



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Department of Washington  
*State Commander*  
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**January 2014**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**No. 5**

**1. Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving 100% in membership for the year 2013-14.**

VFW Post 1263	Post Commander: John Sentino
VFW Post 4314	Post Commander: Kinzer Beaver
VFW Post 5297	Post Commander: Danny Eaton
VFW Post 6599	Post Commander: Mar Murillo
VFW Post 6785	Post Commander: R C Sample
VFW Post 7480	Post Commander: Ed Hendrickson
VFW Post 7511	Post Commander: Ken Kusters
VFW Post 10711	Post Commander: Pat Moses
VFW Post 10882	Post Commander: Gordon Huggins
VFW Post 11326	Post Commander: Tom Strongin

**2. National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki, Jr.** will represent the National organization at our Mid-Winter Conference, January 17-18, 2014. John A. Biedrzycki, Jr. was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 24, 2013, at the VFW's 114th National Convention, held in Louisville, Ky. Comrade Biedrzycki served in the U. S. Army from 1967-1970. He served in Korea as a Pay Distribution Specialist with the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. His decorations include the National Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Korean Defense Medal.

**3. Comrades are reminded** that our Mid-Winter Convention is the time when we honor our students (VOD, Patriot's Pen, & Youth Essay) and teachers of the year winners for 2013-14. It is always a very inspiring time and we certainly encourage you to attend. If you wish to attend the banquet in their honor you must order your tickets through State Headquarters no later than Friday, January 10. If you believe your request will not reach headquarters by then, you can call 253 922-2114 and let the secretary know you have the check in the mail.

**4. January Check List**

- ☐ Review state incorporation paperwork for your Post. You should get a card from the Secretary of State that must be signed and filled out and returned no later than 60 days from the date on the card. (*If you have not paid the \$10.00 fee in the past year, please contact the State Adjutant and he will assist you in getting a new Articles of Incorporation.*)
- ☐ Scout of the year entries due to the Department HQ by April 1.
- ☐ Post and District Audit Reports for December are due to Department HQ.
- ☐ Department Midwinter Conference in January. Those attending should already have their reservations. (*Again, you must order your banquet tickets by Friday, January 10 through headquarters.*)
- ☐ Posts need monthly Community Activity Reports sent to Department HQ.
- ☐ Post membership should be at 95% by Mid-Winter Conference.
- ☐ District & Posts are encouraged to interact with the Chamber of Commerce in their communities.

**5. Attention of Post Commanders:** Is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below: It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited. Any such practice known to exist shall be terminated. It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision, regarding this response, to include Post, County Council, District and Department meetings, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to Section 1001 (24.) of the National Manual of Procedure.

**6. VFW Promotes National Grounding Job Shadow Day:** Over one million students across America will experience first-hand how academic skills they learn in the classroom are put into action in the workplace by shadowing a workplace mentor in a normal day on the job. The first Groundhog Job Shadow day was spearheaded by a coalition that included America's Promise Alliance, Junior Achievement, the Association for Career and Technical Education, the Society for Human Resource Management, the US Department of Education and the US Department of Labor. This program is modeled after the Groundhog Job Shadow Days conducted by the Boston Private Industry Council in 1996 and Bell South in 1997. Post members should inform their employers about this program and have them contact their local high school, United Way or Junior Achievement to participate. For further information or to get the Teacher's Guide, please go to [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/curr050.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr050.shtml).

**7. Post Commanders – 2014 National By-Laws/Manual of Procedures Podium Edition:** All officers should obtain current 2014 copies of the podium edition of the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store @ National Headquarters. The 2014 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 114th National Convention, which became effective on August 23, 2013.

**8. VFW Special Project Program:** This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects. Record book entry nominations that are found to be complete and well-substantiated should be endorsed by the Department Adjutant or VFW Department Community Activities Chairman and forwarded to National Programs Department. 3  
Deadline for entries is April 30 of each year. Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the May judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the 2013 – 2014 VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairman's Guide.

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