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**2018-2019 Series
General Orders No. 12
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ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

All elected and appointed officers on the state level are reminded that they must comply with *Section 516-Elected and Appointed Officers, Chairmen and Committees, of the National By-Laws*, that state:

“State Officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the State Adjutant. Additionally, State Commanders, State Senior Vice Commanders, State Junior Vice Commanders, State Adjutants and State Quartermasters shall submit proof of eligibility to the Adjutant General. State Officers *shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed.*”

Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the State Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to Office. In the event an elected or appointed officer fails to submit proof of eligibility within sixty (60) days of election or appointment, any right of the officer to hold the office shall be forfeited and the office declared vacant and the eligibility qualifications of such officer shall be questioned in accordance with the provisions of *Section 108 of the National By-Laws*.

ATTENTION: 2019-2020 Officers-Elect, specifically District Senior Vice and Junior Vice, if you have not already submitted a copy of your DD-214 to State Headquarters, please do so immediately!

2019-2020 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

All members of the 2019-2020 Council of Administration are hereby notified that a special Council of Administration Meeting will be held in *Plaza III* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 9:00 am. This should only take a few minutes and a roll call will be held to ascertain their attendance at this most important meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – DELEGATE VOTING

Posts are also reminded that in accordance with *Resolution No. B-2*, adopted during the 1993 State Convention. The Department By-Laws were amended by adding Section 11:

Voting – Tally sheets shall be printed in reverse numerical order on the odd numbered years, therefore roll call voting will begin with Post 12059.

APPLICATION FOR POST QUARTERMASTER'S BOND

Bond applications for Post Commanders and Quartermasters are available online. Ordering poppies and Convention Delegate Registration can also be done online.

The State Commander's Leadership Manual will be available online. Also, a CD will be available for pick up at our Registration Desk located in the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre containing the 2019-2020 Commander's Leadership Manual.

MEMORIAL SERVICE & TRIBUTE TO GOLD STAR PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS

The Memorial Service held during our State Convention will be held in the *Grand Ballroom* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Thursday, June 13, 2019 beginning at 6:00 pm with State Chaplain Reverend Donald Meeks presiding.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – CREDENTIALS

Post Commanders and Quartermasters are reminded that they will not receive their credentials for the State Convention unless they have:

- Report of Election of Officers Submitted
- All Quarterly Audits Properly Completed - Including March 31, 2019
- Post Bonds Properly Submitted to State Headquarters
- All Debt to the State Covered (*Including: poppies, etc...*)

NOTE: All delegates will pick up their credentials in the *Rendezvous Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre beginning at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 13, 2019.

STATE PROGRAM AWARDS

State Program Awards will be presented as each Program Director gives his/her final report during the 97th Annual State Convention. The presentation of final program reports will begin on Friday, June 4, 2019 in the *Grand Ballroom* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 East Adams Street in Downtown Springfield. Directors, please provide the Adjutant a written copy of the report at the time you give the report.

AMERICANISM & LOYALTY DAY AWARDS

The Districts listed below will receive a monetary award for having the highest amount of hours, dollars, and members reported in the following categories:

- Category I - Up to 2,500 Members ó Eighteenth District ó \$30
- Category II - 2,501-3,600 Members ó Twelfth District ó \$30
- Category III ó 3,601 Members and Up ó Nineteenth District ó \$30

The Posts listed below will receive a monetary award for having the highest amount of hours, dollars, and members reported in the following categories:

- Category I ó Up to 100 Members ó Carol Stream Post 10396 -19 ó \$30
- Category II - 101-300 Members ó Mt. Carmel Post 4276 - 13 ó \$30
- Category III - 301 Members and Up ó John H. Kraus Post 454 - 7 ó \$30

SMART/MAHER VFW CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARDS

The first place winner in each of the three categories received \$100 cash and a specially engraved plaque awarded to them at ceremonies held at their schools. A specially engraved plaque will also be presented to the winning Teacher's School. This year's Department winners are:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	
Shelly Smith	K-5	Red Bud Post 6632-14
Laura Mudd	6-8	Randolph County Post 2698-14
Melinda Perkins	9-12	Elk Grove Village Post 9284-4

