

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY UPDATE



May 12, 2023

Greetings,

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

## **Development**

This week's Development campaigns are listed below:

- May 8 Appeal:
  - April reminder package with dimes and check to lapsed nonmember donors.
- May 9 Appeal:
  - April acquisition reminder package with coasters, check, and pennies.
- May 10 Appeal:
  - Memorial Day matching gift email #1 to all Friends of Freedom.

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## **Human Resources**

- New Hires:
  - Taylor Engle is the new Manager in the Meetings and Events Department in the K.C. Office.
  - Khristopher Davis is a new Shipping and Receiving Clerk in the VFW Store in the K.C. Office.
- Positions Actively Recruiting For:
  - Major Gifts Officer – D.C.
  - Member Services Advisor – K.C.

- o Assistant Coordinator – K.C.
- o Shipping Receiving Clerk (FT and PT) – K.C.

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### **Administrative Operations**

- There are currently 33 Posts under suspension; two of which are new with four suspensions lifted since last week. We are working to institute one new Post pursuant to Sections 201 of the National Bylaws. The organization has 5,743 chartered Posts.
- Administrative Operations is engaged in 24 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, 14 administrative actions and eight membership eligibility challenges.
- Our new completely digital process for reviewing bylaws and articles of incorporation at all levels is working well. We received 22 new sets of bylaws and articles of incorporation; we reviewed 40 and have 41 awaiting review.
- We are processing election reports as quickly as we receive them. This is a reminder that the quickest and easiest way to submit election reports is by utilizing the Quartermaster's tools within the Online Membership System (OMS).
- To date we have received 3,490 Post election reports and 149 District election reports. 2,253 Posts, or 39%, still have not submitted an election report. Any Post that has not submitted an election report by June 1 is in arrears; will be prevented from voting at their respective Department convention; and will be subject to suspension/revocation.

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### **Membership**

- We recognized and awarded the top 44 recruiters for their efforts in recruiting new Life and Life installment members for the month of April!
- The 2023-2024 VFW National Membership program is now available online. Find next year's National Membership program behind the member login at the top of the Membership Recruiting and Retention page: **Home>MyVFW>VFW Training & Support**. The current 2022-2023 National Membership program will remain online until after the National Convention elections in July 2023.
- Nineteen Departments have achieved 100% membership this year. New membership is up 10% over this time last year. Keep the recruiting press ON!

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### **VFW Foundation**

- The Burger King/VFW Unmet Needs fundraising campaign began on May 1 and will run through the entire month. More than 1,300 BK restaurants across the U.S. will help raise much needed funding for the Unmet Needs program which provides financial aid grants to veterans, service members, and their families who are experiencing unexpected financial difficulties.

For an interactive map of participating Burger King restaurants [click here](#). If you have any questions, please contact VFW Foundation Assistant Director Ben Vargas, [BVargas@vfw.org](mailto:BVargas@vfw.org).

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### **National Legislative Service**

- Sens. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) have introduced VFW-supported S. 1436, Critical Health Access Resource and Grant Extensions (CHARGE) Act of 2023 to extend essential veteran programs and authorities that are set to expire on May 11. The bill includes provisions related to homelessness, caregivers, and State Veterans Homes. VFW National Legislative Service Director Pat Murray commented, “Combating veteran homelessness is more than just simply providing a roof over a person’s head, and oftentimes is accompanied by other financial struggles. A critical component of the CHARGE Act is allowing for more flexibility to assist veterans struggling to acquire food, clothing, hygiene materials, and other items needed for daily life. The VFW thanks Sens. Tester and Murkowski for their commitment to eliminating veteran homelessness.”

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### **National Veterans Service**

- NVS will be participating all weekend in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Vietnam War Commemoration on the National Mall with an extensive outreach presence: <https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/welcomehome/>.
- NVS health team met with VA ATLAS for a bimonthly update on current locations and newly offered services such as audiology.
- NVS health team participated in a VA/DoD Survivors Forum to address survivor benefits.
- NVS health team participated in the monthly VA prosthetic workgroup.
- NVS leadership is working on the Wounded Warrior Project agreement for the 2023-2024 grant cycle.
- NVS leaders attended the monthly VBA/VSO collaboration meeting.
- NVS leadership will meet with Columbia University to discuss metrics and findings related to the BDD Customer Service Satisfaction survey.

- VFW's NVS Pre-Discharge representatives briefed transitioning service members on VA benefits at Joint Base Andrews, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Fort Riley, Fort Bliss, Fort Cavazos (formerly Fort Hood), USO at East Fort Bliss, and Naval Station Bethesda.

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