

# ARKANSAS CHRONICLES

## APRIL 2024

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

**Department Membership Standing: 103.32%  
Currently #1 in the Nation**

To date 47 Post and 5 District have all reached the goal of 102% in membership who will be next?

**Posts and Districts: If you want to be considered for All-State Post or District, you must complete the form located on VFWAR.org under Programs/All-State and have it returned to Department HQ no later than 17 April 2024**

### All American

Knowing all the hard work that each Post and District has demonstrated, the following is your Division Standing for Post All American, in membership percentage. Remember, you must be in the Top 25 to receive your award at National Convention, along with other requirements to be met in programs.

#### **DIVISION 2 (Post)**

# 2 – Post 4548 – 111.15%

#### **DIVISION 4 (Post)**

#1 – 2952 – 127.13%

#2 – 2330 – 127.03%

#45 - 3543 – 103.22%

#48 – 1322 – 103.12%

#59 – 1991 – 102.54%

#67 – 9095 – 102.01%

#### **DIVISION 6 (Post)**

#13 – 8845 – 110.61%

#27 – 4455 – 105.88%

#71 – 2256 – 102.59%

#### **DIVISION 8 (Post)**

# 4 – 4683 – 129.59%

#13 – 4764 – 115.46%

#65 – 4451 – 103.80%

#66 – 4513 – 103.77%

#69 – 4515 – 103.12%

#72 – 10442 – 103.06%

#### **DIVISION 10 (Post)**

#8 – 4501 – 119.35%

#13 – 2881 – 116.92%

#17 – 10007 – 114.81%

#20 – 7514 – 114.54%

#59 – 8383 – 105.55%

#75 – 4766 – 104.47%

#91 – 4556 – 103.33%

#95 – 8671 – 103.27%

#### **DIVISION 3 (Post)**

#1 – Post 7769 – 124.67%

#### **DIVISION 5 (Post)**

#25 – 5225 – 106.41%

#79 – 6527 – 102.04%

#### **DIVISION 7 (Post)**

#32 – 11474 – 107.56%

#33 - 4562 – 107.31%

#35 – 1316 – 106.4%

#### **DIVISION 9 (Post)**

#1 – 2242 – 166.17%

#9 – 8525 – 117.50%

#36 – 8245 – 107.35%

#68 – 4679 – 102.89%

#### **DIVISION 11 (Post)**

#14 – 2935 – 132.00%

#106 – 10417 – 107.69%

#118 – 4517 - 107.14%

#180 – 1345 – 103.84%

#181- 4449 – 103.84%

#202 – 2746 – 103.12%

#205 – 12127 – 102.94%

#213 – 8042 – 102.77%

The following are also in Division 11 with membership over 102%:  
3252, 7518, 8124, 8347 and 7831

All-American District, must accomplish other programs but must be in the Top 15 in membership to walk the stage at National Convention. Listed are all above 102%

#### **Division 4 (District)**

#2 – District 13 – 108.85%

#### **Division 5 (District)**

#1 – District 5 – 119.37%

#2 – District 4 – 108.14%

#6 – District 1 – 103.39%

#7 – District 7 – 103.21%

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards**

##### **Post of Quarter**

Post 2952 – Springdale

Commander Jeffery Hill

##### **District of the Quarter**

District 5

Commander Glen Powell

#### **Commander's Notes**

I first want to thank each and every member, from the bottom of my heart who has been supporting the membership goal since the beginning. I stand proud with each of you knowing that Arkansas will always strive to do the best for our communities, our veterans, and this organization. I could have never believed we would be sitting number 1 in the Nation. Comrades look around, there are several Post and Districts that want to meet their goals. Don't be afraid to reach out to them and try to help. Department recruiter Darrell Darner has been everywhere this year and will continue to be there for you and this organization. Remember, One Family One Fight.

