

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDERS #2
2022-2023

AUGUST 2022

**2022-2023 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Commander-in-Chief
Tim Borland**

COMMANDER'S NOTES

What a great start to the new VFW year! Your leadership team has been making the rounds and it's quite humbling to witness firsthand the impact you are making in our local communities. If your Post is planning an event, please get the word out as you never know who might show up.

Also, please review the criteria for Post/District All State eligibility listed in the "Programs Tab" of VFWAR.ORG.

In closing, THANK YOU to each and every member for everything you do! As always, your leadership team will continue to make ourselves available at any time to anyone who needs assistance. -YOU CALL, WE SERVE!! -

~Commander Byrd

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S NOTES

I am so honored to be a member of Team Arkansas. I have been dealing with some personal health issues and am now on the mend. I have been by everyone's side in support during my brief absence. Do not think for one instance that I am not here to assist each and every member and Post out there to the fullest of my ability and I will always do my part to keep Arkansas great.

~SVC PIPKIN

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S NOTES

Now that we've all been to the National Convention, met some Great Comrades from around the Country and overseas, and have gotten oriented in the direction that VFW CIC Tim Borland and our Department Commander Jeffrey Byrd wants us to go in order to achieve the goals of the VFW, it's time for us to get to work on the projects and make this year a great success for Commander Byrd, the Department of Arkansas, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. I want each and every one of you to know that all Officers on this Line are available for you at all times and we don't want you to ever give up on us. If we don't answer your call right away, please leave a message and someone will get back with you.

~JVC Tate

JUDGE ADVOCATE NOTES

Manual of Procedure Sec 218(a)(4) Commander Pro Tempore states that in the event the Commander, Senior Vice Commander or Jr Vice Commander is not present, the Post shall elect a Commander Pro Tempore to preside at the meeting. The Commander does not have the authority to appoint a Commander Pro Tempore. If ample time is known of the scheduling conflict, please follow procedures for changing the time of the meeting.

JA-Rodney Wood

COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

FALL Training

This year the Commander and President's homecoming is combined. It will be at the Searcy VFW Post 2330, 8999 Hwy 13, Searcy, AR 72143 Saturday Aug 27, 2022

Training will be on NEW Department Dashboard (new way to enter community service), Quartermasters, Leadership

Schedule is as follows:

Friday - August 26, 2022

6:00pm – 8:00pm meet and greet at Searcy VFW Post

Saturday – August 27, 2022

9:00am – VFW Commander briefing, introduction, and begin trng.

10:00am - Aux C of A

11:30am - Lunch provided by Post 2330

12:30pm - 3:30pm – TRAINING – VFW Programs and Dashboard and Aux Programs

5:00pm - 8:00pm - Homecoming for Commander Byrd and President Pipkin

2021-2022 All American Team

All American District

District 1 – Jerry Tobey

All American Post

Post 1316 – Commander Curnie Bryant – Little Rock
Post 2259 – Commander Thomas Holt - Conway
Post 2952 - Commander Wade Tharrington, Jr. – Springdale
Post 4679 – Nathan Palmer – Harrisburg
Post 7769 – Commander Rodney Wood –Beebe
Post 8383 – Commander Hurst – New Blaine
Post 8525 – Commander Patsy Morris - Plainview

Additional Department of Arkansas Chairmen: 2022-2023

Post Revitalization Coordinator – Teddy Pipkin – Post 2330 - Searcy
Public Servant & Safety – Jim Lee, Post 4515 - Monticello
Scouts – Terry Daniell – Post 2278 – Hot Springs
ROTC/JROTC – Darrell Darner, Post 1674 - Siloam Springs
Veterans and Military Support – Carlton Rodney – Post 7769 - Beebe
Buddy Poppy – James White – Post 3252 - Marshall
Community Service – Christine Oldham – Post 4548 - Jacksonville
POW/MIA – Mike Nuckolls - Post 2330 – Searcy
State Bugler – Mike Nuckolls – Post 2330 - Searcy
By-laws/Resolutions – Ashley Little – Post 4548 - Jacksonville
Motorcycle Group – Shawn Wenninger – Post 1322 – Van Buren
Student Veteran Chairman – Doreen Brown – Post 5225 – West Memphis
Grants Chairman – Will Beams – Post 2278 – Hot Springs
Legacy Life Chairman – Jim Kidd – Post 2330 – Searcy
Assistant Com. Project Chairman- Marc Calcaterra- Post 4548 – Jacksonville
Assistant Credentials – Adam Strange – Post 1322 – Van Buren
M.O.C. Coordinator – Michael Ritchey – Post 4548 - Jacksonville

V.A.V.S. Reps

Little Rock/North Little Rock – **POSITION AVAILABLE**
Fayetteville – Johnny Gothard – Post 1322 - Van Buren
Memphis – Elvin Tate - Post 5225 - West Memphis
Poplar Bluff – Mark Davis – Post 1991 - Jonesboro
Shreveport - Linda Johnson – Post 4451 – Mena

2022-2023 Program's

The Directories can all be found on line only vfw.org. Your District Commander has printed copies to assist any Post.

