

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS #5
2022-2023 SERIES

NOVEMBER 2022

Department 83.%

All American 2021-2022

Correction to August's General Orders. We had 2 District All American's,
not just the one. The District listed below is the addition:

Congratulations

All American District – District 4, Commander Doreen Brown

Department Standing Districts

89.95%	District 7	Commander Adam Strange
86.87%	District 2	Commander Hanford White
85.84%	District 13	Commander Tom Thelen
85.45%	District 9	Commander Will Beams
84.24%	District 6	Commander Terry Ham
82.57%	District 5	Commander Jim Kidd
81.50%	District 10	Commander Kenneth Walker
80.27%	District 4	Commander Hunter Shumard
79.57%	District 1	Commander Jerry Tobey

Top 5 Posts

125.64%	Post 7514	Quitman	Commander Glen Powell
105.00%	Post 4449	Marianna	Commander Terry Clark
104.25%	Post 2935	North Little Rock	Commander Steve Huddleston
104.04%	Post 1322	Van Buren	Commander Matthew Hicks
104.00%	Post 8383	New Blaine	Commander Robert Hurst

Bottom 5 Posts

56.52%	Post 4679	Harrisburg	Commander Nathan Scott
60.06%	Post 2952	Springdale	Commander Wade Tharrington
60.18%	Post 1316	Little Rock	Commander Debra Mattocks
61.76%	Post 4521	DeQueen	Commander Donald Hogg
64.28%	Post 2746	Star City	Commander Brian Abney

Above listed percentages are from 31 October 2022

Commander's Notes

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the [Armistice with Germany](#) went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. For one day, we stand united in respect for our Veterans. We celebrate and [honor America's Veterans](#) for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In closing, THANK YOU to each and every member for everything you do! As always, should you need anything from my team or I, we will be available at any time to anyone who needs assistance. ARKANSAS STRONG!!

~ Commander Jeffrey Byrd ~

Senior Vice Commander's Notes

On October the 12th myself and Department Adjutant/Quartermaster Oldham attended a meeting for the Arkansas military honors program. This meeting was open to all Veteran Service Organizations to include the National Guard Funeral Honors leadership and Active and Reserve components Honor Guard leadership. The meeting was to express the need for more Honor Guards throughout the state. The biggest constraint the Arkansas National Guard, Reserve, and Active components are having is not enough personnel to conduct full Military Honors. They are doing their best to accomplish the mission. Veteran Service Organizations, though the AP3 Program, can get the training and certification from the AR ARNG Military Funeral Honors Trainer. This will assist our National Guard, Reserve, and Active components to be able to conduct and fulfill the Missions for Military Honors all over the state. The greatest need at this point is more Honor Guard teams in South Arkansas. I can't express enough how important this is. So, if there are any Post or Districts that would like more information on the Military Honors Program, please reach out to myself or Adjutant/Quartermaster Oldham.

~SVC Pipkin

Judge Advocate's Notes

In the General Orders for July 2022, it states that the General Orders must and will be read at all Post meetings. It is perfectly legal for the Post Commander to generalize each paragraph in the General Orders to what will apply to their Post and Post members. Make sure to read the full Commanders comments and generalize each other paragraph in order.

~JA Wood

Mid-Winter Conference

The theme for Mid-Winter this year is Celebrating RED! This is for our hospitalized Veterans, our deployed service men and women on R(remember) E(everyone) D(deployed) Friday, and Valentine's Day. We will be collecting donations and money for the Volunteer Services at the VA to give to the Veterans such as underwear and T-shirts in large sizes (XL, XXL and such), socks, warm winter clothing, hats, gloves, laundry detergent, toiletries, etc. The money will be used to purchase gift cards to the Exchange at the VA. Dinner on Friday Night will be Mexican Chicken and sides, lunch on Saturday will be Sandwiches offered by the VFW, (both of these are fundraisers) then the banquet on Saturday night will be Italian themed. The Buddy Poppy Category this year is Category 1.

CATEGORY 1:

Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster display)

- (a) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW “Buddy” Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Good Luck All

Service Officers

Department Service Officer Matthews has designed a new type of Service Officer training. He is going to the outer lying areas and providing training for an afternoon and the next day. He will be conducting an open workshop to train you on assisting the Veterans and Veterans families for your area. The training on November 4-5 is at Post 8845, Fort Smith, Arkansas. If you want to learn how to guide families and/or veterans to getting the assistance they might need, please attend. He is allowing everyone to attend.

