

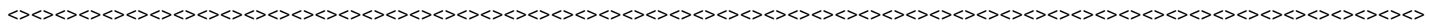


Department of Oklahoma
Veterans of Foreign Wars



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August 2021

2021-2022 Series

“You have power over your mind – not outside events. Realize this and you will find strength.”

Marcus Aurelius



**DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA HEADQUARTERS
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

General Orders No. 02

2021-2022 Series

1. Pursuant to National By-Laws Article VII Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 703, Bonds, “Each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these Bylaws 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, they may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, County Council or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable.

The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in their unit.”

2. **Trustee’s Report of Audit:** Posts & Districts are reminded to forward their Trustees’ reports at the end of each quarter of the current year: June 30th, Sep 30th, Dec 31st and March 31st. Send these audit reports to VFW-OK, P.O. Box 1126, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 or emailed to vfwhqokqm@outlook.com

3. **Attention of Post & District Commanders & Quartermasters:** Commanders & Quartermaster are reminded at all levels of the annual requirement to complete an IRS 990, IRS 990N, for tax exemption requirements. Failure to complete the required IRS 990 may result in loss of tax-exemption status.

4. **Department Directory/Roster:** Commanders & Adjutants are asked to send all corrections, changes etc. of the Department Roster to vfwhqoklahoma@outlook.com for changes.

5. *District Meetings Dates & Changes:* District Commanders are reminded to notify the State Adjutant at vfwokadj@outlook.com of any changes to district meetings including new dates for District meetings.

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JAMES BASSETT
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

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Curtis A. Watts
Adjutant

Commander Jim Bassett

Oklahoma is 3rd out of 14 Departments within the Southern Conference.
Oklahoma is 4th out of 52 Departments within the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
As of 28 June, 2021

This is turning out to be an exciting and a very busy year! We have the USO Veterans Village on 22 to 22 August. September we have the following:

19 to 22, USO Military Village in OKC
3 September, OKC Dodgers Military Appreciation Night.
9 to 10 September, Tinker AFB 9/11, POW/MIA Memorial Run
16 to 26 September, Oklahoma State Fair
25 September, at the fair will be Jesse James Dupree
30 September to 10 October, Tulsa State Fair

We are still waiting on the dates for the 45th Fallen Heroes Memorial Run as well as other events. For the state, Fall Fest will be held 22 to 24 October and Mid-Winter is scheduled for 21 to 23 January.

August 9th, at 1900hrs/7:00PM, I'm inviting all the post and district commanders to join me on a Zoom conference call. I will talk about a few issues that we all need to be aware of and the rest will be an open forum.

Topic: VFW OK Commander's Zoom Meeting
Time: Aug 9, 2021 7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84104478603?pwd=eEk3SVkzcklNSWFwa3d6eVVwazd1QT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbOt1AvhvV>

This is also to remind everyone, stay healthy, stay on top of deadlines, but mostly, remember to have fun. We have many wonderful opportunities out there; we just need to capitalize on them.

Jim Bassett

Bassettj15@yahoo.com

<https://vfwoklahoma.org/>

***Senior Vice Commander
Jeremy Owen***

Comrades, first and foremost, I hope this message finds you well. If not, I pray for a speedy recovery and healing.

This year has started off on the right foot. I hope those of you who attended the SOIs learned some good information to take back to your posts and auxiliaries. We have National convention coming up and would love to see OKLAHOMA represented well. Our district meetings are coming up and I hope to see a lot of you at them. I want to reiterate Commander Bassett's comments and let the whole membership of the Department of Oklahoma know that our state officers are here to support and assist all members, don't be afraid to ask us questions or voice your concerns. Without you we are nothing! Now, let's talk about recruiting. We have to get ahead of the game this year with the outstanding numbers we obtained last year. If you need help with recruiting make sure you contact your deputy chief of staff for your region or one of our esteemed membership chairs. These people are ready to assist in anyway they can to help reach your membership goals. We have a very busy schedule coming up and hope our posts will assist with several.

Remember that bonds will be due by the end of this month, let's get that taken care of ASAP! Please never hesitate to contact me if needed. With our pandemic on the rise again, let's be safe and continue working our programs and recruiting to make sure this great organization thrives!

Have you thought about supporting our very own Oklahoma VFW Foundation? There are several ways to do it: Amazon smile is a great way. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> once there then find Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation. Post donations & personal donations are another great way to support our Foundation. Donations are tax deductible. Donating to the Oklahoma VFW Foundation is a way of donating back to Posts within our department and our programs. Donors may also designate where they want their donation dollars to go toward, for instance, Veterans Services, Honor Guards, etc. Donations can be sent to Oklahoma VFW Foundation, P.O. Box 1126, Oklahoma City, OK or by visiting the Foundation website at <https://okvfwfoundation.org> and the selecting the donate button.

Jeremy Owen
State Senior Vice Commander
Department of Oklahoma

State Junior Vice Commander

Stacy Reddig:

Buddy Poppy Chairman

Membership Program Chairman

Training & Development Program Chairman

Hello Comrades, Sisters and Brothers:

Have we ever been busy since our 2020-2021 Convention in June. First SOI started June 26th, then 2nd on July 10th and the final one on July 24th. Thank you to all who came to learn about all the programs for the 2021-2022 year. They were all held jointly with the Auxiliaries, and I will say that many received lots of information from these SOI's to take back to their Post homes to have a tremendous year working for the better of our Veterans, their family, and our communities! We had 2 members sign up for their Gold Legacy Life Membership during the SOI! Thank you!

Let's Talk Membership: Lets run hard on getting the annual members' dues collected. Retention is the key! Has your Post thought about sending out a letter to all members letting them know of all your Post accomplishments for the year? Let them know of upcoming events they may want to come and participate to help? This might be something for all Post to try this year if you haven't done this before. It is just another reminder to them to get their dues sent in. Once the annual memberships are all collected, you will be able to focus on recruiting new ones.

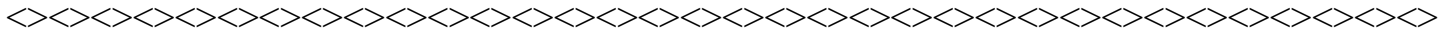
We are all aging each year! We need to start membership drives to recruit the younger generation and retaining them. How do we retain them? Hold more family friendly events! Events that include the entire family. When the community sees these types of events, they are going to want to join in! It will be a win for all. Increase in memberships, increase in money to help our programs and much more! Let's get these membership drives started now. I will be glad to come help at your next membership drive, just let me know!

Also, have you ever thought of becoming a "Legacy Life" member. What is this? Legacy Life membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization. When you become a Legacy Life member, you are helping us strengthen the VFW – where NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS. Three prestigious levels of Legacy Life membership are available: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life members. Once your Legacy Life membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department, and the national organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are not only helping today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow.

Have you ordered your Buddy Poppies® for the 2021-2022 year? Remember it is one of our check offs for every Post to order 3 poppies per total membership as of June 30, 2021. At the SOI's, a VFW Buddy Poppy® Proclamation form was handed out. If you haven't gotten with

your city Mayor to establish a Buddy Poppy® day. Let's get this done. It is only going to help educate your community what the Buddy Poppy® represents! VFW Post can get with their city mayor to set aside a day to urge the citizens of your community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations for Buddy Poppies® on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead and have citizen participate in wearing a Buddy Poppy®. I am here to help ever Post succeed.

Stacy Reddig
Jr. Vice Commander, VFW Oklahoma
Buddy Poppy Chairman
Membership Chair
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***State Surgeon
Erica Traxler***

***Student Veterans of America Liaison
Citizenship Education Chair***

Comrades,

I hope these General Orders find each of you in good health. I would like to thank each of you for the unwavering support I have been given throughout my time in the Oklahoma VFW. Thank you for the vote of confidence as I was voted in as your 2021-2022 State Surgeon. I am deeply grateful and humbled to be able to serve at the department level this year.

