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DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:

May 11, 2019 Post 3121
Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon
**State Jr. Vice, B. Lovergne*

DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS:

May 18, 2019 Post 3665
Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch 12:00noon
**State Cmdr, Matt West*

DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS,

May 11, 2019 Post 1982
Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon
**State Sr. Vice, Mickey Carroll*

DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS:

DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:

May 18, 2019 Post 8971
Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch(\$8.00) 12:00noon
**State Chief of Staff, Tresa Tolley*

DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:

DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS:

DISTRICT 11 MEETINGS:

May 18, 2019 Post 1809
Registration 10:00 am
Meeting 10:30 am
Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon
**State Sr. Vice, Mickey Carroll*

DISTRICT 12 MEETINGS:

Important Dates:

State Convention
June 6-9, 2019
Holiday Inn
Downtown

Nat'l Convention
July 20-24, 2019
Orlando, FL

Southern Conf
October 17-20, 2019
Hilton Inn
Baton Rouge, LA

DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS:

Beginning this year, District Adjutants or Quartermasters will be able to go online to submit District Election Reports with National. You will login to the OMS system with your normal username and password, and once logged in you will see the option to submit an Election Report for the District.



“Make It Happen”
Nat’l Commander in Chief
B.J. Lawrence



**“First to Fight For
Veterans”**
State Commander
Matthew West

State Convention Hotel Reservations:

The Holiday Inn Alexandria would like for the Department to remind everyone check in on June 6, 2019 will NOT be until 3:00 p.m. The hotel often makes accommodations for early arrivers. However, this convention they will **NOT** be able to do so!

ELECTION REPORTS:

Post Quartermasters are reminded to submit their Post Election Reports online to National. If you have trouble submitting online, you may email Tori at lastatevfw@yahoo.com for some assistance!

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK:

Records are due May 12, 2018!

Please send all record books to State Chairman

Max Arends

4316 Scarlet Ave., Bossier City, LA 71111

CREDENTIAL CARDS

Arrearage letters have been mailed out. Each Post Commander should receive their letter soon. The Credential Cards for the State Convention are also with the letter. **PLEASE** do NOT mail these back to the Department. Bring these to the Registration Desk at the State Convention!!

Community Service Grant Still Available:

Over \$55,000 remains in the VFW Foundation Community Support Grant fund so there is still time for Posts to apply. Please visit www.vfw.org/grants to obtain a copy of the application that includes guidelines and eligibility information. If you have any questions, contact Grants Coordinator Jason Couch at jcouch@vfw.org or by calling 816.968.1174

May is National Military Appreciation Month:

Is your Post planning to commemorate a special event for Military Spouses Day on May 10, Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, Armed Forces Day on May 18, National Maritime Day on May 22 or Memorial Day on May 27? If your Post is planning a special event this month to commemorate any of the above mentioned special days, please share your success story with us. We will be looking for special stories from Posts like yours to feature in upcoming monthly e-newsletters and on vfw.org/vfwatwork in the Story Archive. You may email your story to success@vfw.org.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION....

**NOW is the time to start
"Membership Round-Ups"**

**We are currently _____ members
away from 100%!**

**Every Post Quartermaster should be
able to log on to view their Post
Membership roster to see which
members are unpaid.**

**If your Post is having trouble logging
on and would like to obtain a copy of
your Post Unpaid List, you may call
Tori at 225-928-5025 or email
lastatevfw@yahoo.com and request
a list.**

Community Service Reporting:

All reports to be sent to
State Chairman, Max Arends
4316 Scarlet Ave., Bossier City, LA
71111

Email:
mustngblue@bellsouth.net

*Any National Veterans & Military
Service reporting information,
please send a copy to State
Chairman, Paul Hamburger
173 Cherokee Dr., Abita Springs,
LA 70420
Email: pehamvfw@charter.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT WWW.VFW.ORG AND CLICK ON THE PROGRAM SECTION! 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 20-24, 2019
Orlando, FL

July 31—Aug 5, 2021
Baltimore, MD

July 18-23, 2020
Reno, Nevada

July 16-21, 2022
Kansas City, MO

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Matthew West
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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/1tW08472oUVWiNlpDJeKcARVDKWXDmTqV9luE XYaU/edit?usp=sharing>

Department Conference/ Convention Dates:

2018-2019

SC- June 6-9, 2019

2019-2020

CofA- August 9-11, 2019

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...

