

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

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## **General Orders Number 6** **December 2021**

1. Congratulations Post 3213 for winning the November Department Commander Membership Challenge by increasing your membership by 14.28%
2. Congratulations to the following “Team Century” recruiters leading the way for membership.

Markdaniel Brasel	Post 1948	53 members
Steven L Woodward	Post 2224	47 members
Christopher Cote	Post 921	16 members
Keith Wooldridge	Post 7392	13 members
William Thiel	Post 7392	13 members
Trina Parrish	Post 992	13 members
Jim McEnry	Post 7824	11 members
Mary Crofoot	Post 3386	9 members
Donald Wischmann	Post 2100	8 members
Delbert Gilliland Jr	Post 379	8 members

3. Important dates to remember in December.

December 5	Somalia Campaign Began (1992)
December 7	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
December 8	War Declared on Japan (1941)
December 11	Germany and Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)
December 15	Iraq War Ended (2011) 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
December 20	Panama Campaign Began (1989)
December 25	Merry Christmas
December 31	Official End of WWII (1946)
December 31	Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)
December 31	New Year Eve

4. Comrades are reminded our Mid-Winter Conference is the time we honor our students participating in Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Youth Essay scholarship contests. We also honor our teachers of the year for Elementary, Middle School, and High School. I highly encourage all of you to attend to show our support of these young Americans and our teachers. Order your tickets from Department by January 1, 2022.

5. Tentative Mid-Winter Classes on Friday January 14, 2022

Post Service Officer Training	9am to 2pm
Quartermaster Training	1pm to 2pm
VFW 101 and Mentorship	1pm to 3pm
Dashboard Training	2pm to 3pm

6. Tentative National Representative Meet and Greet Friday, January 14, 2022, 7pm to 8pm

7. Tentative Saturday, January 15, 2022, schedule

9am	Joint Opening Youth Essay awards 1-5 Patriot Pen Awards 2-5
10am	General Session
Noon	Lunch
1pm	General Session
2pm to 3pm	Veteran Action Committee meeting
2pm to 3pm	Joint Service Liaison Committee meeting
3:10pm	General Session and Closing
4:30pm	Banquet open seating
5pm	Formal Entrance starting the banquet

8. Banquet dress code will be formal or semi formal to enter.

Formal:

(men) a tuxedo

(women) an evening gown or very smart cocktail dress

Semi Formal

(men) coat and tie, either bow or straight, simple button-down shirt

(Women) a dress, dressy pantsuit, dress suit

9. Posts with officers and committee members that are failing to turn in reports or do their duties within their elected or appointed positions, will have until January 1, 2022, to correct their deficiencies. District Commanders should be checking on all the Posts in their Districts and mentoring those with deficiencies in understanding the duties and responsibilities of elected and appointed officers. If your Post is in need of assistance in teaching and mentoring of elected or appointed Post Officers, contact either your District Commander or Department Headquarters prior to January 1, 2022, and we will send a team to assist. If Post officers and committee members are unwilling to perform their duties or learn what their duties in that elected or appointed position is, Department Commander may remove for cause a Post officer who fails to fulfill their duties of office as required by Section 218 in accordance with the National By-laws and the Post will hold new elections for those positions, or the Commander will appoint a new member to that position.

10. Order of military service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed in the following order (left to right as you face the flags) Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and then Coast Guard.

12. VFW has been involved with the NRA (National Rifle Association) since 1920. Hundreds of VFW Posts provide hunter safety courses and sponsor shooting competitions. If your VFW Post does not already participate in the Youth/Adult Rifle Program and would like to take part in a program that has great appeal for youngsters as well as adults, please go to the NRA's Postal Match website. [nrahq.org/compete/dept-postal.asp](http://nrahq.org/compete/dept-postal.asp)

13. December is an important month for Commanders, Line Officers, and Chaplains to make phone calls to all your Post members and check on their well-being and if they need anything. While we are making phone calls to get our membership to re-new their dues, we need to make sure we check into the well-being of all our members, not just the ones we want to renew their dues.

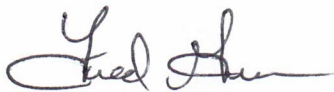


Comrades, as we prepare to put 2021 behind us and lean forward into 2022, remember why we are here and our purpose. Continue to assist our Veterans, Military, and their families. Always foster an inclusive environment for every Veteran as we bring back the socializing and comradery back in our Post Homes and Post Functions within our organization. Socializing, handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, these are just a few of the greatest assets we as VFW members have when it comes to combating, fighting, and preventing Veteran Suicide. Stay actively involved in bettering our communities and promoting patriotism at every opportunity presented. I cannot say enough, how thankful I am to be a part of "Team Century" with you, as we bring the VFW back into the light. Reminding the communities, we are the hub of our communities, we are still here, as strong, and as focused as we ever have been in caring and advocating for our veterans and their families. Together, through face-to-face contact, word of mouth, and now social media, we continue to show the world that the VFW is here, after 122 years, we are relevant, we are resolute, we are involved, and we are the leaders of what right looks like when it comes to taking care of Veterans, Families, and Our Community. Thank you, for electing me to be your leader in this epic journey. As I travel the state, I have had the opportunity to see first-hand, just how much of an impact Posts, Post members, and Auxiliary members have made in their communities. I couldn't be prouder in what each of you have accomplished so far this year in working towards our Commander in Chief's vision of getting the VFW back into the Community and showing off what we do. Please be safe in your Holiday travels! You are all needed and a vital part of "Team Century"!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year "Team Century" we are full speed ahead! One Fire Mission at a time!

"The Time Is Now!"

"Carry the Torch!"



Fred Green  
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