

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

General Orders No. 5

To be read at the next regular meeting.

November 2022
2022-23 Series

1. **National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure** - 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 Conference:** Mid-Winter Conference will be hosted by Spenard Post 1685, January 13-14, 2023. The Department auction will be held immediately after Commander/President homecoming on Friday Jan 13th. Donations will be accepted at the Department Headquarters as well as the Spenard Post. **Start gathering auction items now!** Hotel registration and the conference agenda will be attached and posted on alaskavfw.org. **Ensure your reservation dates are accurate for the Clarion Hotel!**
3. **RAFFLE:** The Department's 10,000 Raffle tickets will be distributed at Mid-Winter. If you will not be there, please let us know if you'd like tickets. 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 2022:** Western Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon Nov 3-6th, 2022. See the Department webpage for more information
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. **Veterans Day:** Posts are reminded of the importance in 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 IN NOVEMBER:** VFW and Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students.
Reminder: Check with your area schools to determine what is allowed during the present restrictions. 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, 2022. Deadline for entries to be received by your Department Chairman is December 1, 2022, NO EXCEPTIONS!** Ensure your packages are complete upon submission, consent forms, photos, etc. All entries are to be returned to Department Headquarters, 500 E Park Ave., Wasilla, AK 99564. Department

will consolidate entries and forward the package to the appropriate chairman for judging. A confirmation email will be sent to the Post Commander as entries are received.

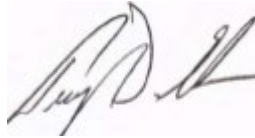
11. **Buddy Poppy** - Buddy Poppy season is in full swing, Normal poppy distribution has resumed. Please be sure your Post has poppies for upcoming events. All poppy orders are to be sent to Department Headquarters at 500 E Park Ave, Wasilla, AK 99654 with payment attached.
12. **ATTENTION:** The Community Projects Reporting Form, included in General Orders each month, has a space allotted for each Post and Auxiliary for reporting projects, hours and dollars. The 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. **VFW Action Corps:** Want to learn what's new and exciting in the VFW? Join Action Corps and stay informed. vfwac@vfw.org
14. **Last Roll Call:** Report your departed comrades to Department Headquarters by the 20th of each month to be included in the general orders.

OFFICIAL



Mel Sheppard
State AQM

BY THE ORDER OF:



Troy Eck
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



2023 MID-WINTER CONVENTION



HOSTED BY - VFW POST 1685

13-14 JANUARY 2023

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

13 Jan	12:00pm - 4:30pm	Conference Registration at VFW 1685
	5:00pm - 6:00pm	No Host Cocktails
	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Dept Commanders & Auxiliary President Homecoming Dinner
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	VFW Silent / Live Auction

Saturday

14 Jan	8:00am - 9:00am	Late Arrival Registration at VFW 1685
	9:00am - 12:00pm	VFW Business Session at VFW 1685
	9:00am - 12:00pm	Auxiliary Business Session at Hotel
	12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
	1:30pm - 4:00pm	Auxiliary Business Session at Hotel
	5:00pm - 6:00pm	No Host Cocktails
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Mid-Winter Banquet at VFW 1685
	8:00pm - 10:00pm	\$10,000 Raffle / Ways & Means Auction

Sunday

15 Jan	9:00 am - 1:00pm	Brunch at VFW 1685 (NOT INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION)
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DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA
2023 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
HOTEL ACCOMODATION INFORMATION



Clarion Suites Downtown

1110 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK, 99501, US (907) 921-0688

★★★★☆ 1231 Real Guest Reviews

13 & 14 JANUARY 2023

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/FF47U9>

CLICK ON OR PASTE THE WEBLINK ABOVE AND SELECT DESIRED DATES OF HOTEL STAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
TO MAKE PHONE RESERVATIONS ASK FOR – GERARD GOFORTH AT EXT# 460 OR FRONT DESK

SINGLE KING ROOM - \$99.00 + TAX

DOUBLE QUEEN ROOM - \$109.00 + TAX

ROOMS ARE PRICED AS DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

ADDITIONAL \$20 CHARGE FOR 2ND AND 3RD GUEST IN ROOM

PLEASE MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS BEFORE 20 DEC 2022

TO ENSURE PRICE AT ABOVE RATE

*** FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED FOR ALL REGISTERED OVERNIGHT
HOTEL GUESTS FROM 6:00 AM TO 9:00 AM ***

THERE IS NO HOTEL PROVIDED AIRPORT SHUTTLE.

VFW 1685 IS PROVIDING A SHUTTLE BETWEEN THE VFW POST AND HOTEL.

