

Arkansas Chronicles

November 2024

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

Department 77.1%

TOP DISTRICT AS OF 10/29/2024

District 2 – Dan Brakebill	89.13%
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TOP 10 POSTS AS OF 10/29/2024

12233	Perryville – Wally Treece	127.77%
7518	Berryville – Matt Masters	126.31%
8109	Pea Ridge – Howard Schuettpelz	106.66%
4683	Newport – Fred Beard	104.00%
9834	Decatur – Mickchal Carnahan	103.77%
8525	Plainview – Donald Thompson	101.16%
7730	Calico Rock – Thomas Rushing	97.77%
9777	Salem – Bill Lowmon	95.45%
10021	Kingston – Theadore Walker	92.30%
8042	Evening Shade – Joshua Coldiron	91.42%

BOTTOM DISTRICT AS OF 10/29/2024

District 4 – Jonathon Mullins	74.44%
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BOTTOM 10 POSTS AS OF 10/29/2024

2746	Star City – Brian Abney	48.38%
4679	Harrisburg – Nathan Scott	49.29%
4521	DeQueen – Donald Hogg	53.22%
8124	Taylor – Rick Wyrick	56.09%
4449	Marianna – Terry Clark	58.33%
4764	Choctaw – Scott Bramlett	60.50%
1316	Little Rock – Kenneth Williams	63.12%
8855	Mountainburg – Andrew Plumbtree	63.88%
2259	Conway – Thomas Holt	64.00%
7769	Beebe – Carlton Rodney	64.66%

Commander's Notes

Fellow Comrades,

The 11th of November 1919 was declared as Armistice Day and then later became Veterans Day. There are a lot of Special ceremonies being held on this day throughout the State of Arkansas and the Country. These ceremonies are being held to show these Americans and sympathies for those that gave their lives in defense of this great nation. We all know the history of Veterans Day and don't take it lightly.

We are also reminded of the deadlines for the Programs which we have set forth in the future.

The holiday season is coming soon so don't forget to check on your loved ones to make sure they have everything they need and remember to add your Community Service hours to the dashboard located at vfw.org. Let's do Buddy Checks on one another and help each other when needed. Always remember that we are: #FightingForOurVeteranCommunities

~Commander Tate

Senior Vice Commander's Notes

As we all know membership is a large aspect of the VFW. We need to stay relevant when our CIC and Legislative team go to Washington to talk with our Representatives. The only way we can do this is through membership in our Post. You have to remember that everything we do starts at Post level. You, as Post Officers and members, are the backbone of the VFW. We count on you to try your best to keep the members we have plus grow your membership. I know this is a lot to put on the Post but I truly believe that every Post in this Department is the best in the Nation. So please check on the members we have right now, ie Buddy Checks or have Post events to keep them engaged. I have heard a lot from members that the only time they hear from the Post is when we want money for their membership dues. I know all this year we have been in last place in the Nation when it comes to membership. Arkansas, I know each and every one of you are the best of the best so let's keep the ones we have and grow on top of that.

~SVC Wood

Surgeon's Notes

With the Holiday season upon us, many of our Veterans suffer from Depression. Whether it be due to money issues, being alone for the Holidays, or just that the extended hours of darkness affect them. Be sure to perform your Buddy Checks and know the signs of depression.

~SGN Powell

Mid-Winter Conference
February 14-15, 2025
Airport Holiday Inn

The theme for Mid-Winter this year is “Our Local Schools Matter”. This means show your K-12 school pride by wearing your favorite school attire, bring pendants, show your school spirit at the banquet. Online registration is available. There is also an Attached registration form if you choose to mail in your registration. Banquet tickets, which include your registration, are \$40.00 in advance, \$45.00 at the door (we have been running out of tickets so be sure to get yours early). If you are not attending banquet, registration is \$10.00. The room rate for Mid-Winter \$99.00 plus tax per night. Call 501-490-1000 to book your hotel room.

NEW NEW NEW – Due to privacy issues with our youth, Children will no longer be able to be videoed and/or photographed at these premises unless you are the parent of the child being photographed/videoed or Department Staff.

Please see the attachments behind the General Orders for the Registration Form and Agenda.

