

GENERAL ORDERS #4 September 7, 2017

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. As soon as you sell the tickets please return the stubs and money to the Department. Do not wait until February.
2. The Billy Ray Cameron Open will take place September 15th – 17th in Sanford. We hope to see you all there
3. All Buddy Poppy King and Queen applications needed to be postmarked by September 9th.
4. When a relief request originates at the Department HQ the following steps are followed- the veteran/family member in need is sent to the local Post, if the Post cannot help they should contact their District Commander to see if the District can pull together the finances with all the Posts in the District working together. If the District cannot come up with all the funds, the relief application needs to be filled out in its entirety and sent to the Department Quartermaster. From there, there are two options, first: the Department relief fund (funds pending) may be able to help with the approval in accordance with the SOP; second: the VFW NC Foundation (funds pending) may be able to help with the approval of the VFWNC Foundation. Due to multiple requests funds are limited and therefore not every application will be approved.
5. 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 are \$45 each and entertainment to be announced at a later date. The meal will be: House Salad, Prime Rib Carving Station served with Au Jus, Crab Stuffed Flounder, Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Chocolate Mousse Cake, Warm Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea.
6. When requesting a Department Representative to attend a function please do so with a 30 day notice before the event.
7. October CofA: Please see the attached tentative schedule. Training schedule will follow shortly. Tara Artega from National will be coming in to do a membership and recruiting class as well.
8. **HOTEL OVERFLOW for OCTOBER Council of Administration Meeting.** Embassy Suites has worked with us and set up an overflow hotel for people who wish to attend the CofA meeting but were unable to get into the Embassy Suites. **Please call Eric at 919-840-0042.** This

hotel is within shuttle distance of the Embassy Suites and a shuttle will be going by the Hilton Hotel next to the Airport every 30 min or so. The hotel is only a few miles away from the Embassy Suites and the rate will be \$109 per night.

13. DISTRICT

1. I hope that all District Commanders have visited their Posts. This gives you a chance to meet the officers of the post and identify any areas where they may need assistance.
2. District Commanders should be inspecting the posts in their district and sending them to the State Inspector.

C. 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. 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.
2. All-State, Honor, and All-American Post requirements can be found in the previous General Order.
3. 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.
4. 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. **The site is being worked on so please send your reports to adj@vfwnc.com.**

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).

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 Adjutant Andy Zinkievich at 919-828-5058 or adj@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.

8. If you have not paid your convention dues or turned in a 2017-2018 please do so as soon as possible, they are way past due. Invoices have been mailed out a few times now.

9. 2018 post bonds and canteen fees are past due now. You must show proof of a 2017/2018 bond prior to passing your inspection. The application is on our website www.vfwnc.com .

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COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM OUTLINE

6-8 October 2017
CARY EMBASSY SUITES

FRIDAY, 6 October

2:00 -4:00 pm	Banquet Ticket sales	Registry
2:00 -3:00 pm	VFW NC Foundation Board Meeting	Crescent Boardroom
2:30 -3:00 pm	Golf Committee Meeting	Outerbanks Boardroom
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Budget Committee Meeting	Crescent Boardroom
3:00 -4:00 pm	Hotel Committee Meeting	Cape Hatteras
4:00 -6:00 pm	Business Session	Blowing Rock
6:00 -12:00 am	Hospitality Room	Mendenhall

SATURDAY, 7 October

6:30 -8:30 am	Individual breakfasts	Hotel breakfast area
7:30 -8:15 am	District Commanders Meeting (no breakfast, past and present)	Mendenhall
7:30 -8:15 am	Past Dept. Commanders Meeting (no breakfast)	Crescent Boardroom
8:30 -11:00 am	Joint Session	Blowing/Chimney Rock
11:15 -12:15 pm	Eastern Conference Meeting	Blowing Rock
11:15 -12:15 pm	Central Conference Meeting	Pinehurst
11:15 -12:15 pm	Western Conference Meeting	Tanglewood
12:00 -1:00 pm	Hospitality Room/Hotel	Mendenhall
1:00 -5:00 pm	Training (See attached sheet)	Various
7:00 -9:00 pm	Banquet	Blowing/Chimney Rock
9:00 pm -12:00 am	Hospitality	Mendenhall

SUNDAY, 8 October

6:30 -8:00 am	Individual Breakfasts	Hotel breakfast area
8:00 -9:00 am	Memorial Service	Blowing/Chimney Rock
9:00-11:00 am	Business Session	Blowing Rock