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Commander

MAY 1, 2023

**General Orders # 11 2022 – 2023 Series, published monthly by the VFW Department of Idaho,
is to be read at regular Post meetings and placed on file for future reference.**

1. I will be out of the State from 01May-07May SVC KJ Babcock will be the acting Commander until I return. There is not enough space to thank everyone for a GREAT YEAR!
2. Congratulations to all newly elected Posts and District Officers. Please ensure you familiarize yourselves the Sections 218 and 418 of the National Manual of Procedure, which list your duties and obligations. Sections 218 will be included with these General Orders—reminder: A member can ONLY serve in 1 elected position.
3. Post Commanders shall ensure that a properly completed Election Report is submitted to Department and National by June 1st IAW Sec. 218 (a) (1) (i) of the Manual of Procedure.
4. Under Section 211 of the National By-Laws, the Commander-in-Chief maintains the authority to suspend and further revoke a Post Charter for failure to submit a properly completed Post-Election Report to this Headquarters by June 1. To ensure the accuracy of Post-Election Reports, National Headquarters advises every Department to strongly encourage each Post to file their report using the Online Membership System (OMS).
5. All Posts must elect delegates to the District and Department Convention IAW section 222 of the Manual of Procedure. District Commanders are reminded that they must submit written reports of their activities ten days before the Department Convention. To keep the Council of Administration meeting as short as possible, email your reports to the Department ADJ.
6. All-State nominations must be submitted to the Department by May 25th to receive recognition at the Department Convention. District Commanders must nominate Posts, and Area Commanders must nominate Districts if eligible. This information is in the All-State SOP.
7. State Convention: 04 – 07 June 2023 in Boise. Get your delegate fees paid and your delegates elected. Registration and tentative schedule are on the Department website.
8. VFW Lifetime Achievement Award: Have your Lifetime Achievement Award packets ready for the State Convention. Instructions are in the SOP's. We are fortunate to have many great volunteers who devoted many hours to our Department of Idaho VFW. Please give it to Nate at the start of the Convention. 16. Veteran of the Year Award: Look around your membership for someone who has gone above and beyond.

EVERY VETERAN



By order of the Commander

Attested to:



1. From State Judge Advocate

Comrade Department Officers and chairs of standing committees,

Remember that Article IV, DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, at Section 7, states the following:

Ten (10) days prior to each annual Department Convention, all Department Officers and all chairpersons of standing committees shall submit written reports of their activities, or no travel pay will be paid.

Officers' reports need not be submitted in writing at the Council of Administration meetings.

Yours in Comradeship,

Gordon W. Petrie
Judge Advocate
IDVFW

2. From the State Senior Vice Commander

Comrades,

Spring is finally here and our June Department Convention is right around the corner. I encourage each post to send at least one delegate to represent their members. More is better, especially if you know a member that has not experienced a State Convention.

If there is enough interest at convention, I am planning on scheduling a presentation for this upcoming program year's National and State Membership Programs including All American and All State. VFW National has three new community awards programs that Posts may be interested in. These include Member (Veteran) of the Year, JROTC Cadet of the Year, and Employer of the Year.

Congratulations to each Post and District exceeding 100% membership this year! Your efforts have pushed Department of Idaho past the century mark and your continued efforts are keeping us in the top ten. Let's finish strong!

Hope to see everyone in June,

KJ Babcock
Idaho SVC

3. Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary from the Jr. Vice Commander,

The Community Activity Reporting continues to improve monthly. Thank you to all the posts that make their inputs timely and accurately on the Department Website.

National requires the Department to submit our Community Activity Award Post by April 30, 2023, so even though the year isn't done, at this point the leading Post is Richard Jacobs 4902. Congratulations to Commander Frei and his team for achieving this award based on the National criteria.

Posts need nine months with an activity reported in that month as part of the All-State requirement. If you are not sure if you've been credited with nine months or more, please Email me at jvc@vfwid.org and give me your post number and I'll send you the current number and a complete post report for the year to date. I will send a similar report to your District Commander at the end of May, so they can make the appropriate post nominations for All-State.

