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Illinois

**2023-2024 Series
General Orders No. 1
July 2023**

RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

Attention of all members is directed to the purposes listed within the VFW's Congressional Charter. "To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom" is one of the VFW's chartered purposes; as such the VFW represents fighting for American rights, civil rights and humanitarian impulses that have always guided the VFW's principles.

Today the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Illinois reaffirms its commitment to that chartered purpose by first recognizing that in order to end racism within our organization it is not enough to be non-racist/non-discriminatory: we must be proactive. While we focus on education and mentorship we work to identify, address, and eradicate any and all forms of racial bias and discrimination. We will work to eliminate racial injustices and discriminatory practices within our organization. The IL VFW's leadership is united in the pursuit to end racial bias and discrimination while empowering our members and the greater veteran community towards this collective goal.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

Attention of all members is directed to Section 901 of the National Bylaws, "Discipline of Members." Members who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may be subject to disciplinary action. Members are reminded that acts of Sexual Harassment, Racial or Sexual Discrimination, and all other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a member will not be condoned. In general, harassment and discrimination consists of any form of verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive enough to have the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment or otherwise interfering with another's ability to participate in VFW events. All members will be treated with dignity and respect.

VFW AND AUXILIARY

For purposes of clarification, we do not operate as a men's organization or a ladies organization, but as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its VFW Auxiliary. If your Post has an Auxiliary, You will strive to work with the Auxiliary in order to form a common bond of working together to take care of veterans.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT-QUARTERMASTER

ALL QUARTERMASTERS: If you have not created an account on the Online Membership System (OMS), please go to <https://www.vfw.org/login.aspx>. Below you will see a link to *create an Account*. After following the instructions, you will be identified as the Post Quartermaster.

National Headquarters will mail a PIN number to the address registered for the Quartermaster on your Post Election Report to complete your registration as Post Quartermaster. Once you enter the PIN number, you'll be able to update information for members of your Post, revise your Post Election Report, etc. **Important note:** *The Online Membership System will be unavailable beginning on Thursday, June 30¹¹ at 6:30 p.m. for end of year membership processing. All membership transactions should be entered prior to that time. Check back frequently for availability.*

Make sure to visit our state website - <http://www.vfwil.org>! You'll find upcoming events at the District, State, and National level. You can also view the new Commander's Leadership Manual, Illinois VFW submit/view online reporting for programs, etc! Please do not hesitate to call State Headquarters with questions - (217) 529-6688.

ALL POST AND DISTRICT ADJUTANTS

Keeping properly formatted meeting minutes is one of the most important duties you have to your post or district. There have been recent incidents of post meetings being held and important decisions, such as the membership approving to sell property, not being recorded in the minutes. If it is not recorded, it did not happen. For further information on how to properly record meeting minutes please refer to Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) Section 48, paragraphs 1 through 8.

ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS AND POST COMMANDERS

REMINDER: Print each month's General Orders to take them to your Post and District Meetings. *Please* read them to your members so they are aware of what is going on within our department. Every month of General Orders can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.vfwil.org>.

THROUGH CHANNELS

Post Commanders, County Council Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all Resolutions or communications relative to FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR TO THE POLICY OR PROCEDURE OF THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY to the State Headquarters for endorsement and referral to the Adjutant General.

ATTENTION POST COMMANDERS

Your attention is drawn to Section 218 of the National By-Laws... Among the Duties of a Post Commander, the Commander shall:

Assure that the Commander or one of their representatives attends all properly called District Conventions or meetings and County Council meetings (if applicable).

APPLICATION FOR POST QUARTERMASTER'S BOND

Bond applications for Post Commanders and Quartermasters are available online. Ordering poppies and Convention Delegate Registration can also be done online. **NOTE:** The maximum amount of bond that can be purchased through State HQ is \$1 Million. This bond only covers the Commander and Quartermaster. If a Post needs a bond greater than \$1 Million or they need coverage for more than Commander and Quartermaster, they **MUST** purchase from outside source and provide a copy to State HQ.

POPPIES - IMPORTANT!

Although we emphasize Buddy Poppies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, it is important to realize that the distribution of Buddy Poppies should be a year-round exercise. Each time a Post participates in an activity where the public will be present, Buddy Poppies should be present as a fundraising tool and simply to recognize our fallen comrades. Where the VFW appears, Buddy Poppies should be a constant reminder that we will never forget those who have perished in the name of liberty. Just as "They Gave, Will You?" is a year-round thing, so should the distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies.

