

# Arkansas Good of Order

July 2023

**ALL GENERAL ORDERS MUST BE READ AT POST MEETINGS AND FILED  
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, PER THE STATE COMMANDER**

**Department Membership Standing 104.73%**

Congratulations to all the newly elected Department of Arkansas Veterans of Foreign Wars Officers.

## **2023-2024 Department Officers**

Commander Teddy Pipkin, Post 2330, Searcy  
Senior Vice Commander Elvin Tate, Post 5225, West Memphis  
Junior Vice Commander Rodney Wood, Post 7769, Beebe  
Quartermaster Christine Oldham, Post 4548, Jacksonville  
Judge Advocate Linda Johnson, Post 4451  
Surgeon Terry Ham, Post 2259, Conway  
Chaplain Doreen Brown, Post 5225, West Memphis

## **The following appointments are hereby announced:**

Adjutant Christine Oldham, Post 4548, Jacksonville  
Chief-of-Staff Mark Davis, Post 2242 Paragould  
State Inspector Johnny Gothard, Post 1322, Van Buren

## **Chairmen:**

Commanders Project Terry Ham, Post 2259 Conway  
Youth Programs Terry Ham, Post 2259 Conway

## **All State 2022-2023**

Team Captain – Post 2330 – Teddy Pipkin

District 1 - Commander Jerry Tobey  
District 2 – Commander James White  
District 5 - Commander Jim Kidd  
District 7 – Commander Adam Strange  
District 9 – Commander Will Beams  
District 13 – Commander Tom Thelen

Post 4451- Mena – Commander Linda Johnson  
Post 2256 – Benton – Commander Steven Davis  
Post 10483 – Hot Springs Village – Commander Dominic Listermann  
Post 8245 – Huntington – Commander Justin Weaver  
Post 1991 – Jonesboro – Commander Robert Murphy  
Post 2952 – Springdale – Commander Wade Tharrington  
Post 1674 – Siloam Springs – Commander Keith Schultz  
Post 1341 – Bull Shoals – Commander Gary Barth

Post 1322 – Van Buren – Commander Matthew Hicks  
Post 4548 – Jacksonville – Commander Marc Calcaterra  
Post 3031 – Rogers – Commander Gary Randall  
Post 7514 – Quitman – Commander Glen Powell

### **Senior Vice Commander Notes**

Hello Comrades. I'd like to thank each and everyone one of you for having confidence in me as your Sr. Vice Commander for the year of 2023-2024. I'm going to continue to work hard for you just as I have in the past. The State Convention was a great success and Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers around the State. Now is the time that we start showing our support for each other and do all the coming tasks that we have ahead of us for the next year. Always remember that there is someone you can call if you run into any problems, concerns, or challenges that you may encounter. Let's make this coming year a great success. #GoTeamArkansas #OneFamilyOneFight

~SVC Elvin Tate

### **Junior Vice Commander Notes**

Comrades it is an honor to be elected as Jr. Vice Commander. I look forward to working for you and the Department. This is going to be a great year so let's make sure to get behind Commander Pipkin. Please always remember that if you have any questions you can call me or the other Officers at anytime. Once again, thanks for your support.

~JVC Rodney Wood

### **Bonding**

It is bonding time again! Position bonds (Quartermaster, Commander, etc.) are due by **31 August 2023**. Club employee bonds are due by **30 September 2023**. All 23-24 Quartermasters will receive an email with all paperwork needed.

Rates are as follows:

**INCREASE** Position: **\$4.50** per thousand for Posts bonding for under \$10,000 with a minimum bond of \$2,000. \$4.00 per thousand for Posts bonding for \$10,000 or more.

Club Employee: \$8.00 per thousand with a minimum of \$1,000.

Every position or employee being bonded HAS to have a separate application. The applications are located on VFWAR.ORG under Resources, Reports and Forms.

During the year if you have an increase, you will need to fill out the Increase form and submit it.

If you have any questions, please call Headquarters Tuesday – Thursday @ 501-834-8392 and ask for Jennifer.

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### **Members Only - DIRECTORY**

On our web site, [vfwar.org](http://vfwar.org), you now have a directory of all Post leadership and chairmen and their contact information. You must have a members only account set up through the headquarters to access Members Only. This information is for personal use only. You are not authorized to give this information to any third parties for any type of solicitation. If you need an account or need assistance finding these, please contact the headquarters at 501-834-8392.

## **Buddy Poppies**

Buddy Poppies are now \$145 for 500 Poppies. Poppies must be paid for in advance. You can order by mailing an order form, located on VFWAR.org, to the Department along with your payment, or, by calling the Department and using your credit card for an additional \$8 fee per \$145 purchased.

Be aware that during this year, a new style of Buddy Poppy *could* become available. Please watch the Department website for updates.

