

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4

NOVEMBER 2010

1. Winter Council of Administration meeting: The Winter Council of Administration Meeting will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh, February 4-6, 2011. There will be two business sessions, one on Friday, February 4 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the second on Saturday, February 5, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Various committee meetings and training will be held Saturday morning with conference meetings set for early Saturday afternoon. Make reservations by contacting the **North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, telephone (919) 872-2323**. Room rates are \$91 plus tax. Comrades are reminded that due to State By-Laws changes enacted last June, no items can be introduced as new business unless those items have been advertised on the Department's website for at least 45 days. Council members wishing to introduce new business should send their proposal to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

2. Registration Fee at Council Meeting: In order to be more closely aligned with procedures at VFW National functions, State Commander Seay has determined that overall registration fees will be charged at the Council of Administration meetings and State Convention this year. The registration fee for the February council meeting is \$30 per person, payable in advance to VFWNC, P.O. Box 25337, Raleigh, NC 27611 or at the VFW Registration Desk. The registration fee will cover the food at the Friday evening Voice of Democracy/Patriot Pen Banquet, the dance on Saturday night, and the goody bag with program booklet. All hospitality rooms will be closed from 6 pm to 9 pm Friday night during the Banquet. For those who do not wish to attend VFW social functions, they do not need to pay a registration fee. For those who wish to attend only certain social functions, the charge at the door is \$25 for the banquet and \$10 for the dance.

3. VOD and Patriot Pen program changes: In an effort to follow the lead of the VFW National organization, State Commander Seay has continued the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen programs at Department level this year. The top three VOD winners and their parents, and the top three Patriot Pen winners and their parents will visit Raleigh in the spring to meet the governor, visit the legislature, visit the NC Museum of History, and attend the VOD/Patriot Pen Banquet at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel on Friday, February 4. Winners will receive their awards at their schools, where the VFW will receive better and more widespread community publicity. The top three VOD winners will be awarded by Department line officers, while the 14 other VOD District winners will be awarded by their District Commander at the school. Awards will be conducted by Department and District representatives in coat and tie attire.

4. Quartermaster Bond Information: The attention of all Post Officers is directed to Section 703 of the National Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedures, which requires that each accountable officer of the organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in the sum of at least equal the amount of funds and value

of property for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The minimum Quartermaster Bond through Department Headquarters is \$3000.00. The fee for \$3000.00 is \$9.00. Additional coverage is available at \$3.00 per thousand under \$25,000 and \$2.50 per thousand above \$25,000. Bond forms were mailed to quartermasters in mid-July. All quartermasters must be bonded immediately. There are no exceptions. If the Post Quartermaster does not have the required forms to order his Quartermaster Bond, he should immediately contact this headquarters at 919-828-5058 or at vfwnc@msn.com or at P.O. Box 25337, Raleigh, NC 27611. It is the Post Commander's ultimate responsibility to make sure that the bond, once issued, remains in force by insuring that the Trustees accomplish complete and thorough audits of the Quartermaster and other bonded officials. Failure to bond the Post Quartermaster by 1 January 2011 will result in suspension of a post's charter. As of 15 October, the following posts do not have a valid Quartermaster Bond:

2401 Beaufort	2843 Pembroke	3006 Salisbury
4542 Spring Lake	5305 Newton	6064 Tabor City
6066 Nakina	6722 Lillington	7033 Mayodan
7314 Hamlet	7930 Raeford	8297 Midway-Monroeton
8466 Wake Forest	8989 Kannapolis	9100 Chapel Hill
9116 Columbus	9131 Salisbury	9158 Maxton
9245 Robbins	9850 Tarboro	9881 Biscoe
10000 Hiddenite	10290 Greensboro	10607 Burlington
10940 Mt. Gilead	10999 Raleigh	11226 Aulander