Please note the price of the poppies is \$280.00 per thousand. **Please allow a minimum of 6-8 weeks for processing and shipping** when you order your poppies; **be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required, do not use "ASAP."** Poppies can be paid for by check or by credit card. Please submit payment with your order or pay promptly when invoiced.

BOND APPLICATION AND OTHER NECESSARY FORMS

Post Officer's bond applications, poppy order forms and the Commander's Leadership Manual are available on our website - <http://www.vfwil.org>. Poppies can be ordered and paid for online! Your bond can be applied for and paid for online as well! Quick, easy, and saves you a stamp!

FORM 990 - RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX

We call attention to the fact that all VFW Posts are required to annually file the IRS Form 990. As a subordinate unit of the Department of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars, you could lose your non-profit status by failing to file this annual report. We are asking all VFW Posts to forward copies of the 990 filed with the IRS starting with the year ending **June, 30, 2023 to this office.**

ELECTED OFFICERS

Below are the State Officers who were elected during our 104th Annual State Convention...

State Commander - Brett Nila 5696-19
State Senior Vice Commander - Maurice Bridges-Post 4183-14
State Junior Vice Commander- Eugene Blackwell- Post 311-16
State Quartermaster - Joe Bartley - Post 10302-10
State Judge Advocate - Jayson Hoffman - Post 4763-10
State Surgeon - Ryan Higginbotham - Post 4226-13
State Chaplain - Gary Holmes - Post 2955-6

APPOINTMENTS

Below are appointments for the 2022-2023 year made by our State Commander...

State Adjutant - Joe Bartley - Post 10302 -10
State Assistant Quartermaster - Duane Hisel- Post 4763-10
State Assistant Adjutant - Josh Seed - Post 755-10
State Veterans Service Chairman- Brad Gould - Post 630-7
State Chief of Staff - Robert Bailey - Post 7452-19
State Inspector - Clarke Christiansen - Post 9545-18
State Assistant Inspector - Robert Bailey - Post 7452-19
State *Illinois* VFW News Editor - Barbara Wilson - Post 3455-15
State Sergeant-at-Arms - Raymond Bachewicz - Post 2298-5
State Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms Roy Johnson - Post 5220-3, Jack Lamont - Post 3851-13
State Officer of the Day-Jeff Britt- Post 6865-14
Advisor to State Commander - Phil Maughan - Post 3873-19
Emblem & Supply Chairman- Duane Hisel- Post 4763-10
State Marketing/Public Relations Chairman - Barbara Wilson - Post 3455-15

State Membership Chairman- John McGlynn - Post 5975-17
State All-State Program Chairman- Evamarie Duff- Post 2868-4
State Student Veterans Liaison - Georges Sanon - Post 311-16
State Blood Donor Chairman - Rob Bland- Post 1461-4
State Community Activities Chairman - Steve Eller - Post 7710-14
State Homeless Veterans Chairman - Paul Bezazian - Post 8322-3
State Legislative Chairman - Dutch Degroot - Post 1337-4
State Assistant Legislative Chairmen - Jay Hoffman - Post 4763-10
State National Home Chairman- Kyna Simpson- Post 311-16
State Assistant National Home Chairman- Mike Mc Grath- Post 3873-19
State Veterans & Military Support Programs Chairman- Bobby Welch- Post 450-16
State Parliamentarian- Victor Smith - Post 1239-10
State Photographer- Dutch DeGroot- Post 1337-4
State Buddy Poppy Chairman - Stephanie Kirksey - Post 6504-14
State POW/MIA Chairman- Clarence Caraker- Post 3455-15
State Safety Chairman - Les Durov - Post 1337-4
State Voice of Democracy Chairman - Dave Darte- Post 3912-12
State Assistant Voice of Democracy Chairman - Kyna Simpson - Post 311-16
State VAC Liaison- Doug Jameson- Post 1739-14
State Youth Activities Chairman- John Davin - Post 5917-18
State Assistant Youth Activities - Michelle Ramlow - Post 1756-10
State Scouting Chairman - Ron Milton - Post 4183-14
State Yellow Ribbon Chairman- Josh Seed 755-10
State Historian - Bobby Welch- Post 450-16

