

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America

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Desk of the State Commander



General Orders Number 5

November 2021

1. Congratulations Post 4314 for winning the \$200.00 October Department Commander Challenge by increasing your Post membership by 15.92 % in October. Keep up the great work, not just in growing your Post membership securing a strong future for Post 4313, but for increasing our advocating voice on a State and National Level for our veterans.
2. Congratulations to the following Posts who are at 100% membership:

Post 1948	155.05 %
Post 4314	104.54 %
Post 5760	102.41 %
Post 5564	101.69 %
Post 5673	100.00 %
Post 3409	100.00 %
Post 8889	100.00 %
2. Reminder that All-American and All-State Requirements for membership is 100.00% +1 member.
3. Reminder the Commander in Chief November-December Membership Challenge, the State Commander November Membership Challenge and the State November – December Legacy Life Challenges are posted on the Department Website.
4. Congratulations to our current top Team Century Recruiters:

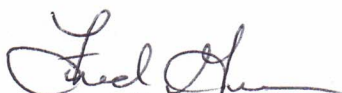
Markdaniel Brasel	53 members	11 th Place National Recruiting
Steve Woodward	41 members	18 th Place National Recruiting
Christopher Cote	16 members	
William Thiel	13 members	
Trina Parish	12 members	
Jim McEnry	11 members	
Keith Wooldridge	11 members	
Mary L Crofoot	8 members	
Frank Persa IV	7 members	
Delbert Gilliland Jr	7 members	
Joseph Koning	7 members	
5. Reminder to Commanders, Posts at 100% membership by December 31, 2021, will be put in for a drawing at Mid-Winter Conference for a drawing of \$250.
6. Commanders are reminded of the following Deadline Updates: Post Entries for VOD, Patriot Pen, Youth Essay and Teacher of the Year are due to Districts by November 15, 2021, and due to Department by December 15, 2021.


7. Silent Rae J.A.S.O.N. award review will start January 1, 2022, by the Chairman.
8. Commanders are reminded that all the Public Servant Awards are due to the Districts by December 1, 2021, and Districts must turn in to Departments by January 1, 2022.
9. Reminder of special dates to observe in November:
 - November 2 Election Day
 - November 10 Marine Corps Birthday
 - November 11 Signing of WWI Armistice 1918 and Veterans Day
 - November 21 Granada Campaign Ended 1983
 - November 25 Thanksgiving Day
10. Mid-Winter Conference will be at the Newly remodeled Yakima Convention Center with Hotel support by the Yakima Red Lion on these dates (with a Tentative Schedule to be distributed when Complete):
 - January 14 Classes, National Rep Meet and Greet
 - January 15 Joint Opening, Conference, and Banquet
11. Save the Date: The Department Commanders Homecoming will be March 19, 2022.
12. Reminder, if you wish to have the Department Commander attend one of your Post events or Community activities, please notify Department Headquarters via the Department Adjutant 30 days in advance to allow for appropriate scheduling changes if required.

As we go marching into our second quarter of "Team Century in Action" together, to say it has been amazingly rewarding would be a total understatement. I have been able to be with many of you in Post events. Most recently being in a parade during monsoon like rains and seeing an entire town involved honoring Veterans either marching in the Parade or waving flags and saluting as we came by. Everything stopped in that community, for the Veteran's Parade. I can't explain the feeling of seeing an entire community come out for an event. Thank you, for the invite, and I hope to receive many more invitations to Post events at your Post Home or in your communities. We truly are having an excellent year of "Celebrating a Century of Service!" Please, email the adjutant the dates and event information or get on one of the monthly "Coffee with the Commander" meetings the 3rd Wednesday each month at 10 am and 4 pm. You all consistently fill me with Pride in our Department, as you continue doing so much in our state for our Veterans and the Community! I also want to thank my Line Officers, I cannot be everywhere, and I can always count on one of the Department Line Officers to be there, proudly representing the Department Team, for that I am grateful! Continue the excellent Communication we established this year at all levels. We have information flowing up and down. Information is our greatest combat multiplier for Accomplishing the mission of the VFW!

"The Time Is Now!" Continue to remind everyone, even after 122 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is still here, alive and well, and still the Pillar of our Communities!

"Carry the Torch!"


 Fred Green
 Department Adjutant


 Chad Hassebroek
 Department Commander