

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDERS

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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has adopted a new logo effective November 6, 2018. National has published the following guidelines on wear of Cross of Malta versus logo. Only members of the VFW can wear the Cross of Malta, however the logo can be worn by members and nonmembers.

Commander's Notes

The Holiday season is about giving and the joy we feel for the happiness that we helped others to feel. This year we will gear our Christmas Open House around "The Spirit of Giving." Children will choose, wrap, and deliver a gift to a veteran at the State Veteran's Home. After which, they will return to State Headquarters for refreshments and share the stories of the joy they gave someone else. (The VFW will then spread a little joy of our own with all the children that participated.) Our organization is one of service. Only by demonstrating how to be of service can we impart this to the next generation. Please come share in the Joy of Giving with us this year.

Publication of General Orders and Convention Information

The time has come that the Department of Arkansas is going paperless. Meaning all information on the General Orders and Convention registration will be found on or web site. Everyone should know where the General Orders are posted on the site, and under news and events the detail report of event registration will be there. We are working on the addition of a pay tab for ease at registration and future payments of any items owed to this Department. Please go to vfw.org and review our web site.

Current membership: Department 78.55%

Department Standing Districts

83.47% - District 9 – Commander Johnson
82.49% – District 6 - Commander Bramlett
81.97% - District 1 – Commander Lee
81.94% - District 2- Commander Stephens
81.74% - District 10 – Commander Buzbee
80.79% - District 4 – Commander Leslie
75.66% - District 13 - Commander Farrar
70.34% - District 7 – Commander Duty
66.94% - District 5 – Commander Pipkin

Top Posts over 100%

119.23% - District 1– Pea Ridge – Commander Snow
105.75% - District 1 – Springdale – Commander Vining
102.17% - District 1 – Decatur – Commander Carnahan

Bottom 5 Posts

44.53% - District 5 – Post 4501 - Batesville
48.43% - District 2 – Post 4687 - Melbourne
51.24% - District 5 – Post 7769 – Beebe
52.94% - District 4 – Post 4679 – Harrisburg
59.73% - District 5 – Post 2330 – Searcy

Above listed percentages are from 29 October 2019

Please find attached to these General Orders:

Christmas Open House - A letter on the Christmas Open house. Please RSVP all children - all are welcome to attend. Also attached in a Mid-Winter agenda and registration form.

Mid-Winter Conference – Council of Administration meeting, Youth Awards, and Cooties Fundraiser, hospitality. Please get registered early to assist this Department with head counts for all events.

Buddy Poppy Display Contest – Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

CATEGORY 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes) (a) 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. (b) At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Veterans Day Event

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, November 11, 2019 in MacArthur Park in front of the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, 503 East 9th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Arkansas Arts Center in the Atrium. The Arkansas Arts Center is on the corner of East 9th and Commerce Streets in MacArthur Park.

Following the ceremony, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Veterans Eligibility Fair will be held in the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. AETN will be filming some 9/11 digital shorts of service members in attendance.

Service Officer

Be sure that when you wish to file a claim regarding Agent Orange, be sure to file for the presumptive illness caused by the dioxin exposure. Agent Orange is not an illness it is a cause. There are at this time 14 illnesses presumed related to exposure there is more in process to hopefully be added, we are in waiting for this decision to conclude.

The process for HR 299 is still on stay at this time. Procopio claims have been included in this stay, we don't think this is right, but is what it is. Bureaucracy. I can understand the reasoning behind the stay, although it has been spoken to for many years one would think a plan would have been in place to correctly process these claims. Be sure if you are going to file a claim be sure to include as much of deck logs you can showing the vessels location. The more we can do to provide the locations the faster and more accurate the decisions can be made. We don't wish to have overpayments and anger when it has to be paid back, it would be unnecessary stress, more than the stress to find the deck logs.

Newly returning Veterans, I know it is easier to file claims on your own. Please speak with a service officer of your choice that has some experience with the bureaucracy and what works best, please don't reinvent the wheel and delay claims due to not having all the information. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Robert Lafond
Hot Spring County
Veterans Service Officer
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Membership

All Members: Members are reminded that under the new subscription dues plan, an annual member due expire on 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

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.

Post Commanders

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.

Podiums: All officers should obtain current 2019 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters! The 2019 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 120th National Convention, which became effective on August 25, 2019.

