

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

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

June 11, 2022

SERIES: 2022-2023

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 102nd Annual Convention held June 08-11, 2022, Canon City, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

COMMANDER:

Geraldine Rimpley, #2788
1220 Q Street
Penrose 81240

SR. VICE COMMANDER:

John Keene, #1
3496 Ulster St.
Denver 80238

JR. VICE COMMANDER:

Carol Thomas, #2551
32 Lake St.
Hillrose 80733

QUARTERMASTER:

Bruce Dolan, #7945
1400 Carr St.
Lakewood 80214

CHAPLAIN:

Kevin Reinhold, #6461
9705 Bar B Rd.
Fountain 80817

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Kirk Rosa, #12009
416 S Pine Dr.
Bailey 80421

SURGEON:

Fredric Scheck, #6624
110 Juneberry
Milliken 80543

ADJUTANT:

Bruce Dolan, #7945
1400 Carr St.
Lakewood 80214

CHIEF OF STAFF:

James Sheridan, #2788

1385 7th Street

Penrose 81240

INSPECTOR:

Eric Hutchins, #101

2713 Ferber Dr.

Colorado Spgs 80916

PAST DEPT. COMMANDER:

Barbara Green, #4051

9025 Tuscany Way

Colorado Springs 80921

SERVICE OFFICER:

Steve Drummond, #4171

155 Van Gordon Ste. 205

Denver CO 80225

ASST SERVICE OFFICER:

Mathew Cummings, #7563

155 Van Gordon Ste. 205

Black Hawk 80422

DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:

James Kruse, #5061

2442 S Chase Ln.

Lakewood 80227

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER:

Raul Montano, #8898

2428 California St.

Pueblo 81004

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:

Leon Bartholomay, #2601

988 Glenarharbor Cir.

Longmont 80501

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:

Michael Stevens, #3541

200 Villa Vista St.

Sterling 80751

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:

James Ragsdale, #5221

10993 Caverhill Dr.

Peyton 80831

DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:

Jesus Garcia, #2411

P O Box 423

Las Animas 81054

DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:

William Flores, #899

6039 State Hwy 15
La Jara 81140

DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER:

Kirk Rosa, #12009
416 S Pine Dr.
Bailey 80421

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER:

Ronald Epplin, #4265
138 Tinyon Cir
Rangely 81648

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:

Scott Evans, #7945
1181 Niver Ave
Northglenn 80260

DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:

Leonard Ladue, #3981
648 Grand View Dr.
Grand Jct 81506

DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:

Jerry Sallee, #5181
HC 63 Box 101
Monticello, UT 84535

DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:

Rod Houser, #3411
P O Box 11
Kit Carson 80825

1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 21, 2022. Joint Opening will be at 8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at Penrose VFW Post #2788, **Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 20, 2022 at VFW Post #2788 Penrose. 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 20, 2022.** Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2022 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 123rd National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in Kansas City, MO.

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. **2022-2023 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, 2022, 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, 2022. The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post Quartermaster and District Commander.

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

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 scan same and send to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences April 1, 2022. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2022-2023. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. **THERE WILL BE NEW FORMS FOR 2022-2023 REPORTING ON THE VFW WEB SITE.**

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. **2021-2022 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2021-2022 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.

14. To VFW Auxiliary President Ron Boone, Department Officers and Auxiliary, I hereby pledge the continued support of all the members of the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ATTESTED BY:

\s\ Bruce R. Dolan

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Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:

\s\ Geraldine Rimpley

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Department Commander