

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY UPDATE



May 19, 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 16 Appeal:
 - o Planned Giving eNews to all Friends of Freedom.
- May 18 Appeal:
 - o Memorial Day matching gift email #2 to all Friends of Freedom.
- May 19 Appeal:
 - o Urgent gram matching gift reminder to member and nonmember donors.

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Human Resources

- New Hire:
 - o Ed Stefanak is the new Coordinator of Membership Eligibility, Processing, and Graphic Design in the Membership Department in the K.C. Office
- Positions Actively Recruiting For:
 - o Major Gifts Officer – D.C.
 - o Member Services Advisor – 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

- The Membership Department welcomes our newest team member Ed Stefanak Jr. on board! Ed will be learning the Eligibility Coordinator role and comes to us as he finishes the 2022-2023 year as the South Carolina Department Commander. We are extremely excited to have Ed with us and the experience he brings to the Membership team! Welcome aboard, Ed!
- Congratulations to the Department of Kentucky for winning the **Department 100% Incentive contest**.
- The 2023-2024 VFW National Membership program is now available online. Find next year's National Membership Program on vfw.org, at the top of the Membership Recruiting & 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.
- Get ready for the last installment of Membership Monday for the 2022-2023 year. Join us on June 5 at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. CST for an interactive discussion on the latest training topics. The topic for June 5 is TBD.

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Meetings and Events

- I am pleased to welcome our new Meetings and Events Manager Taylor Engle who will be working with me. No, I'm not retiring yet!
- Finalized all arrangements for the May 18-21, Commander-in-Chief - KC Spree – Kansas City.
- Finalizing last minute exhibitor registrations in preparation of sitting down with FERN/Expo to design the exhibit hall floorplan/exhibitor assignments.
- Held second/final National Convention committee meeting on 5/11-ZOOM call. Reviewed details, answered questions, and provided information on housing for chairmen. Chairmen Jim McCormick and Greg Harrell confirmed all is going according to plan and they are committed to having a successful 2023 National Convention.
- Continuing to work with legal to finalize contracts for the 2024 Convention in Louisville.

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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.

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National Legislative Service

- VFW National Junior Vice Commander Al Lipphardt represented the VFW along with more than 90 organizations at a three-day United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration 50th anniversary welcome home celebration. Events included demonstrations from various service drill teams, the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, and live musical performances. [Learn about](#) the event or see partnership opportunities.

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National Veterans Service

- NVS health team participated in the VA health services and gender diversity for a Women Veterans seminar.

- NVS health team participated in the Wounded Warrior Project Mental Health virtual meeting.
- NVS leadership participated in the NLS draft testimony preparation addressing the DoD transition program.
- VFW's NVS Pre-Discharge representatives briefed transitioning service members on VA benefits at Fort Bliss, Texas, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, Bethesda Walter Reed, Maryland, and Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, D.C.
- NVS BDD leadership met with Space Force leadership to discuss the BDD claims process.

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