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DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:

Ian 25, 2020 Post 3750 Registration 9:00 am Meeting 10:00 am Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon May 2, 2020 Post 3121 Registration 9:00 am Meeting 10:00 am Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS:

Jan 25, 2020 Post 4222 Registration 9:00 am 10:00 am Joint Meeting Lunch 11:30 am Meeting 1:00 pm May 16, 2020 Post 4222 Registration 9:00 am **Joint Meeting** 10:00 am 10:30 am Meeting Lunch 12:00noon

DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS:

Jan 11, 2020 Post 9210 9:00 am Registration Meeting 10:00 am Lunch(\$7) 12:00noon May 2, 2020 Post 4201 Registration 9:00 am Meeting 10:00 am Lunch(\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS:

 April 18, 2020
 Post 9854

 Registration
 9:00 am

 Meeting
 10:00 am

 Lunch
 12:00 noon

DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:

May 16, 2020 Post 8971
Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
No Lunch

DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:

Jan 11, 2020 Post 3693
Location: 526 S. Irma Blvd.,
Gonzales, LA 70737
Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:

Ian 4, 2020 Post 8290 Registration 9:00 am **Joint Meeting** 10:00 am Meeting 11:00 am Lunch 12:00noon April 25, 2020 Post 8290 Registration 9:00 am **Joint Meeting** 10:00 am Meeting 11:00 am Lunch 12:00noon

DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS:

Registration 10:00 am Meeting 11:00 am Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 11 MEETINGS:

Jan. 11, 2020	POST 3615
Registration	10:30 am
Meeting	11:00 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon
May 16, 2020	Post 1809
May 16, 2020 Registration	Post 1809 10:30 am

DISTRICT 12 MEETINGS:

Jan 11, 2020	Post 4588
Registration	9:00 a.m.
Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Lunch (\$7)	12:00 noon
May 2, 2020	Post 5951
May 2, 2020 Registration	Post 5951 9:00 a.m.

Important Dates:

Mid Winter Conf January 16-19, 2020

State Convention June 25-28, 2020

Happy New Year!



"Dare To Care"
Nat'l Commander in Chief
William J. "Doc" Schmitz



"Serving Veterans Anytime, Anyplace, Anywhere" State Commander C. M "Mickey" Carroll

MID WINTER CONFERENCE AWARDS

State Chairmen will be presenting Awards for the following:

Americanism, Patriot's Pen, VOD, 100% Membership, Membership Hall of Fame & Gold Chevron, Safety – Outstanding Law Officer, Firefighter and EMTs. Will your Post-Auxiliary be the winning sponsors? The excitement builds and we will see the winners at the Joint Opening and Saturday Night Banquet & Tickets are \$30 per person – order from dept. Send check earmarked – Banquet tickets!!!

BLOOD DRIVE AT MID WINTER CONFERENCE:

This is a reminder to all Louisiana District/ Post Officers and members that we will have a Blood Drive on Saturday January 18, 2020, at the Holiday Inn during our Mid Winter Conference. Let's make this a huge success for such a worthy cause. Please hold off in giving blood until you come to the Mid Winter! Conference.

VFW Priorities Enacted into Law:

On Dec. 20, 2019, the President signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA). The NDAA includes a 3.1 percent pay raise for troops and 11 improving occupational license portability for relocated military spouses. Other important VFW-supported provisions include expanding Arlington National Cemetery, granting full military honors for Medal of Honor and Prisoner-of-War Medal recipients, directing DOD to conduct post-deployment medical assessments for burn pits, toxic airborne chemicals, and other airborne contaminants, and incorporating blast exposure history into service members' medical records. The NDAA also ends a decades-long fight to eliminate the Widow's Tax, which forced the survivors or military retirees and those who die on active duty to forfeit one earned benefit for another.

Buddy Poppies:

Memorial Day "Buddy" Poppy Campaign. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW "Buddy" Poppies.

Visit our website www.vfwdeptla.org under the Programs Section to order Buddy Poppies today!

Reminder: Buddy Poppy Orders take at least 10-12 weeks!

FLY THE FLAG ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S BIRTHDAY:

The U.S. federal flag code has been amended by Congress and signed by the president to add Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to the list of days on which the flag should be displayed. His birthday is observed on the third Monday in January; therefore, the flag should be flown on that day. To purchase a U.S. flag from the VFW Store, go to vfwstore.org/category/flags/usflags.