~CDR Pipkin~

#### **Senior Vice Commander's Notes**

Comrades,

I'd first like to start by thanking each and every one of you for all the hard work you put into this Great Organization. District Conventions and elections of new Officers are taking place this final quarter of this year. So, I would appreciate if the Newly Elected Officers from Districts and Posts turn in good phone numbers and email addresses. Let's not stop our Membership recruiting efforts and remember to log your Community Service hours on the vfwar.org Dashboard. Please remember to turn in the Election reports to Headquarters as soon as possible. Thank you all for what you do for our Veterans and Our Communities. I will always make myself available to you at all times as well as our Awesome Team at State Headquarters. Call us whenever you need us...#vfwar #GoTeamArkansas #OneFamilyOneFight

~SVC Tate~

## **Junior Vice Commander Notes**

National has created another report to help us all out, Delegate Strength. That is on OMS for those leaders that have authorized accounts. This report will give you each your membership as delegate strength for District and Department Conventions as of March 31, 2024. Attached you will find this report for all Post in our Department. (It will not change if you gain more members)

~JVC Wood~

### **Golf Tournaments**

**The Department has two golf tournaments in the works.**

1<sup>st</sup> – The Greens at North Hills (Sherwood) April 20, 2024 – still looking for hole sponsorship and teams.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday May 30, 2024 -State Convention in Hot Springs, AR, we are having two flights so the officers of this Department, both VFW and Auxiliary, can get done early and continue to afternoon meetings.

For more information, please go to our web site and/or contact Rodney Wood, 501-658-5519

### **2023-2024 ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION**

**May 30 – June 2, 2024**

**Arlington Hotel**

**239 Central Avenue**

**501-609-2534**

**(Call the hotel to make your reservations)**

Our representative is Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Adjutant General Dan West.

All registration information can be found on-line at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) under news and events. Room rates are \$116.00 plus a \$7 resort fee, taxes, and parking. If you have multiple people in the room, the rate will increase.

The agenda will be posted by April 3<sup>rd</sup> on [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).

Awards and Farewell – Friday Night – Theme “Cowboy Masquerade” - it is a cross between masquerade ball and cowboy it up, you pick a desired attire to fit this.

Buddy Poppy Display contest – All 3 Categories will be judged

Saturday Elections – the following guide lines will be followed in order to vote in all elections held this day.

1. To get Commander and delegate vote for any Post you must have at minimum two (2) registered delegates in attendance during the elections.
2. All Post audits must be current thru March 2024.
3. 2023-2024 Election report must be submitted on OMS.
4. Post Delegate form must be submitted to Department.
- 5.

It would be a good idea for your Post leadership to hand carry copies of all above items in the event a question is raised.

The following members have announced their candidacy for one of the following offices. More individuals could announce before elections.

\*\*\*\*\*All Candidates are listed by office in alphabetic order\*\*\*\*\*

**Department Office Candidates  
2024-2025**

Commander - Elvin Tate

Senior Vice Commander – Rodney Wood

Junior Vice Commander – Linda Johnson

Quartermaster – Christine Oldham

Judge Advocate – Terry Ham

Surgeon – Doreen Brown  
Marc Calcaterra  
Adam Strange

Chaplain – Doreen Brown  
Jim Kidd

Any candidate running for higher office must have a legible copy of the eligibility, on site, in order to be installed.

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

GENERAL ORDERS #10  
2023-2024

April 2024

## **Article 4- Posts Delegates to Department Convention**

Post status in this Department shall be in accordance with and governed by the Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, as contained in Sections 201 to 222 Paragraph (b) inclusive Paragraph (c) delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention, one delegate and one alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the post at the time of the election. A delegate registration fee of \$5.00 for each post delegate shall be forwarded to the Department Quartermaster not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention and the delegate strength of each post shall be based on the post membership as reported to Department Headquarters on May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, and Paragraph (d), (e), and (f) inclusive together with Section 223 inclusive.

**Installing Officers:** Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 216 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Post-Election Reports must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1 to the National Headquarters. We highly encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership

Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post-Election Report form has been completed and submitted to National Headquarters. If a Post-Election Report form has not been forwarded to National Headquarters at the time of installation, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers no later than June 1. Additionally, Section 413 of the National By-Laws requires that a properly completed District Election Report be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

**Post-Election Reports** must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1 to the National Headquarters. We encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post-Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters.

**Proof of Eligibility on all elected and appointed officers:** Post, District, Department Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of sections 216, 416, and 516 of the Manual of Procedure with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly-elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within sixty (60) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

## Districts

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department convention. District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

*All District Commanders are asked to make sure that the District election report is completed with all the elected and appointed Officers completed and forward to the State Adjutant immediately after the District Convention. This will facilitate the preparation of the Department Directory.*

**District Meeting Dates for 2024-2025:** All newly elected District Commanders are reminded to please try, within thirty (30) days, to submit to the Department Adjutant a list of meetings for the 2024-2025 year. Please review these dates to not interfere with Department functions (Homecoming – October 5, 2024 and Mid-Winter January 31- February 1, 2025). This will help us for planning purposes.

