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NOTICE TO ALL POST COMMANDERS AND OFFICERS

Your attention is directed to the provisions of our National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Section 218 ó Officers and Chairmen, Duties and Obligations ó which states in part under Commanderø Duties and Obligations ó *“Assure that he or his representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings and County Council meetings (if applicable).”* Each State Commander is mandated to uphold the National By-Laws and this is just one small section that is being closely scrutinized by the National Organization. We appreciate the fact that Post Commanders may not always be available when District Meetings are scheduled; he/she can appoint any of his members to attend in his/her place.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – SECTION 703 – BONDS

We direct your attention to Section 703 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure regarding the bonding of officers. We quote in part from the Section 703: *“Each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable.*

SECTION 709 – CONTROL OF UNITS

We have had a few inquiries from VFW Posts considering the sale of their Post Homes. Please be reminded that Section 709 - Control of Units in the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure must be followed in its entirety.

“In addition to other legal requirements under existing local laws or Department By-Laws, no Post, County Council, District, or any holding company or corporation subordinate thereto, shall purchase, sell or otherwise transfer title or any interest in any real estate unless written notice of such proposal has first been given to each member of said unit ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those members present and voting at such regular or special meeting. In addition, at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting, notice shall be provided to the Department Commander who shall review any sale, purchase, transfer or encumbrance to determine whether such transaction serves the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as prescribed in the Congressional Charter. Failure to comply with these provisions shall nullify said transaction.”

PART 203 OF THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS IS QUOTED BELOW:

“Sec. 203 - Regular, Special and Committee Meetings; Quorum; Authorized Attendees. Regular Meetings. Posts shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. Failure to comply can result in immediate revocation of the Post Charter notwithstanding the provisions of Section 211 of the Manual of Procedure.ö

Posts MUST meet each month. Those that do not comply with this by-law are subject to adverse action. Post and District Commanders are expected to insure compliance.

ARTICLE XII OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS BY-LAWS IS QUOTED BELOW:

“ARTICLE XII — Control of Department Purchases

No Department Officer, appointive or elective, or Department Committee Chairman or Department Committee member, is authorized to purchase goods or enter into any agreement, expressed or implied, written or oral, providing for or involving the expenditure of Department funds without prior written authorization based on a requisition bearing the signature of the Department Adjutant and the Department Quartermaster.ö

SECTION 518 OF THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

(4) Quartermaster. Among the duties of the Department Quartermaster, the Quartermaster shall:

- a. Qualify and secure a bond in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which the Quartermaster may be accountable in accordance with Section 703.
- b. Collect all monies due the Department and have charge of the funds, securities and **other property** of the Department, all of which shall be placed in their care. The Quartermaster shall be the accountable officer of the Department and the Treasurer of all committees handling funds.
- c. Disburse funds as properly authorized by the Department using accepted banking practices. Unless otherwise provided for in Department By-Laws, all disbursements of Department funds shall bear the signature of the Quartermasterí ..
- k. Budget. Prepare a tentative balanced budget for the financial operations of the ensuing year. The budget once adopted by the Department Council of Administration shall be forwarded to the Adjutant General by November 1.

There have been a number of changes to National By-laws and the Manual of Procedure. We have sent these changes to Post Commanders and QMs via email.

ALL-AMERICAN COMMANDERS FOR 2017-2018

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Commanders listed below who have earned öAll Americanö status. They are:

John E. Barrett, Jr., 14th District Commander

Edward J. Martinez, Commander, Sgt. Charles A. Fricke Post 805-14

Marco Dabetic, Commander, William E. Sarb Post 2202-4

Layton H.M. Pennington, Commander, Ronald Hill Memorial Post 2245-5

Daniel J. Pearson, Commander, Tri-City Evergreen Post 2298-5

Barry D. Desfor, Commander, Lakeland Memorial Post 2486-5
John W. Davin, Commander, Bolingbrook Post 5917-18

RED, WHITE AND BLUE VETERANS SERVICE SUPPORTER PROGRAM

Districts, Posts and Individuals can once again show their support for our Veterans Service programs through our Red, White and Blue Supporter Program. We have established three levels of Sponsorships ó Red for those making donations of at least \$1,000; White for those making \$500 donations; and Blue for those making donations of \$250.

Individuals, Posts, Districts and Auxiliaries making donations in the above Supporter Levels will receive a beautiful plaque noting their level of support and signs noting donations will be displayed at the Mid-Winter Conference in February and our 98th annual State Convention in 2019.

