



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

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No. 8

GENERAL ORDERS
2022 – 2023 Series

March 1, 2023

1. District Meetings for March 2023:

- District 4 March 11th Post 2427-Tomball

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

- March 1, 2023:** Deadline to submit Eagle Scout of the Year entries to Post.
- March 1, 2023:** Deadline to qualify for National Community Activity Citation by reporting 70 different Community Activity projects on VFW Community Service Activity Report Form.
- March 1, 2023:** Deadline to qualify for National Youth Citation by reporting 30 different Youth Projects.
- March 1, 2023:** Deadline to qualify for National Americanism Citation by reporting 45 different Americanism Projects.
- March 16, 2023:** Deadline to submit Post Publication to Texas VFW HQ for Publication Award.
- March 16, 2023:** Deadline to receive VPR for USS Maine at Texas VFW HQ.
- March 29, 2023:** Deadline to receive VPR for Operation Desert Storm 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, nominations of Post Officers shall be open in March and Election of Officers shall be concluded in April.

NOTE: Post election reports should be filed shortly after the final nomination and Election of Officers at the April or May District meetings. Posts should use the Online Membership System (OMS) on the National VFW website. Once filed in OMS, an automated copy will be sent to the Department.

- 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. 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 updates on overflow accommodations in the area.
- 7. 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 1st.
- 8. 124th VFW National Convention:** National VFW Convention is scheduled for July 22-27, 2023. The room block opened on February 17th and will sell out quickly. Please visit the National website for more information.

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

- 9. National Vietnam War Veterans Day:** National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29, is a day to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice and to remember those still listed as missing in action.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.

12. 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