



## Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

April 2023  
No. 9

GENERAL ORDERS  
2022 – 2023 Series

April 1, 2023

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### 1. District Meetings for April 2023:

• <u>District 3</u>	<u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Post 6796-Dallas</u>
• <u>District 5</u>	<u>April 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Post 7110-New Braunfels</u>
• <u>District 8</u>	<u>April 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Post 6873-Abilene</u>
• <u>District 10</u>	<u>April 29<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Post 8919-El Paso</u>
• <u>District 13</u>	<u>April 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Post 1480-Kerrville</u>
• <u>District 14</u>	<u>April 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Post 4008-Belton</u>
• <u>District 17</u>	<u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Post 3452-Jewett</u>
• <u>District 18</u>	<u>April 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Post 2035-Brownsville</u>
• <u>District 19</u>	<u>April 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Post 3893-Nacogdoches</u>
• <u>District 24</u>	<u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Post 8136-Yorkstown</u>
• <u>District 29</u>	<u>April 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Post 4819-West</u>
• <u>District 30</u>	<u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Post 9180-Forney</u>

### 2. Deadline Dates to be submitted to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters:

**April 3:** Deadline to submit Scout of the Year entries to Texas VFW HQ.

**April 10:** Deadline to receive Community Service Record book at Texas VFW HQ.

**April 24:** Deadline to receive VPR for Kosovo Campaign at Texas VFW HQ.

**April 28:** Deadline to receive 3rd Quarter Post Audit at Texas VFW HQ.

**April 28:** Deadline to receive VPR for Somalia Operation and Vietnam Memorial Day at Texas VFW HQ.

### 3. 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 Chaplain, Michael "Foy" Day, Post 4692, Bryan, D-17

State Chaplain, Timothy Anderson, Post 3894, Waxahachie, D-30

State Judge Advocate, Larry Velasquez, Post 8932, Corpus Christi, D-6  
State Judge Advocate Steve Evans, Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9  
State Surgeon, Randall Johnston, Post 4376, Seven Points, D-30  
State Surgeon, Gerard P. "Jerry" Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3

4. **Post Nominations/Election of Officers:** In accordance with Section 217 of the Manual Procedure, Election of Officers shall be conducted in April.

**NOTE:** Post election reports should be filed shortly after the final nomination and Election of Officers at the April Post meetings. **Per the 2022-2023 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on page 14, the deadline to submit Post Election Reports is Monday, May 1, 2023.**

Posts should use the Online Membership System (OMS) on the National VFW website. For those Posts who cannot complete the election report in OMS, please forward it to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters.

**Post Delegates need to be nominated and elected at April Post meetings.**

5. **All-State:** The Department will not accept any All-State documentation and/or checks until **May 1, 2023**. The stats that show who have achieved this will not be accurate until that date, as qualifications are not complete.
6. **Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers:** All VFW Posts and Districts are reminded of the provisions of Sections 216 and 416 of the VFW 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 their respective Post Adjutant or District Adjutant and properly reviewed.
7. **District Nominations/Election of Officers:** Elected Officers shall be nominated and elected at their respective District Convention and shall be conducted in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.

**Officers shall not assume office if they are in arrears in their yearly dues.** Any Officer who during their term of office does not pay their dues when due, will be removed by National Headquarters and will not be able to assume any office for the remainder of the current calendar year.

District Commanders, District Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, District Adjutants, and Quartermasters upon being elected and installed will provide a copy of their discharge papers (DD-214's) to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters.

**NOTE:** Check with the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters to confirm if your DD-214 is already on file by contacting Kate Thomas, State Executive Assistant: [kate@texasvfw.org](mailto:kate@texasvfw.org).

8. **Resolutions for Department of Texas VFW State Convention:** VFW Posts desiring to submit resolutions for consideration by their District prior to convening of the State Convention must present the resolution to their District in time for their District Convention.

Upon approval by the District, copies of the resolution must reach the Department of Texas VFW State Adjutant/Quartermaster Ben Lowrance, in time to be prepared for the 2023 State Convention.

**Any proposed By-Law changes and resolutions must be submitted from the Post through the District to the Department no later than Monday, May 16, 2022.**

9. **103rd Annual State Convention-Department of Texas VFW:** The Annual State Convention is scheduled for June 8-11, 2023, in Dallas, Texas, at the Hilton Anatole. The room block is currently sold out for the Hilton Anatole. Please check the Texas VFW Website for overflow accommodations at a discounted rate.

**Banquet tickets will be available for purchase on the website only April 1st.**

10. **2023 Officer Training Seminar (OTS):** OTS is scheduled for July 6-9, 2023, in Austin, Texas, at the Renaissance Hotel. The room block will be open for reservations on April 1<sup>st</sup> on the Texas VFW website.

11. **124<sup>th</sup> VFW National Convention:** National VFW Convention is scheduled for July 22-27, 2023. The room block opened on February 17<sup>th</sup> and will sell out quickly. Please visit the National website for more information.

<https://vfw.org/media-and-events/124th-vfw-national-convention>

12. **Texas VFW Birthday:** Texas VFW was established April 21, 1921. Feel free to send photos of how your Post celebrated to [media@texasvfw.org](mailto:media@texasvfw.org)

13. **Attention Post Commanders:** You need to ensure that your Post is represented at all District meetings which is part of your duties as a Post Commander. Choose a Post Officer to represent your Post at District meetings if you are unable to attend. This is not an option. It is Mandatory.

**14. District Election Packets:** The District Election Packets for all the incoming District Commanders will be emailed to the incoming District Commanders prior to their District meetings in April and May. It is very important that all incoming District Commanders fill out and return the forms to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters as soon as elections are completed.

**15. Closing Comments:** Thank you all for the hard work that everyone puts in on behalf of their respective Posts and Districts “Keeping the VFW Great!”

**By order of:**



Lynn Toomer, State Commander



**Attested By:**



Ben Lowrance, State Adjutant/Quartermaster