

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

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Richard McKinney, Post 6527, Greenwood, AR
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Henry Wadahara, Post 344, San Jose, CA
Anthony Archer, Post 101, Colorado Springs, CO
John Morrow, Post 475, Newark, DE
Edward Nuzum, Post 8385, Kings Bay, GA
Dean Rakoskie, Post 10825, Statesboro, GA
William Browne, Post 311, Richton Park, IL
Ronald Milton, Post 4183, Belleville, IL
Nancy O`Connell, Post 4226, Olney, IL
Joseph Swinford, Post 4168, Clinton, IL
James Proctor, Post 11362, Naples, ME
David Adams, Post 1782, White Bear Lake, MN
Scott Bill, Post 3915, Brooklyn Park, MN
Michael Pierce, Post 3723, Owatonna, MN
Kenneth Allison, Post 6274, Ballwin, MO
Teresa Shaw, Post 2513, Warrensburg, MO
Paul Ziegler, Post 3168, Buckhorn, MO
Jeffery Bock, Post 3525, Hamilton Township, NJ
Joseph Del Grippo, Post 335, Cranford, NJ
James Wisor, Post 2290, Manville, NJ
Edward Bergmann, Post 6780, Dansville, NY
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Douglas Herbert, Post 2250, Hornell, NY
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James Mc Nally, Post 53, Jamestown, NY
Patrick Rourk, Post 1143, Massena, NY
Edward Todd, Post 672, Brewster, NY
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Stephen Curtin, Post 7263, Capitola, CA
Carlos Fernandez, Post 8900, Fresno, CA
Robert McMahan, Post 8151, Dixon, CA
Douglas Scholl, Post 3783, Ramona, CA
William Avery, Post 11411, Lake George, CO
Robert Mac Lees, Post 6984, Milton, DE
George Fields, Post 6449, Fairburn, GA
Howard Slay, Post 5290, Conyers, GA
Thomas Bailey, Post 886, Pontiac, IL
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Anthony Maroney, Post 5815, Lombard, IL
Alfredo Rocha, Post 755, Springfield, IL
John Bouchard, Post 9389, Caribou, ME
Lawrence Grindland, Post 295, South Saint Paul, MN
Michael Meyer, Post 3723, Owatonna, MN
Scott Wiechmann, Post 1216, Austin, MN
Dennis Desmond, Post 2646, Marshall, MO
Paul Frampton, Post 1667, Ridgedale, MO
Norman Morgan, Post 5368, Morley, MO
James D`Arcy, Post 335, Cranford, NJ
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2. Commanders at all levels are reminded of their duty to conduct the business of the organization while adhering to COVID-19 restrictions and that as Commander they shall “insist that... business and activities are conducted in such a manner that they do not violate any applicable governmental law, ordinance or regulation nor bring or tend to bring dishonor or embarrassment on the... Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.”

On July 29, 2020, Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch issued Executive Order No. 1 which provided Commanders the discretion to conduct meetings and conventions electronically where COVID

restrictions apply. Commanders who fail to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions have failed to fulfill the duties of their office which may result in their removal.

3. Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been changed to a 12-month dues structure that started July 1, 2018. The changes to subscription dues to a “DMV” model now allows anyone who becomes a member or renews membership after July 1, 2019, to postpone expiration until the last day of their 12th month. For example, if a new member joins or an existing member renews on July 5, 2020, their dues now expire on July 31, 2021. The annual membership card (effective July 1, 2020) reflects the month and year dues expire.

Current members that are in good standing as of July 1, 2020, have been extended in OMS through the last day of the month when their dues are scheduled to expire. Regardless of the month they renewed, as long as they were in good standing as of July 1, 2020, they now have until the end of the expiration month to renew their dues.

Members that are in good standing but have not renewed for the 2020-21 membership year will see the changes on their digital ID card reflecting the updated month and year when their dues expire. They will have the option to request an updated annual membership card with the change reflecting the expiration month and year.

The purpose of the changes to subscription dues to a “DMV” model was to streamline the process for both the Post and Department Quartermasters to track expiring annual members. No longer will Posts and Departments have to chase annual members’ dues on a daily basis; instead they can see a block of members during a specific month (one, two and three months out), allowing them to formulate a plan to collect dues at one time. This also makes it easier for the Department/District/Post Sergeant-at-Arms to quickly see if a member is in good standing prior to a meeting.

4. Section 220 of the National Bylaws, “Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members” states, “Any elected 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.”

5. 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.

6. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, “Duty of Trustees.” Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends Dec. 31, 2020. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.

7. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department Bylaws and directives. District and Department Inspectors to include Assistant

Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.

8. The distribution of VFW “Buddy”® Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Sections 711 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and 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.

9. Recent changes to the VFW National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Newly revised *Robert’s Rules of Order* is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon. The most recent edition (12th Edition) was released this year.

10. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

- Post Nos. 8807 and 9829 consolidated as Post No. 8807, Tonto Basin, Arizona
- Post Nos. 1084 and 5739 consolidated as Post No. 1084, Benton, Kentucky
- Post Nos. 707 and 10772 consolidated as Post No. 707, Mandan, North Dakota

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