CONTACT VFW 1685 IN ADVANCE TO CHECK ON AVAILABILITY FOR AIRPORT PICKUP
AT 907-562-1685 OR 907-301-8478

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

13-14 JANUARY 2023 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Hosted by – Captain James G, Lee VFW Post 1685

1200 W 33rd Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Questions Call - Brett Spencer 907-301-8478

Name: _____ Title: _____ Post/ Aux: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____ Post/ Aux: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

\$55 Per Person. Registration & Food

Meal Ticket Request:

******Cut off for Meal Tickets is 31 Dec 2022******

******Food Tickets Will Not Be Sold at the Door******

Meals Included - Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

For 13th & 14th of January 2023

Friday 6pm - Homecoming Dinner: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread

Saturday 6pm - Banquet Dinner Choice:

Prime Rib or Baked Lemon/Herb Chicken

Both with Loaded Mash Potato, Corn, Green Beans, Salad Bar & Roll

Please Select - Chicken _____ Prime Rib _____

Total # of Tickets _____ X \$55

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: VFW 1685

Attn: 2023 Mid-Winter Convention

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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

	Post	Post	Post	Auxiliary	Auxiliary	Auxiliary
	Hours	Total Volunteers (People)	Dollars Donated	Volunteer Hours	Total Volunteers (People)	Dollars Donated
TOTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Mileage: Total miles driven for activities: _____

Event(s)
Explanation:

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

Please keep a copy for your records.

**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

Post	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adj PY	Percent	Div	City	N/R LM	Prior Annu	Retention	N/R %
1685	248	2	2	9	261	284	91.90%	4	ANCHORAGE	2	37	35.14%	2.11%
3629	325	2	2	11	340	369	92.14%	3	FAIRBANKS	2	58	37.93%	1.63%
3836	125	0	0	2	127	127	100.00%	7	TALKEETNA	0	7	42.86%	0.00%
4352	213	0	0	0	213	221	96.38%	5	KETCHIKAN	0	4	0.00%	0.00%
5559	61	0	0	2	63	70	90.00%	9	JUNEAU	0	7	28.57%	0.00%
7056	178	0	0	0	178	179	99.44%	6	KODIAK	0	3	33.33%	0.00%
9365	516	4	1	11	532	556	95.68%	3	WASILLA	6	52	26.92%	1.98%
9569	69	0	0	0	69	65	106.15%	10	NOME	2	0	100.00%	3.08%
9785	1718	8	4	15	1745	1765	98.86%	1	EAGLE RIVER	18	75	32.00%	1.70%
9978	216	0	0	4	220	223	98.65%	5	ANCHORAGE	0	4	100.00%	0.00%
9981	387	1	1	4	393	404	97.27%	3	ANCHORAGE	3	21	33.33%	1.24%
10029	450	2	0	2	454	466	97.42%	3	NORTH POLE	3	21	14.29%	1.07%
10032	25	0	0	1	26	31	83.87%	11	CORDOVA	0	6	16.67%	0.00%
10041	136	0	0	1	137	147	93.19%	6	BETHEL	1	11	9.09%	0.68%
10046	211	1	1	5	218	232	93.96%	5	SOLDOTNA	0	22	27.27%	0.86%
10221	104	0	0	3	107	118	90.67%	7	ANCHOR POINT	1	14	42.86%	0.85%
10450	36	1	0	2	39	44	88.63%	11	DELTA JUNCTION	1	10	20.00%	4.55%
10682	26	0	0	1	27	29	93.10%	11	GLENNALLEN	1	4	25.00%	3.45%
12151	33	0	0	1	34	43	79.06%	11	CRAIG	0	11	18.18%	0.00%
15002	1263	15	2	27	1307	1415	92.36%	1	ANCHORAGE	7	0	0.00%	1.70%

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT

2022 - 2023

Post	PP	VOD	BP	TOY	VMS	Post Hours	Post Volunteers	Post Dollars	Aux Volunteers	Aux Hours	Aux Dollars	Total Hours	Total Dollars	Total Miles
1685														
3629			X			119	18	\$155.00	11	106	\$40.00	225	\$195	552
3836														
4352														
5559						161	11	\$500.00					\$500	
7056														
9365			X											
9569														
9785						848	70	\$10,700.00	35	669	\$5,200.00	1,113	\$15,900	803
9978														
9981														
10029														
10032														
10041			X						14	97	\$1,069.22	14	\$1,069	47
10046						8	2	\$150.00				8	\$150	40
10221														
10450			X			541	37	\$130.34				541	\$130	1,251
10682						83	13	\$259.00				83	259	250
12151												0		
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	1,760	151	\$11,894.34	60	872	\$6,309.22	1,984	\$18,204	2,943

PP-Patriots Pen, VOD-Voice of Democracy, BP-Buddy Poppy, TOY-Teacher of the Year, VMS - Veterans & Military Support

DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA

MAY 2022 - MAY 2023