

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

JANUARY 2011

1. Winter Council of Administration meeting: The Winter Council of Administration Meeting will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh, February 4-6, 2011. There will be two business sessions, one on Friday, February 4 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the second on Saturday, February 5, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Various committee meetings and training will be held Saturday morning with conference meetings set for early Saturday afternoon. Make reservations by contacting the **North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, telephone (919) 872-2323**. Room rates are \$91 plus tax. Comrades are reminded that due to State By-Laws changes enacted last June, no items can be introduced as new business unless those items have been advertised on the Department's website for at least 45 days. Council members wishing to introduce new business should send their proposal to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

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. The registration fee for the February council meeting is \$30 per person, payable in advance to VFWNC, P.O. Box 25337, Raleigh, NC 27611 or at the VFW Registration Desk. The registration fee will cover the food at the Friday evening Voice of Democracy/Patriot Pen Banquet, the dance on Saturday night, and the goody bag with program booklet. All hospitality rooms will be closed from 6 pm to 9 pm Friday night during the Banquet. For those who do not wish to attend VFW social functions, they do not need to pay a registration fee. For those who wish to attend only certain social functions, the charge at the door is \$25 for the banquet and \$10 for the dance.

3. Endorsing Candidates for VFW Offices: Comrades acting as Department Representatives at District meetings are cautioned that they should not endorse any particular individual running for VFW office, unless they make it clear to all concerned that they are endorsing the person in their capacity as an individual comrade and not in their capacity as a Department Representative. Department Representatives are official stand-in's for the Department Commander, and must reflect the neutrality of his position as the Commander.

4. VOD and Patriot Pen program: In an effort to follow the lead of the VFW National organization, State Commander Seay has continued the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen programs at Department level this year. 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, visit the NC Museum of History, and attend the VOD/Patriot Pen Banquet at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel on Friday, February 4. Winners will receive their awards at their schools, where the VFW will

receive better and more widespread community publicity. The top three VOD/Patriot Pen winners will be awarded by Department line officers, while the 14 other VOD/Patriot Pen District winners will be awarded by their District Commander at the school. Awards will be conducted by Department and District representatives in coat and tie attire.

5. EMT/Firefighter/Law Enforcement Gold Medals: Those posts, through their district, who wish to submit nominees for the Department-level award of EMT of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year should submit them as soon as possible to Department Headquarters. Judging for these awards will be on Monday, 3 January. District level awards will not be awarded at a District Meeting, to include Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, Teacher of the Year, Law Enforcement Gold Medal, Firefighter Gold Medal, and Emergency Medical Technician Gold Medal. These awards will be presented at the winner's school or place of business.

6. Quartermaster Bond Information: The attention of all Post Officers is directed to Section 703 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 liquid funds 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. Additional coverage is available at \$3.00 per thousand under \$25,000 and \$2.50 per thousand above \$25,000. Bond forms were mailed to quartermasters in mid-July. All quartermasters must be bonded immediately. There are no exceptions. If the Post Quartermaster does not have the required forms to order his Quartermaster Bond, he should immediately contact this headquarters at 919-828-5058 or at vfwnc@msn.com or at P.O. Box 25337, Raleigh, NC 27611. 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. **Failure to bond the Post Quartermaster by 1 January 2011 will result in suspension of a post's charter.** As of 16 December 2010, the following posts do not have a valid Quartermaster Bond:

10000 Hiddenite 10940 Mt. Gilead 11226 Aulander

7. 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. **Failure to pay the Canteen Fee by 1 January 2011 will result in the closure of the post's canteen until the bill is paid.** Posts which are operating a canteen without Department permission should immediately obtain such permission or risk closure and disciplinary action. As of 16 December 2010, the following posts had not paid their Canteen Fee:

3702 Roanoke Rapids 5198 Canton 9337 Gastonia

8. Missing State Convention Delegate 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. As of 16 December 2010 the following posts have not yet paid their 2010 Convention fees, and therefore are in arrears to the Department. **Failure to pay the 2010 State Convention Fee by 1 January 2011 will result in suspension of a post's charter.** Quartermasters should pay these fees to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

9136 Mt. Holly - \$9

10000 Hiddenite - \$9

9. Selling Real Estate: 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. It is also considered a conflict of interest if any comrade or post officer involved in a VFW property sale makes any personal profit or income from that sale.

