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### **"H O N O R I N G O U R M I L I T A R Y H E R O E S"**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS:**

Attention Post Commanders and Quartermasters: the 2010-2011 VFW Leadership Reference Guide is now available online in eMembership. To access the Leadership Reference Guide materials, please follow the attached instructions that will assist you in logging on to eMembership. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Jones at (816) 756-3390, ext. 133 or via e-mail at [kjones@vfw.org](mailto:kjones@vfw.org).

#### **VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

Housing opened March 1 and response has been very favorable! Many Department blocks are close to being sold out. You are encouraged to make your reservation NOW – don't delay! The July 19 deadline is **not** a guarantee there will be rooms available in your Department block.

The (6) six hotels selected for the 111th National Convention (all located downtown Indianapolis) are: Marriott Indianapolis Downtown (VFW Headquarters hotel) \$135 rate (single/double/triple/quad); Westin (VFW co-headquarters hotel) \$131 rate (single/double/triple/quad); Hyatt (Ladies Auxiliary Headquarters) \$134 rate (single/double, \$144 triple, \$154 quad); Embassy Suites, \$137 rate (single/double/triple/quad); Omni Severin, \$113 rate (single/double); and, the Hilton, \$125 rate (single/double, \$135 triple, \$145 quad).

Current tax rate is 17% and is subject to change. Reservations for these hotels can be made via the Internet, fax, phone or mail. Visit the VFW website for a housing form, convention registration form or, for more information, at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Click on the Indianapolis spiff on the home page to access information or contact your local VFW Post, Department or National Headquarters.

Fax: Completed housing forms can be faxed to 317-684-2492. *Do not mail forms after faxing.*

Mail: Mail completed housing forms to VFW Housing Bureau, c/o ICVA, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 410, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Phone: You may make reservations via phone by calling 317-684-2573, Monday-Friday, 8:30a-5p (Eastern Time).

Room deposits will be accepted by form of a check (made payable to **VFW Housing Bureau**) in the amount of \$100 or guaranteed with a valid credit card. Please **DO NOT** go to hotel websites to make your room reservation. VFW has negotiated special convention rates, which are not available through the hotel websites.

**RV/CAMPING:** To find an extensive list of nearby RV parks, go to the VFW website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Click on the Indianapolis spiff located on the home page to be directed to the convention website. Click on the link RV Campgrounds where you will find a list of RV parks.

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION:** Section 222(d) of the Manual of Procedure requires each post to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the VFW National Convention by payment of a fee in the amount of \$10. The on-site registration fee is \$12. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration, or you may register on-line by going to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

**CONVENTION BANQUET:** There will be no convention banquet in Indianapolis.

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS:** Major events for the 111th VFW National Convention, August 21 - 26, 2010, are **tentatively** scheduled as follows:

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**VFW 111th National Convention  
Indianapolis Indiana  
Indian Convention Center  
August 21-26, 2010**

*All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.  
Times for various functions are subject to change.  
Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates.*

**Saturday, August 21, 2010**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW/Registration/Exhibits
9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	National Veterans Service Advisory Committee
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Political Action Committee Board Meeting
10:30 a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
12:00 p.m.	Vander Clute Memorial Ride - Check Presentation
2:00 p.m.	National Council of Administration Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass
6:00 p.m.	National Veterans Service Sub Committee

**Sunday, August 22, 2010**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	VFW Health Fair
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	VFW Registration/Exhibits
7:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass
7:00 a.m.	Protestant Service
8:30 a.m.	Annual Memorial Service
10:30 a.m.	Eastern Conference Caucus
10:30 a.m.	Southern Conference Caucus
10:30 a.m.	Big Ten Conference Caucus
10:30 a.m.	Western Conference Caucus

**Committee Meetings:**

1:45 p.m.	Resolutions Committees ( <i>General Session Hall</i> )
2:00 p.m.	National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual
2:00 p.m.	National Military Services

**Resolutions Committees:**

2:00 p.m.	Finance and Internal Organization (200 series)
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### **Resolutions Committees (cont'd):**

2:00 p.m. General Resolutions (300 Series)

2:00 p.m. National Security and Foreign Affairs (400 series)  
Sub Committee – POW/MIA

2:00 p.m. National Veterans Service Resolutions (600 series)  
Sub-committee – Medical  
Sub-committee – Employment

