

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 24-25-6

DECEMBER 2024

1. The attention of Department, District, and Post Commanders is directed to Section 102, Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the manner in which applications for membership will be handled. Applications for membership of new or transfer members must be voted on by the members present at a regular or special Post meeting.
2. Commanders on all levels are reminded that according to Section 105 of the National Bylaws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions and shall not participate in Post, District, Department or National functions.
3. Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers or Committee Members" states that "Any elective Post officer removed by the Department Commander, or by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the Post under the provisions of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed."
4. Post Commanders are reminded that Public law 103-308 designates **December 7th** as "National Pearl Harbor Day" and requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day. **January 1** is one of the official days when the Flag of the United States is to be displayed by all Americans.
5. The holiday season is upon us a time for joyfulness and thankfulness. To all comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Auxiliary, and their families; sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and a most prosperous New Year.
6. The **126th National Convention**, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, will be held in Columbus, OH. August 8-14, 2025.
7. **Sec. 709 - Control of Units.Para. 4-No Post.** District or Department and no activity, clubroom or holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of any Post, District or Department **may own any property jointly or in common with any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other business or charitable entity, except that property may be held jointly or in common a post or unit of a congressionally chartered veterans organization, provided the arrangement allows for the prominent display of the names, trademarks, or service marks of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and is not contrary to any provision of law or these bylaws.**

Sec. 709 - Control of Units, Para, 7- In addition to other legal requirements under existing local laws or Department Bylaws, no Post, District, or any holding company or corporation subordinate thereto, shall purchase, sell or otherwise transfer title or any interest in any real estate unless written notice of such proposal has first been given to each member of said unit ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those members present and voting at such regular or special meeting. In addition, **at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting**, notice shall be provided to the **Department Commander who shall review any sale, purchase, transfer or encumbrance to determine whether such transaction serves the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars** of the United States as prescribed in the Congressional Charter. Failure to comply with these provisions shall nullify said transaction.

8. VFW Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 9-12, 2025 in Columbus at the Marriott Airport Hotel, 1375 N Cassady Ave, Columbus, OH 43219. For more information go to vfwoh.org.
9. Posts are reminded that December 31, 2024 is the final date that donations will be accepted for Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen to the Department for All-State credit in leu of submitting a student to your District. Please use VFW Department Donation Form and make check payable to **VFW Dept Designated Charitable Funds**.
10. Reminder to all Commanders that the VFW of Ohio has set a membership goal of 95% by December 31, 2024. We achieved our November goal of 88% so let's keep up the great work.
11. District & Post Trustee Reports of Audits are recommended to be submitted via the email site vfwohioaudits@gmail.com you may still mail or fax your report to Department Headquarters; however the email account is the fastest way to receive credit.

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