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To be read at regular Post meetings and placed in file for future reference.

1. I hope everyone had a meaningful and reflective Memorial Day and is ready to roll into the State of Idaho's 3rd phase of the Governor's Rebound Idaho Plan. A lot was covered in last month's General Orders and I do not want to go over everything that has already been published. If there are questions on the details, please re-read the General Orders for May 2020.

With that said, in accordance with the National Headquarters' release **Executive Order #2** on April 24, 2020 and the Step-by-Step Procedures of the Executive Order #2, on June 21, 2020 (the date of the scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting in conjunction with the previously scheduled State Convention), I will officially open the State Convention and then close it due to not having the required quorum. At that point, the current Department Senior Vice Commander- Melanie Foster will move up to the position of the State Commander and the Department Junior Vice Commander- Doug Welch will move up to the Department Senior Vice position. The new State Commander will fill each elected position pro-tem and solicit nominations for the elected positions. After 15 days, the New Department Council of Administration Members will conduct a vote with each being permitted to cast (1) vote each on each of the elected positions. Again, this is outlined in the Executive Order #2 and the Step-by-Step Guidance for Departments from the National Headquarters.

- 2. Posts still have until June 30th to meet the new/updated All State Requirements:
 - A. Membership Criteria: Posts need to be at 100% Membership by 31 June 2020
 - B. Conduct Monthly Meetings through February 29, 2020 as the COVID-19 restrictions/social distancing measures began in March 2020.
 - C. Post Commander or designated representative must attend all District Meetings that were physically held.
 - D. The Post must be active and support the Department's Community Activity Program through regular monthly reporting through the February 2020 monthly report (due to COVID-19 Restrictions). more than (3) missing reports from July 2019 to February 2020 will be a disqualifier for All State.
 - E. The purchase a minimum of 500 Buddy Poppies has been removed from this year's All State Requirements.

- F. Register a Delegate for the Department Convention and Pay Delegate Fees has been removed from this year's All State Requirements.
- G. Register a Post for the National Convention and pay Delegate Fees has been removed from this year's All State Requirements.
- **3.** Please ensure the nomination packages for **Veteran/Comrade of the Year Award** are submitted directly to the Department Headquarters before June 14, 2020. As a reminder, we will <u>NOT</u> be conducting a **Lifetime Achievement Award** this year.
- 4. Election Reports Posts and Districts MUST conduct an election and submit election reports as soon as possible and <u>absolutely no later</u> than June 21st. Posts and Districts have the latitude to conduct virtual meetings in order to conduct the elections as mentioned in Executive Order #1 (dated March 17, 2020) and the Commanders Communication Options (dated March 21, 2020). Districts can also use Executive Order #2 if it is determined that a virtual meeting/election is not feasible. In place of the Department Council of Administration to actually vote, the District would use the Post Commanders and elected officers in lieu of the COA. Remember, not all members need a smart phone or computer with camera in order to participate in a virtual meeting. Many (like Zoom) allow participants to call in on a standard phone. They will not see the other members participating on a computer screen but they will hear everyone. Ensure all meetings are well-documented.

We highly encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters.

Posts and Districts must have proof of eligibility for all elected officers.

5. Membership - The Department is currently sitting at 6,622 members, 402 Members short of last year's numbers of 7,024. This puts us at 94.27% and ranked 41st in the Department Standings.

Congratulations to the (**15**) Posts that are currently at 100% Membership or higher-7019 Kuna- 133.33%, 3913 Kendrick- 109.75%, 3043 Burley- 107.35%, 3078 Gooding-104.54%, 5423 Mountain Home- 104.44%, 3520 Grangeville- 103.10%, 8311 Elk City-102.81%, 9036 New Plymouth- 102.63%, 3001 Jerome- 102.36%, 3886 Caldwell- 100.84%, Glenns Ferry- 100.54%, 3296 Orofino- 100.00%, 4902 Cottonwood- 100%, 10043 Lewiston-100.00%, and 8893 Mud Lake- 100.00%.

