



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

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No. 9

GENERAL ORDERS
2021 – 2022 Series

1. **Currently, Austin-Travis County still has COVID-19 restrictions in place. 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 April 2022 through May 2022:**

- 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 Crowne Plaza San Antonio Airport
1111 NE Interstate 410 Loop
San Antonio, Texas 78209
- 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 M. 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. **Post Nominations/Election of Officers:** In accordance with Section 217 of the Manual Procedure, Election of Officers shall be conducted in April.

NOTE: Post election reports should be filed shortly after the final nomination and Election of Officers at the April Post meetings. **Per the 2021-2022 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on page 13, the deadline to submit Post Election Reports is Monday, May 2, 2022.**

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.

Post Delegates need to be nominated and elected at April Post meetings.

6. **Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers:** All VFW Posts and Districts are reminded of the provisions of Sections 216 and 416 of the VFW Manual of Procedure that Officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed, or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted to their respective Post Adjutant or District Adjutant and properly reviewed.

7. **District Nominations/Election of Officers:** Elected Officers shall be nominated and elected at their respective District Convention and shall be conducted in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.

Officers shall not assume office if they are in arrears in their yearly dues. Any Officer who during their term of office does not pay their dues when due, will be removed by National Headquarters and will not be able to assume any office for the remainder of the current calendar year.

District Commanders, District Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, District Adjutants, and Quartermasters upon being elected and installed will provide a copy of their discharge papers (DD-214's) to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters.

NOTE: Check with the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters to confirm if your DD-214 is already on file by contacting Wyonda Laurence, Department Secretary: wyonda@texasvfw.org.

8. **Resolutions for Department of Texas VFW State Convention:** VFW Posts desiring to submit resolutions for consideration by their District prior to convening of the State Convention must present the resolution to their District in time for their District Convention.

Upon approval by the District, copies of the resolution must reach the Department of Texas VFW State Adjutant, Lupita M. Perez, in time to be prepared for the 2022 State Convention.

Any proposed By-Law changes and resolutions must be submitted from the Post through the District to the Department no later than Monday, May 16, 2022.

9. **Nominations are now open for District 10 Trustee position for the VFW National Home for Children:** Requirements for the Board of Trustees open position for District #10 (includes Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) are as follows:

- Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, June 1, 2022.
- The position oversees, guides, promotes, and supports the VFW National Home for Children.
- The newly elected District 10 Trustee will serve with eleven (11) other elected National Home District Trustees and 5 ex-officio Trustees: VFW Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, National President and National Secretary/Treasurer.

- The VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees meets up to 4 times annually.
- VFW and VFW Auxiliary members seeking candidacy must meet the following requirements:
 1. Be a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children for at least one year prior to nomination.
 2. Be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its Auxiliary.
 3. Be a resident of the National Home District which he/she represents OR reside within a 50-mile commuting distance of the National Home District.
 4. Obtain the written endorsement of his or her respective Department or Department Auxiliary.
 5. The Department Commander and Adjutant or President and Secretary should personally sign the endorsement letter OR include a Cc line notifying each other of the written endorsement.
- Written nominations for candidates to run for District 10 Trustee of the VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees shall be submitted on or before June 1, 2022.

The written nomination must include the following requirements:

1. Written Endorsement from your Department.
2. Candidate Biography including candidate's qualifications - no more than 200 words in length.
3. All nomination materials must include the candidate's:
 - *VFW Post or Auxiliary affiliation
 - *Mailing address
 - *Phone number(s)
 - *Email address

If you have any questions, please contact State Adjutant Lupita Perez or Wyonda Laurence, Department Secretary.

10.102nd Annual State Convention-Department of Texas VFW: The Annual State Convention is scheduled for June 15-19, 2022, in Durant, Oklahoma, at the Choctaw Casino Resort.

Banquet Ticket Sales and Event Agenda will be posted soon on the Department of Texas VFW website. You can go to the link below and book your hotel reservations at the Choctaw Casino Resort. **The last day to make your hotel reservation is Wednesday, June 1, 2022.**

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

11. 2022 Officer Training Seminar (OTS): The 2022 Officer Training Seminar will be held July 7-10, 2022, in Austin. More details will be posted soon on the Department of Texas VFW website. You can go to the link below for more information:

<https://www.texasvfw.org/about-3>

12. 2022-2023 State Commander's Homecoming: The Homecoming for incoming State Commander Lynn Toomer will be held October 6-9, 2022, in Fort Worth. More details will be posted soon on the Department of Texas VFW website.

13. 2022 VFW National Convention: The 2022 VFW National Convention will be held July 16-21-2022, in Kansas City, Missouri. Go the link below for more details.

<https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/123rd-vfw-national-convention>

14. Closing Comments: Thanks to everyone who attended my Commander Homecoming in March in Porter, Texas. Everyone enjoyed all the activities and the “Sock Hop” on Friday night was quite entertaining! Thanks to all the VFW and Auxiliary members at VFW Post 4816-Porter, that made the Homecoming a great success!

I am hoping many of you will be joining us at the 102nd Annual Department of Texas VFW State Convention in Durant, Oklahoma, at the Choctaw Casino and Resort (June 15-19, 2022). As always, 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, State Commander

Attested By:



Lupita M. Perez, State Adjutant

