

VFW District 14 Yahtzee Run

What are the benefits? What are we trying to do here?

1. To raise awareness of our Posts and the VFW National programs
2. To fund the District—not just for the hospitality room at the Convention, but also so that we can enable Posts and Veterans Programs throughout the year who have unforeseen needs
3. To foster camaraderie amongst our Posts, members, and communities
4. To help all Posts in the District raise funds for their own Veteran and Community projects
5. To provide opportunities for Posts to complete some of their National and Department requirements

How it works

Teams of up to 4 people will donate \$100 to participate, which will include a T-shirt for each team member. Each team will need to visit 6 venues to qualify for the prizes. At registration, team members will pick up their shirts and a score card at their designated starting point. At each venue, each team will hand the “ump” their card. When it’s their turn to play, each team member will have 3 rolls of 5 dice to get the best score according to the card. The “ump” will write the official score and stamp the card for verification. While folks are waiting, they have the opportunity to purchase beverages, enjoy free snacks, and learn about VFW programs. While there are 5 different starting points, everyone who wishes to qualify for prizes (or to hang out) will end up at the “end point” VFW not later than 6PM, where prizes will be awarded, and a silent auction, as well as 50/50s will take place. Ideally, there will be a band or DJ for entertainment.

For the Posts

Unlike previous years, this is a DISTRICT-WIDE fundraiser. We have created targets (minimum) for each post to reach (# of teams). For every 5 teams your post signs up, YOUR POST WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST \$200. Once the District meets its goal and the overhead is paid, the remaining money will be distributed back to the posts! Remember, a rising tide raises all ships – if we all do our part, we will enable everyone’s success...and have fun doing it!!! If posts choose to not participate, they will not receive any funds from the pool.

While it would be great to visit every post in the District, doing so in 1 day is impractical. We chose posts relatively close together to make the day most enjoyable for the participants. If this becomes an annual event, we will choose different posts/routes next year. We set out different paths for the participants so that the “crowd” will be dispersed throughout the day for the host venues so as to not overwhelm them. As each team finishes at a venue, they can proceed to the next venue at their own pace. At each of the venues, there will be education (display and/or speech) regarding one of the major VFW programs.

Host venues will provide free snacks for the participants (this will likely be more than made up for in beverage sales). Those Posts not hosting this time will provide **at least** one silent auction item roughly equivalent to at least \$50 (WORK YOUR COMMUNITIES AND GET DONATIONS!) to be raffled off at the final location, as well as 2 volunteers to act as an “ump” at one of the host posts. Posts will make sure raffle items are at the final location no later than 10am the day of the event. For every \$100 in silent auction items, that Post will receive credit for one team towards their target.

Each Post will advertise the event in their post home (where applicable) and throughout their community and recruit as many teams as possible – THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. WORK YOUR COMMUNITIES!!!! All teams must be paid in order to count towards the funds coming back to the Post.

Posts will also be responsible for signing up teams at their Posts and accepting payments. We have an online option (Posts will still receive credit for their teams) for signing up and payments, as well. Each post will provide to the Jr. Vice Commander weekly updates as to the number of teams signed up in person at the Post. In return, the Jr. Vice Commander will update everyone as to the final count weekly (including online submissions). Keep in mind--without payment in full, a team doesn't count towards the total. At the September District meeting, Posts will turn in any cash collected to the Jr. Vice Commander or the Quartermaster. The only checks we will accept are those from a Post. Money collected after this date will be collected before/on the date of the event.

For the District

Program Chairs-or a representative-for (1) Youth Programs (VoD/PP/Scout OY), (2) Buddy Poppies, (3) Service Officer/VMS, (4) National Home for Children, (5) Auxiliary (?) will need to develop some sort of display. Keep in mind that there will be folks ranging from VFW Legacy Life members to folks who can't spell Army. Keep it simple, but be prepared to answer questions—the goal is to hear, “I didn't realize you did that!”. We will also need 2 “umps” for each venue who will keep official score. At the final location, folks will turn in their cards to the official scorekeepers, who will tally the scores. The highest scoring TEAMS will win prizes. In the event of a tie (I'm expecting clumps of scores), there will be a random drawing for the winner(s). The Quartermaster will report to the Jr. Vice Commander the teams and sponsors whose money has come in on a weekly basis.

Volunteers Needed

11 Posts are not hosting stops and if everyone does their part, there are 22 possible volunteers, plus any others who may feel compelled.

Host Posts: 2x6 (12) will be “umps” 1 will sell 50-50 tickets (18 total for host posts). Recruiters?

At final destination: 3 as Official Scorekeepers, 2 to sell 50/50 tickets and 2 to monitor the silent auction (7 total).

2024 Host Posts and Routes – HUGE thanks for volunteering your Post Home!

Post 805, O'Fallon: 221 W 1st St, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Post 1117, Caseyville: 415 N Long St, Caseyville, IL 62232

Post 1699, Cahokia (teaming with Dupo American Legion): 200 S 5th St, Dupo, IL 62239

Post 4183, Scott AFB: 1516 Old, IL-158, Belleville, IL 62221

Post 7682, Mascoutah: 620 Donaphan St, Mascoutah, IL 62258

Post 7980, Millstadt: 200 S Veterans Dr, Millstadt, IL 62260

Routes (miles and times calculated by Google Maps of drive time):

(1) Scott – O'Fallon – Caseyville – Cahokia – Millstadt – Mascoutah (66.8 miles, 1:37)

(2) O'Fallon – Caseyville – Cahokia – Millstadt – Scott – Mascoutah (61.5 miles, 1:26)

(3) Caseyville – Cahokia – Millstadt – Scott – O'Fallon – Mascoutah (66.2 miles, 1:36)

(4) Cahokia – Millstadt – Scott – O'Fallon – Caseyville – Mascoutah (70.1 miles, 1:39)

(5) Millstadt – Cahokia – Caseyville – O'Fallon – Scott – Mascoutah (51.2 miles, 1:19)