Future training sites for this VFW year are as follows but not limited to: Monticello, West Memphis, and Mt. Home. Please go to our web site vfwar.org for addition information.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen & Teacher of the Year Deadlines:

Youth Program Coordinator: Rodney Wood – 245 Swinging Bridge Road, Beebe, AR 72012, 501-658-5519, ja@vfwar.org

Voice of Democracy: Jerry Tobey – 1909 S. K Street, Rogers, AR 72758, 479-531-8146, Tobery8462@gmail.com

Patriots Pen: Linda Johnson – 146 Hilydily Ln, Mena, AR 71953, 956-241-2633, Surgeon@vfwar.org

Teacher of the Year: Matthew Hicks – 1603 Cedar St., Van Buren, AR 72956, 479-650-6551, matthew.hicks@arkansas.gov

Deadline Dates: (VOD and PP)

1 st place Post winners due to District’s	November 20, 2022
1 st Place District winners due to Department Chairman	December 13, 2022
1 st Place Teacher of the Year due to Department Chairman	January 6, 2023

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Program Chairmen.

It is recommended that all VOD flash drive or CD’s are one entry per participant. Participants should be encouraged to record their scripts using professional equipment at radio stations.

Veterans Day Event

Please stay tuned to your local news to get details on Veterans Day Events. The State of Arkansas event will be held at the parade field behind the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History at 10 am on November 11, 2022. Post's should conduct the applicable ceremonies.

Accidental Death Insurance

Members of Department of Arkansas are currently receiving mail from American Income on a \$2,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy, along with a piece of paper to fill out and return. This company is legal, this was voted on and approved by the Council of Administration. We are looking forward to the benefits that American Income can add for the members of Department of Arkansas.

Membership

National By Laws are published. Please make sure you pay attention to Article II Post Section 203 - Electronic Attendance. Any of the above stated meetings may be conducted or attended electronically that allows participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

All Members: Members are reminded that under subscription dues plan, an annual members dues expire on the last day of their anniversary month. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary date to avoid a lapse in continuous membership. Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues by their anniversary date, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year. In addition, every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and recover former members at all times during the year. When renewing your membership dues, there is now an option to renew for two (2) years instead of just one (1).

Members

Use of Seals, Emblems, Badges, Insignia and Uniforms: Sec. 803 - Manufacture and Use of Seals, Emblems, Badges, Insignia and Uniforms. The seals, uniforms, emblems, badges and insignia of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or goods bearing same, shall be manufactured only on order of or with the express written consent of the Quartermaster General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Such written consent shall be the sole discretion of the Quartermaster General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States unless otherwise directed by the Commander-in-Chief, the National Council of Administration, or National Convention. No subordinate unit, member or person shall engage, by contract or otherwise, for the manufacture of such seals, uniforms, badges, emblems or insignia, or goods bearing same, unless such written consent has been obtained. No person shall be entitled to use or wear any seal, emblem, badge, insignia, or uniform of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States unless a member in good standing or unless such written consent has been obtained. No member or other person shall use or wear any seal, emblem, badge, insignia or uniform of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States while engaged in any commercial or political activity in such a manner as likely to falsely convey that such activity is approved or endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The design of seals, uniforms, emblems, badges and insignia and goods and services using such seals, uniforms, badges, emblems or insignia shall be as provided in the Manual of Procedure. Ownership of all seals, badges, emblems and insignia shall remain vested in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the right to use or wear such seals, badges, emblems, insignia or uniforms shall be a license only which shall be automatically revoked when such person ceases to be a member or authorization is revoked.

Membership: Is directed to Section 103, Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the manner in which applications for membership will be handled. Applications for membership of new, reinstating or transfer members must be voted on by the members present at a regular Post meeting. No Post, County Council, District, Department or National officer, or any other member, has authority to reject the application card of a person who is eligible for membership.

Department Business:

Suspension:

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BY COMMAND OF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Byrd', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

**Jeffrey Byrd
State Commander**

OFFICIAL

**Christine Oldham
State Adjutant**