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OFFICIAL CALL

TO: Officers and Delegates of the 96th Annual State Convention, Department of Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers


It is my honor and privilege to issue the Official Call to the 96th Annual State Convention of the Department of Oklahoma, Veterans of Foreign Wars, June 8-11, 2017 at the Biltmore Hotel, 401 South Meridian, Oklahoma City.

I cordially invite all brothers and sisters in good standing to descend upon this convention with spirit, ideas, and commitment as we honor the deserving, elect our future leaders, pass the rules we will operate by and most importantly share some fellowship with our friends and new acquaintances.

We will continue with the awards night on Friday night. It has gone well and the comments received were positive so I want to continue to do this. We have a chance to joke, yell, and congratulate one another for our achievements. Feel free to bring a friend or family member and show them what our organization is all about. Let them see how our hard work brings great benefits/rewards.

It is my privilege to share this convention with Joyce Caldwell, Department Auxiliary President. She is such a wonderful sister. I know she has demonstrated outstanding leadership and direction to the Auxiliary. It has been my pleasure to serve this year with her and have her support. I know Joyce and I look forward to seeing everyone.

Yours in Comradeship,


James Dockemeyer
State Commander



*Department of Oklahoma
Veterans of Foreign Wars
"Always willing and committed to serve!"*



JUNE 2017

General Orders

No. 12



Special Notices

STATE HEADQUARTERS:

We will endeavor to provide the State of Oklahoma with great service while adhering to a standard of excellence. The electronic version of the General Orders, program book, roster, etc. are available, so please send an email to State Headquarters if you would like to receive any or all of them. If you already receive them, you will remain on the distribution list. vfwhqoklahoma@outlook.com

STATE RAFFLE TICKETS:

Raffle tickets are available from State Officers and District Commanders. There is a flyer attached to these General Orders for your use in your post. The raffle supports the youth programs in the Department. So, get your tickets now before they are sold out! Tickets will be available at the State Convention....

NOTICE TO ALL POST:

National By-Laws Manual of Procedure Sec. 213 – Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions

Any post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post-Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council and District meetings; County Council, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

The following posts have not paid their delegate fees:

Tulsa 577	Ardmore 1015	Boswell 1048	McAlester 1098
Cushing 1118	Wewoka 1311	Salina 5307	Bernice 2592
Nowata 2745	Alva 2847	Blackwell 2855	Collinsville 3077
Hartshorne 3085	Locust Grove 3573	Bristow 3656	Antlers 3698
Tahlequah 3707	Durant 3916	Clinton 4465	Sallisaw 4518
Boswell 4609	Madill 4611	Idabel 4777	Tishomingo 4869
Altus 7876	Medford 5070	Fort Sill 5263	Fort Towson 5805
Weatherford 6143	Okeene 7203	Skiatook 7977	Eufaula 8798
Kansas 10596	Stilwell 10829	OKC 10887	Fort Cobb 11539

The following posts have not turned in their election reports:

Post	Post Name	District Name
2745	Ballard-Lack Post	VFW District 1-OK
3573	Sequoyah-Downing Post	VFW District 1-OK
3698	Cherokee Nation Post	VFW District 1-OK
10596	Kansas Post	VFW District 1-OK
4518	Waylon Staffan Post	VFW District 3-OK
4611	Madill Post	VFW District 4-OK
4869	Johnston County Memorial Post	VFW District 4-OK
577	Tulsa Post	VFW District 5-OK
2976	J. R. Hooper Memorial Post	VFW District 5-OK
7977	Gondles-Butler Post	VFW District 5-OK
1098	Robert B. Thomas Post	VFW District 7-OK
1311	Wewoka Post	VFW District 7-OK
1118	Mc Whorter-Weston Post	VFW District 8-OK
2855	Ivan M. Swaim Post	VFW District 8-OK
3656	Wake Island Memorial Post	VFW District 8-OK
5070	Medford Post	VFW District 9-OK
7740	Lloyd R Payne Post	VFW District 9-OK
10876	Robert N. Miller Post	VFW District 10-OK
382	Charles C. Sonny Kegelman Post	VFW District 13-OK
2847	Black-Wing Post	VFW District 13-OK
6141	Fairview Post	VFW District 13-OK
11539	Fort Cobb Post	VFW District 14-OK
1193	Lawton Post	VFW District 15-OK
4876	Butch O Neal Post	VFW District 15-OK
7092	Arthur Lignoul Post	VFW District 15-OK
8676	Herman Jones Post	VFW District 15-OK