Deputy/District Inspectors

District 3 - Christopher Garza - Post 8821-3
District 4 - Thomas Davidson- Post 3579-4
District 5 - Raymond Rigsby - Post 7448-5
District 6 - Charles Ingle - Post 2955-6
District 7 - Jimmie Waters - Post 454-7
District 8 -
District 9 - Christopher Rush - 4668-9
District 10- Friedrich Carroll- Post 4763-10
District 11- Fred Whobrey - Post 99-11
District 12-Dustin Dixon -Post 7678-12
District 13- Chester Fisher - Post 4226-13
District 14- Elmer Sparwasser - Post 6504-14
District 15- John Metzger - Post 2671-15
District 16- Ermon Davis - Post 311-16
District 17 - Jon Beck - Post 10009-17
District 18 -
District 19 - Steven Bennier - Post 6791-19

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

All reports to the Council of Administration will be typed and forwarded to Headquarters no later than **Friday, August 4, 2023.** These will be presented to the Council in the form of a **Book of Reports;** you will be given two

minutes to highlight any changes or important information contained within your written report. As a reminder, any action items that need Council of Administration approval will be listed after the information you are providing for your program report. District Commanders will be required to present these reports at their District meetings.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS/PROGRAM CHAIRMANS

Committee members for Committee meetings must be present. All other Officers and Program Chairmen are expected to be in attendance for all Council of Administration meetings. The committees being called into the August Council of Administration will meet on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 1:00 pm and the August Council of Administration Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. The meetings will take place at The Sheraton Lisle/Naperville. All *Program Chairmen* are expected to be present and to introduce themselves and outline their programs giving instruction on how to accomplish program goals.

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: If you need a PowerPoint presentation or any visual aid, please contact State Headquarters as soon as possible to have arrangements made. If **you have documentation you would like to handout, please forward them to State Headquarters by Friday, August 4, 2023!**

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Veterans Service Committee will meet at 1:00pm...

Brad Gould, Chairman

Brett Nila, State Commander

Maurice Bridges, State Senior Vice Commander

Eugene Blackwell, State Junior Vice Commander

Joe Bartley, State Adjutant-Quartermaster

Bobby Edwards, Past State Commander

Bobby Welch, Past State Commander

Laurie Emmer, Past State Commander

ILLINOIS VFW NEWS COMMITTEE

The *Illinois VFW News* Committee will meet following the Veterans Service Committee...

Laurie Emmer, Chairman, Past State Commander

Barbara Wilson, *Illinois VFW News* Editor

Brett Nila, State Commander

Joe Bartley, State Adjutant-Quartermaster

Bob Welch, Historian

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget & Finance Committee will meet after the *Illinois VFW News* Committee...

Phil Maughan - Chairman

Joe Bartley - Assistant Budget and Finance Chairman

FIRST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The first Council of Administration Meeting will be held August 25-27, 2023 at the Sheraton Lisle/Naperville, 3000 Warrensville Rd, Lisle, IL. Sleeping rooms are priced at \$114 plus tax per night. The cut-off date for reserving your room is August 11, 2023. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (630) 505-1000. Our group code is ILVFW.

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The Council of Administration will meet at the Sheraton Lisle/Naperville on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 3:00 pm. This meeting should adjourn at approximately 5:30 pm, and reconvene on Saturday, August 26th at 8:30 am. The following State Officers and Program Chairmen should be prepared to report on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Matt Claussen, National Council Member

Rob Bailey, State Chief of Staff

Clarke Christiansen, State Inspector

Ryan Higginbotham, State Surgeon

Jay Hoffman, State Judge Advocate

Gary Holmes, State Chaplain

John McGlynn, State Membership Chairman

Evamarie Duff, State All-State Program Chairman

Barbara Wilson, State Marketing/Public Relations Chairman

Georges Sanon, State Student Veterans Liaisons

Robert Bland, State Blood Donor Chairman

Stephanie Kirksey, State Buddy Poppy Chairman

Josh Seed, Yellow Ribbon Chairman

Steve Eller, State Community Activities Chairman

Paul Bezazian, State Homeless Veterans Chairman

Dutch Degroot, State Legislative Chairman

Kyna Simpson, State National Home Chairman

Clarence Caraker, State POW/MIA Chairman

Bobby Welch, State Veterans and Military Support Programs Chairman

Laurie Emmer, *Illinois VFW News* Committee Chairman

Barbara Wilson - *Illinois VFW News* Editor

Les Durov, State Safety Chairman

Dave Darte, State Voice of Democracy Chairman

John Davin, State Youth Activities Chairman
Ron Milton, State Scouting Chairman
Doug Jameson, VAC Liaison
Brad Gould, Veterans Service Chairman
Phil Maughan, Budget & Finance Committee Chairman

