

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
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2024-2025 Series

To be read at the next regular meeting.

1. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** Post Election Report Forms must be completed immediately following your Post elections. The preferred method of submission is online, using the Online Membership System (OMS). Proof of eligibility must be on file with the Post Adjutant prior to installation. **No member shall hold two *elected* Post offices at the same time but may hold one elected and one or more *appointed* offices.** (Reference Section 215, National By-Laws.) If you are having trouble using the Online Membership System or require assistance submitting your election report, please contact Headquarters at (907) 373-7600 or [vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net](mailto:vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net). **Post your election report as soon as possible following post elections.**
2. **2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:** The 2025 Department Convention will be hosted by VFW Post 10029, on June 5-7, 2025, in North Pole, AK. Stay up to date with the latest information by visiting our website at [www.vfwak.org](http://www.vfwak.org), and click on the "Resources" tab. If you need assistance with what your post's delegate/new member fees are, feel free to call AQM Luby.  
**Post 10029 will be publishing a convention booklet, get your ads ready! The ad pricing sheet and application are attached to the email as well.**
3. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All elected and appointed officers and chairmen must provide a **WRITTEN** report to Department prior to Convention (NLT May 1<sup>st</sup>). The report must be mailed or emailed to the Department Adjutant so it can be handed out at convention, officers and chairmen should only provide verbal reports if they have pertinent information to pass or discussions that require a vote. Please submit your reports to:  
500 E Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-7601, fax: [vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net](mailto:vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net)
4. **2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION: 126th** National Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Aug 9th-13th, 2025. Convention housing information should be available soon. All National Convention information will be supplied on our website (when available) at [www.vfwak.org](http://www.vfwak.org) under the "Resources" tab.
5. **SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. **DEPARTMENT deadline for submissions is April 1, 2025**  
All entries can be forwarded to the Department HQs at the following:  
500 E Park Ave, Wasilla, AK 99654  
This information, along with the entry form, is available on the National website at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year>.
6. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORTING:** All Community Activities reports for the 2024-2025 term need to be input no later than **June 30, 2025**, to National Headquarters to be considered for National Recognition.
7. **RAFFLE:** The Annual Department \$10,000 Raffle is in full swing. All tickets and monies should be promptly returned to Department Headquarters at: 500 E. Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654  
**Reminder: Headquarters already has a waiting list for additional tickets. If you are having difficulties selling your raffle tickets, please don't save them - return them NOW!!**
8. **REMINDER:** All-State deadline is **April 1, 2025, NO EXCEPTIONS**. 101% Membership must be reflected on the MEMSTATS page by this date to get the Membership Points.

9. **DEPARTMENT OFFICER REQUEST'S:** Any Post requesting that a Department Officer attend ceremonies or other occasions must submit a written request to the Department Adjutant at least three weeks prior to the event. Submit requests via fax at (907) 373-7601, email: [vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net](mailto:vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net), or mail to 500 E Park Ave, Wasilla, AK 99654.
10. **BUDDY POPPY:** Buddy Poppy season is in full swing, and our sales are quite behind. **Only 8 posts have ordered poppies this year.** The VFW Buddy Poppy program is one of the most visible symbols of our organization and the proceeds from distribution are used for veteran's welfare, the well-being of their dependents, and orphans of veterans. If your Post has a surplus and would still like to contribute to this program, contact Headquarters for alternative ideas such as donating your order to the National Home for Children. Those posts that have already placed their order are reflected on the National Dashboard. Please submit your orders through Department Headquarters using the enclosed form.
11. **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.

**William Mackay  
Joseph Venes JR  
Vernon Kinagak  
Lee Miller**

**VFW Post 1685 (Anchorage)  
VFW Post 10041 (Bethel)  
VFW Post 10041 (Bethel)  
VFW Post 10046 (Soldotna)**

OFFICIAL



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](http://www.vfwak.org)