

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

General Orders No. 5

To be read at the next regular meeting.

November 2019

2019-20 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 10 - 12, 2020*. The Department auction will be held immediately after Commander/President homecoming on Friday Jan 10th. Donations will be accepted at the Department Headquarters as well as the Wasilla Post. See attached for additional information. Hotel registration and the conference agenda will be posted on alaskavfw.org.
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. **Western Conference 2019:** Western Conference will be held in Anchorage from *Oct 31-Nov 3, 2019*. Attention is directed to the VFW website/alaskavfw.org for the agenda and scheduled activities.
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 Sheppard 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** observed on November 11th each year. 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 submission to the post is October 31st! **Deadline for entries to be received by your Department Chairman is December 1, 2019, 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:**

Stanley Parrot	Post 3836	Talkeetna
John L. Becker	Post 10682	Glennallen



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Mel Sheppard
State Adjutant

BY THE ORDER OF:

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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

VFW DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE (Susitna Post 9365)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

Department Commander, Dave Lemelin & Department Auxiliary President, Bobby Ness, HOMECOMING DINNER – HAWAIIAN THEME

No Host Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

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 (Donation)

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 10 – 11 from Best Western Hotel and VFW Post 9365 to meetings and special functions.

Registration & Shuttle information

REGISTRATION: Registration ends January 2, 2020

Registration Desk will be open Friday, January 10 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 2020

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 January 2, 2020

**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

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Total Amount: \$ _____

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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

HOUSING INFORMATION

BEST WESTERN ON LAKE LUCILLE

AVAILABLE FROM JAN 9-12

DOUBLE 2 QUEEN BEDS \$98.99 + TAX

SINGLE \$89.99 + TAX

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

AUXILIARY MEETING ROOM IN HOTEL (Must provide own coffee, and contact for meeting setup config)

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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:

	BUDDY POPPIES @ \$120.00 PER THOUSAND =	\$
	TOTAL AMOUNT ORDERED	\$
	AMOUNT INCLUDED WITH ORDER	\$
	BALANCE DUE DEPARTMENT	\$
	DELIVER BY (DATE):	_____

(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

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.
Please order your poppies a minimum of 8 - 12 weeks prior to when you need them.

Post Number: _____

**VFW, Department of Alaska
Post and Auxiliary
Community Projects Reporting Form**

Reporting Period _____ - _____

Numerical entries only, please

Programs	Post		Post		Post		Auxiliary		Auxiliary		Auxiliary
	Projects		Hours		Dollars		Projects		Hours		Dollars
Americanism											
Safety											
Youth											
Community Service											
Hospital, Funerals, etc...											
TOTALS	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00

Program Suggestions

AMERICANISM: Veterans in the Classroom, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Proper use and display of the American Flag, Presenting Flags, and Patriotic materials.

SAFETY: Fire Safety, Hunters Safety, Water Safety, Bicycling Safety and off road Vehicle safety are excellent projects.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Boy and Girl Scouting, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

COMMUNITY SERVICE: You know the City, Town or Village that you live in. Find out what the Seniors or Elders need, Adopt a Road program, can you volunteer for Meals on Wheels? Can your Post become a resource center for the Community?

GENERAL GUIDELINES:
Projects: Actual projects completed (to include donation of VFW Post for functions)
Hours: Actual hours spent on community activities
Dollars: Actual monies spent/donated plus \$0.14 per mile

**Return this Completed Form to the Department of Alaska:
500 E Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654
(907) 373-7601, fax
vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net**

 Typed Name of Post or Auxiliary Community Activities Chairperson Date

Please keep a copy for your records.