

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*.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: October 30 - 31, 2010 at VFW Post #4171, Golden. Saturday October 30th will be a workshop at 9:00 am by Terry Jacobson and Jacob Castro, State Service Officers. All VFW members, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary are welcome to attend and are urged to do so.

10:00 - 12:00 noon there will be a Membership Workshop by Bill Bloomquist, National Recruiter Training Program and Jim Mauck Membership Director for Colorado. All VFW members, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary members are urged to attend this workshop. Bill will be available after lunch for one on one until he has to return to the airport as his plane leaves at 6:00 pm to return to Kansas City.

Pre-Council will be at 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon \$6.00 and dinner at 6:00 pm \$8.00. Please call Headquarters with your reservations 303-421-1630. Sunday will be a Joint Meeting with the Department Ladies Auxiliary at 9:00 am with Council of Administration meeting to follow.

Halloween Costume Party will be Saturday evening at the VFW Post, so come dressed in your costume when you come to dinner.

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: #322 Englewood; #501 Denver; #1781 Ft Collins; #2411 Las Animas; #2643 Walsenburg; #2788 Penrose; #3311 Oak Creek; #3378 Yuma; #3621 Lamar; #3631 Aurora; #3951 Ovid; #4265 Craig; #4267 Gunnison; #4331 Arvada; #4444 Commerce City; #5261 Rangle; #6011 Platteville; #6492 Seibert; #6616 Denver; #7206 Louisville; #8898 Boone; #9471 Hayden; #9491 Deer Trail; #12009 Conifer; Districts #1, #6, #7, #9, #10, #12, #13; Men's Auxiliaries #4444, #5061.

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: National has advised that you can advance one (1) entry for every fifteen (15) from the Post and Auxiliary level to District. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR POST & AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN.** It is inappropriate for the Ladies Auxiliary to conduct a separate judging at any level.

Deadlines for entries 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 for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen and December 15th for Citizenship Education Teacher entry. Department deadline to National is January 15th, 2011.

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.

NOVEMBER IS "VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM" MONTH: Your Post can be helpful in assisting youngsters in grades K-2 learn the Pledge of Allegiance. For grades 3-5 you can begin teaching them about proper flag etiquette and the basic rules of the Federal Flag Code. For the older in grades 6-12 VFW members can provide their unique experiences as combat veterans with their "living histories." This is Citizenship Education and can be reported on the Community Service Report form.

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.

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.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended September 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 second Quarterly Audit for the year 2010-2011 that is due into Department Headquarters by October 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. Place your order NOW for Veterans Day. National will try to ship orders by Veterans 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 Veterans 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 2010. The deadline for articles and pictures was October 1, 2010. Then the next paper will be January 1, 2011. Deadline for articles and pictures is December 1, 2010 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.

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 Christmas, 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