

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

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

June 17, 2017

SERIES: 2017-2018

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 94th Annual Convention held June 14-17, 2017, Colorado Springs, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

COMMANDER:

Edward Aitken, #41
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6740 Goldfield Dr.
Colorado Springs 80911
719-391-9470

QUARTERMASTER:

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

CHAPLAIN:

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5232 Rondo Way
Colorado Springs 80911
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720-226-1902

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ADJUTANT:

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8912 W Radcliff Pl.
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303-476-8175

CHIEF OF STAFF:

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110 E Juneberry St.
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970-580-5117

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DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:

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Littleton 80123
303-979-1901

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER:

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Florence 81226
719-569-0425

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:

Marvin Pruitt, #9565
2550 Winding River Dr Unit M1
Broomfield 80023
303-263-1455

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:

Lonnie Brungardt, #3541

14020 Summit Dr.

Sterling 80751

970-522-5369

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:

Kevin Reinhold, #3917

9705 Bar B Rd.

Fountain 80817

719-425-0807

DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:

Clayton Chidester, #2411

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Las Animas 81054

719-569-2071

DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:

William Flores, #899

20024 CO RD 6

La Jara 81140

719-580-4053

DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER:

Randy Ford, #11411

32 Roger Circle

Florissant 80816

719-748-5344

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER:

Mark Wick, #4265

P O Box 222

Craig 81626

970-326-6998

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:

Ronald Davies, #9644

3399 W Hillside Pl.

Littleton 80010

303-419-1891

DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:

David Rowland, #3571

P O Box 602

Delta 81416

970-560-1891

DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:

Robert Valencia, #5231

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970-565-0770

DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:

Rod Houser, #3411

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Kit Carson 80825
970-580-5510

1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 13, 2017. Joint Opening will be at 8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at the Craig Middle School. VFW will go to VFW Post #4265, 419 E Victory Way, Craig for the VFW Council of Administration Meeting. **Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 12, 2017 at VFW Post #4264 Craig. 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 and workshops.

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 4, 2017**. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2017 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 118th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in New Orleans, LA July 22-26, 2017.

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. **2017-2018 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 1, 2017, 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, 2017. 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, 2017. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2017-2018. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. **THERE ARE NEW FORMS FOR 2017-2018 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. **2016-2017 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2016-2017 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\ Ronald J. Lattin
Ronald J. Lattin
Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:

\s\ Edward Aitken
Edward Aitken
Department Commander