

General Order #1

06/25/2019

Department

The 2019-2020 Membership Program for All-State Posts and Districts is attached at the bottom of this General Order.

1. Reminder: The National Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida from July 20-24, 2019. The Department of NC will be in the Rosen Plaza, which is the National Auxiliary hotel for the convention. If you are planning to attend the National Convention and don't have a room contact the Department Adjutant at [adj@vfwnc.com](mailto:adj@vfwnc.com) or 919-828-5058. There are some rooms left in the block but it will be first come first serve.
2. At the October Council of Administration we will be recognizing the Department Buddy Poppy King and Queen. Please contact Comrade Josh Holt at [buddypoppychrn@vfwnc.com](mailto:buddypoppychrn@vfwnc.com) or 443-309-7322. The entry form is on the Department website; [www.vfwnc.com](http://www.vfwnc.com); Department's Facebook page; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North Carolina.
3. Districts Commanders are reminded to hold a District School of Instruction by the end of July 2019. (All-State)
4. Posts are reminded that all documents (audits, inspections, etc.) will go through the District Commander and the District Commander will forward to the Department Adjutant, Quartermaster, or Department Secretary. The Adjutant, Quartermaster, and Department Secretary have been informed to send the paperwork back to the Posts and not accept them if they don't come from the District.
5. The following Posts still have not turned in an election report. Your Quartermaster must log in to the National website; [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org); and input your Post Election Report or your Post will be suspended if not turned in by July 1, 2019.
  - a. Post 3702
  - b. Post 9925
  - c. Post 3074
  - d. Post 5464
  - e. Post 2031
  - f. Post 5305
  - g. Post 5466
  - h. Post 5381
  - i. Post 9493
  - j. Post 10685
6. An updated Post Inspection form will be uploaded to the Department website soon.

Districts

1. All District Commanders are expected to visit their Post as soon as possible after the Department Convention. This will give you the opportunity to meet the officers of the Post and identify any concerns they may have or where they may need assistance.

2. All District Commanders are expected to deliver “The Leader” to all Posts in a timely manner. Your next District meeting is not a “timely manner”. The Department goes to great lengths with Comrade Chambers and Clark Hunter to get “The Leader” out to our Membership.
3. All District Commanders are required to host a District School of Instruction before the end of July, 2019.
4. All District Commanders are advised that all paperwork going to Department will be sent by them and not the Posts. You as a District Commander or your designee should be looking over all of this paperwork before sending to Department. We are a professional organization lets come together and work like one.
5. All District Commanders are reminded that they need to attend Council of Administration meetings. Council of Administration members that miss (2) two meetings will be removed for failure to fulfill their duties. If you miss the Sunday morning Business Session without prior approval from the Commander, you will not be reimbursed for Saturday night hotel room.
6. VFW Bass Pro Raffle. The tickets are out! Get them to your Posts in a timely manner. This is the only fundraiser for the Department. Remember tickets are \$5 and the Posts gets to keep \$1 for every ticket sold. Grand Prize \$10,000.00 that will be given out at the February Council of Administration.

#### Posts

1. All Posts are required to participate in this year’s Membership Program.
2. Quartermasters on the National website: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org); Post Quartermasters are reminded that they can sign in as the Quartermaster, and have access to numerous data on programs, tools, resources, chairman’s guide, etc. If you are a new Quartermaster go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and login. When you get to the User ID/Password blocks, check complete new account. Your password will always be your VFW member number.
3. The VFW Email will be the primary means of sending correspondences from Department Headquarters to District and Post officers.
  - a. Assistance is available by calling Clark Hunter at 336-200-4747
  - b. District Officers email will be [cdrdist1@vfwnc.com](mailto:cdrdist1@vfwnc.com); [adjdist1@vfwnc.com](mailto:adjdist1@vfwnc.com); [qmdist1@vfwnc.com](mailto:qmdist1@vfwnc.com)
  - c. Posts Officers email will be [cdrpost7318@vfwnc.com](mailto:cdrpost7318@vfwnc.com); [adjpost7318@vfwnc.com](mailto:adjpost7318@vfwnc.com); [qmpost7318@vfwnc.com](mailto:qmpost7318@vfwnc.com)
4. Post Reporting can also be found by clicking on “login” on the home page [www.vfwnc.com](http://www.vfwnc.com) and then click on “Report Entry”. Your User Name and Password are your Post Number.
5. If you have not Paid your National Convention dues, State Convention dues or turned in a 2019-2020 election report, please do as soon as possible.

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### **Membership Mission**

To recruit, retain and mentor a stable membership base to include all generations of Veterans. To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge at all levels of the organization. To establish and grow Posts with a strong tradition of service, leadership, and community outreach.

