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FALL PROGRAM BOOK

In November 2019, we will publish our Fall Program book ó Saluting our World War II veterans. The book will be a mixture of ads submitted by Posts, Districts and Auxiliaries ó along with tributes honoring our World War II veterans and their service. What better way to honor our World War II veterans as the nation commemorates the 75th anniversary of key campaigns of the war? Please see the 2 flyers included in the General Orders for additional information.

ATTENTION QUARTERMASTERS, COMMANDERS AND TRUSTEES!

Per Section 218-Officers and Chairmen, Duties and Obligation of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure ó trustees shall ðwithin thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, properly audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant, and any activity, club room, holding company or unit sponsored, **conducted or operated by, for or on behalf** of the Post and submit a Post Trusteeø Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspectorö. Included in the General Orders is a list of those Posts that have yet to submit Trustees Reports of Audit. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact this Headquarters.

Furthermore under part 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Commanders are to insure the audit report is properly completed: ðAssure that the Post Trustees have examined the books and records of the Post and prepared the Post Trustees Quarterly Report of Audit no later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly periodö.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Your attention is directed to the provisions of our National By-Laws & Manual of Procedure, Section 218 – Officers and Chairmen, Duties and Obligations, which states in part under Commander’s Duties: Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings and County Council meetings (if applicable).

SECTION 702 OF THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS IS QUOTED BELOW:

Sec. 702 - Politics.

No officer or member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall in any manner use the Veterans of Foreign Wars for partisan politics and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any meetings nor shall any nominations, recommendations or endorsements for political office be made, provided this shall not apply to discussion of policies of any organization that seeks to alter our present form of government by force, violence or other unlawful means.

Participation in activities supporting or opposing legislation or administration of laws for veteran's welfare or relating to other matters pertaining to the purposes of the organization shall be permitted. Such participation shall be consistent with the legislative and welfare programs and policies approved by the National Convention.

No Post, County Council, District or Department shall participate in a labor dispute, either on behalf of labor or management. No member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall wear the VFW uniform or VFW cap in any plant or picket line or meeting of employees where a labor dispute arises.

ATTENTION DISTRICT OFFICERS:

District Meetings are meant to be a school of instruction. District Commanders must make sure instruction is taking place at their meetings. Training is very important to the success of our organization; without it we lose members and Posts. The national web site, www.vfw.org, contains a great wealth of information that can be used in schools of instruction. Use these materials and more to cause your attendees at District Meetings to leave the meeting knowing more than they did when they arrived. Department representatives are available, from time to time, to provide training at District Meetings or at Schools of Instruction called outside of the normal District Meeting Schedule. Should more than one District decide to join together for a school of instruction a Department Representative is almost sure to attend if invited.

PART 103 OF THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURE IS QUOTED BELOW:

Please take note that ALL new members must be approved by the current Post Membership prior to them becoming members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Additionally, prior to voting to accept the applicant the Post Reviewing Committee should determine eligibility.

Sec. 103 - Election.

Applications. After the applicant has filled out the application card, it should be provided to the Post Adjutant or Quartermaster, together with the dues (and admission fee, if applicable). A receipt shall be given to the applicant.

An applicant may be recommended after eligibility has been fully determined by the Post Reviewing Committee. With respect to a Department Member-at-Large, the National Organization and/or the Department Headquarters will be responsible for eligibility determination. The original application of every member will be retained on file with the Adjutant.

Balloting on Applications. Before voting on the application during a Post meeting, the Commander shall allow the members present an opportunity to state their objections, if any, to the admission of the applicant. Unless one member present shall request a written ballot, **a vote shall be taken and a majority of the votes cast shall decide acceptance or rejection of the application.**

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

The 2019-2020 Department Roster has been distributed to all Post Commanders and Quartermasters, District Commanders and Department Officers. This roster is your own personal property and *under no circumstances* is the information contained in this publication to be used for commercial or political purposes. It is sent to you with the understanding it will be used by you for VFW purposes and will remain in your possession. If you need an additional roster, please contact our State Headquarters.