### **Monday, August 23, 2010**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. VFW Health Fair  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Field Competition  
8:00 a.m. Joint Opening Session  
*(Business session will resume after lunch break)*

12:30 p.m. National Outstanding Community Service Post Reception  
3:30 p.m. Membership Overview

### **Tuesday, August 24, 2010**

7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. VFW Health Fair  
7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. She Serves Networking Session *(open to all female veterans)*  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Field Competition  
8:00 a.m. VFW Business Session  
1:00 p.m. Programs Workshop: *The Successful Post*  
1:00 p.m. Chaplains Workshop  
1:00 p.m. National Military Services Workshop  
1:30 p.m. Communications & Public Affairs Workshop  
2:00 p.m. Women Veterans Forum  
2:00 p.m. VFW/VA Health Care Benefits Forum  
2:00 p.m. VFW Scouting  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Patriotic Rally – Victory Ballpark *(note later start and outside weather permitting)*

### **Wednesday, August 25, 2010**

7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VFW Health Fair  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VFW Registration/Exhibits  
8:00 a.m. Business Session /Nomination of Officers  
1:00 p.m. VFW National Home Workshop  
7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. All Conference Reception *(Indiana War Memorial American Legion Mall)*

### **Thursday, August 26, 2010**

8:00 a.m. Business Session: Election/Installation of National Officers  
National Council of Administration Meeting  
*(Following business session)*

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception

**MEMBER DUES PROCESING**

- **Year end Post Rosters Information** - The Post Roster, previously included in the Quartermaster Kit, is now included as part of the April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 Quarterly Maintenance Report. This report will be mailed mid-July 2010 and will include all the members associated to your Post as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- **Quartermasters** - Just a reminder, June 30<sup>th</sup> is the official membership closing date for the 2009-2010 dues year. Please allow sufficient time (June 21<sup>st</sup>) for mailing to ensure the processing of your dues transmittals prior to noon, June 30<sup>th</sup>. All dues processed on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be treated as 2011 annual dues.
- **Convention Registration** – Section 222(d) of the Manual of Procedure requires each post to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the VFW National Convention by payment of a fee in the amount of \$10.00. The on-site registration fee is \$12.00. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register on-line by going to <https://www.vfw.org/convention111/online-registration.htm>

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Just a reminder, the Dues Notice tapes are created on the last Friday of every month.

To prevent dues notices from being sent to those who have already paid, all membership transmittals must be received in the Dues Processing Department no later than noon on the following closing dates:

**TRANSMITTAL DEADLINES FOR THE 2009 - 2010 YEAR:**

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>DEADLINE DATE (DAY)</u></b>
JUNE	June 30 <b><u>(WEDNESDAY -</u></b>
<b><u>MUST BE RECEIVED IN DUES PROCESSING BY NOON FOR YEAR END CLOSING)</u></b>	

Your continued support and cooperation in ensuring that all cards are received in a timely fashion will be greatly appreciated.

**ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:**

- We have lists that you can work to help build up your membership. Please call the National Membership Department for assistance.
- Please pass the word on our Life Legacy Program available to all Life Members. An email was sent to all Departments on March 16, with an ad to be included in your Department Convention booklets. This program offers three levels of membership, each offering its own packages of prestigious benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life Member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

<b><i>Enrollment Cost:</i></b>	<b><i>Annual Payouts (Natl, Dept &amp; Post):</i></b>
Gold - \$1200	\$18.00
Silver - \$800	\$12.00
Bronze - \$400	\$6.00

What Legacy will you leave?

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 100% DEPARTMENTS:**

ALASKA  
DIST. OF COLUMBIA  
HAWAII  
IDAHO  
ILLINOIS  
LATIN AMER/CARIBBEAN  
MARYLAND  
MONTANA  
NEVADA  
NEW MEXICO  
OHIO  
UTAH

**QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, OPERATIONS:**

**New Day**

Effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, VFW National Headquarters will sponsor a new mortgage provider called *New Day*. Reverse and forward mortgages will now be handled by *New Day*. For information about Real Estate and Mortgage services visit [www.vfwhomeandloan.com](http://www.vfwhomeandloan.com)

**Health Insurance**

VFW-Sponsored Insurance Programs offer **comprehensive, affordable health insurance** plans for members and their families, age 64 and younger. These plans provide benefits for anyone looking for **short-term temporary** or **permanent** health insurance coverage.

