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General Orders No. 10

April 2025 2024-2025 Series

To be read at the next regular meeting:

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

Let's make 102%!

Membership must be <u>posted</u> at National Headquarters and <u>reflected</u> on the VFW Mem Stats page by **30 June 2025**, for National award purposes. (There will be NO exceptions) Don't delay - make sure you allow plenty of time for processing!! Ensure your quarterly reports are filed.

- 1. The **2025 Department Convention** Is scheduled to be hosted by Post 10029, **Jun 5-7**, **2025**, in North Pole, Ak. See the enclosed information.
- 2. **Delegates:** Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222, Manual of Procedure and Article VIII, Section 2 of Department By-Laws that pertain to Department Convention delegates and alternates. Please use the enclosed form to report your delegates. AQM Luby is happy to assist with delegate counts. Delegate cost is \$3 per Delegate, Admin Fees: Please submit \$1.00 per new member.
- 3. Attention: The 2025 National Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Aug 9th-13th, 2025 Housing forms and additional information can be found on the national website at https://vfw.org/media-and-events/126th-vfw-national-convention.
- 4. IMPORTANT REMINDER: All elected and appointed officers and chairmen must provide a written report NLT May 1^{st,} or <u>it will not be included in the annual Convention Proceedings</u>. Oral Reports will only be given if you have for action items to relay or Information that requires a vote. You may email, fax, or hand mail a copy to one of the following:

vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net, 500 E. Park Ave., Wasilla, AK 99654, (907) 373-7601.

5. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** Please use the Online Membership System (OMS) to submit your newly elected officer reports. Proof of eligibility must be on file with the Post Adjutant prior to installation. (Reference Section 216, National By-Laws.)

If you have questions about the Online Membership System (OMS) and would like assistance with submitting your Post Election Report, please contact Jess or Danny at (907) 373-7600.

- 6. **RAFFLE:** Raffle tickets were distributed during the Mid-Winter Conference in January. Please promote the selling of raffle tickets to the best of your ability and promptly return all sold/unsold tickets to Department Headquarters for processing. 500 E. Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 *Reminder: Headquarters already has a waiting list going for additional tickets. If you are having difficulties selling your raffle tickets or wish to lower your amount, please don't save them - return them.*
- AUDIT: Attention is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees; Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter; one of which ended March 31, 2025. Please submit your quarterly report by <u>April 15, 2025</u>.

- 8. **ATTENTION:** Post and Auxiliary Community Activities Chairpersons: Please ensure that you are submitting your Community Activity Reports on OMS in a timely manner. It is paramount that you check the Dashboard to ensure accurate reporting and credit for post awards. *Should you miss this deadline, please continue to submit your reports so that the most accurate accounting of community service is still logged.*
- 9. **DEPARTMENT OFFICER REQUEST:** Any Post requesting that a Department Officer attend ceremonies or other occasions must submit a written request to the Department Adjutant <u>at least three weeks prior to the event</u>. Send requests to the following:

500 E. Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-7601, fax or email to vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net

- 10. **Note from AQM Luby:** I want to send a huge thank you to all the Post's that have dug deep to submit donations to support our core programs, they are not all completely covered yet, but they have already surpassed the donations from last year. If you have not donated yet to our core programs, we would greatly appreciate it.
- 11. **BUDDY POPPIES**: Several Post's have yet to participate in the Buddy Poppy Program for this year. Please don't forget what they represent. Get your orders in!
- 12. Department Commanders!!! As discussed at Mid-Winter, you are State Officers and as such, Department must have your DD 214 On file. If you plan on attending State Convention or being eligible to respond to email votes Department must have your DD-214 on file for you to be able to vote, if you plan on having your Senior Vice or Junior Vice Attend on your behalf, their DD-214 must be on file. Please plan accordingly. Email Reminders will be sent out as well.
- 13. LAST ROLL CALL: 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. Please be sure that you are notifying National as well so that they are removed from the membership roster. If you need assistance, please contact Department Headquarters.

Ron D. Walter

VFW Post 10046 (Soldotna)

Glen Miles

VFW Post 10682 (Glennallen)

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BY THE ORDER OF:

Ken Speegle State Commander

Please utilize the Department website to access additional forms and information. The new website is up and running, please contact Department with any questions.

www.vfwak.org

Danny Luby