

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
500 E. PARK AVENUE  
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General Orders No. 10

April 2020  
2019-2020 Series

To be read at the next regular meeting:

**MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!**

*Let's make 100%!*

Membership must be posted at National Headquarters and reflected on the VFW Mem Stats page by **April 1, 2020** for award purposes. **(There will be NO exceptions)** Don't delay - make sure you allow plenty of time for processing!! **Due to COVID-19 concerns, Commander Lemelin has extended the State deadline to April 15.**

**100% membership of which 3% must be new or reinstated members is required for a jacket.  
3% new/reinstated membership is required to be considered for All-State Award.**

1. The **2020 Department Convention** Is scheduled to be hosted by Post 10029, **May 14-16, 2020**, in North Pole, Ak. See the enclosed information. **The State Convention may be rescheduled by committee on Thursday Mar 26<sup>th</sup>, due to the COVID-19 virus. We will notify by email, the new scheduled date and time. The agenda and new dates will also be posted on our website, under the "Conventions" tab at [www.alaskavfw.org](http://www.alaskavfw.org).**
2. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222, Manual of Procedure and Article VIII, Section 2 of Department By-Laws that pertain to Department Convention delegates and alternates. Please use the enclosed form to report delegates.
3. **Installation of Officers Form** - Please complete report and forward this form to Dept. HQs immediately following your Post elections. It is important that Headquarters have your jacket and cap sizes on file for award purposes in the coming term.
4. **Post Chairman Form** - Please be sure to complete and return the enclosed Post Chairman form.
5. **Attention: The 2020 National Convention** will be held **July 18-23, 2020** in Reno, Nevada. Housing form and additional information can be found on our website, under the "Conventions" tab at [www.alaskavfw.org](http://www.alaskavfw.org).
6. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All elected and appointed officers and chairmen must provide a written report at Department Convention. If not in attendance, a report must be mailed to Department Adjutant prior to convention or it will not be included in the annual Convention Proceedings. You may email, fax, or hard mail a copy to one of the following:  
vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net, 500 E. Park Ave., Wasilla, AK 99654, (907) 373-7601.
7. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** Post Election Report Forms were mailed to each Post Quartermaster. The preferred method of submission is online, using the Online Membership System (OMS). Proof of eligibility must be on file with the Post Adjutant prior to installation. (Reference Section 216, National By-Laws.) ***If you do not use the Online Membership System (OMS) and would like assistance setting up an account, or would like Department to submit your Post Election Report, please contact Jessica at (907) 373-7600.***

8. **RAFFLE:** Raffle tickets were distributed during the Mid-Winter Conference in January. Please promote the selling of raffle tickets to the best of your ability and promptly return all sold/unsold tickets to Department Headquarters for processing. 500 E. Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654  
**Reminder: Headquarters already has a waiting list going for additional tickets. If you are having difficulties selling your raffle tickets or wish to lower your amount, please don't save them - return them.**
9. Attention is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees; Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter; one of which ended March 31, 2020. Please submit your quarterly report by **April 15, 2020**.
10. **Attention:** Post and Auxiliary Community Activities Chairpersons: Please ensure that Community Projects Reporting Forms have been completed and forwarded to Department Headquarters. **Reporting year ends April 30, 2020.** All reports (including April) should be forwarded to Headquarters **no later than May 15, 2020.** Please use the enclosed form when reporting.  
*Should you miss this deadline, please continue to send in your reports so that the most accurate accounting of community service is still logged.*
11. Any Post requesting that a Department Officer attend ceremonies or other occasions must submit a written request to the Department Adjutant at least three weeks prior to the event. Send requests to the following:  
500 E. Park Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654  
(907) 373-7601, fax  
vfwstatehq@mtaonline.net
12. Note from AQM Sheppard: We understand the complete interruption of business as usual. Commander Lemelin and myself are working to overcome the complications of Post closures. If you have a situation, notify Department. We need to pull together and help each other get through this, we will survive and recover. Please remember; we still need to do Election and Installation of Officers in April. Complete your Election Reports and return the forms for new officers. Register your delegates for State Convention! **Commander Lemelin has granted a 15- day extension to his membership and All-State programs.**
13. LAST ROLL CALL: Names should be forwarded to Department no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in General Orders.

