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BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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2024-2025 Series

To be read at the next regular meeting.

1. MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AND AUCTION: January 10-11, 2025

The annual Department Auction will be held on Friday, January 10, 2025, immediately following the Commander's Homecoming. All auction items should be sent to Department prior to January 10th if possible. If you are planning to hand carry an item to be donated, please provide the details to your Department Adjutant ASAP. Monetary donations to the Department will also be accepted in lieu of an auction item.

2. ALL STATE REQUIREMENTS: Be sure your Post is meeting the All-State requirements if you wish to be considered. Review the Membership Program, located in your Leadership Manual and on our website, to see the requirements. The deadline for all programs (unless otherwise stated) is **April 1, 2025, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

3. MEMBERSHIP: It's never too early to achieve 102%! Now is the time to begin reaching out to your members and encouraging them to convert to Life Membership, Life Legacy Membership, or to simply renew their annual. Managing your membership has never been easier. Members can perform all these tasks on their own by creating an account at www.vfw.org.

4. Reminder: If you or your Post have made a pledge towards the operation of Department Headquarters, Fisher House, Patriots Pen or VOD for the year 2024-2025 and have yet to forward it, please do so currently. Commander Speegle's Commanders Project needs support from the posts, please help him reach his goal. All pledges can be mailed to Quartermaster Luby at 500 E. Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654.

5. Trustees Report of Audit (2nd Quarter): Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit. The second quarter will end **December 31, 2024**. Please submit your quarterly report as soon as possible, following receipt of your bank statement.

6. 2025 National Convention: The 125th National Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio from Aug 9-Aug 13th, 2025. We will provide additional information and forms as they become available on our website at vfwac@vfw.org under the "Resources/Conventions" tab.

7. Buddy Poppies: All buddy poppy styles are currently available! The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National By-

Laws and Manual of Procedure. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents. Don't forget to order your Buddy Poppies today!

8. Community Activities Chairman: Please be sure to reach out to post that are not entering their community service online to assist them as needed and afford them the opportunity to get credit for all the wonderful services they are providing to members of their communities.

9. Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year packets are in the Department Chairmans hands. Once judging is complete. Commander Speegle will notify the winning posts. Please keep in mind that National is Utilizing a computer program to check if entries are plagiarized. If any submitted entry is returned to the Department from National as plagiarized, they will be removed as the Department winner as well.

10. Last Roll Call: In order 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 at (907) 373-7600.

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Danny Luby
State Adjutant

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