As each of you know it is important to stay as healthy as we possibly can. With that, we do have some people that are in need of prayers: Richard Cook, Darryl Mabry, Vern Babcock, Jay Hansen, Mike Devenitch, and Stacy Reddig. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

As people continue to have complications with COVID-19 please take as many precautions as possible to keep you and your families safe. I've attached a few websites with information regarding COVID-19 facts, guidelines, and other such information.

CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fyour-health%2Fneed-to-know.html

FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/fact-sheets>

World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

I have been asked to continue as the Student Veterans of America chair this year. It is an honor and a privilege to continue this for our great state. For any questions regarding this organization and the impact they have on student veterans throughout the state, please contact me or feel free to visit their website at <https://studentveterans.org/>

Closely related to Student Veterans of America is Citizenship Education which includes veterans in the classroom. It is crucial to ensure student veterans have what they need in the classroom to support a good learning environment.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the State Surgeon this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions. I look forward to bringing information back from National Convention as I represent Oklahoma on one of the committees.

Erica Traxler
State Surgeon, VFW Oklahoma
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State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Curt Watts

Department Parliamentarian

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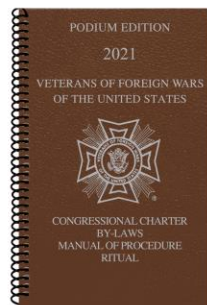
PLEASE NOTE THE MAILING ADDRESS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

**VFW DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 1126
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73101**

PLEASE NOTE THE PHONE NUMBERS FOR DEPARTMENT STAFF HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

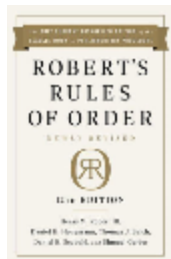
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Dept Commander	405.850.0185	Jim Bassett
Dept VSO	405.850.1108	James Dockemeyer
Dept AVSO	405.850.0804	Bill Hinds
Dept AVSO or VSO support	405.850.0798	VSO discretion

VFW 2022 Podium Edition



2022 Podium Edition: At the upcoming National Convention in Kansas City, many changes will be voted on and published in the 2022 Podium Edition of the National By-Laws-Manual of Procedures Book. **The Department Headquarters has Pre-ordered these podium editions which are expected to ship in early October 2021.** Contact Department Headquarters at vfwhqoklahoma@outlook.com or vfwhqokqm@outlook.com or call the Headquarters at 405.850.0815 to pre-order your copies.

Pursuant to Article X, Rules of Order, Section 1001, Rules of Order Governing All Meetings, of the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure states: "The following Rules of Order shall govern all meetings. Any procedural matter not provided for by these Rules or Convention Rules shall be governed by the current Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised.



Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) 12 Edition is the current version of Parliamentary authority authorized by the VFW. The use of parliamentary procedure within deliberate assembly are a necessity. If you are interested in a copy, please contact State Parliamentarian Curt Watts.

Quartermaster Side:

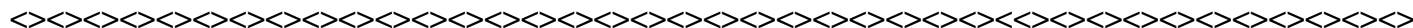
Comrades, it is time again to renew Accountable Officer Bonds. Again, the price for the bonds is \$5.00 per thousand insured. Please note there is a \$3,000 minimum when insuring your accountable officers. Please see a copy of the bond application with these General Orders. The bonds for Canteen/Bingo employees are up for renewal on 1 Oct 21. These bonds are \$7.50 per thousand. Canteen/Bingo employee bonds have a \$1,000 minimum. Copies of these bond applications are attached to these General Orders. Bonds applications should be sent to VFW-OK P.O. Box 1126, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 with a check(s) made payable to VFW-OK.



VFW Buddy Poppies are available from Department Headquarters. Poppy Board for the 2021-22 VFW year will be ready NLT the end of August.



Please see the Buddy Poppy Order Form on the last page of these General Orders. Due to the increase in the cost of Postal shipping, costs for shipping has increased.



