



**Department of South Carolina  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
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**Memorandum**

**1 February 1, 2021**

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**Commanders ensure this information is passed to your posts for their information.**

- **Due to the cancellation of the Department Midwinter Conference a CofA was held on 30 January at Department Headquarters. We had a good turnout both in person and on Zoom. Our National Sr. Vice CIC Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic joined in through Zoom and was present for our early training classes, the CofA and the training class held after. Many thanks for his comments and dedication to the VFW.**
- **Congratulations to all the Early Bird posts, VOD, PP, Teachers, Website and Communication award winners. Awards were passed out at the CofA on 30 January to the District Commanders.**
- **By unanimous vote, the 2022-2023 Department Conference and Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites, Columbia SC. Conference will be Feb 16-19, 2023 and Convention June 20-23, 2023.**
- **Department Commander issued a membership challenge to District and Post QM/ADJ. Information is posted on the Department website [www.vfwsc.org](http://www.vfwsc.org)**
- **The February National General Orders are posted on the Website [www.vfwsc.org](http://www.vfwsc.org) for your review.**
- **Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election, and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions**



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**that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1.**

- **Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.**
- **Auxiliaries do not need to send in Legislative reports. This is only a requirement for the Department All State.**
- **VSO Martin Snowden has submitted his resignation as of 31 January due to health reasons. The Department is working with National and is actively seeking a replacement.**
- **All Post Commanders are responsible to keep track of both the Department and National Dashboards. The Dept DB replaces the paper report card and will be used for end of year awards.**
- **Post Nominations/Election of Officers: IAW Section 217 of the Manual of Procedures, nominations of Post Officers shall be open in March and election of Officers shall be conclude in April.**
- **Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers: All Posts, Districts and Departments should be reminded of the provisions of Sections 216, 416, and 516 of the Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant and properly reviewed.**



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- **District Meetings:** All District Commanders are reminded that if they cancel a District meeting due to Covid-19, that they are to notify the State Adjutant and State Commander, respectively.
- **There are many Post officer whose membership will expire in the next few months.** It is the Post's responsibility to ensure their membership is renewed. Any member whose membership has expired is no longer in good standing with the VFW.
- **Chain of Command:** Any Posts having issues, they will need to start at the Post level to resolve them, then District Commander and then Department. 90% of the time, issues can be resolved at the Post level.
- **Program Reporting by Adjutants:** As per VFW National Headquarters, all reporting will be done electronically to National on the "All American Dashboard" by the Adjutant. Adjutants are the official corresponding officer for the Post/District/Department and shall attest to all official communications and reports with their signature. Adjutant were granted permissions August 1 based on election reports to access the reporting functions.
- **Members are getting emails requesting game cards and other gift cards supposedly from Department officers.** This is a phishing campaign and not a real request. If you should receive one of these emails do not answer it, delete it.
- **The next Membership Monday will be February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.** Notice will be sent out to all members of the Department.

**Please continue to be safe, wear your mask and watch out for the other person.**

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