

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

GENERAL ORDERS #2

November 1, 2021

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

1. **Presidents on all levels** are reminded that their duties in accordance with Section 810 of the National Bylaws are to preside and maintain order and enforce a strict observance of the Bylaws and ritual of the organization, appoint all officers and chairman not otherwise provided for, see that there are no disruptions during the meeting and has the right to have the member causing the disruption removed from the meeting.
2. **Members** should address all remarks to the President, not to other members in attendance. Members should stand and be recognized by the President and, if two stand at the same time, the President will decide who is recognized first.
3. **No member** will disrespect or embarrass any member of this organization at any time.
4. **Department President Lucille Chavez Special Project** is the Colorado VFW Service Office. Proceeds from the sale of the Veteran Pin and donations will go to support this fund.
5. **Suggested donations** to Health and Happiness should be processed through MALTA or mailed directly to National Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City. Department Hospital donations should be mailed to Department Treasurer Cindy Anderson. The Department Hospital donation has changed to .75 per member. Both donations are based on your June 30, 2019 membership number.
6. **District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:** Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990N or other appropriate 990 return by November 15, 2021. A copy of the acceptance confirmation for the 990N should be sent to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.
7. **Standing Rules:** In accordance with Section 211 of the National Bylaws Auxiliaries and Districts may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National or Department Bylaws. Standing Rules should be reviewed annually.
8. **VOD and Patriot Pen Entries** are due to the Post/Auxiliaries by October 31, 2021. Judging of these entries at the Post/Auxiliary level should be completed by November 15 and the results forwarded to the District. Judging at the District level should be completed, and winners forwarded to Department by December 15.
9. **Change in Officers:** Using the Officer Change Form, please notify National Headquarters and Department Secretary Ginny Rosa of any changes in Auxiliary or District Officers. National Headquarters must be notified of a change of the Treasurer. The above should also be notified of any changes of meeting dates, places, times and dues amounts. This form is available on the Colorado Department website at www.vfwco.org
10. **District and Auxiliary Officers:** All officers must hold a 2022 dues card or life dues card by December 31, 2021. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership

ceases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2022 and cannot hold an office or chairmanship unless dues are paid.

11. **Buddy Poppy Orders:** Please place your orders for poppies with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. The minimum order is 500 poppies. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the order form the amount purchased by each. Order forms can be found on the Department website at www.vfwco.org and in the Colorado Program Book.
12. **Special Events:** Please notify Department Secretary Ginny Rosa of an upcoming special event or celebration so that Department and District Officers may attend if available.
13. **Auxiliary Treasurers:** Membership Chairmen Judy Ladue asks that you please process 2022 dues for continuous members at least weekly. Send all new, re-join and transfer applications to the Department Treasurer as soon as they have been accepted. Be sure that all applications are filled out and include the signatures of the investigating committee and the date elected.
14. **District and Auxiliary Treasurers and Trustees:** The second quarter audit for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 should be completed by October 31. The audit must be accepted by motion within 60 days after the end of the quarter.
15. **A Special Thank You:** To all of those who have attended the Parade of Programs at Golden and Security. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take something back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:
Lucille Chavez
Department President

ATTEST:
Ginny Rosa
Department Secretary