

**DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
1400 CARR STREET
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO 80214**

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

June 7-10, 2023

SERIES: 2023-2024

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of Commander, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command of the Department of Colorado. All previously appointed officers' and committee persons' term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 103rd Annual Convention held June 07-10, 2023, Greeley, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

COMMANDER:

John Keene, #1
3496 Ulster St.
Denver 80238

SR. VICE COMMANDER:

Carol Thomas, #2551
32 Lake St.
Hillrose 80733

JR. VICE COMMANDER:

Fredric Scheck, #6624
110 Juneberry St.
Milliken 80543

QUARTERMASTER:

Bruce Dolan, #7945
1400 Carr St.
Lakewood 80214

CHAPLAIN:

Kevin Reinhold, #6461
9705 Bar B Rd.
Fountain 80817

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Kirk Rosa, #12009
416 S Pine Dr.
Bailey 80421

SURGEON:

Todd W. Van Sant, #9644
3650 S Federal Blvd, Lot 106
Englewood, 80110

ADJUTANT:

Bruce Dolan, #7945
1400 Carr St.
Lakewood 80214

CHIEF OF STAFF:

James Sheridan, #2788
1385 7th Street
Penrose 81240

INSPECTOR:

Eric Hutchins, #101
2713 Ferber Dr.
Colorado Springs 80916

Jr. PAST DEPT. COMMANDER:

Geraldine Rimpley, #2788
1220 Q Street
Penrose 81240

SERVICE OFFICER:

Mathew Cummings, #7563
155 Van Gordon Ste. 205
Lakewood 80228

ASST SERVICE OFFICER:

Ralph Overhelman
155 Van Gordon Ste. 205
Lakewood 80228

DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:

James Kruse, #5061
2442 S Chase Ln.
Lakewood 80227

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER:

James Sheridan, #2788
1385 7th Street
Penrose 81240

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:

Ryan Armagost, #12189
962 5th Street
Berthoud, 80513

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:

Michael Stevens, #3541
200 Villa Vista St.
Sterling 80751

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:

Travis J. Baker, #6461
6806 Simcoe Dr
Colorado Springs, 80925

DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:

Jesus Garcia, #2411
P O Box 423
Las Animas 81054

DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:

William Flores, #899
6039 State Hwy 15
La Jara 81140

DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER:

Kirk Rosa, #12009
416 S Pine Dr.
Bailey 80421

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER:

Gary Hinaman, #5261
138 Pinyon Cir.
Rangely, 81648

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:

Ron Davies, #9644
3999 W. Hillside Pl.
Littleton, 80123

DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:

Leonard Ladue, #3981
648 Grand View Dr.
Grand Junction 81506

DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:

Tommy Endres, #5231
1813 Aldridge Rd.
Cortez, 81321

DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:

Bob Renfrew #6491
450 4th Street
Burlington, 80807

2. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 20, 2023, in Burlington. Joint Opening will be at 8:30 A.M. SHARP. **ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THEIR PROPER REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT.** Any and all District and Post Officers and members are invited to attend. Uniform of the day will be black and white. All Council members must sign the roster with the Department Adjutant to record your presence at the Council of Administration meeting and workshops. **Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 19, 2023 at Spices on the Green, 48680 Snead Dr, Burlington, CO 80807.**

3. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:** All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sections 416 and 516 - Elected and Appointed Officers; Chairmen and Committees, by providing proof of eligibility to Department Headquarters **by July 09, 2023.** Failure to comply will cause the office to be forfeited and the office to be declared vacant. District Sr. Vice Commanders and District Jr. Vice Commanders are required to submit proof of eligibility to the Department Adjutant. Sec 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedure.

4. **2023 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:** Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes will be listed in the August Colorado Veteran.

5. **SUBSCRIPTION DUES** notices will be mailed to the membership by National Headquarters. Call Department Headquarters with any questions.

6. **2023-2024 POST OFFICERS:** Posts that did not submit an election report by July 1, 2023, were suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by the Department Commander. Posts that did not submit their Election Report to Department will not be listed in the Department roster. The suspensions will automatically terminate when a properly completed Election Report is received at National Headquarters. ***Please also send a copy of the Election Report to Department Headquarters.*** At the end of ninety (90) days, the Commander-in-Chief may cancel the charter of any Post not properly submitting an Election Report to National Headquarters.

7. **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE:** All Posts are reminded of the provision of the National By-Laws, which requires at least one registration from each Post. The registration fee of \$25.00 for the first Delegate and \$10.00 for the rest of the Delegates and a completed registration form must be sent to the Quartermaster General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

8. **QUARTERMASTER BONDS - AUDITS:** It is the duty of Commander to see that the office of Quartermaster is bonded and that Trustees Reports of Audits are completed, signed by the Commander and Trustees, and mailed or emailed to Department Headquarters no later than 25 days following the close of each quarter. All Quartermaster bonds carried through Department expire **August 31, 2023. Quartermaster Bonds are required per Article VII, Sec 703 of the National Bylaws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post Quartermasters and District Commanders.

9. **DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD:** All requests for the State Color Guard Units will be directed by the State Commander to Jerry Sallee and will be handled in order of priority established by the Commander and recommendations from the District being considered. All requests will be submitted in writing to the State Commander, and it is requested that a copy be sent to Captain Jerry Sallee at HC63, Box 101, Monticello, UT 84535.

10. **COMMUNITY SERVICE and OTHER REPORTS:** Post Commanders are advised that all **Community Service, Youth Activity, Americanism, Loyalty Day, Hospital and others pertaining to the Department Program report – REPORT DIRECTLY** on the Department Web Site, vfwco.org. The reporting year commences April 1, 2023. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2023-2024. Go to VFW Members, on the right side click on Reporting and all the instructions and Programs are listed. Do Not send to Department Headquarters. VFW Program Chairman will be notified that you have reported and will record your cash, hours and miles for the Program year. Report, Report, Report.

11. **VFW CAPS, OFFICIAL:** All personnel are advised that there is only one official cap of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a cap of the overseas type, lettered with VFW initials, Post numerals, State, rank of office (when applicable), and bearing the Cross of Malta emblem. The color shall be regulation Army Shade 51. Organizational echelons will be designated by the appropriate color of the braid and lettering on the cap. **Caps will not be worn while eating or seated during meals.** All other types of headgear, i.e., baseball types, western types, sporting types, are not official headgear and will not be worn at meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

12. **2022-2023 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2022-2023 year, please notify Department in writing.

13. **MEMBERSHIP:** The new membership year has started. Sign up a new and/or reinstated member and earn awards from Department.

14. To VFW Auxiliary President Phil Reinpold, Department Officers and Auxiliary, I hereby pledge the continued support of all the members of the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ATTESTED BY:

\s\ Bruce R. Dolan

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Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:

\s\ John Keene

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Department Commander