Yours in Comradeship,

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**VFW DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY REPORT
APRIL 2023
SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2**

Div #	Post #	Location	Total Events	Total Hours	Total Miles	Total Members	Total Post Donations	Date of Last Activity
DISTRICT ONE								
3	889	Coeur d'Alene	36	99	651	97	\$15,508.13	18-Feb-23
10	1473	Spirit Lake	73	102	920	52	\$800.00	19-Apr-23
6	1675	Osburn	123	459	1370	176	\$4,850.00	25-Apr-23
8	2453	Sandpoint	3	162	0	97	\$320.00	25-Dec-22
10	2909	Priest River	12	35	485	32	\$200.00	11-Apr-23
8	3603	Post Falls	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	1-Jul-22
11	3622	Bonnors Ferry	4	232	1398	11	\$0.00	28-Aug-22
9	10320	Clark Fork	119	748	6297	124	\$551.00	26-Apr-23
5	D1	TOTALS	370	1837	11121	589	\$22,229.13	
DISTRICT TWO								
9	2905	Moscow	1	3	0	5	\$0.00	11-Nov-22
5	3296	Orofino	63	3679	2750	234	\$2,424.00	19-Apr-23
7	3520	Grangeville	26	282	1076	91	\$503.50	14-Apr-23
9	3913	Kendrick	122	3190	17525	295	\$3,716.00	22-Apr-23
8	4902	Cottonwood	35	79	1088	116	\$272,841.59	11-Apr-23
8	5407	Kamiah	42	167	4947	177	\$944.00	22-Apr-23
9	8311	Elk City	9	24	10	18	\$0.00	11-Nov-22
4	10043	Lewiston	183	3826	10261	726	\$23,052.15	24-Apr-23
9	10300	Potlatch	35	230	1846	158	\$886.15	26-Apr-23
5	D2	TOTALS	516	11479	39502	1820	\$304,367.39	
DISTRICT FOUR								
4	2738	Payette	31	78	744	68	\$122.25	23-Apr-23
7	4900	Emmett	59	97	550	56	\$4,581.51	9-Apr-23
10	6232	Midvale	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	1-Jul-22
9	9036	New Plymouth	152	2356	8766	164	\$35,425.00	22-Apr-23
10	11065	Wilder	20	112	804	89	\$3,114.00	8-Apr-23
6	D4	TOTALS	262	2642	10864	377	\$43,242.76	
DISTRICT FIVE								
1	63	Boise	31	139	60	35	\$180.00	30-Mar-23
9	142	Idaho City	41	264	3890	366	\$5,400.00	23-Mar-23
8	3465	Nampa	34	66	822	58	\$1,598.00	17-Apr-23
5	3886	Caldwell	15	309	615	25	\$50.00	21-Mar-23
5	4000	Meridian	209	660	4742	239	\$11,721.22	26-Apr-23
8	5423	Mt. Home AFB	26	689	3867	111	\$4,265.00	26-Apr-23
9	7019	Kuna	44	728	3795	86	\$5,572.70	26-Apr-23
3	D5	TOTALS	400	2854	17791	920	\$28,786.92	

DISTRICT SIX								
6	2136	Twin Falls	136	1788	11740	389	\$1,025.00	26-Apr-23
11	2974	Wendell	16	186	678	45	\$1,075.00	8-Apr-23
7	3001	Jerome	69	179	3985	529	\$2,256.00	21-Apr-23
9	3043	Burley	9	1201	4648	36	\$141,580.00	31-Mar-23
11	3078	Gooding	1	3	14	5	\$0.00	11-Nov-22
9	3604	Buhl	137	563	6181	278	\$18,284.53	19-Apr-23
5	3646	Glenns Ferry	95	1953	3860	336	\$7,138.00	12-Apr-23
6	D6	TOTALS	463	5872	31106	1618	\$171,358.53	
DISTRICT SEVEN								

6	735	Pocatello	41	401	1011	975	\$1,729.34	18-Apr-23
11	3884	Montpelier	22	57	193	131	\$3,099.00	19-Apr-23
10	9141	Soda Springs	8	28	93	27	\$3,554.00	29-Jan-23
11	9443	Blackfoot	30	474	1313	93	\$2,000.00	19-Mar-23
11	10323	Preston	1	3	5	5	\$0.00	11-Nov-22
6	D7	TOTALS	102	962	2615	1231	\$10,382.34	

Cat #	Post #	Location	Total Events	Total Hours	Total Miles	Total Members	Total Post Donations	Date of Last Activity
DISTRICT EIGHT								
5	1004	Rigby	45	1235	6382	256	\$866.00	11-Apr-23
4	2146	Idaho Falls	23	662	745	73	\$2,926.12	30-Dec-23
7	3012	Rexburg	61	375	1704	111	\$2,225.00	20-Apr-23
9	5840	Salmon	17	58	346	57	\$1,858.00	20-Apr-23
10	7137	Arco	18	113	710	54	\$236.00	11-Feb-23
11	8893	Mud Lake	43	249	1636	80	\$1,121.00	25-Apr-23
6	9425	St. Anthony	10	91	269	56	\$150.00	15-Apr-23
5	D8	TOTALS	217	2783	11792	687	\$9,382.12	
	DEPT	TOTALS	2330	28429	124791	7242	\$589,749.19	

