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***2020-2021 Series
General Orders No. 12
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ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

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: 2021-2022 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!

2021-2022 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

All members of the 2021-2022 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 13, 2021 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 2021-2022 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 *IL/Prarie Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre on Thursday, June 10, 2021 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, 2021
- 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 *IL/Prarie Room* of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre beginning at 1:00pm on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

STATE PROGRAM AWARDS

State Program Awards will be presented as each Program Director gives his/her final report during the 100th Annual State Convention. The presentation of final program reports will begin on Friday, June 11, 2021 in the *IL/Prarie Room* 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 – Seventeenth District – \$30
- Category II - 2,501-3,600 Members – Fourteenth District – \$30
- Category III – 3,601 Members and Up – Nineteenth District – \$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 – Up to 100 Members – Arcola Post 7682 -17 – \$30
- Category II - 101-300 Members – Mt. Carmel Post 4276 - 13 – \$30
- Category III - 301 Members and Up – John H. Kraus Post 454 - 7 – \$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>	
Kelli Kamplain	K-5	Crawford County Post 4549-17
Scott Paeth	6-8	Prospect Post 1337-4
Monica Boehle	9-12	St. Charles Memorial Post 5036-19

BLOOD DONOR AWARDS

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 – Bond County Memorial Post 1377-12
- Category II - 151-300 Member Category – Ambraw Post 2244-13
- Category III - 301 and Up Member Category – McHenry Post 4600-5 and Centralia Post 2055-13

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 – Chatham Post 4763-10

Category III – 301 Members and up – No entries

HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS

The Districts who achieve 100% in Post participation in the Hospital/VAVS Program by April 30, 2021 will be awarded \$50.00 CASH to be used in the continuation of the Hospital/VAVS Program...

Fifteenth District, Commander Gary Fravel

HOSPITAL/VAVS AWARDS

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

Category I - Up to 150 Members – Clifton Central Post 2131-7

Category II - 151-300 Members – Ambraw Post 2244-13

Category III - 301 and Up Members – Montgomery Memorial Post 7452-19

NATIONAL HOME AWARDS

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

Judd Kendall Post 3873-19

These Districts will receive a citation for reporting 100% before April 30, 2021.

Seventh District, Commander Barton Gutteridge

Thirteenth District, Commander Ryan Higginbotham

Fourteenth District, Commander Steven Eller

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 – Ross Pearson Post 5149-6

Category II - 151-300 Members – Saint Charles Memorial 5036-19

Category III - 301 and Up Members – 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 categories...

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

Category II - 151 - 300 Member Category – Cumberland County Post 4598-17

Category III - 301 Member and Up Category – Judd Kendall Post 3873-19

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

Ryan Higginbotham, Thirteenth District Commander

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS

For sponsoring the State Voice of Democracy Champion, Sophia Schwartzrock, this Post will receive a personalized plaque...

Oregon Post 8739, Oregon, 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...

Jacob Buettner, Sponsored by Scott AFB Post 4183-14

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

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

Kayla Smith, Sponsored by Bolingbrook Post 5917-18

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

Cramer-Soden Award

The Cramer-Soden Award is presented to the All-State Commander who had the highest membership increase from their 2019-2020 year to their 2020-2021 year. This award is presented to:

Sean Conner, Seventeenth District Commander (+13)

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 –

Category II - 151-300 Members – Batavia Overseas Post 1197-19

Category III - 301 and Up Members – Sgt. Charles A. Fricke Post 805-14

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 20-22, 2021 at the Holiday Inn & Suites Joliet, 1471 Rock Creek Blvd., Joliet, Illinois. Sleeping rooms are priced at \$126 plus tax per night. The cut-off date for reserving your room is July 19, 2021. Reservations can be made by contacting this Headquarters or calling the hotel directly at (779) 206-2915. Our group code is VFW.

STATE COMMANDER/PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

The Homecoming Dinner for Commander-elect Bobby Welch and President-elect Rhonda Borkgren will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021, 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.

NATIONAL CONVENTION, JULY 31- AUGUST 3, 2021

Complete information regarding National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri is attached at the end of these orders. **Housing will go live June 1, 2021 and closes June 30th**. You can use the following methods (call-in or online) to make reservations:

- **Toll-Free: 877.464.6840 – Mon.-Fri. 9a-6p - EST**
- **International: 980.337.3372 – Mon.-Fri. 9a-6p EST**
- **Housing Website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50193779>**
- **VFW Convention website – www.vfw.org/convention**

STATE CONVENTION REMINDERS!

