

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA**

General Orders No. 5

To be read at the next regular meeting.

November 2018

2018-19 Series

1. **National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure** - All Posts are required to purchase the revised By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, currently available from the VFW Store. You can order this by calling 1-800-821-2606, or online at www.vfwstore.org
2. **Mid Winter Council of Administration** will be hosted by Susitna Post 9365, Wasilla, January 11 - 12, 2019. See attached for additional information.
3. **RAFFLE:** The Department's 10,000 Raffle tickets will be distributed at Mid-Winter. If you will not be there please let Department know that you'd like tickets, ASAP. Please remit all sold tickets immediately so that they can be logged. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them to Headquarters so that they can be redistributed to those individuals seeking more.
4. Attention is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990T where applicable. Forms may be obtained from your local Post Office or branch of the IRS.
5. **POST DUES RESERVE:** Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which mandates Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than one-half of the Post's part of the current year's dues paid by each member prior to July 1, 2019. No Post Quartermaster shall disburse, nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 2019, at which time it shall be transferred to the Post General Fund and be available for expenditure.
6. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. **The first report was due at the close of September.** There are blank forms available on our website at www.alaskavfw.org
Do not mail these reports to National Headquarters. These are to be returned to Quartermaster Minnick at Department Headquarters: 500 E Park Ave, Wasilla, AK 99654
7. **POST OFFICERS:** Please review Department and National membership programs and the "Leadership Manual" published by National Headquarters to familiarize yourselves with awards, deadlines, etc. Both manuals are available on our website under the "Resources" tab.
8. Posts are reminded of the importance of hosting programs for the observance of Veterans Day. For a ceremonial procedure refer to the pages in the current VFW Manual of Procedure and Ritual.
9. **VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM MONTH IN NOVEMBER:** VFW and Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students. Visit the VFW Store to obtain materials to assist you!
10. All Posts should be actively involved in preparations to conduct their local Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year programs. **Deadline for entries to be received by your Department Chairman is December 1, 2018, NO EXCEPTIONS!** All entries are to be returned to Department Headquarters: 500 E Park Ave., Wasilla, AK 99564. A confirmation email will be sent to the Post Commander as entries are received.

11. **Buddy Poppy** - Buddy Poppy season is in full swing. Please be sure your Post has ordered its poppies. All poppy orders are to be sent to Department Headquarters at 500 E Park Ave, Wasilla, AK 99654 with payment attached.
12. **ATTENTION:** The Community Projects Reporting Form, included in General Orders each month, has a space allotted for each Post and Auxiliary for reporting projects, hours and dollars. Department would greatly appreciate the use of this form in order to accurately and expeditiously assign credit. If you cannot locate your form or never received one, you may obtain a new one on our website at www.alaskavfw.org, under the 'Resources' tab.
13. **LAST ROLL CALL:**

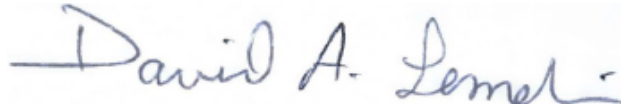
Robert O Armstrong	Post 5559
John L Bisom	Post 5559
George B Dollarhides	Post 5559
Harold "Jim" Dress	Post 10221

OFFICIAL



Mel Sheppard
State Adjutant

BY THE ORDER OF:



Dave Lemelin
State Commander

Final Note: November and December, having significant dates in history for Veterans, are great months to hand out flags, appear in schools, and promote patriotism. *Remember* to include all Americanism in your monthly reports.

NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day (formerly Armistice Day) ended World War I (The war to end all wars) Please remember our fallen Comrades this Day and offer up a Prayer to the Soldiers, Sailors and Airpersons currently standing in harms way.

Please utilize the Department website to access additional forms and information.
www.alaskavfw.org

DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE VFW Post 9365

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

Department VFW Commander, Dave Lemelin's, & Department Auxiliary President, Kim Hackett's, HOMECOMING DINNER – ROARING 20's THEME

No Host Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a Murder Mystery to start during cocktail hour. (Roaring 20's Dress)

VFW Auction following dinner.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

VFW Meeting at VFW Post 9365 ~ 9:00 A.M.