AUGUST COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

These additional State Officers will also be called into the Council of Administration Meeting...

Derek Giffin, State Service Office Chairman
Duane Hisel, State Assistant Quartermaster
Jeff Britt., State Officer of the Day

STATE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

The Homecoming Dinner for Commander Brett Nila will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at VFW Post 3873 908 W. Jackson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540, in conjunction with our First Council of Administration Meeting. *Please look for the flyer on the state website for more information.*

You may purchase your tickets through State Headquarters by calling (217) 529-6688 or making a donation on <http://www.vfwil.org>. Tickets are \$30 each.

PROGRAM BOOKS

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, 2023 Fall Program Book and our 2024 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.

BIG TEN PROGRAM BOOK AD

If you are wanting to place an ad in the program book for Big 10 conference then you will need to fill out the form and either return it to the State Headquarters with a check or you can email it to vfwil@vfwil.org. The full page ad is \$200.00 ½ page ad is \$125.00 and ¼ page ad is \$75.00. Please make checks payable to:

Department of Illinois VFW
3300 Constitution Dr.
Springfield, IL 62711

All ads will be in full color. The deadline for ads is September 1, 2023. There is a blank form in the back of these General orders.

NATIONAL CONVENTION, JULY 22-27, 2023

The National Convention will take place from Saturday, July 22, 2023 through Thursday, July 27, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ. A tentative agenda and other information regarding the National Convention in July can be found on National's website under *Media & Events*. Complete information regarding National Convention in Phoenix, AZ is attached at the end of these orders. You can use the following method to make reservations:
VFW Convention website-www.vfw.org/convention.

NATIONAL CONVENTION-ADVANCE REGISTRATION

All Posts are once again reminded **every** Post must register a delegate to the 123rd National Convention. Section 222 of the National Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure states - *Each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention, by the payment of a fee in the amount of \$25, which fee shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials. Posts failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.*

If your Post has not registered a delegate, **PLEASE DO SO NOW!** We still have a good number of Posts from Illinois who have not registered. If you are unsure if your Post is registered, contact National Headquarters. If you registered online, you must still fill out the paper form and mail it to our National Headquarters. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee. *A delegate registration form is included in these General Orders.*

NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS

National Convention Delegates will receive a letter acknowledging their registration of the 124th National Convention. This letter must be presented to the Credentials Committee at the Registration Booth in Phoenix, AZ. Post Commanders, District Officers, and State Officers are not automatic delegates. They must attend as Post Delegates and carry credentials.

DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

All District Meetings have been posted on our State of Illinois VFW Website. Click on the tab for "News" and then click on "Calendar". Commanders, please check the website to insure your events are listed correctly. District Commanders are reminded that if a date or location should change after being submitted, they are to contact State Headquarters to provide the updated information. Please be advised that no State Officer will be assigned to District Conventions.

WHEN A STATE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS YOUR DISTRICT OR POST FUNCTION...

When you request a state officer to attend a function at the Post or District level, they should be greeted upon arrival at the designated location. Please make sure they have a designated parking space, and that they are introduced around. If the event is overnight, accommodations need to be made for the assigned officer. They will

need prior notification of their reservation, along with their confirmation number to make sure check-in goes smoothly.

REMEMBER: This may be their first visit to your Post or District. They are giving up their time. Let's show the courtesy they deserve. State Representatives assigned to District Meetings will be taking roll call so please make a special effort to be present at your upcoming District Meetings.

