

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

General Orders No. 3

2017-18 Series

1. Members are reminded that under the subscription dues plan, an annual members dues expire on their anniversary date. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary date to avoid a lapse in continuous membership. Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues by their anniversary date, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year.

In addition, every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and recover former members at all times during the year.

2. For clarification purposes, use of the VFW Legacy Life Membership card as suitable identification when verifying a member's credentials is permissible, however, the member's original Life Membership card may be required in certain circumstances where state/local laws, or Post rules, require proof of Post affiliation to participate in certain unit activities.

3. 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 (25) of the National Manual of Procedure.

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


Post Nos. 1584 and 10912 consolidated as Post No. 1584, Adrian, Michigan
Post Nos. 3167 and 1410 consolidated as Post No. 3167, Williamsburg, Kentucky
Post Nos. 1123 and 11099 consolidated as Post No. 1123, Vallejo, California
Post Nos. 2542 and 2481 consolidated as Post No. 2542, Arcata, California
Post Nos. 10999 and 10001 consolidated as Post No. 10999, Raleigh, North Carolina
Post Nos. 8180 and 10216 consolidated as Post No. 8180, Songtan-Si, Korea
Post Nos. 4521 and 10484 consolidated as Post No. 4521, De Queen, Arkansas
Post Nos. 10689 and 241 consolidated as Post No. 10689, Ellington, Connecticut

5. Announcement is made of the authorization of the charter for the following Post:

Post No. 12162 – Pleasanton, Texas

BY COMMAND OF
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