Per Section 403 of the National By-laws, each District should hold two (2) regular meeting for the purpose of transacting business and conducting a school of instruction and each District shall hold an annual District Convention for electing District officers. You can still hold one every quarter, if your district desires that.

## 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 125th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and address to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

**Loyalty Day and Memorial Day Observance:** Section 223 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure provides that each Post shall make the necessary arrangements for proper Observance of Loyalty Day and Memorial Day. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths, and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased veterans.

Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to District conventions at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District convention at which District officers are to be elected: one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election. Delegates and alternates to the Department conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

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.

***For those Post who do not have access to a computer, please forward your election report form to this office (State Adjutant Office) who will file the report for you. Please ensure that all elected and appointed Officers are listed on your election report, this will facilitate complete information of the Department directory and USPS listing for mailing of General Orders.***

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

**Suspension:**  
**none**

Teddy Pipkin

State Commander

OFFICIAL  
Christine Oldham

State Adjutant

<b>Arkansas Post Delegate Strength</b>			
<b>District</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Strength</b>
1	1674	183	<b>7</b>
1	2952	465	<b>16</b>

1	3031	346	<b>12</b>
1	7518	49	<b>2</b>
1	8109	28	<b>1</b>
1	9834	52	<b>2</b>
1	10021	58	<b>2</b>
2	1341	238	<b>8</b>
2	2881	75	<b>3</b>
2	3246	219	<b>8</b>
2	3252	37	<b>2</b>
2	4772	50	<b>2</b>
2	7730	45	<b>2</b>
2	7831	41	<b>2</b>
2	8042	42	<b>2</b>
2	9777	76	<b>3</b>
2	10417	28	<b>1</b>
4	1991	361	<b>13</b>
4	2242	118	<b>4</b>
4	4449	25	<b>1</b>
4	4517	43	<b>2</b>
4	4556	64	<b>3</b>
4	4679	71	<b>3</b>
4	5225	247	<b>9</b>
4	8347	43	<b>2</b>
4	10480	24	<b>1</b>
5	2330	336	<b>12</b>
5	3543	251	<b>9</b>
5	4501	74	<b>3</b>
5	4683	128	<b>5</b>
5	4766	70	<b>3</b>
5	7514	61	<b>3</b>
5	7769	598	<b>20</b>
5	10007	63	<b>3</b>
6	2259	257	<b>9</b>
6	2283	223	<b>8</b>
6	3141	65	<b>3</b>
6	4453	61	<b>3</b>
6	4513	112	<b>4</b>
6	4764	114	<b>4</b>
6	8525	93	<b>4</b>
6	12127	33	<b>2</b>

**Arkansas Post Delegate Strength**

District	Post	Total	Strength
7	1322	259	<b>9</b>
7	1345	27	<b>1</b>
7	6527	200	<b>7</b>
7	8245	76	<b>3</b>



7	8383	58	<b>2</b>
7	8532	106	<b>4</b>
7	8845	196	<b>7</b>
7	8855	35	<b>2</b>
9	2256	156	<b>6</b>
9	2278	272	<b>10</b>
9	2586	80	<b>3</b>
9	4451	110	<b>4</b>
9	4521	43	<b>2</b>
9	10483	125	<b>5</b>
10	2413	106	<b>4</b>
10	2746	32	<b>2</b>
10	4455	179	<b>6</b>
10	4515	104	<b>4</b>
10	4554	116	<b>4</b>
10	4562	146	<b>5</b>
10	4564	21	<b>1</b>
10	8124	43	<b>2</b>
10	8671	58	<b>2</b>
10	9360	28	<b>1</b>
13	1316	134	<b>5</b>
13	2935	65	<b>3</b>
13	4548	927	<b>31</b>
13	9095	301	<b>11</b>
13	10442	96	<b>4</b>
13	11474	135	<b>5</b>

**\*\* This is your Delegate strength plus Commander (or Senior Vice or Junior Vice)**