Community Service Reporting:

Community Service Reports may now be submitted online by visiting our website www.vfwdeptla.org under the Programs—Community Service Section! Any questions—Contact State Chairman Tim Sloan vfwlacommunityservice@gmail.com

*Any National Veterans & Military
Service reporting information, please
send a copy to State Chairman, Paul
Hamburger

173 Cherokee Dr., Abita Springs, LA 70420

Email: vfwlanvms@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS PLEASE VIS-IT <u>WWW.VFW.ORG</u> AND CLICK ON THE PROGRAM SEC-TION! Note all deadline dates!

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON FACEBOOK, PLEASE GO LIKE OUR PAGE TO BE UPDATED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

www.facebook.com/vfwdeptla



Make sure you 'like' and 'share' our VFW National Membership Facebook page. We post updates, links, contest reminders, events, etc. for you. Share the good news of the VFW:

https://www.facebook.com/VFWmembership/.

Future National Convention Dates:

July 31—Aug 5, 2021 Baltimore, MD

July 18-23, 2020

July 16-21, 2022

Reno, Nevada

Kansas City, MO

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POST ACTIVITY REPORT:

Please visit the follow link to view the most up -to-date report!

https://
docs.google.com/
spreadsheets/
d/1tW08472oUVWiNlp
DJe KcARVDKWXDm Tq
V9luE XYaU/edit?
usp=sharing

Department Conference/ Convention Dates:

2019-2020 MW- January 16-19, 2020 SC- June 25-28, 2020

2020-2021 CofA- August 14-16, 2020 MW-January 14-17, 2021 SC- June 24-27, 2021

**All the above Conferences/ Conventions will be held at the HOLIDAY INN IN ALEXANDRIA, LA! 701 4th St. Alexandria, LA 71301 318-541-8333

From the desk of the State Commander.

Facing the Future

Once again here we are facing a New Year. I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and blessings were many. Your work on VFW programs and other Community involvement should be nearing completion for the year. Our next big achievement is getting our membership up to date, this by far is one of the most important accomplishments a Post can achieve. Not only does it show interest in our membership but it gives us the voice we need to be heard in our Community, State, and Nation. I cannot say how important it is in any new way or give you an idea that you have not heard before, and I have no gimmicks or slogans that can make things easier for you. But I know from experience that if you pick-up the phone and call or better yet visit those members slow in renewing there is a much better chance of them staying on board. Simply said, people appreciate the personal interest you have in them. What we do in our Communities attracts membership, how we treat them and let them know how important they are keeps them engaged. We as leaders and Comrades must make the effort to keep on our rosters all members. Our future depends on our numbers and our Duty is to look after our membership. So do your best to contact and support your membership, the Future of our VFW depends on it!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Mid-Winter Conference, there will be a lot going on, winners to be announced, training to be done so don't miss out!



State Commander C. M "Mickey" Carroll

Get Well Messages: To all recovering from illness and surgeries. Blessings to all!

A note from the Senior Vice Commander....

I hope that all members of the VFW and Auxiliary have had an outstanding Holiday Season and spent quality time with family and friends. Being around loved ones whether blood related or not can bring a since of stability to those who are having trouble dealing with issues brought before them. During this time of year it is very important to keep in touch with those who need that little extra since of security.

Programs should be wrapping up with Department level judging being completed and Awards to be presented during the Mid-Winter Conference. Thanks to all Post and Districts who took part in the selection of the District winners that were forwarded to the Department Chairman. Now it is time for us to concentrate on Membership, we have only 3 Posts at 100% thus far and have few within striking range. If everyone would get involved and assist the Post Membership Chairman collect dues it would make it a lot easier for all. Membership is one Program that needs involvement from all Post members to help make this a success. Reach out and assist where you can and lets get Louisiana to 100% once again.

As we begin visiting the Districts during this round of meetings, please make every effort to have representation from all Post within the District present. Bring the successes of your Post to share and lets complete the Community Service Reports online to pound your chest about all the good you have been doing. Adjutants need to access the All American Dashboard to do your inputs and District Commanders and Adjutants need to approve so that our Post and Districts can get credit for their hard work.

State Sr. Vice Commander Robert "Bobby" Lovergne

Funds are still being raised for the National Desert Storm War memorial and thanks to those Post and Districts who have already donated. This is the last year of our fundraising efforts for the memorial, and I hope that all Posts and Districts step up and donate to make this become a reality for all of our Desert Storm Veterans.

