



# *Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States*

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Comrades,

With the Mid-Winter Conference now complete we are moving forward to the National Legislative Conference in March at Washington, DC and then on to the Department Convention in June (June 21 -June 24) at Bremerton, WA.

A couple of quick notes of information that I will pass on to you if you were not in attendance:

1. The following comrades have announced they are candidates for the elections at the June Convention –

Commander	Linda Fairbank (District 2)
Sr. Vice Commander	John Rust (District 4)
Jr. Vice Commander	Traci Williams (District 11)
Quartermaster	Paul Manly (District 9)
1 Year Trustee	Cory Freed (District 4)
3 Year Trustee	R C Sample (District 11)
Judge Advocate	Chad Hassebroek (District 11)
State Chaplain	Frosty Hulsey (District 6) Wes Anderson (District 9)
State Surgeon	Keith Woodridge (District 15) Don Wischman (District 1) Paul Herrera (District 3)

Western Conference Chaplain Ray Fairbank (District 2)

2. I met with the Convention Center and Hotel in Bremerton on January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming events for the June Convention. There are two hotels and reservations will be accepted for the VFW group on February 1, 2018. Information and contact phone information will be sent out on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. The Youth Essay Program themes are out for publication:

Voice of Democracy theme is: **“Why My Vote Matters”**

Patriots Pen theme is: **“Why I Honor the American Flag”**

Washington Youth Essay: **How the American Flag Makes Me Feel”**

Your point of contact for information for these programs will be Junior Vice Commander John Rust, or incoming Junior Vice Commander Traci Williams.

4. As the National Council member, I will be traveling to Washington, DC for the Legislative Conference March 4<sup>th</sup> thru March 8<sup>th</sup>, along with Commander John Bradburn, Sr. Vice Linda Fairbank, and Legislative chairman Steve Stetson. If there are any concerns that our group can bring with us, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Once again comrades, thank you for your dedication and the work that you do in support of our organization, the veterans and your local communities.

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