



Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Nevada



2023-2024 GENERAL ORDER #1

June 17, 2023

1. Having been duly elected and installed on June 17, 2023, these officers have assumed command of the Department of Nevada, Veterans of Foreign Wars:

Commander	William "Bill" Pierce <i>Email: cdr@vfwnv.com</i>	Post 12108 Phone: 702-283-9060
Senior Vice Commander	Jerome Washington	Post 3396
Junior Vice Commander	Candace Lopez	Post 3396
Quartermaster	Martin "Marty" Aguiar	Post 10054
Judge Advocate	Bryan Staples	Post 8071
Surgeon	Dan Myers	Post 12119
Chaplain	Carlton Fogg	Post 36
District 1 Commander	James Smiley	Post 8071
District 2 Commander	Marlene Merck	Post 2350
District 3 Commander	Norman Allen	Post 9211
District 4 Commander	Christopher Schulz	Post 2313
District 5 Commander	Luke Bialczak	Post 12198
District 6 Commander	Steve Reynolds	Post 7385

2. By the authority vested in me, I, William "Bill" Pierce, State Commander, do declare all previous appointments null and void and make the following appointments:

Adjutant	David Sousa	Post 3396
Chief of Staff	Jerry Peterson	Post 12101
Inspector	Jerry Peterson	Post 12101
Department Service Officer	Denise Estes	Post 10053
Officer of the Day	Art Sam	Post 2350
Assistant Quartermaster	Jon Way	Post 12119
Assistant Adjutant	Don Pettyjohn	Post 12093
Assistant Chief of Staff	Don Pettyjohn	Post 12093
Buddy Poppy Chair	Walt Dybeck	Post 12119
Citizenship Education Chair	Jerry Bouck	Post 12093
Community Activities Chair	Carl Fogg	Post 36
Convention Chair	Charlie Fielder	Post 3396

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Convention Liaison Chair	David Sousa	Post 3396
Employment Chair	David Sousa	Post 3396
Homeless Veterans Chair	Robert Garlow	Post 36
Homecoming Chair	Bryan Staples	Post 8071
Hospital Chair	Robert Garlow	Post 36
National Legislative Chair	Ed Sturges	Post 10054
Legislative Deputy	Norman Allen	Post 9211
Loyalty Day Chair	Mike Musgrove	Post 2350
Membership Chair	Candace Lopez	Post 3396
Mid-Winter Conference Chair	Don Pettyjohn	Post 12093
National Home Chair	Candace Lopez	Post 3396
Outreach Chair	Greg Aragon	Post 3396
Off-Road Activities Chair	Christopher Schulz	Post 2313
Parliamentarian	John Stroud	Post 2313
Patriots Pen Chair	Jerry Bouck	Post 12093
POW/MIA Chair	Tony Marshall	Post 12198
Programs Director	Don Pettyjohn	Post 12093
Deputy Programs Director	Greg Aragon	Post 3396
Public Relations Chair	David Sousa	Post 3396
Safety Chair	Carl Fogg	Post 36
Assistant Service Officer	Tony Marshall	Post 12198
Student Veterans of America	James Eden	Post 12101
Suicide Prevention Reno	Greg Aragon	Post 3396
Suicide Prevention North	Larry Hire	Post 2350
Suicide Prevention South	Carl Fogg	Post 36
VAVS Chairman North	David Sousa	Post 3396
VAVS Chairman South	Robert Garlow	Post 36
VFW Riders - North	Mike Musgrove	Post 2356
VFW Riders – South	Marty Aguiar	Post 10054
Voice of Democracy Chair	Jerry Bouck	Post 12093
Ways and Means Chair	Bryan Staples	Post 8071
Webmaster/System Admin	Sean Schmitt	Post 12093
Women Veteran’s Advocate	Marlene Merck	Post 3396
Youth Activities Chair	David Sousa	Post 3396

Department Standing Committees:

Audit –	Bob Garlow (3yr)-Chair, John Zemlock (1 yr), Jerry Peterson (2 yr)
Discipline –	Dan Sanders, Chair; Ed Sturges, Carl Fogg, District Commanders
Resolutions and Bylaws –	Norm Allen, Chair; Candace Lopez, Dan Sanders
Time and Place –	Junior Vice Commander Candace Lopez, Chair; District Commanders

National Appointments and Elected Officers:

National Councilman	Jerry Peterson
National VMS	Candace Lopez

3. Department Headquarters shall be located at – 1285 Baring Blvd, #184. Sparks, NV 89434; Phone: 775-544-8786; email – hdqtrs@vfwnv.com.

