

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

General Orders No. 4

2017-18 Series

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

NATIONAL AIDE DE CAMP-MEDAL OF HONOR CLASS

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
Robert Modrzejewski, Post 4379, Winchester, CA
Richard Pittman, Post 52, Stockton, CA
James Taylor, Post 7265, Livermore, CA
Hiroshi Miyamura, Post 1, Denver, CO
Harvey Barnum, Post 10052, Cheshire, CT
Ryan Pitts, Post 8862, EU
Gary Littrell, Post 11367, Mary Esther, FL
Ronald Ray, Post 4945, Auburndale, FL
Allen Kellogg, Post 10154, Honolulu, HI
Sammy Davis, Post 4549, Robinson, IL
Harold Fritz, Post 2078, East Peoria, IL
Allen Lynch, Post 4308, Lake Villa, IL
Roger Donlon, Post 56, Leavenworth, KS
Charles Hagemeister, Post 56, Leavenworth, KS
Don Jenkins, Post 5837, Aberdeen, KY
Ernest West, Post 15018, MAL-KY
Brian Thacker, Post 341, MD
Thomas Hudner, Post 6712, Revere, MA
Thomas Kelley, Post 529, Somerville, MA
Duane Dewey, Post 667, South Haven, MI
Robert Simanek, Post 6896, Dearborn Heights, MI
Alfred Rascon, Post 1296, Minneapolis, MN
Donald Ballard, Post 7356, Kansas City, MO
J R Kerrey, Post 10617, Omaha, NE
Edward Byers, Post 2313, Hawthorne, NV
Jack Jacobs, Post 6090, Fords, NJ
Gary Biekirch, Post 16, Rochester, NY
Paul Bucha, Post 8213, Somers, NY
Francis Currey, Post 6776, Albany, NY
Robert O`Malley, Post 2813, Woodside, NY
Florent Groberg, Post 8866, Supply, NC
Frank Herda, 1974, Cleveland, OH
Gordon Roberts, Post 6069, Lebanon, OH
Ronald Russer, 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 8576, Clute, TX

Wesley Fox, Post 5311, Christiansburg, VA
Patrick Brady, Post 15049, MAL-WA
Bruce Crandall, Post 7392, Oak Harbor, WA
Joe Jackson, Post 91, Tacoma, WA
Thomas Kinsman, MAL-WA
Wilburn Ross, Post 318, Olympia, WA
Hershel Williams, Post 7048, Fairmont, WV
Kenneth Stumpf, Post 2126, Menasha, WI
Gary Wetzel, Post 2304, Berlin, WI

NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF:

Troy Eck, Post 10029, North Pole, AK
Glenn Hohman, Post 9972, Sierra Vista, AZ
Afra Janie Miller, Post 12043, Maricopa, AZ
Jeffrey Todd Byrd, Post 2330, Searcy, AR
Peter Buchanan, Post 1771, Lafayette, CO
Harry Thompson, Post 8801, Smyrna, DE
Eric King, Post 3308, Tallahassee, FL
Eugene Le Shore, Post 10174, Saint Petersburg, FL
William Mc Lucas, Post 5968, Orange Park, FL
Robert Patry, Post 4228, Titusville, FL
Harry Seiler, Post 7909, Jacksonville, FL
George Barlett, Post 10154, Kaneohe, HI
Darrel Knight, Post 972, Terre Haute, IN
Cory Mahan, Post 2714, Fort Branch, IN
Carl Pearson, Post 1431, Crawfordsville, IN
Anthony Manfredi, Post 2569, Teaticket, MA
Gamalier Rosa Flores, Post 754, Amherst, MA
Edward Viig, Post 7311, Absarokee, MT
Sammy De John, Post 8334, Omaha, NE
Albert Fisher, Post 816, Littleton, NH
Walter Pridgen, Post 2057, Rocky Mount, NC
Timothy Woods, Post 2423, Indian Trail, NC
Michael Lutman, Post 1054, PI
Francis Havlin, Post 8760, Beaufort, SC
Wayne Mitchell, Post 3164, Canton, SD
Darrell Birk, Post 8422, Smyrna, TN
Dana Hunt, Post 5066, Cordova, TN
Rene Rocheleau, Post 778, Swanton, VT
Paul Herrera, Post 2224, Puyallup, WA
Darren Hughes, Post 1435, Spokane Valley, WA
Kami Elliott, Post 7048, Fairmont WV
Ray Cassell, Post 7756, Gillette, WY

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL:

Clyde Torgerson, Post 10032, Cordova, AK
Larry Williams, Post 3713, Coolidge, AZ
Darrell Darner, Post 1674, Siloam Springs, AR
Steven Kroh, Post 1, Denver, CO
Thomas DiOrrio, Post 3420, Newark, DE
James Joyce, Post 10692, EU
Ralph Balzarano, Post 7721, Naples, FL
Donald Bult, Post 11406, Jacksonville, FL

John Kelleher, Post 5335, Boynton Beach, FL
Thomas Randall, Post 1966, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Stephen Surface, Post 10094, Indian Rocks Beach, FL
Frederic Chang, Post 10276, Pearl City, HI
Paul Glover, Post 1114, Evansville, IN
Terry Peck, Post 717, Saint John, IN
Clint Slinker, Post 3318, Attica, IN
Rene Fuertes, 3389, Randolph, MA
James Morrissey, Post 3264, Mansfield, MA
Kenneth Handl, Post 2154, Livingston, MT
Jeffrey Baker, Post 4755, Seward, NE
David Ouellette, Post 5791, Houston, NH
Jeffery Friar, Post 9488, Charlotte, NC
Kenneth Sellers, Post 1920, Mebane, NC
John Farrell, Post 12146, PI
Lawrence Warren, Post 7607, Fairfax, SC
Davin Johnson, Post 17, Aberdeen, SD
John Marshall, Post 5015, Lebanon, TN
William Milam, Post 4939, McKenzie, TN
Ronald Tallman, Post 790, East Barre, VT
Constance Kimmons, Post 11402, Olympia, WA
Trina Parrish, Post 992, Walla Walla, WA
John Newbrough, Post 1212, Parkersburg, WV
James Pedersen, Post 2673, Cody, WY

2. Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars is now subscription based and expires on their anniversary date. All officers are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of each and every continuous member prior to their expiration. Reports showing members 30, 60, and 90 days from expiration can be obtained by the Post Quartermaster through the Online Membership System (OMS).
3. Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers or Committee Members" states, "Any elective Post officer removed by the Department Commander, 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. For the purpose of establishing continuous membership, a member may reimburse Department and National dues for all delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the delinquency.
5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2017. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.
6. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. District and Department Inspectors to include Assistant Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.

7. The distribution of VFW “Buddy”® Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in sections 711 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of “Buddy”® Poppies for the Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of “Buddy”® Poppies shall be used in accordance with sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure.

8. Recent changes to the VFW National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. This edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order* is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

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

Post Nos. 4767 and 5568 consolidated as Post No. 4767, Aliceville, Alabama
Post Nos. 3523 and 3642 consolidated as Post No. 3523, Carlyle, Illinois
Post Nos. 8947 and 7638 consolidated as Post No. 8947, Mineral, Virginia
Post Nos. 753 and 7049 consolidated as Post No. 753, Minot, North Dakota

10. Announcement is made of the authorization of the charters for the following Posts:

Post No. 12164 – Atlanta-Buckhead, Georgia
12165 – Trenton, New Jersey

BY COMMAND OF
KEITH E. HARMAN
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:



Brian J. Duffy
Adjutant General