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The VFW Commander-in-Chief, Doc Schmitz, to visit Wyoming! Doc will be our National representative at the Mid-Winter Conference in Dubois, January 10-12



William J. “Doc” Schmitz was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 24, 2019, at the 120th VFW National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

Doc served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970. He served in Vietnam as a corpsman attached to the United States Marine Corps infantry and artillery. In recognition of his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He joined the VFW in 1971 at Post 524 in Corning, N.Y., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served as Department Commander, Post Commander, Southern Tier County Council Commander and District 5 Commander. He was also editor of the New York State Overseas Veteran publication for nine years. In 2007, he was elected Department Surgeon for the Department of New York where he served for five consecutive years. He served at the national level as the Surgeon General from 2010 to 2011, and as the Inspector General from 2015 to 2016.

Doc worked for the Department of Corrections as a registered nurse and acting nurse administrator for 30 years before retiring. He currently is employed as the Director of Veterans Issues for Congressman Tom Reed of the 23rd Congressional District in New York. He is also a 32nd degree Mason.

Doc and his wife, Deborah, reside in Corning, N.Y.

Mid-Winter Conference Notes

Please make every attempt to attend the Mid-Winter Conference. As you know, we are working to stay a viable Department. Let's show our Commander-in-Chief that we're dedicated.

Register early! Let's make sure Dubois has time to get everything ready for this big event.

One of Doc's projects is an addition to the VFW Home for Children. Be prepared to give a little extra during Mid-Winter.

October Post Charter Anniversaries
Casper Memorial Post 9439, 10/06/1962
Casper Mustang Post 10677, 10/17/1982

October 900 Club winners
\$500 – Ticket 271 – Brett R. – Sold by VFW Post 4343
\$300 - Ticket 305 – VFW Post 2673
\$100 - Ticket 256 – Don N. – Sold by Ron Steffensmeier

VFW Deadlines for 2019-2020
The deadline has passed for the quartermaster bonds. Please get those to HQ ASAP.

October 15 – 900 Club tickets due to HQ

October 15 – Henry Rifle drawing
October 31 – Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher Packages to Post
Voice of Democracy Prizes
1st Place - \$1,500
2nd Place - \$1,000
3rd Place - \$500
Patriot's Pen Prizes
1st Place - \$500
2nd Place - \$400
3rd Place - \$300
January 1 – Public Servant (Firefighter, Law Enforcement, EMT) to Post
March 1 – Scout Packages due to Post
April 15 – Post Special Project, Community Service Post
May 15 – All Community Service, Citizenship and Youth Activities reports

VFW Western Conference 2020 (WYO2020)

Registration for WYO2020 goes live on November 1st. The site is
<https://visitcheyenne.regfox.com/2020-vfw-western-conference>

Membership

You may have heard that Wyoming lost more than 1,000 members during the scrub of the National VFW Life Membership List. The list is actually 291 members. That's much better, but we still need to recruit new members.

Attention, Adjutants and Program Chairmen!

Last year, VFW National introduced the All American dashboard on OMS. This year it will be fully functioning. Please note that the **ONLY** way any post receives credit for a VFW Program is if the Post Adjutant inputs it into the dashboard. Then, the District Adjutant must approve it in OMS before it gets to the Department. If you need A/Q Peoples to input something for your adjutant, please text, call or email.

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