



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3**

Series 2020-2021

September 2020

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

1. The next meeting of the Council of Administration will be held on September 25 & 26, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn, at 19677 East Jackson Dr. Independence, MO. 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, which will be provided prior to the meeting. Room reservations must be made through the hotel by calling (816) 350-3000. Tell them you are with the VFW. The room rate is \$89.00. Banquet form and Tentative Agenda are attached.
2. Congratulations to the Post and Districts that achieved ALL- State and ALL- American Status for the 2019-2020 year. **(Please see attached List)**. These, as well as other Awards, will be presented at an Awards Ceremony on Friday night, September 25th. at the Fall C of A.
3. The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program require the Post Commander or a Post Representative attend all meetings **(including School of Instruction)** called by the District Commander. Post Commanders should familiarize themselves with Article II sec. 218 – Officers: Duties and Obligations and ensure they are meeting their obligations. **Missed meetings are carried forward from one year to the next for the purposes of disciplinary action recommendations.**
4. Posts are reminded that ALL officer changes must be reported to National and Department. The original should be submitted on-line via the National Website at www.vfw.org. Fax a copy of the change form to 1-573-636-2664 or email to adj@movfw.org, or mail to: 3401 Knipp Dr. Jefferson City, MO 65109.
5. Reminder to Posts and Districts: The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship program needs your support. Department needs Posts or Auxiliaries to (co)sponsor scholarships. Please forward \$500.00 to Department Headquarters prior to September 30, 2020. You can one payment for the full amount or monthly installments. Scholarships will be paid out over a five-year period to district winners. Scholarship sponsor's name(s) will be listed in the banquet program each year.
6. If your Post has not ordered your quota of Buddy Poppies please do so ASAP. There is an order form attached. 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. 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 2020, (most posts have a year end of 30 June).** If your gross income (from all sources) is less than \$50,000.00 per year, you will file the form 990N online from now on. Go online to the IRS site, <http://www.egovernment.gov> and follow the three (3) steps to sign up and file. **Failure to file will result in the loss of your tax-exempt status.**

8. All inspection reports should be mailed directly to the Department Inspector, Paul Frampton. His address is: 12855 NW Oaksdide Crt. Platte City, MO. 64079. If a Deputy Inspector wishes to claim mileage for travel in connection with the inspections, he must submit his voucher to the Department Inspector for approval.

9. The Big 10 Conference is scheduled for October 16-18 in Columbus OH. More information will be sent out as we get it.

10. The Executive Staff at the VFW National Home has requested we **NOT** make our annual trip to the National Home for Children this Fall, due to COVID-19. It is suggested that individuals, Post, and Districts to consider making a donation to the National Home in the amount they would normally spend on the annual bus trip. Donations can be sent to Dept. Headquarters. Please put "For VFW Natl. Hm" on the check. For further information, contact Marilyn Archuletta at 660-473-3223, or e-mail: nathomechrm@movfw.org. Also, per Jim Mueller, Past National Commander-In-Chief, and past Trustee of the National Home, the annual Golf Tournament that Fairwinds sponsors in September has been cancelled. However, their donors are generously donating \$10,000 to the VFW National Home.

11. The 2020-21 Membership Campaign is now underway. All 2020 annual members are urged to renew as soon as possible. **REMEMBER anyone joining as a Life Member or upgrades to a Life Member prior to June 30, 2021 will receive a check for \$45 from the Department Quartermaster Make sure to notify the State Quartermaster so he knows who to mail the check to.**

12. Posts who have Ceremonial Rifles are reminded that these are ACCOUNTABLE weapons and must be SECURED! Leaving them in an unsecured locker or room is not proper security. Commanders' and Quartermasters' WILL BE HELD LIABLE if weapons and ammunition are not properly secured and are lost, stolen or misplaced. Posts are NOT AUTHORIZED to sell these weapons. If a Post is dissolved, the rifles must be returned to TACOM.

13. Commander shirts are in. You may stop by HQ's and pick them up or fill out attached Order Form and Email to hqnicole@movfw.org. Cost is \$35 plus shipping cost if shipped to you. We will also have them available at the C of A meeting.

14. 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. **All representatives will be assigned by the State Commander.**

.15 Posts are reminded to send Department a copy of your Certificate of Insurance when you renew your Policy each year. Attention is brought to Article VII, sec. 709 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures, "Any Post owning and/or operating, directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general Liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. Such insurance must be of a type and amount sufficient to protect the Post and must name, as additional insured, the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the United State and the Department of Missouri.

16. There is no District meeting scheduled in the month of September.

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