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**General Orders # 3 2019 – 2020 Series, published monthly
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To be read at regular Post meetings and placed in file for future reference.**

1. Post and District inspection should now be underway. Ensure that you do a thorough job on your inspections and follow up on any write-ups to ensure that they have been corrected. All reports are to be completed by 31 December 2019 and turned into the Department Inspector Dale Smith.

2. With two months until the deadline for submissions, now is the time for every VOD/PP/CET Chairman to check out the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Citizenship Teacher sections of the Department Website where there is useful information that can be downloaded to read. Read the information now to save problems when it is time to submit your packages. Any questions about the Citizenship Teacher program contact Tim Hinseth.

For "All American" purposes, the deadline for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year submissions and donations in lieu of submissions, will coincide with the Posts entry deadline of midnight October 31, 2019. Donations after the deadline will not be accepted for participation credit. A donation to National will fulfill the requirements for "All American" status but not All State.

Donations should be made through:

https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation

3. When a Post does not submit ALL the elected or appointed officers' positions on the Election Report, they are considered INCOMPLETE. Please ensure all required positions are filled and submitted on the Election Report.

4. Now is the time to submit your \$50 donation to Veterans and Military Support instead of waiting until May or June. You will have that requirement fulfilled for All State and All American. You can make your check out to "Veterans and Military Support", but you have to mail it to Department Headquarters so it can be logged on the All-State and All-American Matrix. Department Quartermaster Black will forward the checks to National. You can also mail a check to the Department Quartermaster for \$50 and in the Memo section, write VMS. Your Post will be credited either way you do it.

5. Quartermaster Bonds expired on August 31, 2019. If you have not applied for a new bond, you need to do this ASAP! This is a requirement of the National By-Laws.

6. Post Commanders, please ensure your 990 is filed before November 15th. The 990-N "e-postcard" is the easiest way to accomplish this and can be found on the Department website. You will also find the filing instructions on the website.

7. **Community Activity Reports are due by the 26th of the month** to the JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER Doug Welch and should be emailed to: jr.vice.commander@vfwidaho.org.

DO NOT SEND THEM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OR TO SENIOR VICE COMMANDER Foster. Also note that the Post is required to submit at least 9 monthly Community Activity Reports between July 1, 2019 and June 1, 2020 to complete that requirement for All State.

8. **Post Commanders; ensure your Post Officers pay their dues before they expire** or they will be removed and will not be able to hold any office for the rest of the year. Your Post Officers should renew their membership AT LEAST 60 days prior to their membership expiring.

9. **Order your Buddy Poppies now!** Don't wait until two weeks before Veterans Day or Memorial Day. The odds of receiving them in time for your Poppy Drive isn't very good.

10. **Time is running out to submit ads for Western Conference.** The flyer with ad rates is included with these General Orders

11. **It is with sadness** that we inform you that Past Commander-in-Chief John A. Biedrzycki, Jr. passed away Thursday, August 29, 2019. John A. Biedrzycki was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 22, 2015, at the VFW's 116th National Convention, held in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Biedrzycki served in the U. S. Army from 1967 to 1970. He served in Korea as a Pay Distribution Specialist with the 7th Infantry Division.



Our daily actions are driven by

"Honor, Courage and Commitment"

By order of the Commander

Attested to:

Adjutant/Quartermaster

August 1, 2019

1. Department Quartermaster Tom Black:

Comrades,

I am reminding everyone that the Bond Application Form is on the Department website and is easy to fill and print. If your Post has not yet sent your Bond Application to Department Headquarters, please do. Districts 6 & 7 are leading the way with all their Post audits in on time.

Remember that Posts/Officers should obtain the current **National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure** as they do change every year and affect things down to the Post level.

The Department hosted a booth at the Western Idaho Fair in Boise during August. The booth was manned by volunteers from 4 different Posts and recruited 44 new members for 8 Posts in 3 Districts! In addition to recruiting, we raised over \$2,000 through Buddy Poppy donations that will be distributed to the participating Posts, and we sold 70 raffle tickets, as well as helping to make the community aware of who we really are and our efforts in the community.

I think this was a great outing for the VFW and hope that we can continue to increase participation and outreach.

