

General Order #5

February 6, 2024

1. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that 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. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out later this month. Registration forms for the 124th National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.
2. Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post-Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that **they complete the form online** through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return Department/National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1.
3. Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31. **Delegate Dues:** are due to the Department QM No later than May 15. Dues are \$3.00 per delegate. Delegate forms are on vfwnc.com if you need assistance please contact the Dept. QM.
4. Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws – Regular Meeting, Districts shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year for purposes of transacting business and conducting schools of instruction. Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.
5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 (a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.
6. Department Convention will be held June 6-9, 2024 at the Greensboro Embassy Suites, we hope to see you all there and to make sure you get your rooms by April 30 2024.
<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GSOGBES&groupCode=90U&arrivaldate=2024-06-05&departuredate=2024-06-09&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

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Banquet is mandatory attendance for all District Commanders. If you cannot make it then your Sr. or Jr. Commanders will need to fill in for the commander.

Banquet will be \$45 a ticket with a theme of "Hawaiian Lau" You can call or email the adjutant or QM to reserve your tickets in advance.

** Please be reminded that the Hotel has gone cashless, you will no longer be able to pay in cash for anything at the hotel, you will need a debit/credit card**

7. Legislative Conferences: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington (March 2-6).
8. As a reminder all program entries, recruiting events and community service entries need to be in-putted into the all-state dashboard on vfwnc.com. Also program and recruiting event entries need to be in-putted into the All-American dashboard on vfw.org.
If you need assistance or have any questions, please reach out to the **State Adjutant** for assistance. I want to commend the Post's and District Adjutant/QM's for their improvements in entering dashboard information and sending in quarterly audits. There has been a great improvement over this time last year. Please continue the good work!
9. Scholarships-The Billy Ray/Cameron Scholarship Deadline is Fast approaching **February 15, 2024**. Please see guidelines on vvwfwn.com. This is an opportunity to award one of family members.
10. Employer/Business of the year application are due to District chairman Jeff Sherman by **February 28** see program guideline and criteria on vfwnc.com
11. Scout of the year application are due to District chairman Huey Josh Hunt by **March 1** see program guideline and criteria on vfwnc.com
12. JROTC of the year application are due to District chairman Nathaniel Drisker by **March 15** see program guideline and criteria on vfwnc.com
13. Comrade of the year application are due to District chairman Bobbi Sheets by **April 5** see program guideline and criteria on vfwnc.com

By Order of:



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