

Arkansas

Good of the Order

August 2023

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

2023-2024 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento

COMMANDER'S NOTES

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We are off to a great start, let us work as one, **ONE Family One Fight**, to get the job done early, everyone helps one another. The Department recruiting Team is out working hard for each and every Post out there. Please, when receiving applications from this or any other recruiter, verify the information and eligibility, vote and process, have integrity and give credit to the deserving recruiter, please do not delay on these applications, they want to be a part of your winning team. Please see eligibility listed in the "Programs Tab" of VFWAR.ORG.

~Commander Pipkin

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S NOTES

This year I am the Chairman for the Department Revitalization Committee, we are here to help, please do not hesitate to call me for anything to assist a post in growth, we all want you and your post be successful. We would much rather work with you early and help give you direction and assistance than to suspend your post at a later date and try to recover it. Myself or any other officer is just a phone call away.

~Junior Vice Commander Wood

COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

FALL Training

This year the Commander and President's homecoming is combined. VFW Training will be held at Searcy VFW Post 2330, 8999 Hwy 13, Searcy, AR 72143 Saturday Aug 26, 2023 with the homecoming being held at Beebe VFW Post 7769, 1405 E. Center Street, Beebe, AR 72012

Training will be on NEW Department Dashboard, Quartermasters, and Leadership

Schedule is as follows:

Friday - August 25, 2023 6:00pm – 8:00pm meet and greet at Holiday Inn Express – hot dogs

Saturday – August 26, 2023 9:00am – VFW Commander programs, Dashboard

11:30am - Lunch provided by Post 2330

12:30pm - 3:00pm – TRAINING – VFW Programs and Dashboard and

5:00pm - ???- Homecoming for Commander Pipkin and President Wood – Post 7769 Beebe

2022-2023

All American Team

Commander Jeffrey Byrd

All American District

District 1 – Jerry Tobey
District 2 – Hanford J. White
District 5 – Jim Kidd
District 7 – Adam Strange
District 9 – William Beams
District 13 – Tom Thelen

All American Post

Post 10483 – Commander Dominique Listermann – Hot Springs Village
Post 8245 – Commander Justin L. Weaver – Huntington
Post 7514 – Commander Glen Powell – Quitman
Post 4548- Commander Marc Calcaterra – Jacksonville
Post 4451 – Commander Linda Johnson – Mena
Post 3031 – Commander Gary A. Randall – Rogers
Post 2330 – Commander Teddy Pipkin – Searcy
Post 2278 – Commander Terrence W. Daniell (Coach) – Hot Springs
Post 1341 – Commander Gary E Barth - Bull Shoals
Post 1322 – Commander Matthew Hicks – Van Buren
Post 1316 – Commander Debra R. Mattocks – Little Rock

Department of Arkansas Chairmen:

a full list can be found on our web site

2023-2024

Post Revitalization Coordinator – Rodney Wood – Beebe – Post 7769
Youth Coordinator – Terry Ham – Conway - Post 2259
Scouts – Terry Daniell – Post 2278 – Hot Springs
ROTC – Darrell Darner, Post 1674 - Siloam Springs
JROTC – Marc Calcaterra – Jacksonville – Post 4548
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
Motorcycle Group – Shawn Wenninger – Post 1322 – Van Buren
Commanders Project – Terry Ham – Conway – Post 2259
M.O.C. Coordinator – Ashleigh Bishop – Batesville - Post 4501

V.A.V.S. Reps

Little Rock/North Little Rock – Rodney Wood - Post 7769 - Beebe
Fayetteville – Johnny Gothard – Post 1322 - Van Buren
Memphis – Elvin Tate - Post 5225 - West Memphis
Poplar Bluff – Robert Emmons – Post 1991 - Jonesboro
Shreveport - Linda Johnson – Post 4451 – Mena

2023-2024 Program's

The Directories can all be found online only at vfw.org. Your District Commander has printed copies to assist any Post. If you have a vfw.org account, a full list of contacts for all post is located there. If you would like an account, it is open to all members, please call the headquarters Tuesday thru Thursday.

BONDING Web only

Current Bonds for Post Quartermaster/Officers will expire August 31, 2023, and Canteen Manger/Employee Bonds will expire September 30, 2023. All posts should remit the correct amount to Department Headquarters **now**. Amounts: Quartermaster/Officer \$4.50 per thousand minimum of \$2,000 if bonding for under \$10,000. If bonding for \$10,000 or greater, the amount is \$4.00 per thousand. Club manager and all others are \$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 are on the web site at VFWAR.org under reports and forms. A copy has been emailed to all Post Quartermasters and District Commanders. 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 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Program. This year's theme: "**What are the greatest attribute of our Democracy?**" 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 2023-2024. This year's theme: "**How are you inspired by America?**" 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 1 weeks to receive (Orders MUST still come through Department Headquarters.) Prices are \$145.00 per 500 - \$125 plus \$20 for shipping. Please plan your Buddy Poppy Drive now. Poppies MUST now be paid for when the order is placed.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDERS #2
2023-2024

AUGUST 2023

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 files 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>

2023 Annual Report for Nonprofit Corporation PAST DUE

Deadline: August 1, 2023: 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 the web site **vfwar.org**.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

Suspension: Post 2881 – Harrison – District 2

BY COMMAND OF

Teddy Pipkin
State Commander

OFFICIAL:
Christine Oldham
State Adjutant