



**HEADQUARTERS
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(To be read or distributed at regular Post Meeting and then filed)

1. The 2020 Department Convention that was to be held at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, June 4 – June 7, 2020 has been cancelled.
2. The Department of Missouri Council of Administration will meet at 10:30 am on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Post 1003 in St Martins, MO. for the purpose of closing out any remaining business for the 2019/2020 year and electing Officers for 2020-2021. Due to the COVID-19 regulations there is very limited space so meeting is open to only those that are invited. For anyone else wishing to attend, you may join via ZOOM. Number and Code will be sent out by mass email on June 5th.
3. Officers for the 2020 – 2021 year will be installed immediately following the Council of Administration Meeting.
4. The first meeting of the newly elected Council will be scheduled for Saturday Afternoon, June 6th. following the installation of New Officers. Attendance by Council members is required.
5. A short School of Instructions for District Commanders will be held immediately following the C of A meeting.
6. Congratulations to all the Posts and Districts that have earned All State. An Awards Ceremony to honor All State and other award winners will be held at a later date, once we can get together again. More to follow on this as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
7. The 121st VFW National Convention that was scheduled for July 18-23, 2020. in Reno Nevada has been cancelled. If you made a room reservation through Convention housing your room should be automatically cancelled. You should receive an email to that effect.
8. All Department Officers, District Commanders, and Committee Chairmen are reminded that they are to submit a written report to the State Adjutant covering their activities of the past year. This report may be forwarded directly to Department Headquarters or given to the State Adjutant at the C of A on June 6th. These reports will be made an official part of the minutes. This report should be concise and cover the highlights of the 2019 – 2020 administrative year.
6. National Headquarters has not received the Report of Election of Post Officers from several Posts. Completion and submittal of the Report of Election is the responsibility of the current Post

Quartermaster. 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.**

9. Newly elected District and Post Officers do not assume their duties until the newly elected State Commander is installed on June 6th, 2020.

10. Post and Districts are reminded that sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedures states in part: "-----officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the Adjutant. ----officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to office." **Officers being installed should be reminded, (if they are an annual member) that they must pay their 2021 dues prior to their annual subscription due date to hold their office for the year they are elected.**

11. We need your help with the 2019-2020 Membership Campaign. As of today, May 28, the Department is at 95.68%. We need everyone's help at the District and Post level. Now is the time to be writing those letters, making phone calls. **With things the way they are right now we need to be calling our members to check on them anyway. What better time to tell them how important they are to the VFW and how much we need them as a member. If they are in a financial bind you can use your relief fund to help them with their dues.** All continuous members should pay their dues prior to the expiration date and be encouraged to purchase a life membership. **REMEMBER anyone joining as a Life Member or upgrades to a Life Member 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.**

12. State Commander Williams and the line officers wish to congratulate all the posts that achieved 100% in membership to date. It's your efforts that will keep the VFW strong for the future.

Official:

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By order of:

Troy Williams
Commander