

ARKANSAS CHRONICLES

November 2023

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

Department 83.31%

Current District Standings

District 5 - Cmd Powell	105.77%	ACHIEVED
District 7	85.74%	
District 2	82.65%	
District 6	79.87%	
District 4	78.93%	
District 13	78.21%	
District 10	77.15%	
District 1	76.95%	
District 9	75.87%	

District 1		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
1674	SILOAM SPRINGS	46	59
2952	SPRINGDALE	57	80
3031	ROGERS	67	92
7518	BERRYVILLE	13	15
8109	PEA RIDGE	3	5
9834	DECATUR	5	9
10021	KINGSTON	5	9

District 2		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
1341	BULL SHOALS	38	55
2881	HARRISON		ACHIEVED
3246	MOUNTAIN HOME	35	53
3252	MARSHALL	2	4
4772	HIGHLAND	13	17
7730	CALICO ROCK	1	4
7831	MAMMOTH SPRING	3	6
8042	EVENING SHADE	11	13
9777	SALEM	18	23
10417	LEAD HILL	0	2

District 4		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
1991	JONESBORO	58	83
2242	PARAGOULD	ACHIEVED	
4449	MARIANNA	6	8
4517	PIGGOTT	4	7
4556	POCAHONTAS	12	17
4679	HARRISBURG	45	50
5225	WEST MEMPHIS	28	44
8347	CORNING	7	10
10480	RECTOR	4	6

District 5		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
2330	SEARCY	ACHIEVED	
3543	HEBER SPRINGS	33	50
4501	BATESVILLE	ACHIEVED	
4683	NEWPORT	ACHIEVED	
4766	MOUNTAIN VIEW	4	9
7514	QUITMAN	ACHIEVED	
7769	BEEBE	ACHIEVED	
10007	BALD KNOB	ACHIEVED	

District 6		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
2259	CONWAY	76	95
2283	RUSSELLVILLE	32	50
3141	DARDANELLE	3	8
4453	MORRILTON	17	22
4513	FAIRFIELD BAY	22	30
4764	CLINTON	3	9
8525	PLAINVIEW	ACHIEVED	
12127	LESLIE	6	8

District 7		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
1322	VAN BUREN	27	45
1345	WALDRON	0	2
6527	GREENWOOD	19	32
8245	HUNTINGTON	4	9
8383	NEW BLAINE	ACHIEVED	
8532	COAL HILL	14	22
8845	FORT SMITH	20	32
8855	MOUNTAINBURG	12	14

District 9		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
2256	BENTON	26	37
2278	HOT SPRINGS	41	60
2586	MALVERN	12	18
4451	MENA	30	38
4521	DE QUEEN	26	31
10483	HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE	26	36

District 10		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
2413	EL DORADO	17	25
2746	STAR CITY	15	17
4455	PINE BLUFF	21	33
4515	MONTICELLO	22	28
4554	CAMDEN	31	40
4562	TEXARKANA	11	20
4564	WARREN	3	5
8124	TAYLOR	15	18
8671	PRESCOTT	8	13
9360	HAMBURG	8	10

District 13		# members to reach 95% by 1 Feb 24	# members to reach 102% by 30 June 24
1316	LITTLE ROCK	42	51
2935	SHERWOOD	0	1
4548	JACKSONVILLE	147	205
9095	LITTLE ROCK	48	68
10442	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	9	15
11474	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	16	24

Commander's Notes

In November of 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 (the end of World War 1 occurred on the 11th hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month) as the first commemoration of Armistice Day, which was renamed to Veteran's Day in 1954. Armistice Day was declared for "those of us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who dies in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation". In June of 1954, Armistice Day was renamed to Veterans Day to honor all Veterans of all wars.

Let me remind everyone of my moto "One Family One Fight" as the holiday times are approaching. Please keep our elderly and disabled in mind. Please continue to check on members and families with the temperatures dropping, safety and health are the utmost on our minds. Remember we are all family.

~Commander Pipkin

Senior Vice Commander's Notes

As we are entering the month of November don't forget our Youth Programs are moving on to the next level for Judging. Also, let's step up our efforts towards recruiting new members. Let us stay focused on the VFW's mission and remember as well that we have quarterly deadlines to meet. Always remember that you have an Awesome team at the State level to call anytime you need assistance.

