

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF:

Tammy Johnson, Post 5162, Huntsville, AL
Brit Brandt, Post 404, Mohave Valley, AZ
Joseph Dora, Post 720, Phoenix, AZ
Paula Jansen, Post 5867, Lakeside, CA
Mark LeTourneau, Post 4089, Temecula, CA
Keith MacDonald, Post 5867, Lakeside, CA
John Norwood, Post 2441, Colusa, CA
Charles Coper, Post 101, Colorado Springs, CO
Neal Fitzgerald, Post 2557, Madison, GA
Patsey Nuzum, Post 8385, Kings Bay, GA
Sean Mattimoe, Post 970, Hickam AFB, HI
Bobby Tettleton, Post 7019, Kuna, ID
Eugene Blackwell, Post 311, Richton Park, IL
Michelle Ramlow, Post 1756, Lincoln, IL
Jimmie Waters, Post 454, Bloomington, IL
Lawrence Blankman, Post 717, Saint John, IN
Troy King, Post 2695, Shelbyville, IN
Laura Mckee, Post 1587, Indianapolis, IN
Richard Mrozinski, Post 9423, Rolling Prairie, IN
Paul Williams, Post 1121, Kewanna, IN
John Hooker, Post 1361, Hutchinson, KS
Darrell Love, Post 6957, Haysville, KS
Ernest Moscoe, Post 6423, Erlanger, KY
Roger Ferrier, Post 8290, Lacombe, LA
James Proctor, Post 11362, Naples, ME
Keith Gopsill, Post 29, Haverhill, MA
Richard Gormley, Post 2902, West Roxbury, MA
Garold Gamble, Post 345, Redford Township, MI
Jennifer Smith, Post 6464, Fowlerville, MI
Larry Thayer, Post 9455, Owosso, MI
Gary Anderson, Post 6587, Spring Lake Park, MN
Douglas Doerfler, Post 1296, Bloomington, MN
Terry Tolar, Post 4877, Booneville, MS
Carey Dill, Post 2252, Kalispell, MT
Glenn Della-Monica, Post 5791, Hudson, NH
Joseph Orlando, Post 5941, North Wildwood, NJ
Lester Ponder, Post 12165, Trenton, NJ
William Sampolski, Post 3324, Runnemede, NJ

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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Vincent Lawrence, Post 7686, Alamogordo, NM
Ronald Barry, Post 2246, Rome, NY
Edward Bergmann, Post 6780, Dansville, NY
Wayne Campbell, Post 6433, Waterloo, NY
Douglas Herbert, Post 2250, Hornell, NY
Neil Jordan, Post 1896, Jamaica, NY
Dennis La Que, Post 358, Ballston, NY
James Mc Nally, Post 53, Jamestown, NY
Patrick Rourk, Post 1143, Massena, NY
Edward Todd, Post 672, Brewster, NY
Mark Carey, Post 7318, Southern Pines, NC
Larry Evans, Post 4203, Rockingham, NC
Robert Kroeger, Post 3360, Defiance, OH
William Mangus, Post 4464, Gallipolis, OH
David Rhodes, Post 5645, Findlay, OH
Gus Vitali, Post 9550, Centerville, OH
Shannon Wagoner, Post 3035, Delphos, OH
Gordon Wheeler, Post 9969, Del City, OK
Stephen Stewart, Post 916, Peace Dale, RI
Roger Hansen, Post 2118, Brookings, SD
Thomas Belcher, Post 1291, Nashville, TN.
Kimberly King, Post 10904, Manchester, TN
Robert Martinez, Post 2059, Kirby, TX
William Oaks, Post 2059, Dallas, TX
Lupita Perez, Post 12178, Weslaco, TX
Raymond Richardson, Post 2150, McKinney, TX
Ashley Taylor, Post 4709, Conroe, TX
Eddie Terry, Post 7835, Granbury, TX
Chester Day, Post 7398, Magna, UT
Michael Choquette, Post 792, Montpelier, VT
Charles Keller, Post 969, Tacoma, WA
Filiberto Rivera, Post 24, Quincy, WA
Robert Caruthers, Post 9926, Mason, WV
Leroy Jansky, Post 1038, Chippewa Falls, WI
Kerry McAllen, Post 7591, Madison, WI
Donovan Mack, Post 4471, Guernsey, WY

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL:

Stephen Connolly, Post 6837, Boaz, AL
Christopher Pavan, Post 3715, Phoenix, AZ
David Price, Post 10005, Bullhead City, AZ
Kevin Aqueche, Post 3199, Modesto, CA
Selso Cavazos, Post 1487, Roseville, CA
Douglas Scholl, Post 3783, Ramona, CA
Kenneth Trexler, Post 4095, Olivehurst, CA
Martin Yingling, Post 2805, Canoga Park, CA
Leonard Ladue, Post 3981, Grand Junction, CO