John K. Elmer Post 3629  
John Starr Post 3629  
Gerald J. Dorsher Post 5559  
Patrick C. Johnson Post 9365

**OFFICIAL**



Mel Sheppard  
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

**BY THE ORDER OF:**



Dave Lemelin  
State Commander

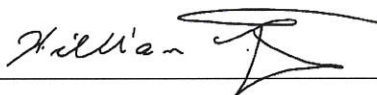
**Please utilize the Department website to access additional forms and information.**  
**[www.alaskavfw.org](http://www.alaskavfw.org)**

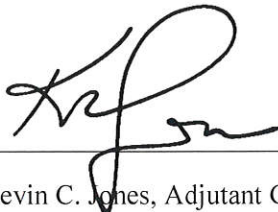


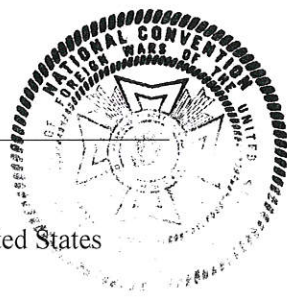
**Executive Order No. 1**

March 17, 2020

Pursuant to the authority under Section 618(a)(4), effective immediately and until rescinded, we ask that Posts, Districts and Departments, if possible and within the requirements of mandated State Declarations, make the attempt to elect officers. For such Posts, Districts or Departments that are not able to elect officers as a result of COVID-19, all current officers shall continue to function within their capabilities until new officers are elected. It is further stipulated that no Post, District or Department be sanctioned as result of the inability to properly function, as mandated by state or local government declarations, as a direct cause of COVID-19.

By order of:   
William "Doc" Schmitz, Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Official:   
Kevin C. Jones, Adjutant General  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

**WASHINGTON OFFICE**

406 W. 34th Street      Office 816.756.3390  
Kansas City, MO 64111      Fax 816.968.1157

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Washington, D.C. 20002      Fax 202.543.6719

info@vfw.org  
www.vfw.org



# 20\_\_ - \_\_ POST ELECTION REPORT

DATE OF ELECTION:

POST #	DISTRICT #	DEPARTMENT	POST NAME	POST DUES AMOUNT Includes National and Department Per Capita \$
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POST MEETING LOCATION (PHYSICAL ADDRESS)			POST MAILING ADDRESS		
BUILDING NAME (IF NOT POST NAME)			STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
STREET ADDRESS			ADDRESS LINE 2		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
POST E-MAIL ADDRESS			POST MEETING DAY/TIME		
POST WEBSITE			CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:		
POST PHONE #			<input type="checkbox"/> OWN <input type="checkbox"/> RENT <input type="checkbox"/> NO POST HOME <input type="checkbox"/> CANTEEN/CLUBROOM <input type="checkbox"/> PROVIDE HALL RENTALS <input type="checkbox"/> PROVIDE MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS		
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION # (EIN)					

<b>COMMANDER</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>SENIOR VICE COMMANDER</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>QUARTERMASTER</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>CHAPLAIN</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>JUDGE ADVOCATE (APPOINTED)</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>SURGEON (APPOINTED)</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>1 YEAR TRUSTEE</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>2 YEAR TRUSTEE</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>3 YEAR TRUSTEE</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>ADJUTANT (APPOINTED)</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

<b>SERVICE OFFICER (APPOINTED)</b>					
MEMBERSHIP #	NAME		STREET ADDRESS or PO BOX #		
PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
500 E. Park Avenue  
Wasilla, AK 99654

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Enclosed is our remittance in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ covering the delegate fees on \_\_\_\_\_ delegates to the Department Convention. Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ members in good standing at the time of election of delegates.

Following is a list of our elected delegates and alternates:

Elected Delegates

Alternates

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**DELEGATE FEE COMPUTING CHART**

1 to 30 members	\$3.00	931 to 960 members	96.00
31 to 60 members	6.00	961 to 990 members	99.00
61 to 90 members	9.00	991 to 1020 members	102.00
91 to 120 members	12.00	1021 to 1050 members	105.00
121 to 150 members	15.00	1051 to 1080 members	108.00
151 to 180 members	18.00	1081 to 1110 members	111.00
181 to 210 members	21.00	1111 to 1140 members	114.00
211 to 240 members	24.00	1141 to 1170 members	117.00
241 to 270 members	27.00	1171 to 1200 members	120.00
271 to 300 members	30.00	1201 to 1230 members	123.00
301 to 330 members	33.00	1231 to 1260 members	126.00
331 to 360 members	36.00	1261 to 1290 members	129.00
361 to 390 members	39.00	1291 to 1320 members	132.00
391 to 420 members	42.00	1321 to 1350 members	135.00
421 to 450 members	45.00	1351 to 1380 members	138.00
451 to 480 members	48.00	1381 to 1410 members	141.00
481 to 510 members	51.00	1411 to 1440 members	144.00
511 to 540 members	54.00	1441 to 1470 members	147.00
541 to 570 members	57.00	1471 to 1500 members	150.00
571 to 600 members	60.00	1501 to 1530 members	153.00
601 to 630 members	63.00	1531 to 1560 members	156.00
631 to 660 members	66.00	1561 to 1590 members	159.00
661 to 690 members	69.00	1591 to 1620 members	162.00
691 to 720 members	72.00	1621 to 1650 members	165.00
721 to 750 members	75.00	1651 to 1680 members	168.00
751 to 780 members	78.00	1681 to 1710 members	171.00
781 to 810 members	81.00	1711 to 1740 members	174.00
811 to 840 members	84.00	1741 to 1770 members	177.00
841 to 870 members	87.00	1771 to 1800 members	180.00
871 to 900 members	90.00	1801 to 1830 members	183.00
901 to 930 members	93.00	1831 to 1860 members	186.00

Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

# Attention Post Commanders

Post# \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout the year, Department Headquarters receives important information for your appointed chairmen. To ensure that the information is forwarded to these chairmen, I am requesting that you furnish me with the name and address for the following:

<b>VOICE OF DEMOCRACY</b>	Name:
	Address:
	City: <span style="float: right;">zip                      Tel:</span>
<b>YOUTH ESSAY</b>	Name:
	Address:
	City: <span style="float: right;">zip                      Tel:</span>
<b>AMERICANISM</b>	Name:
	Address:
	City: <span style="float: right;">zip                      Tel:</span>
<b>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</b>	Name:
	Address:
	City: <span style="float: right;">zip                      Tel:</span>

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**

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

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.**

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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.**



**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	X	X	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	x			0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
4352	8	1	1	3	X	x				298	\$6,500.00	17	166	\$2,250.00	464	\$8,750
5559	59	36	7	110						503	0	0	0	\$0.00	503	\$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			x			3,798	\$4,000.00	17	1,522	\$30.00	5,320	\$4,030
9785	11	13	14	25	X	x	x		x	2,942	\$89,347.02	81	1,236	\$6,650.00	4,178	\$95,997
9978	0	0	0	0	X	X		X		0	\$50.00	3	3	\$250.00	3	\$300
9981	0	0	0	0		x				0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10029	14	33	5	61	x	x	x		x	6,270	\$13,236.02	47	1,243	\$912.52	7,513	\$14,149
10032	0	0	0	0						0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
10041	0	0	0	0	X	X	x		xx	0	\$0.00	118	737	\$174,601.16	737	\$174,601
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	33	6	19	68	X	X				1,162	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	1,162	\$0
10682	2	0	0	2	X					63	\$56.42	0	0	\$0.00	63	\$56
12151	0	0	0	87			x			0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0
Dept						X			x							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16,073</b>	<b>\$115,102.64</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>6,784</b>	<b>\$194,073.58</b>	<b>22,857</b>	<b>\$309,176</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 April Memstats 2020

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Ret.	N/R %
1685	99	258	9	0	26	293	290	101.03%	4	ANCHORAGE	AK	2	46	63.04%	3.79%
3629	99	344	6	8	20	378	392	96.43%	3	FAIRBANKS	AK	6	52	42.31%	5.10%
3836	99	131	2	0	5	138	139	99.28%	7	TALKEETNA	AK	1	8	75.00%	2.16%
4352	99	254	0	0	10	264	261	101.15%	4	KETCHIKAN	AK	0	8	75.00%	0.00%
5559	99	72	0	0	6	78	80	97.50%	9	JUNEAU	AK	1	8	87.50%	1.25%
7056	99	192	0	0	3	195	204	95.59%	5	KODIAK	AK	0	7	42.86%	0.00%
9365	99	515	8	1	28	552	561	98.40%	3	WASILLA	AK	2	54	55.56%	1.96%
9569	99	72	0	0	0	72	75	96.00%	9	NOME	AK	3	7	42.86%	4.00%
9785	99	1688	20	4	36	1748	1746	100.11%	1	EAGLE RIVER	AK	29	86	50.00%	3.04%
9978	99	251	1	0	3	255	254	100.39%	4	ANCHORAGE	AK	0	5	60.00%	0.39%
9981	99	399	6	4	14	423	420	100.71%	3	ANCHORAGE	AK	4	18	66.67%	3.33%
10029	99	422	4	1	6	433	454	95.37%	3	NORTH POLE	AK	6	41	29.27%	2.42%
10032	99	26	1	1	0	28	29	96.55%	11	CORDOVA	AK	1	3	33.33%	10.34%
10041	99	148	0	0	3	151	157	96.18%	6	BETHEL	AK	0	12	66.67%	0.00%
10046	99	224	7	2	11	244	244	100.00%	5	SOLDOTNA	AK	0	25	52.00%	3.69%
10221	99	113	2	0	12	127	126	100.79%	7	ANCHOR POINT	AK	1	13	84.62%	2.38%
10252	99	374	0	2	8	384	403	95.29%	3	MOUNTAIN VIEW	AK	0	20	40.00%	0.50%
10450	99	29	2	0	5	36	34	105.88%	11	DELTA JUNCTION	AK	1	6	83.33%	8.82%
10682	99	26	0	0	2	28	32	87.50%	11	GLENNALLEN	AK	0	6	33.33%	0.00%
12151	99	25	1	0	5	31	39	79.49%	11	CRAIG	AK	0	16	43.75%	2.56%
15002	99	1024	36	1	55	1116	1168	95.55%	1	ANCHORAGE	AK	13	0	0.00%	4.28%
<b>District Total</b>		<b>6587</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>6974</b>	<b>7108</b>	<b>98.11%</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>70</b>			<b>2.80%</b>