

General Orders #5 13 October 2017

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. As soon as you sell the tickets, please return the stubs and money to the Department, do not wait until February.
2. The dates for the February Council of Administration meeting are February 2-4 at the Cary Embassy Suites, start making reservations now.
3. New 2018 Podium Edition By-law books are in, please contact the Department to purchase them.
4. Remember to order your Buddy Poppies through the Department. The form can be found on our website at www.vfwnc.com
5. The new District 4 Commander is Joseph Miller of Post 9810 (910) 545-6093.
The new District 9 Commander is Van Holly of Post 5631 (919) 770-6824.

District

1. District Commanders should be inspecting the posts in their districts and sending them to the State Inspector, Jeff Friar.
2. District Commanders should be keeping up with Post expiring officers list. This can be found on the National Online Membership System. If a post officer's membership dues expire, they will be removed from office and cannot hold office again until the following year.
3. Teacher of the Year, Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy entries will be starting to come in soon, make sure you have a plan of action to do district judging and sent in to the Department Chairs for the program. Do not send them to the Department Headquarters building.

Post

1. All posts will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2017-2018 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teachers Awards. The due date for the entries to be in the post is October 31st so you should already be in the process of getting entries.
2. Posts are reminded they only have to put in one report per month. The online reporting system at www.vfwnc.com is up and running again so please input your reports there.
3. The Department Quartermaster has contacted all posts that are missing Bonds, Canteen and Bingo associated fees and/or documents. If you have been contacted, it is imperative that you get the paperwork turned in as soon as possible.
4. District Commanders have been instructed to keep track of Post Expiring Officers list but this is also the responsibility of the Post Quartermaster. Please keep track of your expiring officers, if they lapse they will be removed from office and an election will need to be done to fill the void.
5. For recruiting purposes, posts can request relocated, unpaid and Department-at-Large membership information to help in your recruiting. For example, there are over 4,000 VFW members that live in NC but are members of a post outside of NC. These are members in good standing living in your back yard. All that needs to be done is reach out to them and invite them to your post and get them to transfer in.

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