

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America

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Desk of the State Commander



General Orders Number 3 **September 2021**

1. Department Commander Chad Hassebroek is proud to announce the following 2021-2022 National Appointments by Commander in Chief Fritz Mihelcic:

National Deputy Chief of Staff	Tim Gatton	Post 379
National Deputy Chief of Staff	Holly Pierce	Post 5564
National Assistant Inspector General	Douglas White	Post 9417
National Assistant Inspector General	Keith Wooldridge	Post 9392
National Special Aide-de-Camp	Billy Kivet	Post 379
National Special Aide-de-Camp	Tom Richardson	Post 5924
National Aide-de-Camp	Al Pineda	Post 379
National Aide-de-Camp	Cheri Knox	Post 1435
National Aide-de-Camp	Shadrick Kautzman	Post 379
National Aide-de-Camp	Charlie Noble	Post 10711
National Aide-de-Camp	Patrick Lock	Post 5924
National Aide-de-Camp	Cy Elliser	Post 969
National Aide-de-Camp	Jim McEnry	Post 7824
National Aide-de-Camp	Bill Ingram	Post 3482
National Aide-de-Camp	Bob Roche	Post 5297
National Aide-de-Camp	Hardy Nettles	Post 1585
National Aide-de-Camp	Roderick Lee	Post 6787
National Aide-de-Camp	Tom Leonard	Post 2886
National Aide-de-Camp	Darren Hughes	Post 1435
National Aide-de-Camp	Ron Jacobson	Post 1373
National Aide-de-Camp	Randy Hahn	Post 10435
National Aide-de-Camp	Crystal Beeler	Post 318
National Aide-de-Camp	Doug Vossbink	Post 239
National Aide-de-Camp	Dwayne Glaittli	Post 9079
National Aide-de-Camp	Richard Moore	Post 2289
National Aide-de-Camp	Don Wischmann	Post 2100

2. Congratulations to our Top Recruiters in Washington:

Markdaniel Brasel	48 members
Steven Woodward	24 members
Christopher Cote	5 members
William Thiel	5 members
Keith Wooldridge	5 members

Department of Washington has 67 members have recruited at least one member and we have 87 new members with no recruiter. Keep up the great work as we are 27 members ahead of last year at this same time!

3. As Commander in Chief, Fritz Mihelcic says with his motto “The Time is Now!” The time is now, to get out and recruit while the weather is in our favor at Community Activities, Local Fairs, Farmers Markets, Parades and Special Events. Encourage recruits to take advantage of the Life Member Installment Plans or remind them they save \$45 if they do the one-time payment for Life Membership.

4. Continue to contact your expiring and unpaid members, but also continue contacting all your annual and life members to let them know they are an important part of your Post and that we care about their well-being. We must continue to work towards to goal to end Veteran Suicides.

5. The Department Webpage continues its upgrades and improvements. Information is put on there often, so go check it out, all the Forms are alphabetical under Resources. Important news is posted as it comes in from National and Department as well as updates on programs and events. If you haven’t checked it out, log in and see what is there for you. There is also a slideshow on the bottom of the main page showing Team Century in action. Please send photos of events your Posts and Auxiliary are doing so we can add them to the slide show. (vfwwa.org)

6. Please ensure you read and pass on to your membership the National General Orders which are available on the Department Webpage as well as forwarded to all Post Commanders and Counsel Members. Website location is Under Resources and General Orders.

7. Attention is directed to the VFW Department of Washington Statement of Financial Policy 2021-2022 approved by the Department of Washington C of A on 27 June 2021. Under General Travel section 8 - Each monthly expense voucher shall be submitted to Department Headquarters no later than 30 days following the expenditure, except for June. All Expense vouchers shall be submitted prior to June 30th due to the ending of the fiscal year. Any vouchers received after June 30th may not be reimbursed to allow for fiscal budget closeout.

8. The Department of Washington has a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual harassment.

9. The Department of Washington has a zero-tolerance policy regarding discrimination.

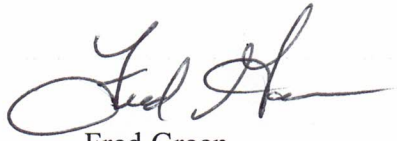
10. Once again we are addressing this issue. ***Post members can attend Auxiliary meetings IF INVITED and FOR A PURPOSE. Post members cannot just show up and attend Auxiliary meetings. We work together, but we are separate!*** Posts stay out of Auxiliary Business, Keep Auxiliary out of Post Business and Work together for the VFW organization.

11. Commanders, it is your responsibility to ensure that the National By-laws section 107 – Transfers, Manual of Procedure – Article I Sections 106 – Former Members, Article 107 – Transfers, and Section 102 – Applications – Affiliation of new members and VFW Ritual – Members Obligation are followed.

12. Reminder! VOD, Patriot Pen, Youth Essay, Patriotic Art, Red White and Blue Youth Program, Teacher of the Year and Veterans in the Classroom is happening now. Schools are back in session, “The Time is Now!”

The VFW stands with all our Veterans and demands accountability and responsibility for the loss of our 11 Marines, 1 Navy and 1 Army Soldier. We will not rest until we knock on every door in Legislation and receive the attention and answers deserved to the families of our fallen. Our hearts and prayers are with those families that lost their loved ones, and the Americans and their families left behind in Afghanistan.

“Carry the Torch!”



Fred Green
Department Adjutant



Chad Hassebroek
Department Commander