



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

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No. 10

GENERAL ORDERS
2022 – 2023 Series

May 1, 2023

1. District Meetings for May 2023:

• <u>District 1</u>	<u>May 6th – 7th</u>	<u>Post 2205-Denton</u>
• <u>District 2</u>	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>Post 5621-Liberty</u>
• <u>District 4</u>	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>Post 8790-Spring Branch</u>
• <u>District 6</u>	<u>May 5th – 6th</u>	<u>Post 9170-Beeville</u>
• <u>District 9</u>	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>Post 1475-Amarillo</u>
• <u>District 12</u>	<u>May 20th</u>	<u>Post 8560-Sulpher Springs</u>
• <u>District 16</u>	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>Post 6378-Dickinson</u>
• <u>District 20</u>	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>Post 8541-San Antonio</u>
• <u>District 21</u>	<u>May 7th</u>	<u>Post 7835-Granbury</u>
• <u>District 25</u>	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>Post 4372-Odessa</u>
• <u>District 28</u>	<u>May 7th</u>	<u>Post 10427-Leander</u>

2. District Commanders: If you are going to cancel or reschedule a District meeting, please notify not only your Posts respectively but also the State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Ben Lowrance, as soon as possible so that the Department Representative can be notified.

3. Continue to work on Post membership goals!
Membership continues until June 30, 2023, for All-State and All-American recognition.

4. Deadline Dates to be submitted to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters:
May 1: Deadline to submit Election Reports
May 1: All-State Deadline
May 1: Deadline for ALL AWARDS with deadlines not specified to Texas VFW HQ

5. Since 3 of the 4 Mandatory VPRs are in the months of May and June.
To remain in contention for All-State this upcoming VFW Texas 2023-2024 year, the report forms for these VPR projects must be submitted to the Department prior to July 31, 2023.

<u>May 1st</u>	<u>Loyalty Day (Mandatory)</u>
<u>May 8th</u>	<u>Victory over Europe</u>
<u>May 29th</u>	<u>Memorial Day (Mandatory)</u>
<u>June 6th</u>	<u>D-Day</u>
<u>June 14th</u>	<u>Flag Day (Mandatory)</u>

6. **Post Nominations/Election of Officers:** In accordance with Section 217 of the Manual Procedure, the 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.

7. **Posts missing items noted on Stat Sheets:** If Posts are missing items on the stat sheets, please contact John Jowers at the Department Headquarters. You can contact John via email: john@texasvfw.org.
8. **Resolutions for Department of Texas VFW State Convention:** VFW Posts desiring to submit resolutions for consideration by their District prior to the 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 Tuesday, May 09, 2023.

9. **2022-2023 Scout of the Year:** This year fifteen (15) entries were received for the Scout of the Year competition. Ricardo N. Lazaro was selected as the Department of Texas VFW Scout of the Year for 2022-2023. Department of Texas VFW has forwarded his entry and documentation to VFW National Headquarters to be considered for National Scout of the Year.

10. 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.

If you would like to cancel your reservation, please contact Kate Thomas (via email). Your canceled room reservation can be used by others needing hotel room reservations.

11. 2023 Officer Training Seminar (OTS): OTS is scheduled for July 6-9, 2023, in Austin, Texas, at the Renaissance Austin Hotel located at 9721 Arboretum Blvd., Austin, Texas, 78759.

12. 2023 VFW National Convention: The 2023 VFW National Convention will be held July 22-27-2023, in Phoenix, Arizona. Go to the link below for more details.

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

13. 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.

14. 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

15. Closing Comments: I am hoping many of you will be joining us at the 103rd Annual Department of Texas VFW State Convention in Dallas, Texas, at the Hilton Anatole (June 8-11, 2023).

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