



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

Series 2021-2022

August 2021

**(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 October 1, 2, & 3, 2021 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 \$79.00. The form for the Banquet on Saturday evening is attached.
2. The 122<sup>nd</sup> National Convention is scheduled for July 31 – August 3, 2021 in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, please go to [vfw.org/convention](http://vfw.org/convention).
3. The Big Ten Conference will be October 15-17, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Rapid City – Rushmore Plaza, 550 N. Fifth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. Please see attached for more information.
4. Congratulations to the Post and Districts that achieved ALL- American Status for the 2020-2021 year.
5. 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.
6. The 2021-22 Membership Campaign is now underway. All Annual Members are urged to renew as soon as possible. Due's reminder notices were mailed by National Headquarters to all Annual members in late June. We currently have a great Life Member incentive going on. **“The Deal of a Lifetime”**. Anyone joining as a Life Member or upgrades to a Life Member will receive a check for 50% of their Life Member Dues from the Department Quartermaster. Make sure to notify the State Quartermaster at [gm@movfw.org](mailto:gm@movfw.org) so he knows to mail you your rebate check. The Council voted a specific amount of money for this program so when it runs out the program will end so don't delay in letting your members know about this program. Email or call the State Quartermaster if you have questions. The 50% rebate does not apply to Legacy Life but the \$45 incentive still applies.

7. 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, 2021. You can do 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.

8. 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 2021, (most posts have a year end of 30 June). **Failure to file will result in the loss of your tax-exempt status.**

9. 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](mailto:adj@movfw.org) is acceptable.

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

11. 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.

12. The annual trip to the National Home for Children will be 21-24 October, 2021. The Missouri Halloween theme is "MASH". You can contact the VFW or Auxiliary Chairman for character suggestions. If your Post would like to make a donation to help offset the Cost of the trip for individual members, please send to Dept. Headquarters by August 13, 2021. There will be more information on the trip in the September General Orders. If you have questions concerning the National Home you can contact Marilyn Archuletta at 660-473-3223, or e-mail: [natlhomechrm@movfw.org](mailto:natlhomechrm@movfw.org)

13. Posts are reminded that **ALL** Officer Changes must be reported to National and Department. You can email a copy of the Officer Change Form to me at [adj@movfw.org](mailto:adj@movfw.org) or Fax a copy to 1-573-636-2664 or mail a copy to: 3401 Knipp Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

14. The Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the National Home for Children will be held Friday, September 17, 2021 at Bear Creek Golf Course. Please see the attached Flyer for more information.

15. **All Post are strongly encouraged to log onto the VFW Department of Missouri Webmail.** The Post account is post (your post #) @movfw.org; i.e. [postxxxx@movfw.org](mailto:postxxxx@movfw.org); The default password is Vfw21-22! You can then change the password to whatever you want. Access to webmail is through the State website, [www.movfw.org](http://www.movfw.org). Go to the top task bar and click on LOGIN and then click on Webmail. You will see in the middle "change email password". Once this is 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 636-448-3061.

16. Commander shirts are available. You may stop by HQ's and pick them up or call 573 636-8761 to place an order. Cost is \$35 up to size XL The cost is \$45 for sizes XXL and above. Plus, postage if you have it shipped to you. We will also have them available at the C of A meeting in October.

17. The following District Schools of Instruction and District 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>
3	8/28/21	6760	St Joseph, 1pm	JR VICE	District Meeting
5	8/8/21	5789	Lee's Summit 1 pm	SR VICE	District Meeting
7	8/14/21	4207	Monett 10 am	CDR	SOI & District Meeting
8	8/15/21	2210	St Genevieve 1 pm	SR VICE	District Meeting
18	8/21/21	1828	West Plains 10 am	SR VICE	District Meeting

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