

GENERAL ORDERS #8 10 JAN 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. 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. Now that Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy have come to an end, it's time to think about our Teacher of the Year and Scout of the Year Awards. Please contact your District and State Chairman for the due dates.

Teacher of the Year Chairman: Jeff Friar (9488) 2428 Windsor Chase Drive, Matthews
NC 28105 Home 704 953-6408 email: cdrdist13@vfwnc.com

Scout of Year Chairman: Bill Lane (2423) 1218 Flowe Dr. Matthews, NC 28104
Home 704-821-7529 scoutchrm@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 former Men's Auxiliary members to apply for membership to the Auxiliary.

4. Our Hurricane Matthew relief effort is continuing, our members are in the process of rebuilding and your Department is supporting their effort thanks to the donations from our Post, Districts, and Auxiliary. 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.

6. 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 also excited to have sponsors for our programs 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 at for our comrades and officers, thanks to Jim Rich for his effort in developing our training program.

7. Email issues: As many of you know, the main servers in Michigan were maliciously hacked and that is where all the spam mail was coming from. We need you to contact David Strange who will walk you through your new password which in turn should mitigate the spam email issue. The hack was very sophisticated and targeted approximately 20 servers other than the ones the VFW was on. You can contact David Strange at 248-207-3680.

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. Congratulations to our Honor Posts! 10659 Cloumbia, 8986 Newport, 10226 Oak Island, 7313 Pittsboro, 10403 Wadesboro, 10940 Mount Gilead, 7999 North West Guilford, 11164 Climax, 8719 Advance, 6365 Locust, 6369 New London, 9134 Rockwell, 7031 Boone and 7034 Sparta! Thank you very much for your continued efforts!
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.

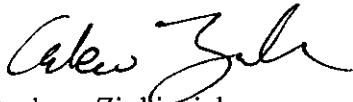
The All State Awards will be presented at the October 2017 CoA.

By Order of:



Doug Blevins

State Commander, NC VFW



Andrew Zinkievich

State Adjutant, NC VFW