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters, we are in our Final 60 or so Days of the 2018-2019 VFW year.

I know those that follow my Facebook page have seen my continuous posts about Membership. Folks, I will tell you, we are behind....way behind. As of today (1 May) the Department is 94.66%, we are short 661 members from being 100%. We should be at or around 99%. I need your help. Each and every one of you, I need your help. We currently have 2,270 unpaid members on our books. A lot of you ARE those members, signed up those members or know those members. So either pay your dues, contact the ones who owe, and get them come in to pay. Explain to them the importance of not only being a member of the Post, but also, how important it is on the National Level, as numbers are power in Washington DC. If we continue to renew or sign up 15 members a day throughout the State, we can achieve 100% by 15 June. Are you with me?



State Commander

I do want to thank all of you for everything you have done this year for our Veterans, Posts, Districts and the Department as a whole. I have had the distinct honor of serving you as your State Commander. I appreciate each and every one of you, and will recall all of the great moments of this year as a treasure.

We are not done yet! We still have all of May and June, and I ask you to continue doing what you do each and every day, and that is Taking Care of Veterans, and service to your communities. As we move into June, remember that our State Convention is early this year. 6-9 June 2019, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Alexandria. I hope to see many of you for the convention. I look forward to recognizing your Command Teams for All State, and the Posts for outstanding Achievements. As we get ready to move forward into the 2019-2020 year, I sincerely ask that you give your same devotion, dedication and determination to Senior Vice Commander Mickey Carroll as he gets ready to step into the position of State Commander. Mickey is great leader, mentor and most of all friend to the Department of Louisiana. He has great things planned for this Department, so jump on board and help him in any way possible.

First to Fight for Veterans!

Matt

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

"No One Does More For Veterans"

A note from the Senior Vice Commander....

This year is almost behind us, but it's not too late to catch up on membership and help us get 100% for the State of Louisiana. The All-State Team is in and the District & Post Captains will be chosen and ready to announce at convention. I would like to say that all of you are All-State to me. It doesn't matter about the numbers or programs completed. The important thing is that you paid the bills and are out there keeping the Post working in the community.

Now is the time to start thinking about next year, your Election reports should be in and the leadership needs to lay out a plan of ACTION for the coming year. Don't settle for what you have done look forward and be a little bit better. Again I appreciate everything you do for without you the VFW would not exist. Looking forward to seeing you soon don't be surprised if Laurie and I turn up on your doorstep



**State Sr. Vice Commander
Micheal "Mickey" Carroll**

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

Where has this year gone, looking back over the last 11 months and realizing that in about a month I move up to the Senior Vice Commanders position I have to reflect on the good and the bad of this year. First let's look at the good: we have made progress in moving our Department forward with technology, coming in June you all will be given more instruction for some of these changes. Posts and Districts stepping up and making changes to better themselves and become more productive. Planning for Southern Conference is a team effort and going very well. Gaining a new Post in Patterson. Now for the bad: MEMBERSHIP, do I need to say more? We need your help to cross the finish line at 100%, do what you can.

We still have time for Districts and Posts to make their contributions to the National Desert Storm War Memorial. We are on target to make our goal but every little bit counts. Let's finish strong and accomplish our goal of \$5000.00.

Hope to see you at the State Convention in June to kick off the new VFW year.



**State Jr. Vice Commander
Robert "Bobby" Lovergne**

2019 Dept of Louisiana, VFW By Law proposals

Dept of Louisiana, By Laws proposals submitted by Past State Commander, Larry W. Rivers, in accordance with Department of Louisiana By Laws, Article VIII Section 3 – Amended By Laws

Article IV – Revenue and Funds, Section 2: Forwarding Admission Fee and Dues: second to last sentence – New member **fee increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00** and must be transmitted to the Department.

