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General Orders No. 8

February 2021
2020-2021 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, 2021 with 3% of that total being New and/or Reinstated members in order to qualify for All-State. Commander Kacal has determined 115 points will be necessary for consideration. Post Commanders achieving 100% membership by April 1st (3% N/R) will receive a Commander's shirt!** The Leadership Training Booklet contains this information.
- 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, 2021**
DEPARTMENT deadline for submissions is April 1, 2021
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, under the "From Your Program Chairperson" tab.
- Department Officers:** The allowable standard mileage rate for business use of an automobile is **56 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.
- 2021 Department Convention:** The 2021 Department Convention will be hosted by Post 9785, Eagle River, May 13-15, 2021. 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 Eagle River. Requirements for the All-State teams were amended in this year's Program. Refer to your 2020-2021 Leadership Training booklet for additional information. An electronic version of this booklet is located on the Department website at 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, 2021, NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Buddy Poppy:** Buddy Poppy season is in full swing. Please submit your orders through Department Headquarters using the enclosed form.
- 2021 National Convention:** 121th National Convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, **July 31-Aug 5, 2021**. 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 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 Patriots Pen and winners for 2020- 2021 have been announced. They are:

First Place	Leif W. Jaworski	Post 10221
Second Place	Tracy J. Rogers	Post 9785
Third Place	Penelope K. Moore	Post 1685

Entries were received from Posts: 1685, 9785, 9981, 10029, 10221,

11. The sponsoring Posts for Voice of Democracy and winners for 2020 - 2021 have been announced. They are:

First Place	Auden G. Cress	Post 10221
Second Place	Lillian Bleeker	Post 9785
Third Place	Colin Kleckner	Post 9981

Entries were received from Posts: 3836, 9365, 9785, 9981, 10029, 10221, 10450

14. **Teacher of the Year:** The 2020 Teacher of the Year recipients have been announced. They are:

K - 5	Mary Remer	VFW Post 9785
9 - 12	GYSGT Rene Dervaes	VFW Pos 9785

Entries were received from Posts: 9785

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.

Willie B. Franklin	Post 3629
George E. Roberts	Post 5559
Albert Casqueira	Post 9365
Michael A. Harris	Post 9785

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Mel Sheppard
State Adjutant

BY THE ORDER OF:



Carol Kacal
State Commander

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