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

OFFICIAL
Christine Oldham
State Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF
Will Beams
State Commander

Post listing from oldest to newest from date established

Post	Established	Charter/City	District	Post	Established	Charter City	District
1322	2/13/1925	Van Buren	7	2242	1/21/66	Paragould	4
2259	10/19/1931	Conway	6	4449	5/30/66	Marianna	4
2278	11/12/1931	Hot Springs	9	2881	5/31/66	Harrison	2
2330	12/9/1931	Searcy	5	4554	4/27/67	Camden	10
2413	5/4/1932	El Dorado	10	2586	9/14/67	Malvern	9
1316	5/5/1936	Little Rock	13	4548	9/28/67	Jacksonville	13
3543	10/17/1936	Heber Springs	5	4566	10/5/67	Wynne	4
2952	10/16/1938	Springdale	1	3141	10/23/70	Dardanelle	6
3246	5/25/1940	Mountain Home	2	4687	3/21/71	Melbourne	2
1674	11/10/1940	Siloam Springs	1	7518	4/26/71	Berryville	1
1991	9/7/1945	Jonesboro	4	10021	11/8/71	Kingston	1
2256	9/26/1945	Benton	9	8525	6/15/72	Plainview	6
4451	9/27/1945	Mena	9	8245	8/16/72	Huntington	7
4517	10/2/1945	Piggott	4	7769	1/30/73	Beebe	5
4501	10/3/1945	Batesville	5	9777	4/16/73	Salem	2
8671	10/9/1945	Prescott	10	9095	9/30/73	Little Rock	13
4521	10/11/1945	De Queen	9	10442	5/26/75	North Little Rock	13
8124	10/14/1945	Taylor	10	8383	4/12/76	New Blaine	7
4556	10/16/1945	Pocahontas	4	8532	8/9/76	Coal Hill	7
4453	10/23/1945	Morrilton	6	8845	4/27/77	Fort Smith	7
4766	10/29/1945	Mountain View	5	4513	1/10/78	Fairfield Bay	6
4764	10/30/1945	Clinton	6	2746	1/27/78	Star City	10
4455	10/30/1945	Pine Bluff	10	10007	3/27/78	Bald Knob	5
4515	11/10/1945	Monticello	10	10480	2/20/79	Rector	4
4683	11/27/1945	Newport	5	10417	4/17/79	Lead Hill	2
6527	12/13/1945	Greenwood	7	3031	10/1/80	Rogers	1
5225	12/14/1945	West Memphis	4	1345	1/8/82	Waldron	7
4564	2/12/1946	Warren	0	4772	2/28/82	Highland	2
4679	2/22/1946	Harrisburg	4	7514	5/27/84	Quitman	5
7730	6/10/1946	Calico Rock	2	8855	8/9/85	Mountainburg	7
5742	7/1/1946	Cotter	2	9360	11/30/85	Hamburg	10
7831	7/2/1946	Mammoth Spring	2	10483	7/31/88	Hot Springs Village	9
8109	7/29/1946	Pea Ridge	1	11474	3/14/93	North Little Rock	13
8042	7/31/1946	Evening Shade	2	3252	3/27/93	Marshall	2
8347	9/18/1946	Corning	4	2935	3/12/94	North Little Rock	13
9834	6/3/1948	Decatur	1	300	8/21/96	Carrollton	1
1341	12/31/1955	Bull Shoals	2	77	11/5/01	Holiday Island	1
2283	9/20/1962	Russellville	6	12127	10/13/12	Leslie	6
4562	6/17/1965	Texarkana	10				

DISTRICT MEETING ASSIGNMENTS

Date	District #	Location	Meeting time	Mealtime	Representative
2 Nov 2019	5	7769 - Beebe	2:00 PM	1:00 PM	Sr Vice Barnes
2 Nov 2019	6	4453 - Morrilton	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Surgeon Byrd
2 Nov 2019	10	8124 - Taylor	1:00 PM	12:00 PM	Jr Vice Davis
17 Nov 2019	2	3246 - Mt Home	2:00	1:00	Surgeon Byrd
17 Nov 2019	4	1991- Jonesboro	2:00 PM	1:00 PM	Judge Adv. Farrar
19 Jan 2020	1	9834 - Decatur	2:30 PM	none	Judge Adv. Farrar
19 Jan 2020	7	1322 - Van Buren	2:00 PM	1:00 PM	Sr Vice Barnes
19 Jan 2020	13	9095 - Little Rock	2:00 PM	1:00 PM	Jr Vice Davis