GENERAL ORDERS #7



TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

- 1. Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National By-Laws, concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of the Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post-Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District meetings, County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.
- 2. **All Officers** are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of every continuous member prior to their expiration. Reports showing members 30, 60, and 90 days from expiration can be obtained by the Post Quartermaster through the Online Membership System (OMS).
- 3. **Officers** who are annual members and fail to renew prior to their expiration date will be relieved of their officer position per section 215, 415, or 515 of the National By-Laws.
- 4. **January 2022 District Meetings**. Schedule is attached to these General Orders.
- 5. Per Section 216, Manual of Procedure, the Post Trustee's Report of Audit for the quarter ending 31 December 2021 is due to the State Headquarters not later than 31 January 2022.
- 6. Spring Conference and Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Banquet is 18 20 March 2022 at Indy Marriott East. Please make every effort to attend. Council of Administration is on Friday 18 March 2022 at 1900. Business meeting starts at 0900 on 19 March 2022 and Banquet will be at 1800. Reservations Forms will be in February's General Orders.

VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

7. Happy Anniversary to the following Post's:

5 January 2022 75th 9423 Rolling Prairie 13 January 2022 100th 857 Fort Wayne 15 January 2022 75th 8972 Bremen

- 8. Military Veterans Legislative Day at the State House will be 10 January 2022. See attached flyer.
- 9. Report of Deceased Comrades Post Commander's/Adjutant's please send all deceased Comrades since 1 July 2021, for inclusion in the Joint Memorial Service during the State Convention.
- 10. Special Group Recognition License Plate Program the Headquarters is currently working with the Indiana BMV to get the VFW Plate. Attached is the Petition of Participation. Post Commanders please reach out to your members to see if they are interested and sign the petition. Please send all completed forms to the State Headquarters.
- 11. The Working Copy of Club Rules have been posted to VFWIN.org under Resources, Reports/Forms. Request all members review and any input should be sent to State Surgeon Cory Mahan at cory.mahan.vfw@gmail.com.
- 12. Several important documents are attached to these orders. Please review all.
- 13. 1 January Happy New Year.
- 14. 17 January Persian Gulf War Began (1991).
- 15. 17 January Marine Luther King, Jr. Day (Office Closed).
- 16. 27 January signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord (1973).

17. 31 January Panama Campaign Ended (1990).

BY ORDER OF:

RICHARD LINEBERRY STATE COMMANDER OFFICIAL:

REBECCA MURPHY STATE ADJUTANT

1 January 2022



Comrades,

Jamie & I hope that everyone had a fantastic Christmas and a joyful and happy New Year. We had our Winter Council 11 Dec and thank you all that attended and hope everyone had a great time. Thank you, Gloria Faulk, for your hard work!

To all District Commanders, call your Post Commanders and see if they need help to reach their membership, all Post Commanders get with your Quartermasters and print out your expiring list and unpaid list and have your team call them.

A huge congratulations to our Service Office team. NVS from DC came in and conducted a quality assurance inspection and they passed with flying colors. This was put off last year due to COVID. Chris Macinkowicz told me that this was the first inspection of a VFW Service Office in a couple of years where they did not find one thing wrong. Chris went on to say that usually when they go to other states VSO's they find something but not IN. Well done! I arranged for Chris and Keith Garrison to meet with their counterparts at IDVA and it was a great meeting. Keith even showed them that they had access to a particular VA site that they didn't know they had. Chris stated their training mode kicked in. They will be working with the IDVA in the coming years to provide additional & mutual training to them.

Now that the weather is starting to get cold, let's see if we can get inside to do recruiting, don't stop just because of the weather.

A well done to Ken Lange, 20 new members and Steve Milbourn with 15! Thanks for your hard work!

CIC Fritz has rolled out a new membership program effective 1 Jan. Details attached to the GO. It is called "New/Reinstated Membership Grant initiative for VFW Posts". This directly benefits every Post that participates.

Post Commanders, make sure that your Post Adjutant puts your reports in the All America Dashboard so your Post can make All American and receive the recognition they deserve.

The new VA Super CBOC at Grissom will be having their grand opening ceremony 15 Feb @ 1300. Also, the new Marion Primary Care Clinic grand opening will be 11 Jan at 1300.

For our March Conference we have Jessica Lynch, former POW, scheduled to speak Saturday morning. Plan on attending. Thank you, Laura McKee, for arranging this.

I want to thank all of you for your hard work that you have been doing.

Yours in Comradeship

Dick Lineberry

New/Reinstated Membership Grant initiative for VFW Posts

Starting January 1, 2022, every VFW Post that signs up and submits full membership dues* for each member will receive a grant based on the type of membership submitted while funds are available.

Member Type	Rebate Amount
New to the VFW Life member and/or any **Reinstated annual to Life with full Life member payment.	\$30.00
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New to the VFW Life member and/or any **Reinstated annual to Life Installment Payment	\$20.00
New to the VFW Annual member	\$20.00
**Reinstated Annual member	\$10.00

^{*}Full membership dues include the per capita for National, Department and the Post.

Members submitted prior to January 1st are not eligible for this program.

Current Annual members defined as any member whose dues have not been expired more than two years are not eligible for the grant.

Members at Large are not part of this program.

^{**}Reinstated definition - Anyone that has been a member before, and their dues have been expired for 2 years and 1 day or more is classified as a Reinstated member.



Comrades,

By the time you are reading this Christmas and New Year will be past and we will be starting **2022**. WOW, where have the years gone! Hopefully everyone had a fabulous Christmas and is off to good start to the New Year. I have no doubt **2022** will be a great year for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana.

