

GENERAL ORDERS #7 4 DEC 2016

A. DEPARTMENT

1. Comrades, by now your post should have sold the raffle tickets that were issue to you in June. It is imperative that the money the post receive for these tickets is turned into the Department as soon as the tickets are sold with the stubs. Remember that all post that submit their money and stubs for selling the original tickets that they were issued, will be eligible for the drawing that will be held on December 15 for \$250.00. One QM remarked that he did not want to send the money to the Department before February because the Post might need it. Only \$1.00 of this money belongs to the post. \$4.00 of the ticket sale belongs to the Department. To use this fund for any other purpose will be considered misappropriation of Department funds.

2. The VOD and PP District winners and proper entry forms should be submitted to our Chairmen by December 15, 2016. Submit the PP entries to our PP Chairman Steve Amos, 5339 Reidsville Rd., Walkertown NC 27051 If you have questions please call Steve at 336 462-2024. Email: patriotspenchrn@vfwnc.com
Submit your Voice of Democracy entries to our VOD Chairman, Nathaniel Degraffinreidt, 3713 Heath St., Greensboro, NC 27401. If you have questions please call Nat at 336 508-0309. Email: vodchrn@vfwnc.com

3. Men's Auxiliary: As of December 31, 2016 the Men's Auxiliary has been dissolved by an approved change to the National By-Laws. We encourage all Men's Auxiliary members to apply for membership to the Auxiliary.

4. Our Hurricane Matthew relief effort is continuing and our members are in the process of rebuilding. Our Department is supporting their effort thanks to the donations from our Posts, Districts, and Auxiliaries. We also have received several major donations from other Departments and National. We are not going to forget our veterans in need and we will support them until they are back into their homes. Again thanks to our teams that gave their time and effort to implement our relief program and insure that it was a success.

5. At the CoA in October, District 8 Commander submitted a verbal resignation. District 8, Senior Vice Commander John Harry will assume the duties and title of Commander District 8. We ask all Post, Officers to give Commander Harry your full cooperation. Our National Council Representative, Past Commander Jason Schoolcraft also submitted his resignation. Past Commander Gene Kent was elected to serve the remaining term of Past Commander Schoolcraft.

On Oct. 21, 2016 our Department Junior Vice Commander submitted his resignation. An election was held in accordance with our National By-Laws and our Surgeon Allan Payne was elected as the Department Junior Vice Commander. We appreciate the service, that all officers that resigned have given the VFW over the years and also appreciated their offer to continue to support our programs

6. The position for State Surgeon will be filled at the February Council of Administration meeting.

7. The February CoA will be held at the Cary Embassy Suites February 3rd-5th, 2017 Please make sure you reserve your rooms and your banquet tickets. If you purchase your banquet tickets in advance the cost is \$40.00. If you purchase the banquet ticket at the CoA the cost will be \$45.00. We will be honoring our VOD and PP District winners at this banquet. We are excited to have sponsors for our program this year. Friends of Jeb Alley will be sponsoring our VOD Program thru the Veterans Foundation of NC and USMC will be sponsoring our PP program. We thank our sponsors for their support of our programs. We will have training set up for our comrades and officers--thanks to Jim Rich for his effort in developing our training program. North Carolina's own Rockie Lynne from Statesville will be the entertainment for the banquet. Mr. Lynne has made 14 appearances on the Grand Ole Opry stage.

B. DISTRICT

1. We hope that all Districts have completed their inspections at this time and submitted the paperwork to our State Inspector, Victor Letourneaut.

2. We want to remind all District that our relief SOP has been approved by the Council and all relief application must follow the chain of command that is detailed in the SOP. No relief funds will be distributed by the Department of the Foundation unless this application is completed and has been review by the District Commander.

3. We are trying to update our website and our Chief of Staff has sent a request to all District Commander for a shoulder to head photo and a short bio. Your cooperation in this would be greatly appreciated to add respectability to our website. I would hate to think what our website would look like if we have to create your bio and use a squirrel for your picture. If you need assistance with this contact our Chief of Staff.

C. POST

1. We wish to remind you that the requirements for Honor Post honors are as follows: Post must obtain 100% membership by December 31, 2016.

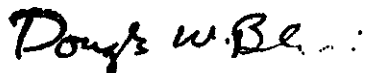
2. Reminder: All State requirements:

- a. Purchase and distribute 5 Buddy Poppies per members. The monies received from the distribution of the Buddy Poppies, is to be place in your relief fund.
- 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 your election report for 2016-2017 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 inspection.

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

FINALLY IN CLOSING, THE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, WISH ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE TRMENDOUS SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR. WE ARE TRULY AN ORGANIZATION OF "VETERANS HELPING VETERANS."

By order of:



Doug Blevins
Commander
Department of NC VFW

Official:



Andrew Zinkievich
State Adjutant

Date	District	Post	Meeting Time	Contact	Address	VFW Rep	AUX Rep
10-Dec	5	9963 Holly Ridge	10:00 AM	Bill Hertline 910-575-8057	188 Hines Stump Sound Church Rd. Holly Ridge, NC 28445	Greg Stafford	President Joyce Preston
10-Dec	14	4066 Shelby	11:00 AM	Larry Teague 828-894-8673	855 W Sumter St. Shelby, NC 28150	Doug Blevins	Sr. Vice President Ivy Blueher
11-Dec	1	7312 Sunbury	1:00 PM	Mike Slater 252-465-8324	563 US 158 East Gatesville, NC 27938	Allen Payne	Treasurer Jeanie Gilbert
14-Jan	3	4147 Bailey	12:00 PM	Walter Pridgen 252-200-4614	7621 Harris Rd. Bailey, NC 27807	Allen Payne	President Joyce Preston
14-Jan	7	5886 Smithfield (American Legion Post 132)	12:00 PM	Dennis Mecum 919-327-7887	100 Pritchi St. Smithfield, NC 27577	Doug Blevins	Jr. Vice President Patty Harris
14-Jan	9	7318 Southern Pines	12:00 PM	Craig Armstrong 910-585-1245	615 S Page St. Southern Pines, NC 28387	Greg Stafford	Chaplin Deanna Long
15-Jan	2	7032 Greenville	1:00 PM	Ray Harrell 919-731-2270	1108 Mumford Rd. Greenville, NC 27834	Doug Blevins	President Joyce Preston
15-Jan	4	9960 Swansboro	1:00 PM	Tom Toler 252-626-7985	246 VFW Rd. Swansboro, NC 28584	Allen Payne	Guard Sandra Johnson-Lue
15-Jan	12	2908 Albermarle	1:00 PM	Jim Fox 704-431-4432	119 Anderson Rd. Albermarle, NC 28001	Jim Goins	Secretary Helen Carter
15-Jan	13	2423 Indian Trail	2:00 PM	Jeff Friar 704-953-6408	100 VFW Lane Indian Trail, NC 28079	Greg Stafford	Conductress Amelia Bennett
15-Jan	15	1142 Blue Ridge Mountain Post	2:00 PM	Lonnie Joines 336-200-0083	802 Beech St. North Wilkesboro, NC 28659	Ernie Allis	Sr. Vice President Ivy Blueher
15-Jan	16	10349 Mill Spring	1:00 PM	Johnny Taylor 828-894-8673	3788 E Hwy 108 Mill Spring, NC 28756	Dean Harris	Chief of Staff Janice Holm
21-Jan	11	9010 Clemmons	12:00 PM	Russ Chambers 336-749-1671	4675 Hampton Rd. Clemmons, NC 27012	Greg Stafford	President Joyce Preston
21-Jan	6	10607 Burlington	10:00 AM	Joe Caradonna 336-541-5345	634 W Webb Ave. Burlington, NC 27217	Allen Payne	Jr. Vice President Patty Harris
21-Jan	17	7339 Franklin	11:00 AM	John Glenn 828-293-9722	60 W Palmer St. Franklin, NC 28734	Chuck Slater	Chaplin Deanna Long
22-Jan	8	6018 Fayetteville	1:00 PM	John Harry 910-875-9524	116 Chance St. Fayetteville, NC 28301	Doug Blevins	Guard Sandra Johnson-Leu
28-Jan	10	2087 Greensboro	12:00 PM	Marvin Morgan 336-558-3944	2605 S Elm Eugene St. Greensboro, NC 27406	Allen Payne	President Joyce Preston