### Membership Goals

1. Build a strong organization for the future
2. Achieve the Goals of the VFW at National and Department of NC

### Membership Objectives

Recruit New Members  
Recover Unpaid Members  
Retain and Mentor  
Develop New Posts  
Revitalize Posts  
Increase Life Members  
Increase Legacy Life Members

### Recruiting Awards

5 to 20 members - Commander's Pin  
25-50 members – Commander's Coin  
100 members – Commander's Knife  
150 members - \$200.00 VFW Store Gift Card

### Post Increasing Legacy

Division A 665 to 1000 plus  
Division B 332-664 members  
Division C 1-321 members  
Top Post Division Commander's Knife  
3 KA Bars

Post Increasing New Membership by 50  
Division A 665 to 1000 plus  
Division B 332-664 members  
Division C 1-321 members  
Top Post Commander in each Division will receive Commanders Knife  
3 KA Bars

District "First to Finish" Incentive  
Attain 100% by 02/01/2020  
Hotel Accommodations at the June 2020 State Convention  
District Commander Only  
KA-Bar

Honor Posts 100%  
Division 8, 9, 10, and 11 have to be over 50 members by 12/31/2019 and 100%  
Division 4, 5, 6, 7 by 01/31/2020 and 100%  
Division 1, 2, 3, by 03/31/2020 and 100%  
Honor Posts will receive a pennant to hang in the Post  
Honor Posts will be entered into a drawing by Division 8, 9, 10, and 11, the drawing will be held  
after 12/31/2019 for \$150.00 VFW Store Gift Card  
Honor Posts Division 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be entered into a drawing and the drawing will be held  
after 01/31/2020 for \$150.00 VFW Store Gift Card  
Honor Posts Division 1, 2, and 3 will be entered into a drawing and the drawing will be held after  
03/31/2020 for \$150.00 VFW Store Gift Card

All State Criteria Posts  
Post Commanders or Sr. Vice or Jr. Vice and Quartermaster/Adjutant must attend District School  
of Instruction  
Post Commander or Sr. Vice or Jr. Vice and Quartermaster/ Adjutant must attend District  
meetings  
Conduct at least (1) membership drive between 07/01/2019 and 12/31/2019 and report to  
Department Membership Chairman  
Conduct at least (1) membership drive between 01/01/2020 and 06/01/2020 and report to  
Department Membership Chairman  
Greater than 50 members by 07/01/2020  
Membership greater than 100%  
Voice of Democracy Entry  
Patriot Pen Entry  
National Citizenship Education Teachers Award

Police/Fire/EMS Only 1  
Purchase Buddy Poppies  
Fundraiser with proceeds going to Veterans and Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$100.00 (All-American)  
Appoint a Post Service Officer and attend Service Officer Training at State Convention or October Council of Administration.  
Make a Donation to the NC Cottage (Send thru Foundation)  
Post Officers, Quartermaster, Bingo Chairman Canteen Manager/Employees Bonded (access to bank account) by August 31, 2019  
Pass Post Inspection by Oct C of A  
Pass Canteen Inspection 1<sup>st</sup> by Oct C of A and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feb C of A  
Pass Bingo Inspection by Oct C of A  
Election Report turned in 06/01/2020  
Audits turned in on time 08/15 11/15 02/15 and 05/15  
Turn in a monthly report to District Commander

All State Criteria District  
Hold a School of Instruction no later than 07/31/2019 all District Officers must be present.  
Attend State Convention and Council of Administration Meetings  
Conduct (1) membership drive between 07/01/2019 to 12/31/2019 Unpaid/Relocated Members and report to Department Membership Chairman  
Conduct (1) membership drive between 01/01/2020 and 06/30/2020 Unpaid/Relocated Members and report to Department Membership Chairman  
Membership greater than 100%  
Voice of Democracy Entry  
Patriot Pen Entry  
National Citizenship Education Teachers Award  
Police/Fire/EMS Only 1  
Scout of the Year or \$50.00 donation to Department Relief Fund  
Buddy Poppy King or Queen Entry or \$75.00 donation to Department Relief Fund  
Appoint a District Service Officer and attend Service Officer Training at State Convention or October Council of Administration.  
Make a Donation to the NC Cottage  
Hold a Fundraiser for the District for the District Relief Fund.  
District Officers Bonded by August 31, 2019  
Election Report turned in by 06/01/2019  
Audits turned in on time 08/15, 11/15, 2/15, and 05/15  
Monthly Reports turned into Chief of Staff on what is going on in your District