

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

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

June 20, 2015

SERIES: 2015-2016

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 committeemen s term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 93rd Annual Convention held June 17-20, 2015, Sheridan, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

**COMMANDER:**

Peter Buchanan, #1771  
12004 Monaco Dr.  
Brighton 80602  
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303-981-1606 (cell)

**SR. VICE COMMANDER:**

Allan Stone, #4666  
9947 E Ida Ave.  
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303-770-4005

**JR. VICE COMMANDER:**

Edward Aitken, #41  
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Loveland 80538  
970-669-6327

**QUARTERMASTER/ADJUTANT:**

Bruce Dolan, #7945  
1400 Carr St.  
Lakewood 80214  
303-421-1630

**CHAPLAIN:**

Steve Kjonaas, #3917  
639 Blue Ridge Pt  
Colorado Springs 80921  
719-574-2130

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

Kirk Rosa, #12009  
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Lakewood 80214  
720-226-1902

**SURGEON:**

David Stone, #3917  
6740 Goldfield Dr.  
Colorado Springs 80911  
719-391-9470

CHIEF OF STAFF:

Robert Kidd, Sr., #3917  
4114 Morley Cr.  
Colo Spgs. 80916  
719-390-1170

INSPECTOR:

Gregory Wawrytko, #101  
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Colorado Springs 80909  
719-632-1645

SERVICE OFFICER:

Terry Jacobson, #3471  
155 Van Gordon, Rm 360  
Lakewood 80228  
303-914-5596

PAST DEPT. COMMANDER:

Jim Lafferty., #3411  
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DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:

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Denver 80227  
720-999-0539

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER:

Bruce Tjosvold, #5812  
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Pueblo West 81007  
719-647-2041

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:

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970-587-4500

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:

Michael Barber, #2551  
14568 Road S  
Fort Morgan 80701  
970-370-3149

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:

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719-271-9976  
DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:  
Louis Torrez, #4281  
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Lamar 81052  
719-336-3382  
DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:  
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Alamosa 81101  
719-588-1531  
DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER:  
Steve Davidson, #12009  
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Bailey 80421  
303-358-9378  
DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER:  
Mark Wick, #4265  
P O Box 222  
Craig 81625  
970-326-6998  
DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:  
David Cook, #8449  
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Strasburg 80136  
720-984-9529  
DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:  
Michael Stahly, #3571  
821 1525 Road  
Delta 81416  
970-874-9203  
DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:  
Richard Buehrer, #5181  
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Dove Creek 81324  
970-562-6496  
DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:  
Rod Houser, #3411  
P O Box 11  
Kit Carson 80825  
970-580-5510

1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 9, 2015. Joint Opening will be at Alamosa VFW #899, Time:

8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and Ladies will be at the American Legion for Joint Opening and then the VFW will go to VFW Post #899, 519 Main St., Alamosa for the VFW Council of Administration Meeting.

**Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 8, 2015 at VFW Post #899 Alamosa. 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 attending Officers must sign the roster with the Department Adjutant to record your presence at Council of Administration meeting

2. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:** All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sec. 515, Paragraph (c) "Proof of Eligibility". Such proof must be on file at Department Headquarters **prior to August 8, 2015**. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2015 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:** Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

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

5. **NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 116<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in Pittsburgh, PA July 18-22, 2015.

6. **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.

7. **2015-2016 POST OFFICERS:** Posts that have not submitted Report of Election forms will do so immediately. Posts that have not submitted their Election Report to Department will not be listed in the Department roster.

Posts who did not properly reported elected officers by July 15, 2015, were suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by the Department Commander. This suspension will automatically terminate when a properly completed Report of Election of officers is received at National Headquarters. At the end of ninety (90) days, the Commander-in-Chief may cancel the charter of any Post not properly submitting a list of officers to National Headquarters.

***Please also send a copy of the Report of Election of officers to Department Headquarters.***

8. **QUARTERMASTER BONDS - AUDITS:** It is the duty of Commander to see that the office of the Quartermaster is bonded and that Trustees Reports of Audits are completed, signed by the Commander, Trustees, and Quartermaster and mailed to Department Headquarters no later than 25 days following the close of each quarter. All Quartermaster bonds carried through Department expire **August 31, 2015**. **The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post and District Quartermaster.

9. **DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD:** All requests for the State Color Guard Units or Ritual Teams will be directed by the State Commander to Chuck Cooper 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 Chuck Cooper.

10. **COMMUNITY SERVICE and OTHER REPORTS:** Post Commanders are advised to send an **ORIGINAL report form - Community Service, Youth Activity, Americanism, Loyalty Day, Hospital and others pertaining to the Department Program report - DIRECTLY** to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO, 80214. Department Headquarters will duplicate same and send copies to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences May 1, 2015. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2015-2016. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. **THERE ARE NEW FORMS FOR 2015-2016 REPORTING.**

11. **VFW CAPS, OFFICIAL:** All personnel are advised that there is only one official cap of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, namely, 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 or Suntan, tropical worsted. 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. **2014-2015 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2014-2015 year, please notify Department, in writing, within Thirty (30) Days by applying for the appropriate awards.

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

ATTESTED BY:

*\s\ Bruce R. Dolan*

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Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:

*\s\ Peter Buchanan*

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Department Commander