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DISTRICT COMMANDER-ELECT CONFERENCE 8 am-12pm NORTHERNDERS POST 10302
Northenders Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Rd., Springfield, IL 62702

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1:00p.m. RENDEZVOUS ROOM, WYNDHAM CITY CENTRE
By-Laws & Resolutions Meeting
Rules of the Convention Meeting

FINAL 2020-2021 COUNCIL MEETING: 3:00p.m. IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre
Presentation of Commander's Plaque
Reports: Veterans Service Committee
Budget and Finance Committee
Convention Committee
National VFW Representative: John Muckelbauer, General Counsel
Program Reports: Misc. Program Chairmen
Announcements: Dave Stout, State Adj-QM

Memorial Service 6:00p.m. IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Friday Session: 8:30 a.m. IL/Prairie, Wyndham City Centre
Opening of the 100th Annual Convention by Convention Chairman
Introduction of Auxiliary Rep. by Linda Armstrong and remarks from Auxiliary National Rep.
Introduction of VFW National Rep. by State Commander and his remarks

Special Presentations

Presentations: Teacher of the Years
“ * Of the Year”
Publications Contest
Ntl. Publications
Reports: Rules of the Convention
Credentials
Legislative Report

Program Awards: 1:00p.m. IL/Prairie, Wyndham Springfield City Centre
Awards will be handed out by Program Chairmen

** Awards not handed out must be picked up by District Commanders in Headquarters office.

Foundation Meeting: Following Program Awards, Rendezvous Room, Wyndham City Centre

Church Services 5:00 p.m. Plaza 1, Wyndham City Centre

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2021 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Saturday Session: 8:30a.m. IL/Prarie, Wyndham City Centre

Commander Emmer will start Business Session.

Auxiliary President will arrive and address the VFW and Laurie will go and address the Auxiliary.

Open nominations at 9:00a.m., to give candidates time to get to Springfield or Satellite Post.

Program Awards

Buddy Poppy, Stephanie Kirksey

Afternoon Session: 1:00p.m. IL/Prarie, Wyndham City Centre

Silver March

Convention Raffle Drawing

Reports: By-Laws & Resolutions, Vince Long
Credentials Report, George Doeden

Elections

Installation

Cmdr. Reception: 6:30 p.m. Northenders Post 10302

Reception for Bobby Welch. Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Rd., Springfield IL 62702

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

First 2021-2022 Council Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Rendezvous Room, Wyndham City Centre

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:



W. DAVE STOUT
State Adjutant-Quartermaster



LAURIE EMMER
State Commander

2020-2021 ALL-STATE TEAM OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Fourteenth District, Steven Eller
Seventeenth District, Sean Conner

2020-2021 ALL-STATE TEAM OF POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS

<u>Post #</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Quartermaster</u>
	District 3	
Post 8322	Robert Arenz	Paul Bezazian
Post 8821	Christopher Garza	Felix Grzelinski Jr.
Post 9773	Howard Kirby	Robert Kurysz
	District 4	
Post 1337	Les Durov	Charles Ohrn
Post 2202	James Thies	Joseph Wein
Post 5979	Shawn Schroeder	Richard Wojewnik
Post 10236	Matthew Jaeger	Thomas Coogan III
	District 5	
Post 1293	Calvin Farmer Jr.	Jesse Woodley Jr.
Post 2245	Thad Smith	Carl Sorensen Jr.
Post 2298	Daniel Pearson	Patrick Dunlap
Post 4308	Kevin Cournoyer	Michael McInerney
Post 7448	Kenneth Wagner	Richard Coombe Jr.
Post 11020	Marie Honeywell	Patrick Fissette
	District 6	
Post 2955	Ruben Hernandez	Maurice Buffo
Post 8739	Jason Stoll	Tina West
Post 9759	Richard Nicolls Jr.	John Hood
	District 7	
Post 8350	Krzysztof Okreglicki	Lee Reinhart
	District 8	
Post 1571	Andrew Retherford	James Mizner
Post 1984	Wayne Erickson Sr.	Harold Rose
Post 2623	Kevin Kilkenny	Donald Thorp

District 9

Post 2602
Post 4724

Robert Murphy
Rodney Lewis

Eric Thurman
Jerome Powers

District 10

Post 1756
Post 6408

Michelle Ramlow
Ronny Workman

Gilbert Dobbels
James Marshall

District 11

Post 730
Post 4168
Post 4431
Post 4829
Post 5224
Post 5346
Post 6410

Donald Biggs
Joseph Swinford
Raymond Grandfield
Andrew Cisna
George Frank
Seth Floyd
Samuel Frederick

Ivery Chambliss
David Levesque
Matthew Baldwin
James Boys
Robert Hayes
Gordon Lawrence
Harry Woolen

District 12

Post 3912
Post 7678

Ray Kellenberger Jr.
Dustin Dixon

Michael Houlihan
Curtis Berrey

District 13

Post 2055
Post 4535
Post 9153

Michael Draege
Ronald Van Buskirk
Jason Presswood

Oscar Carter Jr.
Johanna Meyers
Benjamin Newborn

District 14

Post 805
Post 1699
Post 1739
Post 2698
Post 3553
Post 3523
Post 4183
Post 5596
Post 6504
Post 6632
Post 6865
Post 7682
Post 7710

