

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

1400 CARR STREET

LAKEWOOD, COLORADO 80214

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3,

February 1, 2023

2022-2023

Please remind all Posts that you MUST be 100% +1 to qualify for All State. Deadline is June 30, 2023. Entry forms will be e-mailed to all that qualify.

1. **As prescribed by** Sec 217 & Sec 221 of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Posts having two (2) meetings a month will hold nominations at the first meeting in April with elections at the second meeting in April. While Posts with only (1) one meeting a month will hold nominations in March and elections in April and that all members must be notified of such elections.

(a) The officers of each Post will consist of a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and three (3) Trustees.

(b) The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three trustees.

(c) The Appointed officers of each Post shall consist of at least an Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and Guard to be appointed as prescribed in Section 216 in the Manual of Procedure.

2. **Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers:** All Posts, Districts and Department should be reminded of the provisions of Sec. 215 (Post), 415 (District), and 515 (Department) of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual or procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Commander and Adjutant for review.

3. **Registration for the VFW National Convention:** Each Post will pay, in advance, a national registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee, in accordance with the requirements of Sec 222 (d) of the National Congressional By-Laws. Delegate fees should be sent directly to the Quartermaster General at National Headquarters.

4. **Attention is directed** to Sec. 213 of the National Congressional Charter 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 the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with 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 Council meetings, District, Department and National Conventions.

5. **Attention of Post Commanders** is directed to Sec. 218 (a)(11), Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed by the Trustees, in detail, at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the custody and

control of the Post Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairmen are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

6. **Commanders on all levels** should begin organizing their 2023 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign.

To qualify for Post All American, VFW Posts must purchase 5 Buddy Poppies per member in the post.

To qualify for Colorado All State, VFW Posts must increase their Post's Buddy Poppy purchase by 10% over the previous year from Department Headquarters.

7. **All-State Commanders and Quartermasters.** Entry forms for All-State Commanders and Quartermasters will be e-mailed to all qualified persons by July 1, 2023 Posts and Districts must be 100% + 1 in membership by June 30, 2023, in order for the Commanders and/or Quartermasters to be eligible for this award. The entry form, must be submitted to State Headquarters by suspense date provided in notification letter. Post Quartermasters need only submit the entry form by the same suspense date. All State Teams will be presented at the August 2023 COA meeting at Joint Opening.

8. **Council of Administration meeting** will be February 19, 2023 at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917, 4715 Clearview Dr. Security, 8:30 am for Joint Meeting. Workshops will begin Saturday February 18, 2023.

9. **State Convention** is scheduled for June 07 through June 10, 2023, hosted by Pioneer VFW 2121 Greeley. Information will be posted on the Colorado Web Page.

10. **The Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade** will be in Penrose, CO., Saturday May 6, 2023 10:00 am line-up time. Please contact Geraldine Rimpley 719-372-3719 for further information.

11. **Applications for the Department State Convention Site for 2024** can be obtained by contacting State Qm. Bruce Dolan, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214, (303) 421-1630. A check for \$300.00 deposit must accompany the bid application.

ATTEST BY:

Bruce Dolan, State Adjutant

BY COMMAND:

Geraldine Rimpley, State Commander