



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7**

Series 2021-2022

January 2022

(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 or by clicking on the link on attached flyer. A 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. 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. 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)**

6. Section 105 of the National By-Laws is clear on Members in Good Standing in the Post. Members that have not paid their 2022 dues by their expiration date are not in good standing until the dues are paid. Section 220 of the National By-Laws states, "Any elective Post Officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues ---shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed." **Post Commanders shall ensure that all their Post Officers have paid their 2022 dues by their expiration date. There's no reason to delay until the last minute.**

Post Officers failing to pay their 2022 dues by their expiration date will be removed from office and aren't allowed to serve in any office for the remainder of the administrative year. Post Commanders and Quartermasters are encouraged to check their rosters and make sure their officers renew on time.

7. As of today, December 27, 2021, the Dept. of MO. membership is at 90.42%. **Remember**, 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 joins as a Life Member or upgrades to Life or Legacy Life so he knows to mail the check.**

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

9. 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.

10. 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

11. Quarterly Audit Report's for quarter ending December 31 2021 are due to Department Headquarters no later than January 31, 2022. Audits **MUST** be in by the designated date to qualify for All-State. Postmarks do not count as each Post has 30 days to conduct their audit and mail, fax or email the completed audit report to State Headquarters. **Per sec. 218 (11) b. it's the duty of the Trustee's to conduct the audit and submit the Trustee Report of the Audit to the Department Quartermaster. Any post failing to submit a Quarterly Audit Report will not be allowed to vote at the upcoming State Convention to be held in June 2022.**

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. The following District Meeting for the month of January are announced:

DIST.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
1	1/15/22	1773	Carrollton 11 am	JR VICE	District Meeting
2	1/22/22	8045	Argyle, 1 pm	SR VICE	District Meeting
3	1/29/22	10906	Gladstone, 1pm	SR VICE	District Meeting
9	1/9/22	10350	Lake St. Louis 1 pm	SURGEON	District Meeting
14	1/16/22	3404	Springfield 12:30 pm	SR VICE	District Meeting
15	1/16/22	7138	Lilbourn - 12 pm	CDR	District Meeting
17	1/16/22	4240	Monroe City 12 pm	SURGEON	District Meeting

15. On behalf of the Line Officers and Office Staff we wish you Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Official:
Donald L. Hentges
Adjutant

By Order of:
James Nail
Commander