The Indiana Military and Veterans Legislative Day (IMVLD) is January 10th at the Indiana State Capital. The program starts at 10:30am and will run till about 2:00pm. We need ever Veteran to attend this event, a very large turnout is the only way to convince the legislators that Veterans count and we VOTE. Right now - call your legislator and make an appointment to discuss the Veterans legislation. If you don't know who your legislator is go to http://iga.in.gov, then "Find Your Legislator". To find out more about the legislation we are working on this year go to the department website www.vfwin.org or the IMVLD website www.veteranlegislativeday.org.

Inspections should be done or very close. Remember Inspections are there to help your Post, not call you out or demean your leadership or your Post. You can't fail, all you can do is find out about issues that need your attention. A "rubber stamp" or "pencil whipped" Inspection is a disservice to the members of your Post, your District and the Department as a whole. Everyday we hear about Posts closing and if you look back many times the root cause for Posts closing was evident in the Inspection or lack of a real Inspection. District Inspectors do you "job", you're not helping the Post by letting them slide.

I plan on mentioning this every month. The Veterans Foundation of Indiana is working to raise funds for our two primary programs. Youth scholarships and the Indiana version of Unmet Needs. I appeal to all Post, especially the ones with the large gaming accounts. **Make a donation to the Foundation**. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, this means you can donate to the Foundation from your gaming revenue.

The Holidays are over, time to focus on MEMBERSHIP. The Department of Indiana can be a 100% this year, our Department Commander Lineberry and his membership team are working hard. We all need to help, everyone is responsible for membership.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOT JUST THE COMMANDERS JOB \sim MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S JOB!

Richard Leirer SV Commander VFW Department of Indiana rwleirer@yahoo.com Comrades,



I hope that you were able to spend the holidays with those you hold dearest.

I am doing some investigational research in planning for our future conference and convention, and I am looking to you for input. I have put together a very short survey to help me understand the direction you want us to go. I know some of you have told me that you would like to see a change, but from the options I have researched, many other locations will cost significantly higher, (read as 2x-3x higher). This higher cost would have to be made up in order to balance our budget which would mean that cost would need to be accounted for in some way. Our attendance for our banquets along with the cost of the tickets is just enough for us to meet our current minimum. So with a two to three times increase, the banquet tickets would have to increase. I am exploring some out-of-the-box options as well just to see what we can do with some creativity. Please take a moment of your time to complete this survey. I have a QR code and a link on this letter for your convenience.

It is my hope that doing these surveys will be an effective way for the organization's leadership to understand what is important to you and how we can best assist you. The survey will ask for your email address. This is not for us to track you, but for us to be able to follow up with you about this survey and future surveys. The more responses we receive, the easier it will be for us to use your input to plan for future events.

I hope that you had a safe holiday season, and you are reinvigorated for the rest of the VFW year! If you need anything from me, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Cory Mahan
State Surgeon
Department of Indiana
cory.mahan.vfw@gmail.com

Link for the survey:



https://sprw.io/stt-de7544



1 January 2022

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022

District meetings are scheduled as follows: Department Representatives are listed. If assigned Department Representative cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate member, and update the State Adjutant at 317-377-1795 or at adj@vfwin.org.

District	Date	Time	Place of Meeting	Dept. Rep
One	1/30	12:00(C)	Hobart Post 5365	Dick Lineberry
Four	1/22	3:00pm	New Haven Post 2457	Rebecca Murphy
Six	1/9	11:00am	Cicero Post 8756	Dick Lineberry
Seven	1/23	10:30am	Worthington Post 7117	Cory Mahan
Eight	1/16	10:00am	New Albany Post 3281	Jerry Blake
Nine	1/16	1:00pm	Austin Post 6582	Sheila Corcoran
Ten	1/16	1:30pm	Liberty Post 1472	Richard Leirer
Eleven	1/22	10:30am	Fort Harrison Post 7119	Dick Lineberry

By Order of:

RICHARD LINEBERRY STATE COMMANDER

Official:

REBECCA MURPHY STATE ADJUTANT



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

REPORT OF DECEASED COMRADE

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, VFW 9555 E. 59TH STREET INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46216

PHONE: (317)377-1795 FAX: (317)377-1797

EMAIL: adj@vfwin.org



Name of Organization

9555 E 59th Street

Organization Address (number and street)

PETITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL GROUP RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM

State Form 55352 (R2 / 6-18) INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

INSTRUCTIONS: This petition is used to support an application for a special group recognition license plate. The organization must also complete an application (State Form 54852) which is subject to review under IC 9-18.5-12. This petition must be filed with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by the applicant on or before 3 pm ET April 1. Application is for plate issuance the following registration year. This petition must contain the original signatures of at least five hundred (500) residents of Indiana who pledge to purchase the special group recognition license plate in accordance with IC 9-18.5-12-3 (a)(8), to meet an application for participation requirement (attach and number additional pages, as needed). The petition must be submitted with the application (State Form 54852). The BMV reserves the discretion to deny an application if the pledge list is incomplete or appears fraudulent.

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Each of the undersigned represents that the individual is a resident of the state of Indiana, resides at the address provided on this petition, and by signing this petition, is pledging to purchase this organization's distinctive license plate in the event the application is approved and the license plate is available for registration.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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VA NORTHERN INDIANA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

HOOSIER VA CLINIC ENROLLMENT FAIR

JANUARY 29

10:00 AM - 2:00PM

VFW Post 1152 920 N Washington St, Kokomo, IN 46901





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration VA Northern Indiana Health Care System



GET A COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT!

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