



Department of Hawaii General Orders # 002
March 27, 2023

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Commanders Moment:

This VFW year is rapidly coming to its completion. In this General Order there are many "TO DO's" for Post Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants. Membership, inspections, elections, Community Service and other programs all need to be completed before our State Convention. More and more of our reports now go directly onto the All-American Dashboard. The State Quartermaster, Adjutant and Chief of Staff are available if you need assistance, have questions, or need ideas, just call the office or email them. Let's make our last 90 days productive and get 'er done-

So -----

Make an ad for the State convention book, bring your Post members to the State Convention, talk story, bounce ideas off each other, become active in your Department and enjoy the comradeship and

Roundup Your Team and Engage

1. The appointment to the National Veterans Committee is administratively declared null and void.

2. The following National Committee appointment is hereby made:

National Veteran Service Committee Maria Vaa Igafo Post 3391

3. The following appointments is hereby made:

Department Service Officer Jason Seal Post 110
Department Service Officer Ernest Vesnefski Post 2875
Department Inspection Team Randy Grant Post 3292

4. Removal and Appointment of Salaried Officers will be done in accordance with National

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and Departmental By-Laws.

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5. National by-laws stipulate that elected and appointed officers shall not assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit the same within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant. Proof of eligibility will be submitted to the office of State Adjutant.

6. Post Commanders are reminded that the National Veterans and Military Service donation must be made thru the National Programs Dashboard.

7. **Department of Hawaii State Convention:**
The VFW 85th and Auxiliary 64th State Convention will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel on June 8, 9, and 10, 2023.

Convention Hotel, Convention Book Ad, and Meal order forms are on the VFW Department of Hawaii website.

8. **Commanders Membership incentive:**
The Commander's recruiting incentive for the months of April, May, and June 2023. Posts will receive \$5.00 (five) for each new member recruited and \$10.00 (ten) for each new life member recruited.

9. **The next COA is currently scheduled for June 10, 2023.** The COA will be held immediately following the close of the State Convention.

10. **Post Commanders are reminded that any Post in arrears** to Department or National for fees, other financial obligations or administrative requirements including Election and Trustee Audit Reports will be deprived of representation at the Department or National Conventions and Council of Administration. These include up to date trustee reports, current election reports, proper bonding of officers, payment of delegate fees for both the Department and National Conventions, and filing of 990's and current DCCA registration.

11. **Any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing** by reason of failure to pay current dues by their anniversary date shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office in that administrative year.

- 12. Each Officer accountable for funds or property** pursuant to any provision of the National By-laws shall be bonded in amount and surety, shall be approved by their respective units. Bonding period runs from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.
- 13. Post Commanders shall submit Trustee Reports of Audit** to the Department Quartermaster for 4th quarter ending June 30, 2022, 1st quarter ending September 30, 2022, 2nd quarter ending December 31, 2022 and 3rd quarter ending March 31, 2023. The deadline for the last Trustee Report will be April 30, 2023.
- 14. Post Commanders are reminded in accordance with National Bylaws that Post Officer and delegate elections are to occur in April. Post delegate forms are on the Department of Hawaii website.**
- 15. Buddy Poppy: National has announced an increase in the cost of Buddy Poppy's effective April 15, 2023. The cost increase is due to an increase in the production and distribution costs associated with us obtaining the poppies. The tentative new cost per thousand will now be \$300.00. You also will be able to purchase 500 poppies for a cost of \$175.00. Please adjust next year's budget to reflect this increase.**
- 16. Inspection Schedule.**
Any Post that has not been inspected for the 2022-2023 Administrative year should contact either Randy Grant at (808) 347-2936 or email vfwhawaii@yahoo.com to make arrangements to be inspected.
- 17. Submit your Community Service report monthly** to the Community Service Chairman Ron Lockwood. Post Adjutants are to make Community Service entries on the All-American Dashboard. Send it in monthly. Phone number (808)227-3773 or email to lockwood0849@gmail.com. Any Post Adjutant needing assistance in entering data into the dashboard should contact Department Adjutant at (808) 953-8628. **All reports for this year are due April 15, 2023.**
- 18. July 4, 2023 Kailua Parade.** The Department will be attending the Kailua 4th of July Parade. We will meet at Kailua Intermediate School at 07:30 and be shuttled to our staging area. More details to follow.

19. Western Conference

The Western Conference will hold their midwinter meeting on November 2-5 2023 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration information is on the Department website.

20. State Commander, Quartermaster, and Adjutant will be informed of all official neighbor island trips.

21. The State Commander, National Councilmember, State Adjutant and Chief of Staff will be cc'd on all reports sent to National or sent for further distribution.

By Order of:



J. "Frank" Bragg
State Commander

OFFICIAL:



George Barlett
State Adjutant