

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF:

Brett Spencer, Post 1685, Anchorage, AK
William Hensley, Post 7234, Ocean View, DE
Michael Clinesmith, Post 9226, Ellenton, FL
Ronald Evans, Post 3233, Sarasota, FL
Terry Guthrie, Post 4305, Winter Garden, FL
Kevin Hice, Post 5450, Crestview, FL
John Kieffer, Post 4256, Madeira Beach, FL
Charles Norris, Post 10539, Okeechobee, FL
Bernard Brosnihan, Post 10727, Omaha, NE
John Ringland, Post 707, Mandan, ND
Gregory Drais, Post 4248, Portland, OR
Rex Brown, Post 879, Cranberry Township, PA
Cecil Dennis, Post 5958, Titusville, PA
Charles Lewis, Post 879, Cranberry Township, PA
Hugh MacPherson, Post 879, Cranberry Township, PA
Edward Stefanak, Post 3447, Gaffney, SC

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL:

Heidi Anderson, Post 3836, Talkeetna, AK
Stephen McGuire, Post 475, Newark, DE
Donald Bult, Post 11406, Oceanway, FL
Gene Dale, Post 12186, Oldsmar, FL
Edward Drohan, Post 4364, St. Petersburg, FL
George Higginbotham, Post 7909, Jacksonville, FL
Jason Smith, Post 10094, Largo, FL
William Thompson, Post 3349, Palatka, FL
Roger Broeker, Post 1504, North Platte, NE
Richard Belling, Post 7564, West Fargo, ND
Anthony Bowman, Post 922, Pendleton, OR
Edwin Burkhart, Post 128, Rochester, PA
Wesley Hill, Post 128, Rochester, PA
Jeffrey Knirnschild, Post 7505, Mars, PA
Michael Mc Lane, Post 7069, Clarks Summit, PA
James Taylor, Post 12136, Indian Land, SC

2. Members are reminded that under the subscription dues model, an annual members dues expire on the last day of the month of which they paid the previous year. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership.

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Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues, by the end of anniversary month, 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.

3. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages and smoking/vaping 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 or the use of smoking/vaping products in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are unacceptable and are prohibited.

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. 9156 and 1230 consolidated as Post No. 9156, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
- Post Nos. 5662 and 7453 consolidated as Post No. 5662, Newport, Kentucky
- Post Nos. 7447 and 7422 consolidated as Post No. 7447, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
- Post Nos. 5516 and 8831 consolidated as Post No. 5516, Keewatin, Minnesota
- Post Nos. 2002 and 6358 consolidated as Post No. 2002, Tulare, California
- Post Nos. 5057 and 8499 consolidated as Post No. 5057, Fresno, California
- Post Nos. 5869 and 559 consolidated as Post No. 5869, Hanford, California

BY COMMAND OF
WILLIAM "DOC" SCHMITZ
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:



Kevin C. Jones
Adjutant General