2023-2024 Commander's Calls

State Commander Brett Nila will be holding 5 Commander's Calls this fall at Posts around Illinois

Schedule

September 16, 2023

Floyd J Tilton Post 3878
318 4th Ave.
Rochelle, IL 61068

September 17, 2023

Addison Pos7446
446 W. Lake St.
Addison, IL 60101

October 7, 2023

Dow Stepp Memorial Post 5975
112 N. 5th St.
Marshall, IL 62441

October 8, 2023

Kahokian Memorial Post 5691
1234 Vandalia St.
Collinsville, IL 62234

April 13, 2024

LaFore Lock Post 755
2211 Old Jacksonville Rd.
Springfield, IL 62704

All Commanders' Calls are scheduled for 10 am to 2 pm on the dates and locations above

ALL Veterans of Foreign Wars officers and members are invited to attend and meet with the State Commander and other State Officers and Chairmen of the IL VFW

As a reminder, A Post Commander or representative must attend at least one (1) of the scheduled Commander's Calls in order to be eligible for All-State Post for 2023-2024

NEW CENTURY RAFFLE

The New Century Raffle has officially started and will run through June 30, 2023. The tickets are just \$10.00 each. Each ticket entitles you to participate in a weekly drawing of \$100 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Drawings will be held each Friday beginning July 1, 2022, with each week's winning ticket being returned to the barrel for the future drawings. This means each ticket has multiple chances to win. The seller of each ticket also has a chance to win \$10.00. If seller prints their name on ticket, they will receive \$10.00. If the seller does not sign the ticket, the \$10.00 will be automatically donated and split between Department's Unmet Needs Program and Children's National Home. Winners will be announced each month in the General Orders and posted on <http://vfwil.org> web site.

WEEKLY WINNER

<u>Date of Drawing</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
6/2/2023	Ronnie Blumberg	No seller listed
6/9/2023	Charles Dierker	No seller listed
6/16/2023	Ron Gentry	No seller listed
6/23/2023	Daniel Vargochik	No seller listed
6/30/2023	Doug Wallace	No seller listed

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Greg Kelm of Belvidere Post 1461-6 on being selected as the June Veteran of the Month! Thank you to all who submitted nominations for this month, please continue to do so and for those that did not please look for those comrades from your post who stand apart from the rest by serving the community, Veterans and embodying the purposes of our congressional charter: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United states from all her enemies.

Poppy Display Winners

1st Place

Category 1: Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign

100 to 750 Poppies: Auxiliary Post 1422-8

751 to 1500 Poppies: Post 4183-14

1501 and Up Poppies: Auxiliary Post 7448-5

Category 2: Memorial or Inspirational Display

100 to 750 Poppies: Auxiliary Post 6632-14

751 to 1500 Poppies: Auxiliary Post 5149-6

1501 and Up Poppies: Post and Auxiliary 9773-3

Category 3: Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies

100 to 750 Poppies: Post and Auxiliary 7710-14

751 to 1500 Poppies: Post 805-14

2nd Place

Category 1: Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign

100 to 750 Poppies: Post and Auxiliary 2729-3

751 to 1500 Poppies: Post and Auxiliary 2876-17

Category 2: Memorial or Inspirational Display

100 to 750 Poppies: Post and Auxiliary 8890-8

751 to 1500 Poppies: Post and Auxiliary 4325-17

1501 and Up Poppies: Auxiliary 2955-6

Category 3: Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies

100 to 750 Poppies: Post and Auxiliary 2801-19

2022-2023 ALL-STATE TEAM OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS

District 4, Steve MacInnes, Commander

District 12, Dustin Dixon, Commander

District 14, Rod Thompson, Commander

District 15, Chris Maynor, Commander

2022-2023 ALL-STATE TEAM OF POST COMMANDERS AND
QUARTERMASTERS

<u>POST #</u>	<u>CMDR.</u>	<u>QM.</u>
	<u>DISTRICT 3</u>	
Post 8821	Jonathan Cooper	Felix Grzelinski
	<u>DISTRICT 4</u>	
Post 981	Matthew Voss	Roger Santagato
Post 1337	Les Durov	Charles Ohrn
Post 2202	Dean Moran	Joseph Wein
Post 5151	William Lunsford	Steven Wilson
	<u>DISTRICT 5</u>	
Post 4600	Ben Keefe	Peter Kim
	<u>DISTRICT 6</u>	
Post 342	Gary Holmes	Cameron Linder
Post 2955	Ruben Hernandez	Maurice Buffo
	<u>DISTRICT 8</u>	
Post 2257	Rick Shea	William Tomlin
	<u>DISTRICT 9</u>	
Post 5506	Daniel Jackson	John Finnegan
	<u>DISTRICT 10</u>	
Post 755	Josh Seed	Don VanEtten
Post 4763	Kim Fuiten	Bob Migalich
Post 6871	Stanley Porter	Charles Fagan
Post 10302	Larry Carter	Joe Bartley