BLOOD DONOR AWARDS

A \$50 cash will be awarded to the Districts who were 100% reported by January 15, 2019:

Sixth District Nineteenth District

A monetary award of \$50 will be awarded to the Post who donates the most pints of blood in each of the following membership categories:

- Category I - Up to 150 Member Category - Lilac Post 5815-19
- Category II - 151-300 Member Category - Ambraw Post 2244-13
- Category III - 301 and Up Member Category - Alton Post 1308-12

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORDBOOKS AWARD

The top Community Activities Record Book in each Membership Category will receive a \$50 monetary award at the State Convention:

- Category I - Up to 150 Members - No entries
- Category II - 151 to 300 Members - No entries
- Category III - 301 Members and up - Bremen Post 2791-16

HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS

The Districts who achieve 100% in Post participation in the Hospital/VAVS Program by April 30, 2019 will be awarded \$50.00 CASH to be used in the continuation of the Hospital/VAVS Program:

- Eleventh District, Commander Scott Swinford
- Fifteenth District, Commander Clarence Caraker

HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS

The **Top Post** in each membership category will receive a plaqueí .

Category I - Up to 150 Members ó Highland Park Memorial Post 4737-5

Category II - 151-300 Members ó Lewis P. Schultz Post 1486-18

Category III - 301 and Up Members ó Alton Post 1305-12

NATIONAL HOME AWARDS

The Post with the most dollars donated will receive a beautifully engraved plaque noting their accomplishmentí

Judd Kendall Post 3873-19

These Districts will receive a citation for reporting 100% before April 30, 2019.

Third District, Commander Samuel Scaife, Jr.

Seventh District, Commander Robert Sable

Fourteenth District, Commander Maurice Bridges

Nineteenth District, Commander Robert Zeman

SAFETY AWARDS

A special plaque will be presented to the top Post in the following three membership categories who reported the largest amount of hours, dollars and members:

Category I - Up to 150 Members ó Bloomingdale Post 7539-19

Category II - 151-300 Members ó Roscoe Post 2955-6

Category III - 301 and Up Members ó Northenders Post 10302-10

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARDS

A \$50 cash award and certificate will be presented to the following Posts who have the most hours, dollars, and number of members participating in the following membership categoriesí

Category I - Up to 150 Member Category ó Wayne County Memorial Post 4535-13

Category II - 151 - 300 Member Category ó Kahokian Memorial Post 5691-12

Category III - 301 Member and Up Category ó Harry E. Anderson Post 9545-18

An engraved plaque will be presented to the District with the most total hours, donations and members reportedí .

Christopher Hatcher, Thirteenth District Commander

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS

For sponsoring the State Voice of Democracy Champion, Collin Sexton, this Post will receive a personalized plaque

White County Post 3851, Carmi, Illinois

The school where the State winner attends will receive a \$500.00 award.

All Posts who participated in the judging portion of the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a certificate presented at their next District Meeting.

EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Scout listed below will receive a monetary award of \$300...

Christopher Arlee, Sponsored by Heyde Pillow Post 1301-15

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

The recipient of this year's Girl Scout Gold Award will receive a \$300 monetary award

Catherine Drosch, Sponsored by McDonald Linn-Chicago Ridge Post 177-3

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

I would like to congratulate those who qualified for the All-State Team. *Please see the complete listing of our All-State Team Members in this General Orders.*

All-State Team Post Commanders will be presented:

All-State Commander's Cap
Distinguished Service Lapel Pin

All-State Team Post Quartermasters will be presented:

All-State Quartermaster's Cap
Distinguished Service Lapel Pin

Legacy Life Membership Post Award

The Post who had the largest increase in Legacy Life Memberships is North Riverside Post 2378 with 7 members. Post 2378 will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the National VFW Store.

