

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAII
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 2017-2018
GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

February 1, 2018

1. The **80th Annual Convention** of the Department of Hawaii Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to be held on Oahu, **Pagoda Hotel, Honolulu, HI. June 21 – 23, 2018.**
2. ***State Commander and & President's Testimonial*** – Saturday, **April 14, 2018 @ Wok Kiki**

PROGRAMS:

3. **MEMBERSHIP FACEBOOK**

Make sure you 'like' and 'share' our VFW National Membership Facebook page. We post updates, links, contest reminders, events, etc. for you. Share the good news of the VFW:

<https://www.facebook.com/VFWmembership/>.

4. **MEMBERSHIP: PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Members now have the option to enroll in two beneficial programs. Once enrolled in either program, automatic payments are processed using the credit card information provided on the application. These are simply added options on the membership application. The traditional methods of signing up for both annual and Life membership are still options as well.

- VFW Autopay – renews your annual membership automatically!
- Life Installment Plan – automatic monthly payment – with this option, there is no need to complete a payment authorization form.

5. **NEW!**

Now Department and Post Quartermasters have the option to enroll new members as installment Life on the Online Membership System.

Recruiting Notes: Encourage annual members to take advantage of the Life member installment plan. Encourage Life installment plan and annual members to take advantage of the automatic payment option.

6. **Legacy Life Membership:** This prestigious program is available to all **Life Members**. Now available in memoriam for past life members. Three levels of membership each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the **Legacy Life Member program** are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

<i>Enrollment Cost:</i>	<i>Annual Payouts:</i>	<i>Post:</i>	<i>Department:</i>	<i>National:</i>
<i>Levels:</i> Gold-	\$1200	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

What will your Legacy be?

7. **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE/ACTION CORPS:**

Our Legislative Priorities

The **VFW 2018 Priority Goals** provide our organization's overview of the areas of focus regarding military benefits and quality of life programs. The Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provide vital services and care to our military members, veterans, and their families. It is imperative that both DOD and VA receive sufficient funding for the services they provide, and that VA is held accountable for the timeliness and quality of services it delivers to our veterans. The areas of focus are:

- Budget
- Work Force Development and Accountability
- Health Care
- Compensation and Benefits
- Education, Employment and Transition Assistance
- Defense/Homeland Security
- Military Quality of Life
- POW/MIA

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS:

8. **POST RESERVE:** Due to the passage of By-Law Amendment B-13 at the 118th National Convention, it is no longer necessary for Posts to maintain a dues reserve fund effective August 25, 2017.
9. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration **mailing going out later this month**. Registration forms for the 119th National Convention may be mailed to: **Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64011.**
10. **Attention** is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. **Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters** with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters **immediately following** the election of Post Officers but **not later than June 1.**
11. Delegates and alternates to the Department convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention. Post are entitled to one (1) delegate and (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of Election.
12. **Post** Officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 216 of the Manual of Procedure.

13. **Attention of Post Commanders** is directed to Section 218 (a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustee Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.
14. **Attention of Post Commanders** is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990/T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of the Internal Revenue Service, Phone: 1-877-829-5500 to file!
15. **C of A Date:** Apr. 14, 2018 10:00 AM Oahu Veterans Center
Budget Meeting: June 09, 2018 10:00 AM VFW Hawaii Headquarters
16. Submit your Community Service Report monthly to **Community Service** Chairman Ron Lockwood at: 918 University Ave. #204, Honolulu, HI 96826 Send it in monthly, do not deluged him with work at the deadline. Ron's phone number: (808) 227-3773, email: lockwood0849@gmail.com
17. **Post Commanders:** Any **Post** changing their meeting dates, location, and/or time are to notify both the **Department Commander** and **State Adjutant ASAP** so that information can be published in the **General Orders**.

By Order of: *Jonathan Hoomanawanui*
State Commander

OFFICIAL: *M. K. Enos*
Norbert K. Enos
State Adjutant