APPLICATION FOR BOND

This is a reminder that the application for Post Officer's Bond is available on our State of Illinois Website by going to www.vfwil.org. Go to "Log In" and click on "Report Entry" on the drop down menu. You will need to Log in on this page by entering the following: username is your Post Number and your password is your District Number. After you have logged in scroll down and click on "Bond Application". Fill it out and hit "Submit". **All bonds not renewed expire on August 31, 2019.**

The bond is issued in the name of the office covered, not in the name of the person holding the office. **Important!** Too many of our Posts do not keep an accurate set of books; it is very important to keep good records, *especially with regard to your pull tab operation, bingo, etc.* This could make the difference between having a claim approved or rejected if you do not keep a good accounting of your funds. If you are ever audited by the Internal Revenue Service, and you can't produce an accurate, up to date accounting of your monies, you are going to be in serious trouble. Make sure your cash is accounted for on your ledger and your audit report! Remember, Employee Dishonesty Bonds do **NOT** bond officers or directors of the Post

ILLINOIS DAY AT THE VFW NATIONAL HOME

Illinois Day at the National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, has been set for Saturday, September 28, 2019. We hope to have a large turn-out and would appreciate having a head count of the number of VFW and Auxiliary Members from each Post who will be in attendance.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

The fall meeting of the Big Ten Conference is scheduled for October 18-20, 2019 and will be hosted this year by the Department of Nebraska. All activities, meetings and meals will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Omaha Downtown, 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Visit www.vfwne.com for registration and room reservation information. Room reservation cut-off date is September 16, 2019.

REGISTRATION AT STATE CONVENTION

All Post Commanders are reminded that *every Post* must register at least one delegate to the annual State Convention in accordance with *ARTICLE V, Section 8 of the Department By-Laws*. If your Post

has not registered a delegate to the 2018-2019 State Convention, please forward your check in the amount of \$17.00 to the State Adjutant-Quartermaster earmarked *2018-2019 State Convention Registration Fee*. Posts failing to comply with this requirement shall be considered delinquent.

PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11 is designated as *Patriot Day*. The President requests the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff *ó sunrise to sunset ó* and a moment of silence be observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001 due to terrorists attacks on the United States. You can find a Patriotø Day Speech on the National VFW website www.vfw.org . Once you sign in, click on the tab for øPatriotic Holiday Speechesö.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure. You can find a POW/MIA Recognition Day Speech on the National VFW website www.vfw.org . Once you sign in, click on the tab for øPatriotic Holiday Speechesö.

BUDDY POPPY

Plans should be under way for your Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Please contact this office by phone, fax, or a mailed hard copy to place your order for buddy poppies. They can also be ordered from our website www.vfwil.org. Go to øLog Inö and click on øReport Entryö in the drop down box. Click on the tab for øPoppy Orderö. *Please order six to eight weeks in advance of your sale date to guarantee your poppies will arrive on time.* Be sure to put an actual sale date on your order; do not put RUSH or ASAP. Items such as coin cans, buttons, posters, etc. should be ordered directly from the VFW Store. Please send your payment with your order or pay promptly when invoiced.

CONSOLIDATION OF POST CHARTER

Commander-in-Chief William øDocö Schmitz has approved the consolidation of Saline Post 3479, Eldorado, Illinois and Shawnee Post 2878, Harrisburg, Illinois effective August 21, 2019. The consolidated Post is to be known as Saline Post 3479, Eldorado, Illinois. Please update your records accordingly

CANCELLATION OF POST CHARTER

Commander-in-Chief William øDocö Schmitz has cancelled the charter of Carpentersville Post 5915, Carpentersville, Illinois, effective August 16, 2019. Please update your records accordingly.

OFFICIAL:



W. DAVE STOUT
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



BRADLEY GOULD
State Commander