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

- 1 Information about the 87th** Idaho State VFW Convention is included with these General Orders. Get your reservations early and join us for some fun on June 16-19th at the Red Lion Hotel in Lewiston. After the winter we are experiencing, I would hope a lot of members would like to see Idaho's only Sea Port. The hotel rates are good for three (3) days before and after the convention just in case you want to enjoy some of the area activities.
- 2. District Elections** will be happening soon. District Commanders; please be advised that the voting strength for your District Convention is defined in Sec. 222 and 421 of the National Bylaws. Not everyone in attendance may be entitled to vote. Each Post gets one (1) delegate for every 30 members in good standing. Each Post with less than 30 members gets one (1) vote. Please ensure you understand this section thoroughly. If you have any questions about the voting strength of your Post, contact PSC John Crotinger.
- 3. 17 of the 49 Posts in Idaho** are at or above 100% in membership. There are 7 Post's that need 5 or less members to achieve 100% and 2 of those only need 1. Congratulations to the Post Commanders and their membership teams that have achieved the 100% goal. Post Commanders and your membership team should be working on your unpaid members. The next GOAL for the Department is to be 97% (or above) by April 1st.
- 4. IAW Sec. 218 of the Manual of Procedure**, "The Adjutant shall maintain a copy of the original application of every member admitted to the Post." **This shall include any member who transfers from another Post.**
- 5. Post Officer nominations** will open in March and elections will be held in April. Just a reminder, Posts need only elect the following positions IAW Sec. 217 of the Manual of Procedure: a. Commander b. Sr. Vice Commander c. Jr. Vice Commander d. Quartermaster e. Chaplain f. Trustee(s). **Post Commanders, it would be a good idea to read this section prior to the start of nominations.**
- 6. Student Veterans of America:** If your Post has had any interaction with the SVA, please report the details to Gary Klett at idahorevbob@gmail.com and Dept. Headquarters so we can track them. This is one of the requirements for becoming an All-American Department.
- 7. Department All American requirement:** Last year the VFW lost over 200 Posts across the Nation. This year one of the requirements for ALL Departments to make All American is to start at least one NEW POST. The Department is currently working to start an additional Post in Pocatello and one in Melba.

8. **The All State Matrix** has been included in these General Orders and will continue through the June General Orders. You can also access the All State Matrix at the Department website at vfwidaho.org.

9. **I wish to thank all members** of the Idaho Veterans of Foreign Wars that contribute to making us a successful and strong organization. You know if you have contributed or not.



**It's not the price you paid to become a member.
It's the price you paid to become eligible.**

"We've Got Your 6"

By order of the Commander

Rockey A. Davis

Attested to:

John E. Blum

Adjutant/Quartermaster

March 1, 2019

1. Adjutant/Quartermaster Tom Black

Comrades,

Posts listed as missing/late audits are missing at least the audit through 31 DEC 18, due by 31 JAN. This list is growing again, and we need to bring it back under control.

We always seem to be talking membership, Idaho is in very good shape compared to previous years but today is March 1st and we need to get the big push over the 100% mark as soon as possible.

A big thank you is due to Commander Davis for his focus and leadership as well as Membership Chairman Croner for his unrelenting training and recruiting efforts, we would not be where we are without them.

March is also a good time to order buddy poppies so that you receive them on time. The order form is included with these General Orders.

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, 1675, 3603, 3622, 2905, 3296, 8311,
10300, 4900, 6232, 1173, 3043, 2146

3. District Meetings in March:

District 1 March 9 Noon Osburn Post 1675

4. Changes to the Officers Directory

A. Post 142: Change Tom Jones address to PO Box 191314, Boise, ID 3709-6485

B. Post 889 has new officers:

1. Senior Vice Commander Matthew J. Hobbs, 3167 W. Versailles Drive, Coeur d'Alene, 83815-9800, 208-640-0944, hobbs2118@gmail.com
2. Junior Vice Commander Randall L. Beat, 2900 N. Government Way #305, Coeur d'Alene, 83815-3751, 714-290-9923, randall.beat@gmail.com
3. Quartermaster Richard A. Biggar, 1073 W. Woodlawn Drive, Hayden, 83835-8852, ra46bigg@aol.com

C. Post 1173 has new officers:

1. Senior Vice Commander Brian L. Hobbs, 5189 E. Trailwood Drive, Boise 83704-5469, 208-921-2596, brainhobbs1973@gmail.com
2. Junior Vice commander Robert Lyle, 10356 W. Cory Street, Boise 83704-5469, cdat1978@gmail.com

D. Post 8311 has a new Commander Devin Stranathan, PO Box 478, Elk City 83525-0478 208-842-2645, Devin_Das89@yahoo.com

5. Veteran of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Posts should begin thinking about nominations for Veteran of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement awards. Nominations may be sent to Department Headquarters. They will be held and given to the award committees at Convention.

6. VFW 120th NATIONAL CONVENTION ~ Orlando Fl, July 20 – 24, 2019.

The Department of Idaho will be lodged in the Rosen Centre Hotel. The other Convention hotels are Rosen Plaza, Rosen Inn At Pointe Orlando, and the Rosen Shingle Creek.. The special convention rates (shown below) are available until June 14 or until our block of rooms sells out. If the blocks sell out, reservations will be on an availability basis. Rooms/suites are on a first-come, first serve basis. Please early reservations are encouraged.

Rates for Single/Double \$129, triple \$149, and Quad \$169 per night. The tax is: 12.5%.

Please fill out the housing form with these General Orders and FAX to 801-355-0250 or make your reservation via Internet at www.vfw.org. The VFW website also has other registration information and a tentative schedule of events for the Convention.

7. Department State Convention Forms at included with these General Orders. Please note the deadlines and the fact that NO meal tickets will be sold at the Convention.

9. Checklist for March

_____ 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.

_____ Scout of the Year nominations were due to Posts by March 1st. They should be sent to the Department of Idaho HQ by April 1st.

_____ Posts need monthly Community Activity Reports sent to the JVC by the 26th of the month. Email to jr.vice.commander@vfwidaho.org

_____ Posts need to continue working membership daily.

_____ Remember to check your State income tax form for the Veterans Support Fund.

_____ Order Buddy Poppies for Memorial Day.

_____ Nominations for Post Officers shall open and remain open until the April elections.

_____ Posts should consider "Adopt-A-Unit". Information can be found at www.vfw.org/troopsupport.

_____ Post Commanders should review the "All-State" and "National Membership Program" for requirements and progress.