Visit <http://vfwinsurance.com/MajorMed.htm> or call 1-800-829-8390.

**Medicare Supplement Insurance**

Excellent group rates, customer service and coverage by a consistently highly rated insurance company.

The VFW Sponsored Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan offers members dependable coverage that helps pay out-of-pocket health-care expenses not covered by Medicare. Some of the benefits include:

- Wide Range of Standardized Plans
- New Smoker and Non-Smoker Rates
- No Rate Increase Based Solely on Age/Health
- Affordable Group Rates
- No Physical Exam or Health Questions During Open Enrollment Period
- 30-Day Satisfaction Offer
- No network restrictions on doctors and hospitals
- 5% Discount for Annual Payment and EFT
- Coverage from a reliable, solid company

To request information online, go to <http://vfwinsurance.com/MedSupp.htm> or call 1-800-247-1771 between 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Eastern.

## Juvenile Life Secure Start

Guarantee that your young ones will be insured in the future...no matter what may happen to their health.

For as little as 50 cents a week, you can purchase SecureStart® term life insurance for your children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces and nephews between the ages of 6 months and 17 years.

With SecureStart® your loved ones are guaranteed:

- Protection at economical rates
- Benefits that cannot be reduced
- No medical exam
- Coverage that cannot be canceled as long as premiums are paid
- The right to increase coverage later
- Fixed rates that never increase before age 25

To request more information online, go to <http://vfwinsurance.com/juvenile.htm> or call 1-800-749-6983.

## Publication Ads Link

Free program advertisements to use in your publications. Shop for advertisements at:  
<http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=mbr.level&did=5259>

## VFW Insurance

For information about various insurance plans that are sponsored by National, please visit [www.vfwinsurance.com](http://www.vfwinsurance.com)

## DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

**A Quick Note** – A few weeks ago, we sent you a variety of greeting cards and other gifts. We hope you are enjoying them and have considered visiting a hospitalized veteran in your community, especially with Independence Day right around the corner. Please use your VFW Greeting cards and remember all those your generous donations help. If you have not had a chance to donate yet, please respond to the reminder that will be arriving soon.

**Flag Day is Coming!** – I hope you received your America's Heroes Notepad and Labels. Like the heroes in those pictures, we salute all those who have fought for our freedom and those still fighting today. With Flag Day coming up on June 14<sup>th</sup>, it is a great opportunity to show your patriotism and fly your United States flag in support of all of America's Heroes. A list of dates to display your U.S. flag is on the back of your label sheet. You can also visit [www.VFWStore.org](http://www.VFWStore.org) for all your flag needs.

**New Thank You Gift Arriving in June** – VFW is mailing a new patriotic thank you gift this month to some of our members. Watch your mail later this month for the personalized calculator. There is no way to calculate the true cost of freedom. Thankfully, your fellow veterans can count on you for support. Please respond quickly once you receive it. Your gift to VFW in any amount will be put to work immediately to help keep all VFW Programs strong and healthy for generations to come.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center (VVMC)** – In October 2007, VFW pledged to help raise up to one million dollars over the next three years for the VVMC. We are working very hard to reach this goal with special offers to our posts and our membership. This month, watch for a new opportunity to help support the VVMC. So far, we have raised more than \$585,000 toward our goal. We still need your help to accomplish our goal.

**National Military Appreciation Month** – Last month was National Military Appreciation Month. Did your Post get involved with the community to commemorate any of the special days in May? Did anyone cover the event? Please share your story with us by emailing to [success@vfw.org](mailto:success@vfw.org). Shout your good works from the rooftops – with “VFW at Work”!

**Friends of Freedom Members** – Please check out the VFW at Work at [www.vfw.org/vfwatwork](http://www.vfw.org/vfwatwork) often for new stories that are posted weekly. On this site, you may also view past stories in the Story Archive, make a secure donation online to help VFW continue its important programs, and find VFW Icons to post to your website or blog.

### **BUDDY POPPY:**

Please remember that Buddy Poppies are not just for Veterans Day or Memorial Day; they are also very appropriate for distributing throughout the year at various events. The proceeds continue to help our veterans and their families in addition to local charitable causes. For Buddy Poppy merchandise, go to: <http://www.vfwstore.org>

NEW!!! Anniversary Buddy Poppy Information:

The response has been overwhelming to the Diamond, Gold, and Silver anniversary Buddy Poppies. These poppies, as well as a re-order, have now been depleted. Our veterans are working hard to meet the demand for these new poppies, so response to orders may take additional time.

