





September 2019 GENERAL ORDERS No. 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Look for a new section on the VFWNV.COM website under 'RESOURCES' called "Commander's Corner" where the Department Commander will share some insight into the kinds of websites, and regular reading he calls Weblinks for Success. Also listed are some Suicide Prevention resource links. This may provide greater insight into the items being discussed at the Commander's Post Visits, formally called the "Commander Roundup" as noted in the National CIC's Membership Program. See the FAQ section for more depth.

For those attending the Commander and President's Homecoming on 9/21 who may be inclined to provide a gift, please know that both the Commander and the President are supporting Suicide Prevention as our special project, and would prefer a donation instead of any gift. Our recipient of the donations will be IGY6 "I Got Your Six" whose mission is to advocate for prevention and awareness for Veteran and First Responder Suicide. The principle executives and organizers are our own Department Chairs of Suicide Prevention [Amber Valencia-3396] and Outreach [Marie Bole-12156]. We would appreciate those contributing, to allow the Commander and President to collect the donations at Homecoming and present them together ceremoniously to IGY6.

To eliminate any confusion regarding the Auxiliary purchasing Buddy Poppies, it remains that they are to be purchased through the Department of Nevada as confirmed by National. Buddy Poppy orders are made in writing (email, mail) to the Department Quartermaster.

The Department Senior Vice Commander is requesting/accepting donations from every Post to support the 2020 Reno National Convention Nevada Hospitality Room. Please write the check to "VFW Department of Nevada", and put "Hospitality Room" on the memo line, then send to the Department Quartermaster.

Please advise the Department Quartermaster/Adjutant of any calendar/date discrepancies in General orders #1. Also report other information errors/omissions found in the Department Roster. For example, #5, dates for Mid-winter Conference is incorrect. The correct dates are 1/10-11/2020 in Beatty. All corrections and updates will appear on the VFWNV.COM website.



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1. The following **Department Chairmen** <u>appointment changes</u> are in effect immediately:

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Chief of Staff	David Sousa	Post 3396	chiefofstaff@vfwnv.com	775-584-8786
Assistant Adjutant	Don Pettyjohn	Post 12093	asstadj@vfwnv.com	702-538-0873
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Parliamentarian	Jerry Peterson	Post 12101	pscpeterson@vfwnv.com	702-465-9221
Patriots Pen Chair	Mike Musgrove	Post 2350	vodpatriotpen@vfwnv.com	775-397-1955
Public Relations Chair	Tony Yarbrough	Post 8084	publicrelations@vfwnv.com	775-354-9300
Safety Chair	Cullen Knight	Post 9211	safety@vfwnv.com	775-851-0956
Voice of Democracy Chair	Mike Musgrove	Post 2350	vodpatriotpen@vfwnv.com	775-397-1955
Ways and Means Chair	Angie Morelli	Post 10047	waysandmeans@vfwnv.com	702-499-8236

- **2.** Officers and Chairman, Duties and Obligations: All Post and District Commanders are reminded that the duties of the Officers are established and explained in Section 218 of the Manual of Procedures and shall be followed as directed.
- **3.** Change of Post and District Officers and Chairmen: All District and Post Commanders are reminded that whenever there is change of Officers within the Post or District that they need to notify the State Quartermaster/Adjutant so that the directory, and the Department website can be updated to forward the information to everyone in the Department as needed. Also note that National OMS access is based upon the Election Report accuracy on file at National. When possible complete an election report online at VFW.Org or if no computer available, then complete a paper copy of the election report and forward to the State Quartermaster/Adjutant office for filing.
- **4. Dues Reserve:** Due to the passage of Bylaw Amendment B-38 at the 119th National Convention, it is no longer necessary for Departments [or District, or Posts] to maintain a dues reserve fund effective August 24, 2018.
- **5.** The passage of **Manual of Procedure Amendment M-30** at the 119th National Convention, has modified Section 1001(25) to read, "The dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are prohibited."
- **6. Post Commanders:** Are directed to Sec. 213 of the National By-Laws concerning arrearages of Posts for National, Department or District Dues, National Convention registration, poppy money, supply money or other financial obligations, or failure to have each officer accountable for funds to be properly bonded IAW Section 703 of the National By-Laws, or failure to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Reports. Posts that are delinquent in any of the aforementioned shall be deprived of all representation in County meetings, District and Department and National Conventions.

- 7. Commanders: On all levels are reminded that according to Section 105 of the National By-Laws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions and shall not participate in Post, District, Department or National functions. NOTE: The Department has 45 Post Officers whose dues are due between now and 5-31-20. All District Commanders review OMS for their respective District and take expected action.
- **8.** Each **Committee Chairman** is expected to provide a brief report of activities by mid-September to the Programs Chairman for inclusion into the VFWNV.COM website. Review "Programs/State Program Chairman" for ideas.

BY ORDER OF THE STATE COMMANDER, Anthony (Tony) Yarbrough

Official:

Richard L Gardner, State Adjutant