

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

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## General Orders Number 7

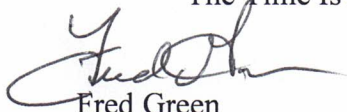
**January 2022**

1. The Department of Washington VFW has started the administrative actions on the Posts and officers that have failed to comply with General Order 6.
2. District Commanders, there has been a breakdown of communications from District level to Post level. We need to bring communication back to the forefront as it is the key to success. Posts are communicating with Department that they were not informed from the District, as leaders we must ensure that information flow goes down from Department to District to Post to membership and back up the same channels.
3. Post Commanders, refocus on getting information to all your membership, use your newsletter, email, and phone trees to those without computer access to put out information from the National, Department, and District Level as well as your local Post information. The more informed our membership is on what the focus is, what our mission is, the more assistance and effort they can put into making programs and VFW missions successful.
4. Save the Date: March 19, 2022 will be the Department Commander's Homecoming
5. Important Dates in January:

January 14-15	Mid-Winter Conference in Yakima
January 17	Persian Gulf War Began in 1991
January 27	Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973
January 31	Panama Campaign Ended in 1990
6. Tentative Mid-Winter Schedule in General Order 6 has not changed.
7. Reminder, March is right around the corner with first round nominations for Post Officers. Posts should have already been mentoring their future Post leadership. Start preparing now to get your new officers ready and find qualified, motivated individuals to take leadership and program chairmanships to set your Posts, Districts, Department and the VFW up for a successful 2022-2023 year.
8. Turn in your Nominations for Scout of the Year, Veteran of the Year, Claud Owens Award, Howard Shine Award, Chaplain of the Year and Humanitarian Award. Forms are located on the Department Web Page.
9. Reminder, turn in your Buddy Poppy report forms, you can turn them in as you do the events to make it easier to remember how many poppies were distributed at each event and how much money was donated to your Post Relief Fund from the event. Report forms located on the Department Web Page.

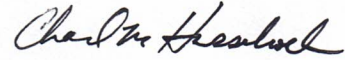
Comrades, we are at the half-way point of this "Team Century" year. As they say, the time is flying by! I am proud of all the Veteran and Community Service the VFW and Auxiliaries have accomplished so far. You have all stepped up and leaned into the Commander in Chief's Vision and direction these past 6 months. Along with that, you have all come together as a department with the objective of Serving and Advocating for our Veterans through the Core Programs of the Organization, the Department of Washington VFW, and your own Post missions. We are not slowing down as we come around the corner into the second half of our year. We are leaning forward and going into a sprint to the end. 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