

1ST QUARTER TALKING POINTS 2018-2019

REVIEW ALL THE MATERIAL AND MAKE APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM REPORTING: All Program Reporting is to be done online on the Department webpage (www.vfwfl.org) under the link marked Programs - Login Info: Post # (post no) Password: abc123.

Paper reports will be accepted by Department or by the State Chairman for Post/District Homeless Veterans Chairman, Post/District Program Chairman, Post/District Membership Chairman, District Hospital Chairman, District Because We Care Chairman, the Post/District Voice of Democracy Report Forms, Post/District Patriot's Pen Report Forms and the Post/District Teacher of the Year Program . All forms are on the department website under post and/or district forms. Follow the directions on the form as to where to mail it.

All program reports are to be done online through the Dept. website. Programs for the 2018-2019 are from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Make sure all your programs are posted before the cut-off date.

990's: DON'T FORGET TO FILE YOUR 990 WITH THE IRS AND SEND A COPY TO STATE HEADQUARTERS. For the 990 form go to IRS.gov by November 15, 2018.

QUARTERMASTER BONDS: All Quartermaster Bonds are due to Department Headquarters by August 31, 2018. If you have not submitted your bonds please do so by the August 31st deadline. Quartermaster Bond form, Canteen Employees and Bingo Chairperson forms are on the Department Webpage (vfwfl.org) under Resources - Post Forms.

8822-B CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR RESPONSIBLE PARTY – BUSINESS:

Any entity with an EIN is now required to report a change in its “responsible party” by:

(a) by completing Form 8822-B as appropriate, including entering the new responsible party's name on line 8 and the new responsible party's SSN, ITIN, or EIN on line 9; and

(b) filing the completed form with the Internal Revenue Service within sixty (60) days of the change. The purpose of the form is to notify the Internal Revenue Service if you changed your business mailing address, your business location, or the identity of your responsible party. The responsible party for tax-exempt organizations is commonly the same as the principal officer as defined in the Form 990 instructions. This form is located on the Department website (www.vfwfl.org) under Post Forms.

COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT: The Commander's Special Project is the Veterans Village Roof. **ALL DONATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECT ARE TO BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS EARMARKED “COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT”.** Do not send the checks to the Veterans Village.

VFW TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

The VFW National Headquarters has a VFW Training and Support section on www.vfw.org. The VFW Training and Support section has been designed to streamline your experience in your quest for the valuable training tools and resources you need to help lead the VFW into the future. In this section you'll find VFW-produced materials ranging from membership recruiting and Post meeting training videos to chairman guides, brochures, fact sheets, applications and promotional material. Access to the page is gained by logging into the website and selecting the "VFW Training and Support" link in the left column of the My VFW Page. VFW Training and Support remains a work in progress; some materials may still reside in the document repository or are in the process of being updated and your patience is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the communications department at communications@vfw.org.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: In accordance with Section 418, Manual of Procedure (a) Officers (1) Commander (c): Enforce strict observance of the laws and usages of this organization, including District and Department By-Laws and the Congressional Charter, National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and the Ritual and all lawful orders from proper authorities.

DISTRICT MEETINGS: *If a District Meeting date, time and/or location are changed you **MUST** notify Department in writing either by email (statehq@vfwfl.org); fax (352) 622-3869 or regular mail.*

Each District Adjutant is **REQUIRED** to e-mail, fax or regular mail a copy of the minutes of each District Meeting to Department Headquarters as soon as possible after each District Meeting.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN/TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

Get started early, all information is posted on the Department website. The Voice of Democracy theme for this year is "Why My Vote Matters" and Patriot's Pen theme is "Why I Honor the America Flag" forms and more information is under Community & Scholarship on the Department website and the Teacher of the Year information is also under Community & Scholarship on the National Website.

2017-2018 DEPARTMENT RAFFLE WINNERS: A complete list of winners is on the Department Website (www.vfwfl.org) under Events/Announcements .

