

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 24-25-07

JANUARY 2025

1. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure **Duties of Trustees**. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each Quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2024. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the **Canteen Manager and Bingo Chairman**. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.
2. Post Commanders and Community Activities Chairmen are reminded of the anniversary of the sinking of the **USS Maine** in Havana Harbor, February 15, 1898. A special meeting or a memorial program should be held to honor those Comrades who served in our Nation's cause in the Spanish-American War who formed the Veterans of Foreign Wars 124 years ago.
3. A thorough program of **Post inspection** is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. Department Inspectors and Deputies shall make every effort to complete their inspection prior to Mid-Winter Conference.
4. The distribution of **VFW Buddy Poppies** will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents. **When ordering poppies delivery time is 6 to 8 weeks before delivery. The department headquarters does not have any poppies in office.**
5. Announcement is made the deadline for submitting **Scouting of the Year** is April 1, 2025 post winners due to **Youth Chairman Andrew Leidigh**.
6. Commanders at all levels should begin organizing their 2025 Memorial Day "Buddy" Poppy Campaign. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW "Buddy" Poppies.
7. Attention is directed to Section 213 of the National Bylaws concerning any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council and District meetings; County Council, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

8. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held at Marriott Columbus Airport, January 9-12, 2024. The Tentative Agenda is as follows:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1-2PM	VETERAN SERVICE COMMITTEE	GAHANNA
2-3PM	FINANCE COMMITTEE	GAHANNA
4-5PM	VFWOC BOARD MEETING	GAHANNA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8AM-4PM	VFW HQ OFFICE	ST CHARLES II
8AM-4PM	VENDORS	GREAT ROOM
9AM-4PM	PROGRAMS INFO TABLE	GREAT ROOM
9AM-4PM	POPPY DISPLAY	CAPITOL I
8-11:50AM	COFA/BUSINESS SESSION	DESHLER I
12-1PM	PAST COMMANDER'S LUNCH	WALLICK II & III
1:30-3:30PM	VFWOC/GAMING SCHOOL	DESHLER I
4:30-5:30PM	SR VICE MEETING	WALLICK II
4:30-5:30PM	JR VICE MEETING	ST CHARLES III
7PM	AUX MID-WINTER AUCTION	DESHLER I

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8AM-4PM	VFW HQ OFFICE	ST CHARLES II
8-9AM	VFW RIDERS MEETING	TBD
9-10:30AM	VFW TRAINING	ST CHARLES III
10:30-11:30	VFWOC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION	DESHLER I
11:30-1PM	YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON	WALLICK II & III
1-4PM	JOINT SESSION – PRESENTATIONS	WALLICK & DESHLER
5:30-6:30PM	PAST CDRS & PRES RECEPTION	ST CHARLES III
6-7PM	GENERAL RECEPTION	GREAT ROOM
7PM	MID-WINTER BANQUET	DESHLER I-IV/WALLICK
MIDNIGHT	DISTRICT 9 PAST DIST CDR'S POW/MIA MIDNIGHT TOAST	DESHLER I

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

DEPART FOR HOME

9. **Posts, Districts,** and Departments of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States **shall** be incorporated within the state where they are located as prescribed in the manual of procedure. The requirement in the State of Ohio is to renew the organization's continued existence every five (5) years. (See page 38 & 39 of Ohio QM Handbook for reference)
10. The following special events are hereby announced:

District 5 VOD Dinner, VFW Post 2901, Cambridge, January 4, 1700 hrs.
District 5 Meeting, VFW Post 2901, Cambridge, January 5, 0900 hrs.
District 10 Scholarship Banquet, VFW Post 2920, Crestline, January 6, 1600 hrs.
Mid-Winter Conference, Columbus, January 9-12, All-Day
District 10 Meeting, VFW Post 1078, Bucyrus, January 26, 0930 hrs.
District 12 Meeting, VFW Post 9092, Wellston, January 26, 1200 hrs. (Noon)

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BY ORDER:
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