DISTRICT 11

Post 4495
Post 6190

Micah Hankla
Dion Lathrom

Stacey Hankla
Lowell Spieker

DISTRICT 12

Post 976
Post 1104
Post 1241
Post 1308
Post 3912
Post 5691
Post 6628
Post 7678

Anthony Avers
Daniel Tate
Bradley Lemke
Wayne Able
Larry Heisman
Alonzo Skipper
Randy Thacker
Ronald Knapp

Tim O'Donnell
Justin Talmadge
Wayne Bruhn
Chad Sibley
Larry Thompson
Robert Grayson
Jeremy Hudson
Curtis Berrey

DISTRICT 13

Post 2055

Mark Ivy

Robert Shehorn

DISTRICT 14

Post 805
Post 3523
Post 4183
Post 5696
Post 6632
Post 7710

Karen Ridge
Richard Schulte
Seth Miller
Arthur Stine
Clarence Nail
Amiee Louer-Wagoner

James Stover
Gale Gehrs
Ron Milton
Steven Elliott
Larry Ehlers
Cathy Stubbs

DISTRICT 15

Post 2671
Post 7190
Post 9763

Michael Cross
Ralph Randolph
Kyle Zimmerman

John Metzger
Tamala Ryan
Robert Owen

DISTRICT 16

Post 311
Post 2791

Aretha Spurlock
Fred Cagle

Arnold Taylor
Robert Baisa

DISTRICT 17

Post 5975

John McGlynn Sr.

Kevin Twing

DISTRICT 18

Post 9545

Tim Terrell

Frank Novak

DISTRICT 19

Post 3873

Leo Jaime

Phil Maughan

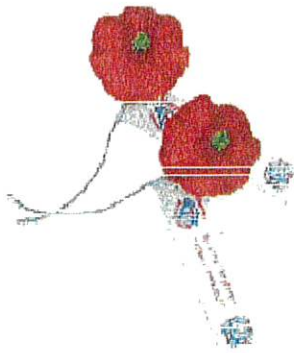
By Order of:

Official



Joseph H. Bartley
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Brett Nila
State Commander



POPPY ORDER FORM

HEADQUARTERS
 DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
 3300 CONSTITUTION DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711
 FAX: 217-546-3415

ORDER DATE _____ DATE OF POPPY SALE _____
(Do not leave blank)
 POST/AUX NAME _____ NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____

PLEASE PLACE OUR ORDER FOR THE FOLLOWING:

_____ BUDDY POPPIES (\$280.00 PERTHOUSAND)\$ _____
 (ORDER IN INCREMENTS OF 500 ONLY)
 (POPPY CANS, POSTERS, ETC. CAN BE ORDERED DIRECTLY
 FROM THE VFW STORE AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS)

SHIP THE ABOVE TO: _____
 (Name - PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE) (Title)
(Poppies can only be ordered using a person's name, not the name of the Post or Office)

ADDRESS _____ (UPS Address - **Please no P.O. Box No.**) (City) (Zip Code)

AMOUNT OF ORDER\$ _____
 SHIPPING AND HANDLING\$ _____
 AMOUNT INCLUDED WITH ORDER\$ _____
 BALANCE DUE\$ _____

For Department use only:

Date Received	Date Recorded on X Sheet	Date Ordered	Date Shipped or Picked Up	Date Invoiced	Date Paid

PLEASE ALLOW 8 WEEKS WHEN ORDERING YOUR POPPIES!! YOUR POPPY ORDER WILL BE PROCESSED BY STATE HEADQUARTERS THROUGH THE PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. ONLY RUSH ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS IF AVAILABLE.

YOU MAY ALSO ORDER ONLINE AT www.vfwil.org.