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

Veterans Day Event

Please stay tuned to your local news to get details on Veterans Day Events. State of Arkansas will be held at the State Veterans Home across from Ft Roots at 11 am on November 11, 2024. Followed by lunch provided by VFW District 13. Each Post should ensure you have recognition at your Post home.

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

GENERAL ORDERS #5
2024-2025

NOVEMBER 2024

Membership

National By Laws are published, one of the new changes, 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 the new 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

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:
8532 Coal Hill

BY COMMAND OF

**Elvin Tate
State Commander**

OFFICIAL

**Christine Oldham
State Adjutant**

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Arkansas

Mid - Winter Banquet

February 14-15, 2025

**Saturday Afternoon Banquet is \$40.00 in advance and \$45.00 at the door
(This price included your registration)**

**Deadline for Pre-Registration is Close of Business February 11, 2025
(No Exceptions)**

Time: Banquet is at 3:30pm Saturday, February 15, 2025

Dress will be High School Spirit "Our Local Schools Matter"

****ABSOLUTELY NO VIDEOS OR INTERVIEWS DURING MID-WINTER****

Meal : Pan Seared Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Bread, tea and water, with dessert

Location:

Holiday Inn Airport

3201 Bankhead Dr

Little Rock, AR

Phone: 501-490-1000

Room Rate: \$99.00 plus tax

All VFW, VFW Auxiliary, and Guests MUST Register at \$10.00 per person (if purchasing a banquet ticket, the registration is included).

Children 15 and under are free to attend the convention but must pay for the banquet.

Reservation Form Mid-Winter Conference February 14-15, 2025

Make your check payable to: VFW Department of Arkansas

Or register online @ vfw.org

We accept Mastercard, Visa. And Discover

Circle one

Name _____ VFW or Aux Post # _____

Phone Number: _____

No. of Banquet Tickets @ \$40/person (\$45 @ the door), this includes registration _____ \$ _____

No. of Registrations @ \$10.00 per person _____ \$ _____

Credit Card Number _____ Date of Exp _____ Security Code _____

**Please mail to: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dept of AR, 4210 E. Kiehl Avenue, Sherwood, Arkansas 72120.
Or Call Department Headquarters at: 501-834-8392 to pre-register. Use of this form to purchase your tickets in advance will help you avoid long lines and save you money. The tickets will not be mailed; they will be held in your name and must be picked up at the registration desk. Banquet tickets are non-refundable.**

Mid-Winter Agenda
Airport Holiday Inn, Little Rock
Department of Arkansas VFW & Auxiliary
Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Awards Ceremony

FRIDAY, February 14, 2025

1:00 – 5:00 – Registration - Atrium
12:00 – Auxiliary – Ways N Means (Basket raffle)- Atrium
11:30 – 1:00 – Hospitality room – 2 story suites
1:00 – 3:30 – Quartermaster Training – PSC Byrd/QM Oldham – Kitty Hawk
5:00 – 6:00 – Auxiliary Council Meeting – Enterprise
4:30 – Hospitality room – open
6:00 – Dinner fundraiser – Chili Cookoff – Lindberg
7:30 – Karaoke - Lindberg/Fun and Games Atrium/Hospitality 2 Story Suites

SATURDAY, February 15, 2025

8:00 – 1:00 – Registration - Atrium
8:30 – 3:00 – Ways N Means (Basket Raffle) - Atrium
9:00 – 10:00 – Joint Openings – All Attendees – Kitty Hawk
10:15 – 12:00 – VFW Council of Administration Kitty Hawk
10:15 – 12:00 - Auxiliary Program Training- Kitty Hawk
12:00 – Buddy Poppy Judging – Category 1
12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch – VFW fundraiser
TBD – Riders Group Meeting
3:30 – 6:30 – VOD & PP Awards Banquet – Business Casual or Local School Attire
12:00 – Hospitality Room - 2 Story Suites
6:30 – 8:30??? – Karaoke, games Hospitality 2 story suites

Room rate \$99.00

Banquet Tickets - \$40 (this includes registration) early registration \$45 at the door

Registration only - \$10

10/30/2024

SUBJECT TO CHANGE