Article V – Department Districts, Section 5 – Convention last sentence: In part – The voting strength of each Post shall be based upon transmittal reports and – change to: **dues covering the membership of Post using March 31st, with such additions as may be necessary by new posts only.**

To be in accordance with National By Laws, Article II – Posts; Section 222, first paragraph last sentence: Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of **March 31st.**

Article VII – Council of Administration Meeting, Section 1 -Composition

Amended in part – first paragraph as follows:

The Council of Administration shall consist of the following **elected officers**, State Commander, State Senior Vice Commander, State Junior Vice Commander, State Quartermaster, State Judge Advocate, State Surgeon, and State Chaplain. Additionally, the following **appointed officers** shall serve as members of the Council of Administration, Adjutant, Chief of Staff, and Inspector. District Commanders, shall serve on the Council of Administration and, in the absence of a District Commander, the District Senior Vice Commander, in the absence of the Senior Vice Commander, the Junior Vice Commander may function as a member of the Council of Administration.

All Posts are hereby notified of Dept By Laws proposed changes to be voted on by the delegates at the 88th Annual State Convention.

VFW State Convention Delegate and Alternate Form

Post #: _____

City: _____

One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) Members or Fraction Thereof. Delegate Fees: **\$5.00 per Delegate, Plus \$5.00 for Post Commander.**

Make checks payable to: VFW, Department of Louisiana. Mail form to: VFW, Department of Louisiana, 10185 Mammoth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70814.

Deadline Date is June 1st. Please only send a list of names of those Delegates and Alternates that will be attending the Convention. Use a Separate page if more space is needed.

Delegates - Please Print

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Alternates - Please Print

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Signed - CDR.: _____

Adj: _____

Post must pay for all Delegates that are entitled to vote or it **loses all votes**. If the Post is entitled to 10 + 1 votes and yet only pays for 3, it then losses all votes. The Post must pay for all 10 votes which would be \$50.00 rather than 3 x \$5.00 = \$15.00.

For Dept. Use Only:

Department Received: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____



LOUISIANA

State Convention Saturday Night Banquet

Ticket Request Form

Tickets- \$30.00 PER PERSON

Mail to:

**Department of Louisiana, VFW
10185 Mammoth Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70814**

Deadline date to purchase tickets: MAY 28th

Name: _____

Post #: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Make checks payable to: Department of Louisiana, VFW

Please DO NOT CALL in your request for tickets.

Tickets will be assigned on a first come first serve bases.

No tickets will be held without payment.

For Dept records:

