



Department of Washington
General Orders Number 2
November 2022

1. **A reminder to Post Commanders:** Section 105 of the National By-Laws is clear on Members in Good Standing in the Post. Members that have not paid their 2023 dues by their expiration date are not in good standing until the dues are paid. Section 220 of the National By-Laws states, *"Any elective Post Officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues ---shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed."* Post Commanders shall ensure that all their Post Officers have paid their 2023 dues by their expiration date. There's no reason to delay until the last minute. Post Officers failing to pay their 2023 dues by their expiration date will be removed from office and aren't allowed to serve in any office for the remainder of the administrative year. Post Commanders and Quartermasters are encouraged to check their rosters and make sure their officers renew on time.
2. **Post Commanders:** Article II Section 214 Solicitation of funds, paragraph 2 reads in part *Posts may solicit funds of contributions or otherwise engage in fund- raising activities or projects ONLY after prior vote of the post agreeing to such solicitations, activities, or projects. Paragraph 2 reads A post Shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fund -raising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of Post.*
3. Changes to the VFW National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Newly revised Robert's Rules of Order is readily available at local bookstores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon. The most recent edition (12th Edition) was released this year.
4. **Checks Sent to Department of Washington:** When forwarding checks to our State Quartermaster, please note that checks are to be made out to "Department of Washington VFW" and in the memo line, note the name of program it is for.
5. **Trustee's Report of Audit:** Post/District are reminded to forward their Trustees' reports at the end of each quarter of current year: June 30, Sep 30; Dec 31 and Mar 31; send these reports as soon as possible after each quarter to the Department Quartermaster.
6. **Deadline to submit 2021 IRS form:** Friday, December 30, 2022, is the deadline to submit a copy of your Post IRS Form, 990, 990EZ, or 990N.

7. **District Commanders:** As we are fast approaching the inclement weather months, if you are going to cancel a District meeting, please notify not only your Posts respectively but also State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Fred Green (adj@vfwwa.net), as soon as possible, so that the Department Representative can be notified. We do not want anyone to have an accident during inclement weather.
8. **2023 Mid-Winter Conference:** The Conference will be held again in Yakima Washington January 19-21-2023, with the National Commander in Chief Tim Borland. Hotel and Banquet information will be attached.

- The guidelines for Youth Programs set the following Deadlines for submission of entries:
- Nov 15 - Completion of Post Judging- submit to District
- Dec 15 -Completion of District Judging - submit to Department
- Jan 10 - Completion of Department Judging
- Jan 10 - Posts/District participation reports to Department
- Jan 15 - Department winners to National HQ
- Jan 31 - final Department reports submitted to National

9. I want to recognize the top 5 recruiters for Washington state:

1. Steve Woodward	Post 2224	185 Veterans recruited
2. Frank Persa	Post 5580	62 Veterans recruited
3. Keith Woodridge	Post 7392	22 Veterans recruited
4. Charles Bond	Post 7392	21 Veterans recruited
5. Alec Haggerty	Post 2224	17 Veterans recruited

Remember, the Department staff is here to assist you and answer your questions. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Happy Thanksgiving to every Veteran and their family. Be safe this holiday period in travels and visits.

Paul Herrera
State Commander
Department of Washington

Fred Green
State Adjutant/Quartermaster
Department of Washington

VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

- *October 31, Entries to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- December 15, Completion of District judging
- *February 1, Department winners and reports due to National (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

- *October 31, Student entries to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- December 15, Completion of District judging
- January 10, Completion of Department judging
- January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen
- *January 15, Department winners due to National
- *January 31, Department reports due to National

Scout of the Year

- *March 1, Scout entries to the Post
- *April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
- *May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

Community Service

- *April 30, Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission (Department to National)
- *April 30, National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission(s) (Department to National)
- *June 30, Community Service Reports Deadline

Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services)

- January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)
- *February 1, (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

National Certificate of Recognition

- April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

****Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested, and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.***



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Banquet

Saturday, January 21, 2022

Seating - 5:15 pm

Dinner - 6:00 PM

PLATED DINNER OPTIONS

(T) Oven Roasted Turkey w/ Gravy
Seasonal Vegetables
Side: Roasted Red Mashed Potatoes

(B) Pot Roast w/ a Mushroom gravy - Crimini
mushrooms, carrots, onions, red wine, rosemary,
thyme Side: Mashed Potatoes

(P) Apple Cider Brined Pork Tenderloin
w/ Maple Au Jus & baked apple compote
Side: Roasted red potatoes

(V) Spinach & Roasted Red Pepper Portobello
Mushroom stack - Sauteed spinach, roasted red
pepper & cheese w/ red pepper coulis
Side: Mashed Potato

Spiced Veggies, Salad, Rolls & Butter

Apple Pie w/ vanilla ice cream

Beverages: Water, Regular & Decaf Coffee, and Tea

\$25 per person

Reservation Deadline January 2nd

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

Name Phone Post/Aux Dist:

Address City Zip

I would like to reserve the following:

Number of Banquet Tickets For a total of \$ Enclosed is check(s) #

If requesting a full table, all seats must be paid for at the same time.

