



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

Series 2021-2022

September 2021

(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 October 1, 2, & 3, 2021 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 \$79.00. The form for the Banquet on Saturday evening is attached. **Don't forget to bring items for the VFW & Auxiliary Joint Project.** (see attached)
2. The Big Ten Conference will be October 15-17, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Rapid City – Rushmore Plaza, 550 N. Fifth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701.
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.
4. The 2021-22 Membership Campaign is now underway. All Annual Members are urged to renew as soon as possible. Due's reminder notices were mailed by National Headquarters to all Annual members in late June. We currently have a great Life Member incentive going on. **“The Deal of a Lifetime”**. 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 the State Quartermaster at 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.
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. 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.

7. 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, 2021. You can do 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.

8. 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.**

9. 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.

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

11. Post Commanders are reminded that Community Activity Reporting is now on-line through the on-line Reporting program. Either Post or its Auxiliary may submit an activity through Online Community Activity Reporting. If the person submitting the report fails to include a name and means of contact, the reviewer reserves the right to reject the report outright. Please help us to help you get these reports correct.

12. The annual trip to the National Home for Children will be 21-24 October, 2021. The Missouri Halloween theme is "MASH". You can contact the VFW or Auxiliary Chairman for character suggestions. **Deadline to sign-up is 4 October.** There is a Registration Form and Agenda attached. If you have questions concerning the National Home you can contact Marilynn Archuletta at 660-473-3223, or e-mail: natlhomechrm@movfw.org

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 Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the National Home for Children will be held Friday, September 17, 2021 at Bear Creek Golf Course. Deadline to sign-up was July 31st. but I have attached the Flyer in case you need more information.

15. 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.

16 **All Post are strongly encouraged to log onto the VFW Department of Missouri Webmail.** Please see your Post Commanders Handbook for details on how to do this. If you have any issues, please contact Ken Allison at 636-448-3061.

17. Commander shirts are available. You may stop by HQ's and pick them up or call 573 636-8761 to place an order. Cost is \$35 up to size XL The cost is \$45 for sizes XXL and above. Plus, postage if you have it shipped to you. We will also have them and the Red Friday Tee Shirts available at the C of A meeting in October.

18. Article VII sec. 704 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures establishes the requirement for all Posts to establish and maintain a Relief Fund. Expenditures from the relief fund shall be as prescribed in section 704 of the Manual of Procedures. Expenditures authorized include donations to Veteran Service, National Home, and support of the National Guard and their families. All Posts should review their accounting practices and ensure they are meeting this requirement.

19. The following District Meetings for the months of September and October are announced:

DIST.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
12	9/18/21	6274	Ballwin 12 pm	CDR	District Meeting
1	10/9/21	2176	Bethany 11 am	SR VICE	District Meeting
2	10/9/21	3168	Buckhorn, 1 pm	CDR	District Meeting
9	10/10/21	3772	Mexico 1 pm	CDR	District Meeting
14	10/17/21	3404	Springfield 12:30 pm		District Meeting
15	10/17/21	6477	Poplar Bluff - 12 pm		District Meeting
17	10/17/21	2508	Kirkville 12 pm	Chief of Staff	District Meeting

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