

**1DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
1400 CARR STREET
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO 80214**

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

June 18, 2011

SERIES: 2011-2012

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of Commander, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command of the Department of Colorado. All previously appointed officers and committeemen s term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 91st Annual Convention held June 15-18, 2011, Security, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

COMMANDER:

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SR. VICE COMMANDER:

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1170 Fulton Street
Aurora 80010
303-341-7487

JR. VICE COMMANDER:

James Lafferty, #3411
P O Box 207
Wild Horse, 80862
719-962-3389

QUARTERMASTER/ADJUTANT:

Dick Wellensiek, #4171
1400 Carr Street
Lakewood 80214
303-421-1630

CHAPLAIN:

John Holland, #1
7762 E Phillips Cr.
Centennial 80112
303-770-5457

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Wayne Thompson, #5061
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Littleton 80121
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Peter Buchanan, #1771
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CHIEF OF STAFF:

Earl Havens, #3917
545 Catalina Dr.
Colo Spgs. 80906
719-576-4154

INSPECTOR:

Donald Smith, #9669
4605 Ford Dr.
Colorado Springs 80908
719-495-4042

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Terry Jacobson, #3471
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Lakewood 80228
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PAST DEPT. COMMANDER:

D. J. Alberts, #4051
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Colo Spgs 80906
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DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:

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303-478-0497

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER:

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DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:

David Gelatt, #2121
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Evans 80620
970-506-0695

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:

John Yost, #4671
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Wray 80758
970-332-5141

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:

Donald Smith, #9669
4605 Ford Dr.
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719-495-4042

DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:

Clayton Chidester, #2411
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DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:

Edward Knecht, #4849
5059 Co Rd 10-75
Antonito 81120
719-588-6780

DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER:

Kirk Rosa, #12009
P O Box 1437
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720-226-1902

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER:

Tony Weiss, #4264
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Steamboat Springs 80477
970-846-5035

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:

Allan Stone, #4666
9947 E Ida Ave.
Greenwood Village 80111
303-770-4005

DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:

Charles Ackerman, #4663
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Fruita 81521
970-858-4944

DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:

Jordan "Mac" McInnis, #4031
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Durango 81302
970-259-5088

DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:

Allen Naugle, #3411
Box 164
Wild Horse 80862
719-962-3222

1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, July 24, 2011. Joint Opening will be at Longs Peak VFW #2601, 206 S Main St., Longmont, Time: 8:30 A.M. SHARP.

Workshops and Pre-Council meeting will be on Saturday July 23, 2011 at VFW Post #2601 Longmont.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THEIR PROPER REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT.

Any and all District and Post Officers and members are invited to attend. Uniform of the day will be black and white. All attending Officers must sign the roster with the Department Adjutant to record your presence at Council of Administration meeting

2. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:** All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sec. 515, Paragraph (c) "Proof of Eligibility". Such proof must be on file at Department Headquarters **prior to July 23, 2011**. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2011 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:** Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

4. **DIRECT DUES** notices will be mailed to the membership. Bring your questions to the Midsummer Conference July 24th in Longmont.

5. **NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 112th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. will be held in San Antonio, TX August 27-Sept 1, 2011. Please contact Department Headquarters for information.

6. **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE:** All Posts are reminded of the provision of the National By-Laws, which requires at least one registration from each Post. The registration fee of \$25.00 for the first Delegate and \$10.00 for the rest of the Delegates and a completed registration form must be sent to the Quartermaster General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, **prior to August 10, 2011**. If the Post has not sent in a Post Election Report Form listing officers for 2011-2012, credentials will not be mailed to the Post Commander for the National Convention.

7. **2011-2012 POST OFFICERS:** Posts that have not submitted Report of Election forms will do so immediately. The forms must be submitted even though the current officers served for the 2010-2011 year. Posts that have not submitted their Election Report to Department will not be listed in the Department roster.

Posts who have not properly reported elected officers by August 1, 2011, will be suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by the Commander-in-Chief. This suspension will automatically terminate when a properly completed Report of Election of officers is received at National Headquarters. At the end of ninety (90) days, the Commander-in-Chief may cancel the charter of any Post not properly submitting a list of officers to National Headquarters.

Please also send a copy of the Report of Election of officers to Department Headquarters.

8. **QUARTERMASTER BONDS - AUDITS:** It is the duty of Commander to see that the office of the Quartermaster is bonded and that Trustees Reports of Audits are completed, signed by the Commander, Trustees, and Quartermaster and mailed to Department Headquarters no later than 30 days following the close of each quarter. All

Quartermaster bonds carried through Department expire **August 31, 2011**. **The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post and District Quartermaster.

9. **DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD:** All requests for the State Color Guard Units or Ritual Teams will be directed by the State Commander to Phil Garcia and will be handled in order of priority established by the Commander and recommendations from the District being considered. All requests will be submitted in writing to the State Commander, and it is requested that a copy be sent to Captain Phil Garcia.

10. **COMMUNITY SERVICE and OTHER REPORTS:** Post Commanders are advised to send an **ORIGINAL report form - Community Service, Youth Activity, Americanism, Loyalty Day, Hospital and others pertaining to the Department Program report - DIRECTLY** to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO, 80214. Department Headquarters will duplicate same and send copies to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences May 1, 2011. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2011-2012. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. **THERE ARE NEW FORMS FOR 2011-2012 REPORTING.**

11. **VFW CAPS, OFFICIAL:** All personnel are advised that there is only one official cap of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, namely, a cap of the overseas type, lettered with VFW initials, Post numerals, State, rank of office (when applicable), and bearing the Cross of Malta emblem. The color shall be regulation Army Shade 51 or Suntan, tropical worsted. Organizational echelons will be designated by the appropriate color of the braid and lettering on the cap. **Caps will not be worn while eating or seated during meals.** All other types of headgear, i.e., baseball types, western types, sporting types, are not official headgear and will not be worn at meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

12. **2010-2011 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2010-2011 year, please notify Department, in writing, within Thirty (30) Days by applying for the appropriate awards.

13. **MEMBERSHIP:** The new membership year has started. Sign up a new and/or reinstated members and earn awards from Department.

ATTESTED BY:

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Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:

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Department Commander