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING (AUGUST 9-12, 2018)

Clarion Hotel ó Joliet Banquet & Convention Center
411 South Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60436

All officers and directors are expected to be in attendance for all sessions of the Council of Administration including the membership seminar. Past Department Commanders who are receiving Department paid rooms are highly encouraged to attend all sessions of the Council of Administration.

The committees being called into the August Council of Administration will meet on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Larkin Room. Our August Council of Administration Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. All *Program Directors* are expected to be present and to introduce themselves and outline their programs giving instruction on how to accomplish program goals.

UNITY LUNCHEON

We will be holding a òUnity Lunchö at the August Council of Administration Meeting. The luncheon is for both VFW Members and VFW Auxiliary Members. The lunch will take place at Noon on Saturday August 11th. Tickets are \$20.00 and may be purchased on the vfwil.org website by clicking the donate button on the home page or may be purchased at the Council of Administration. Invite your Auxiliary or VFW counterpart to take part in this luncheon.

COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

There will be a celebration held for State Commander Don Boyer on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at New Lenox VFW Post 9545, 323 Old Hickory Road, New Lenox, Illinois. Social Hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner follows at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25 per ticket. You may order your tickets through VFW State Headquarters by calling 217-529-6688 or by ordering online at www.vfwil.org and clicking on the òDonateö tab. Don't forget to allocate funds to òHomecomingö.

ANNUAL SERVICE OFFICER SEMINAR

This seminar will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria, 101 Holiday Street, East Peoria, Illinois 61611. The registration fee is \$25 per person and includes the cost of the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. and all training materials. Registration can be paid by check or credit card (by allocating an online donation to Service Office Seminar ó go to www.vfw.org and scroll down to the tab for "Donate"). . If you have any questions, please contact the Service Office at (312) 980-4284.

ILLINOIS DAY AT THE VFW NATIONAL HOME

Illinois Day at the National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, has been set for Saturday, September 22, 2018. We hope to have a large turn-out and would appreciate having a head count of the number of VFW and Auxiliary Members from each Post who will be in attendance.

STATE CONVENTION AD BOOK

The State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars has been given permission by members of the Council of Administration to sign a contract with Golden Rule, Inc. to sell advertising space in our Convention Program Book, 2018 Fall Program Book and the 2019 Voice of Democracy Program Book. Representatives of this company work throughout the State of Illinois to sell advertising; this is a legitimate advertising program and is not a donation. If anyone in your immediate area has a problem with any these representatives, contact Jim Alyea at 1-800-433-4680. The Sales Representatives have received a "Letter of Introduction" and should produce it if asked to do so. This is not a new program. We ask that you help promote this on behalf of the State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ILLINOIS VFW NEWS

Photographs, news, and calendar items can be mailed to Editor Barbara Wilson at State Headquarters, P.O. Box 13206, Springfield, IL 62791-3206. Any items can be sent via e-mail to bwilson@vfwil.org. Pictures should be sent as a JPEG attachment. This is your newspaper, and we want your news items and pictures.

STATE CONVENTION FIRST PLACE POPPY DISPLAY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following First Place Poppy Display Winners who took their displays to Kansas City, Missouri for competition in the National Convention Poppy Display Contest:

Category 1 ó Public Promotion of Poppy Sales

Auxiliary To Lilac Post 5815-19 ó Lombard, Illinois, Millstadt, Illinois
Hometown Murray Post 9773-3 and its Auxiliary, Hometown, Illinois

Category 2 ó Memorial or Inspirational Displays

Randolph County Post 2698-14 and its Auxiliary, Sparta, Illinois
Metzger-Crook Post 6504-14 and its Auxiliary, Waterloo, Illinois

Category 3 ó Artistic of Decorative Use of Poppies

Don Cherry Post 5083-8 and its Auxiliary, Geneseo, Illinois
Auxiliary to Benjamin O. Davis Post 311-16, Richton Park, Illinois

POPPY DISPLAY WINNER AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

We are proud to announce the following winner in the Poppy Display Contest at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Category 1 ó Public Promotion of Poppy Sales

3rd Place - Hometown Murray Post 9773-3 and its Auxiliary, Hometown, Illinois

WEBSITE

Instructions on how to upload reports and how to enter the members only section of the website are found on the first page (home page) of the website below the "DONATE" button. Please review these instructions. If you encounter issues please call the Quartermaster.

CANCELLATION OF POST CHARTER

Commander-in-Chief Keith Harman has cancelled the charter of Amiens Post 1740, South Wilmington, Illinois, effective July, 11, 2018. Please update your records accordingly.

OFFICIAL:



MICHAEL A. DE ROSS
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



DONALD S. BOYER
State Commander