

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

**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 11**

**JUNE 2011**

**1. Pink Expense Reports:** All officers using pink expense reports for travel reimbursement are cautioned that they must have them arrive at Department Headquarters no later than 31 May 2011 if they wish to be paid for expenses incurred during the 2010-11 fiscal year.

**2. State Convention:** The State Convention will be held in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, June 17-19 2011. The outgoing Council of Administration will also meet on Thursday afternoon, the 16<sup>th</sup>. The telephone number for reservations is 1-800-445-8667, and tell the reservations clerk you want code **VFO**. The hotel deadline date to insure that rooms are available is May 17. A reservation form is included in this mass mailing. There will be no dance at the convention, but there will be an Installation Banquet and a combined Department/Conferences large hospitality room. Social prices, if desired, are \$35 for a goody bag with banquet ticket and hospitality room entrance bracelet, or \$25 for just a banquet ticket, or \$10 for just a hospitality room entrance bracelet.

**3. State Convention Resolutions:** If your post wishes to change the Department By-Laws or the National By-Laws or to change VFW National policy, it must submit a Resolution detailing the desired change. Resolutions to be considered by the Department Convention must be submitted in triplicate (3 copies) through the District Commander to the Department Adjutant at least twenty (20) days prior to the Convention.

**4. State Convention Delegate Fees:** Attention is called to Article VIII, Section 4: "Each member of the Department (State) Convention entitled to vote shall pay a registration fee not to exceed \$3.00. Each Post shall pay a registration fee not to exceed \$3.00 for each Post delegate to the Department Convention." Delegate credential forms to the Department Convention have been mailed in early April to all Post Quartermasters according to the number of delegate votes to which they are entitled. Posts must register ALL delegates or the Posts may not vote any of them. Also, Posts must pay the Delegate Fees whether or not any delegates attend the Convention.

**5. Convention Committees:** The following individuals have been selected to serve on the 81st Annual State Convention Committees:

**BUDGET:** Ernie Allis, Chairman (9488), James C. Goins (9488), William Sloan (9960), Ted Briggs (9010), John Negus (9881), Douglas Seay (5202), Roy Meares (10400).

**BY-LAWS:** Raymond Yamrus , Chairman (7318), Jack Goin (7288), Ron Lief (7288), Stephen Amos (1134), Eric Cantu (2771).

**CREDENTIALS:** M. Bruce Edwards, Chairman (2417), Jack Brimhall (2423), Glendale Young (8073).

**COLOR GUARD:** Eddie Banther, Captain (4309), David Holm (4309), Kurbie Whitehead (4309), James Cacoulidis (10400), Bill Hertline (7288), Alex Vanderheide (1142).

**HEADQUARTERS/DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** Frank J. Watley, Chairman (5574), Dennis Barnhardt (6480), Curtis Wilkins (7312), James Eason (2057).

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:** John Shelander, Chairman (2615), Lee Heavlin (9100), Mike McLain (9960), Jerry Reece (5202), Jessie Bellflowers (10630), Russ Burleson (5483).

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:** Michael McLain, Chairman (9960), Jim Hendren (2031), William Greene (10630).

**RESOLUTIONS:** Michael Ayscue, Chairman (2417), James Roberson (7383), Euell Griggs (2972), James Clark (10630), Victor Letourneaut (9960).

**RULES:** Jack Campbell, Chairman (2423), Jack Icard (5362), Roland Rochester (6018).

**GOLF:** David Joe Duncan, Chairman (1160), Ron Lief (7288), Allen Daniels (10225).

**SHE SERVES:** Frances Crawford, Chairman (10), Erma Lucas (2057), Shirley Simmons (6018), Mary Ann O'Conner (7318), Rose Quasebarth (7032), Mark Bergman (10).

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Gary W. Barringer (9134).

**6. Posts Which Have Not Turned In An Election Report:** In accordance with Article II, Section 213 of the VFW National By-Laws, posts which have not turned in an election report for the coming year will not be allowed representation at the Department Convention, to include not being allowed to vote. All posts are urged to send in their election reports immediately to VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Admin Operations, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, and to the VFW Department Headquarters, PO Box 25337, Raleigh, NC 27611.

**7. Installation of Post Officers:** Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 217 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and 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. **Proof of eligibility must be on file with the Post Adjutant prior to installation.** The installing officer shall ascertain that a Post Election Report form has been mailed to National Headquarters prior to the installation. If a Post Election Report has not been forwarded to National Headquarters, the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time he installs the Post Officers. Attention is directed to see that the proper amount of dues the Post charges is reported to National Headquarters. Post Officers shall be installed into their respective offices at a regular or special meeting not less than twenty (20) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed.

**8. District Commanders' Credentials:** District Commanders will insure that a copy of their VFW proof of eligibility is on file with the State Adjutant/Quartermaster prior to their installation on 18 June.

**9. State By-Laws:** The current version of the state by-laws (with an annotated gray cover) is available at department headquarters for \$2.00, which includes shipping.

**10. National Convention:** The 112th National Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from 27 August-1 September 2011. To make a reservation, visit the VFW website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or mail your

reservation form to the address on the form or telephone the VFW Housing Bureau. A reservation form is included in this mass mailing. North Carolina state headquarters will be at the Marriot Rivercenter Hotel

**11. National By-Laws:** The current version of the national by-laws and manual of procedure (with a bright blue cover) is available at department headquarters for \$10.00, which includes shipping.

**12. Summer District Meetings:** Incoming State Commander Schoolcraft has decided that all district meetings will be held during 2011-12 at the discretion of the District Commanders. Recommended dates for the summer district meetings will be anytime in August. Each district will hold a school of instruction during the summer meeting or at a separate meeting of the District Commander's own choice to cover the subjects of the changed VFW programs, and recruiting techniques to be issued to the incoming district commanders at the at the District Training Conference held in July.

**13. Fund-Raisers:** Posts, Districts, and Conferences are reminded that, in accordance with the National By-Laws, they may only conduct fund-raisers within their geographical boundaries. Posts may conduct fund-raisers only in and around their post membership area. Districts may only conduct fund-raisers within the counties of their district. Conferences may only conduct fund-raisers within the counties of their districts. The Department may only conduct fund-raisers within the state of North Carolina.

**14. Service Officer Class:** State Service Officer Cleo Summers will once again teach his day and a half class for Post Service Officers at the State Convention in Raleigh on 17 and 18 June. If a post does not have a trained service officer, they should send a comrade to this class and consider paying his hotel and mileage costs. The current 2009-2010 Service Officer Manual is available at the Department Headquarters now for \$10.00, which includes shipping, and will be available for purchase at the State Convention site as well.

**15. Downloadable Online Forms:** Many National and Department forms of interest to Post Quartermasters and Adjutants can now be found at the Department Website at [www.vfwnc.org](http://www.vfwnc.org) under the "Tools" tab.

**16. DEPARTMENT ROSTER:** THE 2011-2012 ROSTER WILL BE PUBLISHED NO LATER THAN JUNE 15; THEREFORE, PLEASE HAVE ALL POST ELECTION REPORTS IN TO VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN JUNE 5. THIS YEAR'S ROSTER WILL BE A COMBINED VFW/LADIES AUXILIARY ROSTER, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON DISK.

**BY ORDER OF:**

**DOUGLAS L. SEAY  
STATE COMMANDER**

**OFFICIAL:**

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