Cramer-Soden Award

The Cramer-Soden Award is presented to the All-State Commander who had the highest membership increase from their 2017-2018 year to their 2018-2019 year. This award is presented to:

Gary Holmes, Sixth District Commander (+15)

POW/MIA PROGRAM AWARD

The Dennis Nelson Memorial POW-MIA Award will be awarded to the VFW Post that demonstrates the most outstanding POW-MIA Recognition Program within their community

Sgt. Charles A. Fricke Post 805-14, O'Fallon, Illinois

POPPY AWARDS

The Post below will be awarded a beautiful plaque for the greatest numerical increase in buddy poppy sales according to the following membership classifications

Category I - Up to 150 Members ó Owen W. Winter, Jr. Post 4241-16

Category II - 151-300 Members ó John H. Kraus Post 454-7

Category III - 301 and Up Members ó Batavia Overseas Post 1197-19

THROUGH CHANNELS

Post Commanders, County Council Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all Resolutions or communications relative to FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR TO THE POLICY OR PROCEDURE OF THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY to the State Headquarters for endorsement and referral to the Adjutant General.

FIRST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The first Council of Administration Meeting will be held August 8-11, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Blooming, 10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington, Illinois... Sleeping rooms are priced at \$95 plus tax per night. The cut-off date for reserving your room is July 17, 2019. Reservations can be made by contacting this Headquarters or calling the hotel directly at 309-664-6446. Our group code is VFW_0.

STATE COMMANDER/PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

The Homecoming Dinner for Commander-elect Brad Gould and President-elect Billie Guthals will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2019, in conjunction with our First Council of Administration Meeting. *Please look for the flyer on the state website for more information.*

You may purchase your tickets through State Headquarters by calling (217) 529-6688 or making a donation on <http://www.vfwil.org>. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

CONVENTION REMINDERS!

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

POPPY DISPLAYS, DELEGATE REGISTRATION, VFW HEADQUARTERS OFFICE AND SUPPLY BOOTH
WILL ALL BE OPENING AT 12:00 pm

RULES OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE Plaza 4 12:00 pm

MEMORIAL SERVICE Grand Ballroom 6:00 pm

WEBSITE TRAINING - Conference Room 4 7:30 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

JOINT OPENING SESSION Grand Ballroom 8:30 am

VA ROUNDTABLE Plaza III 10:00 am

INSPECTOR TRAINING Conference Room 4 11:00 am

QM TRAINING 1. OMS AND VFW REPORTS Conference Room 4 12:00 pm

PAST STATE COMMANDERS **DUTCH TREAT** LUNCHEON Vista Room 6 12:00 pm

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION 1:30 pm

SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING Conference Room 4 4:00 pm

PATRIOTIC RALLY Grand Ballroom 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019

STATE CONVENTION CHURCH SERVICE Conference Room 4 7:00 am

DISTRICT INCOMING SR. VICE COMMANDERS MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT INCOMING SR. VICE
COMMANDER Conference Room 4 11:00 am

PAST DISTRICT COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON 29th Floor 12:00 pm

BUSINESS SESSION RECONVENES Grand Ballroom 1:00 pm

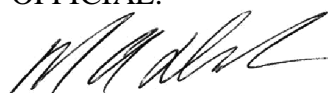
ELECTION OF 2019-2020 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

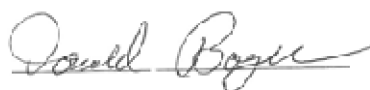
This year the Department Convention will feature three different joint hospitality rooms. There will be the two familiar rooms on the Concourse level of the Wyndham City Centre Hotel and a Game Room in Plaza 3 on the Mezzanine Level of the Hotel. The Game Room will feature dart boards and a foosball table. Convention guests are invited to try their hand at some of the games while partaking in food and refreshments in the Game Room. We will attempt to organize a few dart and football tournaments with part of the proceeds going to Fischer House.

