

COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

“Thank You For What You Do”

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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*.

Members are reminded that their Annual Membership in the VFW will expire December 31, 2011, unless their 2012 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, 2012.

Section 220 of the National By-Laws, “Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers” 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 provisions of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed.”

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: October 22 - 23, 2011 at VFW Post #2551 Fort Morgan. Saturday October 22nd will be workshops for Membership at 10:00 am by State Membership Director Jim Mauck and Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Dolan; Program Workshop will be at 11:00 am by State Commander Ron Davies and Community Service Chairman Chuck Ackerman; Quartermaster Workshop will be at 1:00 pm by State Quartermaster Dick Wellensiek.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon for \$7.00. Reservations need to be called to Headquarters 303-421-1630 by October 18th so that Fort Morgan can have a count and have enough food prepared.

Pre-Council will start at 2:30 pm for all Council members to allow members to get dressed for the Halloween Costume Party which will start at 6:00 pm followed by dinner for \$10.00. Please come dressed in your costume and they will be judged first before dinner. Please also let Headquarters know by October 18th if you will be present for dinner.

Sunday Joint Meeting will start at 8:30 am with the Ladies Auxiliary. District 13 Council Member Ron Lattin will be the National Representative for the Council of Administration weekend.

Asst. Service Officer Rebecca Forbes will be at the Yuma VFW Post, Friday October 21, to assist veterans in the area with claims. She will also be attending Council of Administration weekend and Service Officer Terry Jacobson will be in attendance Sunday morning.

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. District can advance one (1) entry to Department. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR POST & AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN**, that it is inappropriate for the Ladies Auxiliary to conduct a separate judging at any level.

Deadlines to the Post for Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Citizenship Education Teacher entries is November 1st. Post deadline to District is November 15th and District Deadline to Department is December 6th and December 15th for Citizenship Education Teacher entry. Department deadline to National is January 15, 2012.

Voice of Democracy Banquet will be held January 28, 2012 Golden VFW #4171. More information in the October Colorado Veteran on the entire weekend.

INTERNAL REVENUE FORM 990: It is now time to file 990N, 990EZ or 990 if your fiscal year end was June 30, 2011. The deadline for filing is November 15, 2011. Those VFW Posts that have a December 31, 2010 year end should have filed by May 15, 2011. If you cannot file the 990N on a computer, call Department Headquarters and Ann will do it for you. Please do not lose your Federal Tax Exempt status.

POST AND DISTRICT QUARTERMASTER BONDS: 2010-2011 Quartermaster Position Bonds expired August 31, 2011. Bond Application forms were mailed to the 2011-2012 Quartermaster the end of July 2011. The following have not renewed their Bond as of September 28, 2011: Loveland #41, Pueblo #61, Denver #501, Johnstown #2585, Penrose #2788, Oak Creek #3311, Yuma #3378, Brush #3551, La Junta #4091, Gunnison #4267, Mancos #5231, Rangely #5261, Louisville #7206, Colorado City #7305, Bennett #8449, Rifle #9304, Deer Trail #9491, Lake George 11411, District #6, Men's Auxiliary Denver #501, Longmont #2601, Commerce City #4444, Denver #5061, Evans 6624.

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 2012 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.

DISTRICT INSPECTORS shall make every effort to inspect every Post in their District on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed. Inspection forms are then sent to Department Headquarters for the State Inspector to review and make recommendations as needed. Please send ALL 3 copies to Department Headquarters for the State Inspector to sign. A signed copy will be returned to the District and Post for their records.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended September 30, 2011. 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.

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. **Veterans Day will soon be here, so place your order now.** The 2011-2012 year for Buddy Poppies started May 1, 2011 and will end April 30, 2012 for State Awards. Buddy Poppies for All American runs from July 1 - June 30.

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 November 2011. The deadline for articles and pictures was October 1, 2011. Then the next paper will be January 1, 2012. Deadline for articles and pictures is December 1, 2011 for the January paper.

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. We will soon be sending out a test of e-mail addresses that we have acquired from National Headquarters and from Election reports. We need at least 1 (one) contact in EACH VFW Post.

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 for a Christmas, 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