



GENERAL ORDER #2
2024-2025 Series

2 October 2024

TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND FILED:

1. I hereby make the following appointments:

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| Quartermaster | Brandy Olmstead | Post 965 |
| Assistant Adjutant | Daniel Helfrich | Post 4015 |

2. Please help me recognize the top five recruiters for our Department:

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| a. Anthony Barber | Post 12140 | 15 members |
| b. Andrea Summerlin | Post 4227 | 8 members |
| c. Mitch Miller | Post 12123 | 6 members |
| d. Kristine Sweezy | Post 3473 | 4 members |
| e. William Watkins | Post 180 | 4 members |
| f. Franklin West | Post 1324 | 4 members |

3. The Department Staff has the following email addresses for official use:
 - a. Administrative Assistant admin@vfwor.org
 - b. Quartermaster qm@vfwor.org
 - c. Adjutant adj@vfwor.org

4. The Department is closed during all Federal holidays. In addition, the office will be closed during the Western Conference, Ala Moana Hotel, Hawaii (31 Oct to 3 Nov) 2024 (including associated travel).

5. Post Commanders are reminded of the requirement to attend District meetings and Conventions. National MOP Sec. 218 (a)(1) k. Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings and County Council meetings (if applicable).

6. Posts and Districts are reminded that ALL Officer changes must be reported to National and Department. You can update changes via an election report through Online Membership System (OMS).

7. Post inspections are required to ensure compliance with National and Department bylaws. Inspection should be completed by 15 Oct 2024. Reach out to your District Commander if you have not been inspected.

8. The Smart/Maher National Citizen's Education Teacher Award, Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship program needs your monetary support. The Department needs Posts, Districts, and Auxiliaries to donate to cover these scholarships and ensure the students know we care about their futures.

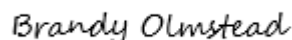
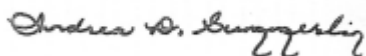
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9. Commanders shall ensure that no officer, elected or appointed, has a membership expire during their term of office IAC Department of Oregon Bylaws Article VIII Section 15. As of this date, there are numerous Post officers with memberships expiring prior to 30 June 2025. Post Officers failing to pay their dues by the expiration date will be removed from office and are not allowed to serve in any office for the remainder of the administrative year.
10. Membership is critical for our organization to grow and remain viable. The National Membership Department hosts a Membership Monday webinar normally the first Monday of each month at 1200 PST via zoom. More information can be found at OMS under Membership Recruiting and Retention, The VFW Membership Facebook Page, the VFW YouTube Channel or via email membership@vfw.org.
11. A reminder to all members, you are not allowed in Auxiliary meetings unless specifically asked by the Auxiliary President to be present for a certain reason. This includes and is not limited to speaking about a specific topic to provide information to the Auxiliary body, speaking to introduce a guest, or to speak about a subject. Once your request has been fulfilled, thank the Auxiliary and leave the meeting. At no time shall a VFW member attend, sit in, direct, harass or attempt to control an Auxiliary meeting.
12. Congratulations to the following Posts that have achieved 100% or over in 24-25 membership:
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| a. | District 2 | Post 2994 | Clatskanie | 111.11% |
| b. | District 4 | Post 966 | Brookings | 112.50% |
| c. | District 4 | Post 3440 | Bandon | 100% |
| d. | District 4 | Post 4439 | Gold Beach | 100% |
| e. | District 13 | Post 9448 | Veneta | 103.12% |
| f. | District 16 | Post 3452 | Tualatin | 100.80% |
13. **Commander's Focus:** My focus throughout my year is to increase training and awareness regarding suicide prevention and mental health. The Department will be partnering with several non-profits to provide training and resources. We are planning in-person training at Mid-Winter and Convention. Continue to conduct health and wellness checks with members as losing even one comrade to suicide is one too many.

Please remember that all Department staff are available to assist you and your members. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for keeping Oregon Soaring to Excellence!

BY ORDER OF:

ATTEST:



Andrea D. Summerlin
Commander

Brandy Olmstead
Adjutant