Districts 1, 2, 3, and 13

5. Canteen fees: Posts operating a Canteen as defined in the department by-laws and which have not done so should remit immediately to Department Headquarters the annual Canteen Fee of \$50.00 for the 2010-11 year. Those posts that do not submit this fee will be considered to be in arrears to the Department. Failure to pay the Canteen Fee by 1 January 2011 will result in the closure of the post's canteen until the bill is paid. Posts which are operating a canteen without Department permission should immediately obtain such permission or risk closure and disciplinary action. As of 15 October, the following posts had not paid their Canteen Fee:

3006 Salisbury	3702 Roanoke Rapids	4203 Rockingham
5198 Canton	5305 Newton	6651 Wilson
7383 Cary	8989 Kannapolis	9157 Black Mountain
9337 Gastonia	9488 Charlotte	9899 Archdale
10225 Garner	10400 Boiling Springs Lake	

6. Missing State Convention Delegate Fees: In accordance with Article VIII, Section 4, of the Department By-Laws, each post must pay a Convention registration fee of \$3.00 for each delegate and \$3.00 for the post commander. These fees must be paid whether the post attends the Convention or not. As of 15 October the following posts have not yet paid their 2010 convention fees, and therefore are in arrears to the Department. Failure to

pay the 2010 State Convention Fee by 1 January 2011 will result in suspension of a post's charter. Quartermasters should pay these fees to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

3006 Salisbury-\$33 7033 Mayodan-\$12 9136 Mount Holly-\$9
10000 Hiddenite-\$9

7. Trustee's Audit: Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit, through the Post Commander, a Trustees Report of Audit (Form P-113) at the close of each quarter. Such report is due to Department HQS by the end of October for the period July-August-September. In order to take advantage of electronic media, completed Trustee Reports of Audit may be faxed to Department Headquarters to 919-261-6771 or emailed as an attachment to qm@nc.vfwwebmail.com.

8. Note on Annual (Continuous) Dues: The 77th Annual State Convention voted on 9 June 2007 to raise dues for annual, continuous members by \$1.00 per year. If a comrade pays his dues through the Post Quartermaster, the Quartermaster should send \$21.25 to VFW National Headquarters and keep the difference between the \$21.25 and whatever the post dues are. If a comrade pays his dues using his direct dues deposit form that he gets in the mail from National, he will pay the entire post dues amount to National. National will then deduct \$21.25 from that amount, and remit the remainder back to the Post Quartermaster.

9. New State By-Laws: 2010-2011 Department (State) By-Laws are available for purchase from the department headquarters for the sum of \$2.00 per booklet, which includes postage. This set of by-laws will have the 2009-2010 gray cover, but will come with a new page 11, with the addition of Section 11 of Article 15, which was added by the 2010 State Convention. Free page 11's were distributed to all District Commanders on October 7.

10. New National By-Laws: 2010-2011 National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure (Podium Edition) are now available for sale at Department Headquarters. They have a bright blue cover. The cost is \$10 per book, which includes postage.

11. Post Service Officer Guides: The most recent National Post Service Officer Guide (2009 edition) is available for purchase from the department headquarters for the sum of \$10 per guide, which includes postage.

12. Roster changes:

*Pages D-3 and 47: The new Commander of District 9, effective 8 October 2010, is Anthony Hall, 299 Hummingbird Road, Morven, NC 28111.

*Page D-11: The new Assistant National Military Services Coordinator for the Seymour Johnson Area is J. Eric Cantu at 302 Darden Drive, Kinston, NC 28504.

*Page D-12: Replacing Jason Schoolcraft on the She Serves Committee, effective 8 October 2010, is T. Glendale Young, 1003 Old US Hwy 74, Chadbourn, NC 28431.

*Page 25: The new Quartermaster of Post 9514 is Burwell J. Manor, 1028 Piney Grove Church Road, Deep Run, NC 28525.

BY ORDER OF:

**DOUGLAS L. SEAY
STATE COMMANDER**

OFFICIAL:

**M. BRUCE EDWARDS
STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER**

**NOTE: THIS GENERAL ORDER CAN BE VIEWED AT THE
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WWW.VFWNC.ORG.**