



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

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GENERAL ORDERS
2022 – 2023 Series

September 1, 2022

1. **New 988 Veterans Crisis Hotline:** The VA announced veterans now have the option to **Dial 988 then Press 1** to connect with caring, qualified responders for 24/7 crisis assistance.

2. **District and Post Commanders:** Per Section 218 (a) (1) (g) of the Bylaws: Commander’s must assure that the office of Quartermaster is bonded according to Section 703 of the Bylaws.

ALL BONDS EXPIRED AUGUST 31, 2022. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR BOND AND PAYEMNT FOR YOUR NEW BOND.

3. **Post Commanders:** Submit to the Department Adjutant a Quarterly Audit of Post finances and assets no later than 30 days after the end of the reporting Quarter. Effective September 1st -- you are late!!

4. **Post Commanders:** The Post Commander or their designated representative will attend all properly called District training, conventions, or meetings.

5. **Post Commanders:** Any Post owning property and/or operating any facility or business concern must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance in an amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Such insurance must name, as additional insured’s, the “National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States” and the “Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.”

6. **Post Commanders:** If you are missing any of the three mandatory VPR’s that are past due get them done and turned in.

Reminder: Mandatory VPR's for 2022-2023:

- Friday, November 11, 2022 (Veterans Day)
- Monday, May 1, 2023 (Loyalty Day)
- Monday, May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day)
- Wednesday, June 14, 2023 (Flag Day)

7. Candidates for Department Office 2023-2024:

State Commander, Larry Sanders, Post 10241, Lytle, D-20
State Senior Vice Commander, Robert Martinez, Jr., Post 2059, Kirby, D-20
State Junior Vice Commander, Lupita M. Perez, Post 12178, Weslaco, D-18
State Junior Vice Commander, John E. Shipley, Post 6970, Poteet, D-20
State Junior Vice Commander, Dave Walden, Post 10427, Leander, D-28
State Quartermaster, Ben Lowrance, Post 1475, Amarillo, D-9
State Quartermaster, William "Bill" E. Smith, Post 8541, San Antonio, D-20
State Chaplain, Timothy Anderson, Post 3894, Waxahachie, D-30
State Chaplain, Michael "Foy" Day, Post 4692, Bryan, D-17
State Judge Advocate Steve Evans, Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9
State Judge Advocate, Larry Velasquez, Post 8932, Corpus Christi, D-6
State Surgeon, Gerard P. "Jerry" Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3
State Surgeon, Randall Johnston, Post 4376, Seven Points, D-30

8. District Meetings for September through October 1, 2022:

- District 16 September 10th Post 7109-Pearland
- District 2 September 17th Post 2775-Orange
- District 14 September 17th Post 8577-Copperas Cove
- District 20 September 22nd Post 4676-Universal City
- District 29 October 1st Post 2148-Waco

By order of:

Lynn Toomer

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Attested By:

Ben Lowrance

Ben Lowrance, State Adjutant/Quartermaster