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VFW-National | New Social Media

Due to popular demand, the VFW has initiated several new means of communicating news and information, and sharing videos and pictures directly with you. Now, you have the option of receiving all the latest updates from **VFW National Headquarters** via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [MySpace](#), [MyVetwork](#) and the [VFW Blog](#).

Video sharing, social networking, and blogging websites are extremely important in today's fast paced world and make networking easy. It offers us the opportunity to make all of the great things our organization does for service members and veterans readily available to you, while we build relationships with innumerable military supporters along the way.

Unlike some new networking sites created specifically for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, VFW is encouraging veterans of all theatres to follow our updates, give us your feedback, and share some information of your own.

Want to follow the VFW social networks, but not sure how to get started? We've prepared some simple "getting started" guides (including video tutorials) for your convenience. Click one of the links below to get started!

[Twitter Guide & Video Tutorial](#) , [Facebook Guide & Video Tutorial](#)
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[MyVetwork Guide](#) , [VFW Blog Guide](#)

For the first time in the history of the VFW the National Convention will be streamed live on www.vfw.org please see the website for details*The Editor*

Quote of the Month

“The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.”
*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

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▶ A Note from the Commander

It is time once again for annual renewals. While we are off to a good start we still have a long way to go. The first renewal notice from National should come out around the 15th. There are several ways to pay your membership dues. Send your check with the return portion of the renewal notice from National. Renew online by registering with e-membership at the website : <http://emem.vfw.org>. You may also stop by the Post and pay your dues to the bartender on duty. If you wish to upgrade to a life membership please see the quartermaster or myself and we will get you the application. Let's get our membership out of the way so we can concentrate on our other programs. The membership kick-off was a great success I would like to thank all of you who renewed your dues early. Also I would like to thank everyone who brought them, for the excellent side dishes and deserts. We always get some of the best food around at all of our functions. I am still looking to fill a couple of committee appointments if you are interested in helping out please contact me and we will find something that fits. We have the District 5 meeting on the 22nd at our post. We will eat at 1pm and meet at 2pm. I would also like to thank everyone who has been working on several projects at the post (roof, railings, lighting etc.) for all the hard work and hours they have put in.

Bill Trask: wtrask@gmail.com

From the Quartermaster

We are entering another month and several of our members are under the weather. Let's remember them as we go forth and don't forget the Vets in the VA Hospitals. Thanks to all who are putting in time at the post fixing up different areas. Drop by and socialize with some your fellow comrades and enjoy the deck in this nice weather.

Ralph Best: ralph.best@gmail.com

News from Ladies Auxiliary President

Thanks to all the ladies that help with Friday night dinners, the members look forward to our inexpensive meal and many comment they are good. We will be starting our Daggitt Dolls workshop back in September (date to be announced). We have many soldiers to send them to, this is just a small part of what we can do to support our troops. Remember to pay your dues, see you at the Post. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Anne Cash: acash09@yahoo.com

News from the Men's Auxiliary

Come out and support your Post and Auxiliary. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm and we would like to see more of you at the meetings. If you haven't paid your dues for 2009-'10, please stop by the Post and leave them with any of the bartenders or any Auxiliary officer. The Auxiliary has already approved a couple of projects, a railing in the meeting room and a gravel base around the concrete pad to keep from tracking mud and grass on the deck. We need more suggestions from all our members on ways we can make the Post a more enjoyable place to congregate for everyone. Come out and enjoy a beverage and companionship with all VFW member

Dan Rollins / Treasurer: darwjr@yahoo.com

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We have several members of our VFW family that could use a call or card. Contact the Post for their names, telephone numbers and addresses. If you know any comrades or families in distress, please let us know. God bless our men and women in the military. Rob Elkins

VFW-Post programs for 2009-2010

Direct community involvement always has been and will continue to be a VFW priority. The benevolence of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliaries extends well beyond the realm of veterans helping veterans.

Buddy Poppies: For more than 75 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependents.

VFW's Youth Scholarship programs provide more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to our nation's youth. They include **Voice of Democracy**, **Patriot's Pen** youth essay contest and **Scout of the Year**.

Teacher of the Year Award: The VFW's National Citizenship Education Teachers' Award recognizes the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions.

VFW's Safety Program encourages VFW Posts and Auxiliaries to conduct programs in home, auto and bicycle safety, as well as programs dealing with drug awareness and substance abuse.

Whether providing scholarships to the nation's youth or helping veterans receive the entitlements they have earned, the VFW is there to honor the dead by helping the living.

We encourage everyone to get involved in at least one of these programs. You can make a difference!

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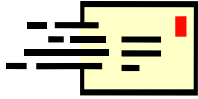
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