

Information about Veteran Participation Reports (VPR's) for Commemorative Dates

National VFW By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, Rituals and General Orders of the National VFW expressly dictate what each VFW Post must do in regards to Commemorative Dates.

Section 223 of the VFW National By-Laws - Commemorative Dates: "Each Post shall properly observe commemorative dates, as prescribed in the Ritual and Manual of Procedure."

Section 223 of the VFW National Manual of Procedure – Commemorative Dates: "Each Post shall make arrangements for observances of Memorial Day, see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased members and, if practicable, conduct Memorial Day Services in the cemeteries in its locality."

Each Post shall see that suitable arrangements are made for the observance of Veterans Day, Flag Day and Loyalty Day.

In addition, the Post should arrange special ceremonies, and all Commanders should alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of other dates specified in the Ritual.

National VFW Ritual – Commemorative Tributes: "Posts should arrange special ceremonies and all commanders shall alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of the following outstanding action dates in U.S. history:

THE DATES

January 27—Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973.
February 15—Sinking of U.S.S. Maine, 1898.
February 28—Liberation of Kuwait—Operation Desert Storm 1991.
March 24—Start of the Kosovo Campaign 1999.
March 31—End of Operation Restore Hope—Somalia 1995.
May 1—Loyalty Day, annually. MANDATORY
May 8—VE Day: German unconditional surrender signed, 1945.
May 25—Memorial Day. MANDATORY
June 6—D Day: Allied invasion of Europe, 1944.
June 14—Flag Day. MANDATORY
July 4—Independence Day.
July 27—Signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953.
August 31—End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.
September 2—VJ Day: Japan surrendered, 1945, ending World War II fighting.
September 11—Patriot's Day.
September, third Friday—POW/MIA Recognition Day.
October 9—Start of Operation Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan 2001.
October 18—Recognition of Women in Military Service
November 11—Veterans Day. MANDATORY
December 7—Pearl Harbor Day, since 1941.

Not listed in the Current Edition of the VFW By-laws but as important is:

March 29th of each year is National Vietnam Veterans Day.

September 29th of each year is the VFW Birthday.

National VFW Headquarters General Orders #1 for 2019-2020 Year

"Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2019-2020 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, National Citizenship Education Teacher's Awards, Buddy Poppy and National Military Services. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual."

SEE PAGES 8 & 9 FOR DEADLINE DATES



The Department of Texas VFW Veteran Project Participation Report (VPR) for Commemorative Date

POST # _____ DISTRICT # _____ DATE VPR WAS COMPLETED _____

***FILL IN THE BOX BESIDE THE VPR YOU ARE REPORTING ON.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 1 Loyalty Day (Annually) | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT. 11 Patriot Day | <input type="checkbox"/> DEC. 7 Pearl Harbor Day, since 1941 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 8 VE Day | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT., 3RD FRIDAY POW/MIA Recognition Day | <input type="checkbox"/> JAN. 27 Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAY 28 Memorial Day | <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT. 29 VFW Birthday *Not listed in the ^{Current} Edition of the By-Laws but as important. | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB. 15 Sinking of USS Maine, 1898 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 6 D Day | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT. 9 Start of Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan 2001 | <input type="checkbox"/> FEB. 28 Liberation of Kuwait - Operation Desert Storm 1991 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 14 Flag Day | <input type="checkbox"/> OCT. 18 Recognition of Women in Military Service | <input type="checkbox"/> MARCH 24 Start of the Kosovo Campaign 1999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 4 Independence Day | <input type="checkbox"/> NOV. 11 Veterans Day, Signing WWI Armistice, 1918. | <input type="checkbox"/> MARCH 31 End of Operation Restore Hope - Somalia 1995 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JULY 27 Signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 31 End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPT. 2 VJ Day: Japan surrendered, 1945, ending WWII fighting | | |

PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT: _____
Print Name Signature

CONTACT PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

DESCRIBE HOW THE POST MEMBERS PARTICIPATED: _____

VPR REQUIREMENTS:

1. You must provide photographic documentation of **Post members conducting/participating in project.**
2. VPR event must be documented by **multiple photographs.** (Only one photo is required to turn in, however you may submit more.)
3. The Post members must **designate a photographer** at the event to take photographs.
4. There must be **at least one VFW member** in each photo.
5. There must be a **VFW signifier** in each photo, such as VFW hats, caps, shirts, jackets, banners or signs that say VFW or show the VFW logo etc. (Not everyone in the photo has to be wearing VFW regalia, however, the photo alone without captions needs to show that this is a VFW event.)
6. **Photos from previous events will not be accepted and events that are combined together into one dual-purpose ceremony will not all be accepted.** (If your Post combines multiple VPRs into one ceremony, only one VPR submission will be recorded as Full-Credit (X) and the rest in the series will receive a Photo-Issues (P) marking.)

SUBMITTING VPRS

Submit by only one of the following methods - All activities should be recorded in Post minutes as well.
Website: texasvfw.org/submit-vprs **Email:** erin@texasvfw.org **Mail:** Texas VFW, P.O. Box 14468, Austin, Texas 78761
 Once accepted, this VPR will be automatically credited as an Americanism activity under Community Service for the Post.
 Do not send copies of speeches, programs, articles, etc. Do not fax in your VPRs.

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