

Combined General Orders #5 October & #6 November 2018

DEPARTMENT

- Everyone should have their VFW/Bass Pro Department raffle tickets as of now. If you do not have them, please contact your District Commanders or the Department Headquarters. This is an excellent opportunity to raise funds for the Department and your Post. As soon as you sell your tickets, please return the stubs and money to the Department. Please do not wait until February.
- The dates for the February Council meeting are February 8-9 at the Cary Embassy Suites, we have had to extend the block two times so far so in order to ensure you get a room please book now.
- New 2019 Podium Edition By-law books are in, please contact the Department Headquarters to purchase them.
- The Walgreens Fundraiser started October 28th and will go through November 11th. Please visit your local Walgreens and take part but more importantly, thank them for partnering with the Veterans Foundation of North Carolina. The funds raised **DIRECTLY** impact our VOD Scholarship winners.
- Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year entries are due to the Post tomorrow, October 31st. The Department Headquarters has been fielding numerous calls from parents on where to submit their applications. We have been giving them the contact information for their local posts and if contact cannot be made, we will provide the contact information for the appropriate District Commander.
- Please keep up to date on your Department Email. If you have troubles logging in please contact Clark Hunter. The majority of all information sent out statewide is through our email system.

DISTRICT

- District Commanders should be completing their Post Inspections. Make sure your completed inspections are being sent to the State Inspector Jeff Friar at inspector@vfwnc.com
- District Commanders should be keeping up with the Post expiring officers list. This can be found by logging into OMS at www.vfw.org. If a Post officer's membership dues expire, they will be removed from office and cannot hold office again until the following year so it is imperative that this is monitored.
- You will be receiving VOD, PP, and ToY entries from your Posts soon. Make sure you have a plan of action in place to conduct district judging. REMEMBER, do not send your district winners to the Department Headquarters! Send them directly to the chairman, their information can be found in GO#1.

Post

- Posts are reminded that they should be putting in at least one monthly report into the online reporting system found on www.vfwnc.com. It is imperative that this is being done so that the Department can report to National on the work all of our Posts are doing. The VFW tends to be very bad at talking about what we do, reporting is a means to at least get the general idea and monetary assistance we provide to our communities.
- The last couple of years the VFW/Bass Pro Raffle numbers have dwindled and we are not selling as many tickets. Remember, the Post keeps \$1 for every ticket sold and there are numerous prizes that can be won. The top prize this year is \$10,000 CASH, not credit at Bass Pro Shop! Hopefully this will motivate everyone to sell (or buy) a few more tickets.
- District Commanders have been instructed to keep track of the Post Expiring Officers list for their Posts but it is equally as important that the Post Quartermaster also keep track of these folks.
- There are numerous informational lists that are available to Posts to aid them in recruiting, please take advantage of these. If you need help, please contact the State Membership Chairman Tim Woods or contact the Department Headquarters. For example, there are roughly 4,000 VFW members that live in NC but are members to Posts out of state. This is a great list to pull from to try and recruit transfers into your

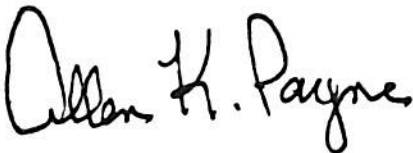
Post. They are already members so reach out to them and welcome them into your Post. This will help your Post and the Department. Don't forget to go through your unpaid list as well, these are already folks that were members of your Post but just didn't pay their dues. Find out why and invite them back. These two pools alone offer a plethora of members for your Post and they don't even involve really having to leave your Post home. We would obviously encourage you to get out and recruit new members as well, but these two pools are a great place to start!

- Make sure to send your Post VOD, PP, and ToY winners to the District and maintain copies at your Post in case there is an issue down the road.

Note from the Commander:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the work you all have been doing for the VFW. With the two recent hurricanes, Walgreens Fundraiser, VOD, PP, Toy programs in full swing, and selling raffle tickets it truly has been a busy couple months for the VFW and you all have been taking it in stride. The amount of support and comradeship that has been shown the last few months really shows what it means to be a part of the VFW. Use these stories and spread the word on all the good we do; I think you all will be surprised how much easier recruiting can be when you start off by showing what we do, what we've done, and what we're going to do in the future. Remember, we're all "STILL ON A MISSION" and I'm proud of all the work you have been doing. Thank you and have a great Halloween night and a great Thanksgiving!

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