

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3**

**OCTOBER 2010**

**1. Fall Council of Administration meeting:** The Fall Council of Administration meeting will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh, 8-10 October, 2010. There will be two business sessions, one on Friday beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the second on Saturday, beginning at 1:00 p.m. There will also be committee meetings and various training sessions. A joint Commander/President Homecoming Reception and dance will be held on Friday night, and the Buddy Poppy King & Queen Reception with entertainment (Andrews Sister impersonators) on Saturday night. At the current time **Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank** is scheduled to attend as the VFW National Representative. Make reservations by contacting the **North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Old Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 28609, telephone 919-872-2323.**

**2. Registration Fee at Council Meeting:** In order to be more closely aligned with procedures at VFW National functions, State Commander Seay has determined that overall registration fees will be charged at the Council of Administration meetings and State Convention this year, in lieu of collecting separate fees for banquets, dances, etc. The registration fee for the October council meeting is \$20 per person, payable in advance or at the registration desk. The registration fee will cover the dance on Friday night, the Buddy Poppy King & Queen Reception on Saturday night, the program booklet, and all you can eat and drink at the Department Hospitality Room, when it is open. All hospitality rooms will be closed from 7 pm to 9 pm Saturday night. There is no charge for entry into the joint Commander/President Homecoming Reception on Friday. Cash bars will be open at all evening events.

**3. State Commander's Special Homecoming:** State Commander Douglas Seay's home post, Waynesville Post 5202, is hosting a special Homecoming for him on 26-28 November 2010 at the post. It will also be the Grand Opening of the new post home, several years in the building after the original post was destroyed by a devastating fire. For details, contact Post Quartermaster Jerry Reece at (post) 828-456-9346 or (home) 828-627-9980 or [colt1@bellsouth.net](mailto:colt1@bellsouth.net) or see the enclosed reservation form.

**4. Canteen fees:** Posts operating a Canteen as defined in the department by-laws and which have not done so should remit immediately to Department Headquarters the annual Canteen Fee of \$50.00 for the 2010-11 year. Those posts that do not submit this fee will be considered to be in arrears to the Department. Posts which are operating a canteen without Department permission should immediately obtain such permission or risk closure and disciplinary action.

**5. Quartermaster Bonds Due:** The attention of all Post Officers is directed to Section 709 of the National Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedures, which requires that each accountable officer of the organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in the sum of at least equal the amount of funds and value of property for which,

so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The minimum Quartermaster Bond through Department Headquarters is \$3000.00. The fee for \$3000.00 is \$9.00. Bond forms were mailed to quartermasters in mid-July. **All quartermasters must be bonded immediately. There are no exceptions.** It is the Post Commander's ultimate responsibility to make sure that the bond, once issued, remains in force by insuring that the Trustees accomplish complete and thorough audits of the Quartermaster and other bonded officials. Those posts whose Canteen Managers, Bartenders, Bingo Managers, or Kitchen Managers are insured under the Employee Dishonesty Clause of their liability insurance policies must submit to Department Headquarters copies of the policy pages which reflect the insurance company name, the post name/number, the dollar amount of employee dishonesty coverage, the inclusive dates of coverage, and page explaining the coverage. Posts which have this coverage do not need to bond those employees with the Department. This type of insurance' Employee Dishonest Clause does not cover the Quartermaster or the Men's Auxiliary Treasurer, who must have bonds.

**6. State Convention fees:** In accordance with Article VIII, Section 4, of the Department By-Laws, each post must pay a Convention registration fee of \$3.00 for each delegate and \$3.00 for the post commander. These fees must be paid whether the post attends the Convention or not. The following posts have not yet paid their 2010 state convention fees as of 14 September, and therefore are in arrears to the Department. Quartermasters should pay these fees to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Continued failure to pay these fees will result in post charter suspension on 1 December 2010.

1957 Hickory - \$27	2574 Eden - \$9	3006 Salisbury - \$33
7033 Mayodan - \$12	7930 Raeford - \$9	9136 Mt. Holly - \$9
9493 Tuckasegee - \$6	10000 Hiddenite - \$9	

**7. Sale of Post Property:** Attention is directed to Article VII, Section 709 of the National By-Laws, which reads in part: No Post shall purchase, sell or otherwise transfer title or any interest in real estate unless written notice of such proposal has first been given to each member of said unit and the Department Commander ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of the members present and voting at such regular or special meeting. The Department By-Laws extends the notification time to Department Headquarters to 30 days prior to such a sale.

**8. Alcoholic Beverages in Posts:** All Post Commanders will take action as deemed necessary to eliminate any drinking of any alcoholic beverages in the meetings or meeting halls when canteen patrons should be in the duly constituted meetings, as required by Section 5, Article XVI of the Department By-Laws. All comrades drinking in a canteen at the start of or during a meeting will be ordered to either leave or attend the meeting- there are no other choices of action. Any reported violations of this order will be severely dealt with under the punitive provisions of the VFW National By-Laws, to include mandatory closure of the canteen for an indefinite period. This practice by some Posts not only violates our ritual, but also discredit's the honored memory of our fallen comrades and is contrary to the moral ethics based upon long and distinguished records

of this organization. All District Commanders are hereby charged with the responsibility of the enforcement of this order, and the duty of reporting violations thereof to the Department Commander.

**9. VOD and Patriot Pen program:** In an effort to follow the lead of the VFW National organization, State Commander Seay has determined that the following Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen program policies will apply: the top three VOD winners and their parents, and the top three Patriot Pen winners and their parents will visit Raleigh in the spring to meet the governor, visit the legislature, and visit the NC Museum of History. Winners will receive their awards at their schools, where the VFW will receive better and more widespread community publicity. District or Department awards will not be awarded at a post, district, or department meetings. The top three VOD and Patriot Pen winners will be awarded by Department line officers, while the 14 other VOD and Patriot Pen District winners will be awarded by their District Commander at the school.

**10. Men's Auxiliary Members at Meetings:** Post and District Commanders are cautioned that Men's Auxiliary members may attend the Joint Sessions of meetings along with the Ladies and the Comrades, but may not attend the Comrades' business sessions, unless approved by the Post or District Commander at that time. At this time, there is no District, Department, or National representation of Men's Auxiliary members, and National has no plans to implement any.

**11. VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure:** The 2011 National By-Laws Podium Edition will be printed by National in October, and will be available from this headquarters for purchase shortly thereafter. Cost will be \$10, which includes postage.

**12. Post Service Officer Guides:** The most recent National Post Service Officer Guide (2009 edition) is available for purchase from the department headquarters for the sum of \$10 per guide, which includes postage.

**13. Rosters:**

\*Page 50: The new quartermaster of Post 2756 is Lester Carter, 139 Payne Road, Thomasville, NC 27360, phone 336-882-8618.

\*Page 58: The new quartermaster of Post 3006 is David H. Smith, 208 Salisbury Avenue, Spencer, NC 28159, phone 704-754-7853.

**BY ORDER OF:**

**DOUGLAS L. SEAY  
STATE COMMANDER**

**OFFICIAL:**

**M. BRUCE EDWARDS  
STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER**