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General Orders No. 6
To be read at the next regular meeting.

December 2024
2024-2025 Series

- 1. MID-WINTER CONFERENCE:** *Mid-Winter Conference will be hosted by Susitna Post 9365, Wasilla, January 10-11, 2025. Hotel registration and the conference agenda will be attached. **Ensure your reservation dates are accurate! Registrations are due NO LATER THAN December 20th, 2024.***
- 2. AUCTION:** The annual Department/Auxiliary Auction will be held on Friday, January 10, 2025, immediately following the Commander's/President's Homecoming. All auction items should be sent to Department prior to Mid-Winter Conference, if possible. If you are planning to hand carry an item to be donated, please provide the details to Department, ASAP. Monetary donations to the Department will also be accepted in lieu of an auction item. **The Department Officers challenge each post to donate at least one auction item!**
Forward all donations to: Department Headquarters 500 E Park Ave, Wasilla, AK 99654.
- 3. RAFFLE:** The Department's 10,000 Raffle tickets will be distributed at Mid-Winter. If you will not be there, please let the Department know that you'd like tickets ASAP. Please remit all sold tickets immediately so that they can be logged. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them to Headquarters so that they can be redistributed to those individuals seeking more. Contact your Dept. AQM if you would like tickets to sell.
- 4. Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year, Voice of Democracy:**
All Posts chairman should have already submitted entries to the **Department Chairman by Nov 30, 2024**, for consideration. The winners will be announced when available. Thanks to all those Posts who submitted entries and make these programs a success! Please make sure you go into VFW.ORG to access the program dashboard tool and input your reports to get All-American credit as well as All-State credit. Also make sure to email the Department Chairman for each program to ensure they are aware.
- 5.** The By-Laws and Manual of Procedure are currently available from the VFW National Supply Department. The 2025 edition contains several changes. Ensure you are up to date. You can order these by calling 1-833-839-8387 or visiting their website at www.vfwstore.org. Posts are reminded that Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition is the governing document for meetings. You can also access it digitally via the new website to download a PDF version.
- 6.** December 7th of each year has been designated "**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**" by order of Public Law 103-308 passed in 1994. Flags should be flown at half-staff during daylight hours and Posts should plan suitable programs in observance of this day.
- 7. ATTENTION:** Community service reporting must be done online quarterly at minimum. A tutorial is available to be sent out for those that are not familiar with this new process. Please make sure you submit them online using this process. The Department is no longer allowed to enter these reports so please make sure you are utilizing this process for your community service credit.
- 8. BUDDY POPPIES:**
- Buddy Poppy season is in full swing! Submit your orders through Department Headquarters using the form on the Department web page. Please pay close attention to changes on the form.

Final Notes: *December, having significant dates in history for Veterans, is a great month to hand out flags, appear in schools, and promote patriotism. Remember to include all Americanism in your monthly reports.*

VFW Action Corps: Want to learn what's new and exciting in the VFW? Join Action Corps and stay informed. vfwac@vfw.org

9. LAST ROLL CALL:

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BY THE ORDER OF:



Ken Speegle
State Commander

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