive proposals from.

The next deadline is Aug. 21, by which participants are expected to submit their proposals.

This week's Development Campaigns are listed below:

- August 4 Appeal:
  - o Thank you eCard for Coast Guard Birthday to Friends of Freedom identified as Coast Guard veteran or active military.
- August 6 Appeal:
  - o August eNews to all nonmember Friends of Freedom.

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## **Human Resources**

- New Hires:
  - o Darla Tate, Major Gifts Officer, Miscellaneous - Kansas City, Missouri.
  - o Ariana Bowman, Planned Giving Officer, Miscellaneous - Kansas City, Missouri

- Positions Actively Recruiting For:
  - National Pre-Discharge Claims Representative – Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

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## **Membership**

- Congratulations to this year's All-American Posts, Districts, and Departments. We saw 20 Departments, 115 Districts and 865 Posts meet the challenge and achieve All-American status in 2023-2024 as the VFW showed its second consecutive year of growth!
- We also congratulate this year's class of Triple Crown Commanders who have achieved All-American honors at the Post, District, and Department level:

Jeffrey Byrd, Arkansas  
Sheila Corcoran, Indiana  
Craig Dougherty, Washington  
Alexander Fores, Pacific Areas  
James Fox, South Carolina  
George Gilgore, Europe  
Tommy Hines, Virginia  
Leonard Ott, Georgia  
Teddy Pipkin, Arkansas  
Patsey Schreiber, Georgia  
Steven Van Bergen, Arizona  
Jeffrey Walding Jr, New Jersey  
Kenneth Wiseman, Virginia

- The 2024-2025 VFW National Membership Program is now available online. Find next year's National Membership Program on [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), at the top of the Membership Recruiting & Retention Page. **Home>MyVFW>VFW Training & Support.**
- Join us this coming Monday, August 12, at 2:00 p.m. CST for our Membership Monday training “**What's New for The New Year!**” We'll cover the 2024-2025 Membership Program and other important new information. Join the live training at <https://vfw.zoom.us/j/8300853240>.
- For all information on VFW Membership be sure and follow our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/VFWmembership>.

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## **Administrative Operations**

- There are currently 91 Posts under suspension, of which 54 are CIC suspensions due to no election report. The organization has 5,621 chartered Posts.

- Administrative Operations is engaged in 23 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, five Administrative Removals/Actions and 11 membership eligibility challenges.
- Currently Administrative Operations has 197 Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions in for review, 10 of which are new.

### **2023-2024 End of Year Roll Up:**

- Administrative Operations processed 262 total Post suspensions of which 155 were CIC suspensions due to no election reports for the 2023-24 & 2024-25 terms. There were 36 Post consolidations, 91 cancellation of Charters, and 13 new Posts processed and completed. Additionally, we issued 113 VFW Charters and 115 Auxiliary Charters for various reasons to include replacements, Post name or location changes, and Post consolidations.
- 10 Department inspections were scheduled and completed by the national inspection team.
- Total of 107 Article IX Disciplinary Actions adjudicated, 63 officer removals, 22 - 518 letters, 87 eligibility challenges of which 73 were terminated due to ineligibility, four were found eligible, 48 voluntary resignations, 26 voluntary surrenders, and 13 reinstatements.
- 759 Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation have been received for review and approval during the 2023-2024 term.

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### **National Legislative Service**

- Elizabeth Dole Act Action Alert: The *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act* is a comprehensive package that would provide health care and benefits for veterans, caregivers, and survivors. This package has the support of both Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, but Democrats in the House have yet to signal support for this legislation that could provide life-altering and life-saving benefits. This bill is the result of a months-long compromise between various stakeholders and is an example of how Washington, D.C., negotiations should work. Dozens of organizations that advocate on behalf of veterans, caregivers, and survivors support this important legislation, and it deserves bipartisan AND bicameral support. [Take action](#) and tell your congressional representative to support the Elizabeth Dole Act.

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### **National Veterans Service**

- Former Kentucky VFW Department Service Officer Mr. Jerry Kayrouz was named the 2023-2024 John A. Biedrzycki Accredited Service Representative of the Year.
- NVS leadership met with Safran Optics 1 in Bedford, New Hampshire, to provide benefits information and discuss potential sponsorship opportunities.

- VFW's NVS Pre-Discharge representatives briefed transitioning service members on VA benefits at military installations around the country.
- NVS health team met with VA for a Prosthetics Advisory Council meeting.
- NVS health team met with Lycos for an update on the FDA's MDMA treatment for PTSD.

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