VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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February 1, 2019

PAST STATE COMMANDERS, Buddy Poppy Chairman, Citizenship, Civil Service and Employment Education and Community Service Chairman, Civil Service & Employment Chairman, Legislative Chairman, Legislative Vice Chairman Homeless Veteran's, Hospital Chairman, , Life Membership Chairman, Membership Chairman, Membership Vice Chairman, Military Assistance Chairman, National Home Chairman, State Photographer, POW/MIA Chairman, POW/MIA Vice Chairman, Safety Chairman, Student Veteran Liaison Chairman, Assistant Sargent at Arms, Special Projects Chairman, Scouter Chairman, Service Officer Raffle Chairman, Service Officer Journal Chairman, Director of Veteran's Service, VOD Chairman, and Patriot's Pen Chairman.

Subject: 2019 VFW Spring Conference

State Commander Eugene Ratigliano, Department of New York, Veterans of Foreign Wars cordially invites you to attend the 2019 Spring Conference on March 22nd and 23rd, 2019.

Please note that the C of A Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

For reservations please call the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205, 518-458-8444. Room Rate is $117.00 per night. Use Code **JSC.** **Reservation *cutoff date for reservations is Friday, March 1, 2019.***

For those receiving vouchers to attend the Spring Conference of the Department of New York VFW mileage and daily per-diem shall be paid at the approved rate only if the recipient stays in the Headquarters hotel. Roll call will be taken at the committee meeting to verify attendance at the assigned meeting. Mileage is checked by MapQuest. Also included is a Voucher and Tax-Exempt form.

Commander Ratigliano *wants to ensure that all the Posts have an opportunity to qualify for All State. On Saturday morning March 23, 2019 there will be Quartermaster Training at 8:00 a.m.*

Commander Ratigliano *is concerned about the Department's Membership Standing and the number of members needed to attain 100% this year. On Saturday morning there will be a* ***MEMBERSHIP Meeting*** *at 10:00 a.m.*

Commander Ratigliano *requests all* who are *present at the Spring Conference to* ***attend the Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at 10:00 am. Room to be announced.***

A schedule of events and meetings is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

OFFICIAL

Harold M. Burke Jr, PSC, State Adjutant
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of New York

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VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

NOTE: Updated for the 2018-2019 VFW Program Year

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award
*October 31, 2018, Teacher Nominations to the Post
November 15, Completion of Post judging
December 15, Completion of District judging
January 10, Completion of Department judging
January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairman
*January 15, Department winners due to National
*January 31, Department reports due to National

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen
*October 31, Student entries to the Post
November 15, Completion of Post judging
December 15, Completion of District judging
January 10, Completion of Department judging
January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen
*January 15, Department winners due to National
*January 31, Department reports due to National

Scout of the Year
*March 1, Scout entries to the Post
April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
*May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

Community Service
*April 30, Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission (Department to National)
*April 30, National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission(s) (Department to National)
*May 31, Department Community Service Report (Department to National)

Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services)
January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)
February 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

National Certificate of Recognition
April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested, and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.

Updated 5/16/2018

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

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 Veterans of Foreign Wars	Telephone number (518) 463-7427
Name of representative renting room	Date(s) of occupancy
Purpose of travel	
Representative's signature *(other than officer below)*	EX number from Form ST-119 copy attached
Name of hotel or motel	
Street address City	State ZIP code

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 Harold M. Burke Jr. / State Adjutant	Officer's signature	Date prepared 02-01-2019

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.

Exempt Organization Certificate

ST-119
(12/09)

The organization named below is exempt from payment of the New York State and local sales and use tax.

Note: This is your organization's proof of exemption and must be retained in your organization's permanent files.

The number shown on this certificate must be entered on any Form ST-119.1, *Exempt Organization Exempt Purchase Certificate*, presented to a vendor. If this certificate is lost or destroyed, you may obtain a replacement by notifying the Exempt Organizations Unit.

This certificate will remain in effect unless it is revoked or canceled. Misuse of the authority granted under this certificate will result in the revocation of exempt status and subject the organization to substantial civil and criminal penalties.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK INC
69 SAND CREEK RD
ALBANY, NY 12205

Certificate number
EX 195607
Date issued
September 01, 1990

This certificate may not be altered, changed, lent, or transferred to another organization or person.

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2019 VFW SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The 2019 Spring Conference will be held at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York Conference schedule is as follows with approximate times.

Meeting Rooms to be announced.

Friday, March 22, 2019

2021 State Convention Bid	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Racing and Wagering-Rich Kuczynski	2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Past State Commander's Meeting	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
C of A Dinner – By Invitation Only	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
C of A Meeting	6:00 p.m. to ?

