



August 8, 2023

Post Commanders, National Deputy Chiefs of Staff, and Veterans Service Committee Members,

Subject: 2023 VFW Fall Conference

State Commander Daniel Kell, Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars cordially invites you to attend the 2023 VFW Fall Conference on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205.

There will be a Council of Administration Meeting on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM with the General Meeting Session beginning at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 7, 2023. There will also be a Membership Seminar on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM. presented by Department Membership Chairman Michael Burke. State Commander Kell highly encourages you to attend this seminar to learn innovative strategies and best practices for attracting new members to our organization.

On Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 3:30 PM there will be a Stop-22 Walk-A-Thon at the Albany Marriott to increase public awareness of veterans committing suicide and bring attention to the mental health needs of our country's veterans.

For room reservations please call the Albany Marriott directly at (518) 458-8444 and state that you are attending the VFW Fall Conference. Rooms are available at the discounted rate of \$125.00 per night. **The cut-off date for reservations is Friday, September 15, 2023.**

Included in this packet is a schedule of events and a New York State Tax-Exempt Form for your use.

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**  
**2023 VFW FALL CONFERENCE**

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

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

Council of Administration Dinner ** Invitation Only	5:00 PM
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<b>Council of Administration Meeting</b>	6:00 PM
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**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

District Membership Chairman Meeting	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
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Membership Seminar **Open to All Attendees	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
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Flu Shots	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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<b>General Session</b>	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
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Stop-22 Program	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
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Church Service	Following Stop-22 Program
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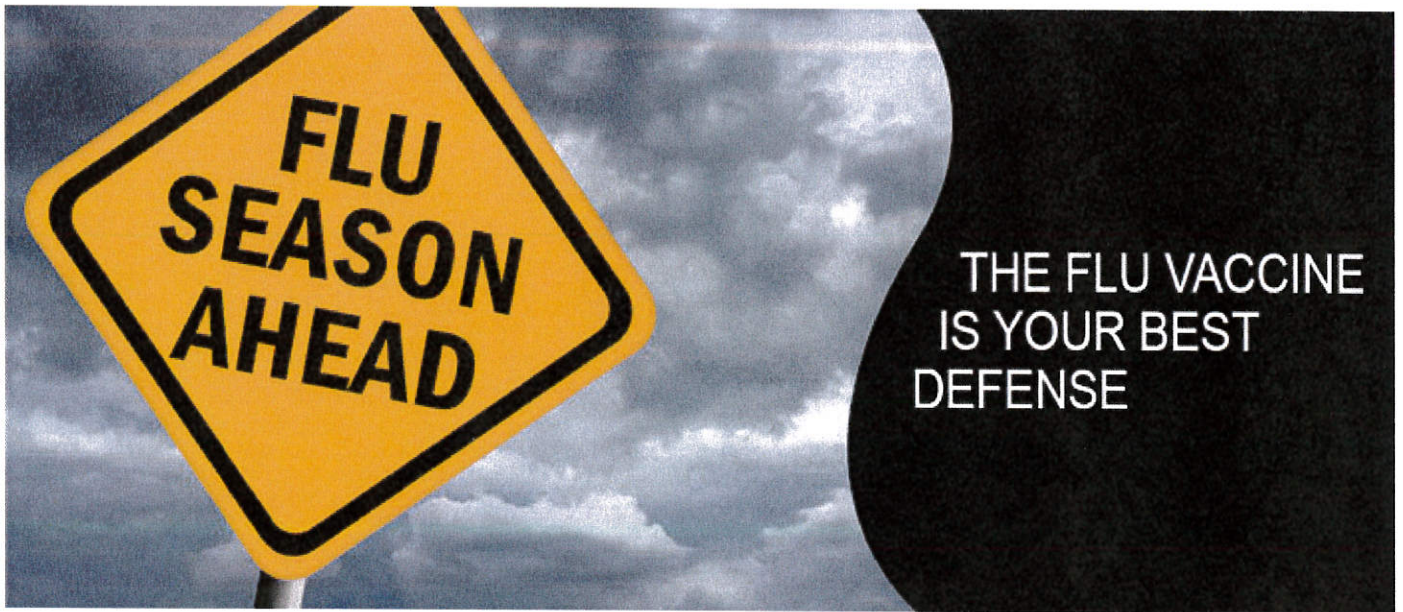
**Meeting Rooms will be listed on the Hotel Marquee**

