



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

NOVEMBER 2022

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 4

2022 – 2023 Series

November 1, 2022

1. Dates to Remember (Department of Texas VFW HQs will be closed):

- Friday, November 11th - Veterans Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th - Thanksgiving Observance
- Friday & Monday, December 23rd & 26th - Christmas Observance
- Friday, December 30th - New Year's Eve Observance

2. Pearl Harbor Day: Post Commanders are urged to start planning a VPR program for Wednesday, December 7, 2022, for the observance of Pearl Harbor Day.

3. Politics: Members cannot represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Auxiliary within Texas concerning pending VFW sponsored legislation on a State or National level, or anything relevant to VFW policies of a State or National nature without first obtaining permission from Department of Texas VFW Headquarters.

4. Deadline to submit 2021 IRS form: Friday, December 30, 2022, is the deadline to submit a copy of your Post IRS Form, 990, 990EZ, or 990N (refer to pages 42-43 of SOP)

5. Deadline for Posts to submit by Friday, December 30, 2022, the following:

- To order Buddy Poppies (refer to page 37 of SOP)
- Submit MAP donation (refer to page 38 of SOP)
- Submit VFW National Home donation (refer to page 39 of SOP)

6. Post Audit Deadlines: The 2nd Quarter Post Audit Report is due by Tuesday, January 31, 2023; the 3rd Quarter Post Audit Report is due by Sunday, April 30, 2023.

7. Reminder of due dates for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher entries:

- VFW Post winners to their Districts → deadline is Tuesday, November 15, 2022
- District winners to the Department of Texas HQs → deadline is Thursday, December 1, 2022

- 8. 2023 Mid-Winter Conference:** The Conference will be held again in Corpus Christi (January 19-22, 2023) at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel (900 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas, 778401). Click on the link below for more details:
<https://www.texasvfw.org/2023-mid-winter-conference>

9. 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, Anson L. Booker, Post 3892, D-14
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

10. District Meetings for November and December 2022:

• <u>District 9</u>	<u>November 5th</u>	<u>Post 4818-Hereford</u>
• <u>District 10</u>	<u>November 11th</u>	<u>Post 10352-El Paso</u>
• <u>District 12</u>	<u>November 12th</u>	<u>Post 5398-Pittsburg</u>
• <u>District 25</u>	<u>November 12th</u>	<u>Post 7208-Midland</u>
• <u>District 5</u>	<u>November 19th</u>	<u>Post 8315-Schertz</u>
• <u>District 1</u>	<u>November 19th-20th</u>	<u>Post 8558-Nocona</u>
• <u>District 20</u>	<u>December 3rd</u>	<u>Post 8555-Poth</u>
• <u>District 24</u>	<u>December 3rd</u>	<u>Post 4403-Port Lavaca</u>
• <u>District 18</u>	<u>December 11th</u>	<u>Post 12178-Weslaco</u>
• <u>District 3</u>	<u>December 17th</u>	<u>Post 8785-Mesquite</u>

- 11. District Commanders:** As we are fast approaching the inclement weather months, if you are going to cancel a District meeting, please notify not only your Posts respectively but also State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Ben Lowrance (ben@texasvfw.org), as soon as possible, so that the Department Representative can be notified. Also, notify Taylor Engle, Department Secretary (taylor@texasvfw.org) at Department Headquarters of the next District meeting date. We do not want anyone to have an accident during inclement weather.

By order of:

Lynn Toomer

Lynn Toomer, State Commander



Attested By:

Ben Lowrance

Ben Lowrance, State Adjutant/Quartermaster