SHIPPING & HANDLING

Up to \$10.00	.....	Add \$4.00
\$10.01 to \$25.00	.....	\$7.00
\$25.01 to \$50.00	.....	\$9.00
\$50.01 to \$75.00	.....	\$12.00
\$75.01 to \$100.00	.....	\$15.00
\$100.01 to \$200.00	.....	\$17.00
\$200.01 to \$300.00	.....	\$19.00
\$300.01 & Over	.....	\$24.00

Prices effective through 8-31-23

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES
3300 Constitution Dr., Springfield, IL 62711

_____ *Post No.* _____ hereby makes
(Name of Post)
application to the Department of Illinois, V.F.W. for Bond covering Commander and Quartermaster
(combined) for the amount of \$ _____ for a fee of \$ _____ for the
term of September 1 - August 31.

FEES

Minimum Bond of \$15,000.00 ----- \$50.00
Excess over \$15,000.00 _____ \$5.00 per \$1,000.00
Excess over \$100,000.00 _____ \$3.00 per \$1,000.00
Maximum Bond of \$1,000,000.00 _____ \$3,175.00

IF BONDED OUTSIDE THE V.F.W., you must forward a copy of the fidelity bond to our office as proof that you have met the following requirements pursuant to the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which states: **Sec. 709-Bonds -Each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of the 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/she may be accountable.**

NOTE: a "Crime" policy does not meet the above requirements.

If more than \$15,000.00 is needed to cover your Posts liquid assets, the fee is \$50.00 for the first \$15,000.00 and \$5.00 per \$1,000.00 for everything over \$15,000.00 (See breakdown below)

For \$15,000 the cost is \$50.00	For \$60,000 the cost is \$275.00
For \$20,000 the cost is \$75.00	For \$65,000 the cost is \$300.00
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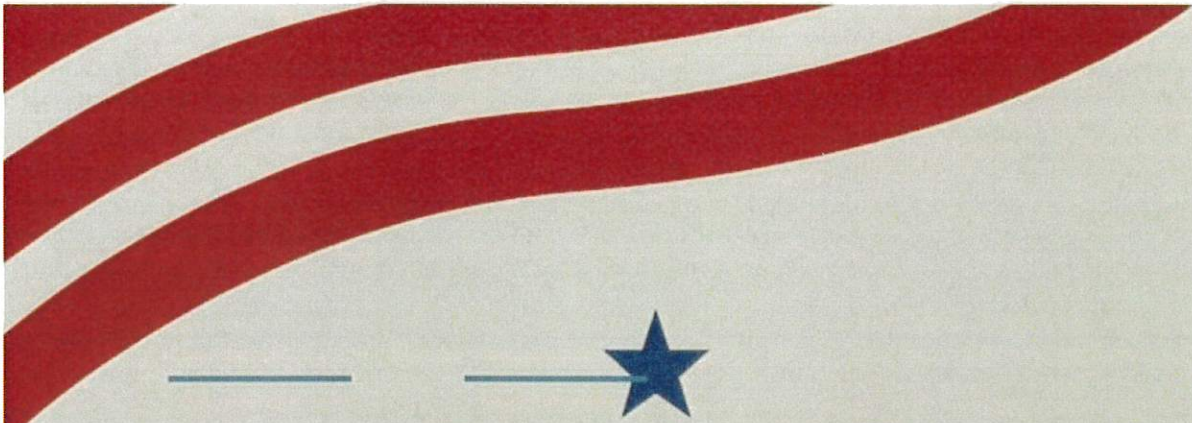
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May 16	September 19
June 6	October 3
June 20	October 17
July 11	November 7
August 1	November 21
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September 5	December 19

Open group for adult family members who have
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PROGRAM SUMMARY

JULY 2023

SCOUT OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 - 2023 SCOUT OF THE YEAR WINNERS ZACHERY WALKER AND KATHERINE LOWRIE. IT WAS AN HONOR TO PRESENT THEM WITH THEIR AWARDS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2023 – 2024 SCOUTING YEAR. SCOUTING UNITS ARE NOW PLANNING THEIR SCOUTING YEAR AND THERE WILL BE A NEW CROP OF SCOUTS EARNING THEIR AWARDS. NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR SCOUT UNITS AND PROMOTE THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM.

USE THE BELOW INFORMATION TO PROMOTE THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM.

HERE IS THE LINK FOR LIST OF DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE WHO EARNED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Eagle_Scouts

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