



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1**

Series 2020-2021

July 2020

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

1. Having been elected Commander of the Department of Missouri and been duly installed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command.

2. The following Department Officers have been duly elected and installed at the June 6, 2020 Council of Administration meeting.

COMMANDER :	Eric Sullivan
SR VICE COMMANDER :	James Nail
JR VICE COMMANDER:	Royce Kelb
QUARTERMASTER:	Tom McLerran
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Larry Phillips
SURGEON:	Charles Williams
CHAPLAIN:	Deborah Halter
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:	Troy Williams

3. The following District Commanders have been duly elected and installed were obligated to the Council:

District 1	David E Klaassen	District 9	Glen Gildehaus
District 2	Adam St Pierre	District 12	Richard Sax
District 3	Steven Sypkens	District 14	Philip Rippee
District 5	Andre Sidney	District 15	John Stokes
District 6	Richard Moon	District 17	Paul Grigsby
District 7	James Atkinson III	District 18	Scott W Huffman
District 8	Bill Myrick		

4. All previous appointments, except Service Officers and VAVS Representatives and their Deputies, are declared null and void and the following appointments are announced:

ADJUTANT:	Don Hentges
CHIEF OF STAFF:	James Holmes
INSPECTOR:	Paul Frampton
MEMBERSHIP:	James Nail
COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Royce Kelb

RECRUITER	Teresa Alice
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Charlie Dickinson
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Troy Williams
VETERAN SERVICE INFORMATION OFFICER:	Steven Jones
HOMELESS VETERANS:	Charles Williams
CITIZENSHIP/AMERICANISM:	Adam St Pierre
PUBLIC RELATIONS:	Ken Allison
POW/MIA:	Joseph Cerchi
BUDDY POPPY:	Bob Kirtley
NATIONAL HOME:	Marilynn Archuleta
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY /PATRIOTS PEN:	Quincy Myrick
VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT:	Larry Phillips
STUDENT VETERAN COORDINATOR:	Don Brockmeier
NATIONAL SCOUTING TEAM REP:	Andre Sidney
MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-East	Mel Brinkley
MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-West	Don Harris
WEBMASTER:	Ken Allison
OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Paul Zeigler
SERGEANT AT ARMS:	Don Pollock
MO. VETS OUTDOORS :	Anthony Larson

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Norman Morgan,
Members: Richard Dukovich, Chris Bell

State Commander Eric Sullivan extends congratulations and best wishes for a successful year.

5. Reminder to Post Commanders: The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program require the Post Commander or a Post Representative to attend all meetings called by the District Commander. **This includes Schools of Instruction.**

6. Posts that have not submitted an election report 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. 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).**

7. The 121st VFW National Convention that was scheduled for July 18-23, 2020. in Reno Nevada has been cancelled.

8. 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.

9. 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.**

10. 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. An e-mail to the Adjutant at adj@movfw.org is acceptable.

11. 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.

12. Quarterly audit reports for the period ending 6-30-20 are due 7-31-20. Forms can be filled out on-line. You can also make copies of the blank form for your use throughout the year. This deadline must be met for All State Contest purposes and is required by National By-Laws.

13. Post Commanders are reminded that Community Activity Reporting is now on-line through the on-line Reporting program. Either Post or its Auxiliary may submit an activity through Online Community Activity Reporting. If the person submitting the report fails to include a name and means of contact, the reviewer reserves the right to reject the report outright. Please help us to help you get these reports correct.

14. Effective July 1, 2020 P O Box 26 will be closed. All Department Mail should be sent to 3401 Knipp Dr. Jefferson City, MO. 65109.

15. The new default password for all VFW MO. Webmail accounts is Vfw20-21! Following the installation of the new Dept Commander.

Access to webmail is through the State website, www.movfw.org. Go to the top task bar and click on LOGIN and then click on Webmail. Scroll down under Webmail and click on Change Email Password. The Plesk web host screen will appear. Enter your email address and the temporary password, Vfw20-21! The Mail screen will appear. On the left tab, click on My Profile. This will bring you to My Profile Screen. Under the Plesk Preferences you will see

the email address and an area to enter the new password which you will choose. A few lines down, you are asked to confirm the Password. Click on OK.

After the above steps are completed, go back to the Webmail login screen, and go to Check Your Email. Enter your email address and password on the next screen. You should be in your emails. If you have any issues, please contact Ken Allison at 636-856-8140.

16. 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.

17. The following District Schools of Instruction/meetings for the month of June and July are announced:

DIST.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
1	7/11/20	7159	Princeton 10 am	Sr. Vice Cdr.	SOI & District Meeting
2	6/27/20	4238	Dixon, 10 am	Commander	SOI
3	7/12/20	7356	Parkville 1 pm	Sr. Vice Cdr.	District Meeting
9	7/12/20	2482	St Clair 10am	Commander	SOI & District Meeting
12	7/19/20	6274	Ballwin 12 pm	Sr. Vice Cdr.	SOI
14	7/19/20	3404	Springfield 12:30 pm	Chief of Staff	District Meeting
15	7/19/20	7183	Libourn- noon 12pm	Commander	District Meeting
17	7/19/20	11041	Palmyra 10am	Jr. Vice Cdr.	SOI & District Meeting

Official:
Donald L. Hentges
Adjutant

By Order of:
Eric Sullivan
Commander

General Orders #1, Series 2020-21

Eric Sullivan, State Commander

Page - 5