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Sr. Vice District Commanders Meeting By Invitation Only – Sr. Vice Todaro	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Quartermaster's Training – James Haas	8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Membership Meeting – Bud Abare	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
General Session	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Church Service	Following General Session - TBA

Have a safe trip home.

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COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING - SPRING CONFERENCE
6:00 PM Friday, March 22, 2019

AGENDA

OPENING:	Gene Ratigliano, State Commander
PRAYER:	Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, State Chaplain
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:	Ed Todd, Patriotic Instructor
ROLL CALL:	Harold M. Burke Jr., PSC, State Adjutant
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Gene Ratigliano, State Commander Jr. Vice CIC Hal Roesch C of A Member Robert Barnhart
MINUTES OF January C of A Meeting:	Harold M. Burke Jr., PSC, State Adjutant
PRESENTATION:	Colin Anderson, Department Asst. Service Officer
REPORTS:	
Department Financial Report	Daniel McMahon, State Quartermaster
Department Financial Advisor	William Schwappacher, Morgan Stanley
Department Budget Anomalies	Harold M. Burke Jr., PSC, Budget Chairman.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:	
Policies	Harold M. Burke Jr., PSC, Adjutant
NEW BUSINESS:	
Convention 2018 & 2021	Harold Burke, PSC
OTI 2019	Gene Ratigliano, Sr. Vice Commander
Failure to File 990	Daniel McMahan, Quartermaster
Steering Chairman	Robert Barnhart, PSC National Council Member
GOOD OF THE ORDER:	District Commander's Reports on Membership Department Officers Comments Robert Barnhart, PSC Member National C of A William "Doc" Schmitz, Jr. Vice CIC -**TRAVEL** Hal Roesch, Jr. Vice CIC
CLOSING REMARKS:	Gene Ratigliano, State Commander
BENEDICTION:	Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, State Chaplain
SALUTE THE FLAG	Ed Todd, Patriotic Instructor
ADJOURNMENT	

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SPRING CONFERENCE GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE
APRIL 28, 2017 – 1:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Eugene Ratigliano, Commander
OPENING PRAYER:	Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, Chaplain
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:	Ed Todd, Patriotic Instructor
ROLL CALL:	Harold Burke Jr., PSC, Adjutant
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Eugene Ratigliano, Commander

REPORTS:

Membership	Roland "Bud" Abare
Director of Veterans Service	Thomas Todaro
Financial Report	Daniel McMahon
Buddy Poppy Chairman	Harris Bartz
Citizenship, Education Chairman (Teacher Awards)	Carl Fusco
Community Service	Andrew Veiga
Convention Director 2018-2019	Harold Burke Jr., PSC
Hospital Chairman	Daniel Kell
OTI 2019	Daniel Kell
Legislative	Paul Dietrich
National Home	Arthur Scheuneman
POW/MIA	Peter Vitulli
Inspections	Robert Mitchell
Veterans and Military Support	Michael Webster
Voice of Democracy	Wally Zincio
Youth Activities Patriot's Pen	Michael Spellman
Special Projects	Dennis Sullivan, PSC
State Safety Chairman	Marcello Rotunda
Service Officer Raffle	Bernard Thompson, PSC
Service Officer Journal	Karl Rohde, PSC
Scouter Chairman	Ronald Jubis
Student Veterans Liaison	John Wenig
State Steering Chairman	Robert Barnhart

GUESTS:	Robert Barnhart, PSC National Council Member
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:	Hal Roesch, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
CLOSING REMARKS:	Eugene Ratigliano, Commander
CLOSING PRAYER:	Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, Chaplain
SALUTE TO THE FLAG:	Ed Todd, Patriotic Instructor

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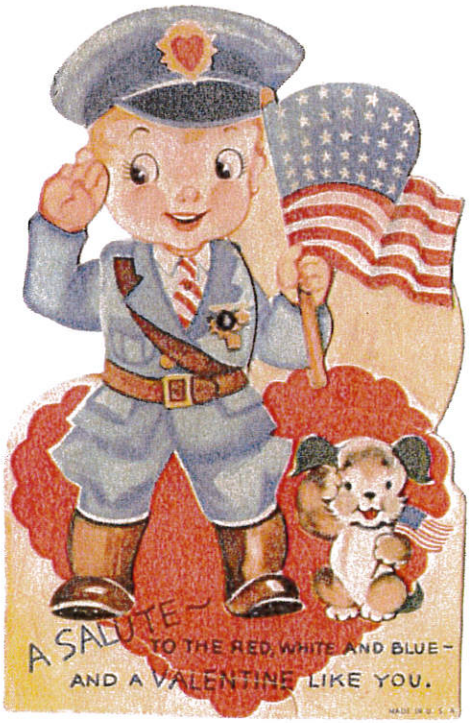
MAKE IT HAPPEN 2018-2019

COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of February 2019!