We currently have (5) Posts at 95% or higher in Membership: 735 Pocatello, 10323 Preston, 9425 St Anthony, 5840 Salmon and 3465 Nampa

As for Districts, District 2 is at 99.46%, District 6 is at 96.75%, District 8 at 93.87%, District 5 at 93.84%, District 7 at 91.08%, District 4 at 91.01% and District 1 at 89.42%.

We are on the home stretch and still have until June 30th to work on membership. With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, we have the ability to get outside and perform a final membership push and show the National Headquarters that the Department of Idaho is better than #41 in the Nation. Work the unpaid membership rosters and if you have any questions, contact the Membership Chairman- Denny Croner.

6. Thanks again Tom and Susan for everything you do to keeping the office and Department running Smoothly especially during these trying times.

7. This is my final monthly General Orders as it will soon be time to pass the torch over to Melanie Foster. It has been my honor to continue to serve with all of you. No one expected the Covid-19 pandemic to cause this much upheaval in the State, across the Country and around the world but it is the hand that we were dealt with.

I look forward to continue to serve with all of you as the State Service Officer and if anyone has any questions about anything, please let me know. I wish the best to Melanie and all of the new slate of officers at all levels. Get involved and do not be afraid of throwing your hat into the ring for any of the positions available at the Post, District or Department levels.

I also want to thank everyone for your support throughout this year! Let's finish strong on this year's membership and hopefully prepare for a new, Covid-19-free future!



Our daily actions are driven by "Honor, Courage and Commitment"

By order of the Commander

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Adjutant/Quartermaster

June 1, 2020

1. Adjutant/Quartermaster Tom Black

Comrades,

As the situation we are all undertaking continues, there will be no list of delinquent audits, however it is still important to get these done and sent to Department Headquarters as soon as you are able.

Election reports still need to be submitted for Posts and Districts by 20 June 2020.

Please notify Department Headquarters of any meeting date/time changes. I will definitely miss the opportunity to see everyone at the State Convention and look forward to getting together when we can.

Thank you Commander Heyob for your excellent leadership through unprecedented times and all that the Department was able to accomplish during your term.

Sr. Vice Commander Foster, I look forward to the journey ahead and know that the future of the VFW is in good hands with you and your staff. We will have another great year doing the business of the VFW, taking care of Veterans.

Keep yourselves, your family healthy and secure.

Please remember that I am always here to assist any member or Post with anything needed. I am available at the other end of an email or phone call.

2. Message From VFW Communications:

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for all Americans. As a result, the demand for food assistance has increased at an extraordinary rate.

Given this critical need, we are mobilizing donors and volunteers for the "Uniting to Combat Hunger" campaign in an effort to help food insecure veterans and their families

through this pandemic. By donating directly to VA medical centers across the country, we are able to take a targeted approach to assist our nation's service men and women and ensure donations go directly to those who are experiencing food insecurity or are at risk of food insecurity, whether it's providing food, gift cards to local grocery stores or even basic supplies they need to help them during this difficult time.

By visiting <u>vfw.org/UTCH</u> and making a monetary donation to a VA medical center near you, you're helping ensure no veteran goes hungry.

While our team's efforts have helped to provide more than 200,000 meals toward our 500,000 meal goal thus far, **we need your help to spread the word about our mission**. Now more than ever, it's important we don't take anything for granted – including access to food. Respectfully,

VFW Communications, VFW National Headquarters 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 816.756.3390

3. Monthly Checklist for June

Review state incorporation paperwork for your post. You should get a card from the
Secretary of State that must be signed and filled out and returned no later than 60 days from
the date on the card. Due this month: Posts 2136, 7137.
Posts shall pay their delegate fees to the Department QM not later than 15 days
before the Department convention is convened in June.
Posts need monthly Community Activity Reports sent to the JVC by the 26 th of the
month. Email to jr.vice.commander@vfwidaho.org.
Post membership should be 100% before the Department convention.
June 6 th D-Day 1944.
June 14 th Flag Day.
Posts must register for the National convention and pay the registration fee of \$25.00.
Plan now for Fourth of July Ceremonies.
Order your buddy poppies for November.
Read and follow your Department SOP's they are the lifeblood of this organization.
Posts should consider "Adopt-A-Unit". Information can be found at
www.vfw.org/troopsupport.
IRS 990 can be filed starting on July 1. The VFW fiscal year is July 1 to June 30.
Post Commanders should review the "All-State" and "National Membership Program" for
requirements and progress.

