



**HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC  
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11**

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

1. The 2023 Department Convention will be held at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, June 8 – June 11, 2023. Reservations for sleeping rooms became available on February 1. Currently, sleeping room reservations are restricted to a three (3) day stay and may be made by calling the hotel direct at 1-888-532-4338 or clicking the link on the attached flyer. Be sure to let them know you are with the VFW. Persons reserving three (3) days and later cancelling one (1) or two (2) will have the entire three (3) days cancelled. We do have an Overflow Hotel if Oasis is full or for anyone wanting to make a reservation for LESS than three (3) days, the hotel is: Holiday Inn & Suites of Springfield and can be reached at 417-865-8600. There are several other Hotels nearby. Attached is a Tentative Agenda and Banquet Form for the Friday evening Buffet Dinner. Also attached is some information from the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau.
2. **Deadline for receipt of Convention Book Ad's is May 12, 2023.** All Post and Districts are encouraged to give recognition to their officers by submitting an Ad for the Convention Book. Add cost are \$100 for Full Page and \$60 for Half Page. The book is being published in ½ size and in house. Please email or Fax Ad request information to Angela @ Department HQ's. Her email is [hqangela@movfw.org](mailto:hqangela@movfw.org). The fax number is (573) 636-2664
3. 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](http://vfw.org/convention) for general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda.
4. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that is being mailed to all Post. **Post Quartermasters, please send in the \$25.00 registration fee and register at least one (1) delegate as soon as you receive the registration forms. Don't wait until July to send in your delegate fee.**

5. **Post Quartermasters**, you have received a letter in early April concerning your Voting Strength and Delegate Dues owed. **Dues must be paid in order to vote at the Convention.** Don't wait to pay your dues at the convention. To help ensure a smooth election process please submit a check to Department Headquarters immediately to avoid last minute chaos and confusion. Checks for Delegate Dues will not be accepted at Convention Registration.
6. All Posts should have held the election of Post Officers at the April meeting. 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. If you have not submitted a Post Election form, please do so ASAP. Post-Election Report Forms were 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, 2023. **Posts that do not submit an election report will be put on suspension.** If you need help, please call Dept. Headquarters.
- 7.. 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.
8. 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."
9. As of today, April 28, 2023 the Dept. of MO. is at 99.04% in Membership. We are ahead of where we normally are at this time but need to keep working hard. Royce has approximately \$3550 left in the Hospitality Room Fund and to keep the momentum going the Commander has announced a membership incentive. Any Post that is at 100% or greater on January 30, 2023 will have one (1) ticket in a drawing for cash. For every 1% increase in your membership, you will receive an additional entry in the drawing. When your Post reaches 100% you will be entered in the drawing and will receive an additional entry for every 1% increase. Ten (10) entries will be drawn for around \$355 each after the All-State Ceremony at the State Convention. So, keep working on membership. You're Post could win more than once.
10. 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.
11. District Commanders, you are encouraged to get your District Meeting schedule for the 2023/ 2024 year put together as soon as possible. Please send a copy to Department so a complete schedule can be put together for the State Officers. When putting your schedule together keep these dates in mind. September 22 and 23, 2023 Fall C of A, October 20 & 21, 2023 Big 10 Conference, and February 9 & 10, 2024 Winter C of A.

12. **REMINDER:** In order to vote at the Department Convention, you must stop by the Registration Table and register prior to 11 am on Saturday morning. Also, Post Delegate Dues must be paid, all four (4) Quarterly Trustee Audits submitted, and the Post Election Report submitted. To avoid chaos and confusion these items will not be accepted at Convention Registration.

If any of these items are missing, your Post will not be allowed to vote in the Election.

13. District Convention scheduled for May 2023

<b>DIST.</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>POST</b>	<b>LOCATION/TIME</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>5/7/23</b>	<b>4409</b>	<b>Harrisonville 12 pm</b>		<b>District Convention</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>5/13/23</b>	<b>4207</b>	<b>Monett 10 am</b>		<b>District Convention</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>5/7/23</b>	<b>6883</b>	<b>Bonne Terre, 1 pm</b>		<b>District Convention</b>

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By Order of:

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