



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

OCTOBER 2022

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 3

2022 – 2023 Series

October 1, 2022

1. **Monday, October 11, 2022:** The Department of Texas VFW HQs office will be closed for Columbus Day.
2. **Veterans Day:** Post Commanders are urged to start planning a program for Friday, November 11, 2022, for the observance of Veterans Day (see Section 223 of the Manual of Procedure). Remember that the Mandatory VPR is required for Veterans Day.
3. **All-American Post Cap Order Information:** For Post Quartermasters and members of any All-American Post may purchase and submit their cap order through the VFW Store. Go to this link and order your cap: www.vfwstore.org
4. **VFW National Public Servant Awards:** Starting this year, the dispatcher category has been added to the list of National Public Servant Awards. The Department of Texas VFW will be asked to submit four (4) nominees (one for each career area) to the National VFW Programs. Consider sending a nominee from your Post for the following:
 - VFW National Law Enforcement Award
 - VFW National Firefighter Award
 - VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Award
 - VFW National 911 Dispatcher Award
5. **Veterans in the Classroom Month in November:** VFW and VFW Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students. Invite your local military recruiter to join you to talk about military service today. Additional information can be found in the 2022-23 VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairperson's Guide.
6. **Reminder for Post Commanders:** Reminder for all Post Commanders of Section 218(a)(1) Paragraph c. "Insist that Post business and activities be 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 upon the Post, its members, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States."

7. **Chain of Command:** Use your chain of command if there are issues at your Posts. It is asked that you start with the Post Commander, then the District Commander, and finally the State Commander. Most situations or problems can be rectified and resolved at the Post level.

8. **Post Commanders:** Are directed to Section 103 of the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the way applications for membership will be handled. **Applications for membership of new, reinstated or transfer members must be voted on by the members present at a regular Post meeting.**

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

- From Students and Teachers to local VFW Posts → deadline is October 31, 2022
- VFW Post winners to their Districts → deadline is November 15, 2022
- District winners to the Department of Texas HQs → deadline is December 1, 2022

10. **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

11. **District Meetings for October 2022:**

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| • <u>District 29</u> | <u>October 1st</u> | <u>Post 2148-Waco</u> |
| • <u>District 3</u> | <u>October 15th</u> | <u>Post 7843-Duncanville</u> |
| • <u>District 4</u> | <u>October 15th</u> | <u>Post 2427-Tomball</u> |
| • <u>District 30</u> | <u>October 15th</u> | <u>Post 7103-Athens</u> |
| • <u>District 6</u> | <u>October 21st-22nd</u> | <u>Post 3837-Corpus Christi</u> |
| • <u>District 8</u> | <u>October 22nd</u> | <u>Post 3278-Brownwood</u> |
| • <u>District 13</u> | <u>October 23rd</u> | <u>Post 8562-Eagle Pass</u> |
| • <u>District 17</u> | <u>October 22nd</u> | <u>Post 4709-Conroe</u> |
| • <u>District 19</u> | <u>October 22nd</u> | <u>Post 3894-Jacksonville</u> |

- District 21 October 23rd Post 4746-Weatherford
- District 25 October 29th Post 4372-Odessa
- District 28 October 30th Post 8925-Pilot Knob-Austin

By order of:

Lynn Toomer

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Attested By:

Ben Lowrance

Ben Lowrance, State Adjutant/Quartermaster