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### **GENERAL ORDERS-2020-21 SERIES - #3 – September 2021**

**Post Adjutants are reminded to read and post the General Orders at your next meeting.** The National Bylaws provide for only one type of membership; active membership. There are no provisions in the National Bylaws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting nonmembers to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. VFW Posts should take the necessary steps to incorporate under the laws of the state in which the Post is located. Financial responsibility laws, as interpreted by the courts, may cause members of unincorporated Posts to be at risk. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner. All officers should obtain current 2021 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2021 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 122th National Convention, which became effective on August 24, 2021. If you are not in compliance with any of the following items, contact the department immediately so we can help. Inspectors are reminded to look for these three documents. - IRS Form 990 filed - Incorporated with the State of Wyoming (updated every year) - Quartermaster is bonded

By order of:

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