4. From Chairman for CETOY/Scouting VOD/PP/Safety Programs

Hello Comrades,

As this year of programs ends for the 2022-2023 year, start preparing for the next year. Some post can still get programs reported for credit if they have not for All-American and All-State possibly. Thank you to all of the posts who reported their program numbers and information. You all have done a great job in making Department of Idaho successful.

The themes to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen are out if you haven't seen them. The new 2023-2024 entry forms are online and available to print. on VFW.org.

Voice of Democracy: "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?"

Patriot's Pen: "How are you inspired by America?"

Scout of the Year entries for Department had a good turnout. We had five entries this year.

This Year's Scout of the Year Department Winner is Axel Byrum from Capital City Post 63.



Congratulations.

Respectfully,
Troy H. Junier

5. From State Quartermaster Gary Whitworth

After much discussion, between National HQ's and Department personnel: We are stuck with the higher prices for Poppies at least until September or later. So, for all Quartermasters/Commanders, The price for Poppies is \$150.00 for 500, and \$275.00 for 1000. The price includes the poppies and shipping/handling. Please take note of these new prices and understand that for All-American your Posts must purchase at least 3 poppies per member. Relief is reportedly on the way, a tin tab of a Poppy in color is supposed to be available in September at .10 or .12 per copy. The regular poppies will still be available, but at the higher price. Hang on to your Post Relief funds, you'll need them.



6. From Adjutant Nate Suekel

State Convention dates are changed from 8-11 June to 4-7 June 2023, due to issues with the Hotel. The Riverside is now accepting reservations for the Convention. The Convention information is available on the Department website.

Election reports are coming in: Some officers are using incorrect mailing addresses, just like last year. I contacted the Post to correct this, but they are still listed incorrect on the Election Report. This causes mailings to be returned as undeliverable, and we must pay to mail them again, after correcting the address.

If you are going to attend the State Convention, do not wait until the due date, or day before, to mail your registration form in. We have to give a fairly accurate head count to the Hotel for meals.

May District Meetings

<u>DISTRICT 2</u>	Commander: Lee Hartwig	208-791-4960
May 6, 2023	Noon	Crea De Haven Post 3510, Grangeville
May 13, 2023	Noon	Arco Post 7137

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES AND PLACES

Department of Idaho Convention- The Riverside Hotel	Boise, ID	June 4-7, 2023
National Convention	Phoenix, AZ	July 22-27, 2023

MAY

- 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 3646, 3604.
- Posts need monthly Community Activity Reports sent to the JVC by the 26th of the month. Email to jvc@vfwid.org.
- Posts need to continue working membership daily.
- Posts and Districts should have their elections and provide a copy of the election report to the Department and National. Posts who have not filed by June 1st will be considered delinquent and in arrears.
- Posts shall pay their Dept. delegate fees to the Department QM not later than 15 days before the Department convention is convened in June.
- Posts should remind their members to register for the Department Convention in June.
- Posts must register for the National convention and pay the registration fee of \$25.00.
- May 7th VE Day-1945.
- Flag Day is next month so make plans for parade, appropriate ceremony.
- All posts need to report deceased members to the Department Adj/Quartermaster before the Memorial Service at the Department Convention in June.
- Post Commanders should review the "All-State" and "National Membership Program" for requirements and progress.
- Posts must submit their community activity report entries online between the 27th of the previous month and the 26th of this month to receive ALL STATE credit. Send questions to the Junior Vice Commander at jvc@vfwid.org.

