

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

**General Orders No. 3  
Series**

**2013-14**

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

**NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP, MEDAL OF HONOR CLASS:**

Ola Mize, Post 2760, Gadsden, AL  
Drew Dix, Post 9785, Eagle River, AK  
Frederick Ferguson, Post 7401, Chandler, AZ  
Jay Vargas, Post 1709, Flagstaff, AZ  
John Baca, Post 4630, National City, CA  
Jon Cavaiani, Post 2922, Oakdale, CA  
Walter Ehlers, Post 8954, Buena Park, CA  
John Mc Ginty, Post 9223, Riverside, CA  
Robert Modrzejewski, Post 4379, Winchester, CA  
Richard Pittman, Post 52, Stockton, CA  
Tibor Rubin, Post 9557, Westminster, CA  
James Taylor, Post 7265, Livermore, CA  
George Sakato, Post 1, Denver, CO  
Harvey Barnum, Post 10052, Cheshire, CT  
Brian Thacker, Post 1085, Silver Spring, DC  
Gary Littrell, Post 11367, Mary Esther, FL  
Ronald Ray, Post 4945, Auburndale, FL  
Allen Kellogg, Post 10154, Honolulu, HI  
Bernard Fisher, Post 63, Boise, ID  
Arthur Jackson, Post 63, Boise, ID  
Sammy Davis, Post 4549, Robinson, IL  
Harold Fritz, Post 2078, East Peoria, IL  
Allen Lynch, Post 4308, Lake Villa, IL  
Roger H Donlon, Post 56, Leavenworth, KS  
Charles Hagemeister, Post 56, Leavenworth, KS  
Don Jenkins, Post 5837, Aberdeen, KY  
Ernest West, Post 15018, KY  
Robert Foley, Post 1272, Belmont, MA  
Thomas Hudner, Post 6712, Revere, MA  
Thomas Kelley, Post 529, Somerville, MA  
Duane Dewey, Post 667, South Haven, MI  
Robert Simanek, Post 6896, Westland, MI  
Alfred Rascon, Post 1296, Minneapolis, MN  
Donald Ballard, Post 7356, Kansas City, MO  
Joseph R Kerrey, Post 10617, Omaha, NE  
Hector Cafferata, Post 2856, Livingston, NJ  
Jack Jacobs, Post 6090, Fords, NJ  
Nicholas Oresko, Post 6467, Bergenfield, NJ  
Hiroshi Miyamura, Post 15032, NM  
Gary Beikirch, Post 16, Rochester, NY  
Paul Bucha, Post 8213, Somers, NY  
Francis Currey, Post 6776, Albany, NY  
Robert O`Malley, Post 2813, Woodside, NY  
Rodolfo Hernandez, Post 670, Cumberland, NC  
Frank Herda, Post 1974, Cleveland, OH

Gordon Roberts, Post 6069, Lebanon, OH  
Ronald Rosser, Post 3297, Delaware, OH  
Robert Maxwell, Post 4108, Redmond, OR  
Walter Marm, Post 927, Washington, PA  
James Livingston, Post 10624, Mount Pleasant, SC  
Robert Patterson, Post 3433, Summerville, SC  
Michael Thornton, Post 9539, Roebuck, SC  
Michael Fitzmaurice, Post 1776, Huron, SD  
Charles Coolidge, Post 4848, Chattanooga, TN  
Clarence Sasser, Post 10378, Angleton, TX  
Wesley Fox, Post 5311, Christiansburg, VA  
Patrick Brady, Post 15049, WA  
Bruce Crandall, Post 7392, Oak Harbor, WA  
John Hawk, Post 239, Bremerton, WA  
Joe Jackson, Post 91, Tacoma, WA  
Thomas Kinsman, Post 3429, Toledo, WA  
Wilburn Ross, Post 318, Olympia, WA  
Leo Thorsness, Post 1263, Renton, WA  
Hershel Williams, Post 1064, Huntington, WV  
Einar Ingman, Post 2687, Tomahawk, WI  
Kenneth Stumpf, Post 2126, Menasha, WI  
Gary Wetzel, Post 2304, Berlin, WI

2. The National Council of Administration at the August 26, 2012 meeting voted and approved to amend Section 208, *Change of Name*, in the Manual of Procedure by replacing the second paragraph with the following: "A Post shall not change its name to the name of a living person, other than a living Medal of Honor recipient, only after written consent from the recipient has been received, nor adopt a name already adopted by another Post in good standing in the Department."

3. Annual members are reminded that their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States expires December 31, 2013, unless their 2014 dues are paid and reported to Department and National Headquarters. Every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and also sign up new and reinstated members prior to January 1, 2014. As a reminder, the annual dues will increase by \$10 effective January 1, 2014.

In addition, any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing by reason of failure to pay current years dues shall forfeit his eligibility to hold any office for the remainder of the administrative year.

4. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below:

It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited. Any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.

It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision, regarding this response, to include Post, County Council, District and Department meetings, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to Section 1001 (24.) of the National Manual of Procedure.

5. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post Nos. 7321 and 9933 consolidated as Post No. 7321, Lake Charles, Louisiana  
Post Nos. 8936 and 9603 consolidated as Post No. 8936, San Antonio, Texas  
Post Nos. 4525 and 8395 consolidated as Post No. 4525, Waldoboro, Maine  
Post Nos. 2709 and 11255 consolidated as Post No. 2709, Scranton, Kansas  
Post Nos. 4101 and 1502 consolidated as Post No. 4101, Marshfield, Missouri  
Post Nos. 1778 and 4580 consolidated as Post No. 1778, Wells, Minnesota

BY COMMAND OF  
WILLIAM A. THIEN  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Hamilton".

John E. Hamilton  
Adjutant General