4. Council of Administration will meet at 3:00pm, January 26, 2024 North Las Vegas, Nevada.
5. Commander's and President's Homecoming shall be at 6:00pm, October 14, 2022, in Virginia City, Nevada.
6. Department Mid-Winter Conference shall be 08:00, January 26-27, 2024, at the Aliante Hotel and Casino North Las Vegas, Nevada.
7. Department State Convention shall be 08:00, June 5-9, 2024, at the Nugget Casino and Resort, Sparks, Nevada.
8. Buddy Poppy Orders are to be made in writing (email or mail) to the Department Quartermaster. Buddy Poppy orders are to be paid no later than January 26, 2024.
9. Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters at all levels review Sections 216, 416, 516, and 703 of the National Bylaws – Bond of Accountable Officers and comply by August 31, 2023.
10. Commanders shall complete and submit to the Department Adjutant a completed Department Code of Ethics Policy Acknowledgment form no later than August 31, 2023.
11. Post Commanders are responsible for ensuring that Post Audits are completed by the last day of the month after the end of the quarterly audit period in accordance with National MOP 218(a)(1)(j).
12. Post and District Audits are to be submitted to the Department Quartermaster (gm@vfwnv.com) and the Department Inspector (inspector@vfwnv.com).
13. Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters at all levels are reminded that Governmental Law supersedes VFW Bylaws and strict compliance must be enforced to include operation of Post Homes and Canteens to include internal Revenue Service regulations governing nonprofit charitable organizations, State of Nevada, and local laws.
14. Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters at all levels are reminded that Section 709 of the National Bylaws requires that any funds generated for any level of activity for the Post, District, or Department must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster.
15. Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters at all levels review Section 704 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure which outlines uses of the Post Relief funds.
16. Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters at all levels are reminded that under Section 708 of the National Bylaws each Post needs to be incorporated with the Nevada Secretary of State.
17. Each Post shall submit an "Annual List of Officers" to the State of Nevada Secretary of State no later than the last day of the Post's incorporation date.
18. Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters at all levels your attention is direct to Articles XI – Auxiliary, Section 1101(f)(3) and XII - Military Order of the Cootie, Section 1201(e)(2), that require subordinate units of your Post to make an Annual Report to the Post Commander of its financial and membership status. These reports are due within 30 days after induction into the office.
19. The State Quartermaster shall reimburse members only for a completed expense report with receipts, as specified in the Department Bylaws, Sections 1004 and 1005. Requests for expenses incurred in support of a Department Officer or Chair must have his or her approval in writing before the State Quartermaster shall reimburse any incurred expenses.
20. District Commanders/Inspectors shall complete Post Inspections and submit the completed reports to the Department Inspector by December 15, 2023.
21. Posts and Districts are reminded that IRS 990's are to be submitted annually.

- 22. All-State - Added to the requirements for All-State for Posts and Districts** – Each Post and District is required to conduct two (2) recruiting events during the year. These recruiting events shall be reported using the All-American Dashboard (also known as the Program Dashboard). This will be tracked on the Department Admin and All-State Report.
23. Post, District, and Department officers and all members are reminded they are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is becoming of a member. This includes abiding by the laws of Nevada, particularly those pertaining to drinking and driving, sexual harassment, and assault and battery. Those who do not could be subject to Article IX disciplinary action. Post Commanders are directed to read this paragraph of the order to their Posts at the first meeting after receipt of General Order # 1, and those Posts with owned property, this paragraph must be clearly mounted in all areas accessible to the members.
24. Post Commanders, listed below are the first District meetings for the 2023-2024 year –
- District 1 – 9/23/2023 10:00 – Post 8071 Virginia City
 - District 2 – 9/16/2023 13:00 – Post 8194 Eureka
 - District 3 – 9/30/2023 10:00 – Post 9211 Reno
 - District 4 – 8/19/2023 13:00 – Post 1002 Fallon
 - District 5 – 10/7/2023 13:00 – Post 12093 Las Vegas
 - District 6 – 10/21/2023 13:00 – Post 3848 Henderson

BY COMMAND OF THE STATE COMMANDER:



William "Bill" Pierce
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:



DAVID SOUSA
STATE ADJUTANT