Received date: _____ *Cash/Check #:* _____ *Amount: \$* _____

Louisiana as of Thursday, May 02, 2019

Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	Div	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
3121	2	132	9	0	99	240	397	60.45%	2	4	277	38.99%	3.27 %
3267	2	126	6	0	34	166	216	76.85%	4	0	91	42.86%	2.78 %
3337	2	147	10	0	259	416	411	101.21%	2	1	272	94.49%	2.68 %
3750	2	89	5	0	63	157	152	103.28%	5	0	68	95.59%	3.29 %
3798	2	31	1	0	11	43	93	46.23%	7	0	62	20.97%	1.08 %
5852	2	47	0	0	51	98	128	76.56%	6	0	80	73.75%	0.00 %
6640	2	204	2	0	57	263	281	93.59%	3	1	83	72.29%	1.07 %
7194	2	80	0	0	10	90	129	69.76%	6	0	44	29.55%	0.00 %
7307	2	62	0	0	13	75	116	64.65%	6	0	56	26.79%	0.00 %
7732	2	20	0	0	9	29	33	87.87%	10	0	13	76.92%	0.00 %
8973	2	244	3	0	57	304	258	117.82%	3	0	102	53.92%	1.16 %
	2	1182	36	0	663	1881	2214	84.95%	3	6		%	1.90 %
3665	3	89	2	0	45	136	144	94.44%	5	0	56	82.14%	1.39 %
3700	3	55	0	0	25	80	93	86.02%	7	0	37	72.97%	0.00 %
4222	3	93	3	0	25	121	138	87.68%	6	0	42	88.10%	2.17 %
4752	3	49	0	0	19	68	79	86.07%	8	0	31	61.29%	0.00 %
5097	3	98	0	1	35	134	142	94.36%	6	0	38	89.47%	0.70 %
7755	3	36	0	1	13	50	50	100.00%	10	0	13	100.00%	2.00 %
8538	3	69	0	0	29	98	104	94.23%	7	0	38	89.47%	0.00 %
9608	3	34	0	0	3	37	39	94.87%	10	0	4	75.00%	0.00 %
12182	3	1	16	0	7	24	0	0.00%	10	0		%	0.00 %
	3	524	21	2	201	748	789	94.80%	6	0		%	2.92 %
1982	4	84	5	0	36	125	121	103.30%	6	0	40	97.50%	4.13 %
3793	4	27	1	0	14	42	41	102.43%	10	0	16	93.75%	2.44 %
4158	4	33	3	0	10	46	45	102.22%	10	0	12	75.00%	6.67 %
4201	4	64	0	0	14	78	81	96.29%	8	0	17	76.47%	0.00 %
4215	4	38	0	0	13	51	54	94.44%	9	0	16	87.50%	0.00 %
9210	4	31	6	0	23	60	59	101.69%	9	0	30	73.33%	10.17 %
9822	4	177	1	1	88	267	291	91.75%	3	1	117	77.78%	1.03 %
12065	4	26	0	0	23	49	50	98.00%	10	0	25	96.00%	0.00 %
	4	480	16	1	221	718	742	96.76%	6	1		%	2.43 %
2130	5	187	3	0	33	223	214	104.20%	4	1	41	82.93%	1.87 %
3106	5	596	23	9	91	719	674	106.67%	2	4	106	71.70%	5.34 %
3619	5	234	18	0	144	396	511	77.49%	2	2	282	48.23%	3.91 %
3686	5	50	0	0	9	59	59	100.00%	9	2	12	91.67%	3.39 %
3802	5	53	0	0	9	62	61	101.63%	9	1	12	83.33%	1.64 %
4759	5	30	2	0	9	41	57	71.92%	9	0	26	42.31%	3.51 %
7321	5	142	3	0	130	275	343	80.17%	3	1	202	67.82%	1.17 %
8107	5	141	7	1	16	165	155	106.45%	5	0	18	77.78%	5.16 %