OFFICIAL:



MICHAEL A. DE ROSS
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



DONALD BOYER
State Commander

NATIONAL HOME REPORT

Citation Awards

Congratulations to the following districts - 100% reported by April 30, 2019:

District 3 í Samuel Scaife Jr., Commander

District 7 í Robert Sable, Commander

District 14 í Maurice Bridges, Commander

District 18 í Robert Adame, Commander

District 19 í Robert Zeman, Commander

Plaque For Largest Amount Of Dollars Donated

Post 3873 (19) Pablo Araya, Commander

Amount \$ 21,427 (closing date - 4/30/2019)

Our sincere thanks goes out to everyone for the great support you have given this year to the families and children of the National Home. Our next "Illinois Day" at the National Home will be Saturday, September 28, 2019.

2018-2019 ALL-STATE TEAM OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Third District, Commander Samuel Scaife Jr.
Fourth District, Commander Joe Scanlon, Captain
Sixth District, Commander Gary Holmes
Thirteenth District, Commander Chris Hatcher
Fifteenth District, Commander Clarence Caraker
Seventeenth District, Commander Sean Conner
Eighteenth District, Commander Robert Adame

2018-2019 ALL-STATE TEAM OF POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS

<u>POST #</u>	<u>CMDR.</u>	<u>QM.</u>
<u>DISTRICT 3</u>		
Post 2024 Post 5220	Samuel Scaife Jr. William Johnson	Clinton Hall Joseph Stachon
<u>DISTRICT 4</u>		
Post 1337 Post 2202 Post 3579 Post 9284	Les Durov James Thies Tom Davidson Wallace Campbell	Charles Ohrn Joe Wein Harry Benjamin William Firestone
<u>DISTRICT 6</u>		
Post 540 Post 2223 Post 2955 Post 5149 Post 5418 Post 8455 Post 8739 Post 9759	Michael Kuba Michael Raleigh Bill Graves John Guler Randy Bellows Max Snook Jr. Robert Coulter Richard Nicholls Jr.	Melissa Spangler Paul Mayer Maurice Buffo Roland Porter Cheryl Miller John Foxley Jerry Frana John Hood
<u>DISTRICT 7</u>		
Post 2857	Dale Galent	John Swanson
<u>DISTRICT 8</u>		
Post 1303 Post 1984 Post 5083	P.J. Hymes Wayne Erickson Michael Chavez	Brian Habel Harold Rose Gary Gray

DISTRICT 10

Post 6408
Post 10302

Ronny Workman
Bobby Edwards

James Marshall
Ottis Caudle

DISTRICT 11

Post 4495
Post 4829

Charles Schneider
Tony Robertson

Autumn Kasch
James Boys

DISTRICT 12

Post 1308

Thomas Wilson

John Fessler

DISTRICT 13

Post 2055
Post 9153

Michael Draege
Jason Presswood

Donald Porter
Benjamin Newborn

DISTRICT 14

Post 1739
Post 2698
Post 4183
Post 7710
Post 7682

Larry Newell II
Timothy Gentry
Ron Milton
Mark Steinheimer
Jesus Herta

Robert Thomas
Gary Stork
Ariana Taylor
Cathy Stubbs
James Christian

DISTRICT 15

Post 1301
Post 2671

William Rice
Gary Fravel

Jonathon Rice
John Metzger

DISTRICT 16

Post 2791

James Hudik

Robert Baisa

DISTRICT 17

Post 1769
Post 5975
Post 10009

Niles Conkling
Dennis Miller
Jon Beck

Gary Buehnerkemper
Darrell Baker
Sean Conner

DISTRICT 18

Post 367
Post 725
Post 2199
Post 9545

Chuck Shepherd
James Hogan
Kevin Pomykala
Paul Barclay

James Clausen
Richard Graser
William Dunstan
Lawrence Paveza

DISTRICT 19

Post 2164
Post 3873
Post 7452

Leo Penkala
Pablo Araya
Robert Bailey

David Carlson
Philip Maughan
William Regan