

Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214

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1. The 112th Founders Day Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO. Cocktails at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Prepaid \$40.00 for dinner, no tickets at the door.

2. VFW Posts are believed to be exempt by the State of Colorado, under the Charitable Purpose Exemption. A funding of "charitable purpose" generally requires the presence of the following three elements: gifts, benefits to indefinite number of persons, and a lessening of the burden of government. Active involvement in the VFW Community Activities program and accurate reporting of the same will establish the three required elements. Any Post in need of clarification, regarding **property tax exemption** should contact the State of Colorado, Division of Property Taxation, Department of Local Affairs, 1313 Sherman Street, Room #419, Denver, Colorado 80203, Phone (303)866-2686. Your elected State Representative may also offer assistance. Property Tax Exemption must be filed every year to remain tax exempt on your VFW Post property. If this form is not filed every year when due, your Property will be placed on the Tax roles.

3. Several Posts and Districts have not purchased adequate Quartermaster Bonds. It is mandatory that the Post and District Quartermaster be bonded for an appropriate amount. Bond applications have been mailed to those Posts and Districts that are delinquent. Quarterly Trustee Audits are also mandatory. The 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit was due at Department Headquarters by October 31, 2011.

4. The Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, is not responsible for the action or debts of individual members or subordinate units. In the future, any individual, Post, District or Canteen involved in legal action due to irregularities or violations committed by said individuals or subordinate units, shall report them at once to the Department Commander.

5. Department Community Service Report forms must be properly filled out or credit will not be given.

ALL Community Activity Report Forms, Post and Auxiliary WILL be mailed to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214. Do not mail to Chairman.

6. All VFW Posts should order NEW Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual from Emblem and Supply. Many changes were approved at National Convention in San Antonio.

7. VFW Posts are reminded that an IRS Form 990, 990EZ or 990N must be filed every year. Deadline for Posts with a 6/30/11 year end is 11/15/11. Those VFW Posts with a 12/31/10 year end must have filed by 5/15/11. An extension form may be filed if you need more time to gather the information. If you need help filing the 990N electronic card

contact Department Headquarters 303-421-1630. Not filing will result in your Post losing its non-profit standing with IRS if not filed for three (3) consecutive years.

By Command of:
Ronald W. Davies
State Commander

Attested by:
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State Adjutant