



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

MARCH 2022
No. 8

GENERAL ORDERS
2021 – 2022 Series

1. **Currently Austin-Travis County is in Stage 2 COVID-19 restrictions. To request an in-person appointment to visit the Department of Texas VFW HQs, please call the main phone line (512-834-8535) and press 1.**

2. **District Meetings for March 2022 through May 2022:**

- District 17 March 5th HEARTS Veterans Museum of Texas
463 State Highway 75 North,
Huntsville, Texas, 77320
- District 4 March 19th Post 9187-Houston
- District 8 April 9th Post 6873-Abilene
- District 24 April 9th Post 4146-Victoria
- District 3 April 10th Post 6796-Dallas
- District 14 April 22nd-23rd Post 3892-Harker Heights
- District 5 April 23rd Post 7110-New Braunfels
- District 17 April 23rd Post 4816-Porter
- District 19 April 23rd Post 3893-Nacogdoches
- District 25 April 23rd Post 4372-Odessa
- District 30 April 23rd Post 4376-Seven Points
- District 13 April 24th Post 1480-Kerrville
- District 18 April 24th Post 2035-Brownsville
- District 10 April 30th Post 812-El Paso
- District 28 May 1st Post 8925-Pilot Knob/Austin
- District 9 May 7th Post 2466-Lubbock
- District 29 May 7th Post 4819-West
- District 2 May 14th Post 4820-Port Neches
- District 6 May 14th Post 6386-Ingleside
- District 12 May 14th Post 3992-Mount Vernon
- District 20 May 14th Location to be determined
- District 16 May 14th-15th Post 6378-Dickinson
- District 4 May 21st Post 2427-Tomball
- District 1 May 22nd Post 10460-Lake Dallas
- District 21 May 22nd Post 8911-Ft. Worth

3. **District Commanders:** If you are going to cancel a District meeting, please notify not only your Posts respectively but also the State Adjutant, Lupita Perez, as soon as possible so that the Department Representative can be notified.

4. **Candidates for Department Office 2022-2023:**

State Commander, Lynn Toomer, Post 10429, Benbrook, D-21
State Senior Vice Commander, Larry Sanders, Post 10241, Lytle, D-20
State Junior Vice Commander, Anson Booker, Post 3892, Harker Heights, D-14
State Junior Vice Commander, Andrew Camplen, Post 688, Boerne, D-13
State Junior Vice Commander, Larry Levy, Post 5873, New Boston, D-12
State Junior Vice Commander, Robert Martinez, Jr., Post 2059, Kirby, D-20
State Junior Vice Commander, Jack Mageluzzo, Jr., Post 4403, Port Lavaca, D-24
State Quartermaster, Ben Lowrance, Post 1475, Amarillo, D-9
State Quartermaster, William “Bill” E. Smith, Post 8541, San Antonio, D-20
State Chaplain, Timothy Anderson, Post 3894, Waxahachie, D-30
State Chaplain, Michael “Foy” Day, Post 4692, Bryan, D-17
State Judge Advocate, Keith King, Post 3278, Brownwood, D-8
State Judge Advocate, Larry Velasquez, Post 8932, Corpus Christi, D-6
State Surgeon, Gerard P. “Jerry” Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3
State Surgeon, Randall Johnston, Post 4376, Seven Points, D-30
National Council Member, Inge Conley, Post 12075, Humble, D-4
National Council Member, Keith King, Post 3278, Brownwood, D-8

5. **State Commander Macey’s Homecoming:**

The State Commander’s Homecoming will be held in Porter, Texas, on March 24-26, 2022. Click on the link below:

<https://www.texasvfw.org/2022-state-commander-s-homecoming>

Registration is now open with registration fee of \$40.00 per person. Deadline to register is March 15, 2022. Golf Tournament Form, Event Agenda are now available. **The hotel room block is currently closed as of March 4th.**

6. **Post Nominations/Election of Officers:** In accordance with Section 217 of the Manual Procedure, nominations of Post Officers shall be open in March and election of Officers shall be concluded in April or May.

NOTE: Post election reports should be filed shortly after the final nomination and Election of Officers at the April or May District meetings. Posts should use the Online Membership System (OMS) on the National VFW website. For those Posts who cannot complete the election report in OMS, please forward it to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters.

7. **102nd Annual State Convention-Department of Texas VFW:** The Annual State Convention is scheduled for June 15-19, 2022, in Durant, Oklahoma, at the Choctaw Conference Center. You can go to the link below and book your hotel reservations at the Choctaw Casino Resort.

<https://www.texasvfw.org/general-8>

8. **National Vietnam War Veterans Day:** National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29, is a day to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice and to remember those still listed as missing in action.

On this day, we honor the millions of servicemen and women who served in Vietnam. We recognize those who became prisoners of war; and commemorate the more than 58,000 who paid the ultimate sacrifice and the more than 1,600 who are still missing in action.

To honor the over half a million Texans who served in Vietnam, a special Texas Limited Edition Vietnam War commemorative book *A Time to Honor: Stories of Service, Duty, and Sacrifice* is available to them, compliments of Governor Greg Abbott.

Whether you served during Vietnam or had a family member who did, this book honors that service. To receive the book, send your request to the Texas Veterans Commission comm@tvc.texas.gov.

9. **Attention Post Commanders:** You need to ensure that your Post is represented at all District meetings which is part of your duties as a Post Commander. Choose a Post officer to represent your Post at District meetings if you are unable to attend. Failure to fulfill your responsibilities will have consequences.

10. **District Election Packets:** The District Election Packets for all the incoming District Commanders will be emailed to the incoming District Commanders prior to their District meetings in April and May. It is very important that all incoming District Commanders fill out and return the forms to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters as soon as elections are completed.

11. **Closing Comments:** We will continue to work on "War for Membership." It is our biggest hope for our future. If we truly believe that "No One Does More for Veterans" we must have members. Contact Eddie Terry, State Membership Chair, for assistance via email: eddie.l.terry@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing everyone at my State Commander Homecoming next month in Porter, Texas. Thank you all for the hard work that everyone puts in on behalf of their respective Posts and Districts.

By order of:

Norman J. Macey

Norman J. Macey, State Commander



Attested By:

Lupita M. Perez

Lupita M. Perez, State Adjutant