To most people, February brings thoughts of Valentine's Day, a romantic holiday to spend with the ones we love.

The Commander-in-Chief is challenging all of us to show that same devotion to our mission of recruiting and retention over the month of February!

Looking back at the first half of the membership year, we are on track to show growth as an organization and surpass 100% in membership for the first time in over twenty-five years! It's up to all of us to reach that goal for the Veterans of Foreign Wars!

At close of business on February 28th, 2019, the Post in each Division that shows the highest growth in their membership percentage for the month (measured from close of business 1/31 through close of business 2/28) will receive a ***$1,000*** award to be deposited into the Post Fund!

It's time to focus on recruiting and retention, let's **MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

Membership Percentage = (Total / Prior Year) as reflected in MemStats.

STATE COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT:

Saratoga WarHorse Foundation

Saratoga WarHorse is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded by Bob Nevins, a Vietnam veteran assisting veterans who are suffering from invisible, psychological wounds by providing a confidential, peer-to-peer, action-based, equine-assisted experience that initiates immediate and long lasting empowering changes.

Saratoga WarHorse provides a new experience with a focus on post-traumatic stress and suicide prevention that is vastly different approach from traditional talk therapy. The unique and powerful approach of Saratoga WarHorse has been described by veterans as "life-changing beyond words." As of June 2017, Saratoga WarHorse is approaching 700 veteran graduates.

Commander's Special Project Chairman Dennis Sullivan attended a three day seminar at Saratoga War Horse in Baltimore, Md. In Dennis' words "It was a rewarding experience"

Make your donation to the Commander's Special Project Today!

*Send all donations to
Department of NY
69 Sand Creek Road
Albany, NY 12205

* A donation of $100.00 or more earns an additional 1,500 points toward All-State

Our Mission

Saratoga WarHorse's mission is to assist veterans who are suffering from invisible, psychological wounds by providing a confidential, action-based, equine-assisted experience that initiates immediate and empowering changes.

Our Vision

Saratoga WarHorse aspires to be an integral part of the solution to the growing problem of veteran suicides, post-traumatic stress, and other barriers to veterans leading happy, healthy lives.

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ORDER FORM

Revised: 15 January 2019

**Previous editions are obsolete!*

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DEPT: _____ POST or DISTRICT #: _____

CHECK ONE: ○ CDR ○ ADJ ○ QM ○ CNR ○ Member ○ VSO

DATE: _____

Please refer to the VFW Store order form on back page for kits and table covers.

Quantity Ordered	Item Description	Quantity Per Package	Package Price	TOTAL PRICE
	Membership Application **(see note below , above payment details)**	25	FREE	
	Brochure, Women Veterans Recruitment	25	FREE	
	Brochure, Legacy Life Membership	25	FREE	
	Brochure, New Member Recruitment- Generations of Service	25	FREE	
	Brochure, Member Benefits	25	FREE	
	New Post Development & Post Revitalization Manual	1*	FREE	
	Brochure, Legislative Priority Goals	50	FREE	
	Fact Sheet – VFW Talking paper	1*	FREE	
	Eligibility Information Sheet	1*	FREE	
	Brochure, Membership Campaigning on the Post Level	1	FREE	
	Promotional Items, VFW Window Clings	25	FREE	
	Promotional Items, VFW Oval bumper sticker	25	FREE	
	Promotional Items, VFW ask me how to join bumper sticker	25	FREE	
	Eligibility Pens **(maximum 5)**	1	FREE	
	Door Hanger, Self-Mailers	25	$1.00	
	Guide, Recruiter Success **(pocket size)**	1	$1.00	
	Poster, "Join Now"	1	$0.50	
	Poster, "New Post Forming"	1	$0.50	
	Poster, "World Map of Eligibility"	1	$0.50	
	Take Pride campaign medal flyers**	15*	$1.50	
	Guide, Recruiter Training **(Student Guide)**	1	$1.50	
	Brochure, New Membership ***(Spanish Version)***	25	FREE	
	Fact Sheet – VFW Talking Paper ***(Spanish Version)***	1*	FREE	

* Items marked with * can be downloaded for free on www.vfw.org

** Includes 1 each of all campaign medals that qualify veterans for VFW membership

For information and pricing on Membership items included in the Membership Product Catalog but not listed here, please contact the Membership Department. NOTE: **If you order applications only, the shipping is free**.

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Payment Details:

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Card Type: ○ AMEX ○ MasterCard ○ VISA ○ Discover
○ Bill me (*Quartermaster only*)

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Credit Card Exp. Date: ___ ___ / ___ ___

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Sub-Total	Shipping Cost
$0.00 to $10.00	$5.00
$10.01 to $25.00	$7.00
$25.01 to $50.00	$11.00
$50.01 to $75.00	$15.00
Over $75.00	Call for quote

Thank You!