

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America
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Desk of the State Commander



General Orders Number 10
April 2022

1. Attention of all members any Post Member in good standing can be nominated and elected to be a Post Delegate. Post Delegate numbers are based on 1 for every 30 members as of the March 31 membership status. Posts may elect up to the full delegate strength or a portion thereof as Post Delegates to District and Department Conventions. Additionally, Post May also nominate and elect the same as Alternate Delegates. Official Delegate Cards must be shown during the conventions to cast delegate votes. Delegates will be verified as such during registration.
2. Congratulations to William Wickwire, Post 1948 for winning the Kansas City Spree. This award is for the top two Commanders (Post and District) in their respective Divisions who have attained 100% in membership by April 1st. Commander and one guest will be flown to Kansas City for the weekend of May 19-22 and have a tour of the VFW Headquarters, a chance to see some of the best entertainment and culture ta the city has to offer, and a heartfelt appreciation of a job well done from the VFW National Officers and Staff. Congratulations Post 1948 and all your hard work in membership!
3. All American Program Update:
 - A. Commander in Chief did not PULL the social media requirement from the All-American Program. The deadline was extended to 30 June. Social Media Page is still a requirement.
 - B. Every Post that meets all the requirement is considered and All-American Post. There is no special gold star sticker on your certificate if you finish in the top 25. The top 25 just get a few extras, but they are not “more special”.... There is no mission creep!
 - C. EVERY Post that meets the All-American requirements will receive the citation, streamer, and magazine recognition. This is in the membership program.
 - D. Every member of an All-American Post is entitled to purchase an All-American cap that says “member” on the side. This is a team accomplishment.
 - E. As you work through the next three months, everyone can be an All-American Post if you work hard at it. The All-American Dashboard is a great tool for tracking IF you report it. The Department and National Membership Teams are also here to assist you.
4. The KIA Legacy Citation of Merit is now completed and ready to go! This certificate is for military personnel killed in the line of duty who were not able to become VFW members. Many of you have Posts named for these folks. This idea came about in part because of the 13 Servicemembers who were killed in the last few days of Afghanistan, as they were eligible for membership but never had the opportunity to join. This does not confer membership in the VFW. It recognizes the sacrifice of servicemembers. The instructions and link will get you where you need to go and will show you what the framed citation looks like. You can order the outstanding framed edition for \$135 or the document by itself for \$35. So many possibilities here. You can order one for your Post, for next of kin, whoever would appreciate an acknowledgement of service.

Instructions to access order form.

- Go to vfw.org
- Sign in
- Click on OMS
- Click on Tools, Products and Merch
- Fill out form
- Go to payment.
- Make payment.

Here is a direct link <https://oms.vfw.org/CitationOfMerit/?sec=3>

5. Reminder to Post Commanders, Post Officers shall be elected in April.

6. Important Dates in April:

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| April 1 | Department Scout of the Year Entry due from District to Department April 1 |
| April 2 | Commander Good Will Tour Post 1435 from 10am to noon
Commander Good Will Tour Post 51 from 1pm to 3pm
Commander Good Will Tour Post 5924 5pm to 8pm |
| April 3 | Commander Good Will Tour Post 1474 10am to Noon |
| April 7 | VOD Virtual Parade of Winners streamed on National Facebook Page
5pm Pacific Time |
| April 11 | Line Officer meeting 3pm

Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991) |
| April 14 | First Round All-State judging |
| April 16 | District 7 Convention |
| April 20 | Coffee with the Commander 10am and 7pm |
| April 23 | District 2 Convention

District 16 Inspection, Official Visit, Convention |
| April 24 | District 14 Convention |
| April 28-May 1 | Sr Vice and Adjutant Training in Kansas City |

7. Watch your emails, Commanders, please ensure the Convention information is pushed out to all your members, not just those at the meetings. We want to ensure all our members can participate in our Department Convention and have the information needed for registration, hotel reservations, awards luncheon and banquet reservations, and the agenda for classes, memorial, and business.

8. As businesses are now allowing us to come back in with our information booths and buddy poppy distributions, please take the time to reconnect with them or make new connections to businesses in your area. Farmers markets are also starting to open, so “The Time IS Now” to start connecting and getting out there informing the public who we are, finding fellow Veterans and families, and bringing them into our family.

As we move into the final quarter of the 2021-2022 Team Century Year, we have so much to be proud of, from our outstanding increase in Community Service to assisting our Commander in Chief in his effort to ensure our organization remains over a million members strong. We are so close, I am asking each of you, please push hard these next 3 months as we are finally able to get back out into the community with our information booths and buddy poppy distributions, from stores to farmers markets. We owe it to our brothers and sisters out there needing our support, to find them and bring them into our organization as members of a strong family, looking out for each other, being there for each other and working towards our number one priority, ending veteran suicide! It starts with bringing them into our family, so they know they are not alone.

We finish with my final Good Will Tour April 2-3, what an outstanding event this turned out to be this year! The Tour took us from one end of the state to the other, both sides, and the middle. We as a Department, were able to not just answer questions and get feedback, but also meet many members of the Posts and Auxiliary. We also learned things Posts and members were doing that we could share with others as we traveled throughout the Department.

I look forward to sprinting this next quarter with you all the way to the finish and I know as a Department, we will finish strong and the rest of the Departments will take notice of all the hard work and great accomplishments the Posts and Members of our Great State will have at the end of our Team Century Year. I have seen first-hand, the work and efforts Posts and members have put into the Community Service, Community Partnership and the maintaining 1 million members Challenges put out at the start of our year by our National Commander in Chief. IF we continue with the will and drive, we have shown the first 3 quarters, I have no doubt, we will finish at the top!

I am so proud of Team Century from Post Member to Department Officers, we came together as a team and are doing Epic Things for our Veterans, Communities, Posts, Department and VFW mission. Thank you! For all you do, for Veterans, Military, Community and Families!

“The Time Is Now!”



Fred Green
Department Adjutant

“Carry the Torch!”



Chad Hassebroek
Department Commander