



August 12, 2022

Post Commanders, County Council Commanders & National Deputy Chiefs-of-Staff
Commanders

State Commander Peter Pennelle, Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars
cordially invites you to attend the 2022 Fall Conference on October 14th and 15th, 2022.

There will be an Eastern States Membership Seminar on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 9:00
a.m. presented by National Deputy Membership Director Rick McKenna. There will also be a
Stop-22 Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. to increase public
awareness of veterans committing suicide.

For room reservations please call the Albany Marriott at (800) 228-9290 or (518) 458-8444 and
state that you are attending the VFW Fall Conference. Reservations can also be made on-line
at www.albanymarriott.com. Standard Double Queen and Standard King Rooms are available
at the discounted rate of \$122.00 per night. **The cut-off date for reservations is Friday,
September 30, 2022.**

Included in this packet is a Tax-Exempt form and a schedule of events and meetings for your
information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert J. Mitchell", is positioned above the typed name.

Robert J. Mitchell, State Adjutant
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of New York

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
2022 VFW FALL CONFERENCE

**Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road,
Albany, New York 12205**

Friday, October 14, 2022

Council of Administration Dinner ** Invitation Only	5:00 PM
Council of Administration Meeting	6:00 PM

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Eastern States Membership Seminar **Open to All Attendees	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Flu Shots	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
General Session	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Stop-22 Program	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Church Service	Following Stop-22 Program

Meeting Rooms will be listed on the Hotel Marquee

"HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME"

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69 Sand Creek Road
Albany, New York 12205-1823



GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE – FALL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 – 12:00 PM

OPENING:	Peter Pennelle, Commander	
PRAYER:	Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, Chaplain	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:	Danny Williams, Patriotic Instructor	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Peter Pennelle, Commander	
ROLL CALL:	Robert J. Mitchell, Adjutant	
PRESENTATIONS:	Bridgestone Americas, Inc	Reginald D. Sanders
REPORTS:	Membership Director, Veterans Services Financial Report Budget Report Buddy Poppy Life Membership Community Activities Spec Project Chairman Hospital Chairman Legislative (State & National) Women's Veterans Chairman POW/MIA OTI Chairman Inspections Steering Committee Chairman Voice of Democracy Patriot's Pen Citizenship & Education (Teacher Awards) Safety Chairman Scouting Chairman Service Officer Raffle/Journal Student Veterans Liaison	Mike Burke, PSC Thomas Todaro, PSC Dan McMahon Harold Burke, PSC Rick Gales Bing Reaves Madison Fletcher Joel Vanik Jon Michael Ann Marie Hogancamp Marlene Roll, PSC Pat Iuliucci Daniel Kell Luke Magliaro Bob Barnhart, PSC William Moore James Brooks Thomas Zurhellen Elisabeth Gessel Ron Jubis Ronald Sorrentino John Wenig
NAT'L COUNCIL MEMBER REMARKS:	Eugene Ratigliano, PSC	
NAT'L REP REMARKS:	William "Doc" Schmitz, Past Commander-in-Chief	
CLOSING REMARKS:	Peter Pennelle, Commander	
BENEDICTION:	Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, Chaplain	
SALUTE TO THE FLAG:	Danny Williams, Patriotic Instructor	
ADJOURNEMENT:	Peter Pennelle, Commander	

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August 8, 2022

SERVICE OFFICERS RAFFLE DONATION LETTER REQUEST

I have been asked by our State Commander Pete Pennelle to chair the Annual Department of New York VFW Servicers officer Raffle to support our Department of New York Veteran Service officers. As we once again prepare for the annual raffle, we are asking those who have generously donated prizes in the past to once again to step up and support this essential project.

Would you consider donating one of the \$100.00 prizes this year? As you know, our Veterans Service Officers are funded by the Department of New York and supplemented by the proceeds from our raffle and Journal Ad book sales. Without the support of the patrons like yourself, we would be unable to raise the additional funds needed to continue the service provided by our Servicer Officers who are essential in continuing the Veteran counseling service so desperately needed by our Veterans.

Please send your prize donations to Department Headquarters, ATTN: Service Officers Raffle Prize, 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205. Raffle prizes must be at Headquarters by November 30, 2022 to ensure we have sufficient time to prepare and mail out the raffle tickets to our Posts and Auxiliaries.

