



## General Orders No. 11

## 2024-25 Series

1. No Post, District, County Council, State or other unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and no officer or member has authority to grant the right to manufacture, reproduce or deal in items bearing the name, including the acronym VFW, and/or emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or any colorable imitation thereof. The only authority to use the name, emblem, or any marks of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States would be by issuance of express written consent by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States National Headquarters. Please see the references below.

Pursuant to Title 36 U.S. Code Sections 230101-230107, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has the exclusive right to the use of its name and the sole exclusive right to the use of the emblem and badges adopted by the corporation. Additionally, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,708,070; 1,686,881; 1,982,411; 1,827,269 for the mark "VFW" as well as eight additional registrations including the term VFW. Finally, it is a federal offense to use the name or emblems of a federally chartered veterans' organization. See Title 18 U.S. Code Section 705.

2. Posts that have not submitted a Post Election Report Form listing the Post Officers for 2025-2026 should do so immediately for matter of record and so mailings can be made to the proper officers within the Post. Not doing so will subject the Post to actions within our National Bylaws.

3. Departments need to submit their official roster to National Headquarters immediately following their Department Convention so correspondence may be directed to the proper officers in each Department.

4. Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegates online through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears.

5. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post No. 9934 and 5868 consolidated as Post No. 9934, Dana Point, California

Post No. 6809 and 5318 consolidated as Post No. 6809, Ridgeland, Mississippi

BY COMMAND OF  
ALFRED J. LIPPARDT  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan West'.

Dan West  
Adjutant General

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

**WASHINGTON OFFICE**