PLEASE SEE THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS OF OUR VETERAN AFFAIRS ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS. THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER LEVEL II (ADSO) TO WORK IN THE VFW OKLAHOMA OFFICE IN MUSKOGEE. ANYONE INTERESTED CAN CONTACT STATE SERVICE OFFICER JAMES DOCKEMEYER AT 405.850.1108

**DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
VETERANS AFFAIRS ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS**

BASIC PURPOSE:

The Veterans Service Officer is assigned responsibilities involving the coordination of benefits and other related services for eligible veterans and their dependents and as a legal representative/Power of Attorney on their behalf before U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Federal boards. The Veterans Service Officer serves as an advocate for eligible veterans to maximize services and benefits for themselves and their families. The Veterans Service Officer also serves as a liaison to other Federal and State agencies in matters related to veterans' services and benefits.

TYPICAL FUNCTIONS:

Functions in this job vary by position, however, will include the following:

1. Interviews veterans and families to assess their needs and eligibility relating to receipt of State and Federal benefits in the areas of medical treatment, disability compensation, insurance, pension, debt management, education, training, and rehabilitation.
2. Performs case management duties throughout assessment by researching information, compiling reports, filing claims, formulating appeals, obtaining benefits, interpreting laws to include rules, regulations, and procedures.
3. Provides assistance in the completion of required forms, counsels and assists clients in utilization of appropriate resources, identifies deficiencies and develops a strategy to initiate actions necessary to obtain maximum benefits.
4. Advises clients regarding documentation needed to support benefit claims which may include making referrals to other agencies and resources.
5. Reviews rating board decisions assuring compliance with Title 38 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, determining if an appeal is warranted.
6. Initiates the appeal process by preparing a written brief outlining the basis of disagreement and obtains client's Power of Attorney to utilize, as necessary.
7. Prepares financial statements and interprets the correlation of Social Security, military retirement, other income, and net worth affecting VA pension and compensation.
8. Assists client in dealing with VA Debt Management Agency by preparing financial reports to support client's request for waiver, postponement, compromise offers, or repayment plan for benefit overpayment.
9. Independently reviews client VA files, evaluating evidence including veteran's service and post service medical records, as well as service history.
10. Research laws, regulations, policies, and case law/precedent decisions from VA Board of Veterans Appeals and U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals.
11. Assists veterans in preparing for hearings, writing appeal briefs on issues that were previously adjudicated at a lower level.
12. Acts as claimant's legal representative during informal hearings before VA decision review officers, formal hearings before VA administrative hearing officers and Board of Veterans Appeals administrative law judges.

13. Presents oral arguments and sworn testimony during hearings through a series of questions that are supportive of the issues on appeal.
14. Plans/develops curriculum, conducts and coordinates training seminars, certification training for Post and District service officers, and others if requested.
15. Develops, maintains, and coordinates comprehensive veterans' outreach and public information programs including certification through Veterans Affairs Regional Office.
16. Serves as agency liaison and guest speaker at civic functions.

LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

The Veterans Service Officer's job consists of three levels which are based on the complexity of work assigned, the level of expertise required to perform assigned duties, the location of specific positions and the responsibility for the leadership of others.

Claim Consultant, Level I

This is the basic level. Employee performs entry level tasks to build skills in the processing of claims and services based on Federal and State laws and regulations endeavoring to assure the entitlement and receipt of appropriate benefits.

Practices counseling veterans and their dependents concerning benefits and services. Under close supervision, limited responsibility may be assigned for preparation of written briefs outlining evidence supportive of issues.

1. Under appellant review or assignments, act as representative of veteran/client before decision review officers, administrative hearing officers, and administrative law judges
2. Limited responsibilities may be assigned for providing training or assistance to others, including administrative support personnel, in providing appropriate services.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA)

1. KSA requires knowledge of Federal/State statutes/regulations pertaining to veterans' benefits programs consisting of Social Security, Worker's Compensation and applicable rules, policies, and programs that affect said benefits.
2. Basic benefit counseling and interviewing techniques of common adjustment problems experienced by veterans is the goal.
3. The Claims Consultant must have the ability to independently research laws, regulations, policies, and precedent decisions for appellant cases.
4. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing as well as have the ability to follow written and oral instructions. (Use of various software and agency specific computer programs and establishing/maintaining effective working relationships is needed.)

Education and Experience

Requirements at this level consist of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of work experience in the military or veterans' programs for each year of the required education.

