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

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General Orders No. 6 December 2023

To be read at the next regular meeting. 2023-2024 Series

1. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE:** Mid-Winter Conference will be hosted by Virl (Pa) Haga Memorial Post 10221, Anchor Point, January 12-13, 2024. The Department auction will be held immediately after Commander/President homecoming on Friday Jan 12th. Donations will be accepted at the Department Headquarters as well as the Virl (Pa) Haga Memorial Post. **Start gathering auction items now!** Hotel registration and the conference agenda will be attached and posted on vfwak.org. **Ensure your reservation dates are accurate! Registrations are due NO LATER THAN December 20th, 2023.**
2. **AUCTION:** The annual Department Auction will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024, immediately following the Commander's Homecoming. All auction items should be sent to Post 10221 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 one auction item!**
**Forward all donations to: Post 10221,** 72551 Milo Fritz Ave, Anchor Point, AK 99556 **or 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 should submit entries to the **Department Chairman by Nov 30, 2023,** for consideration. The winners will be announced when available. Department Headquarters will accept and compile the entries. 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.
5. The By-Laws and Manual of Procedure is currently available from the VFW National Supply Department. The 2024 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](http://www.vfwstore.org). Posts are reminded that Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th 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 will now be done online completely through the new website. A tutorial has been 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. **BUDDYPOPPIES:**- Buddy Poppy season is in full swing! The New Buddy Poppy tin tabs are now available for purchase, submit your orders through Department Headquarters using the form on the Department web page. Please pay close attention to changes on the form.
9. **Surgeons Report:**

1) COVID is still active in AK

2) Cold & Flu season is here: basic prevention: Cover you cough, wash hands, and stay home if symptomatic.

3) B12 & D3 important supplements for us older folks

4) Consider getting the RSV immunization if you have an underlying diagnosis of COPD or Asthma.

5) Did you know? www.militaryrx.express-scripts.com/price-medication is a source to price medication and compare costs of drug options.

**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

1. **LAST ROLL CALL:**

**John Overholt Wasilla, Post 9365**

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| **OFFICIAL** | **BY THE ORDER OF:** |
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| Danny Luby | Bill Yudiskas |
| State Adjutant | 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.**

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