



## Monthly Update

### PJ'S Coffee Social

Our Coffee Social for this month will be on Saturday, September 5th, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am at the PJ'S located at 1311 St. Charles St, Houma, LA 70360.

This is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow Veterans. It is also an opportunity to bring a fellow Veteran by to get answers about the VFW and possibly recruit them into our ranks.



### July's Post Meeting

Our Monthly Post Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th. We look forward to seeing you there.

- ◆ 6:00 pm Social
- ◆ 6:30 pm Meal
- ◆ 7:00 pm Meeting

Our meeting will be at the United Veterans League building at 350 S. Van Ave, Houma, LA 70363.

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# September 2026

| Sun             | Mon                      | Tue                  | Wed                                                       | Thu | Fri                               | Sat                         |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                 |                          | 1                    | 2                                                         | 3   | 4                                 | 5<br>Coffee<br>Social       |
| 6               | 7                        | 8<br>Post<br>Meeting | 9<br>Veterans<br>Transitional<br>Home<br>Put Out<br>Flags | 10  | 11                                | 12                          |
| 13              | 14<br>Take Down<br>Flags | 15                   | 16<br>POW MIA<br>Proclamation                             | 17  | 18<br>Hero Fest<br>POW MIA<br>Day | 19<br>Hero Fest             |
| 20<br>Hero Fest | 21                       | 22                   | 23                                                        | 24  | 25                                | 26<br>Veterans<br>Breakfast |
| 27              | 28                       | 29                   | 30                                                        |     |                                   |                             |

## Veterans Breakfast at Elks Lodge

The Elks Lodge holds a Veterans Breakfast on the last Saturday of every month from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.. This month the Veterans Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 26th. This is another great opportunity to socialize with other Veterans. The Houma Elks Lodge is located at 7883 w. Main St, Houma, LA 70360. The breakfast is free to Veterans and \$5.00 for non-Veterans.

## Membership Renewal

It is the beginning of the new fiscal year and we would like to get as many as possible of our annual members to renew as soon as possible. When a member renews early it assists our post leadership with managing the renewals and meeting our membership goals. Paying an annual membership early does not effect a members membership renewal date since it is always the date when a member joined.

If you are annual paying member, please consider paying as early as possible or consider a Life Membership.

Contact your Post Quartermaster, Darreck Kaigler, at [darreck.kaigler@gmail.com](mailto:darreck.kaigler@gmail.com).

## **VFW DEPARTMENT CofA**

The VFW Department of Louisiana held the Counsel of Administration and Officer Training on August 28th through the 30th at which Ray Bergeron, Post Commander from last year, received his All-American cap and the post received its All-American certificate and streamer.

Dareck Kaigler, Post Quartermaster, and Ray Bergeron, Post Senior Vice Commander, got a lot of information about this year's programs and training that will assist them in their new post and district duties

## **District 3 Meeting**

VFW District 3 Business Meeting and Training was held on August 22nd at Raceland VFW Post 3665. We had a good turn-out of officers from our post and a lot of information was covered.

## **Volunteers Needed**

HeroFest will be our first District Recruiting event of the year. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to assist with manning the VFW Information and Recruiting Booth from September 18th through the 20th. This is always a great event with great musical talent so come on out and enjoy the music as well as comradery.

## **POW/MIA Ceremony**

This year our POW MIA program will be held at HeroFest on National POW MIA Recognition Day of September 18th. This is a change for our POW MIA Recognition Event which has historically been held at the Houma Courthouse Square. Details of the exact time of the ceremony are still be hashed out, so stay tuned to our text and email notifications. Come on out and join fellow Veterans to commemorate National POW MIA Recognition Day.

## **POW/MIA Proclamation**

The Terrebonne Parish Counsel will be providing a National POW MIA Recognition Day Proclamation at its September 16th Counsel Meeting. Come on out to the Counsel Meeting and represent the Veterans of Terrebonne Parish at 6:00 p.m. in the Counsel Meeting Room on the second floor of the Government Tower at 8026 Main St, Houma, LA 70360.

## Veterans Transitional Home

On August 12th, VFW Post 4752 provided lunch to the 22 Veterans residing in the Houma Veterans Transitional Home.

