

COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

“Ready, Willing & Able”

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PLEASE SHARE The information in this Bulletin is important to ALL of our members. Please help get the information out by reading the appropriate parts at your next meeting and/or publishing appropriate items in your newsletters or bulletin board.

GENERAL ORDERS Commanders and Quartermasters at all levels are hereby directed to review and comply with General Orders published in the *Colorado Veteran*.

POST AND DISTRICT QUARTERMASTER BONDS: 2009-2010 Quartermaster Position Bonds expired August 31, 2010. Bond Application forms were mailed to the 2010-2011 Quartermaster the end of July. These VFW Posts have not renewed their Quartermaster Bond: #2411 Las Animas; #3311 Oak Creek; #3951 Ovid; #4265 Craig; #4267 Gunnison; #4331 Arvada; #5261 Rangley; #8898 Boone; #9471 Hayden; Districts #6, #9, #12, #13.

Posts are reminded that you can always increase your Bond anytime during the year and should do so if your liquid assets increase.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY / PATRIOT'S PEN / CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER: Department deadline to National is January 15th, 2011. All District Chairman are requested to mail a Summary of the Posts that have participated in the programs. Department Chairman deadline to National with the participation summary is January 31, 2011.

Department Awards Banquet for Voice of Democracy will be January 29, 2011, VFW Post #4051, Colorado Springs, 7:00 pm. If you will be staying overnight in Colorado Springs, please make your reservations now at a Hotel of your choice. Students, National Representative Steve Van Buskirk and Chairmen will be staying at the Best Western, 1440 Harrison Rd. Please RSVP to Department Headquarters if you will be attending the Banquet, price to be announced, 303-421-1630.

VFW National Awards for Public Servants Deadlines Approaching: Do you have an outstanding law enforcement professional, firefighter or EMT in your community? An effective way to keep your Post connected to the community is by honoring your local emergency responders. Posts may submit entries to Department, who then select a single candidate for the VFW Law Enforcement Award, The VFW Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Award and forward those entries to National by February 1, 2011. Entries to Department are due January 6th, 2011.

ALL POST QUARTERMASTERS should order 2011 Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual books from VFW Emblem and Supply. All current officers should have a current book for reference and ritual procedures. Changes were made at National Convention.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended December 31, 2010. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records. This is the Third Quarterly Audit for the year 2010-2011 that is due into Department Headquarters by January 31, 2011.

ADOPT A UNIT There are several Posts currently participating in the “Adopt-a-Unit” program. This is an excellent way to get in touch with and build relationships with our Servicemen and women. As you connect with these service members, you also build recognition of the organization, therefore increasing the probability of them joining upon their return. Do not let this opportunity pass you by. Also be sure to renew your “Adopt-a-Unit” with National Headquarters every year. At the present time we do not see Colorado on the National listing.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars expires December 31, 2010, unless their 2011 dues are paid and reported to Department and National Headquarters. All officers are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of continuous members prior to January 1, 2011.

Section 220 of the National by-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers or Committee Members" states that "Any elective Post officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the post under the provision of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed."

For the purpose of establishing continuous membership, a member may reimburse Department and National dues for all delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the delinquency.

RECRUITER CREDITS: Quartermasters now have the ability to enter recruiter credits online when reinstating members or adding new members using the new Online membership System (OMS), formally known as e-Membership. Failure to do so may result in the loss of credit for the recruiter.

Quartermasters are also asked to report recruiting names and new and reinstated names to Department Quartermaster Dick Wellensiek. Failure to do so may result in the recruiter not receiving their membership recruiting awards from Department.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEE Post Quartermasters, there is a \$1.00 admission fee on ALL NEW MEMBERS to be submitted to Department Headquarters. **THIS ADMISSION FEE DOES NOT GO TO NATIONAL.** The Posts may submit monthly, quarterly or at the end of the year. But please remember the \$1.00 State New Member Admission Fee. Headquarters will be sending out notices, if you do not pay the Admission Fee on New Members.

BUDDY POPPIES We can ship orders of 250 from Department Headquarters, but all other orders we have to fax to National. Please allow 6 weeks for orders of 500 or more. Please send ALL orders to Department Headquarters. Place your order NOW for Memorial Day. National will try to ship orders by Memorial Day, but may not be able to due to a shortage of poppies being assembled. Please be patient.

The distribution of the VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in sections 711 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for the Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used in accordance with sections 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure.

COLORADO VETERAN The next Colorado Veteran will be published the first of January 2011. The deadline for articles and pictures was December 1, 2010. Then the next paper will be March 1, 2011. Deadline for articles and pictures is February 1, 2011 for the March paper.

STATE CONVENTION will be held June 15 - 18, 2011, VFW Post #3917 Security, CO. Starting with the January Colorado Veteran, we will be printing the Golf Tournament entry form and Hotels in the area. Schedule of meetings, etc will be printed in later issues.

ELECTRONIC AGE Department Headquarters is still working on the establishment of a complete e-mail data base of Post Commanders or Quartermasters or another person in each post that will be responsible for receiving communications from State Headquarters. If you are not receiving e-mails at this time from State Headquarters, please advise the State Quartermaster of an e-mail address that can be added to the data base for your post. E-mail ann@vfwcolodept.org or vfw@vfwcolodept.org and then you can be added to the database. You will save Department postage if we can e-mail you the information. We know that we keep repeating this, but we really do need your e-mail address.

LEATHER SERVICE JACKETS Department Headquarters has a fund raiser and you can wear a Leather Jacket with your branch of service emblem on the back for \$99.99. Please call Headquarters 303-421-1630 with your size and branch of service. We can even keep this a secret if it is a anniversary or birthday present. So tell your spouse, friend or relative that you would like one of these jackets.

Department Headquarters also has long sleeve cotton twill shirts for \$20.00 each. Order your size for Army, Navy, Marine or Air Force. This also would make a great Christmas, anniversary or birthday present.

Thank You For What You Do For Our Veterans and God Bless America