



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1**

Series 2023-2024

July 2023

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

1. Having been elected Commander of the Department of Missouri and been duly installed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command.
2. The following Department Officers have been duly elected and installed at the 102nd.VFW Department of Missouri Convention:

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| COMMANDER: | Charles Williams |
| SR VICE COMMANDER: | Richard DePontee |
| JR VICE COMMANDER: | Quincy Myrick |
| QUARTERMASTER: | Tom McLerran |
| JUDGE ADVOCATE: | Samuel (Chris) Weber |
| SURGEON: | Scott Huffman |
| CHAPLAIN: | Deborah Halter |
| PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: | Royce Kelb |

3. The following District Commanders have been duly elected and installed were obligated to the Council:

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| District 1 | William Wyant | District 9 | Lynette Lewis |
| District 2 | Marilynn Archuleta | District 12 | Anthony Laprocina |
| District 3 | Joseph Wolfgeher | District 14 | Philip Rippee |
| District 5 | Elizabeth Jordan | District 15 | James Colyer |
| District 6 | Marvin Dotson | District 17 | Marvin Flynn |
| District 7 | David Bozarth | District 18 | Daniel Goff |
| District 8 | Bert Williams | | |

4. All previous appointments, except Service Officers and VAVS Representatives and their Deputies, are declared null and void and the following appointments are announced:

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| ADJUTANT: | Don Hentges |
| CHIEF OF STAFF: | Buddy McEachern |
| INSPECTOR: | Randal Wansing |
| DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER | Troy Williams |
| MEMBERSHIP: | Tom McLerran |

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| COMMUNITY SERVICE: | Quincy Myrick |
| RECRUITER | Joe Wolfgeher |
| LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS: | Troy Williams |
| LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS: | Michael Schroeder |
| HOMELESS VETERANS: | Scott Huffman |
| CITIZENSHIP/AMERICANISM: | Jerry Youngblood |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS: | Ken Allison |
| POW/MIA: | Joseph Cerchi |
| BUDDY POPPY: | Jeff Heise |
| NATIONAL HOME: | Marilynn Archuleta |
| VOICE OF DEMOCRACY /PATRIOTS PEN: | Scott Huffman |
| VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT: | Chris Weber |
| STUDENT VETERAN COORDINATOR: | Don Brockmeier |
| NATIONAL SCOUTING TEAM REP: | Andre Sidney |
| MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-East | Barry Dennison |
| MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-West | Don Harris |
| WEBMASTER: | Ken Allison |
| OFFICER OF THE DAY: | Billy Becker |
| SERGEANT AT ARMS: | Chester Jones |
| ASST. PUBLIC RELATIONS | Randy Craig |
| ASST. WEBMASTER | Randy Craig |
| VSIO | Ric Depontee |

BUDGET COMMITTEE:
Eric Sullivan, C. W. Mitchem, and Clifford Branch

State Commander Charles Williams extends congratulations and best wishes for a successful year.

5. Reminder to Post Commanders: The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program require the Post Commander attend the Dept. or District School of Instructions and attend, or have a Post Representative attend all meetings called by the District Commander.
6. Posts that have not submitted an election report will be receiving a letter from the Department Commander placing the Post on suspension. **If your Post has not submitted their report, do so ASAP.** Quartermasters should submit on-line via the National Website at www.vfw.org. If you are not familiar with submittal on-line, fax or email the completed form to Department Headquarters and we will enter it for you. **If you have submitted an incomplete form, you will need to contact National to make the additions or submit a new report on-line.** 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.
7. The 124th. VFW National Convention will be held July 22-27, 2023, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Please go to the VFW website at vfw.org/convention for general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda.

8. The next meeting of the Council of Administration will be held on September 22-23, 2023 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri. 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. For reservations you can call (417) 866-5253 or (888) 532-4338

9. Mark your calendar for Friday, September 29, 2023. There will be a Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the VFW National Home. The event will be held at the Bear Creek Golf Course in St Charles, MO. Please see attached Flyer for more details and to register.

10. 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.**

11. 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.

12. Quarterly audit reports for the period ending 6-30-23 are due 7-31-23. This deadline must be met for All State Contest purposes and is required by National By-Laws. Audits must be at Dept. Headquarters on or before the last day of the month. Postmarks do not count as each Post has 30 days to conduct and mail, fax, or email the complete Audit Report to Dept. Headquarters, 3401 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, MO. 65109. The fax # is (573) 636-2664 or email to adj@movfw.org; or hqangela@movfw.org.

13. The reporting section of the Online Reporting is up and running. To login go to movfw.org and click on Login, then Members Only. You will need your membership ID number. The password is your last name with the first character capitalized. For Auxiliary members that input reports the webmaster will need the following information to set them up in the system:
Auxiliary member ID number, First Name, Last Name, Complete address, Post #, District, Email address, & Phone number.
If you have any member that cannot log on or have any questions or problems, please call Ken Allison at 636 448-3061.

14. **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; Please see your predecessor for current password. You can then change the password to whatever you want. Access to webmail is through the State website, 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.

15. Past Dept. Commander, Royce Kelb wishes to thank everyone for their hard work and support to make the 2022-2023 year very successful. Best wishes for prosperous 2023-2024 year.

16. The following District Schools of Instruction and District Meetings for the month of July are announced:

| D | DATE | POST | LOCATION/TIME | OFFICER | REMARKS |
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| 1 | 7/8/23 | 7159 | Princeton 9 am | Commander | SOI & District Meeting |
| 3 | 7/15/23 | Mt Zion Church | 5705 Hwy Z, Edgerton, 1 pm | Commander | SOI & District Meeting |
| 5 | 7/16/23 | 5789 | Lee's Summit, 11 am | Jr. Vice Cdr. | SOI & District Meeting |
| 8 | 7/15/23 | 6883 | Bonne Terre, 12 pm | Jr. Vice Cdr. | SOI |
| 9 | 7/9/23 | 2866 | St Charles, 1 pm | Quartermaster | SOI & District Meeting |
| 12 | 7/15/23 | 3944 | Overland, 12 pm | Sr. Vice | SOI & District Meeting |
| 14 | 7/16/23 | 3404 | Springfield 12:30 pm | Surgeon | SOI & District Meeting |
| 15 | 7/16/23 | 3127 | Chaffee, 12 pm | Sr. Vice | SOI & District Meeting |
| 17 | 7/16/23 | 2508 | Kirksville, 10 am | Quartermaster | SOI & District Meeting |

Official:
 Donald L. Hentges
 Adjutant

By Order of:
 Charles Williams
 Commander

