

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO**

**GENERAL ORDERS #3**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

All General Orders from the Department President are official and must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

1. **The Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary** will hold its Parade of Programs, Workshops, and Council of Administration meeting on March 14 and 15, 2020 at Beye-Lotz VFW Post 1247, 1404 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction Colorado 81501. A complete schedule of programs and workshops will be available on the Department website. Joint Council of Administration meeting will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 8:30 am and the Auxiliary Council meeting will follow.
2. **Department President Patsy Gilmore's special project** is the Colorado VFW Foundation. All Colorado VFW and Auxiliary members are eligible to apply for a grant from this fund. Please forward all donations to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson. The proceeds from the sale of the Veterans Pins will also benefit this fund,
3. **Members in Good Standing** are those who are life members or those who hold a 2020 annual membership card as of January 1, 2020. A member who is not in good standing is not eligible to attend meetings, vote, or hold an office. They are also not eligible for a cancer grant from National. All rights and benefits are restored immediately upon payment of the current year dues. Proof of payment may include a paper or digital copy from MALTA.
4. **Membership:** Members who have not yet paid their dues for 2020 are requested to send dues to your Auxiliary Treasurer or pay them directly through the MALTA system. Membership card will be sent to paid annual members from National Headquarters. Members should always carry an application in order to recruit new members. The VFW Auxiliary may fix an admission fee. This entitles each new member to a copy of the National Bylaws and Book of Instructions and a membership pin (See Section 102 of the Bylaws.)
5. **Audits** for the months of October, November and December 2019 were due by January 31, 2020. Audits must be read on the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before sending them to the Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson. If an extension is required, please contact the Department Treasurer as soon as possible.
6. **District Presidents:** Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should have been completed by December 31, 2019. A copy of the inspection report to be sent to the Department Chief of Staff, Department Secretary and District President Councilor. District Officer making the visit should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books to verify that they are being kept in accordance with procedures. Copies of bonds, audits and verification of 990 filings should be available for review. All questions on the visit form should be completed.

7. **Voice of Democracy Banquet** was held at VFW Post 3917, Security Colorado on January 25, 2019. The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to extend congratulations to all the winners throughout the state and to thank all Auxiliaries for their hard work to promote this program.
8. **Hospitalized Veterans** will receive special recognition during the week of February 10 through 14, 2020. Consider planning a special event or activity to honor our hospitalized veterans during this time.
9. **Salute to Service nominations** are due to VFW Department Headquarters by March 31, 2020. The Department Award Banquet will be held on April 25, 2020 at Thornton VFW Post 7945, 10217 Quivas St., Thornton CO 80260. RSVP's must be made with Department Headquarters. Please visit the Department website at [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org) for further details.
10. **Program Report Forms** should be filed with the VFW Department Headquarters in a timely manner so that Auxiliaries will receive credit for their hard work. The reporting year is April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. All paper reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2020. Be sure to use the Auxiliary reporting for your activities.
11. **A special thank you** to all of those that attended the Parade of Programs in Fort Morgan. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that each of you were able to take some good information back to your Auxiliaries.

**BY ORDER OF:**

/s/ Patsy Gilmore  
Department President

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Ginny Rosa  
Department Secretary