

# *Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America*

## *Department of Washington*

*5213 Pacific Highway East*

*Fife, Washington 98424*

## *Department of Washington Commander*



### General Orders Number 1

July 2021

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander-I, Chad Hassebroek, hereby assume command of the Department of Washington, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, effective June 26, 2021.
2. It shall be noted, in accordance with the Manual of Procedure, Article V, Section 516: The Department Commander retains authority to remove appointed officers, committee chairman and committees at any time.
3. In accordance with the National By-laws and Manual of Procedure, each elected officer is required to familiarize themselves with the duties and obligations assigned in Sections 218, 418 and 518.
4. It is with utmost importance that each Post utilize the "Chain of Command" properly. Almost every problem encountered at the Post level can be properly handled at the Post level, utilizing the appropriate measures and establishing a committee to resolve the problem. If the problem cannot be resolved, request assistance from your District Commander. The Department intervention shall be the last means of resolving internal problems, however, the officers and staff at Department are more than willing to assist or provide guidance.
5. Your newly elected officers for the 2021-2022 year are as follows:

Commander	Chad Hassebroek
Senior Vice Commander	Paul Herrera
Junior Vice Commander	Craig Dougherty
Judge Advocate	Perry Taylor
Surgeon	Drew James
Quartermaster	Paul Manly
Chaplain	Wes Anderson
1 Year Trustee	Jim Trainer
2 Year Trustee	Don Wischmann
3 Year Trustee	R C Sample

#### Appointed positions:

Chief of Staff	Jerry Herker
Adjutant/Assistant Quartermaster	Fred Green
Inspector	John Beam
Service Officer	Todd Gruchalla

6. I would like to “Congratulate” all the VFW and Auxiliary members who have taken on new positions within the Department, Districts and Posts. I look forward to a great year of coming together as a Department, becoming social again and working to serve our veterans, military, families and communities!

7. I want to “Congratulate” the 2021-2022 District Commander Team:

District 1	Otis Wolfe
District 2	Harold Rodenberger
District 3	Frank Persa
District 4	Ted Streete
District 5	Bo Brown
District 6	Dana Difford
District 7	Ron Ness
District 9	Carla Scott
District 11	Jim Beatty
District 14	Verdon Hendrickson
District 15	Robert Stratton
District 16	Bill Seifert
District 17	Trina Parrish

8. July 30 to August 4 will be National Convention in Kansas City, MO. Information from the convention will be sent out to the membership through general orders and emails.

9. The Department Joint School of Instruction will be held in two locations:

August 14, 2021	9AM to 5PM	Spokane Valley hosted by Post 1435
August 21, 2021	9AM to 5PM	Skyway hosted by Post 9430

10. All Social Media, Websites or Webpages using Department of Washington VFW must be approved by the Department Commander. Any Social Media, Website or Webpage operating without permission of the Department Commander will be considered in violation of this General Order #1.

11. The National Headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has suspended the following Post for failure to submit an election report for the 2021-2022 administrative year as mandated by Section 218(a)(1)(i) of the manual of procedure, reaffirmed in Commander-in-Chief's General Order No 7,8 and 9:

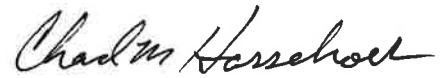
VFW Post 10706 Kenneth V. Gaul Post Brinnon WA

12. Reminder, all Post, District, Department and National Official Correspondence will come from the Adjutants.

We are an organization deep in tradition, please continue to mentor and teach not just the work of our order, but the traditions as well. I am honored to be our Department of Washington 100<sup>th</sup> State Commander, but more important, I am honored to be a part of our Department of Washington VFW "Team Century". Together we will do epic things! As we go forward into this year, "A Century of Serving Veterans and Families" we also look to the future as our Senior Vice Commander takes us into the First Year of our Second Century of Service! Exciting time to be a part of the VFW team in Washington State! "Carry the Torch!"



Fred Green  
Department Adjutant



Chad Hassebroek  
Department Commander