**DEPT of IDAHO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS and AUXILIARY
91st STATE CONVENTION June 4-7, 2023
The Riverside Hotel, Boise, ID
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023

Registration and Credentials	1:00-5:00 PM	Conv. Center Lobby
Auxiliary Floor Practice	2:00-3:30 PM	Liberty Room
Department Council of Administration Meeting	3:00 PM	Juniper Room
Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting	3:00 PM	Quiet Bar
Joint Memorial Practice	5:00 PM	Juniper Room
Hospitality Room	6:00 PM	Room 124

MONDAY JUNE 5, 2023

Past Department Presidents Breakfast	7:00 AM	Quiet Bar
Registration and Credentials	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Conv. Center Lobby
Joint Opening Ceremony	9:00 AM	Juniper Room
Joint Memorial Service	11:00 AM	Juniper Room
Past State Commanders Luncheon	12:00 NOON	Quiet Bar
Auxiliary General Session	1:30- 4:30 PM	Liberty Room
Department General Session/Training Session	1:30 - 4:30 PM	Juniper Room
No-Host Social Hour	6:00 PM	Conv. Center Lobby
Western BBQ & Auction	7:00 PM	Aspen Room
Hospitality Room	Following BBQ	Room 124

TUESDAY JUNE 6, 2023

Registration and Credentials	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Conv. Center Lobby
General Sessions VFW & Auxiliary	9:00 AM- NOON	Juniper Room
Joint PDC and PDP Luncheon	12:00 -1:30 pm	Quiet Bar
Department General Session	1:30 - 3:30 PM	Juniper Room
Auxiliary General Session	1:30 - 4:30PM	Liberty Room
No- Host Social Hour	6:00 PM	Conv. Center Lobby
Awards Banquet	7:00 PM	Juniper Room
Hospitality Room	Following Banquet	Room 124

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7, 2023

New President's Breakfast	7:00 AM	Quiet Bar
New Commander's Breakfast	7:00 AM	Aspen Room
Credentials	8:00 AM	Conv. Center Lobby
Department General Sessions and Elections	9:00 AM	Juniper Room
Auxiliary General Sessions and Elections	9:00 AM	Liberty Room
Installation of Officers	Following Elections	Juniper Room
Photos of New Officers & COA		
Council Meetings	Following Installation	

**New Commander and President's Reception
After Council Meetings ~ Hospitality Room 124**

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY
91st STATE CONVENTION June 4 -7, 2023
THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL, 2900 CHINDEN BOULEVARD, BOISE, ID 83714
1-208-343-1871

PLEASE CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, ASK FOR THE VFW SUMMER CONVENTION
GROUP RATE.

ROOM RATE IS \$165.00, PLUS TAX.

THE HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 5, 2023

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, SO THAT YOUR NAME TAG IS CORRECT

Name: _____ Post _____ District _____

Office(s) Held _____

Name: _____ Aux. _____ District _____

Office(s) Held _____

Address: _____ City _____ Phone _____

If you are attending meetings only, complete the above and return this portion to register.

MEALS

Monday, June 5, 2023, 7:00 PM

Western BBQ Buffet: \$31.00/person X _____ #persons Total: \$ _____

Smoked Pulled Pork or BBQ Tri-Tip steak, buttermilk biscuits, smashed potatoes, green beans, mixed green salad, macaroni salad, fruit salad.

Vegetarian Option: \$31.00/person X _____ #persons Total: \$ _____ Quinoa Stuffed Red Pepper, quinoa cooked in vegetable stock, smokey spices, black beans, and corn.

Beverages: tea, lemonade. Dessert: strawberry short cake, apple pie.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

Awards Banquet: \$31.00/person X _____ #persons Total: \$ _____

Salmon and Chicken include mixed greens salad, roll, sauteed fresh vegetables, and iced tea and lemonade. Dessert is Tuxedo Cake.

Vegetarian Option: Stuffed Portobello Mushroom Cap, filled with blend of herbs, cheese and breadcrumbs. Includes iced tea and lemonade. Dessert is Tuxedo Cake.

Please Check your choice – one choice per person.

A. Grilled Teriyaki Salmon _____

B. Chicken Marsala _____

C. Stuffed Portobello Mushroom Cap _____

@New President's Breakfast: Total Number attending _____

@New Commander's Breakfast: Total Number attending _____

@Breakfasts will be from a basic American buffet and paid for at time of the event

***Past Department President Breakfast: Total Number attending _____**

***Past Department Commanders Luncheon: Total Number Attending _____**

* These meals will be ordered from menus and paid for at the time of the event

^Joint PSC/PDP Luncheon: Total: Number Attending _____

* Butcher Block Buffet (cold cuts, pasta, salad, etc.) and paid for at the time of the event

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR ALL MEALS _____

NO CHARGES TO THE DEPT ARE TO BE MADE!

NOTE: If you have dietary restrictions, please call Department Headquarters, or indicate what you require on this form. We will make every effort to accommodate you.

Make checks payable to VFW Convention Fund 2023. **Remit no later than May 26, 2023.**

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION.

Mail Form and Check to:

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