Same table seating is not guaranteed. 8 people per table.

Name entree` choice Name entree` choice

- 1. T/ P/ B/ V 5. T/ P/ B/ V
2. T/ P/ B/ V 6. T/ P/ B/ V
3. T/ P/ B/ V 7. T/ P/ B/ V
4. T/ P/ B/ V 8. T/ P/ B/ V

Please send payments to Department VFW, 5213 Pacific Hwy E, Fife, WA 98424 ATTN: Banquet

All credit/ debit card payments must have a transaction sheet included with the reservation form.

Reservation payments will not be taken over the phone.

VFW 2023 STATE MID-WINTER
Yakima Convention Center
Friday, January 20th, 2023
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**\$15 PER
PERSON**

LUNCHEON

Deli Sandwich -

(T) Turkey & Swiss
On fresh baked country Roll

(R) Roast Beef & Cheddar
On fresh baked country Roll

(H) Ham and Cheddar
On fresh baked country Roll

Served with bottled water, chips, and a cookie

Reservation Deadline January 5th - no refunds past this date

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

Name _____ Phone _____ Post/Aux _____ Dist _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

EMAIL: _____

I would like to reserve the following:

Number of Luncheon Tickets _____ For a total of \$ _____ Enclosed is check(s) # _____

Credit Card Information: Name on card _____

Card # _____ Expires: _____ Security Code: _____

8 people per table. Please list all names:

Name	entree` choice	Name	entree` choice
1. _____	T / R / H	5. _____	T / R / H
2. _____	T / R / H	6. _____	T / R / H
3. _____	T / R / H	7. _____	T / R / H
4. _____	T / R / H	8. _____	T / R / H

T = TURKEY & SWISS R = BEEF & CHEDDAR H = HAM & CHEDDAR

PLEASE NOTE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

**Do not wait to send in your reservation!
There will not be tickets for sale at the door!**

Make Checks or Money Orders payable to VFW, Dept. of WA

Send Reservation Form with payment to:

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Department of Washington
Mid-Winter Conference
January 19 & 21, 2023

Hotel Reservation Information

VFW Post Reservation ONLY!

Ledgestone Hotel

107 North Fair Avenue
Yakima, WA 98901

Phone: 509.453.3151

Website: www.ledgestonehotel.com

(JUST PRESS 0 FOR THE FRONT DESK)

State that "you are attending the VFW Mid-winter Conference group code VFW23."

Group Name: VFW Mid-Winter Conference 2023

\$96 per night plus taxes & fees (11.3% tax and \$4.00 nightly TPA fee)

Check-in time is 3:00 PM Checkout is 11:00 PM

Reservations Begin 17 October 2022

Reservation Deadline is JANUARY 5, 2023

No exceptions

A refundable deposit by card or cash of \$40 is **required** at check-in for incidentals.

You must make your own reservations!

**Exception: all ADA/ handicapped rooms must be reserved
through Department of Washington VFW
253-922-2114 ext. 1 for the Assistant Adjutant Jason Paxton**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of Washington
Mid-Winter Conference
January 19 & 21, 2023

Hotel Reservation Information

Auxiliary Reservation ONLY!

Holiday Inn
802 East Yakima Avenue
Yakima, WA 98901

Phone: 509.494.7000
Email: frontdesk@holidayinnyakima.com

(JUST PRESS 0 FOR THE FRONT DESK)

\$105 per night plus taxes & fees (11.3% tax and \$4.00 nightly TPA fee)

Check-in time is 3:00 PM Checkout is 11:00 PM

Reservations Begin 17 October 2022

Reservation Deadline is December 28, 2022

No exceptions

A refundable deposit by card or cash of \$40 is **required** at check-in for incidentals.

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Transaction Sheet
2022 - 2023

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Card #: _____

Expiration: _____ Sec Code: _____

Address associated with card: _____

Email for receipt: _____

Phone #: _____

\$25 per person

Number of Meals: _____

Amount to run card for: \$ _____

****This sheet gets shredded after card is ran for security purposes****