VFW Department of Idaho Community Activity Report May 2020

Div#	Post#	Location	Total Activities	# Members	# Hrs	# Miles	Total Monies Donated
		DISTRICT ONE					
3	889	Coeur d'Alene	34	23	158	0	\$0.00
10	1473	Spirit Lake	98	165	690	2250	\$1,034.00
6	1675	Osburn	72	163	501	1459	\$13,604.26
8	2453	Sandpoint	12	79	220	320	\$44.80
10	2909	Priest River	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
8	3603	Post Falls	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
11	3622	Bonners Ferry	0	0	0	0	\$250.00
9	10320	Clark Fork	190	271	1478	11854	\$6,020.56
5		TOTALS	406	701	3047	15883	\$20,953.62
		DISTRICT TWO					
9	2905	Moscow	10	13	55	28	\$3.92
5	3296	Orofino	128	401	997	6724	\$9,722.36
7	3520	Grangeville	11	41	1103	1196	\$167.44
9	3913	Kendrick	87	263	602	7297	\$2,273.58
8	4902	Cottonwood	27	129	641	3076	\$3,543.85
8	5407	Kamiah	38	215	671	3412	\$3,440.68
9	8311	Elk City	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
4	10043	Lewiston	226	911	4989	16791	\$20,736.74
9	10300	Potlatch	6	18	36	36	\$5.04
5		TOTALS	533	1991	9094	38560	\$39,893.61
		DISTRICT FOUR					
4	2738	Payette	88	242	410	4477	\$3,389.41
7	4900	Emmett	58	86	528	1152	\$7,137.05
10	6232	Midvale	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
9	9036	New Plymouth	147	174	1784	10845	\$12,668.30
10	11065	Wilder	5	11	55	92	\$662.88
6		TOTALS	298	513	2777	16566	\$23,857.64
		DISTRICT FIVE					
1	63	Boise	39	169	193	1988	\$7,681.32
9	142	Idaho City	42	169	182	3790	\$4,930.60
9	1173	Boise	113	113	491	807	\$9,443.98
8	3465	Nampa	108	319	808	6188	\$6,447.03
5	3886	Caldwell	130	119	1866	11833	\$2,742.02
5	4000	Meridian	335	393	1627	8768	\$10,658.20
8	5423	Mt. Home AFB	15	17	442	710	\$1,464.40
9	7019	Kuna	58	140	539	4583	\$2,816.62
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Cat #	FUSL#	DISTRICT SIX	Activities	# WEITIDEIS	πιιιο	# IVIIICS	Donateu
6	2136	Twin Falls	259	488	4748	16046	\$5,789.39
11	2974	Wendell	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
7	3001	Jerome	138	671	4365	15368	\$9,172.52
9	3043	Burley	31	219	1250	4909	\$3,142.26
11	3078	Gooding	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
9	3604	Buhl	138	170	1604	7618	\$8,981.52
5	3646	Glenns Ferry	267	519	2179	7157	\$15,385.98
6		TOTALS	833	2067	14146	51098	\$42,471.67
		DISTRICT SEVEN					
6	735	Pocatello	212	511	1568	15813	\$3,443.82
11	3884	Montpelier	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
10	9141	Soda Springs	188	374	1147	11120	\$7,320.80
11	9443	Blackfoot	35	66	539	1719	\$1,640.66
11	10323	Preston	17	61	66	848	\$118.72
6		TOTALS	452	1012	3320	29500	\$12,524.00
		DISTRICT EIGHT					
5	1004	Rigby	82	348	2014	7885	\$1,428.90
4	2146	Idaho Falls	64	422	1552	1715	\$8,813.80
7	3012	Rexburg	65	349	635	2192	\$928.88
9	5840	Salmon	11	51	81	202	\$722.28
10	7137	Arco	106	213	196	2186	\$1,165.04
11	8893	Mud Lake	144	248	684	7971	\$3,029.63
6	9425	St. Anthony	41	199	426	2109	\$2,589.26
5		TOTALS	513	1830	5588	24260	\$18,677.79
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	DEPT	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>3875</u>	<u>9553</u>	<u>44119</u>	<u>214534</u>	<u>\$204,562.50</u>