NEWLY ELECTED DISTRICT COMMANDERS:

You are required to bring proof of eligibility of the Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Jr. Vice Commander in accordance with National By-Laws Manual of Procedure, Sec. 416 before you can be installed to the Council of Administration. You may drop off the eligibility to State Adjutant/QM Ron Gimondo.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNERS:

K-5 – Pat Andrews

District 8 – VFW Post 2027

6-8 – Mellisa Evon

District 14 – VFW Post 8580

9-12 – Ruth Crittendon

District 14 – VFW Post 8580

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*Please remember the State Commander gift.
Sr. Vice Commander Bob Mason*

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2017

8-11	-State Convention	Biltmore Hotel, OKC
14	-Flag Day	Fly your Flag!
18	-Father's Day	Fly your Flag!
23	-Post '101', Cmdr., QM, Service Officer Training	Veterans Service Center
24	-Post '101', Cmdr., QM, Service Officer Training	VFW Post 577
21	-Summer Begins	

July, 2017

4	-Independence Day	Fly your Flag!
22-26	-National Convention	New Orleans, LA
27	-National Korean War Vet Armistice Day	Fly your Flag!

August 2017

17-20	-C-n-C Keith Harman Homecoming	Cincinnati, OH
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DISTRICT MEETINGS 2016-2017

District 1		11:00 am	Salina 5307
District 3	08/06	11:00 am	Wilburton 3649
District 4		11:00 am	
District 5	08/06	10:00 am	Skiatook 7977
District 7	08/05	11:00 am	Eufaula 8798
District 8		11:00 am	
District 9		10:00 am	
District 10		10:00 am	
District 13	09/10	10:30 am	Clinton 4465
District 14		1:30 pm	
District 15		11:00 am	

TRAINING

Training sessions start this month. If you are a new Commander, new Quartermaster, new Trustee, or someone that wants to understand how your post works, this is the training you need to attend.

Friday, June 23rd

Veterans Service Center, 1103 N Blackwelder, OKC, OK

Saturday, June 24th

VFW Post 577, 1109 E 6th Street, Tulsa, OK

Training schedule on these days are as follows: The schedule will be the same at both locations.

POST "101"-Commander, QM, Trustees, and members

10 am

ALL-STATE POSTS:

The selection of All-State Posts has been made, if you feel that you have qualified and not on this list please call State Headquarters. 405-525-2680

Bernice Post 2592

Wilburton Post 3649

Shawnee Post 1317

OFFICIAL



Ron Gimondo
Adjutant

BY ORDER OF:



James Dockemeyer
State Command

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

State Convention June 8-11, 2017
AGENDA

Biltmore Hotel • 401 South Meridian • Oklahoma City, OK 73108 • 405-947-7681

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Training, Post Websites/Automatic Reporting..... 1:00 pm
Open Forum- "Town hall style" - (Voluntary)..... 7:00 pm

Friday, June 9, 2017

Registration..... 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Council of Administration Meeting-Convention Opening..... 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Lunch..... 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
VFW General Business/Nomination of Officers..... 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
MOC Convention..... 3:00 pm-5:00pm
National Rep. Reception..... 6:00 pm-6:45 pm
Awards Night..... 7:00 pm

** Must be registered by noon to vote in afternoon session.*

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Registration..... 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Joint Opening Session..... 8:30 am-11:00 am
Past Commanders Luncheon..... 11:00 pm-12:30 pm
General Business & Elections..... 12:30 pm-4:00 pm

** Must be registered by noon to vote in afternoon session.*

SATURDAY EVENTS:

Buddy Poppy Set up..... 7:00 am
Buddy Poppy Judging..... 8:00 am
Theme Trays/National Home..... 4:00 pm
Banquet..... 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Entertainment..... 8:30 pm-1:00 am

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Memorial Service..... 8:30 am-9:30 am
Joint Installation of Officers..... 9:30 am
Council of Administration..... after Installation—until complete

Subject to Change