

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America

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Desk of the State Commander



General Orders Number 4

October 2021

1. Congratulations to the following Posts who are at 100% membership:

Post 1948	147.19%
Post 5673	100.00%
Post 5760	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 October Membership Challenge and the State Commander October Membership Challenge are both posted on the Department Website.
4. Congratulations to our current top Recruiters:

Markdaniel Brasel	51 members
Steve Woodward	31 members
Christopher Cote	9 members
Keith Wooldridge	9 members
William Thiel	9 members
Jim McEnry	7 members
Trina Parish	7 members
Don Wischmann	6 members
Darren Hughes	6 members
Joseph Koning	6 members

5. Attention! Per section 220 of the National Bylaws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members" states that "Any elected Post officer or committee member removed, by reason of failure to pay current dues or under the provisions of this section shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office or committee in the same administrative year in which the officer or committee member is removed."
6. Podium Edition 2022 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual as amended August 3, 2021, Effective September 2, 2021, is now available to purchase thru the VFW store.

7. This will be the final address of this in a General Order. The Commander in Chief and National President both agree, Post Business is Post Business, Auxiliary Business is Auxiliary Business we don't belong in each other's business or sitting in Auxiliary meetings. Action will be taken as necessary to those who continue to violate and insist on sitting in Auxiliary meetings. ***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.

8. Reminder of special dates to observe in October:

October 7	Afghanistan War Began in 2001
October 11	Columbus Day Observed (Department Closed)
October 12	Columbus Day
October 13	U.S. Navy Established in 1775
October 23	Granada Campaign Began in 1983

9. Send your pictures to Department from your Post Home's first years to get them into the Department of Washington 100th Anniversary Video. If you have members of your Post or Auxiliary that wishes to be interviewed about their first conventions or your Post history, please contact the Department to schedule and interview and video shoot date.

10. Department Website is updated and continues to be updated, utilize this great asset for current reports, program information, Department and National News updates and other important information. Send the pictures of you and your Post members showing "Team Century in Action" to Department Secretary so they can be put on the webpage slideshow.

11. 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.

12. Youth Program Reminder, continue getting students, scouts, and schools involved in the Essay programs. Let them know the VOD, Patriot Pen, and Youth Essays are due to the Posts on October 31.

13. Continue to work on Post Audits, all Posts that were missing audits, the audits must be up to date by October 15 to comply with the National Bylaws.

14. Remember to keep your Post and District Commanders informed of ongoing actions and activity. We can't help and mentor if we don't know what is needed.

15. Read up on the new National Bylaw Changes, take the time to look up the correct answer to questions and problems and to find out how to do things and what right looks like. There were many changes made at last year's convention to the National Bylaws.

16. Definitions of Dress Codes are as follows:

Business Casual defined as: (for men) shirt with collar, slacks with or without sports jacket; (for women) slacks, skirt, or casual dress. No jeans, denim, shorts, or athletic type footwear.

VFW Casual defined as: VFW apparel with slacks or skirt. No jeans, denim, shorts, or athletic type footwear.

Business defined as: (for men) Suit and tie; (for women) Slacks, skirt, or dress with (optional) jacket.

Formal defined as: (for men) a tuxedo; (for women) an evening gown or very smart cocktail dress

Semi Formal defined as: (for men) a suit with vest optional or coat and tie, either bow or straight, and shirt should be simple button down; (for women) a dress, dressy pantsuit, or dress suit.

17. Dress Code for Mid-Winter Conference while in session:

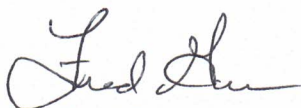
Business for Counsel of Administration Members
Honor Guard Uniform (Honor Guard)

18. Dress Code for the 2021-2022 Youth Essay and Teacher Awards Banquet:

Formal or Semi Formal attire to enter (all)
Honor Guard Uniform (Honor Guard)

The Coffee with the Commander program has added an afternoon time, to give the membership more opportunity to participate. If you need the Zoom id and passcode, contact your Post Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, or the Department Adjutant. Keep up the great work, the Department Line has been doing great at getting out and visiting all of you in you "Team Century in Action" events at your Post Homes and in your communities. We have accomplished so much in this first quarter, and I am proud to be your Department Commander this year and participate and see first-hand, how each one of you impact not only our Veterans and their families, but entire communities! "The Time Is Now!" Continue the push this year to remind everyone, even after 122 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is still alive and well, still here, and still the Pillar of our Communities!

"Carry the Torch!"



Fred Green
Department Adjutant



Chad Hassebroek
Department Commander