



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S., INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 12**

Series 2007-2008

June 2008

(To be read at a regular Post meeting and filed)

1. The 88th Annual Convention of the Department of Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri, June 19 – 22, 2008. All Headquarters functions will be held at the Holiday Inn Select.
2. A meeting of the Council of Administration will be held in the Holiday Inn Select at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, in the Windsor IV room. All business of the current administration will be concluded at that time.
3. All Department Officers, District Commanders, and Committee Chairmen are reminded that they are to submit a written report to the Convention covering their activities of the past year. This report may be forwarded directly to Department Headquarters or given to a member of the Officers Report Committee after arrival at the Convention. These reports will be made an official part of the Convention minutes. This report should be concise and cover the highlights of the 2007 - 2008 year.
4. All District Commanders are requested to participate in the Memorial Service during the Joint opening of the convention on Friday, June 20. Please plan to attend or assign an alternate.
5. Attention is called to Section 213, National By-laws, which covers arrearages for financial and other obligations. This includes failure to register a delegate to the 2008 National Convention or any other Department arrears. All Post Quartermasters were sent paper work explaining the amount of Department delegate fees due for their Post, May 6, 2008. Arrearages on the District level are covered in Section 420 of the Manual. **Posts in arrearages or failing to submit their (4) Post Audit reports for the 2007-2008 year will not be allowed to vote at the Department Convention.**
6. National Headquarters has not received the Report of Election of Post Officers from approximately 85 Posts. Completion and mailing of the Report of Election is the responsibility of the current Post Quartermaster. If the Post has not held an election of Post Officers, as required by the National By Laws, the Post Commander should immediately call a meeting of the Post for that purpose. It is very important that each Post submit a Report of Election as it contains information vital to the operation of the National and Department Headquarters.

Unless the report is received, Post Officers will not be on the various mailing lists, and Posts will not receive their 2009 membership supplies in June. Members of Posts not having officers on file will not receive the first Dues Reminder Notice to be mailed by National Headquarters in late May or early June.

7. Newly elected District and Post Officers do not assume their duties until June 22, 2008.

8. The 109th VFW National Convention will be held in Orlando Florida August 16 – 21, 2008. Convention registration and housing information was mailed with the election reports to Posts in late February. Missouri has been assigned to the Peabody Orlando Hotel. Registration opened on December 31st.

Note: All sleeping room reservations must be made through the housing bureau. Reservations must be made by July 14, 2008 in order to receive special convention rates. The attached housing form should be used to make your reservations.

9. Delegates to the National Convention should be elected at the last meeting in June; one delegate and one alternate for each fifty members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of election.

10. Pursuant to Article II, Section 222, paragraph (d), subparagraph 4 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures, all Posts are required to register and pay for at least one delegate to the National Convention whether or not anyone from the Post will be attending. Forms were mailed out along with election reports. Failure to register a delegate is subject to suspension or the possibility of the charter being cancelled.

11. The 2008 Big 10 Conference will be hosted by the Department of Missouri, October 17-19, 2008, in St Louis Missouri. The information booklet is located on the weblog in its entirety.

12. DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION: VFW Post 1831 Desoto was awarded their 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Award on January 29, 2008. They will be observing this celebration on June 14, 2008, at the home in Desoto starting 12:00 noon. Presentation will be made by Commander Jones.

13. GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: VFW Post 6270 Higginsville was awarded their 50th Anniversary Golden Anniversary Award on April 28, 2008. Presentation of the award is still pending a date to be determined by the Post.

14. The following District meetings for the month of June are announced.

| DIST | POST # | LOCATION | DATE | TIME | REPRESENTATIVE |
|------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 7 | 534 | Joplin | 06-08-08 | 12:30 PM | None |
| 15 | 3485 | Doniphan | 06-07-08 | 10:00 AM | None |
| 15 | 7183 | Lilbourn | 06-08-08 | 2:00 PM | None |

15. The following Appointments are announced for the 2008 Department Convention:

STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

Dave Morgan, Chairman
Jim Gill, Member
Paul Connors, Member

BY LAWS / RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Tom Hartman, Chairman
Joe Lundy, Member
Don Watts, Member

Official:

Jessie L. Jones
Adjutant

By order of:

Jerry Jones
Department Commander