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. The following need to send missing Audit Reports to Department Quartermaster:
Posts: 889, 1473, 1675, 2453, 2909, 3603, 2905, 3913, 10300, 6232, 1173, 4000, 5840.

3. District Meetings for September:

District 2	September 28	Noon	Baker Lind Post 3913, Kendrick
District 4	September 28	Noon	Wilder City Park
District 5	September 21	Noon	Kuna Post 7019
District 8	September 14	Noon	St. Anthony Post 9425

4. The 2019-2020 Officers Resource Directory has been printed and mailed. It should be arriving within the next week. Please check it and make sure that your information is correct.

This is particularly important regarding email addresses. If yours is missing or incorrect, please contact Department Headquarters with the correct information. Without this, you will not receive the General Orders or other information from Department Headquarters. Those who should receive them are the Department Officers//Chairmen, Post and District Commanders, Senior Vice Commanders, Junior Vice Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants. Others are welcome to be added to the mailing list, just call Department Headquarters and give Susan Thompson an email address.

5. September Monthly Checklist:

1. ____ 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: 1004, 1173, 3012, 3078, 7019, 9141, Districts 1, 5.
2. ____ Posts and Districts should file IRS form 990. It is due to the IRS no later than 15 November each year.
3. ____ Posts need monthly Community Activity Reports sent to the JVC by the 26th of the month.
Mail to jr.vice.commander@vfwidaho.org.
4. ____ Visit your schools to talk about VOD, Patriots Pen & Teacher of the year. Insure that you have enough brochures in each school. Remember due date for VOD, Pat Pen & Teacher of the Year is the 31st of October to the Posts and the 15th of November to the Districts.
5. ____ Membership for the New Year began on 1 July. By Nov 11 Posts should be at 85%, and Mid Winter Conference 95%. Work the continuous and unpaid members. Recruit new members and see if you can sign all up as life members.
6. ____ District Commanders set up inspection schedules so as to have them complete by 31 December.
7. ____ Sept 2nd VJ day Japan surrendered 1945.
8. ____ Post Commanders, this is the time to review last year's inspection report and insure that you have everything necessary before the inspection.
- 9 ____ Posts should consider "Adopt-A-Unit". Information can be found at www.vfw.org/troopsupport.
10. ____ Posts should order the NEW National By-Laws & Manual of Procedure booklet from the VFW store

VFW RAFFLE NEWS

POST COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT COMMANDERS

SUMMER IS FAST COMING TO AN END AND ~
YES, "FALL" IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!

THE RAFFLE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME
PLUS A LITTLE MORE WHILE AT YOUR NEXT POST/DISTRICT MEETING.

OUR RAFFLE IS PROCEEDING – BUT AT A SLOW PACE. WE REALIZE THAT VACATION
TRIPS AND CAMPING HAVE BEEN TAKING UP A LOT OF YOUR TIME.

IT IS NOW TIME TO RETURN TO MEETINGS, COUNTY FAIRS, HARVEST, AND THE
CHALLENGE OF RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS AND SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS!!!!

CURRENTLY TICKET SALES HAVE BEEN SLOW AND WE NOW HAVE ONLY COLLECTED
ENOUGH MONIES TO PAY FOR ONE THIRD (1/3) OF THE POLARIS RAZOR (656
TICKETS). WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO MEET OUR GOAL OF SELLING ALL
6,000 TICKETS AND TO SUPPORT VFW YOUTH PROGRAMS AT DEPARTMENT,
DISTRICT AND POST LEVELS.

REMEMBER THE POST WILL BE REIMBURSED \$2.00 PER TICKET IF THE POST QUOTA
IS SOLD. DISTRICTS WILL ALSO RECEIVE \$500.00 IF THE DISTRICT QUOTA IS SOLD.
THIS IS A VERY EASY WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR PROGRAMS.

AT STATE CONVENTION, WE ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUXILARY WILL
RECEIVE \$4.00 FOR EACH TICKET SOLD IF THEIR QUOTA OF 1,000 TICKETS IS
REACHED. POSTS WITH AUXILIARIES, PLEASE REMIND THEM OF THIS GOAL.

**COMRADES, PLEASE TAKE A HAND IN MAKING THIS THE YEAR
THAT WE SELL ALL OF OUR RAFFLE TICKETS!!!**
