

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

SEPTEMBER 2008

1. State Commander Visits: State Commander Larry Flood has stated that he intends to visit any post meeting unannounced in order to greet the comrades, hear their concerns, and see how they conduct their meetings.

2. State Commander's Homecoming: For planning purposes, State Commander Flood has announced that his Homecoming will be held at Spring Lake Post 9103 on 25 October 2008. The fee will be \$10 for dinner and a dance. A flyer will be published in the next mass mailing with further information.

3. District Correspondence Flow: In accordance with upcoming changes in the National Manual of Procedure, State Commander Flood cautions Post Commanders that the first level of correspondence flow or problem solving should be the District Commander. Correspondence should be routed through the District Commander to Department Headquarters, instead of proceeding straight to the Department Headquarters from the Post. In this manner, many local problems may be solved locally instead of decisions being forced from upper levels.

4. State Quartermaster: M. Bruce Edwards has been re-elected Quartermaster of the Department of North Carolina effective 8 August 2008, in accordance with Article V, Section 519 of the VFW National Manual of Procedure.

5. Fall Council of Administration meeting: The Fall Council of Administration Meeting will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh, October 3-5 2008. There will be two business sessions, one on Friday, October 3 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the second on Saturday, October 4, 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 or by completing the registration form included in this mass mailing.** Room rates are \$82.00 plus tax.

The following individuals are added to the Council of Administration in accordance with changes to the 2008 Department By-Laws, as approved by National:

*James C. Goins, 2623 Goins Lane, York, SC 29745, telephone 803-684-9958.

*Roy C. Meares, 300 W. Southshore Drive, Southport, NC 28461, telephone 910-523-2421.

*William C. Dohl, 17 W. Holden Road, Brevard, NC 28712, telephone 828-862-5510.

6. Registration Fee at Council Meeting: In order to be more closely aligned with procedures at VFW National functions, State Commander Flood 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 \$30 per person, payable in advance or at the registration desk. The registration fee will cover the food at the Saturday evening Buddy Poppy King & Queen Reception, the dances on Friday and Saturday nights, 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 6 pm to 9 pm Saturday night.

7. Southern Conference meeting: The VFW Southern Conference, consisting of 14 state delegations, will meet at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from 31 October-2 November. Those desiring registration forms should contact department headquarters at 919-828-5058.

8. 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 2008-09 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.

9. Expense Vouchers: All Officers and District Commanders must submit the pink expense voucher within thirty days of the expense to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in travel. Original hotel and telephone bills must accompany the expense voucher before expenses can be paid. Any other item must be substantiated by attaching an original paid bill. The May 2009 voucher must be at Department Headquarters by May 25, 2009. The end of the fiscal year is May 31, 2009, and no expenses from an old fiscal year can be paid out of the new fiscal year's budget.

10. Quartermaster Bonds: 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.** Men's Auxiliary Treasurers who handle money must also be bonded with the Department or with a separate surety bond—they are not covered by the Employee Dishonesty Clause either.

11. Trustee Reports of Audit errors: Post Commanders and Quartermasters are cautioned that many incorrect audits are being received at Department Headquarters. The most common error is that quartermasters are not insuring that the dollar figure in Block 15 of the Trustee's Report of Audit matches exactly the total dollar figure in Block 17. Usually, this is occurring because funds such as savings accounts, bonds, or CD's are not being listed on Line 8, but are listed in Block 17. All funds of any kind, to include cash, checking accounts, savings accounts, bonds, stocks, and CD's must be listed in both the Funds block (items 1-9) and in the Reconciliation of Fund Balances (Block 17). This is the only way that trustees can accurately view the disposition of all funds entrusted to the quartermaster.

12. Missing Election Reports: As of August 11, the following Posts have not submitted Post Election Reports to National Headquarters for 2008-09. These posts have been suspended by the National Commander-in-Chief on 1 August. We have been cautioned by National that continued refusal of the posts to submit such reports will result in cancellation of these posts' charters by the National Commander-in-Chief on or about 1 September. At that time all post property and monies will revert to the Department Headquarters, and that post will cease to exist.

1072 Mooresville
9245 Robbins

4542 Spring Lake
10398 Edenton

13. 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. The following posts have not yet paid their 2008 convention fees, and therefore are in arrears to the Department. Continued refusal to pay these fees will result in suspension of these posts' charters by the Department Commander. Quartermasters should pay these fees to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

1134 Winston-Salem- \$27	2058 Roxboro - \$12	4312 Seaboard - \$9
4542 Spring Lake - \$21	5684 Madison - \$6	7930 Raeford - \$9
8030 Polkville - \$6	8094 Pamlico Cty -\$12	8716 Wilmington - \$9
9081 Farmville - \$6	9136 Mount Holly - \$9	9408 Leland - \$9
9418 Randleman - \$9	9850 Tarboro - \$9	11222 State Road - \$9

14. Deputy Inspectors: In accordance with Article V, Section 517(a)(9)b of the National Manual of Procedures, the State Commander hereby appoints the seventeen (17) District Commanders as Deputy Inspectors. He also authorizes these Deputy Inspectors to appoint an Assistant Inspector in their District to assist them if they so desire.