#GoTeamArkansas #OneFamilyOneFight

~SVC Tate

Junior Vice Commander's Notes

November 11th is Veterans Day plus November is National Veteran and Military Family month. This is a time that we celebrate all the Veterans who served. As you all know, everyone in the military did not serve in combat, everyone had a job to do and for some, it meant staying behind to make sure that all the military branches were kept up and running. We should show them the support that they once showed us by going to Veterans Day Celebrations to make sure to thank all of the veterans. We should also remember that Veterans Day is a Celebration for all of us in the VFW because we are Veterans. We also need to remember the silent ones who made it possible for us to go do the job we did. I am speaking of the Military Family. I always told my wife that she had the hardest job between the two of us. When I was to deploy or accomplish temporary duty assignments, I knew what my mission was and I could concentrate on the mission and not my family I left behind because I knew she had everything under control. I am a firm believer that for everyone who served, their family served also. So, lets celebrate our veterans and military families this month.

~JVC Wood

Veterans Day Observation

The State of Arkansas Veterans Day Ceremony will be held November 10, 2023 at 10:00 am. at the Central Arkansas State Veterans Home located at 2401 John Ashley Dr, North Little Rock, AR.

Directly following Veterans of Foreign Wars, District 13 will be hosting hamburgers at the conclusion of the event at the common area for all residents and guest of the ceremony.

We ask each and every member to represent for all veterans everywhere in their community or wherever you might find you self on our Special day.

Mid-Winter Conference

Membership Contest: whichever organization is the top in membership by January 31st, Auxiliary or VFW, will be announced the winner. If the Auxiliary wins, the Officers of this Department will have to dress up in what the Auxiliary provides and serve at the fundraiser meal on the Friday evening of the Mid-Winter Conference.

VFW Commander Pipkin says the VFW will not lose therefore, he will not be wearing costumes and he is working on something big for the Auxiliary for the same time period.

The theme for the Mid-Winter banquet on Saturday late afternoon will be Harry Potter with good southern home cooked food. **The Buddy Poppy Category this year is Category 2.**

We are currently working on the agenda but plan on Friday afternoon there being both Quartermaster training as well as Commander call, watch for an agenda before mid-November time frame.

Category 2: Memorial or Inspirational Displays

(Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

Displays **MUST** be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the “Buddy” ® Poppy. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Good Luck All

NEW DEPARTMENT SERVICER OFFICER

The Department is pleased to announce that the position of Department Service Officer has been filled. Let us please welcome Sue Harper, sueharper@arkansas.gov, 870-623-6900. She is retired from the US Army, a member of Post 4515 in Monticello, and has been helping veterans for over 10 years. Sue is happy to assist everyone, to include Post and District Service Officers, in training in their roles. Commander Pipkin and Mrs. Harper will be working together assigning training areas and a schedule.

VFW MAGAZINE

To continue receiving a printed copy of the VFW Magazine in the mail, call 1-833-839-8387.

Starting in January, we will have six printed issues and four digital issues per year. However, VFW Magazine will still offer printed versions to those who still want it in their mailbox.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen & Teacher of the Year Deadlines:

Please pay Attention to the Department deadline dates.

Youth Programs – Terry Ham – 719-339-6390

Chairmen: Teacher of the Year – Linda Johnson – 956-241-2633 – 1 Dec - due to Dept. Chairman

Voice of Democracy – Jerry Tobey – 479-531-8146 – 20 Nov - entries due to District

Patriots Pen – Terry Ham – 719-339-6390 – 20 Nov - entries due to District

Public Servant – Adam Strange – 479-213-3211 – 1 Jan - due to Department Chairman

VFW Member of the Year – Elvin Tate – 870-514-8080 – 28 Feb - due to District

JROTC Cadet of the Year – Marc Calcaterra – 479-531-8146 – 28 March - due to
Department Chairman

VFW Employer of the Year - Jerry Hulsey - 479-249-2344- 28 March - due to
Department Chairman

Nick Bacon – Todd Willey – 479-857-6069 – 1 March - deadline to Department
Chairman

If you have any questions regarding any of the above-mentioned youth programs, please contact the Youth Program Coordinator, Terry Ham

Deadline Dates: (VOD, PP, and Teacher of the Year)

1st place **Patriots Pen and VOD** winners due to District's November 20, 2023

1st Place **Teacher of the Year** due to Department Chairman December 1, 2023

1st Place District (VOD & PP) winners due to Department Chairman December 14, 2023

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Program Chairmen.

It is recommended that all VOD flash drive or CD's are one entry per participant. Participants should be encouraged to record their scripts using professional equipment at radio stations.

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

GENERAL ORDERS #5
2023-2024

NOVEMBER 2023

Membership

National By Laws: 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 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, 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:

Post 8532 – Coal Hill
Post 4521 - DeQueen

BY COMMAND OF

**Teddy Pipkin
State Commander**

OFFICIAL

**Christine Oldham
State Adjutant**