

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

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

June 18, 2016

SERIES: 2016-2017

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:

Allan Stone, #4666
9947 E Ida Ave.
Greenwood Village 80111
303-770-4005

SR. VICE COMMANDER:

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

JR. VICE COMMANDER:

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

QUARTERMASTER/ADJUTANT:

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

CHAPLAIN:

Robert Kidd, Sr., #3917
4114 Morley Cr.
Colo Spgs. 80916
719-648-6818

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Kirk Rosa, #12009
416 S Pine Drive
Bailey 80421
720-226-1902

SURGEON:

David Stone, #3917

6740 Goldfield Dr.
Colorado Springs 80911
719-391-9470

CHIEF OF STAFF:

George Snyder, #101
5232 Rondo Way
Colorado Springs 80911
719-271-9976

INSPECTOR:

Gregory Wawrytko, #101
2402 Parkview Blvd.
Colorado Springs 80909
719-632-1645

SERVICE OFFICER:

Jeffery Lohse, #
155 Van Gordon, Rm 360
Lakewood 80228
303-914-5596

PAST DEPT. COMMANDER:

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12004 Monaco Dr.
Brighton 80602
303-255-3984
303-981-1606 (cell)

DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:

Gary Williamson, #5061
9074 W Peakview Dr.
Littleton 80123
303-979-1901

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER:

Steven Mc Henry, #5812
958 S Sunnyside Dr.
Pueblo 81007
719-250-0205

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:

Steve Kroh, #2585
P O Box 773
Johnstown 80534
970-587-4500

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:

Lonnie Brungardt, #3541
14020 Summit Dr.
Sterling 80751
970-522-5369

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:

Barbara Green, #4051

9025 Tuscany Way
Colo Spgs 80920
719-244-5576

DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:

Donald Peters, #4001
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Lamar 81052
719-336-7857

DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:

Christopher Martinez, #899
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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:

Cecil Powell, #5261
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Dinosaur 81610
970-374-2329

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:

Donald McNeely, #9644
5154 Fox Meadow Dr.
Highland Ranch 80136
303-601-9051

DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:

David Roland, #3571
P O Box 602
Delta 81416
970-314-3838

DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:

Robert Valencia, #5231
10400 Hwy 491
Cortez 81321
970-565-0770

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 14, 2016. Joint Opening will be at Greeley VFW 2121,

Time: 8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at the Greeley VFW for Joint Opening and then the VFW will go to VFW Post #6624, 3501 State St., Evans for the VFW Council of Administration Meeting.

Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 13, 2016 at VFW Post #6624 Evans. 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 5, 2016**. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2016 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 117th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in Charlotte, NC July 23-27, 2016.

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. **2016-2017 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, 2016, 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, 2016**. **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, 2016. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2016-2017. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. **THERE ARE NEW FORMS FOR 2016-2017 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. **2015-2016 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2015-2016 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\ Allan Stone

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Department Commander