***"HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME"***

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69 Sand Creek Road  
Albany, New York 12205-1823



**AVAILABLE AT THE FALL CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2023**

**9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**ALBANY MARRIOTT**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR VA CARD OR  
MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD  
TO RECEIVE YOUR FLU SHOT**



August 7, 2023



## SERVICE OFFICERS RAFFLE DONATION LETTER REQUEST

I have been asked by our State Commander Daniel Kell to chair the Annual Department of New York VFW Servicemen's 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 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 Service Officers who are essential in continuing the Veteran counseling service so desperately needed by our Veterans.

Please fill out the donation form on the back of this letter so we will know how you would like your raffle prize donation announced. Some examples are:

- \$ 100.00 in Memory of John Doe – Your Post's Name
- \$ 100.00 in Memory of John Doe – 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

This year you can either donate by check or credit card. 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 20, 2023 to ensure we have sufficient time to prepare and mail out the raffle tickets to our Posts and Auxiliaries. If you are paying by credit card you may email the form to [JTreadway@vfwny.com](mailto:JTreadway@vfwny.com).

The Raffle drawing will be held at the Department's Spring Conference dinner March 15-16, 2024, in Binghamton, NY.

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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## SERVICE OFFICER RAFFLE DONATION FORM

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT IS EITHER BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

If paying by credit card please fill out all fields:

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Expiration Date: \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_

CRV Code on Back \_ \_ \_ \_ Last 3 Numbers on back of card ,for AMEX, 4 numbers on the front

There is a 3.00% convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing

**If paying by credit card you may email completed form to: [JTreadway@vfwny.com](mailto:JTreadway@vfwny.com)**

If paying by check please make checks payable to Department of New York VFW and mail with completed form to:

Department of New York VFW, 69 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205



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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND ITS AUXILIARIES**



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

In Support of Veteran Suicide Awareness

\$1.00 Registration going to Commander's Special Projects to Assist in  
Suicide Prevention and Post Awards

**STOP 22 WALK-A-THON**

*At the Department of NY Fall Conference  
Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY  
Saturday, October 7, 2023 – 3:30 PM*



## *Saturday, October 7, 2023*

*Stop 22 is a partnership initiative between the Department of NY Veterans of Foreign Wars and one of the nation's leading health and well-being companies HUMANA to increase awareness of Veterans committing suicide – 22 each day.*

*On Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the Department of NY Fall Conference and at every Post in the Department and throughout the month of October, VFW and Auxiliary members will take the opportunity for a 22-minute walk/run to increase public awareness on veteran suicide. HUMANA will donate \$1,500 as a sponsorship donation to the project.*

*Each Post and/or Auxiliary that desires to participate will register participants on the enclosed sheet and collect \$1.00 per participant, a portion of which will go to the Commander's Special Projects in support of Higher Ground and Alliance 180 that work to remediate symptoms of PTSD and MST and a monetary award to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Post who best promotes awareness in the community of the tragedy of veteran suicide.*

*\$500.00 to First Place Post/Auxiliary  
\$250.00 to Second Place Post/Auxiliary  
\$100.00 to Third Place Post/Auxiliary*

*Registration sheet, photographs and other supporting materials must be submitted to Department HQ by November 15, 2023, to be considered for the contest. Each post at the Fall Conference will be considered an individual entrant so bring as many members as you like to boost your Post's chances of winning and increasing the numbers in support of suicide awareness. Participants in the walk will need NOT be VFW or Auxiliary members – the public is invited and encouraged to participate!*



## 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 6-7 October 2023

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 7, 2023.

**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.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$250

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100

Participating posts must hold their event between August and October 2023 and **must submit to Dept of NY HQ**, 69 Sand Creek Rd, Albany, NY 12205 participant registration sheets & photos no later than November 15, 2023 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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