

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America

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Desk of the State Commander



General Orders Number 11

May 2022

1. Membership

Message from the Chief, "The Time Is Now" to pivot our focus to membership and start reaping the efforts that were made getting out into communities and showing "what we do" and enticing others to get involved and join in our mission. We are currently at a 24% increase in community service with 2 months of reporting left. Keep getting out in our communities and showcasing what we do for our military, veterans, families and community.

We need to push membership all the way to June 30, it is our responsibility to set a good base for the incoming team next year. We can still attain our National Goal of 100% this year, there will be no VFW math to get there, every member will count! We need to continue to push our way to ensure our Organization remains above 1,000,000 members and keep our voice in Legislation and Advocacy for our Veterans and Families!

Our State has 35 Posts with No new members, 59 Posts with no Reinstated members, 30 Posts with No new or Reinstated and 49 Posts with No New Life Members. We have time to assist these Posts with what they need to revitalize and revive these Posts for the future of our Organization and Department.

Take advantage of the membership grant from National, every renewal gets \$10 grant from National, use this as a tool, give a \$10 gift card if they renew now, take \$10 off renewal fee, there are many options to take advantage of this National Grant incentive. This Grant will go all the way thru June 30, 2022.

We have 50 Posts needing 10 members or less to attain 100% with more than the needed number of members on their expired dues list. Make the phone calls, keep the members we already have, we owe it to them to reach out and make sure they are doing ok and assist them with any issues they may have. That is What We Do!

2. Election Reports at the Post and District Levels:

Both Post and District Level, ensure your Election Reports being submitted are not missing any officers or information. The Election Report is considered incomplete for any unfilled positions-both elected and appointed. National HQ will reject any incomplete Election Report and return to Department for Action. Installing officers are directed to ensure the Post Election Reports have been completed and sent in to National Headquarters no later than June 1st. Elected and Appointed Officers shall not be installed or assume the duties until proof of eligibility is submitted and properly reviewed. Failure to provide proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

3. Delegate reminder:

Delegate requirements are completed in compliance with our Department and National Bylaws and the lists and fees sent to District and Department prior to the start of Conventions.

4. The Following have officially announced themselves as candidates for the following elected positions:

Commander: Paul Herrera, District 3
Senior Vice Commander: Craig Dougherty, District 11
Jr Vice Commander: Perry Taylor, District 15
Judge Advocate: Drew James, District 1
Surgeon: Frank Persa, District 3
Walt Tanimoto, District 11
Quartermaster: Fred Green, District 11
Chaplain: Wes Anderson, District 9
Trustee 3 year: Jim Trainer, District 1

5. Important Dates in May:

May 1 Loyalty Day
District 3 Convention
District 4 Convention
District 6 Convention
District 15 Convention
May 6 Military Spouses Day
May 7 District 9 Convention
May 8 Mother's Day
VE Day (Victory Europe 1945)
May 11 2nd Round All-State Judging
May 21 Armed Forces Day
May 12-20 CiC Membership Seminar with State Commanders
May 12-14 Jr Vice Visit to National Home
May 27 Heroes in the Ballpark Rainiers
Heroes in the Ballpark Spokane
May 30 Memorial Day

6. Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure requires that the Post Commander shall see that the Trustees Report of Audit are properly prepared and submitted quarterly

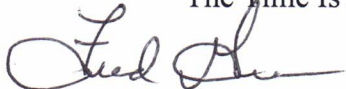
7. The Provision of Section 703 to the National Bylaws require that each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to the provisions of the bylaws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of liquid assets for which they may be accountable. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers of their unit.

8. Post Commanders are directed to the provisions of the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 222 (d) which states: "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five (25) dollars which will entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten (10) dollar delegate fee."

9. Watch for emails and Updated Postings on the Department Webpage for current information on our June Convention timeline and events.

As we are sprinting our way to the end of our "Team Century" Year, our duties are to finish what we started continue until June 30 to assist in our Department and National Goals for our Year. At the same time, start working a right seat ride program to ensure a proper hand off happens to the incoming team. The Department Officers and I have been traveling the State to Post and District events and presenting awards. I am excited for our Convention where we will be able to recognize the Great Members, Posts, Districts and Community partners in our State that have done outstanding this year. I am so proud of Team Century! We are a Team and we have done and continue to do Epic Things for our Veterans, Communities, Posts, Department and VFW mission. Thank you! For all you do, for Veterans, Military, Community and Families! Stay in the Fight, all the way to June 30! There are still 2 months left for Posts to strive to be the best of the best and attain All-State and All-American Status!

"The Time Is Now!"



Fred Green
Department Adjutant

"Carry the Torch!"



Chad Hassebroek
Department Commander