9046	5	31	0	0	0	31	32	96.87%	10	0	3	100.00%	0.00 %
9854	5	77	4	0	30	111	110	100.90%	7	0	35	94.29%	3.64 %
	5	1541	60	10	471	2082	2216	93.95%	3	11		%	3.66 %
2483	7	35	0	1	12	48	54	88.88%	9	0	16	93.75%	1.85 %
3803	7	67	2	0	11	80	87	91.95%	8	0	21	52.38%	2.30 %
5153	7	96	6	0	26	128	173	73.98%	5	0	74	40.54%	3.47 %
6720	7	77	1	0	23	101	101	100.00%	7	0	28	89.29%	0.99 %
8678	7	13	0	0	12	25	28	89.28%	10	0	15	80.00%	0.00 %
8971	7	92	22	0	42	156	133	117.29%	6	1	44	97.73%	17.29 %
9903	7	21	3	1	30	55	57	96.49%	9	0	38	89.47%	7.02 %
	7	401	34	2	156	593	633	93.68%	6	1		%	5.85 %
3693	8	103	2	0	40	145	138	105.07%	6	0	43	86.05%	1.45 %
3766	8	7	0	0	27	34	34	100.00%	10	0	27	96.30%	0.00 %
3784	8	222	1	1	32	256	252	101.58%	3	2	51	64.71%	1.59 %
3785	8	21	1	0	16	38	44	86.36%	10	0	22	77.27%	2.27 %
4224	8	84	5	1	30	120	116	103.44%	6	0	33	84.85%	5.17 %
7017	8	39	4	0	37	80	78	102.56%	8	0	39	94.87%	5.13 %
11169	8	55	2	1	9	67	67	100.00%	9	1	17	64.71%	5.97 %
	8	531	15	3	191	740	729	101.50%	6	3		%	2.88 %
3652	9	63	1	0	13	77	77	100.00%	8	0	15	66.67%	1.30 %
5174	9	50	2	0	11	63	62	101.61%	9	0	12	91.67%	3.23 %
5735	9	80	4	1	44	129	124	104.03%	6	1	44	93.18%	4.84 %
7196	9	35	0	0	7	42	43	97.67%	10	1	11	72.73%	2.33 %
7286	9	62	1	1	12	76	76	100.00%	8	0	12	83.33%	2.63 %
8290	9	69	5	2	26	102	101	100.99%	7	1	34	79.41%	7.92 %
8720	9	91	9	3	41	144	138	104.34%	6	2	60	80.00%	10.14 %
	9	450	22	7	154	633	621	101.93%	6	5		%	5.48 %
1736	10	474	1	2	28	505	490	103.06%	2	0	47	59.57%	0.61 %
1962	10	36	2	0	20	58	65	89.23%	9	0	30	70.00%	3.08 %
3139	10	37	4	0	19	60	62	96.77%	9	0	27	74.07%	6.45 %
3841	10	16	0	0	9	25	38	65.78%	10	0	24	54.17%	0.00 %
5002	10	36	1	0	16	53	63	84.12%	9	0	29	58.62%	1.59 %
7643	10	29	1	0	7	37	52	71.15%	9	0	35	60.00%	1.92 %
8852	10	91	1	0	17	109	127	85.82%	6	0	37	51.35%	0.79 %
	10	719	10	2	116	847	897	94.42%	6	0		%	1.34 %
1809	11	82	7	0	17	106	100	106.00%	7	2	24	83.33%	9.00 %
3155	11	60	1	0	30	91	107	85.04%	7	0	48	79.17%	0.93 %
3375	11	57	0	1	27	85	109	77.98%	7	0	56	57.14%	0.92 %
3615	11	86	2	0	14	102	108	94.44%	7	1	21	76.19%	2.78 %
3977	11	16	1	0	10	27	24	112.50%	10	0	9	88.89%	4.17 %
3993	11	26	2	1	7	36	36	100.00%	10	0	10	80.00%	8.33 %

4317	11	38	2	1	26	67	63	106.34%	9	1	28	100.00%	6.35 %
5442	11	64	3	1	34	102	98	104.08%	7	2	39	97.44%	6.12 %
	11	429	18	4	165	616	645	95.50%	6	6		%	4.34 %
2238	12	129	2	1	49	181	175	103.42%	5	0	52	88.46%	1.71 %
2885	12	38	2	0	7	47	46	102.17%	10	0	12	58.33%	4.35 %
4586	12	31	0	0	10	41	44	93.18%	10	0	13	76.92%	0.00 %
4588	12	144	3	2	33	182	170	107.05%	5	1	38	84.21%	3.53 %
4858	12	29	0	0	6	35	35	100.00%	10	0	5	80.00%	0.00 %
5187	12	25	2	0	16	43	41	104.87%	10	1	20	95.00%	7.32 %
5951	12	577	7	1	111	696	648	107.40%	2	2	70	81.43%	1.54 %
7287	12	24	0	0	15	39	37	105.40%	10	0	13	100.00%	0.00 %
	12	997	16	4	247	1264	1196	105.68%	5	4		%	2.01 %
15019	99	1323	81	10	198	1612	1711	94.21%	1	14		%	6.14 %
	99	1323	81	10	198	1612	1711	94.21%	4	14		%	6.14 %
		8577	329	45	2783	11734	12393	94.68%		51		%	3.43 %

**Congratulations to all
the Post that have
reached their 100%
Membership Goal!**