

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

GENERAL ORDERS #11
2021-2022

May 2022

Due to Convention timing there will be no General orders in June

Department Membership Standing: 89.51%

As of April 28, 2022

100% or above by District

District 1- 101.45%

Post 2952 – Springdale, Post 3031 – Rogers and Post 9834 – Decatur

District 2 – 88.87%

Post 9777 – Salem

District 4 – 97.70%

Post 1991 – Jonesboro, Post 4445 – Marianna and Post 4679 - Harrisburg

District 5 – 86.10%

Post 7769 – Beebe

District 6 – 90.00%

Post 2259 – Conway and Post 8525 - Plainview

District 7 – 82.51%

Post 6527 – Greenwood, Post 8383 – New Blaine

District 9 – 90.54%

Post 4521 – De Queen

District 10 – 88.46%

Post 4554 - Camden

District 13 – 86.09%

Post 1316 – Little Rock

All of the above-mentioned Post and Districts over 100% have met the membership criteria for All State and could be All-American eligible. However, there are other requirements to be met, for example new/reinstated percentages. Please check your programs books for specifics and watch your Division standings to stay competitive.

Deadline for All State is June 30, 2022. However, the deadline to receive hats at the state convention has passed. To receive All State recognition, you must fill out the form you were mailed and Commander Davis will review. If you receive All State, you can still purchase your hats at the Post and District level through the Department Headquarters. If you obtain 100% in membership please contact the Department Headquarters to obtain the form needed to complete, or find it on our web site: vfwar.org and submit. Good luck and let us take our Department to the next level.

Senior Vice Commander

It has been my absolute honor to serve the Department of Arkansas as your State Sr Vice Commander. We have an amazing team that is second to none and I could not be more proud to have served with each and every member of the leadership team. As a candidate for Department Commander in 2022-2023, I'm asking for your vote at the upcoming 91st State convention. I hope to see each and every one of you in Hot Springs on June 2-5, 2022. Until then, let's keep the pedal to the floor and finish out the current year strong for Commander Davis.

In closing, THANK YOU to each and every member for everything you do! As always, I will continue to make myself available at any time to anyone who needs assistance. ARKANSAS STRONG!!

~ SVC Jeffrey Byrd

Junior Vice Commander

I'd like to thank each and every one of the members of the Department of Arkansas for the hard work that they've done this year. As the chairman of the revitalization committee, we have worked on numerous posts throughout the year. We still have a couple of posts that we're still working on and we're hoping to finish those up before year's end and get those post back in compliance and back to working in their communities.

I'm pleased to announce that the Department of Arkansas has raised \$3200.00 that I will be taking to the National Home on the 15th of May. Thank you for all of your hard work and thank you for all the donations. Thank you for all the trust and support that you have given me this year as your Junior Vice Commander. With the upcoming Department Convention just a month away, I ask for your support and vote once again for VFW Department of Arkansas Senior Vice Commander. Thank you for everything that you've done for the Department of Arkansas this year and thank you for everything you do in your communities.

~JVC Pipkin

Judge Advocate

Comrades,

The Department Convention is right around the corner. We have had a Great run this year, and I want to thank you all for having trust in me as your Department Judge Advocate for the 2021-22 year. I hope that you all will continue to have trust in me, because I would Love to continue representing you as your Junior Vice Commander for 2022-2023. I'll always make myself available for everyone in this organization and I hope that you will continue to support me. I Love and Care about each and every one of you because of your hard work to make things happen for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Arkansas. Go Team Arkansas!!!!!!!!!!

~SJA Tate

Surgeon

Comrades,

The year is coming to a close. In a month, we will all come together to celebrate this year's achievements. This year's convention format will be a little different but I believe that this change will be a good one. I am looking forward to seeing all my old friends and making new ones. Conventions to me are full of fun and learning more about the how integral parts of this great organization work together for the benefits of our veterans. May all of your travels to the convention be a safe one. I can't wait to see everyone in one place. It has been a honor serving as Department Surgeon plus I am looking forward to hopefully serving as your Judge Advocate next year. Thank you for all the support you have showed me this year.

