

COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

BULLETIN

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*.

ELECTION REPORTS: 11 VFW Posts have not mailed their 2010-2011 Election Report Form to VFW National or State Headquarters. Listed here by District: (1) 6616 (2) 2788, 5812, 7305 (3) 9565 (4) 8064 (6) 3621, 4281 (11) 4267 (12) 9058 (13) 9491. District and Post Commanders please make sure these VFW Posts remit their Election Reports. If not received by July 6, they will not be listed in the 2010-2011 Roster.

Election reports must be completed for all officers and appointed officers. If the Officer has not paid their dues for 2010 they cannot hold Office and must pay their 2011 dues before December 31, 2010.

THE FOLLOWING MEN’S AUXILIARY ELECTION REPORTS ARE ALSO MISSING: Englewood #322, Denver #501, Lafayette #1771, Ft Collins #1781, Brighton #2841, Colorado Springs #4051, Arvada #4331, Commerce City #4444. If the Election report is not received by July 6, they will not be listed in the 2010-2011 Roster.

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.

The VFW Leadership Reference Guide for 2010-2011 will be on line. Post Quartermasters must have internet access or have someone in the post that can assist them, to obtain current Post Roster of paid members, unpaid members, etc. Post Officers will have to access the Leadership Reference Guide for All American Information, etc. State Headquarters will advise at a later date concerning the State Membership Plan for 2010-2011. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE INTERNET ACCESS FOR 2010-2011. THANK YOU!**

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION is due and Payable to National VFW Headquarters. Section 222 of the National By-Laws/Manual of Procedure states “Each Post shall register, in advance, at least one (1) delegate to the National Convention by the payment of a fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.”

A NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS BULLETIN.

COLORADO OFFICERS also hold “Open House” for all Colorado National Convention attendees and also an evening is scheduled to invite other National Convention attendees, so that the State Commander and State President can greet them and show them our Colorado Hospitality. A letter to the Post Commander and a letter to the Auxiliary President is enclosed. Please read the VFW letter at your Post meeting and pass the other letter to the Ladies Auxiiary President.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: July 24 - 25, 2010 at VFW Post #4051, Colorado Springs. Saturday July 24th will be workshops for officers and chairmen to present their programs. Pre-Council will be at 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon and dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost to be announced. Please call Headquarters with your reservations 303-421-1630. Sunday will be a Joint Meeting with the Department Ladies Auxiliary at 8:00 am with Council of Administration meeting to follow. As soon as plans are finalized we will contact by the email addresses that we have on file.

POST AND DISTRICT QUARTERMASTER BONDS: Current 2009-2010 Quartermaster Position Bonds will expire August 31, 2010. Bond Application forms will be mailed to the 2010-2011 Quartermaster the end of July. Please make sure your Bond is paid by August 31, 2010 for the amount equal to your liquid assets for the 2010-2011 year. 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: National has advised that you can advance one (1) entry for every fifteen (15) from the Post and Auxiliary level to District. In an earlier bulletin we advised this had changed, but National did rescind the change and now we are back to the way it has been for a number of years. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR POST & AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN.**

NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT PEN THEMES. The 2010-2011 themes have been chosen. Voice of Democracy will be "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?" and Patriot's Pen will be "Does Patriotism Still Matter?" Finally Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen are VFW programs supported by the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. It is inappropriate for the Ladies Auxiliary to conduct a separate judging at any level.

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.

ALL POST QUARTERMASTERS should order 2011 Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual books from VFW Emblem and Supply, they should be ready after National Convention. All current officers should have a current book for reference and ritual procedures.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which will end June 30, 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 first Quarterly Audit for the year 2010-2011 that is due into Department Headquarters by July 31, 2010.

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. The 2010-2011 year for Buddy Poppies started May 1, 2010 and will end April 30, 2011. Place your order NOW for Veterans Day.

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 August 2010. The deadline for articles and pictures was July 1, 2010. Then the next paper will be September 1, 2010. Deadline for articles and pictures is August 1, 2010 for the September paper.

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 an anniversary or birthday present. So tell your spouse, friend or relative that you would like one of these jackets.

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