

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

GENERAL ORDERS #6
2019-2020 SERIES

DECEMBER 2019

Current membership: Department 81.57%

Department Standing (By District)

District 9	Commander Linda Johnson	86.71%
District 6	Commander Scott Bramlett	85.79%
District 2	Commander Bill Stephens	85.74%
District 1	Commander Frank Lee	85.47%
District 10	Commander Raymond Buzbee	84.35%
District 4	Commander Trisha Leslie	83.18%
District 13	Commander Tony Farrar	78.93%
District 7	Commander Earl Duty	73.07%
District 5	Commander Teddy Pipkins	69.54%

Commanders please review for Post/District of the Quarter for end of month December

Top 5 Post

Post 8109	Pea Ridge	Cdr C. Snow	123.07%
Post 2852	Springdale	Cdr D. Vining	109.94%
Post 9834	Decatur	Cdr M. Carnahan	102.17%
Post 10021	Kingston	Cdr J. Commerford	100.00%
Post 3252	Marshall	Cdr J. Blough	100.00%

Bottom 5 Post

Post 4501, Batesville	48.73%
Post 4687, Melbourne	51.56%
Post 7769, Beebe	53.02%
Post 2330, Searcy	62.37%
Post 8855, Mountainburg	62.50%

National Notes on Membership

We are as a Nation down 101,216 members, as of November 21, 2019 our Department is down over 1, 226 members. The time to recruit is now! You have to leave the Post in order to recruit new members. Find local events and ask if you can have a booth. Farmers markets, gun shows, trade shows and fall festivals are all great places to recruit local veterans. Bring along recruiting materials as well as materials on VFW Programs. If you need materials from Membership, call or email us at 1-888-JOIN-VFW or membership@vfw.org. If you're needing help to pay for a booth at a local event, call Membership Department see if they have the funds available to help you get there.

Reminders

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen: should already be turned into the Department Chairman
Register children for Christmas open house gifts – call headquarters 501-834-8392
Register for Mid Winter Banquet event to be held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Jan 24 – 25, 2020.

HALF-STAFF U.S. FLAG ON DECEMBER 7. Public Law 103-308, passed in 1994, designates December 7 as “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day” and requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day. To order a flag, go to <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/flags/usflags>.

NEW Monthly EYE on Arkansas NEW

The Commander has chosen to recognize one post monthly for reported above and beyond in completing the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. If you Post goes above and beyond please email details to headquarters to be forwarded to the Commander for review.

This month's recipient is: Post 7514 – Rice-Yung Post, located in Quitman. This Post came from the brinks of closing reestablished and completing the mission of the VFW. They went and obtained sponsorship and purchased turkeys for students from the local schools that might not had a thanksgiving dinner without this support. Remember: No One Does More.

Awards for VOD and Patriots Pen

IRS AND VFW AWARD MONIES. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. This will include the VFW programs Patriot's Pen and Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Deliver a warm meal to a veteran, shovel snow for a veteran in your neighborhood or volunteer at a local VA facility or nursing home. If you are not sure where the nearest VA facility is, or to find volunteer opportunities in your community to help veterans, visit heroes.vfw.org/volunteer.

BULLETIN

Display the United States flag to show all of America that you support our veterans and service members. Let everyone know how proud you are of this great nation and the men and women who have worn the uniform. You can visit heroes.vfw.org/flag and print a free flag poster to display at your home. If you, or a fellow veteran, are in need of assistance in filing a VA claim, please visit www.vfw.org/nvs.

These are all very simple ways you can help the VFW carry out its mission and assist your fellow veterans at the same time.

A Simple Way to Make a Big Difference – Making a gift in your will is the easiest way to continue supporting the VFW and your fellow veterans after your lifetime. Did you know that it only takes one or two sentences in your will to accomplish this task? We invite you to learn more about this type of legacy gift and how you can leave a lasting impact on both your family and the VFW. Free information is available by contacting the VFW Planned Giving Office at (816) 968-1119, email plannedgiving@vfw.org or visit www.vfw.org/plannedgiving.

Department Resources – Many great resources are available for your Department to use in promoting fundraising programs. You need only go to heroes.vfw.org/vfwtools. The latest fundraising program information, ideas and promotional tools from the Development Department can be found here. Download ad slicks, ready-to-use articles and other items for your Department publications and/or website. Recent mailings and mailing schedules are also posted on a regular basis. Use the Department Resources tools to help strengthen your Department programs. Check it out today!

Membership

All Members: Members are reminded that under the new subscription dues plan, an annual members dues expire on their anniversary date. 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

Post Commanders and District Commanders and inspecting officers

Your attention is directed to section 703 of the National By-Laws – Bonds. Each Accountable Officer of this organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable. Liquid assets are defined as cash on hand or in the bank and other negotiable instruments readily convertible into cash.

Department Business

Post 4679 – Harrisburg – District 4 - Suspended

District Assignments

Please refer to Department webpage, www.vfwar.org, under the Resources tab, officer assignments or under news and events tab, calendar for District meetings and assignments.

BY COMMAND OF

**Will Beams
State Commander**

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