Along with your check, please let us know how you would like your raffle prize donation announced, some examples are:

- \$ 100.00 in Memory of Name – Your Name and Wife's Name
- \$ 100.00 in Memory of John Doe, USN – Jim and Susan Doe
- \$ 100.00 in Memory of Albert Doe, USA - - James Doe

The Raffle drawing will be held at the Department Convention in June 2023.

I would like to Thank You for all the past support and hope you will continue your financial support for this indispensable program.

Yours in Comradeship

Ronald Sorrentino

Ronald Sorrentino
Veterans Service officer Journal & Raffle Chairman
Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars
69 Sand Creek Road
Albany, NY 12205

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***VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES***



***THEY MARCHED FOR US... WE
WALK FOR THEM!***

In Support of Veteran Suicide Awareness

***STOP 22 WALK-A-THON
At the Department of NY Fall Conference
3:30 PM
Saturday, October 15, 2022***

Humana's STOP 22 Initiative - In Partnership with New York's Local VFW's

Department of NY Awareness event will occur at:
Department of NY Fall Conference 14-15 October 2022

Together, we're increasing awareness and support for our Veterans contemplating suicide

Information and Rules

STOP 22 is a noble effort to increase public awareness of Veterans committing suicide, 22 each day. It has to STOP!

Local Post or Auxiliary can select any activity. A walk, run, dance or any activity lasting 22 minutes.

Everyone is welcome to participate and is open to the public and public organizations to participate. The more participants, the better in helping increase awareness for the cause.

Event date: Fall Conference - Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Event date: Posts & Auxiliaries as scheduled

Three prizes will be awarded to a Post or Auxiliary as an incentive to promote awareness in the community to veteran suicide. The Criteria used by the State Commander to determine who will receive the First, Second and Third prize will include but not limited to the type of event to promote awareness (run, walk, a show, etc.), number of participants, local news coverage in TV or newspaper, special events held to promote the awareness of suicide prevention, documentation with newspaper articles/photographs are some of the criteria to determine the three selectees.

1st Prize: \$500

2nd Prize: \$250

3rd Prize: \$100 3rd

Participating posts must hold their event between August and October 2022 and **must submit to Dept of NY HQ**, 69 Sand Creek Rd, Albany, NY 12205 participant registration sheets & photos no later than October 31, 2022 to be considered for a prize award.

There is a \$1 registration fee for each participant.

Humana's local representative where available, would like to participate and join the community to support this great cause.