-SURG Wood

Veteran Service Officer

I wish to let you know that a housebound spouse of a disabled veteran can apply for aide and attendance under the disabled veteran.

As the price of fuel and vehicle maintenance and environmental concerns I will be closing the Sherwood office I currently fill on Wednesday, I will maintain serving Veterans from the Malvern office and any veterans can call to get what I can, looked at. Thank you for your understanding I hope to hear from you. My hopes are to have my office cleared in May, no later than May 25.

Robert Lafond, VSO Hot Springs County
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Community Service of the Year

Commander Davis has selected the Outstanding Community Service Post of the Year. The Post selected this year is from District 7, Robert Jack Post, located in Van Buren, Commander Matthew Hicks.

Nick Bacon

The winner for this year Nick Bacon Scholarship in the amount of \$3,500 is William Rudd. Congratulations to William.

National Home

Department Junior Vice Commander Teddy Pipkin is going to National Home next month. However, if your post has any donations or items to please get them to him TODAY and he will assure that they get to the home.

State Convention

This year the State Convention will be June 2 – 5, 2022, at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, AR.

123th National Convention

The National Convention in Kansas City, MO is scheduled for July 16 – 21, 2022 go to vfw.org for registration forms.

Memorial Day

Ceremony will be held at the **State Veterans Cemetery on Maryland Ave, Monday, May 30, at 9:00 a.m.** The Arkansas Veterans Coalition is hosting a picnic lunch at Sherwood Forrest following this event. Please be flexible.

Section 223 of the National By-laws and Manual of Procedures provides that each Post shall make the necessary arrangements for proper observation of Memorial Day. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and United States Flags are placed on the graves of deceased veterans.

Installation

Installing Officers: Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 216 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Post-Election Reports must be submitted following Post election of officers in April and no later than June 1 to the National Headquarters. We highly encourage all Post Quartermasters to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post-Election Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters.

Posts

Post Commanders: Delegate strength will be based on membership on March 31, 2022. Delegates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post.

Post Commander: PRIOR TO ELECTIONS: VERIFY THAT ALL RUNNING FOR OFFICE ARE PAID MEMBERS. Over the Past several weeks the Department Commander has obtained correspondence from National that individuals that have been elected, are unpaid. If any elected officers are annual members we highly encourage that each Quartermaster collect their dues now and pay them so no elected officers will be removed from offices during the 2022-2023 year.

For those Post who do not have computers ,please forward your election report form to This office (State Adjutant Office) who will file the report for you. Please ensure that all elected and appointed Officers are listed with correct phone # and addresses on your election report, this will facilitate preparation of the Department directory and USPS listing for mailing of General Orders.

Districts

District/Post Commanders: Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers: All Posts, Districts and Departments should be reminded of the provisions of Sections 216, 416, and 516 of the Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant and properly reviewed.

All District Commanders are asked to make sure that the District election report is completed with all of the elected and appointed Officers completed and forward to the State Adjutant immediately after the District Convention. This will facilitate the preparation of the Department Directory.

District Meeting Dates for 2022-2023: All newly elected District Commanders are reminded please try within 30 days to submit to the Department Adjutant a list of all meetings for the 2022-2023 year (if you have them). This will help us for planning purposes.

Per Section 403 of the National By-laws, each District should hold two (2) regular meetings for the purpose of transacting business and conducting a school of instruction and each District shall hold an annual District Convention for electing District officers. You can still hold one every quarter if your district desires that.

District Meetings

District meeting dates are listed on the web site. However, prior to attending please verify with your District Commanders.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Suspended
Post – Post 4687 – Melbourne
Post 7518 – Berryville

BY COMMAND OF
Mark Davis



State Commander

OFFICIAL
Christine Oldham
State Adjutant