Activities to be reported:

Community Activities can fall in several categories, including community involvement, cooperation with other organizations, aid to others, school; and church assistance, safety, Americanism, and youth activities. The reporting date deadline to be included in the next General Orders is the 26th day of each month. Standardized forms are located on the state website under Department >"forms & reports"

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Community Activities Chairman
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IDAHO VFW MEMBERSHIP REPORT

PERCENT 94.43%

AS OF June 1, 2020

	LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CONT	TOTAL	TOTAL 18	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
889	Coeur d'Alene	2	272	1	2	63	338	360	93.89%	22	40
1473	Spirit Lake	0	41	4	0	12	57	63	90.48%	6	9.15
1675	Osburn	0	125	0	0	30	155	168	92.26%	13	21.4
2453	Sandpoint	0	61	5	0	14	80	101	79.21%	21	26.05
2909	Priest River	0	37	0	0	9	46	55	83.64%	9	11.75
3603	Post Falls	0	72	6	1	11	90	96	93.75%	6	10.8
3622	Bonners Ferry	0	35	0	0	9	44	49	89.80%	5	7.45
10320	Clark Fork	0	48	0	0	14	62	82	75.61%	20	24.1
	Dist #1 TOT	2	691	16	3	162	872	974	89.53%	102	150.7

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	LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 18	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
2905	Moscow	3	53	1	0	16	70	76	92.11%	6	9.8
3296	Orofino	0	145	1	0	51	197	197	100.00%	0	9.85
3520	Grangeville	1	106	4	0	23	133	129	103.10%	-4	2.45
3913	Kendrick	1	49	9	1	31	90	82	109.76%	-8	-3.9
4902	Cottonwood	1	74	5	1	27	107	107	100.00%	0	5.35
5407	Kamiah	0	74	0	0	13	87	93	93.55%	6	10.65
8311	Elk City	0	53	1	1	18	73	71	102.82%	-2	1.55
10043	Lewiston	0	224	12	1	45	282	282	100.00%	0	14.1
10300	Potlatch	0	51	0	0	16	67	75	89.33%	8	11.75
	Dist #2 TOT	6	829	33	4	240	1106	1112	99.46%	6	61.6
	AREA 1 TOT	8	1520	49	7	402	1978	2086	94.82%	108	212.3

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 18	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
2738 Payette	0	214	4	0	55	273	300	91.00%	27	42
4900 Emmett	1	86	2	0	20	108	124	87.10%	16	22.2
6232 Midvale	0	40	0	0	12	52	60	86.67%	8	11
9036 New Plymouth	1	61	3	1	13	78	76	102.63%	-2	1.8
11065 Wilder	0	34	2	0	10	46	52	88.46%	6	8.6
Dist 4 TOT	2	435	11	1	110	557	612	91.01%	55	85.6

