



**HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC  
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2**

Series 2020-2021

August 2020

**(To be read or distributed at a regular Post meeting and filed)**

1. The next meeting of the Council of Administration will be held on September 25 & 26, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn, at 19677 East Jackson Dr. Independence, MO. All members of the Council, as well as Committees and Chairpersons, should make every effort to attend and be prepared to report in accordance with the agenda, which will be provided prior to the meeting. Room reservations must be made through the hotel by calling (816) 350-3000. Tell them you are with the VFW. The room rate is \$89.00. Banquet form is attached.
2. Congratulations to the Post and Districts that achieved ALL- State and ALL- American Status for the 2019-2020 year. These, as well as other Awards, will be presented at an Awards Ceremony on Friday night, September 25<sup>th</sup>. at the Fall C of A.
3. The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program require the Post Commander or a Post Representative attend all meetings **(including School of Instruction)** called by the District Commander. Post Commanders should familiarize themselves with Article II sec. 218 – Officers: Duties and Obligations and ensure they are meeting their obligations. **Missed meetings are carried forward from one year to the next for the purposes of disciplinary action recommendations.** **A copy of the Guide for Disciplinary Action is attached.**
4. There are still a few Posts that have not submitted an election report. You will be receiving a letter from the Department Commander placing the Post on suspension. **If your Post has not submitted their report, do so ASAP.** Quartermasters should submit on-line via the National Website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). If you are not familiar with submittal on-line, fax or email the completed form to Department Headquarters and we will enter it for you. **If you have submitted an incomplete form, you will need to contact National to make the additions or submit a new report on-line.** It is very important that each Post submit a Report of Election as it contains information vital to the operation of the National and Department Headquarters. Unless the report is received, Post Officers will not be on the various mailing lists. **(If your Post did not meet and elect new officers due to coronavirus you will still need to submit an election report with the current officers).**
5. Reminder to Posts and Districts: The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship program needs your support. Department needs Posts or Auxiliaries to (co)sponsor scholarships. Please forward \$500.00 to Department Headquarters prior to September 30, 2020. You can one payment for the full amount or monthly installments. Scholarships will be paid out over a five-year period to district winners. Scholarship sponsor's name(s) will be listed in the banquet program each year.

6. All Posts are required to file a Federal Income Tax return. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Posts may obtain forms 990EZ, 990 and/or 990T from any IRS Office, or online at <http://www.irs.gov>. **Posts with a year end of 30 June must file with the IRS prior to 15 November 2020, (most posts have a year end of 30 June).** If your gross income (from all sources) is less than \$50,000.00 per year, you will file the form 990N online from now on. Go online to the IRS site, <http://www.egovernment.gov> and follow the three (3) steps to sign up and file. **Failure to file will result in the loss of your tax-exempt status.**

7. All inspection reports should be mailed directly to the Department Inspector, Paul Frampton. His address is: 12855 NW Oakside Crt. Platte City, MO. 64079. If a Deputy Inspector wishes to claim mileage for travel in connection with the inspections, he must submit his voucher to the Department Inspector for approval.

8. The National Commander-In-Chief's Homecoming was scheduled for August 27-30, 2020 in Portsmouth, VA. It has been postponed for a later date, to be determined by his Homecoming Committee.

9. The Big 10 Conference is scheduled for October 16-18 in Columbus OH. More information will be sent out as we get it.

10. The Executive Staff at the VFW National Home has requested we **NOT** make our annual trip to the National Home for Children this Fall, due to COVID-19. It is suggested that individuals, Post, and Districts to consider making a donation to the National Home in the amount they would normally spend on the annual bus trip. Donations can be sent to Dept. Headquarters. Please put "For VFW Natl. Hm" on the check. For further information, contact Marilyn Archuletta at 660-473-3223, or e-mail: [natlhomechrm@movfw.org](mailto:natlhomechrm@movfw.org). Also, per Jim Mueller, Past National Commander-In-Chief, and past Trustee of the National Home, the annual Golf Tournament that Fairwinds sponsors is September has been cancelled. However, their donors are generously donating \$10,000 to the VFW National Home.

11. The 2020-21 Membership Campaign is now underway. All 2020 annual members are urged to renew as soon as possible. Dues reminder notices were mailed by National Headquarters to all 2020 members during the latter part of June. **REMEMBER anyone joining as a Life Member or upgrades to a Life Member prior to June 30, 2020 will receive a check for \$45 from the Department Quartermaster Make sure to notify the State Quartermaster so he knows who to mail the check to. Note: All-State Program Posts membership goals for 2020-2021 year are posted on the web, (movfw.org).**

12. All Posts, Districts are reminded that **Annual Incorporation Reports to the Secretary of State are due in August. If you have not filed your report, please do so immediately. If no report is filed, your Incorporation will lapse in November.**

13. Commander shirts are in. You may stop by HQ's and pick them up or call 573 636-8761 to place an order. Cost is \$35 plus shipping cost if shipped to you. We will also have them available at the C of A meeting.

14. Anyone requesting a Department Officer to attend a function must submit a **written request** to Department Headquarters at least 30 days prior to the date of the function. **All representatives will be assigned by the State Commander.**

15. The following District Schools of Instruction/meetings for the month of August are announced:

<b>DIST.</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>POST</b>	<b>LOCATION/TIME</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>8/22/20</b>	<b>4345</b>	<b>California, 10 am</b>	<b>Surgeon</b>	<b>District Meeting</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>8/9/20</b>	<b>1829</b>	<b>Kansas City 2 pm</b>	<b>Jr. Vice Cdr.</b>	<b>District Meeting</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>8/2/20</b>	<b>4052</b>	<b>Lexington 9 am</b>	<b>Sr. Vice Cdr.</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8/15/20</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>Joplin 10;30 am</b>	<b>Commander</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>8/2/20</b>	<b>6883</b>	<b>Bonne Terre 1 pm</b>	<b>Commander</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>8/1/20</b>	<b>1828</b>	<b>West Plains 10 am</b>	<b>Jr. Vice Cdr.</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>

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