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DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:

Jan 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
Joint Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	11:30 am
Meeting	1:00 pm

May 16, 2020	
Registration	9:00 am
Joint Meeting	10:00 am
Meeting	10:30 am
Lunch	12:00noon

DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS:

Jan 11, 2020	Post 9210
Registration	9:00 am
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:

Nov. 16, 2019	Post 3619
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon

DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:

Nov. 16, 2019	Post 8971
Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
No Lunch	

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

DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:

Jan 11, 2019	Post 3693
<i>Location: 526 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales, LA 70737</i>	

Registration	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch (\$7)	12:00noon

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:

Oct 26, 2019	Post 5735
Registration	9:00 am
Joint Meeting	10:00 am
Meeting	11:00 am
Lunch	12:00noon

Jan 4, 2020	Post 3652
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
Registration	10:30 am
Meeting	11:00 am
Lunch (\$10)	12:00noon

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
Registration	9:00 a.m.
Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Lunch (\$7)	12:00 noon

Important

Dates:

[Mid Winter Conf](#)
[January 16-19, 2020](#)

[State Convention](#)
[June 25-28, 2020](#)



“Dare To Care”

Nat'l Commander in Chief
William J. “Doc” Schmitz

Veterans Day

Conduct a Veterans Day Program on November 11:
Organize a community event on Veterans Day honoring all veterans. For a ceremonial procedure refer to the pages in the current VFW Manual of Procedure and Ritual and speech/activities in the Citizenship Education Program Chairman’s booklet on CD or go to VFW Web page www.vfw.org -- click on programs for speeches. Now, what are your plans for Veterans Day?

FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY:

Now is the time to start preparing food baskets for the needy for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call Churches or City Hall for names of those most in need.

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, **“Duty of Trustees.”** Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2019. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.



**“Serving Veterans
Anytime, Anyplace,
Anywhere”**

State Commander
C. M “Mickey” Carroll

The distribution of VFW “Buddy”@ Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Sections 711 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for the Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used in accordance with Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure.

**Huge Thanks to all of our
volunteers that helped make our
2019 Southern Conference a
success!**

MID WINTER CONFERENCE 2020

JANUARY 16-19, 2020

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

BOOK ONLINE: Visit <http://www.alexandriaholidayinn.com> Use the Code: MWC (This code is ONLY for the Holiday Inn). ***If you book your room online, you DO NOT need to send a form in!*

BOOK BY TELEPHONE: Contact the front desk at 318-541-8333 to book your room.

PRE REGISTRATION:

PAPER REGISTRATION: Use the Registration form in this Mail Call to register. Submit form and payment to Department Headquarters!

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Visit <https://form.jotform.com/lavfw1931/mw-registration-form> to register and submit your payment online

BANQUET TICKETS:

Use the Banquet Ticket Order form in this months mail call to order your Banquet tickets. Submit form and payment to Department Headquarters.

ONLINE: Visit <https://form.jotform.com/82535660581157> to order your Banquet Tickets online!

COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE:

For the month of November, Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts to bring in new and reinstated members. For this month's Commander's Challenge, the top ten Posts in each Division with the most new and reinstated members processed into their Post between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30 will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 to be deposited into the Post account.

Our strength as an organization comes from our membership, and during this season we want to give our thanks to the members and Posts who are doing the hard work of recruiting, retaining, and mentoring our membership to help the Veterans of Foreign Wars prove that we DARE TO CARE when it comes to serving our fellow veterans.

VFW SPORT'S CLIPS HELP A HERO:

REMINDER: Visit your local Sport Clips for a haircut from now until Nov. 11 and donate to VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program. Your donation will provide scholarships to service members and veterans. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Sport Clips will donate \$1 to the VFW for every haircut given at more than 1,800 locations nationwide. Please contact Lynn Rolf at 816.968.1116

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 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 31—Aug 5, 2021
Baltimore, MD

July 18-23, 2020
Reno, Nevada

July 16-21, 2022
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/1tW08472oUVWiNlpDJeKcARVDKWXDmTqV9luEXYaU/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.

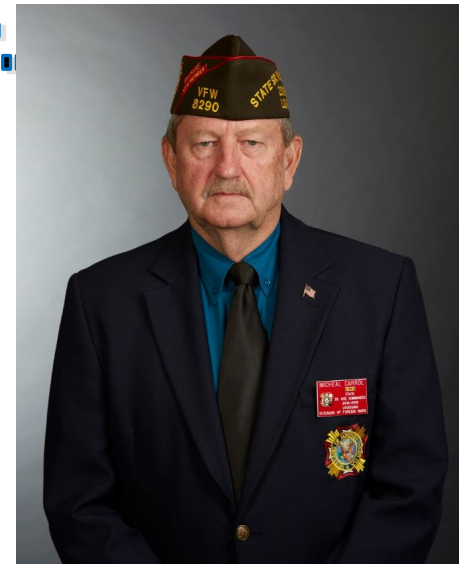
Thanks to all for a Job Well Done!

