

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA**

General Orders No. 4

October 2024

2024-2025 Series To be read at the next regular meeting.

1. **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. Adjutant Note: We are currently running in 2nd for membership let's keep it up, please check your mem stats on the OMS dashboard.
 - a. **Post Quartermasters are working on a new membership roster. Contact your Post Quartermaster if you notice any changes in your membership status or magazine delivery.**

2. **Quarterly Trustee's Report of Audit:** In accordance with the National Bylaws **Sec. 218 para. (11)b**, the first quarterly audit (quarter ending September 30th) is due to AQM Luby by October 31st. Timely submission is a requirement to receive credit for All-State purposes. Forms are located on our NEW website under resources> forms> trustee report of audit form

3. **Attention:** Post Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Chairpersons - Personally contact the schools in your area and ask that these programs be placed on their schedule of activities. See the forms on the website for additional details. Deadline for submissions to the Post is **October 31, 2024.**
 - a. Department Chairperson is **December 1, 2024.**
 - b. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Contact your chairperson if you have any questions or concerns.
 - i. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is: "**Is America Today Our Forefathers Vision?**"
 - ii. This year's Patriot's Pen theme is: "**My Voice in America's Democracy?**"
 - c. Please discourage use of AI as National will check submission and disqualify those that used a certain percentage of AI to complete their entry. Any entry deemed by National to be ineligible will be disqualified from Department as well.

- d. Incomplete and/or inaccurate submissions delay the judging process. **They must be 100% complete!**
- e. **Chairman shall Electronically submit final entries to Department Headquarters.**

4. **Teacher of the Year:**

- a. With the new school year approaching, new Teacher of the Year nominations will be made.
- b. The deadline for **POST** submissions is **October 31, 2024.**
- c. The deadline for entries to be to your Department Chairman is **December 1, 2024.**
- d. A check sheet was provided in this year's Leadership Manual to assist Posts in submitting a complete and accurate nomination packet. Please review this carefully prior to submitting your final packet to the Department Chairman. Incomplete and/or inaccurate submissions delay the judging process.
- e. **Chairman shall submit final entries to Department Headquarters at: 500 E. Park Ave., Wasilla, 99654**

5. **2024 Western Conference - Honolulu, HI– Oct 31-Nov 3, 2024.** Time to register is running out. Information can be found on the **NEW Department webpage.**

6. **Mid-Winter Conference** – Susitna Post 9365, in Wasilla, January 10-12, 2025. Registration will open soon, and the information can be found on the **Department web page.** The Department auction will be held on Friday January 10th. It's never too early to gather donations!

7. **Announcements:** Department Officers, elected and appointed, and/or any Post that has information on their programs or wishes to make an announcement on an upcoming event; please send to the following by the **20th of the month:**

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

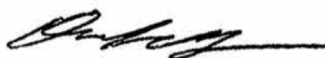
8. **Community Projects Reporting:** Please remember to report your community service at least once a quarter.

9. **Fallen Comrades:** 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 cross-reference your records and amend them accordingly.

10. **Reminder:** Buddy Poppy season is in full swing! Submit your orders through Department Headquarters using the enclosed form. **Please pay close attention to filling out the form correctly.**

LAST ROLL CALL:

OFFICIAL BY THE ORDER OF:



Danny Luby
State Adjutant



Ken Speegle
State Commander

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

www.vfwak.org



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