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General Orders No. 8

February 2020  
2019-2020 Series

To be read at the next regular meeting.

- MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!**  
Post Quartermasters - please be sure you're promptly entering memberships following monthly meetings. **Posts are reminded that 100% membership must be obtained by April 1, 2019 with 3% of that total being New and/or Reinstated members in order to qualify for All-State. Commander Lemelin has extended his membership award program till February 15<sup>th</sup>. Post Commanders achieving 100% plus 1 new or reinstated member will receive a Commander's shirt!**
- Scout of the Year Award:** Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. **POST deadline for submissions is March 15, 2020**  
**DEPARTMENT deadline for submissions is April 1, 2020**  
All entries can be forwarded to Department Headquarters at the following:  
VFW, Dept. of Ak  
500 E Park Ave  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
This information, along with entry form, are also available on our website at [www.alaskavfw.org](http://www.alaskavfw.org), under the "From Your Program Chairperson" tab.
- Department Officers:** The allowable standard mileage rate for business use of an automobile is **58** cents per mile. Please submit travel forms in a timely manner to Quartermaster Sheppard. Updated travel forms are available on our website under the 'Resources' tab.
- 2019 Department Convention:** The 2020 Department Convention will be hosted by Post 10029, North Pole, May 14-16, 2020. Additional information will be furnished at Mid-Winter Conference and posted on the Department website when available.
- All-State:** Post Commanders are reminded to check the requirements to become an All State Post Commander. Four (4) such honors can be awarded at the Department Convention in North Pole. Requirements for the All-State teams were amended in this year's Program. Refer to your 2019-2020 Leadership Training booklet for additional information. An electronic version of this booklet is located on the Department website at [www.alaskavfw.org](http://www.alaskavfw.org), under the "Resources" tab. See the enclosed form used for All-State judging to assist you with meeting these requirements. This form is also available on the Department website under the "Resources" tab.  
**Reminder: The All-State deadline is April 1, 2020, NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Buddy Poppy:** Buddy Poppy season is in full swing. Please submit your orders through Department Headquarters using the enclosed form.
- 2019 National Convention:** 120<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada, **July 18-23, 2020**. Additional details will be available on our website under the "Conventions" tab when available.
- Raffle:** The \$10,000 Raffle tickets were distributed at the Mid-Winter Council of Administration meeting, in January. All tickets and monies should be promptly returned to Department Headquarters.  
**Reminder: If you are having difficulties selling your raffle tickets, there are always Posts looking to obtain more. Please don't save them - return them.**

9. All officers should obtain current copies of the National By- Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition are available through the VFW Emblem and Supply Department at National Headquarters. 1-800-821-2606 or visit the online store at [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) and use the convenient "Search" tool, located on the top, right hand side of the web page.

You are also reminded that Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure has been replaced with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition. This change was approved at the 118th National Convention. Copies may be purchased online at many retailers.

10. The sponsoring Posts for Voice of Democracy and winners for 2019 - 2020 have been announced. They are:

<b>First Place</b>	Shannon O'Hare	Post 9785
<b>Second Place</b>	Karina Holcumb	Post 15002
<b>Third Place</b>	Anna DeVold	Post 10046

*Entries were received from Posts: 1685, 3836, 4352, 5559, 9365, 9785, 9978, 10029, 10041, 10046, 10221, 10252*

11. The sponsoring Posts for Patriots Pen and winners for 2019 - 2020 have been announced. They are:

<b>First Place</b>	Asher McGlinchy	Post 3629
<b>Second Place</b>	Mischa Slaughter	Post 10221
<b>Third Place</b>	Kathy Kravets	Post 10450

*Entries were received from Posts: 3629, 4352, 9365, 9785, 9978, 10041, 10046, 10221, 10252, 10450*

14. **Teacher of the Year:** The 2019 Teacher of the Year recipients have been announced. They are:

<b>K - 5</b>	<b>April Halpern</b>	VFW Post 1685
<b>6 - 8</b>	<b>Ja'net Bergman</b>	VFW Post 3629
<b>9 - 12</b>	<b>Brandy Neel</b>	VFW Post 9785

*Entries were received from Posts: 1685, 3629, 9785, 10029*

15. **Last Roll Call:** In order to show the proper respect due our fallen comrades, the Department Adjutant is asking all Posts to notify him of the death of any member. Please do so in writing by the 20th of each month so that they can be listed in the Last Roll Call. Please be sure that you are notifying National as well so that they are removed from the membership roster. If you need assistance, please contact Department Headquarters at (907) 373-7600.

