

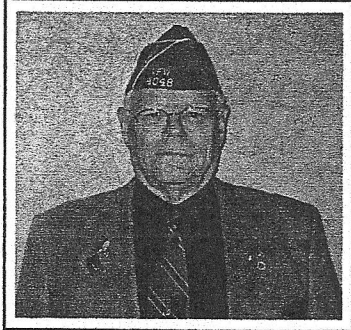


MILITARY VETS' LIFE

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COMMANDER'S NOTES



As most of you all ready know the Ladies Auxiliary President and I are getting ready to drive to the VFW National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. This year's Convention is going to be a lot different than those in the past. For one, I get to share my room with the President of our Ladies Auxiliary. All the other

years I had to share my room with my wife... Oh, that's right, she is the President of our Auxiliary. Hmmmm, looks like nothing has changed after all.

On a serious note, there are a lot of changes that are being considered this year. One reportedly is that the term "Ladies and Mens" might be dropped from the respective Auxiliaries and the two possibly combined into one. While I don't think it will pass, it sure has a lot of Comrades and Sisters talking. If you are interested in this subject, open your browser and enter this link: http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/proposed%20Nat'l.%20ByLaws,%20Manual%20of%20Procedure%20and%20Ritual%20Amendments.pdf Scroll down to **B-26**

Proposed by Department of West Virginia

ARTICLE XI – LADIES AUXILIARY Amend Article XI – LADIES AUXILIARY, National By-Laws, by replacing in its entirety with the following:

ARTICLE XI—THE AUXILIARY Sec. 1101—Organization and Disbandment of Auxiliaries.

The "Mens" Auxiliary section is also removed making the above proposed change the only reference to Auxiliaries.

Here's a couple of Resolutions of interest:

Resolution No. 305 Proposes to "Adopt the Girl Scouts as a Youth Activity"

Resolution No. 306 Proposes a standardized Awards Programs for both the Girl and Boy Scouts.

Resolution No. 307 Addresses Motorcycle Clubs, Groups and Associations that existed with authorization from the VFW prior to the Adoption of Resolution 308 at the 111th National Convention.

There's a lot more to look at and think about... Here are the links to all that is going to be discussed and voted on:

Proposed National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual Amendments:

http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/proposed%20Nat'l.%20ByLaws,%20Manual%20of%20Procedure%20and%20Ritual%20Amendments.pdf

Finance & Internal Organization:

[http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/Finance%20and%20Internal%20Organization%20\(200%20series\).pdf](http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/Finance%20and%20Internal%20Organization%20(200%20series).pdf)

General Resolutions:

[http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/General%20Resolutions%20\(300%20series\).pdf](http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/General%20Resolutions%20(300%20series).pdf)

National Security & Foreign Affairs:

[http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/Nat'l.%20Security%20and%20Foreign%20Affairs%20\(400%20series\).pdf](http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/Nat'l.%20Security%20and%20Foreign%20Affairs%20(400%20series).pdf)

Veterans Service:

[http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/Veterans%20Service%20\(600%20series\).pdf](http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/Veterans%20Service%20(600%20series).pdf)

For those of you that are interested in seeing what actually happens at the Convention, it will be a LIVE STREAM OF THE 112th VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION starting on the 24th through the end of the Convention on the 1st of September. Watch guest speakers and award presentations from your computer at this web address: <http://www.vfw.org/News-and-Events/Articles/Live-Stream-of-112th-VFW-National-Convention/>

Membership: Again, MEMBERSHIP, Membership, membership is the backbone of our organization. I know I'm repeating what I said last month but this is very important to our Veterans and our Organization. Like just about everything else, it's the numbers that count. It's our membership that give us a voice to support our veterans as a Post, District, Department and a National Organization. From the going's on in Washington D.C. these days, it has become more evident that our Voices Must Be Louder and Stronger. While many of us in the past (Korea and Vietnam Veterans) got lost in the shuffle of politics and power, it is our Responsibility to Ensure that our Current War Fighters and

Protectors of our Great Nation are NOT LOST in the shuffle too. We owe them all the support we can possibly muster. So our marching orders are as follows:

- Get new members - VFW, Ladies Auxiliary and for those who qualify, the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC)

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