

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA

General Orders No. 12 & 1

June & July 2024

2024 - 2025 Series

To be read at the next regular meeting.

1. All previous appointments expired as of May 18th. All appointments are declared null and void at that time. Appointed officers will assume their duties after Department installation.

The following appointments are hereby announced by Commander Ken Speegle:

Adjutant	Danny Luby
Service Officer	Emmanuel Guerrier
Service Officer	
Service Officer (Interior)	Joe Zeigler
Chief of Staff	JR Hackett
Inspector	Todd Maynard
Legislative Officer	Dave Lemelin
Employment	Walter W. Watts, Jr.
Public Relations	Adrian Hart
IPDC	Bill Yudiskas
POW/MIA	Jan Trojan
Buddy Poppy	Danny Luby
Citizenship Education	Kurt Miller
Hospital	Lorraine Roehl
Loyalty Day	Lorraine Roehl
National Home	Carol Kacal
Safety	Tony Phillips
Youth Activity	Tony Phillips
Voice of Democracy	Tony Phillips
Patriot's Pen	Bill Yudiskas
Life Membership	Joe Zeigler
Membership	Joe Zeigler
Community Activities	Tony Phillips

Veterans Service	Dave Lemelin
JROTC/ROTC	Don Ramsey
Homeless Veterans	Melody Quesenberry
Disaster Chairman	Wes Rath
VAVS	Melody Quesenberry
Fundraising Chairman	Joe Zeigler/Brett Spencer
Veterans & Military Support	Frederick "Slick" Bacorn
Student Veterans of America	Danny Luby
Women Veterans	Melody Quesenberry

2. **The 79th Alaska State Convention was held May 16-18, 2024, at VFW Post 9785 in Eagle River.** If you pledged donations for the Alaska hospitality room at the National Convention, please submit those now. **All officers and chairman that have not done so, should prepare a report to be posted in the State Convention Proceedings booklet.**
3. 2024-25 Alaska Leadership Manual and 2024-25 Post Service Officer Booklet will be available shortly on our website under the "Resources" tab. Any post requiring a paper copy can message Department Headquarters.
4. All Department Officers, elected or appointed, must have proof of eligibility on file in Department Headquarters, subject to review by the Department Commander, Department Quartermaster, and Department Adjutant. *Please verify that the Department has your eligibility on file if you are uncertain.* **All newly elected Junior Vice Commanders/New Quartermasters or Adjutants must submit proof of eligibility (DD 214 or equivalent) to Department Headquarters. Headquarters will compile the documentation for submission to National Headquarters.**
5. **Jacket and Cap Sizes:** Please be sure that the Department has your jacket and cap size on file if you are a **Department Officer, Post Commander** or a **Post Quartermaster**. If you are a female, please indicate whether you prefer a modified woman's style cap or a man's style cap.
6. Post Commanders are urged to start planning and promoting all VFW programs for the year. Don't delay, get an early start for a successful year. Utilize the Department website at www.vfwak.org to download and print the information that you need.
7. The secret of success for the Veterans of Foreign Wars is membership. As new officers in your Post, get an early start and make membership your #1 priority for the year. **We are all working hard to achieve 102% for 2023-24, let's prepare for 2024-25! Please look at your membership rosters.**
8. Post Commanders shall see that the office of Quartermaster is bonded in accordance with Section 703, National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedures. He shall also see that Trustees Report of Audit is properly prepared and submitted to Department Headquarters each quarter as required by National By- Laws. Bonding for the new term will be soon. Current Quartermaster bonding is effective through August 2024. Bonding forms are attached. Bonds of 3K through 25K are \$4.50 per thousand. Bonds \$26K and higher are \$4.00 per thousand. **Remember; we bond the position not the person. We highly encourage you to bond your Commander as well. If you have a canteen manager please make sure to bond them with the separate attached bond form.**

9. Attention Post Commanders and Quartermasters: The toll-free number at VFW National Headquarters for Direct Dues is 1-800-963-3180. If you have questions or need assistance pertaining to direct dues, feel free to call this number. Quartermaster will receive an authorization code for accessing the OMS.
10. VFW National Convention will be held in Louisville, KY. From Jul 26 - Aug 1, 2024. Convention registration and housing forms are posted on the Alaska VFW webpage. **Do not hesitate, book now!**
11. All Posts having special events and desiring a department representative should send the invitation/request to the Department Adjutant at least 30 days prior to the event.
12. Community Projects Reporting Form: This is now done electronically via the Department website www.vfwak.org. For more information on how to submit this online please see attached step by step reporting guide.
13. **Flag Day - June 14th Independence Day - July 4**
Posts should plan suitable programs in observance of these days.
14. Department Officers that have information to forward to the Posts on their programs and Posts that wish to make an announcement on an upcoming event can send to the following **by the 20th of the month** so that it may be announced in the General Orders:
500 E. Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 Fax: (907) 373-7601
vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net
15. To show the proper respect due our fallen comrades, the Department Adjutant is asking all Posts to notify him of the death of any member. Please do **so in writing by the 20th of each month** so that they can be listed in the Last Roll Call.

LAST ROLL CALL:

OFFICIAL



Danny Luby
State AQM

BY THE ORDER OF:



Ken Speegle
State Commander

Please utilize the Department website to access additional forms and information. www.vfwak.org

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Immediately after election of officers, the POST ELECTION REPORT should be completed and mailed as appropriate. Along with proof of eligibility of the new Commander.

Along with the Department copy of the POST ELECTION REPORT, please send the completed bottom section of this letter to the Department Adjutant at the above address.

If you have any questions, need additional forms, etc., please contact Department Headquarters at (907) 373-7600 or by email at vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net

Thank you for your assistance.

To be filled out by the Commander-elect and returned.

COMMANDER-ELECT NAME Tony B Phillips

COMMANDER-ELECT JACKET SIZE (Please circle) S M L XL XXL OTHER 3XL

COMMANDER-ELECT HAT SIZE 7-1/8"

QUARTERMASTER-ELECT NAME Walter W Watts

QUARTERMASTER-ELECT JACKET SIZE (Please circle) S M L XL XXL OTHER

QUARTERMASTER-ELECT HAT SIZE

POST NUMBER 3629 LOCATION Fairbanks

INSTALLING OFFICER Joe Ziegler

DATE OF INSTALLATION April 20, 2024

TIME OF INSTALLATION 1400