Bobby W. Swindler

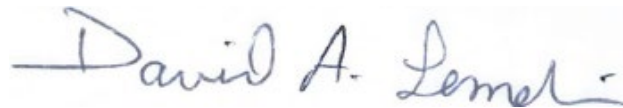
Post 3629

**OFFICIAL**

**BY THE ORDER OF:**



Mel Sheppard  
State Adjutant



Dave Lemelin  
State Commander

**Please utilize the Department website to access additional forms and information.**

**[www.alaskavfw.org](http://www.alaskavfw.org)**

January 11, 2020

Time and Place met – Attendants were – Chairperson – Sr. Vic Commander Carol Kacal

Jr. Vice Commander Mike Ingraham      Post 10029

Commander J.R. Hackett                      Post 9365

Commander Derek Heavener                Post 9785

Comrade Ken Speegle                        Post 9785

Future midwinters and State conventions were discussed and set

State Convention 2020 – North Pole – May 14-16

Midwinter 2021 – Wasilla – January 8-9

State Convention 2021 – Eagle River – May 6-8

Midwinter 2022- Wasilla – January 7-8

State Convention 2022- North Pole – May 12-14

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**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...											
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>

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.**

**DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT**  
**May 2019 - May 2020**

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	68	0	0	6			X			473	\$829.00	0	196	\$430.00	669	\$1,259
3629	0	0	0	0	X	X	X		x	0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
3836	0	0	0	0		X				0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
4352	0	0	0	0	X					0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
5559	42	35	6	37						410	0	0	0	\$0.00	410	\$0
7056	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
9365	0	0	0	0	X	X				0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
9569	4	1	8	5						3,798	\$4,000.00	17	1,522	\$30.00	5,320	\$4,030
9785	11	12	13	15	X	x	x		x	2,701	\$82,745.02	81	1,103	\$6,650.00	3,804	\$89,395
9978	0	0	0	0	X	X		X		0	\$50.00	3	3	\$250.00	3	\$300
9981	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10029	8	20	5	45	x	x	x		x	847	\$10,383.06	26	336	\$600.36	1,183	\$10,983
10032	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10041	0	0	0	0	X	X			x	0	\$0.00	99	652	\$162,543.43	652	\$162,543
10046	11	0	3	25	X	X				564	\$1,084.18	2	6	\$0.00	570	\$1,084
10221	0	0	0	0	X				x	0	\$0.00	131	1,675	\$8,949.90	1,675	\$8,950
10252	0	0	0	0	X	X				0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10450	3	1	1	3	X					184	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	184	\$0
10682	2	0	0	2	X	X				63	\$56.42	0	0	\$0.00	63	\$56
12151	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9,040</b>	<b>\$99,147.68</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>\$179,453.69</b>	<b>14,533</b>	<b>\$278,601</b>

A-Americanism, S-Safety, Y-Youth, CS-Community Service, PP-Patriots Pen, VOD-Voice of Democracy, BP-Buddy Poppy

VMS - Veterans & Military Support TOY-Teacher of the Year

Highlighted cells indicate no reporting in this administrative year in PP/VOD/BP/TOY

"X"- Denotes participation in PP, VOD, BP, TOY and/or VMS

See Leadership Manual for further program details

## Alaska Membership Report as of January 24th, 2020

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
1685	99	257	7	0	15	279	290	96.21%	4	ANCHORAGE	AK	2	46	36.96%	3.10%
3629	99	344	6	3	17	370	392	94.39%	3	FAIRBANKS	AK	6	52	34.62%	3.83%
3836	99	131	2	0	4	137	139	98.56%	7	TALKEETNA	AK	1	8	62.50%	2.16%
4352	99	254	0	0	3	257	261	98.47%	4	KETCHIKAN	AK	0	8	25.00%	0.00%
5559	99	71	0	0	5	76	80	95.00%	9	JUNEAU	AK	0	8	75.00%	0.00%
7056	99	192	0	0	2	194	204	95.10%	5	KODIAK	AK	0	7	28.57%	0.00%
9365	99	515	3	1	20	539	561	96.08%	3	WASILLA	AK	2	54	42.59%	1.07%
9569	99	72	0	0	0	72	75	96.00%	9	NOME	AK	3	7	42.86%	4.00%
9785	99	1682	12	4	29	1727	1746	98.91%	1	EAGLE RIVER	AK	25	86	40.70%	2.35%
9978	99	251	1	0	2	254	254	100.00%	4	ANCHORAGE	AK	0	5	40.00%	0.39%
9981	99	399	3	3	13	418	420	99.52%	3	ANCHORAGE	AK	4	18	61.11%	2.38%
10029	99	419	3	1	5	428	454	94.27%	3	NORTH POLE	AK	3	41	26.83%	1.54%
10032	99	26	1	0	0	27	29	93.10%	11	CORDOVA	AK	1	3	33.33%	6.90%
10041	99	148	0	0	3	151	157	96.18%	6	BETHEL	AK	0	12	58.33%	0.00%
10046	99	224	7	2	10	243	244	99.59%	5	SOLDOTNA	AK	0	25	48.00%	3.69%
10221	99	113	2	0	8	123	126	97.62%	7	ANCHOR POINT	AK	1	13	61.54%	2.38%
10252	99	374	0	1	7	382	403	94.79%	3	MT VIEW	AK	0	20	35.00%	0.25%
10450	99	28	2	0	5	35	34	102.94%	11	DELTA JUNCTION	AK	0	6	83.33%	5.88%
10682	99	26	0	0	1	27	32	84.38%	11	GLENNALLEN	AK	0	6	16.67%	0.00%
12151	99	25	1	0	4	30	39	76.92%	11	CRAIG	AK	0	16	37.50%	2.56%
15002	99	1017	26	1	48	1092	1168	93.49%	1	ANCHORAGE	AK	8	0	0.00%	3.00%
<b>District Total</b>		<b>6568</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>6861</b>	<b>7108</b>	<b>96.52%</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>56</b>			<b>2.08%</b>