10. Transfer members vs New members: Posts are reminded that members transferring from one post to another should be handled the same way as new members, as there is no guarantee that the transfer member is eligible for membership in the VFW. The member desiring to transfer should fill out a Membership Application Form and submit it to the post with his proof of eligibility. The Post Quartermaster submits to VFW National a copy of the Membership Application Form, a VFW Annual/Life Member Change Request Form (MCR), and a copy of the VFW Post Direct Dues Transmittal Summary Form with check. The transferring member also completes a VFW Transfer Member Declaration (a small brown card), which declares he has no debt or obligations to his former post. The receiving Quartermaster retains that declaration for life. If the transferring member is a life member, his life member card must be turned in to the Quartermaster and submitted to National as well.

11. State and National By-Laws: The new 2010-11 version of the state by-laws (with a gray cover) are available at department headquarters for \$2.00, which includes shipping. The new 2011 podium editions (with a bright blue cover) of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure are also available at department headquarters. The cost is \$10.00, which includes shipping.

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 shipping.

13. Men's Auxiliary: The By-Laws of the Department of North Carolina permit posts to establish a Men's Auxiliary. Posts who wish to form a Men's Auxiliary must obtain instructions on forming such an auxiliary, a *Request For Charter Of A Men's Auxiliary* form, and Men's Auxiliary application forms from the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster. They will hold a meeting, approve the formation of the auxiliary by the floor, and approve a set of post by-laws that includes procedures on how to form the auxiliary and any rules that apply to it, including dues. This set of by-laws and the completed charter application form will then be forwarded to the Department Headquarters by the Post Commander for further action. Any post utilizing "social members" or "honorary members" or any other type of illegal membership will be disciplined.

Apparently there is some confusion on eligibility for the Men's Auxiliary. Only the following persons are eligible for membership: husbands, widowers, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, brothers, and half-brothers of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the VFW itself. Note that the relative does not have to have been a comrade, but only has to have been eligible to be a comrade. Also note that service in any Armed Force does not make a person eligible for membership in the Men's Auxiliary.

14. Korean War 60th Anniversary Certificates: Posts who have Korean War veterans may wish to honor them with VFW Korean War 60th Anniversary Certificates. These certificates are for holders of the Korean Service Medal only (not the Korean Defense Service Medal). Posts should send any names with their post number to this headquarters for production of the certificate. The certificates will be presented by the post at an appropriate meeting.

15. Roster Changes:

Page 22: The new Quartermaster of District 1 is Joseph Cochran at 3003 Crystal Lake Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. The new Commander of Post 6060 is David Allen at 2504 Red Gate Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. The new Quartermaster is Allen Alger at the address shown for him as Commander.

Page 27: The new Quartermaster of Post 2057 is James Rocca at PO Box 7711, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

*Page 31: The address of Post 8986 is no longer a P.O. Box. The correct address is 1316 Hibbs Road, Lumberton, 28570.

*Page 51: The new Commander of Post 70233 is Steven Vaden Jr. at 714 Roach Street, Mayodan, NC 27027, phone 336-932-0220. The new Quartermaster is Roy Adkins at 531 Lela Road, Stoneville, NC 27048, phone 336-9323-0217.

*Page 58: The new Quartermaster of District 12 is Burt Slater at 140 Lake Shore Drive, Norwood, NC 28128, phone 704-474-5205. The new Commander of Post 2908 is Harry Foster Jr. at 9944 Richard Sandy Road, Oakboro, NC 28129, phone 704-485-4154.

*Page 66: The new Commander of Post 5305 is Larry W. Teague at 903 3rd St. SE, Conover, NC 28163.

*Page 70: The new address of Commander Harold Luther Stines of Post 891 is 806 W. Pointe Drive, Asheville, NC 28806.

*Page 73: The new Commander of Post 5202 is Bobby Rathbone at 4164 Hemphill Road, Waynesville, NC 28785.

BY ORDER OF:

**DOUGLAS L. SEAY
STATE COMMANDER**

OFFICIAL:

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