VFW Auxiliary Meeting at Best Western Hotel ~ 9:00 A.M.

LUNCH BAR @ VFW Post 9365

MID-WINTER BANQUET - Susitna Post 9365

No-Host Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Auxiliary \$10,000 Raffle immediately following dinner

Shuttle service will be provided January 11 – 12 from Best Western Hotel and VFW Post 9365 to meetings and special functions.

Registration & Shuttle information

REGISTRATION: Registration ends December 15, 2018

Registration Desk will be open Friday, January 11 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

MID-WINTER AUXILIARY \$10,000 DRAWING

Drawing will be held at VFW Post 9365 following the banquet dinner.

CONFERENCE SHUTTLE SERVICE

VFW Post 9365 will not be running shuttle service from/to Ted Steven's Anchorage International Airport. Our post will run shuttle service between Best Western Hotel, and VFW Post 9365.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Mid-Winter Conference 2019

Hosted by: Susitna Post 9365
301 East Lake View Ave
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Name: _____ Title: _____ Post/Aux. #: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____ Post/Aux. #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BANQUET TICKET REQUEST:

Cut off for Banquet Tickets is December 15, 2018

**THERE WILL NOT BE ANY TICKETS SOLD OR
AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!!!!**

OPTION A:

Roast Beef
Dinner Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Dessert

OPTION B:

Parmesan Chicken Breast
Dinner Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Dessert

Tickets: _____ x \$35.00

Tickets: _____ x \$35.00

Total Amount: \$ _____

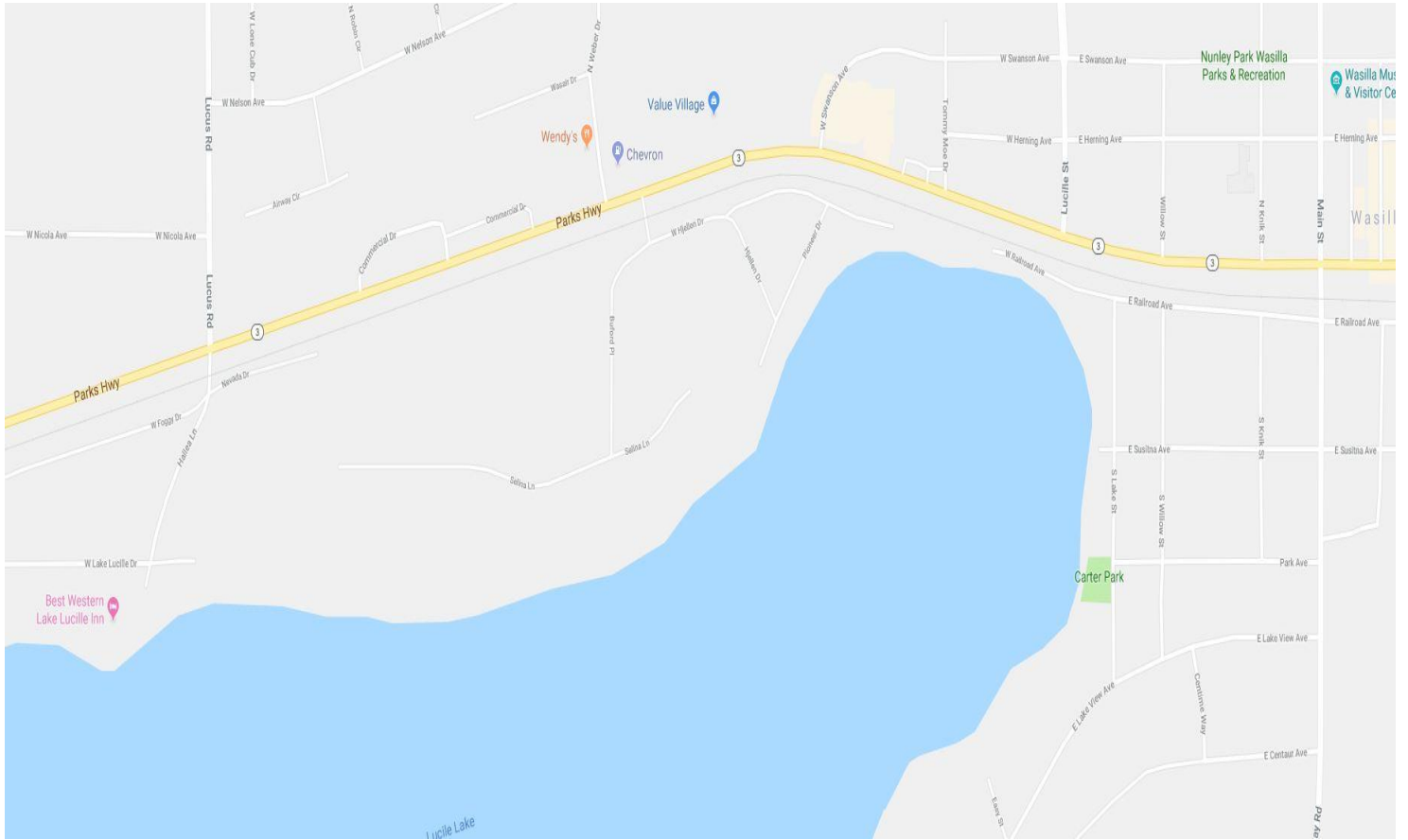
Total Amount: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **VFW Post 9365.**