The maximum order of 500 per Post, Auxiliary, District, or Department, will remain in effect and the orders will be processed on a first come/first served basis.

### **PROGRAMS:**

**DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS.** Military Service flags, insignias, etc. should be displayed in the following order (Left to Right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and then Coast Guard. **For Military flags, click here**  
<http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22300>

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN’S MANUAL CHANGE.** By popular request, the program chairman’s manual (formerly “It’s About Service”) is being changed. The new individual program chairman’s manuals are now available online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and [www.vfwdepartmentresources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org). The individual manuals will include VFW Scholarship Programs, Safety & Recognition, Community Service, Youth Activities and Buddy Poppy. This will enable chairman (and any member) to more quickly download and print the manual for their individual program area.

**FLAG DAY, JUNE 14.** All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Monday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award (product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our National flag. This product is available at the VFW Store <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22874>.

**ALERT – CUTTING UP THE U.S. FLAG.** It has recently come to our attention that some erroneous traditions are becoming more commonplace regarding U.S. Flags that are no longer usable. Many well-meaning individuals have cut up soiled or worn Flags, sometimes cutting out stars and mailing them to our troops. Although this is a thoughtful gesture and appears on the Internet in several places, it is in fact, an inappropriate act and should not be conducted by any VFW Post or Auxiliary.

In August 2000, at the VFW 101st National Convention, delegates passed a resolution establishing a U.S. Flag disposal program by fire for Posts to conduct, privately or publicly as follows:

- 1) The Flag should be folded in its customary manner. (See VFW Ritual Book)
- 2) It is important that the fire be sizeable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the Flag.
- 3) Place the Flag on the fire.
- 4) The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the Flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- 5) After the Flag is completely consumed, the fire should be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- 6) Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

The resolution conforms to the intent and letter of the U.S. Code and the Federal Flag Code.

This is the only acceptable way of handling U.S. Flags that are no longer fit to be flown. No other handling of a retired Flag is considered acceptable.

PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11<sup>th</sup> is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States. For flags and other patriotic items, click here <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=211>

VFW NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS. Departments are asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the VFW Programs Office no later than February 1, 2011. VFW Programs will create citations for the following awards in each Department:

- VFW National Law Enforcement Award
- VFW National Firefighter Award
- VFW National Emergency Medical Technician

Each Department will receive their three awards and contact their recipients to arrange a presentation. Department Commanders may present the awards at their Department Convention, but are encouraged to also present the award in front of the recipient's peers at a professional association event, city council meeting, etc. The purpose of the second venue is to expose these VFW awards to the general public and especially other law enforcement personnel, firefighters and EMT's, many of whom are veterans eligible for VFW membership.

VFW HONORS AMERICA'S TEACHERS DURING 2010-2011 PROGRAM YEAR. The VFW wants to recognize the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively through the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, VFW posts, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

Based on the nominees submitted by November 1st, local VFW posts will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Posts then submit the winners' names to their District level judging who will forward their winners to the Department (or state level) by December 15. After judging, each Department forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest. This is part of the 2010-2011 All American Program.

VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher awards include: three national \$1,000 awards for the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses; \$1,000 award to each winning teacher's school; plaques for both the winning teacher and school; and, an all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Conference.

A program brochure (designed to be duplicated for distribution) can be viewed at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under Programs and [www.vfwdepartmentresources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org) under Program Information or ordered through [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) or calling 1-800-821-2606.

Order the Citizenship Education Teacher Recognition Citation from VFW Emblem and Supply, product #4320, <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=23980> . Present to all teachers nominated at all levels for the national award.

POW/MIA FLAG - OFFICIAL DISPLAY DAYS. Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations, and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 21 (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day,

May 30 (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; National POW/MIA Day, September 17, (third Friday in September); and Veterans Day, November 11. **To purchase a POW/MIA flag, click here** <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22305>

## **MEMBER BENEFITS:**

### **LifeLock – Identity Theft Protection**

Protect Your Identity with LifeLock – the VFW sponsored program that guards against identity theft. Last year, identity theft increased 22% for a five-year high of nearly 10 million victims at a cost of \$48 million. That’s an identity stolen every three seconds. But you don’t have to be next. VFW has partnered with LifeLock to provide you a special savings on LifeLock’s industry-leading identity theft protection service. Don’t wait until it’s too late. Enroll today and you’ll receive a limited-time discount of 10% of the regular membership price. Help protect yourself now. Visit [www.lifelock.com](http://www.lifelock.com) or call 1-800-LIFELOCK (543-3562). Use promo code “VFW”.