## **TACOM**

### **Retired military equipment in use**

I am reaching out to you today from the United States Army Donations program. The Army Donations Program office controls all conditional gifts (donations) of excess, obsolete or condemned combat materiel used as static displays, monuments, and memorials to US servicemen. The office qualifies all recipients prior to a donation, maintains a central registry of all donations, tracks annual reports from recipients, conducts periodic inspections of donated property, and enforces the terms of conditional deeds of gift under Title 10 USC §2572, DOD 4160.21-M and AR 700-131 CH6.

It has been brought to our attention that some organizations have been approached by personnel said to be representing an Embassy and stating that TACOM has approved of transfer of the equipment to their program. At no time will a third party contact you on our behalf. If you have been approached by any other organization outside of the Army Donations Office, please contact us with any point of contact information for those soliciting the equipment on the Army Donations Program Office's behalf. The Army Donations Program Office will always contact you directly to coordinate any movement or donations of equipment. The equipment that is currently deeded to your organization thru the Army Donations Office, being either a static display or ceremonial rifle, are not to be sold under any circumstances nor given to another organization without prior approved and documentation from our office.

No organization may legally possess this US Army property without a valid Conditional Deed of Gift. Additionally, all items must be thoroughly demilitarized for public safety.

If there is a specific POC that you would like me to work with to bring you into compliance with our organization, please provide their contact information.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

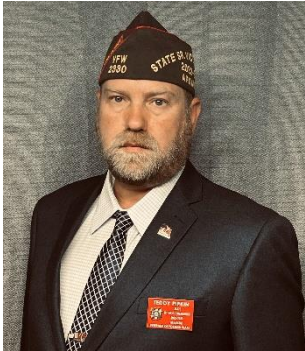
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# Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Arkansas General Orders

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2023-2024 Series

July 2023



Members,

My name is Teddy Pipkin, and what an honor it is to be elected as your new State Commander of the VFW Department of Arkansas for the year 2023-2024. I have so much to offer and even more to learn as your State Commander. I am excited to be able to work alongside the VFW Auxiliary and their newly elected President Cheri Wood. We have been planning for the last year to be able to show support and comradery to both organizations as a whole and work together one in the same. It has been proven time and again that when you work together as a family, then you accomplish wonderful things. My goal this year is to make sure both organizations function as a family. Our dual mission is to support our veterans and that is what we need to do together.

I served in the Army and retired as a Staff Sergeant in 2015, alongside my wife Amanda Pipkin, who retired in 2016. We have 2 children Amber (20) and Autumn (16), along with a grandson Cade who is 1. I served 1 tour in Egypt and 2 tours in Iraq. I received a Purple Heart while in Iraq during my First tour. I joined the VFW in 2012 at the Alpha Autry Post 2330 in Searcy. I became a life member shortly after, and then upgraded to Bronze Legacy Life member.

My Commanders project this year is the VFW Department of Arkansas Youth Scholarships. My goal for my project is to be able to fund the Patriots Pen 4<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> place and Voice of Democracy 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> place winners for the next 10 years. This will ensure our youth can stay involved and help the Department. I see the clever work our youth do every year writing their scholarships and the challenging work they put into it, and they need to continue to be recognized as such.

In Closing, I would like to ensure you that I am fully dedicated to this Department and all members of both organizations. I am ready to work, and I know with the support of my VFW members and the Support of the VFW Auxiliary members we can ensure that we are "ONE FAMLIY ONE FIGHT" as we "STAND STRONG FOR VETERANS".

## **Posts**

**Attention** is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that was mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing that went out in February. Advanced registration for the 117th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and address to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

## **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

**Suspension:** Post 2881 Harrison

Teddy Pipkin

State Commander

OFFICIAL:

Christine Oldham  
State Adjutant



## **“NEWS TRAVEL FAST”**

### **“VETERAN’S/AUXILIARY GET TOGETHER”**

**Date: Friday/Saturday, August 25-26, 2023,**

**Where: Holiday Inn Express, Searcy, Ar. 501-279-9991, \$119.00 plus tax, you can go online-CODE-“VET”**

**Friday 5pm-Grilling Hot Dogs, (condiments included)---BUT BYOB, 4 Fun and Relaxing).**

**Saturday, 9am: VFW members will meet at the #2330 Searcy Post Home for Training.**

**Lunch will be provided**



**After all Business has been completed, those who want to join the Auxiliary at the #7769 Beebe Post Home.**

## **“FUN BEGINS”**

**HOMEcoming FOR STATE COMMANDER-TEDDY PIPKIN**

**AND**

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT-CHERI WOOD**

**Socializing, Dinner at 5pm, a couple of Raffles for their projects, Gift Giving,**

**The band starts at 8pm.**

VFW WEBSITE, VFWAR.ORG, WILL HAVE UPDATES