Mail check(s) & Pre-Registration form to:

VFW Post 9365
ATTN. Mid-Winter Conference
1620 South Audie Street
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Map from VFW Post 9365 to Best Western Hotel



**Best Western
Lake Lucille Inn
1300 W Lake Lucille Drive
Wasilla, Alaska 99654
(907) 373-1776**



Single \$89.99 plus tax
Double \$107.99 plus tax

Check in: 3:00 p.m.
Check out: 11:00 a.m.

Hotel Amenities:

- Complimentary breakfast with choice of breads, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, coffee, and more
- 24-hour front desk assistance
- Free parking
- Guest fax services, 24/7
- Business center
- On-site guest laundry, coin operated

Room Amenities:

- Cable satellite television
- AM/FM alarm clock
- Coffee/tea maker
- Hairdryer
- Iron/ironing board
- Refrigerator
- Wake-up calls
- Microwave (upon request)
- Mobility accessible rooms (upon request)

Dial the Lake Lucille Inn directly at **(907) 373-1776**, and ask for "**VFW block**".
Online reservations will not receive the negotiated rate, you must call directly!

VFW rates will be honored until **December 10, 2018**

PATRIOT'S PEN POST COMMANDER / CHAIRMAN

It is imperative that the student entries are properly submitted in order for consideration. Please use the below checklist to be sure you are sending a complete package to your Department Chairman.

FIRST - Did your student complete all necessary portions on the front of the form?

If your student failed to complete all portions of the entry form, contact them and have it corrected prior to submitting the entry.

- Completed entry form
 - To include "Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature // Post#"
 - To include "Post Address // City, State, Zip"
 - To include "No. of students participating"
 - This is the number of entries received at your Post
 - To include "Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$"
 - This includes all monetary awards from your Post
 - To include "Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.)\$"
- Neatly typed essay, attached to entry form.

****NOTE** In no way may the contestants identify themselves within their essay, or on their essay. The entry form serves as a coversheet. Be sure it is securely fastened to the essay, prior to submission.**

All entries must be to the Department Chairman by December 1st.

**VFW Department Headquarters
Attn: Patriot's Pen Chairman
500 E Park Avenue
Wasilla, AK 99654**

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

It is imperative that the Teacher of the Year nominations are properly submitted in order for consideration. Please use the below checklist to be sure you are sending a complete package to your Department Chairman.

