

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE POST INSPECTION REPORT

Make every effort to answer each question accurately and completely. Some questions require dollar amounts or dates to be inserted. The purpose of the Inspection Report is to provide the State Commander and the State Inspector with a factual report on the operating condition of the Post. If you don't complete the report carefully and properly, you are denying the State Commander and State Inspector information they need to do their job. Do not limit your comments when reporting deficiencies; it may be necessary to attach an additional comment sheet.

### Question Specific Reminders

1. By-Laws of the organization (all levels) should be readily available to all members. Posts that have adopted by-laws need to have a copy on file that indicates the Commander-in-Chief has reviewed for compliance. Verify date of review. If out of date, suggest an internal review.
2. Posts that have adopted Articles of Incorporation need to have a copy on file that indicates the Commander-in-Chief has reviewed for compliance. Verify date of review, date filed with appropriate state agency, the name of the incorporated unit and that the registered agent and officers (if applicable) have been updated to correspond with the previous election of officers. All Posts must be incorporated under the laws of their state to protect members' personal assets from seizure and sale.
3. Verify the following positions are properly filled: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Surgeon, three (3) Trustees, Adjutant, Officer of the Day, Service Officer, and Guard.
4. Verify delegates to the District, County Council (if applicable), Department and National Conventions were elected in accordance with Section 222 of the National By-Laws/Manual of Procedure. This can be done by checking the meeting minutes.
5. Any "NO" answer in this section indicates a neglect in duties and responsibilities as prescribed in Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure.
6. Verify, using meeting minutes, that applications for membership are being handled in accordance with Section 103 of the National By-Laws.
7. The National By-Laws, Section 203, states every Post shall hold at least one regular meeting per month.
8. Verify, using meeting minutes, that committee reports are given, discussed and accepted. This includes activities like the canteen, bingo, etc.
9. Activity reports assist the Post when their non-profit status is being questioned by the IRS and further indicate whether or not they are upholding Article I Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter, the purposes of our organization.
10. Verify, using meeting minutes, that the Post made arrangements to properly observe Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day, and Loyalty Day.
11. Section 1101 and 1301 of the National By-Laws discusses the formation and control of Auxiliaries.
12. Distribution of the VFW Buddy Poppy helps raise monies for the Post's relief fund.
13. Although subjective, Posts need to be continually encouraged to develop programs for membership recruiting and retention.
14. Monthly review of Post receipts and expenditures by the Trustees is required in Section 218 the National Manual of Procedure.
15. Quarterly audits are required of all accounts. This item includes any canteen, clubroom, bingo, etc., Post trustees must complete this audit not later than the month following the last day of each quarterly period (e.g. August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1). Failure to conduct the audits, as required, will invalidate the Post Quartermaster bond.
16. Evidence of checking and savings account balances should be verified from the latest statements, copies of CD's, notes, etc. If the bank balances do not coincide with the books, after adjustments for outstanding checks, etc., this should be reported in detail. Discrepancies should immediately be brought to the attention of the Post Commander and Trustees. The Post Quartermaster must be bonded in a sum equal to the liquid assets for which he is accountable, and to which he has access.