Assistant Department Service Officer, Level II (ADSO)

This is the Specialist level. Employee is assigned responsibilities involving advanced level work requiring a high level of technical expertise, including the leadership skills providing benefits and services to veterans, i.e., a project leader or other comparable duties. ADSO may supervise clerical or administrative support staff.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA)

KSA required at this level include skills identified in Level I, plus the ability to provide assistance and services to eligible veterans and their families. ADSO must have knowledge of effective supervisory principles and practices, ability to organize and conduct several programs simultaneously and exercise sound judgement analyzing complex situations while adopting appropriate courses of action.

Education and Experience

Requirements at this level consist of those identified in Level I plus one (1) additional year of experience working veterans' programs.

Department Service Officers, Level III (DSO)

This is the leadership level. Employee is required to have a clear specialization in the occupational family and is responsible for:

1. Administering major program components of the claims and benefits program
2. Managing daily operations dealing with claims/benefits and appeals at a regional claims office or Veterans Affairs claims office.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA)

KSA at this level consist of those identified in Assistant Department Service Officers.

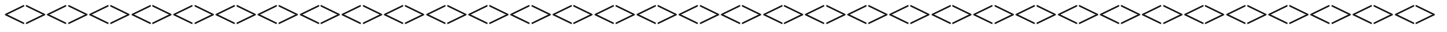
Education and Experience

Requirements are those identified in Level II plus two (2) additional years of advanced level work in providing benefits and services through programs for veterans.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant for Claims Consultant must meet KSA, education and experience as listed, but is not required to be a veteran. However, if they are a veteran, they must meet item two (2) of the Special Requirements.
2. Applicant for DSO and ADSO must be a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, discharged under honorable conditions, and must be a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), Department of Oklahoma.

3. Applicant applying for DSO, ADSO and Claim Consultant must obtain accreditation (which has been certified by the VA) from the VFW National Headquarters within six months of employment.
4. Applicant must be willing and able to fulfill all job-related travel requirements associated with these positions.
5. Applicant must meet requirements and be in compliance as outlined in the VFW National Veterans Service Policy and Procedure.



Veterans and Military Services Committee Chair
Tony McGrew

. Hello Comrades,

VMS Programs are an integral part of the VFW's never-ending obligation to assist members of the active-duty military, National Guard and Reserves, as well as their families. VMS is broken down into 3 distinct stand-alone programs.

- Unmet Needs
- Military Assistance Program (MAP)
- VFW "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" program

This year the focus is on Unmet Needs.

During this year's State Fair, we have a great opportunity to raise a large amount of funds for this worthy program. **Jesse James Dupree, Lead Singer of the band Jackyl** will have a booth setup on Sept 18th at the fair to raise money for Unmet Needs.

We will be raffling off a signed bottle of his Jesse James American Outlaw Whiskey and a 30-caliber shell bottle opener. Raffle tickets will be available soon. The tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. The first ticket drawn will be able to choose either the whiskey or the 30 Cal shell and the 2nd ticket gets the other item. You need not be present to win. As



the year progresses, we will have more items to raffle off. At **this year's** fair we will be allowed to **receive donations**, so it is a great opportunity for your Post to raise funds.

* Unmet Needs provides financial assistance to service members, veterans, and their families experiencing a financial hardship directly related to their military service.

* Assistance, not a hand out.

* The financial assistance is in the form of a one-time grant in an amount up to \$5,000. All grants are paid directly to the "creditor" companies (such as the electric company, mortgage company, landlord, etc.) and not to the individual.

* Funds can be used for rent, car repairs, medical expenses, infant-care items and many other necessities.

* Each case is reviewed individually and acceptance determined by a committee.

* Applied for on line at: <https://www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants>

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities and Events:

- August 20th-22nd - Military Village, USO Experience OKC

This event will be at RiverSport, OKC. We will have a recruiting booth and must be staffed from 10am to 4pm each day. If you want to volunteer, please get in touch.

- September 12th - The OKANG's 137th SOW Family Day

We will have a recruiting booth to be staffed from 10am until 2pm. This is a special access event and names must be submitted by August 1st.