- **Completed entry form**
 - To include Nominated Teacher information
 - * Name
 - * Email
 - * Subject and grade taught
 - * Current school
 - * School address
 - * School phone #
 - To include Number of words in written essay (**not to exceed 350**)
 - To include Person Nominating Teacher
 - * Name
 - * Address
 - * City, State, Zip
 - * Phone #
 - * Date submitted
 - * Signature

Please review the front of the entry form carefully and be sure all the information has been completed in its entirety.

STOP! BEFORE SUBMITTING TO YOUR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN, HAVE YOU ENCLOSED THE FOLLOWING?

- Completed entry form
- Neatly hand printed or typed written nomination, not to exceed 350 words?
Information on what should be included in this brief essay can be found in the nomination packet.
- One page resume
- Up to five (5) pages of documentation of their teaching experience (references, news articles, etc.)
- Head and shoulder photo of themselves

All entries must be to the Department Chairman by December 1st

**VFW Department Headquarters
Attn: Teacher of the Year Chairman
500 E Park Avenue
Wasilla, AK 99654**

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY POST COMMANDER / CHAIRMAN

It is imperative that the student entries are properly submitted in order for consideration. Please use the below checklist to be sure you are sending a complete package to your Department Chairman.

FIRST - Did your student complete all necessary portions on the front of the form?

Did the students parent/guardian complete all necessary portions on the front of the form?

If your student and/or parent/guardian failed to complete all portions of the entry form, contact them and have it corrected prior to submitting the entry.

- Completed entry form
 - To include "Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature // Post#"
 - To include "Post Address // City, State, Zip"
 - To include "No. of students participating"
 - This is the number of entries received at your Post
 - To include "Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$"
 - This includes all monetary awards from your Post
 - To include "Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.)\$"
- Neatly typed essay, attached to entry form.
- Original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds, max.) essay on a standard cassette tape or audio CD.
- The recording is clearly labeled with participant's name.

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**VFW Department Headquarters
Attn: Voice of Democracy Chairman
500 E Park Avenue
Wasilla, AK 99654**

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA

BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM

MAIL TO: VFW, Department of Alaska
500 E. Park Avenue
Wasilla, AK 99654

POST NUMBER _____ LOCATION _____

Please place our order for the following:

ALL BUDDY POPPIES ARE \$120.00 PER THOUSAND

	BUDDY POPPIES	\$
	25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY BUDDY POPPIES (SILVER)	\$
	50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY BUDDY POPPIES (GOLD)	\$
	75-100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BUDDY POPPIES (DIAMOND)	\$

TOTAL \$ _____

DELIVER BY (DATE): _____

*Please note that anniversary poppies are ordered during the anniversary year that is applicable.
If you wish to order Buddy Poppies outside of your anniversary year, please contact
Department Headquarters prior to submitting your order.*

SHIP ABOVE TO:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____

Orders will not ship to a PO Box

City/State/ZIP: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All orders for Buddy Poppies must be submitted through Department Headquarters.
**(NOTE: IF YOU PROVIDE A SPECIFIC DATE FOR DELIVERY, NATIONAL WILL ENDEAVOR TO
MEET THAT DEADLINE. HOWEVER, PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER 8-12 WEEKS PRIOR
(MINIMUM) TO WHEN YOU NEED YOUR POPPIES**

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT

2018 - 2019

Post	A	S	Y	CS	PP	VOD	BP	TOY	VMS	Post Hours	Post Dollars	Aux Proj	Aux Hours	Aux Dollars	Total Hours	Total Dollars
1685	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
3629	5	4	3	28			X			513	\$651.78	11	187	\$24.08	700	\$676
3836	1	0	0	3			X			93	\$0.00	2	54	\$0.00	146	\$0
4352	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
5559	4	3	3	4						373	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	373	\$0
7056	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
9365	2	2	1	3						277	\$4,900.00	8	617	\$300.00	894	\$5,200
9569	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
9785	4	3	5	13						849	\$8,250.00	22	191	\$3,950.00	1,040	\$12,200
9978	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
9981	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10029	7	0	5	29			X			2,521	\$4,232.04	26	855	\$1,518.00	3,376	\$5,750
10032	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10041	27	3	1	11						330	\$49,591.51	39	194	\$65,286.02	524	\$114,878
10046	0	0	0	0			X			0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10221	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10252	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10450	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10682	2	0	0	0						44	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	44	\$0
12151	0	0	0	0						228	\$21.00	0	0	\$0.00	228	\$21
TOTALS	52	15	18	91						5,227	\$67,646.33	108	2,098	\$71,078.10	7,324	\$138,724

