

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

General Orders No. 4

2015-16 Series

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF:

Michael Maddox, Post 2214, Cullman, AL
Christopher Kozakiewicz, Post 9907, Show Low, AZ
Darrel Moore, Post 9632, Page, AZ
Richard Martin, Post 10483, Hot Springs, AR
Richard Leuck, Post 2774, Salem, CT
Douglas Raymond, Post 9565, Broomfield, CO
Ruth Drake-Heyob, Post 63, Boise, ID
Gerold Abraham, Post 11018, Bartlett, IL
John Fessler, Post 1308, Alton, IL
Bradley Gould, Post 630, Urbana, IL
Stephen Thomas, Post 342, Rockford, IL
Aaron Cardwell, Post 4075, Frankfort, KY
Bruce Bridson, Post 5680, Saint Helen, MI
Clifford Harris, Post 1136, Wyandotte, MI
James Hubbard, Post 334, Oxford, MI
Richard Kummerow, Post 9455, Owosso, MI
Frank Belgarde, Post 10010, East Helena, MT
Sammy De John, Post 8334, Omaha, NE
Gary Backus, Post 8401, Bedford, NH
Anthony Yarbrough, Post 8084, Yerington, NV
Francis Scahill, Post 1616, Williamstown, NJ
Antonio Fonseca, Post 2929, Smithfield, RI
Dentist Harvin, Post 6500, Kingstree, SC
Gary Bridges, Post 4709, Conroe, TX
Tashawnya McCullough, Post 4676, Universal City, TX
Albert Mireles, Post 76, San Antonio, TX
Melvin Parker, Post 6284, Kermit, TX
William Shaffer, Post 2427, Tomball, TX
Richard Shawver, Post 3893, Nacogdoches, TX
Russell Bibens, Post 6689, Essex Junction, VT
Gregory Ham, Post 2995, Redmond, WA
Charles Noble, Post 10711, Wellpinit, WA
John Darnell, Post 954, Lander, WY

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL:

Michael Hudson, Post 49, Mobile, AL
Jeffrey Eiler, Post 1433, Glendale, AZ
Robert Wilson, Post 3516, Kingman, AZ
Carrol Campbell, Post 11474, North Little Rock, AR
Charles Ackerman, Post 4663, Clifton, CO
John Larensen, Post 5095, East Hampton, CT
George Barlett, Post 10154, Honolulu, HI
Alan Roach, Post 10320, Clark Fork, ID
Thomas Davidson, Post 7712, Niles, IL
Thomas Denman, Post 4308, Lake Villa, IL

Donald Judd, Post 6190, Farmer City, IL
Matthew McCarthy, Post 3999, Flora, IL
Steven Fetty, Post 3852, Falls of Rough, KY
James Burger, Post 8135, Barton City, MI
Shane Houghton, Post 12082, Ionia, MI
Robert Lutz, Post 1794, Warren, MI
Michael Martin, Post 1136, Wyandotte, MI
Laureen Hawley, Post 1087, Great Falls, MT
Roger Broeker, Post 1504, North Platte, NE
Robert Snider, Post 3396, Sparks, NV
David Ouellette, Post 5791, Hudson, NH
William Young, Post 370, Highland Park, NJ
John Rogers, Post 5392, Tiverton, RI
George Watts, Post 3354, Laurens, SC
James Carter, Post 6873, Abilene, TX
Michael Contreras, Post 8790, Houston, TX
Jose Duran, Post 7108, Helotes, TX
Delbert Hackett, Post 7110, New Braunfels, TX
James Seales, Post 2775, Orange, TX
John Tellier, Post 4709, Conroe, TX
Richard Abare, Post 9653, Morrisville, VT
David Guinsler, Post 3386, Airway Heights, WA
Dean Miller, Post 239, Bremerton, WA
Charles Sutter, Post 4797, Afton, 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, 2015. 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. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post Nos. 10210 and 3918 consolidated as Post No. 10210, Sebastian, Florida

Post Nos. 97 and 1468 consolidated as Post No. 97, Bakersfield, California

Post Nos. 802 and 3029 consolidated as Post No. 802, Hammond, Indiana

BY COMMAND OF
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:



John E. Hamilton
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