

COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

“Get On Board”

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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 expires December 31, 2009, unless their 2010 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, 2010.

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.”

All annual VFW members should look at their card NOW and make sure it is a 2010 membership card. For the purpose of establishing continuous membership, a member may reimburse Department and National dues for all delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the delinquency.

Department of Colorado VFW State Convention will be June 16th - 19th, 2010 hosted by VFW Post 9644 and Auxiliaries. Complete Hotel listing is enclosed for room reservations. If your Post is interested in donating an item for the ditty bags, contact Karen Davidsmeyer 303-347-9401. Items are needed for 500 ditty bags.

Pre-Registration will be in the January Colorado Veteran. Page 8 is reserved for State Convention information and will be updated as needed.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY: Awards Banquet will be January 30, 2010, VFW Post 2121 Greeley, Colorado. Chairmen are still working out details for the 5 students that will be honored that weekend. They are looking at different agenda's in the Greeley area. Details will be in the January 2010 Colorado Veteran. Cost will be \$7.00 reservations with Department Headquarters by January 27th, 303-421-1630.

Just Say No packets have been mailed to all Post and District Commanders. Deadline is February 8, 2010 into Department with the 1st place winner in each age group.

Youth Carnival will be March 13, 2010, VFW Post 4171, 15625 W 10th Ave., Golden, CO. If you have not reserved your game or food booth contact Charlie Mills 970-330-0233. Patriot Pen and Just Say No winners will be announced at the Carnival and awards will be given out at the program starting at 1:00 pm. Booths will open at 12:00 noon and will stay open after the program until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00, no charge to winners and their families.

All Post Quartermasters should order 2010 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. A signed copy will be returned to the Post for their records.

Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2009. 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. **Memorial Day will soon be here, so place your order now.** The 2009-2010 year for Buddy Poppies started May 1, 2009 and will end April 30, 2010.

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 January 2010. The deadline for articles and pictures was December 1, 2009. **Then the next paper will be March 1, 2010. Deadline for articles and pictures is February 1, 2010 for the March 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. Thank You!

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