A-Americanism, S-Safety, Y-Youth, CS-Community Service, PP-Patriots Pen, VOD-Voice of Democracy, BP-Buddy Poppy, TOY-Teacher of the Year,
VMS - Veterans & Military Support

"X"- Denotes participation in PP, VOD, BP, TOY and/or VMS
See Leadership Manual for further program details

DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA

MAY 2018 - APRIL 2019

ALASKA

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
Alaska	1685	99	256	4	0	10	270	286	94.40%	3		ANCHORAGE	AK	3	43	25.58%	2.45 %
Alaska	3629	99	358	3	2	10	373	407	91.64%	2		FAIRBANKS	AK	1	54	31.48%	1.47 %
Alaska	3836	99	145	0	0	3	148	147	100.68%	5		TALKEETNA	AK	1	8	37.50%	0.68 %
Alaska	4352	99	281	1	0	1	283	277	102.16%	3		KETCHIKAN	AK	0	7	14.29%	0.36 %
Alaska	5559	99	79	0	0	1	80	82	97.56%	8		JUNEAU	AK	0	7	14.29%	0.00 %
Alaska	7056	99	220	0	0	4	224	213	105.16%	4		KODIAK	AK	0	4	25.00%	0.00 %
Alaska	9365	99	521	3	0	14	538	564	95.39%	2		WASILLA	AK	1	61	21.31%	0.71 %
Alaska	9569	99	67	0	0	1	68	72	94.44%	8		NOME	AK	0	7	14.29%	0.00 %
Alaska	9785	99	1664	12	0	12	1688	1727	97.74%	1		EAGLE RIVER	AK	4	98	26.53%	0.93 %
Alaska	9978	99	277	0	0	3	280	274	102.18%	3		ANCHORAGE	AK	0	7	42.86%	0.00 %
Alaska	9981	99	420	0	0	7	427	424	100.70%	2		ANCHORAGE	AK	2	19	36.84%	0.47 %
Alaska	10029	99	401	3	0	3	407	423	96.21%	2		NORTH POLE	AK	5	29	17.24%	1.89 %
Alaska	10032	99	26	0	0	0	26	29	89.65%	10		CORDOVA	AK	0	6	16.67%	0.00 %
Alaska	10041	99	147	0	2	4	153	156	98.07%	5		BETHEL	AK	0	13	23.08%	1.28 %
Alaska	10046	99	228	3	0	14	245	250	98.00%	3		SOLDOTNA	AK	2	25	52.00%	2.00 %
Alaska	10221	99	116	1	0	5	122	129	94.57%	6		ANCHOR POINT	AK	0	18	27.78%	0.78 %
Alaska	10252	99	407	2	2	7	418	420	99.52%	2		MOUNTAIN VIEW	AK	0	27	29.63%	0.95 %
Alaska	10450	99	28	1	0	1	30	31	96.77%	10		DELTA JUNCTION	AK	1	6	16.67%	6.45 %
Alaska	10682	99	28	0	0	2	30	30	100.00%	10		GLENNALLEN	AK	0	7	42.86%	0.00 %
Alaska	12151	99	22	0	0	2	24	37	64.86%	10		CRAIG	AK	0	18	16.67%	0.00 %
Alaska	15002	99	1035	19	2	34	1090	1155	94.37%	1		ANCHORAGE	AK	5		%	2.25 %
District Totals		99	6726	52	8	138	6924	7133	97.06%	1				25		%	1.19 %
State Totals			6726	52	8	138	6924	7133	97.06%					25		%	1.19 %