2018- 2019 DEPARTMENT RAFFLE: The department will be holding one (1) raffle to raise funds for the VFW Programs. Raffle tickets will be \$100.00 each; make checks payable to the VFW Department of Florida and mail to State Headquarters, 543 NE Sanchez Ave., Ocala, FL 34470 and a ticket will be sent to you. Drawing will be held at the State Convention on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the conclusion of the Banquet. Flyer for the Raffle is on the Department Website under Department Announcements.

FLORIDA VFW VAVS REPRESENTATIVES: The listing of your Florida VAVS representatives is listed below: You are encouraged to reach out to them to coordinate hospital support activities. For more general questions you can also contact the Department VAVS Director Dave Harris at 17aircav@tampabay.rr.com the Assistant Director Chester Pyatt at cpyatt@vfwfl.org or the Department Hospital Director Dani Hernandez at dhernandez@vfwfl.org.

Bay Pines VA Hospital – Gene Leshore (10174); **Ft. Lauderdale Clinic** – George Robert; **Gainesville VA Hospital** – Willie Hamilton (10733) ; **Lake City VA Hospital** – Lucious George (8255); **Miami Clinic** – Robert Molleda (10212); **Orlando VA Hospital** – Terry Guthrie; **Pensacola Clinic** – Nathaniel Bass (706); **Tampa VA Hospital** – Jerry Moore (10140); **West Palm Beach VA Hospital** – Barry Goldin (10556); **VA Panama City Beach Outpatient Clinic** – Kevin Delaney; **Tallahassee Outpatient Clinic** – Debra Jones (3308)

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE IN FT. MC COY:

Rooms are available, for more information and room rates go to the department webpage and click on the VFW Veterans Village link or contact Director Al Lugo @ 352/236-0823 .

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM:

The VFW Veterans Village now has a Life Member Program. The cost is \$50.00 and you will receive VFW Veterans Village Gold Pin, LTM Certificate. To join mail your check with application to VFW Veterans Village, 13005 NE 135th St., Ft. McCoy, FL 32134. For application go the VFW Veterans Village website at www.vfwveteransvillage.org or call (352) 236-0823.

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE ADOPT-A-ROOM PROGRAM:

This program is sponsored by the Board of Directors- President & Board Members. The Veterans Village has 25 rooms up for adoption (others have been adopted!). This means for \$400.00 your Post/Auxiliaries can Adopt-A-Room. Upon adopting a room you will receive an invitation to the Christmas Dinner to eat with the Adopt-A-Room resident; Adopt-A-Room Post/Auxiliaries Identification on the door. For more information visit the Veterans Village website at www.vfwveteransvillage.org or call (352) 236-0823.

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE 10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Friday, March 29, 2019 at Stone Creek Golf Club, 9676 SW 62nd Loop, Ocala. \$55.00 per person includes 18 holes of golf, cart and dinner following the tournament. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. For more information: 352-236-0823 or visit their website at www.vfwveteransvillage.org

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE 19TH ANNUAL PICNIC: Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Ticket donation \$10.00 includes BBQ meal, entertainment, horseshoe tournament, raffles and more with beverages available. For more information: 352-236-0823 or visit their website at www.vfwveteransvillage.org

FLAG DISPOSAL OPTIONS: Verified by Kevin Jones at National Headquarters this is an acceptable way to dispose of worn out American Flags. Nylon Flags are being recycled by Martex Fibers in South Carolina. All that is required is removing the reinforced strip that holds the grommets. There is no charge for the recycling just the cost of shipping. Address: Martex Fibers, 3200 Southport Road, Spartanburg, SC 29302; contact name Jimmy Jarrett; Phone No. (864) 583-6412 ext. 202.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: October 26 & 27, 2018 at the Florida Hotel, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809, FL. Room Rate \$119.50 + tax. Phone No. 407/859-1500, be sure and mention the Veterans of Foreign Wars Fall Meeting to receive the \$119.50 rate. Cut -off Date – October 4, 2018. Check In – 4:00 p.m. and Check Out – 11:00 a.m.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: October 18-21, 2018 – Louisville, Kentucky.