

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

DECEMBER 2010

1. Electronic Gaming Machines: Effective at 12:00 midnight on November 30, 2010, all electronic gaming machines (such as sweepstakes machines) at any post in the Department of North Carolina will be disconnected, and all electronic gaming operations involving money or prizes will cease. This is in order to comply with North Carolina state law. Any post discovered to be operating electronic gaming machines for money or prizes after that time and date will be suspended. Those posts interested in pursuing electronic gaming by internet means should contact Department Headquarters to receive instructions as they are produced.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 liquid funds 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 yfwnc@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 12 November, the following posts do not have a valid Quartermaster Bond:

6064 Tabor City	6066 Nakina	
7033 Mayodan	7314 Hamlet	7930 Raeford
9158 Maxton	9245 Robbins	9881 Biscoe
10000 Hiddenite	10940 Mt.Gilead	11226 Aulander

6. 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 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 12 November, the following posts had not paid their Canteen Fee:

3702 Roanoke Rapids	4203 Rockingham	5198 Canton
9337 Gastonia		

7. 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 12 November 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 will result in suspension**

of a post's charter. Quartermasters should pay these fees to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

7033 Mayodan - \$12

9136 Mt. Holly - \$9

10000 Hiddenite - \$9

8. State and National By-Laws: The new 2010-11 version of the state by-laws (with a gray cover annotated 2010) are available at department headquarters for \$2.00, which includes shipping. The new 2011 podium editions (with a bright blue cover) of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure are also available at department headquarters. The cost is \$10.00, which includes shipping.

9. 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.

10. Transfer members vs New members: Posts are reminded that members transferring from one post to another should be handled the same way as new members, as there is no guarantee that the transfer member is eligible for membership in the VFW. The member desiring to transfer should fill out a Membership Application Form and submit it to the post with his proof of eligibility. The Post Quartermaster submits to VFW National a copy of the Membership Application Form, a VFW Annual/Life Member Change Request Form (MCR), and a copy of the VFW Post Direct Dues Transmittal Summary Form with check. The transferring member also completes a VFW Transfer Member Declaration (a small brown card), which declares he has no debt or obligations to his former post. The receiving Quartermaster retains that declaration for life. If the transferring member is a life member, his life member card must be turned in to the Quartermaster and submitted to National as well.

11. 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 January for the period October-November-December. 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.

12. 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.

13. Roster Changes:

*Pages D-2 and 22: The new commander of District 1 is David Allen at 2504 Red Gate Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

*Page 18: Past State Commander William J. Hendren's correct street address is 2105 Joe Road

*Page 22: The new quartermaster of District 1 is Allen Alger, same address as listed for him as district commander.

*Page 44: The new quartermaster of Post 4542 is Billy Ray Brown at 4200 Sussex Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28311.

Page 45: Commander Richard Ferguson of Post 7930's correct telephone number is 910-551-2557.

Page 45: Post 8969 meets at 300 Brooke Lane, Lumberton.

Page 45: Post 9925 meets on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Page 66: The new quartermaster of Post 5305 is Arthur Baxter at 2391 Larue Drive, Newton, NC 28658, telephone 828-962-2580.

Page 69: Post 5381 meets the 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

BY ORDER OF:

**DOUGLAS L. SEAY
STATE COMMANDER**

OFFICIAL:

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