- September 16th - 26th - Oklahoma State Fair

Our booth must be staffed at all times during the fair from open to close each day. If you want to volunteer, please let me know. A Post can volunteer to take a day and fully staff the booth. Remember, the booth cannot be left unstaffed at any time.

Booth Times:

Sunday through Thursday – 10am till 9:30pm.

Friday through Saturday – 10am till 10:30pm.

All for One; One for All

Tony McGrew

State VMS Chair

Department of Oklahoma

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<https://www.vfwoklahoma.org>



Help us raise money for VFW Unmet Needs Program:

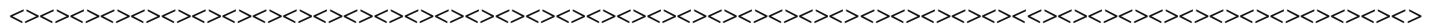
JOIN IN ON THE FUN! TRY YOUR LUCK AT ONE OF THESE ITEMS WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR THE VFW UNMET NEEDS PROGRAM:

TICKETS: \$5.00 ea/5 for \$20.00

Drawing to be held on 18 Sept 21 @ the Oklahoma State Fair

Hint: additional items may be added to this drawing so don't miss out on your chance to win!

Items NOT sold in the store!!!



***Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen & Teacher of the Year Chairman
Mike Devenitch***

VFW YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS: For the 2021-2022 school year the following topics have been released: Voice of Democracy (VOD) audio-essay program theme is - **“America: Where do we go from here?”** and the Patriot’s Pen (PP) youth essay – **“How Can I Be a Good American?”** Both are due to the local VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31. Now is the time to contact summer programs and home schooled students. See <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships> for more info.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR (ToY): VFW annually recognizes the nation’s top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America’s history and traditions. Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. Start asking around to find that key teacher. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Submit all nomination to me.

VOD/PP/ToY CONTACT: Mike Devenitch, (405) 819-9914. 4224 Manhattan Dr. Moore, OK, 73160 sentrymike@yahoo.com

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Past State Commander (2012-2013)
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FROM THE STATE RIDERS GROUP

Proud sponsor of the Oklahoma VFW Foundation

Greetings Comrades and Fellow Riders



We wanted to let everyone know that the Oklahoma VFW Riders is co-sponsoring a 4-state rally with the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars Motorcycle Group and VFW Riders Groups from Arkansas and Louisiana for a motorcycle rally to benefit the VFW Unmet Needs program & the Operation Daily Battle Suicide Prevention Fund. The rally will be August 27-29th and hosted by Post 4562 in Texarkana, AR. Some great fun and rides with fellow VFW Riders will occur. Come join in on the comraderie while we support these great causes. Please see the attached flyer or visit vfwmgtx.com/odb-rally

VFW Oklahoma Riders Group State Rally is coming September 17-19th.

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FROM OUR HEROES TO OUR HEROES

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA MOTORCYCLE RALLY

**VFW RIDERS
OF
OKLAHOMA
STATE RALLY**

A great opportunity to meet Fellow VFW Riders from across the State.

Come and ride some of Oklahoma's most scenic roadway's

Sept. 17-19
Sequoyah State Park
For Reservations contact
Western Hills Lodge
918-772-2545 19808 Park 10
Hulbert ok. 74441
Be sure to mention that you are with the VFW Riders.

DISTRICT MEETING INFORMATION

D-1 > 21 Aug 21 1100hrs>Post 5307 Salina> St. Commander Jim Bassett
D-3 > 11 Nov 21 1100hr>Post 4518 Sallisaw>
D-4 > 07 Aug 21 1100hrs>Post 8316 Hugo>St. Surgeon Erica Traxler
D-5 > 08 Aug 21 1000hrs>Post 7441 Mannford>St. Surgeon Erica Traxler
D-7 > 07 Aug 21 1100hrs>Post 1189 Okmulgee>St. Commander Jim Bassett
D-8 > 01 Aug 21 1000hrs>Post 2855 Blackwell>PSC Jay Bjorgo
D-9 > 07 Aug 21 1100hrs>Post 9265 OKC> St. Sr. Vice Jeremy Owen
D-10 >25 Sep 21 1000hrs>Post 1317 Shawnee> St. Sr. Vice Jeremy Owen
D-13 >28 Aug 21 1230hrs>Post 5914 Thomas> St. Commander Jim Bassett
D-14 >08 Aug 21 1100hrs> Post 1192 Duncan> St. Sr. Vice Jeremy Owen
D-15 >18 Sep 21 1100hrs> Post # 1335 Woodward > St. Adj/QM Curt Watts