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	LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 18	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
63	Boise	2	1029	18	4	184	1235	1350	91.48%	115	182.5
142	Idaho City	0	36	11	0	25	72	76	94.74%	4	7.8
1173	Boise	0	55	0	3	6	64	72	88.89%	8	11.6
3465	Nampa	0	58	6	1	17	82	85	96.47%	3	7.25
3886	Caldwell	1	93	50	12	84	239	236	101.27%	-3	8.8
4000	Meridian	0	112	7	0	67	186	219	84.93%	33	43.95
5423	Mt. Home	0	67	9	0	18	94	90	104.44%	-4	0.5
7019	Kuna	0	59	22	0	27	108	81	133.33%	-27	-22.95
	Dist 5 TOT	3	1509	123	20	428	2080	2209	94.16%	129	239.45
	AREA 2 TOT	5	1944	134	21	538	2637	2821	93.48%	184	325.05

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LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 18	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
2136 Twin Falls	2	96	3	0	25	124	142	87.32%	18	25.1
2974 Wendell	0	20	0	0	8	28	33	84.85%	5	6.65
3001 Jerome	2	70	4	0	56	130	127	102.36%	-3	3.35
3043 Burley	0	54	2	2	16	74	68	108.82%	-6	-2.6
3078 Gooding	0	11	1	0	11	23	22	104.55%	-1	0.1
3604 Buhl	0	48	1	0	14	63	71	88.73%	8	11.55
3646 Glenns Ferry	1	136	4	0	45	185	184	100.54%	-1	8.2
Dist 6 TOT	5	435	15	2	175	627	647	96.91%	20	52.35

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	LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 18	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
735	Pocatello	0	110	5	1	26	142	146	97.26%	4	11.3
3884	Montpelier	0	17	1	0	8	26	35	74.29%	9	10.75
9141	Soda Springs	0	36	2	0	15	53	58	91.38%	5	7.9
9443	Blackfoot	0	23	1	1	11	36	45	80.00%	9	11.25
10323	Preston	0	22	1	0	6	29	30	96.67%	1	2.5
	Dist 7 TOT	0	208	10	2	66	286	314	91.08%	28	43.7

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LOCAT	ON	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 18	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
1004 Rigby		1	165	1	0	5	171	184	92.93%	13	22.2
2146 Idaho Fall	s (0	176	6	1	51	234	261	89.66%	27	40.05
3012 Rexburg		1	71	4	1	27	103	109	94.50%	6	11.45
5840 Salmon		1	51	3	0	13	67	68	98.53%	1	4.4
7137 Arco		1	49	1	0	4	54	57	94.74%	3	5.85
8893 Mud Lake	(0	27	2	0	3	32	32	100.00%	0	1.6
9425 Saint Anth	nony	1	151	0	0	0	151	154	98.05%	3	10.7
Dist 8 TO	т [5	690	17	2	103	812	865	93.87%	53	96.25
AREA 3 T	ОТ	10	1333	42	6	344	1725	1826	94.47%	101	192.3

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15013	AT LARGE	9	207	43	2	41	293	291	100.69%	-2	12.55
	LOCATION	N/R LM	LIFE	NEW	R-NEW	CON'T	TOTAL	TOTAL 09	PERCENT	FOR 100%	FOR 105%
STATE	HEYOB	32	5004	268	36	1325	6633	7024	94.43%	391	742.2
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AREA 1	WELCH	8	1520	49	7	402	1978	2086	94.82%	108	212.3
AREA 2	HEYOB	5	1944	134	21	538	2637	2821	93.48%	184	325.05
AREA 3	FOSTER	10	1333	42	6	344	1725	1826	94.47%	101	192.3
DIST 1	English	2	691	16	3	162	872	974	89.53%	102	150.7
DIST 2	Riener	6	829	33	4	240	1106	1112	99.46%	6	61.6
DIST 4	Spurling	2	435	11	1	110	557	612	91.01%	55	85.6
DIST 5	Suekel	3	1509	123	20	428	2080	2209	94.16%	129	239.45
DIST 6	Bolich	5	435	15	2	175	627	647	96.91%	20	52.35
DIST 7	Hollingsworth	0	208	10	2	66	286	314	91.08%	28	43.7
DIST 8	Babcock	5	690	17	2	103	812	865	93.87%	53	96.25

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