We will be returning to the Veterans Transitional Home on September 9th at 10:30 a.m. Feel free to come out and assist us in providing the next lunch.



## VFW Post 4752 Program Sponsors Are Needed

We are in need of additional sponsors for our programs. If you know of a company that would be willing to provide a \$300 sponsorship, please reach out. As our Post programs grow, we need additional funds for these programs and the annual Programs Awards Banquet.

Companies that provide a sponsorship will have their logo with a link to the companies description and then a link to the companies website and Facebook pages. If you know of a company that might be interested in supporting our programs, please contact Murdock Gilmore at 985-226-2812 or by email at [murdockgilmore@gmail.com](mailto:murdockgilmore@gmail.com).

Please thank the following companies for their continued sponsorship.



### Rotary Flags for Patriot's Day

Patriot's Day is Friday, September 11th, and we get to put out the flags again for the Rotary Club of Houma. We will putting out about 185 flags on 10 foot flag poles on Wednesday , September 9th. Come out and give a hand if you have a pickup truck, the more members we have putting out the flags the quicker we will accomplish the task.

On Monday, September 14th, we will take down the flags.

This is part of the cooperative agreement with the Rotary Club of Houma to assist them with their flag program. If there are any questions, please call Ray Bergeron at 985-209-3928.

### Youth Scholarships

Schools are back into full swing and we are working hard to get students involved in the VFW's two Youth Scholarship programs which are Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen.

If you know of a middle school or high school student, encourage them to participate in these programs. Last year our post only had one participant in the Voice of Democracy. Therefore we did not have a 2nd or 3rd place winner for the Voice of Democracy and the prizes went uncollected.

Again this year, submissions can be made through ScholarsApp. "Scholar's App is a platform that connects students to verified scholarships and helps track the entire financial aid process. Easily create a profile, search for scholarships, and submit applications online." We will also accept applications that are submitted by hand or by email.

The student deadline is October 31st. See the fliers for these programs on the following pages and contact Murdock Gilmore at 985-226-28122 or at [murdockgilmore@gmail.com](mailto:murdockgilmore@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Other VFW Programs

Besides the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen, our post is participating in the Americanism Program for elementary school students from kindergarten to 5th grade. We are also participating in Teacher of the Year where we recognize teachers in the following categories: Elementary, Middle School and High School. Our Safety Program recognizes Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency 911 Operators.

Information about our programs can be found on our webpage of [vfw4752.org](http://vfw4752.org) or by contacting the chairman for these programs, Murdock Gilmore at 985-226-28122 or at [murdockgilmore@gmail.com](mailto:murdockgilmore@gmail.com).



2026-2027 COMPETITION

## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

POST 4752



Tri Vu  
VOD Winner 2025

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**OCTOBER 31, 2026**

### SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3-5 minute audio essay
- This year's theme is, "What a Veteran Taught me about America"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000



#### ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

Or enter this link in your browser  
**<https://bit.ly/3YeFW0I>**



## 2026-2027 COMPETITION

# PATRIOT'S PEN

POST 4752



Evelyn Newbigging  
PP Winner 2025

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**OCTOBER 31, 2026**

## SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

### PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to students in grades 6-8 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300-400 word written essay
- This year's theme is, "What a Veteran Taught me about America"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



### ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

Or enter this link in your browser

**<https://bit.ly/4iWLtS5>**

## Stay Up to Date with Your Post

### Facebook

Post 4752's Facebook page is "VFW Post 4752". Please follow the page if you have Facebook.

### Webpage

Post 4752's Website is "VFW Post 4752". Please periodically check the website as updated information is added. Use the link below to connect to the page.

<https://vfw4752.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?nid=1>

*For input to our Facebook page, our website, or newsletter, please contact Publicity Officer, Murdock Gilmore, at 985-226-2812 or by email at [murdockgilmore@gmail.com](mailto:murdockgilmore@gmail.com).*

## Stay Up to Date with Legislative Issues

### Action Corps Weekly

Sign Up for the Action Corps Weekly and stay up to date with the VFW Legislative Issues.

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

