



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6**

Series 2021-2022

December 2021

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

1. The Winter Council of Administration Meeting and Voice of Democracy Banquet will be held on February 4 & 5, 2022, at Crowne Plaza St Louis Airport, St Louis, MO. All members of the Council, as well as Committee and Chairpersons, should make every effort to attend and be prepared to report in accordance with the agenda, which will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date.

Room reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 314-291-6700 or by clicking on the link on attached flyer. An **updated** Banquet Ticket Form for the Voice of Democracy Banquet is attached also.

2. Post and District Commanders are reminded that the Department pays the **cost of the meal only for the student to attend the Voice of Democracy banquet.** Meals and lodging for the parents and guests of the student must be arranged through Department Headquarters and paid for by the District or Post, depending on District by-laws or standing rules. A special form to make rooming and meal arrangements for students, their families, and guests will be distributed by the Voice of Democracy Chairman. **It is important that this form be used and returned to Department Headquarters by the date indicated on the form. Credit card information must be included to hold the room. If the hotel doesn't receive a District or Post check at the event, the room will be charged to the credit card listed on the form. DO NOT SEND PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRICT WINNER'S ROOM.** Please do not make room reservations for the district winner outside the special form explained above. A block of rooms has been set aside for this purpose. Please contact Angela at Department Headquarters if you have any questions.

3. **Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year:** District Chairs should send a summary report along with the winning Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entry forms to the Department Chair by no later than December 17th. The Program Chairman is Quincy Myrick (vodchrm@movfw.org). Quincy's mailing address is 4414 Arlow Dr. House Springs MO 63051. Entries for the Teachers Awards are also due to the District by November 15th, Department by December 15th. Randle Tolliver is the Chairman (americanismchrm@movfw.org). **Reminder to submit correct forms with all entries!** Program entry forms can be downloaded (copied) from the VFW website: <http://www.movfw.org>.

4. The 2022 VFW National Convention will be held in Kansas City Missouri July 16 – 21, 2022. Since we are the Host State, we will be called upon to support this endeavor in many ways. We will need volunteers to serve as Drivers, Registrants, and in other vital rolls. If you are interested

in volunteering, please contact Department.

5. All District Commanders should strive to complete their Post visits by December 31. Post visit reports should be sent to Department Headquarters immediately following such visits. It's important that you visit the Post early in the year and give them encouragement and offer to assist them in problems they may be having.

6. If your Post has not ordered your quota of Buddy Poppies, please do so ASAP. Please see your Post Commander Handbook for order form and quota you need to order. If you wish to charge them on a Credit Card, please fill out the Credit Card information. Otherwise mail a check along with the form. **(Orders will not be taken over the Phone)**

7. Proceeds from the Raffle of the Savage 110 in 6.5 RPC, w/Vortex Crossfire 3X9 scope and adjustable trigger are to be used for the Hospitality Room at the 2022 National Convention in Kansas City. All funds and requests for additional tickets are to be mailed to Sr Vice Commander Royce Kelb at PO Box 103, Lincoln, MO 65338 so he can account for which tickets have been sold or returned. All proceeds will be turned over to the Department Quartermaster. Drawing will be in June at the State Convention.

8. The 2022 Membership Campaign is off and running. If the Department of Missouri is to enjoy a membership growth this year, a tremendous amount of work must be done. As of today, November 24, 2021, the Dept. was at 88.50% All unpaid 2021 members can assist in this endeavor by prompt payment of their 2022 dues. Now is the time to be writing those letters, making phone calls and knocking on doors. **The money for the 50% Rebate Program for L M Fee's has run out** so this Program is over. However, anyone joining as a Life Member or upgrades to a Life Member prior to June 30, 2022 will receive a check for \$45 from the Department Quartermaster. **(This includes Legacy Life). Post Quartermaster's, you must email the State Quartermaster when someone converts to Life Member or joins as a Life Member so he knows to mail the check.** Having a good Veterans Service Information event in December is a great opportunity to meet and assist eligible veterans in applying for their VA benefits and welcome new Veterans into the Post. **It's not the price they pay to be a member; it's the price they paid to be eligible for membership.**

9. The Partners **in Veterans Service** Program was established to allow individual members to contribute monthly to the VSO Program. A copy of the brochure is attached. The money the Department of Missouri receives from the Missouri Veterans Commission Grant Program is not guaranteed. To keep our Service Officer Program strong and sustainable for the future we need your help. Please print the attached brochure and distribute to you members and ask them to help. Numerous members have been assisted by the State Veteran Service Officers in their endeavor to establish disability compensation. NOW is the time to give back!! **If you don't have access to printer, please call Angela at Dept Headquarters to request some color brochures.**

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. All District Commanders should strive to complete their Post Inspections by December 31. 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.

12. 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.

13. All Posts should obtain current 2022 copy of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. The revised edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2022 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 122nd National Convention, which becomes effective on Sept. 2, 2021.

14. Posts are reminded that **ALL** Officer Changes must be reported to National and Department. You can email the Officer Change Form to the State Adjutant at adj@movfw.org or to the Office Manager at hqangela@movfw.org, or Fax to 1-573-636-2664 or mail to: 3401 Knipp Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

15 **All Post are strongly encouraged to log onto the VFW Department of Missouri Webmail.** Please see your Post Commanders Handbook for details on how to do this. If you have any issues, please contact Ken Allison at 636-448-3061.

16. **REMEMBER December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day**

17. The following District Meeting for the month of December is announced:

DIST.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
12	12/18/21	3944	Overland 11 am	SR VICE	Dist. Mtg/Banquet

18. On behalf of the Line Officers and Office Staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Official:
Donald L. Hentges
Adjutant

By Order of:
James Nail
Commander