A note from the State Junior Vice Commander.....

Throughout the holiday season, it was great to see all the community involvement at the post level. From holiday parties, breakfasts with Santa and parades the VFW presence was seen. As we move into the new year and all the programs are finished and reports submitted, we need to stay in the community's vision for the last program, membership. Invite community leaders and representatives to your awards banquets to show them what we do for the youth, law enforcement, firemen, and EMT's. Get them involved in helping to recognize their own by having them help pass out awards. Get it into the news media. If the community see that their chosen leaders are involved with your posts then they might get involved also.

I would like to thank everyone for the community service reports that have been submitted. The online system is working and will get better with the improvements that are being implemented with the form and the data reporting. The spreadsheet with all the data will be up to date at the Mid-winter conference. This is one of the improvements that is being worked on to streamline the process so that you can see everything that is being counted. For those of you that are using the online reporting, please continue to

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State Jr. Vice Commander
Tim Sloan

use it. For those that are still sending in reports through the mail or e-mail please try and use the online reporting system. And again, thank you for your patience with the new system and allowing it to work.

I will leave you with a quote from General Stanley McCrystal. "There's likely a place in paradise for people who tried hard, but what really matters is succeeding. If that requires you to change, that's your mission."

See you around the state!

Birth Announcement:

Cameron Joseph LeBlanc was born on December 15, 2019 at 4:40 p.m.

6 lbs 1 oz

19.7 inches

Mom, Dad, and Big Brother, Carson are loving him to pieces!

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, DEPT OF LA

MID WINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA

JAN 16, 17, 18, 19, 2020

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN

701 4th St., Alexandria, LA

All members of the VFW & Its VFW Auxiliary are invited to all events Joint Opening Session, 9:00 A.M., Saturday, January 19, 2019

THURSDAY, January 16, 2020

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Pre-Paid Registration	Pre-Function Area	Ballroom
	Banquet \$30.00 each & Au	x Luncheon/ tickets \$10.0	0 each

FRIDAY, January 17, 2020

8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m 3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Registration Registration Workshops	Pre-Function Area Pre-Function Area BR/New Orleans Room
11:30 p.m 1:00 pm	Fundraiser/Lunch Luau	Lake Charles/Lafayette Room
1:15 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Leadership Training	BR/New Orleans Room
4:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance	BR/New Orleans Room
4:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.	Register – Hat Contest	Lake Charles/Lafayette Room
6:30 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Buddy Poppy Hat Contest	Lake Charles/Lafayette Room
8:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.	South Conf 2019 update	Lake Charles/Lafayette Room
	OR RIGHT after Hat contest	– all are invited

SATURDAY, January 18, 2020

8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Area
12:30 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Registration	Pre-Function Area
8:45 a.m.	State Officers Assemble	Pre-Function Area
9:00 a.m 11:15 a.m.	Joint Opening Session	LA Ball Room
10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Pre-Function Area
12:00 p.m 1:00 p.m.	PSC Luncheon	Admiral Porter Room
1:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	VFW Business Session	LA Ballroom
6:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	Banquet	LA Ballroom

Speaker: National Rep, PNC, John Hamilton
VOD Program in conjunction with the Banquet

SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

Catholic Mass at Cathedral Across the Street

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Final Business Session BR/New Orleans Room 1 hour - Following Meeting Cooties Meeting Baton Rouge Room

Silent Auction ends immediately after the Saturday Banquet.

Put in your bids early! We salute all our Veterans and their families!