Arnold Gonzales, Post 6445, Harlem, GA
John Kepler, Post 9143, Cumming, GA
Leslie Carter, Post 94, Honolulu, HI
Dale Smith, Post 3646, Glenns Ferry, ID
Ryan Higginbotham, Post 4226, Olney, IL
Keith Krull, Post 450, Alsip, IL
John Maggio, Post 630, Urbana, IL
Jerry Blake, Post 1114, Evansville, IN
Paul Dupont, Post 1114, Evansville, IN
David Fradenburg, Post 1108, Richmond, IN
Rebecca Murphy, Post 1282, New Castle, IN
Terry Fletcher, Post 7253, Derby, KS
Vincent Van Cleave, Post 3279, Abilene, KS
William Apple, Post 1170, Middletown, KY
Leander Daigle, Post 9903, Church Point, LA
John Bouchard, Post 9389, Caribou, ME
Christine Bassett, Post 3236, Ludlow, MA
Sean Carnell, Post 1399, Weymouth, MA
Richard Kummerow, Post 9455, Owosso, MI
William Ogden, Post 6464, Fowlerville, MI
George Wygant, Post 6464, Fowlerville, MI
Glen Carlton, Post 11543, Osseo, MN
Darrin Ewing, Post 9024, Woodbury, MN
Michael Meyer, Post 3723, Owatonna, MN
Robert Cochran, Post 3373, Pascagoula, MS
Richard Osborn, Post 12181, Billings, MT
Richard Tripp, Post 8546, Salem, NH
Brian Green, Post 12165, Trenton, NJ
Kevin O'Brien, Post 9462, Absecon, NJ
John Vollrath, Post 5941, North Wildwood, NJ
Jason Lee, Post 7686, Alamogordo, NM
Barbara Bishop, Post 8645, New Paltz, NY
Firth Turner, Post 8259, Stittville, NY
James Wilson, Post 357, Schenectady, NY
Alan Wood, Post 5885, Oswego, NY
Kenneth Sellers, Post 1920, Mebane, NC
Timothy Stone, Post 9133, Jacksonville, NC
James Dickens, Post 5532, Washingtonville, OH
Michael Maloney, Post 7262, Greenville, OH
Martin Moore, Post 1662, Amherst, OH
Anthony Muniz, Post 6596, Liberty Center, OH
Chester Tenhundfeld, Post 6428, Addyston, OH
Jeremy Owen, Post 8798, Eufaula, OK
William Siano, Post 8955, Westerly, RI
Charles McKean, Post 3298, Parkston, SD
Hundley Ford, Post 5109, Lewisburg, TN

Eric Spurbeck, Post 5156, Sweetwater, TN
Anson Booker, Post 3892, Harker Heights, TX
Ingeborg Conley, Post 12075, Humble, TX
Robert Dodd, Post 8568, Livingston, TX
Phillip DuBois, Post 4692, Bryan, TX
Marcey Phillips, Post 4709, Conroe, TX
Fred Taylor, Post 6395, Spanish Fork, UT
Ronald Tallman, Post 790, Barre, VT
Neil Gamroth, Post 4760, Sequim, WA
Constance Kimmons, Post 11402, Lacey, WA
William Wilson, Post 7048, East Fairmont, WV
Joseph Hines, Post 1318, Madison, WI
Norbert Lee, Post 6352, Stratford, WI
Randy Reed, Post 3093, Worland, WY

2. Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been changed to a 12-month dues structure that started July 1, 2018. The changes to subscription dues to a “DMV” model now allows anyone who becomes a member or renews membership after July 1, 2019, to postpone expiration until the last day of their 12th month. For example, if a new member joins or an existing member renews on July 5, 2019, their dues now expire on July 31, 2020. The annual membership card (effective July 1, 2019) reflects the month and year dues expire.

Current members that are in good standing as of July 1, 2019, have been extended in OMS through the last day of the month when their dues are scheduled to expire. Regardless of the month they renewed, as long as they were in good standing as of July 1, 2019, they now have until the end of the expiration month to renew their dues.

Members that are in good standing but have not renewed for the 2019/20 membership year will see the changes on their digital ID card reflecting the updated month and year when their dues expire. They will have the option to request an updated annual membership card with the change reflecting the expiration month and year.

The purpose of the changes to subscription dues to a “DMV” model was to streamline the process for both the Post and Department Quartermasters to track expiring annual members. No longer will Posts and Departments have to chase annual members’ dues on a daily basis; instead they can see a block of members during a specific month (one, two and three months out), allowing them to formulate a plan to collect dues at one time. This also makes it easier for the Department/District/Post Sergeant-at-Arms to quickly see if a member is in good standing prior to a meeting.

3. Section 220 of the National Bylaws, “Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members” states, "Any elected 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, 2019. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. 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 Bylaws 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 Bylaws 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 Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Newly revised *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. 6796 and 3359 consolidated as Post No. 6796, Dallas, Texas

Post Nos. 4403 and 2467 consolidated as Post No. 4403, Port Lavaca, Texas

Post Nos. 6701 and 9308 consolidated as Post No. 6701, Washington, New Jersey

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

Post No. 12191 – Carrollton, Mississippi

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

OFFICIAL:



Kevin C. Jones
Adjutant General