



**HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC  
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8**

Series 2021-2022

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**(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 attached agenda. Room reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 314-291-6700.
2. The 2022 Department Convention will be held at the Marriott St Louis Airport, St Louis, MO. June 2 – June 5, 2022. Reservations for sleeping rooms are not yet available. I will send something out along with a link to the hotel as soon as the information becomes available.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Post Commanders are reminded that the annual election of Post Officers must be held during the month of April. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention. Newly installed officers do not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed at the State Convention. Post-Election Report Forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters **immediately following** the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1, 2022.
6. Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

7. 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.”

8. **GOOD NEWS.** The Council has voted to add more money to the Life Member rebate program. 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 him at [qm@movfw.org](mailto:qm@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. The 50% rebate will be retroactive to November 15, 2021, when the original money ran out.

9. **New / Reinstated Membership Grant Initiative for VFW.**

Effective January 1, 2022 every VFW Post that signs up and submits full membership dues\* for each member will receive a grant based on the type of membership submitted while funds are available. Please see attached from Dan West, Assistant Adjutant General, for full details

10. Congratulations go out to all of the Post Commanders, Quartermasters, and Membership Chairmen that have achieved 100% membership.

11. If your Post has not made a donation to the Veterans Service Officer Program or the Veteran and Military Support Program, please do so ASAP. These are requirements for your Post to earn All-State. **REMEMBER:** VSO checks must be mailed to Department HQs and VMS checks must be mailed to National HQs as stated in your Commander Handbook.

12. Prior to your monthly meeting, please review your All-State status and conduct your meeting so as to accomplish items to get your Post to that Honor. Please take a look at your 2021-2022 Post Commander Handbook to see what your Post needs to do. All State determination will be made from data collected by the Department Headquarters on May 1, 2022

13. 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.

14. The deadline for submitting bids for the 2025 Department Convention is March 15, 2022, as prescribed by the Department By-Laws. Any Post or group of Posts wishing to submit a bid should contact Department Headquarters for the Convention hotel requirements and coordination of the bid request.

15. 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](mailto:adj@movfw.org) or to the Office Manager at [hqangela@movfw.org](mailto:hqangela@movfw.org), or Fax to 1-573-636-2664 or mail to: 3401 Knipp Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

16. The following District Meeting for the month of February are announced:

<b>DIST.</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>POST</b>	<b>LOCATION/TIME</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>2/20/22</b>	<b>5789</b>	<b>Lee's Summit 1 pm</b>	<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	<b>District Meeting</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>2/13/22</b>	<b>8220</b>	<b>Belton 12 pm</b>	<b>CDR</b>	<b>District Meeting</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>2/12/22</b>	<b>2590</b>	<b>Carthage 10 am</b>	<b>SR VICE</b>	<b>VOD/PP District Meeting</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>2/13/22</b>	<b>3777</b>	<b>Festus 12 noon</b>	<b>SURGEON</b>	<b>VOD/PP District Meeting</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>2/19/22</b>	<b>4105</b>	<b>Florissant 12 pm</b>	<b>JR VICE</b>	<b>District Meeting</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>2/19/22</b>	<b>5993</b>	<b>Ava 10 am</b>	<b>CDR</b>	<b>District Meeting</b>

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