The Southern Conference was a great success because of the people who volunteered and made it happen. I asked Commanders and other visitors their impression of the event and everyone said it was by far one of the best. It would not have happened without the many hours of planning and donations of time and gifts that made it come together. A special thanks to State Senior Vice Bobby Lavergne who made call after call coordinating and acquiring special gifts and favors from seafood to alcohol, Bobby made it happen. Also, a big thank you to State Quartermaster Precilla Wilkewitz and her team for putting the show together. Hospitality Chairman Tommy Pitre and Mark Williams from District 8 made sure the hospitality room ran smoothly. Chief of Staff Ron Delany and Jr. Vice Tim Sloan were always on hand to help and support when needed. The VFW Auxiliary lead by President Kolleen, Margaret Nixon Southern Conference Chairman, and Lorna Mills (to name a few) worked tirelessly coordinating registration, welcoming members, silent auction, setting up the banquet room, and selling 50/50 and raffle tickets. I do not have enough space to name everyone who played a part but I would like to say THANK YOU to ALL for whatever role you played!

I would also thank all of you who attended and sent gifts to our Joint Testimonial One and Done Event in Lacombe at Post #8290. The miles you traveled and the gifts you presented humbled me that so many people care and support us. Thank you to the Luling Post and friends for cooking a delicious meal, Mike Bruce and Mike Bardin for the pulled pork and Auxiliary for the delicious desserts. Special thanks to Davis-Moran Post #8290 and Auxiliary for sponsoring the event, words are not enough.

With these events behind us we can now focus on our programs and Veteran Day events the Holidays will soon be upon us. I know everyone took precious time to make these events happen and again I just want to say THANKS TO ALL.

P.S. Winner of the Henry Rifle was Matthew Heinleim from Alabama.



**State Commander
C. M "Mickey" Carroll**

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

"No One Does Alone For Veterans"

A note from the Senior Vice Commander....

Happy Veterans Day to all of you. First I would like to thank all of you who volunteered to assist with the Southern Conference. Overall we had a tremendous response from our guest to our efforts and for all who assisted.

Most of the Programs have already been turned into the Post for judging by now so it is time to start working Membership, the National Commander has once again sponsored a November Challenge that I invite all members to review. Let's not wait until June 30, 2020 to get Louisiana across the finish line, make this a priority, it takes all Post members to assist with Membership. Together we can do this, alone it is an uphill battle.

As the second round of District meetings begin, we look forward to sharing with you the many successes from Post around the Department and want to hear your success stories as well. Please make sure that all Post are represented at the meetings and that each of you have a report from your Post.

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. Thanks goes out to all the members who were in attendance for the Southern Conference when the motion was made and passed to donate \$5000.00 from the Conference to the Memorial.

Continue working the Programs and let's make the Department of Louisiana shine.



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

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

This last month I was sent to Jr Vice Commander training in Kansas City. Next I went for a tour of the National Headquarters and was briefed by the directors of the different offices about their respective programs that they oversee. What an awesome learning experience! It amazing to learn from the top leadership of our organization. Being at the Jr Vice Commander training, I had the chance to interact with the National Jr Vice Commander in Chief along with all the Department Jr Vice Commanders from around the world. What an experience and a great opportunity to network with folks and talk about different issues that we as an organization are facing.

After the Jr Vice training I had my second big event: The Southern Conference. I would like to thank everyone for the hard work that was put in to make the event a success. Interacting with the Jr Vice Commanders and with all the members from the 15 States that make up the Southern Conference, I learned a few important things. First, Louisiana is not in this alone. All the states are experiencing the same issues in one way or another. Second, we cannot do this as individual members. We need to work together as a team in the state and across the Nation, a united front-one team one fight. Third, we have resources available through National and we need to use them. The national web site has a vast array of tools available, from training to media kits and everything in between. Lastly, if there are questions we need to ask them. Someone else might have had the same issue beforehand and now has the answer. We need to work together to push our organization forward and shape the future of the VFW.

As we move into the next month lets work together to acknowledge all the veterans from across the world and our active duty that are still in the fight. I will leave you with a quote. "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." – Henry Ford

See you around the state!



**State Jr. Vice Commander
Tim Sloan**

VERY IMPORTANT:

The new State VOD Chairman will be

Ron Delaney

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Haughton, LA 71037

318-655-5274

vfwlavod@gmail.com

VFW Mid Winter Conference Registration Form

Post # _____

City: _____

\$5.00 per Member attending, Plus \$5.00 for Post Commander. Make check payable to: VFW, Department of Louisiana. Mail form to: VFW, Department of Louisiana, 10185 Mammoth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70814. **Deadline Date is January 10th of current year.** Please only send a list of names of those members attending the Mid Winter Conference.

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Signed – Cmdr.: _____ or Qtm: _____

FOR DEPARTMENT ONLY:

Department Received: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____



Mid Winter Conference
Banquet Ticket Form

Tickets - \$30.00 per person

Deadline: Jan. 10th

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Post/Aux: _____

No. of Tickets: _____

*Please make a note if the tickets being purchased are for any State
Officers, VOD Parents, etc...*

Make Checks Payable to VFW Department of Louisiana

Mail to: 10185 Mammoth Avenue Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70814

PLEASE NOTE:

***NO PHONE CALL REQUEST FOR TICKETS**

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

*No tickets will be held without payment!!

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:

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