DATES TO REMEMBER:

31 Jul> VFW/VFWA National Convention, Kansas City, MO.
01 Aug> Air Force Day
04 Aug> U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)
07 Aug> Purple Heart Medal Established (1782)
07 Aug> Vietnam War Begins (1964)
14 Aug> Japan Surrendered Ending WWII (1945)
27 Aug> Multi-State VFW Riders Group Rally, Texarkana, AR
16 Sep Oklahoma State Fair (Oklahoma City) 16-26 Sept 2021 VFW Booth B-1608 Bennet Bldg
17 Sep Oklahoma VFW Riders Group State Rally, Sequoyah State Park
30 Sep Tulsa State Fair, Sept 30- 10 Oct 21

Recruiting Banners! Recruiting Table Cloths!

Customizable 7-foot tall banner. Can order either Oklahoma or city with Post and number. Comes with four point stand or ground stake. Approximately \$190 plus shipping



Table Cloth, 6-foot black with post number, Auxiliary and VFW logos. \$200 plus shipping.



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OPERATION SEPTEMBER FREEDOM

AUG 1 — SEPT 30, 2021

A national effort to honor America's WWII veterans

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OPERATION SEPTEMBER FREEDOM is coming to Oklahoma! While the details of the individual events are still being worked on, the dates and locations have been selected. As more details come out, I will let everyone know.

Let's get as many people as possible out to recognize these warriors during this special flight. Tell your friends to come out. Let's make this a memorable event for our WW II veterans!

Dates and locations:

13 September
Edmond
Oklahoma City

14 September
Oklahoma City
Miami

15 September
Lawton
Tulsa
Claremore

16 September
Mannford





An Action Corps Script...for anyone to use!

Has anyone here heard about the VFW Action Corps? It is our free national grassroots advocacy network that is made up of VFW and auxiliary members, patriotic Americans and anybody who wants to support veteran issues.

You get a weekly email with highlights on what is going on with veteran issues on Capitol Hill in Washington. You will also get “Action Alerts” when we need you to reach out to your members of Congress on important issues. An email with all the information is already prepared so all you have to do is hit send and it goes to your Senators and Representatives. It’s that easy!

How do you get it? Take out your smartphone and follow along!

1. Text “VFW” to 50457
2. You will get a response back asking you to click the link provided so you can enter your email, country, and zip code. Fill in the basic information and that’s all you have to do!

Action Corps is open to the public interested in following what the VFW does legislatively for veterans.

QRD code to help people sign up.



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA**

**Mail To: Department of Oklahoma
Veterans of Foreign Wars
P.O Box 1126
Oklahoma City, OK 73101**

Date of Order _____

NAME OF POST/AUX: _____ POST NO. _____ DIST. _____

**REMEMBER TO INCLUDE MONEY FOR
SHIPPING: Headquarters Use Only**

_____ 100 Poppies @ \$20.00 _____
_____ 200 Poppies @ \$40.00 _____
_____ 500 Poppies @ \$100.00 _____
_____ 1000 Poppies @ \$200.00 _____
_____ Single Buddy Poppies @ .20 cents ea. _____
_____ **Easel Boards @ \$1.75 ea. _____
_____ **Easel Stands @ .25 ea. _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER \$ _____

FLAT RATE SHIPPING & HANDLING

Poppies	\$10.00
Poppy Boards	\$14.50
Poppies and Poppy Boards Combination	\$17.00

SHIPPING & HANDLING CHARGES TOTAL: \$ _____

TOTAL BALANCE DUE (*Include with order*) \$ _____

SHIP TO: NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, St. Zip: _____

****Allow (2) weeks for Delivery** _____

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