



General Orders No. 4

2024-25 Series

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF:

Terry Hartman, Post 8433, Cairo, GA
Kelli Kelley, Post 2667, Newnan, GA
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Charles Wells, Post 10886, Swedesboro, NJ
Barbara Hagemann, Post 6063, Toms River, NJ
Harry Weimar, Post 5343, Villas, NJ
Mary Sweezy, Post 3473, Cottage Grove, OR
Julie Hoover, Post 5265, Spring Grove, PA
Dwayne MacKenzie, Post 3376, Ephrata, PA
James Rice, Post 1532, Sunbury, PA
Richard Stefanick, Post 9197, Etna, PA
David Swanson, Post 1132, Kane, PA
Larry Helms, Post 1289, Chattanooga, TN
Terry Thomas, Post 1289, Chattanooga, TN
Edwin Grantham, Post 8790, Houston, TX
Darrell Moyer II, Post 12061, Payson, UT
Cindy Brown, Post 771, Springfield, VT

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL:

Charles Fillyaw, Post 660, Savannah, GA
William Alford, Post 2667, Newnan, GA
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Paul Frampton, Post 1667, Ridgedale, MO
Anthony Mann, Post 6660, Centerville, MO
Randal Wansing, Post 2866, Saint Charles, MO
Jaime Espinoza, Post 9211, Reno, NV
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David Seymore, Post 2076, Punxsutawney, PA

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Johnny Titlow, Post 10855, Alcoa, TN

Brent College, Post 9413, Tooele, UT

Rodger Brassard, Post 6689, Essex Junction, VT

2. Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been changed to a 12-month dues structure that started July 1, 2018. The changes to subscription dues to a "DMV" model now allows anyone who becomes a member or renews membership to postpone expiration until the last day of their 12th month. For example, if a new member joins or an existing member renews on July 5, 2024, their dues now expire on July 31, 2025. The annual membership card (effective July 1, 2024) reflects the month and year dues expire.

Current members that are in good standing as of July 1, 2024, have been extended in OMS through the last day of the month when their dues are scheduled to expire. Regardless of the month they renewed, as long as they were in good standing as of July 1, 2024, they now have until the end of the expiration month to renew their dues.

Members that are in good standing but have not renewed for the 202-25 membership year will see the changes on their digital ID card reflecting the updated month and year when their dues expire. They will have the option to request an updated annual membership card with the change reflecting the expiration month and year.

The purpose of the changes to subscription dues to a "DMV" model was to streamline the process for both the Post and Department Quartermasters to track expiring annual members. No longer will Posts and Departments have to chase annual members' dues on a daily basis; instead they can see a block of members during a specific month (one, two and three months out), allowing them to formulate a plan to collect dues at one time. This also makes it easier for the Department/District/Post Sergeant-at-Arms to quickly see if a member is in good standing prior to a meeting.

3. Section 220 of the National Bylaws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members" states, "Any elected Post officer or committee member removed, by reason of failure to pay current dues or under the provisions of this section shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office or committee in the same administrative year in which the officer or committee member is removed."

4. For the purpose of establishing continuous membership, a member may reimburse Department and National dues for all delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the delinquency.

5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends Dec. 31, 2024. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.

6. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department

Bylaws and directives. District and Department Inspectors to include Assistant Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.

7. The distribution of VFW "Buddy"[®] Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Sections 711 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for the Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used in accordance with Sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure.

8. The VFW National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Newly revised *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local bookstores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

9. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Post(s):

Post Nos. 9116 and 10349 consolidated as Post No. 9116, Columbus, North Carolina
Post Nos. 67 and 8358 consolidated as Post No. 67, Sacramento, California
Post Nos. 494 and 7051 consolidated as Post No. 494, Crystal Minnesota
Post Nos. 7 and 323 consolidated as Post No. 7, Minneapolis, Minnesota

10. Announcement is made of the authorization of the charter for the following Post(s):

Post No. 12237 – Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Post No. 12238 – Berea, Kentucky

BY COMMAND OF
ALFRED J. LIPPARDT
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OFFICIAL:



Dan West
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