

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

**GENERAL ORDERS #4**  
**Series 2019-2020**

**OCTOBER 2019**

**Membership 75.85%**

## **DEPARTMENT - QUARTERLY AWARDS**

**Post of the Quarter** – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter \_ District 1 – Post 2935, Springdale, Commander David Vining – 91.62%

**District of the Quarter** – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – none qualified -**Top District** – District 6 – **81.03%**

**115.38%**- Post 8109 – Pea Ridge – District 1

**100.00%** - Post 9834 – Decatur – District 1

## **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE**

**Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of October 2019!**

This month, it's time to use the TRICKS of recruiting and retention to earn the TREAT of being entered into a \$1000 drawing for your Post!

For this month's Commander's Challenge, the top ten Posts in each Division with the highest increase in total membership percentage between October 1st and October 31st will be entered into a drawing for \$1000 to be deposited into the Post account!

Sign up new members, reinstate lapsed members, and collect dues from your Annual members who are coming up for renewal, and your Post could be one of those eligible for this incentive! Get that membership drive going and show our veterans that we *DARE TO CARE* about membership goals!

### **National Membership Challenge (ongoing)**

Post Commander and Quartermaster – New & Reinstated Member Award The top 10 Post commanders and quartermasters in each division who report more than 50 new and reinstated annual members by Jan. 1, 2020 will each be awarded:

A travel charger with the official VFW Commander-in-Chief logo.

Kansas City Spree The top two Post commanders and the top two District commanders in each division who achieve 100% membership by April 1, 2020 along with their guest will each be awarded: Round-trip airfare to Kansas City, Mo. from the airport nearest the awardee's home.

A fun-filled weekend (May 14-17, 2020) that may include but is not limited to touring, shopping and a complete tour of the VFW National Headquarters.

### **Riders Group Meeting**

The next held Department Motorcycle Group meeting will be held at Post 4554, Camden, October 12, 2019. Post open at noon meeting at 13:30. If you post is interested in possibly

starting a new group please attend or send a representative to this meeting. If you plan on staying the night like some riders are accommodations can be made at super 8 hotel 870-836-2535

### IMPORTANT DATES

Auxiliary Freedom Fest – October 5, 2019, Searcy VFW Post 2330, 11am to 5 pm

Training – November 1-2, 2019

Service Officer, Quartermaster, Recruiting, Leadership, Chaplain

Please see attached agendas, training for all members, leaders and future leaders. Rick McKenna – National Assistance Membership Director will be giving classes on retention and recruiting.

The dates for the Mid-Winter Convention Department of Arkansas are January 24-25, 2020 at Airport Holiday Inn.

State Convention is June 11-14, 2020 also at the Airport Holiday Inn.

### COMMANDERS NOTES

#### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN, TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND Nick Bacon DEADLINES:

##### Judging dates:

POST	October 15, 2019
DISTRICT	November 22, 2019
DEPARTMENT	DECEMBER 14, 2019 – <b>ALL</b> Districts report district winners of Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy with contact information to Department for invites to Mid-Winter
	March 2, 2019, all entries to Department
	1 December all entries submitted to Department Headquarters

Nick Bacon  
Headquarters  
Teacher of the Year

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

Please send the District VOD winners to Chairman Teddy Pipkin, 3504 Highway 13, McRae, AR 72102 501-827-6544. They must be in his hands no later than December 2, 2019. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Email [post2330vfw@hotmail.com](mailto:post2330vfw@hotmail.com).

Please send the District PP winning entries to Chairman Trisha Leslie, 114 Falcon Trail, Maynard, AR 72444, 870-810-8229. They must be in his hands no later than December 2, 2019. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Email with questions [vfwpost4556@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost4556@gmail.com).

If you have any questions regarding any of the above-mentioned youth programs, please contact the Youth Program Coordinator, Jeffrey Byrd, Department Surgeon, 110 Lake Court, Beebe, AR, 72012, email: [jeffreybyrd2013@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreybyrd2013@gmail.com)

## **NICK BACON SCHOLARSHIP**

Please send Nick Bacon Scholarship to Chairman Todd Willey, send to Department 4210 East Kiehl Ave, Sherwood, AR 72120. They must be in his hands no later than March 2, 2019. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **GOLD BADGE**

The Chairman for the Public Servant & Safety (Gold Badge) is Jim Lee, 252 South Bowser Road, Monticello, AR 71655. Deadline for all entries to be to the Department Chairman, 1 January 2019.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Members are reminded that under the subscription dues plan, an annual members' dues expire on their anniversary month. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership. Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason of failure to pay current dues by their anniversary month, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year.

In addition, every effort should always be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and recover former members during the year.

For clarification purposes, use of the VFW Legacy Life Membership card as suitable identification when verifying a member's credentials is permissible, however, the member's original Life Membership card may be required in certain circumstances where state/local laws, or Post rules, require proof of Post affiliation to participate in certain unit activities.

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below:

It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited. Any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.

It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision, regarding this response, to include Post, County Council, District and Department meetings, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to section 1001 (25) of the National Manual of Procedure.

Department Business:

None

**BY COMMAND OF**

**William Beams  
State Commander**

**OFFICIAL**

**Christine Oldham  
State Adjutant**

**Scheduled District Meetings: Check the Website [vfwar.org](http://vfwar.org); (calendar)**

27-October-19 - District 9 - Malvern  
27-October-19 - District 1 - Springdale  
2-November-19 - District 5 - Beebe  
2-November-19 - District 6 - Morrilton  
2-November-19 - District 10 - Taylor  
17-November-19 - District 4 - Jonesboro  
17-November-19 - District 2 - Mtn Home