Louisiana as of Thursday, January 2, 2020

Post 3121	Dst 2	Life 119	New 9	Reinst 0	Cont 50	Total	Adjusted Prior Year 245	Percent 72.65%	Div 5	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention 39.68%	N/R % 4.90 %
3267	2	97	5	0	22	124	160	77.50%	6	1	46	52.17%	3.75 %
3337	2	144	3	0	84	231	427	54.09%	3	1	280	35.36%	0.94 %
3750	2	89	2	0	41	132	155	85.16%	6	1	71	69.01%	1.94 %
5852	2	44	0	0	32	76	102	74.50%	8	0	56	57.14%	0.00 %
6640	2	158	2	0	31	191	221	86.42%	5	0	63	53.97%	0.90 %
7194	2	57	0	0	5	62	66	93.93%	10	0	10	50.00%	0.00 %
7307	2	48	0	0	10	58	74	78.37%	9	0	20	40.00%	0.00 %
7732	2	18	0	1	3	22	28	78.57%	11	0	9	33.33%	3.57 %
8973	2	218	0	1	33	252	308	81.81%	4	0	83	37.35%	0.32 %
	2	992	21	2	311	1326	1786	74.24%	4	6	0	0.00%	1.62 %
3665	3	83	1	0	35	119	131	90.83%	7	0	48	79.17%	0.76 %
4222	3	76	2	1	19	98	118	83.05%	7	0	28	78.57%	2.54 %
4752	3	50	0	0	18	68	67	101.49%	10	0	20	80.00%	0.00 %
5097	3	94	1	0	23	118	132	89.39%	7	0	37	67.57%	0.76 %
7755	3	35	0	0	16	51	48	106.25%	11	0	14	92.86%	0.00 %
8538	3	64	0	0	14	78	95	82.10%	8	0	33	42.42%	0.00 %
9608	3	30	0	0	2	32	38	84.21%	11	0	4	50.00%	0.00 %
	3	432	4	1	127	564	629	89.66%	6	0	0	0.00%	0.79 %
1982	4	75	3	1	25	104	119	87.39%	7	0	42	66.67%	3.36 %
3793	4	21	1	0	6	28	43	65.11%	11	0	17	41.18%	2.33 %
4158	4	29	0	0	8	37	42	88.09%	11	0	13	53.85%	0.00 %
4201	4	59	0	0	9	68	82	82.92%	9	0	21	42.86%	0.00 %
4215	4	32	0	0	9	41	49	83.67%	11	0	14	64.29%	0.00 %
9210	4	32	3	0	16	51	62	82.25%	10	2	32	53.13%	8.06 %
9822	4	151	0	0	34	185	268	69.02%	4	0	117	33.33%	0.00 %
12065	4	26	0	0	10	36	50	72.00%	11	0	24	41.67%	0.00 %
12182	4	12	1	0	12	25	25	100.00%	11	1	24	45.83%	8.00 %
	4	437	8	1	129	575	740	77.70%	6	3	0	0.00%	1.62 %
2130	5	154	2	1	28	185	188	98.40%	5	2	39	71.79%	2.66 %
3106	5	552	1	1	46	600	730	82.19%	3	1	176	32.39%	0.41 %
3619	5	228	13	0	53	294	498	59.03%	3	2	276	22.83%	3.01 %
3686	5	42	0	0	4	46	68	67.64%	9	1	22	31.82%	1.47 %
3802	5	43	0	0	8	51	53	96.22%	10	0	9	88.89%	0.00 %
4759	5	27	2	0	4	33	55	60.00%	10	0	26	19.23%	3.64 %
7321	5	133	1	0	16	150	336	44.64%	4	1	201	11.44%	0.60 %
9046	5	29	0	0	0	29	31	93.54%	11	0	0	100.00%	0.00 %

Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	Div	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
9854	5	72	3	1	13	89	104	85.57%	8	0	35	42.86%	3.85 %
	5	1280	22	3	172	1477	2063	71.59%	4	7	0	0.00%	1.55 %
2483	7	26	0	0	9	35	46	76.08%	11	0	19	52.63%	0.00 %
3803	7	60	0	0	10	70	82	85.36%	9	0	21	47.62%	0.00 %
5153	7	95	1	0	28	124	130	95.38%	7	0	36	63.89%	0.77 %
6720	7	65	0	0	13	78	91	85.71%	8	0	25	52.00%	0.00 %
8678	7	13	0	0	6	19	27	70.37%	11	0	15	53.33%	0.00 %
8971	7	100	9	2	54	165	157	105.09%	6	2	66	100.00%	8.28 %
9903	7	22	2	0	23	47	57	82.45%	10	0	36	69.44%	3.51 %
	7	381	12	2	143	538	590	91.18%	6	2	0	0.00%	2.71 %
3693	8	84	1	0	25	110	126	87.30%	7	0	43	60.47%	0.79 %
3766	8	7	0	0	15	22	33	66.66%	11	0	27	74.07%	0.00 %
3784	8	166	2	1	20	189	204	92.64%	5	0	37	48.65%	1.47 %
3785	8	14	0	0	12	26	37	70.27%	11	0	18	61.11%	0.00 %
4224	8	70	2	1	4	77	108	71.29%	8	0	37	10.81%	2.78 %
7017	8	35	1	0	34	70	76	92.10%	9	0	42	80.95%	1.32 %
11169	8	53	0	0	3	56	68	82.35%	9	0	15	20.00%	0.00 %
	8	429	6	2	113	550	652	84.35%	6	0	0	0.00%	1.23 %
3652	9	55	0	0	6	61	70	87.14%	9	0	16	37.50%	0.00 %
5174	9	43	2	0	8	53	59	89.83%	10	1	14	57.14%	5.08 %
5735	9	80	8	1	29	118	130	90.76%	7	1	49	57.14%	7.69 %
7196	9	32	0	0	3	35	40	87.50%	11	0	7	28.57%	0.00 %
7286	9	54	0	1	3	58	72	80.55%	9	0	15	20.00%	1.39 %
8290	9	70	6	0	15	91	103	88.34%	8	0	34	50.00%	5.83 %
8720	9	96	17	0	36	149	143	104.19%	6	1	54	81.48%	12.59 %
	9	430	33	2	100	565	617	91.57%	6	3	0	0.00%	6.16 %
1736	10	404	0	0	17	421	442	95.24%	3	0	35	51.43%	0.00 %
1962	10	37	0	1	11	49	65	75.38%	10	0	29	48.28%	1.54 %
3139	10	31	0	0	17	48	57	84.21%	10	0	25	68.00%	0.00 %
3841	10	14	0	0	4	18	28	64.28%	11	0	13	30.77%	0.00 %
5002	10	31	1	0	11	43	58	74.13%	10	0	27	40.74%	1.72 %
7643	10	28	0	0	5	33	41	80.48%	11	0	13	38.46%	0.00 %
8852	10	84	1	0	5	90	126	71.42%	7	0	37	16.22%	0.79 %
	10	629	2	1	70	702	817	85.92%	6	0	0	0.00%	0.37 %
1809	11	71	5	0	6	82	99	82.82%	8	1	28	25.00%	6.06 %
3155	11	57	1	0	20	78	88	88.63%	8	0	31	70.97%	1.14 %
3375	11	62	1	0	8	71	93	76.34%	8	0	36	41.67%	1.08 %
3615	11	84	0	0	8	92	104	88.46%	8	0	18	50.00%	0.00 %
3977	11	12	0	0	8	20	24	83.33%	11	0	11	72.73%	0.00 %
3993	11	24	0	0	3	27	32	84.37%	11	0	10	40.00%	0.00 %
4317	11	32	0	0	10	42	62	67.74%	10	0	29	34.48%	0.00 %

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3993	11	24	0	0	3	27	32	84.37%	11	0	10	40.00%	0.00 %
4317	11	32	0	0	10	42	62	67.74%	10	0	29	34.48%	0.00 %
5442	11	65	0	0	13	78	104	75.00%	8	1	40	32.50%	0.96 %
	11	407	7	0	76	490	606	80.85%	6	2	0	0.00%	1.49 %
2238	12	114	2	0	20	136	195	69.74%	5	0	82	34.15%	1.03 %
2885	12	32	1	2	5	40	41	97.56%	11	0	9	44.44%	7.32 %
4586	12	28	0	0	4	32	40	80.00%	11	0	10	40.00%	0.00 %
4588	12	130	3	0	25	158	168	94.04%	6	1	41	68.29%	2.38 %
4858	12	25	0	1	3	29	33	87.87%	11	0	6	33.33%	3.03 %
5187	12	24	1	0	15	40	44	90.90%	11	0	20	90.00%	2.27 %
5951	12	518	2	2	39	561	666	84.23%	3	3	137	29.20%	1.05 %
7287	12	22	0	10	7	39	36	108.33%	11	0	15	60.00%	27.78 %
	12	893	9	15	118	1035	1223	84.62%	5	4	0	0.00%	2.29 %
15019	99	1241	43	5	163	1452	1723	84.27%	1	9	0	0.00%	3.31 %
	99	1241	43	5	163	1452	1723	84.27%	4	9	0	0.00%	3.31 %
		7551	167	34	1522	9274	11446	81.02%		36	0	0.00%	2.07 %