

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

OCTOBER 2013

1. Post Election Reports: According to VFW National Headquarters, the following posts have not yet turned in their 2013-14 election report as of 16 September. These posts will be placed on suspension by the Commander-in-Chief on 1 October, and may have their charters removed shortly thereafter.

3702 Roanoke Rapids
9751 Marshville

5204 Forest City
12107 High Point

8969 Lumberton

2. National Dues Increase: The VFW National Convention floor passed a \$10 dues increase for all continuous, reinstated, and new members at the convention in Louisville in July 2013. The increase will take effect on 1 January 2014, the same date that the Subscription Dues system will take effect. Posts do not need to take any action to increase their dues. This will be accomplished automatically by National. (For example, if post dues are now \$30 per year, they will automatically become \$40 per year on 1 January.). So, also beginning on 1 January, post quartermasters will submit \$31.25 to National as National and Department's share, as opposed to \$21.25.

3. The Fall Council of Administration meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, 4-6 October, 2013. There will be two business sessions, one on Friday, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and one on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. There will also be committee meetings, Conference meetings, and various training sessions. Make reservations by contacting the **Embassy Suites Greensboro at 336-668-4535**. Registration code is **VWF, not VFW**.

4. Registration Fee at Council Meeting: There will not be a combined registration fee at the October Council meeting. Separate tickets for the hospitality room on Friday and Saturday nights and the Buddy Poppy King & Queen Reception on Saturday night will be sold. The State Commander's and State President's Homecoming will be in its own room on Friday night, and it is **FREE** with no ticket required. If an individual does not desire to visit the hospitality room at all but wishes to go to the Reception, the cost is \$15 per person. If an individual desires to visit the hospitality room but not the Reception, the cost is \$10 per person. So the most that any individual would pay would be \$25. All hospitality rooms will be closed from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Saturday night for the Reception. If an individual does not desire any social events, there is no fee.

5. 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 2013-14 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. Posts which have not paid their Canteen Fee by 1

November will have their canteens temporarily closed until the fee is paid. Posts still owing the fee are:

1134 Winston-Salem	2031 Statesville	2573 Wilmington
3702 Roanoke Rapids	4203 Rockingham	4209 Brevard
5305 Newton	5362 Morganton	
6724 Paw Creek	7031 Boone	7314 Hamlet
7339 Franklin	8989 Kannapolis	9983 Holly Ridge
10607 Burlington		

6. 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 are online at www.vfwnc.org, "Tools," "Downloadable Forms.". **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 surety bonds. Posts not bonded by 1 November will be suspended until the bond is paid. Posts currently unbonded are:

1119 Cooleemee	2008 Laurinburg	2019 Mt. Airy
3702 Roanoke Rapids	4066 Shelby	4203 Rockingham
4309 Brevard	4312 Seaboard	
5464 Monroe	5886 Smithfield	6088 Washington
6724 Paw Creek	7031 Boone	7288 Calabash
7314 Hamlet	7318 Southern Pines	7339 Franklin
7547 Clinton	7620 Andrews	8013 Whittier
8635 Robbinsville	9134 Rockwell	9281 Bryson City
9493 Tuckasegee	9514 Pink Hill	9751 Marshville
9881 Biscoe	9960 Swansboro	9983 Holly Ridge
10403 Wadesboro	10485 Arcadia	10659 Columbia
10940 Mt. Gilead	11533 Greensboro	12107 High Point
12120 Asheboro	12132 Maggie Valley	

7. 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 2013 state convention fees as of 16 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 by 1 November will result in post charter suspension until they are paid.

2031 Statesville-- \$39	2514 New Bern - \$30	2615 Goldsboro - \$24
- \$9	3702 Roanoke Rapids - \$9	4066 Shelby - \$12
\$6	5198 Canton - \$12	5204 Forest City - \$15
- \$12	7314 Hamlet - \$9	7339 Franklin - \$33
Tuckasegee - \$6	8635 Robbinsville -\$9	9281 Bryson City - \$15
10485 Arcadia - \$12	9811 Kings Mtn - \$15	9881 Biscoe - \$12
	11222 State Road - \$9	12025 St. Pauls - \$9

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. VOD and Patriot Pen program: State Commander Allis has determined that the following Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen program policies will apply: the 17 District VOD winners and their parents, and the top three Patriot Pen winners and their parents will be invited to the Winter Conference/Council of Administration meeting in February at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. Winners will receive recognition at the meeting, but 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.

11. 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 invited 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.

12. VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure: The 2014 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 \$11, which includes postage. These may be ordered now.

13. Post Service Officer Guides: The most recent National Post Service Officer Guide (2013 edition) is available for purchase from the department headquarters for the sum of \$11 per guide, which includes postage.

14. Trustee Audit Form Colors: Posts and Districts are informed that there are no more blue and yellow colored Trustee Report of Audit forms. Any color, including white, can be used. The downloadable form is found at the Department website at www.vfwnc.org, then click on Tools, then click on Downloadable Forms. Trustee audits may be sent to the Department Headquarters by mail, or faxed to 919-261-6771, or emailed as an attachment to qm@nc.vfwwebmail.com.

15. 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. Effective with the July-August-September audit, incorrect audits will be returned by Dept. Hqs to the post quartermaster for correction.

16. Rosters:

*On page 3: The National Military Services Group is changed as follows: William "Bill" Greene is NMS Chairman, Bill Ray Brown is Assist NMS Chairman, James Clark is the Unmet Needs Coordinator.

*On page 5, Past State Commander Jason Schoolcraft's correct phone is 910-625-6640.

*On page 29, Phillip Randall is the new Quartermaster of Post 8297. He is at 106 College Lane, Reidsville, 27320. Phone 336-342-0630.

*On page 33, Mocksville Post 4024 has merged with Cooleemee Post 1119. The new, consolidated post is 1119.

*On page 46, Cdr Thomas McNeil of Post 1142's correct street number is 465.

BY ORDER OF:

**ERNEST ALLIS
STATE COMMANDER**

OFFICIAL:

M. Bruce Edwards

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STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER**