

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL ORDER #1

Directory

JUNE 4, 2017

1. At the 87th Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of North Carolina, June 1-4, 2017, I, Greg Stafford, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National By-Laws, do hereby assume command.

2. All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 4, 2017 except those set forth in the Department By-Laws.

3. The following officers having been duly elected, appointed, and installed by the 87th Convention, will be obeyed accordingly.

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GENERAL ORDERS #1 JUNE 5, 2017

A. DEPARTMENT

1. REMINDER: The National Convention will be held in New Orleans. La, from July 22 - July 26.

2. At the October Council of Administration we will be recognizing the Department Buddy Poppy King and Queen. Please contact Josh Holt at either 443-309-7322 or buddypoppychrn@vfwnc.com

3. The following Posts still have not turned in an election report. Your Quartermaster must log in to the National website and input your post election report at www.vfw.org or your post may face suspension if not turned in by July 1st 2017.

7312	2615	7032
4096	6651	8073
2843	9925	2756
8719	10346	5305
5362	5381	7031
7946	9157	10473

B. DISTRICT

1. The District Commanders training was completed on June 4, 2017. All District Commanders will complete their Post Training by July 31, 2017. We recommend having this training at a Post in your District that is centrally located to the other post. This training should include items discussed in the District Commander training session as well as training for Post trustees. Inspections can begin after June 5, 2017. State Inspector Jeff Friar will provide guidance for the inspection. It will be the District Commanders responsibility to ensure that these inspections are completed.

2. All District Commanders are expected to visit their Post as soon as possible after the Convention. This will give you a chance to meet the officers of the Post and identify any areas where they may need assistance.

3. 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.

C. POST

1. All Post 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. **New Deadlines** for these programs **October 31st** to the Post, **November 20th** to District, and **December 1st** to Department. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and District Commanders comply with all provisions of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

2. Requirements to obtain Honor Post honors, The Post must obtain 100% membership by December 31 2017. The 100% membership status must be on record in the National Memstats as of December 31, 2017. The Honor Plaques will be awarded at the 2018 February Council of Administration meeting.

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 2018-2019 to the Department no later than **May 25, 2018**.

d. Obtain 100% paid membership by June 20, 2018.

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

f. Pass all required Post and Canteen inspections.

The All State Awards will be presented at the October 2018 CofA.

4. Quartermasters on the National Website: Post Quartermasters are reminded that they can go to 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, and Login. When you get to the user ID/password blocks, check on complete new account. Your password will always be your VFW membership number.

5. Email will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to District and Post Officers. You will receive numerous documents by email in order to cut down on postal expenses and speed up the response time for you receiving the information.

[Here are the directions for changing your email password:](#)

1. Go to vfwnc.com bottom of page and click on webmail.
- 2 In middle circle click on change password.
3. Enter previous officer's email and password and Log In.
4. Enter your new password and confirm password.
5. Change Email Account Settings.
6. Click OK or Apply to change password.

(If you remain in your current office you do not have to change anything.)

NOTE: If you do not change your password within 60 days you will be locked out of the Webmail system.

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6. Here are directions for logging into your online report
 - a. Go to Department website at www.vfwnc.com
 - b. Scroll to the bottom of the page
 - c. Click on Reporting (located at the lower right hand corner)
 - d. The username is your Post Number
 - e. Your default password is also your Post number. For example, if your Post is 7383, your username and password is 7383.
 - f. Once logged in you will go to the Reports section on the left side and add your monthly reports.
 - g. Post 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: Clark Hunter Home 336 200-4747 email: leaderinfo@vfwnc.com.

7. The Bass Pro Raffle is in full effect, if you were at the State Convention and picked up your Bass Pro Raffle tickets and need more, please contact the Department Raffle Chairman James Goins 803 630-2717 email: pastcdrgoins@vfwnc.com If you were not at the State Convention please contact your District Commander to receive your initial tickets. Remember, \$1.00 from every ticket sale stays within your Post, last year our Posts statewide made approximately \$18,000! This years' top prize is a brand New Bad Boy Buggy.

8. If you have not paid your National Convention dues, State Convention dues or turned in a 2017-2018 election report, please do so as soon as possible.

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