Edward Martinez
Craig Prusa
Douglas Jameson
Kenneth Hall
James Beam
Richard Schulte
Ronald Milton
Arthur Stine
John Fuller
Clarence Nail
John Rainey
James Christian
Mark Steinheimer

James Stover
Fred Woods
Robert Thomas
Jeffery Britt
Shannon McDonough
Gale Gehrs
Donald Pierre
Steven Elliott
Paul Braun
Larry Ehlers
James Geggie
Angela Minard
Cathy Stubbs

District 15

Post 7190

Christopher Maynor

Jesse Elder

District 16

Post 450

Dominic Jaroch

Patrick Falsey

	District 17	
Post 1592	David Watson	Robert Creek
Post 1769	Kevin Jamison	Gary Buehnerkemper
Post 2876	Ronald Floyd	Michael Leon
Post 3637	James Hopper	Ryan Stark
Post 4325	Wayne Cox	Kristellen William
Post 4549	Derek Gill	Dan Swaner
Post 4598	Leslie Healy	Cathy Cox
Post 7537	Harry Haggard	Alan Bogardus
Post 10009	Jon Beck	Sean Conner
	District 18	
Post 725	James Hogan	Richard Graser
Post 1486	Todd Latham	Edward Kurz
Post 5788	Keith Carberry	Brandon Strickland
Post 5917	John Davin	Herschel Nelson
	District 19	
Post 468	Ramon Bejarano	Arthur Lomas
Post 1197	Jason Davis	Michael Breyne
Post 2164	Leo Penkala	David Carlson
Post 2377	William Wolff	Timothy Loome
Post 5036	James Patinka	Jake Wyatt
Post 5696	Jesus Arzola	Aaron Lathrop
Post 7452	Robert Bailey	Timothy Juillett
Post 7539	Ronald Richardson	David Burdick
Post 11018	Dale Dwyer	Charles Gerlach



VFW 122nd NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING
Kansas City Marriott Downtown
(VFW Headquarter hotel)
Kansas City, MO – July 31-August 3, 2021

TO: Department Adjutants/Quartermasters
FROM: National Convention Office, VFW
SUBJECT: Convention Housing
DATE: May 28, 2021

The housing assignments for Kansas City have been finalized. Housing for the Kansas City convention opens **6/1/21**.

Toll-Free: 877.464.6840 – Mon.-Fri. 9a-6p - EST
International: 980.337.3372 – Mon.-Fri. 9a-6p - EST
Housing Website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50193779>

www.vfw.org/convention

Please review the hotel's smoking policy with your hotel contact.

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcidt-kansas-city-marriott-downtown/> -816-421-6800

Housing for the 122nd National Convention officially opens on **June 1, 2021**. The special convention rates (shown below) are available until **June 30** or **until our block of rooms sells out**. As a reminder, we recommend not waiting until cut-off as there are no guarantees there will be rooms available by that time. **It is always easier to release a room, than it is to get one at the last minute.**

Rates for: \$175 sgl/double **Tax:** 18.35% + \$1.50 per room, per night KC Development fee
Note: Taxes subject to change

Suites: *Suites & Hospitality suites; (based on availability) – Contact Jen Ipsen, Sales #816-855-4492*

Parking: \$20 day/self
 \$26 Valet

No individual, other than the VFW Department, will be able to **block more than 5 rooms under one name unless authorized by the VFW department.**

Please be advised as a result of your final room block pick-up your department may be eligible for comp rooms based on the amount provided by the hotel contract. It is your responsibility to work directly with the hotels to determine the distribution of these comp rooms prior to your leaving the hotel at the end of the convention. There are no guarantees you will receive your comps if you do not handle this prior to leaving the hotel at the end of the convention.

MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN (VFW)

Virginia
Illinois
Arizona
Missouri
Alabama
Arkansas
Georgia
Texas
Kentucky
South Carolina

LOEWS (AUXILIARY HQT)

Michigan
Florida
New York
Connecticut
Maryland
Pennsylvania
Massachusetts
Vermont

HOTEL PHILLIPS

Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Tennessee

HOTEL INDIGO

West Virginia
Iowa
Wisconsin

AMBASSADOR

Oregon
Pacific Areas
Washington
Wyoming

CROWNE PLAZA

California
Colorado
Kansas
Montana
Nevada

Un-affiliated Posts

Alaska
Hawaii
New Mexico
North Dakota

HOTEL KANSAS CITY

Indiana
Minnesota

HAMPTON INN

Maine
Europe
New Hampshire
Rhode Island

MARRIOTT COURTYARD

Delaware
New Jersey

HILTON PRESIDENT

Nebraska
Ohio
South Dakota
Utah
Idaho

5/27/21