15. Changes to Post All State Competition for 2008-09: Posts are advised to study their 2008-2009 Membership Programs, which were distributed to all District Commanders at the annual convention, as there have been several changes to the All State Competition. To be eligible for All State, a post must (1) be over 100% in membership with 10% being new members, (2) be in the top six posts in its **department (not national)** division membership-wise, (3) have a nominee for the Voice of Democracy high school scholarship competition, (4) have a nominee for the middle school Patriot Pen competition, (5) have a nominee for at least one of the three teaching levels in the Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year competition, (6) have at least one nominee for EMT or Firefighter or Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, (7) have purchased at least 10 Buddy Poppies per comrade through the Department from National, (8) have a post representative attend at least 2 of the 3 district meetings during the year, and (9) submit a community activities report at least semi-annually to District.

16. Missing National Convention Delegate Fees: According to VFW National Headquarters, as of 11 August, the following posts have not yet paid their 2008 National Convention Delegate Fee of \$12 per post. This fee must be paid whether or not the post sends any delegates to the National Convention in Kansas City. Posts which fail to pay this fee will soon have their charter suspended and then possibly cancelled by the National Commander-in-Chief. A blank delegate form has been included in this mass mailing.

891 Asheville	1119 Cooleemee	1134 Winston-Salem
1957 Hickory	2019 Mount Airy	2031 Statesville
2057 Rocky Mount	2058 Roxboro	2087 Greensboro
2573 Wilmington	2615 Goldsboro	2771 Kinston
2908 Albemarle	4023 Plymouth	40074 Oxford
4096 Norlina	4309 Brevard	4312 Seaboard
5198 Canton	5200 Cherryville	5206 Hendersonville
5305 Newton	5352 Kernersville	5381 Lenoir
5464 Monroe	5955 Selma	6066 Nakina

6088 Washington	6767 Dunn	7031 Boone
7033 Mayodan	7288 Calabash	7312 Sunbury
7315 Havelock	7316 Yanceyville	7339 Franklin
7547 Clinton	7620 Andrews	7930 Raeford
8030 Polkville	8060 Spruce Pine	8062 Elizabethtown
8094 Pamlico Cty	8716 Wilmington	8721 Liberty
9081 Farmville	9133 Jacksonville	9136 Mount Holly
9157 Black Mtn	9158 Maxton	9488 Charlotte
9810 Warsaw	9850 Tarboro	9899 Archdale
9925 Stedman	10000 Hiddenite	10346 Hamptonville
10485 Arcadia	10685 Glenville	11222 State Road
12025 St. Pauls		

17. VOD and Patriot Pen program changes: In an effort to follow the lead of the VFW National organization, the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen programs at Department level have changed this year. Instead of the 17 District VOD winners attending the Winter CofA, 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. The top three VOD winners will be awarded by Department line officers, while the 14 other VOD 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.

18. 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. At this time, there is no District, Department, or National representation of Men's Auxiliary members, and National has no plans to implement any.

19. Certified National Recruiter Candidates: District Commanders in the Western Conference of the Department should come to the October Council meeting with at least one comrade's name for Certified National Recruiter (CNR) Training. The comrade should be young and enthusiastic, preferably a Desert Storm or Iraq/Afghanistan veteran. National Headquarters will conduct the next CNR training session in January 2009.

20. New State By-Laws: 2008 Department (State) By-Laws are available for purchase from the department headquarters for the sum of \$2.00 per booklet, which includes postage. This set of by-laws has a lilac cover and reflects the various changes passed by the 2008 State Convention.

21. Post Service Officer Guides: The most recent National Post Service Officer Guide (2007 edition) is available for purchase from the department headquarters for the sum of \$10 per guide, which includes postage.

22. Post Dues Reserve Reminder to Post Quartermasters: Quartermasters attention is directed to Article II, Section 218(a)(5)i of the National Manual of Procedure, which states in part “Maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited no less than one-half of the Post’s part of the current year’s dues paid by each member prior to July 1.” On July 1, the entire dues reserve fund is transferred back to the general operating fund, and the process begins again when comrades pay their 2009 dues.

23. I.R.S. Information: Posts may obtain assistance in federal tax matters from IRS Tax Expert Dennis Tapella at 651-312-7730. Agent Tapella is always interested in assisting the VFW.

24. Roster Corrections: The Department Roster is corrected as follows:

*Page 5: Past Department Commander William Dohl’s new address is 17 W. Holden Street.

*Page 12: Laurinburg Post 2008 should be added to this list of posts.

*Page 34: The Commander of Post 7315 is Joseph Mizzi at 209 Jonaquins Drive, Beaufort, NC 28516.

*Page 43: Bolton Post 11005 and Riegelwood Post 10401 are now defunct.

*Page 60: Post 4203’s post telephone prefix is 997, not 995.

*Page 61: The Commander of Post 7314 is Robert W. Webster at 137 Pride Road, Hamlet, NC 28345, telephone 910-582-4760. The Quartermaster of Post 7314 is J.D. Hyatt at 390 Boyd Lake Road, Hamlet, NC 28345, telephone 910-582-4108.

*Page 65: The Commander of Post 2756 is Ransom Autry at 525 Evergreen Trail, Thomasville, NC 27360.

*Page 66: Post 7033 now meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

*Page 76: The District 12 Community Activities Chairman is Ray Adams (same as the Junior Vice Commander), and the District Adjutant is David Smith (same as the Quartermaster).

*Page 82: The Post Commander of Post 2423, Jack Campbell's phone number prefix is 882, not 852.

*Page 87: Lincolnton Post 1706 now meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

*Page 94: The Quartermaster of Post 7031 is Thomas A. Weeres at P.O. Box 1125, Boone, NC 28607, telephone 828-719-6055.

ORDER OF:

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