

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

GENERAL ORDERS #3

FEBRUARY 1, 2019

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 23 and 24, 2019 at Pioneer VFW Post 2121 Greeley, 2514 7th Ave Greeley, CO 80631. A complete schedule of programs and work-shops will be available on the Department website. Joint Council of Administration meeting will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 8:30 am and the Auxiliary Council meeting will follow.
2. **Department President Shelley Schlieman's special project** is the Ralph Emerson Jack Gulden Blood and Cancer Fund. All Colorado VFW and Auxiliary members are eligible to apply for a grant from this fund. Please forward all donations to Dept. Treasurer, Cindy Anderson. In addition, proceeds from the sale of the Veteran Pins will benefit this fund.
3. **Members in Good Standing** are those who are life members or those who hold a 2019 annual membership card as of January 1, 2019. 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 2019 are requested to send dues to your Auxiliary Treasurer or pay them directly through the MALTA system. Membership cards 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 2018 are due by January 31, 2019. 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 be completed in a timely manner. 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 2121, Greeley, CO on January 26, 2019. The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to extend congratulations to all the winners throughout the state and thank you to all the Auxiliaries for their hard work to promote this program.

8. **Hospitalized Veterans** will receive special recognition during the week of February 11 through 15, 2019. 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, 2019. The Department Award Banquet will be held on April 28, 2019 at Cheyenne Mountain VFW 3917, 4715 Clearview Dr. Security, CO 80911. RSVP's must be made with Department Headquarters. Please visit the Department website 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, 2018 to March 31, 2019. All reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2019. Be sure to use the Auxiliary Report for to list your activities.
11. **National Presidents Official Visit** will be April 16 to 18, 2019. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in welcoming Sandi Kriebel to Colorado. Details of the events being planned will be posted to the Department website. All members are welcome to join in the activities.
12. **A special thank you** to all of you who attended the Parade of Programs in Colorado Springs. The Program Chairman did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take some good information back to your Auxiliaries.

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BY ORDER OF:

/s/ Shelley Schlieman
Department President

ATTEST:

/s/Cindy Anderson
Department Secretary