BONDING NEW – Web only

Current Bonds for Post Quartermaster/Officers will expire August 31, 2022, and Canteen Manger/Employee Bonds will expire September 30, 2022. All posts should remit the correct amount to Department Headquarters **now**. Amounts: Quartermaster/Officer \$4.00 per thousand minimum of \$2,000. Club manager and all others \$8.00 per thousand minimum of \$1,000. If you are bonding through an outside agency, please forward proof from company to VFW State Headquarters. These forms will be on the web site at VFWAR.org under reports and forms and District Commanders will be emailed forms. The bond applications will not be mailed out this year.

Commanders are reminded that all persons handling post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman, shall keep accurate and complete records. Post Trustees shall audit these records in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Just because it is summer doesn't mean that we shouldn't be working on our Youth Programs. There are several activities that the youth of Arkansas are participating in during the summer. Look around, there are VBS, 4H activities, Ball leagues, and summer camps of all types, just for a few examples. With the cost of college going up every year most parents and students are going to need as much help as possible in paying for it. So, let's get out there and promote our programs. Making your programs successful will assist the Post with being successful.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY: Time starts **NOW!** Posts are requested to contact the high school principals and teachers the first week of school to discuss plans to sponsor the 2022-2023 Voice of Democracy Program. This year's theme: "**Why is the Veteran Important?**" All audio CD's or flash drive's and entry forms for District judging must be in the possession of VFW District Chairmen, before the date of the District judging. District Chairmen must notify all Posts and Auxiliaries in their jurisdiction of the date of the District judging and where to send the recorded audio and entry form of the winner of each participating school. Program materials are available from the Department Youth Development, Recognition & Scholarship Chairman.

PATRIOT'S PEN: Time starts **NOW!** Posts are requested to contact school principals and teachers the first week of school to discuss plans to sponsor the 2022-2023. This year's theme: "**My Pledge to Our Veterans.**" All essays and entry forms for District judging must be in the possession of VFW District Chairmen, before the date of the District judging. District Chairmen must notify all Posts and Auxiliaries in their jurisdiction of the date of the District judging and where to send the essays and entry form of the winner of each participating school. Program materials are available from the Department Youth Development, Recognition & Scholarship Chairman.

BUDDY POPPIES: You are requested to place your order for the Buddy Poppy Program as soon as possible. Remember they get shipped directly from National so it takes up to 6 weeks to receive (Orders MUST still come through Department Headquarters.) Prices are \$65.00 per 500 and \$125.00 per 1,000. Please plan your Buddy Poppy Drive now. Poppies MUST now be paid for when the order is placed.

POW/MIA Flag

POW/MIA Flag – Official Display Days: Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and National POW/MIA Day.

Control of Units

Section 709 – Control of Units, National By-laws paragraph 6. In addition to other legal requirements under existing local laws or Department By-Laws, no Post, County Council, District, or any holding company or corporation subordinate thereto, shall purchase, sell or otherwise transfer title or any interest in any real estate unless written notice of such proposal has first been given to each member of said unit ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those members present and voting at such regular or special meeting. In addition, at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting notice shall be provided to the Department Commander who shall review any sale, purchase, transfer or encumbrance to determine whether such transaction serves the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as prescribed in the Congressional Charter. Failure to comply with these provisions shall nullify said transactions.

POST COMMANDERS Notify IRS of Quartermaster Change

In January 2014, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began requiring entities with and EIN to file IRD Form 8822-B to report the latest change of address or responsible party. Form 8822-B must be filed within 60 days of the change. The purpose of Form 8822-B is to notify the IRS of you changes your business mailing address, your business location or the identity of your responsible party. The IRS Form 8822-B and its instructions can be found at the following link: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf>

**2022 Annual Report for Nonprofit Corporation
PAST DUE**

Deadline: August 1, 2022: Just received information from the Secretary of the State office that Posts were waiting for the postcard mail out regarding Annual Nonprofit renewals. It is all on line now. Please go to www.sos.arkansas.gov/BCS to file your 2022 report of officers. There is no penalty for being late, but it could hurt the post in the future. Please go online and complete today. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Julie Wolfe at 501-682-3482, at the Secretary of the State's office.

REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER

Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers" states that "Any elective Post Officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the Post under the provisions of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the Officer is removed."

GENERAL ORDERS: All General Orders are to be read at a regular meeting, acted upon, posted, and filed for future reference. These orders will be published every month except January. They will be with your District Commanders and on web site vfw.org. Attached please find form for future password protection of certain items on web site, It is not activated yet.

NEW SWAP SHOP

Department is starting a tab on our web site called the SWAP SHOP. If you have items that you want to part with or in need of anything, let us put it out there to all the VFW's. To put something on the page just send us an email with the items description and a point of contact. This is for VFW use ONLY. It is not for personal use.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

Suspension:

BY COMMAND OF

Jeffrey Byrd
State Commander

OFFICIAL:
Christine Oldham
State Adjutant