### **Glow Parking LLC – Nationwide Airport Parking Network**

Glow Parking, LLC, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned business, is proud to announce the VFW Foundation as its primary charity. [www.vfwparking.com](http://www.vfwparking.com) extends Glow Parking’s nationwide airport parking network to members of the VFW and their families. Originally developed for the Federal government, [www.vfwparking.com](http://www.vfwparking.com) offers the same best value rates, and you never pay any booking fees. The reservation system to book your airport parking is quick, simple, secure, and best of all – guaranteed! You have easy access to your reservation history; therefore, you never need to worry about losing a receipt again. Visit [www.vfwparking.com](http://www.vfwparking.com), or call 877-891-GLOW (4569).

### **Veterans Travel Service, Inc., – a VFW member benefit worth remembering!**

If you are planning a trip, whether it is for business or personal, one of the member benefits is just a phone call away. Veterans Travel Service, Inc. has been working with VFW members since 1986 and can handle all your travel needs. They are experienced in every area of travel. It could be for a tour, cruise or vacation package. You receive a VFW rebate when booking with Veterans Travel Service. If you need help with airline tickets, their expertise might be the ticket you need; although they charge service fees, the savings will usually far outweigh the cost of the fee. So if you're travelling soon, call them at (800) 325-9377. They are located in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters, and their personal service is something to be appreciated these days!

### **Save with Sprint!**

Switch to Sprint cellular service and save! Sprint has joined with the VFW to offer members, employees and their families several incentives with the purchase of a new wireless device and subscription

through this exclusive program. Not only will you receive a 15% monthly discount on your cell phone service, but you will also receive additional gift cards or accessories with your order.

Already, a Sprint customer? Refer another member who signs up for new service and receive a \$25 prepaid debit card. These offers are only valid at: [www.sprint.com/vfw](http://www.sprint.com/vfw) or 866-869-6686.

### **Hotel Discounts – Wyndham Worldwide Family of Hotels**

As a member of the VFW, you will receive up to 20% off the "Best Available Rates" at participating locations every time you travel. Give agent special discount ID number 62615 at time of booking to receive the discount. Whether you are looking for an upscale hotel, an all-inclusive resort or something more cost-effective, we have the right hotel for you...and at the right price. So start saving now. Call our special member benefits hotline and reserve your room today at one of Wyndham's fine hotels.

Call 877-670-7088 to book your reservation.

### **Car Rental Discounts**

Whether it is business or pleasure, receive discounts for car rentals from Hertz, Avis, Alamo, Budget and National:

- Hertz: Call 1-800-654-2200 VFW identification number: CDP164126
- Avis: Call 1-800-331-1212 VFW identification number: A9935000
- Budget: Call 1-800527-0700 VFW identification number: V026800
- Alamo: Call 1-800-732-3232 VFW Identification number: 42592
- National: Call 1-800-227-7368 and request VFW Contract ID 5180005.

### **VFW STORE – Emblem and Supply:**

Your special **CONFERENCE SHIRTS** are now available for ordering. These cool, comfortable, stylish shirts are one that you can proudly wear ANYWHERE -ANYTIME. Each conference will have their own color to differentiate your conference at the **All Conference Reception** at the VFW National Convention in Indianapolis. An email was sent out to each Department Adjutant -Quartermaster with the cost and order form so you can **take orders at your Department Convention**.

**FLAG DAY, JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> /INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4<sup>th</sup>** - Now is a good time to assess your flag needs and replace worn flags <http://www.vfwstore.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=211>

### **NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES (NMS):**

The NMS Recognition Certificates were mailed out in May to all VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Departments to be handed out at the Department conventions in June. Over 3,000 certificates of appreciation were mailed out and included:

- 33 Gold
- 42 Silver
- 79 Bronze
- 2,869 Certificates

Thank you to everyone who supported our military and made this a great year for National Military Services!