

## GENERAL ORDERS #5 October 1, 2016

### A. DEPARTMENT

1. Comrades, You should now have your VFW/Bass Pro Department raffle tickets. If you do not have them contact your District Commanders. This is an excellent opportunity to raise funds for the Department and your Post. This year's grand prize is a Bass Tracker "160" with a 40 HP motor and trailer. As soon as you sell the tickets please return the stubs and money to the Department. Please bring the stubs and money for the sold tickets to the Oct CoA. Do not wait until February.
2. On November 4, 2016, at 2:00 PM, the Duplin County Historical Society will present a program to honor the men from Duplin County who died in the Korean War. The program will be conducted at the Duplin County Court House, South Grounds, Kenansville, NC. The directions are as follows: The Duplin County Court House is located on North Carolina Highways 11, 24, 50, and 903, in the center of the Town of Kenansville. It is located across the street from First Bank. The honored guests will be the families of those who died in the Korean War. Also honored and recognized will be all veterans. We encourage all veterans to attend this program and wear your covers.
3. Men's Auxiliary: At the July 2016 National Convention a motion was brought to the floor to disband the Men's Auxiliary and it passed. As it stands, the Men's Auxiliary will operate as is until midnight December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016; after that time all Men's Auxiliary Charters will become null and void. Men's Auxiliary members do not automatically transfer to the Auxiliaries. A new application must be filled out and submitted to the Auxiliary. If you have any questions please contact the Department HQ. Also, due to only a few months left before the implementation of this, the Department HQ will no longer process anymore Men's Auxiliary applications.
4. Banquet: Banquet tickets are now on sale, please send a check or call in with your card information 919-828-5058 to reserve your seats now. Tickets will be \$40 presale and \$45 at the door, all presale tickets must be paid in full at the time of purchase. Entertainment to be announced at a later date. The meal will be: House Salad Served with Ranch and Italian

Dressing, Prime Rib Carving Station Served with Au Jus, Roasted Salmon with Citrus-Basil, Butter Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Chocolate Mousse Cake Warm Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea.

5. When requesting a Department Representative to attend a function please do so with a 30 day notice before the event.

6. The deadline for the next issue of The Leader is Nov. 15, 2016, please have all stories and articles turned in before that elate.

7. Craig Armstrong, Commander District 9, will be the new Department Membership Chairman. Craig can be reached at 4337 Spring Hill Church Rd. Lillington, NC 27546 phone: 910 585-1245 email: [cdrdist9@vfwnc.com](mailto:cdrdist9@vfwnc.com) We encourage all post to assist Craig with his membership program.

8. Schools are back in session and the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy programs are upon us. Please contact and send all packets to: Patriots Pen Stephen Amos (5352) 5339 Reidsville Rd. Walkertown, NC 27051 Home 336 462-2024 email: [patriotspenchrms@vfwnc.com](mailto:patriotspenchrms@vfwnc.com) and Voice of Democracy Nathaniel Degraffinreidt (Chair) (2087) 3713 Heath St. Greensboro, NC 27401 Home 336 508-0309 email: [vodchrms@vfwnc.com](mailto:vodchrms@vfwnc.com)

9. All posts are reminded they are responsible to fill out their own 990s, if you need help, please contact the State Quartermaster.

10. Update to District 12 Commander Jim Fox phone number, new number is: 704-431-4432

### 13. DISTRICT

1. Our goal this year is to provide assistance to all Post to fulfill our mission, "Veterans Helping Veterans." We respectfully ask all Comrades and Officers to follow the "Chain of Command" when assistance is needed. In support of this, our Council of Administration has adopted a SOP for the disbursements of relief funds. The SOP also contains an application to be use to apply for relief. District Commanders you are part of this SOP. Read and understand you role in this SOP. The SOP is published on our website. No action can be taken by the Department or Foundation unless this application has been completed. It is still the responsibility of the Post and Districts to take care of the Veteran in Need in you r District.

2. All post and District should have their inspections completed at this time. Please submit all completed reports to our State Inspector Victor Letourneau.

## C. POST

1. All Posts will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2016-2017 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teachers' Awards. Schools are in session so it is now time to approach your schools and ensure that they are going to work with you this year. If you have questions please contact the program Chairmen; Patriot Pen: Steve, 336 462-2024. Voice of Democracy Nate, 336 508- 0309.

2. Requirements to obtain Honor Post honors: The post must obtain 100% membership by December 31 2016. The 100% membership status must be on record in the National Memstats as of December 31, 2016. The Honor Plaques will be awarded at the 2017 State Convention in June.

3. Requirement for consideration for "All State" honors will include completing all programs listed in paragraph #1 and the additional requirements.

a. Purchase and distribute 5 Buddy Poppies per member.

b. Complete all audits and forward same to the Department no later than 45 days after the end of the quarter.

c. Forward a completed copy of the Post election report for 2017-2018 to the Department no later than May 20, 2017.

d. Obtain 100% paid membership by June 20, 2017.

e. Make a donation to the Veterans Foundation of NC.

f. Pass all required post, canteen and Bingo inspections.

The All State Awards will be presented at the October 2017 CofA.

4. Quartermasters on the National Website: Post Quartermasters are reminded that they can go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) on the Internet, sign in as the Quartermaster, and have access to numerous data on programs, tools, resources, chairman's guides, 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 on complete new account. Your password will always be your VFWmembership number.

5. Post are reminded they only have to put in one report per month and the totals, no write-up of individual activities are required. The Department is working to add additional reporting fields so the name of the person submitting the report can be recorded as well as mileage for events.

Currently, there are (3) sections for each report: #Projects, Hours, and value (for now, you can take your number of mileage, multiply it by \$.55 per mile).

There are six (6) different types of reports: CS (Community Service); AM (Americanism); YA Youth Activities; Nat S (National Scholarship); BP (Buddy Poppies); and Mil Act (Military Activities).

All Posts should prepare now for the full transition to the computer age. You can always find a library to get online. All questions should be directed to the Department Webmaster: David Watts (919) 457-8077 or [webmaster@vfwnc.com](mailto:webmaster@vfwnc.com)

#### 7. VIDEO / AUDIO SURVEILLANCE AT POSTS

In the interest of security, a number of Posts have or are considering installing surveillance systems. There are Federal and State statutes that address the legality of surveillance systems. North Carolina is a "one party consent" state.

##### **Video: Allowed in a public space.**

The interpretation here is that Videotaping is allowed in public settings such as meeting rooms, hallways, canteens, etc. Videotaping is not allowed in areas where privacy is expected, such as bathrooms, changing rooms, etc. The Post is run by the membership. In order to install a surveillance system, the Post membership, at a regularly scheduled meeting, must approve the motion by a majority vote.

##### **Audio: N.C.Gen.Stat § 15A-287. Interception and disclosure of wire, oral, or electronic communications prohibited.**

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Article, a person is guilty of a Class H felony if, without the consent of at least one party to the communication, the person:

- (1) Willfully intercepts, endeavors to intercept, or procures any other person to intercept or endeavor to intercept, any wire, oral, or electronic communication.

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