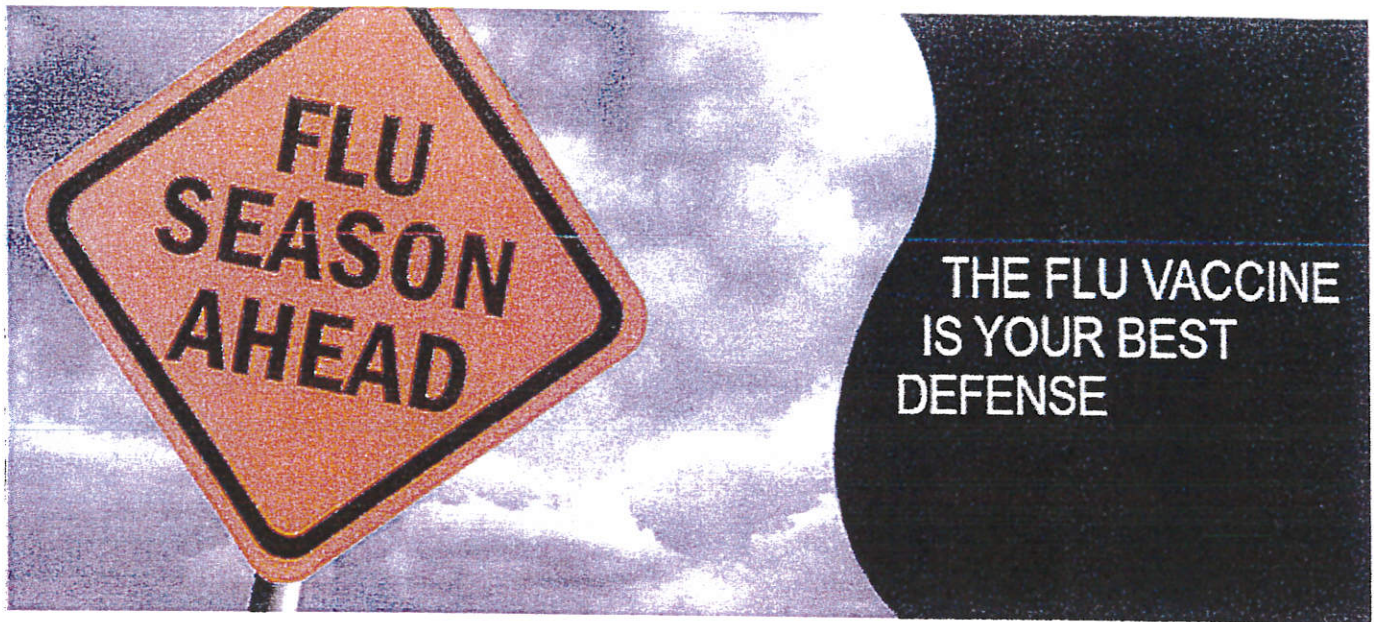
VFW POST # _____

VFW AUX # _____

EVENT DATE: _____

Participant's Name	Participant's Signature	\$1 Fee

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AVAILABLE AT THE FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2022

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

ALBANY MARRIOTT

**PLEASE BRING YOUR VA CARD OR
MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD**



Exemption Certificate for Hotel or Motel Occupancy by Veterans Organizations

New York State and Local Sales and Use Tax

ST-119.5
(12/10)**Type or print all entries and attach a photocopy of Form ST-119, *Exempt Organization Certificate*.**

Name of veterans organization Department of New York VFW		Telephone number (518) 463-7427	
Name of representative renting room		Date(s) of occupancy	
Purpose of travel Department Fall Conference			
Representative's signature (<i>other than officer below</i>)		EX number from Form ST-119 copy attached 195607	
Name of hotel or motel Albany Marriott			
Street address 189 Wolf Rd.	City Albany	State NY	ZIP code 12205

Certification

I certify that the representative named above is acting on behalf of our veterans organization, and will be reimbursed by us for the rental of a hotel or motel room on the above date(s) of occupancy. I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements and issue this exemption certificate with the knowledge that this document provides evidence that state and local sales or use taxes do not apply to a transaction or transactions for which I tendered this document and that willfully issuing this document with the intent to evade any such tax may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence. I understand that this document is required to be filed with, and delivered to the vendor as agent for the Tax Department for the purposes of section 1838 of the Tax Law and is deemed a document required to be filed with the Tax Department for the purpose of prosecution of offenses. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of tax exclusions or exemptions claimed and the accuracy of any information entered on this document.

Name and title of officer of veterans organization Robert J. Mitchell, State Adjutant	Officer's signature 	Date prepared 08-10-2022
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Instructions**Who may use this certificate**

Representatives of a veterans organization traveling on the organization's behalf may use this form together with Form ST-119 to certify their exemption from paying state-administered New York State and local sales taxes (but not from locally-administered hotel taxes).

To the representative renting the room:

When you have completed Form ST-119.5, attach a copy of the Form ST-119 that the Tax Department issued to your veterans organization, and give both forms to the hotel or motel operator. Show the operator your photo identification, or a current credit card with your signature. If you have neither, or you pay the bill in cash, sign the bill in the presence of the operator so your signature can be compared with the signature on this form.

You may not reproduce this form with signatures. This form is invalid if it includes photocopies of signatures of officers or representatives. Misuse of this certificate will result in substantial civil or criminal penalties, or both.

To the hotel or motel operator:

You may exempt the above-named veterans organization's representative from paying state-administered New York State and local sales and use taxes (but not from locally-administered hotel taxes) when renting a room from your establishment if:

- all entries on this form are complete;
- it is signed by both the representative and an officer of the veterans organization (who must not be the same person);

- a photocopy of the organization's Form ST-119 is attached; and
- the representative shows you photo identification or a current credit card with signature. If there is no photo identification, or the bill is paid in cash, the bill must be signed in your presence and you must compare the signature to the signature on this form.

You may accept cash, or the representative's personal check or credit card, but your bill must list the representative and the veterans organization as purchasers of the hotel occupancy.

The representative must present this form before checkout. A separate certification is required for each occasion that the representative rents a room, as well as for each representative of the veterans post or organization.

See N-93-28, *Hotel and Motel Sales Tax Exemptions for Authorized Representatives of Veterans' Organizations*, for more information.

As a New York State registered vendor, you may accept Form ST-119.5 in lieu of collecting tax. You will be protected from liability if:

- you have no knowledge that the form is false or fraudulently given, and you exercise reasonable care;
- the form is in your possession within 90 days of the transaction; and
- all required entries on the form are completed.

Substantial penalties will result from misuse of this certificate.