

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Department of North Carolina**

General Order #2

1 September 2021

1. Please note the following changes and/or corrections to GO #1:

Jr Vice Commander	Helen Nelson (6018) 435 Greentree Rd, Raeford, NC 28376 (910) 574-4681 jrvicecdr@vfwnc.com
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2. Attention of all members is directed to the purposes listed within the VFW's Congressional Charter. "To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom" is one of the VFW's chartered purposes; as such the VFW represents fighting for American rights, civil rights and humanitarian impulses that have always guided the VFW's principles.
3. Attention of all members is directed to Section 901 of the National Bylaws, "Discipline of Members." Members who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may be subject to disciplinary action. Members are reminded that acts of Sexual Harassment, Racial or Sexual Discrimination, and all other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a member will not be condoned. In general, harassment and discrimination consist of any form of verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive enough to have the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment or otherwise interfering with another's ability to participate in VFW events. All members will be treated with dignity and respect.
4. For purposes of clarification, we do not operate as a men's organization or as a lady's organization, but as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary.
5. Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in the Department of North Carolina will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2021-22 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, "Buddy" Poppy and Veterans and Military Support Programs. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National and Department Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.
6. Attention of commanders at all levels is directed to Section 703 of the National Bylaws which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable. The deadline for applying for such bonds is August 31, 2021, and includes all quartermasters, canteen managers and bingo managers at a minimum.
7. Attention of all Post and District Commanders is directed to Section 218(a)(11)(b), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit (VFW Store product #4214) to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. Trustee Reports must be submitted by the Post Commander, through the District Commander, to the Department Quartermaster No Later Than forty-five days from the end of the reporting periods (March 31 + 45, June 30 + 45, September 30 + 45 and December 31 + 45).

8. Attention of Post and District Commanders is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990/T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or Branch office of the IRS. Failure to file could result in a post/district/department losing Non-Profit status.
9. Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day (see Section 223 of the Manual of Procedure) as well as other days throughout the year that are required to be observed.
10. Attention of all Post and District Commanders to Section 1001(25) of the Manual of Procedure that reads "the dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are prohibited."
11. All Posts and Districts in the Department shall be inspected prior to the Fall Department Council of Administration meeting. Further, all Posts with canteens shall have their canteens inspected twice a year, the first inspection prior to the Fall CoA and the second prior to the Mid-Winter CoA. All Bingo inspections shall be completed prior to the Fall CoA. Requests for exceptions or extensions should be made through the Department Inspector to the Department Commander.
12. Attention of all is directed to the recognition of the following Department, Districts and Posts for their selection as All American Districts and Posts for the 2020-21 year. Congratulations to all.

Department of North Carolina: Victor Letourneaut, Commander

Districts:

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| 1 | Richard Probst, Commander |
| 5 | Anna Cummings, Commander |
| 8 | Joshua Holt, Commander |
| 9 | Dwight Rickard, Commander |
| 11 | Dolphus Troy, Commander |
| 12 | Bobbi Sheets, Commander |
| 13 | Danny Rochester, Commander |
| 15 | Kevin Holder, Commander |

Posts:

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| 670 | Mike Baker, Commander | 4203 | Eddie Dean, Commander |
| 2771 | Tab Brown, Commander | 4286 | Kevin Holden, Commander |
| 4542 | Elvis Cook, Commander | 5886 | Robert Boyette, Commander |
| 5352 | Todd Waller, Commander | 6060 | Scott Seddon, Commander |
| 6018 | Ed Beard, Commander | 6365 | David Blaney, Commander |
| 6183 | Michael Culp, Commander | 7383 | Joseph Horn, Commander |
| 7313 | Donald Cochran, Commander | 7794 | John Hawkins, Commander |
| 7318 | Craig Armstrong, Commander | 8466 | Joseph Csuka, Commander |
| 9337 | Tony Taylor, Commander | 8989 | Tony Gullede, Commander |
| 9983 | Anna Cummings, Commander | 9010 | Dolphus Troy, Commander |
| 10 | George Balch, Commander | 9134 | Alvaro Rosero, Commander |
| 2019 | Jerry Burcham*, Commander | 9488 | Robert Pierce, Commander |
| 2423 | Donn Kegel, Commander | 10226 | Bradley Lauver, Commander |
| 2740 | Larry Coleman, Commander | 10630 | James Blevins, Commander |
| 2908 | Paul Humel, Commander | 10950 | Michael Lewis, Commander |
| 3006 | Mark Beaver, Commander | | |

*Deceased

13. The following officers have been duly elected and installed by the 122nd National Convention and will be accorded the recognition due them:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Timothy M. Borland, Post 9972, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Duane T. Sarmiento, Post 5579, Gibbstown, New Jersey

Quartermaster General

Debra L. Anderson, Post 7356 Parkville, Missouri

Chaplain

Dr. Harold C. Sayles, Post 10654, Richmond, Virginia

Judge Advocate General

Ronald "Ron" Rusakiewicz, Post 9460, Stratford, Connecticut

Surgeon General

Dennis G. Guthrie, Post 4108, Redmond, Oregon

14. The Fall Council of Administration meeting will be conducted at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Greensboro, North Carolina 30 September – 3 October 2021. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento will attend and represent the national organization. Below is the link to make your reservation!!!

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhcn=GSOGBES&groupCode=CESVFF&arrival=20211001&departure=20211003&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT (right click above to open hyperlink)

15. The Southern Conference will be held November 18-21 at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

16. If you need Raffle Tickets, contact HQ for immediate response to refill your reorder.

17. Remember the Banquet Theme in a Halloween. Please be creative with your costume and preorder your Banquet Tickets by phone or email.



Russell Chambers
Commander
Department of NC



Charles E. Slater
ADJ/QM
Department of NC