



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S., INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7**

Series 2018 - 2019

January 2019

(To be read or distributed at a regular Post meeting and filed)

1. The next meeting of the Council of Administration will be held in the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City on Friday, February 1, 2019, starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. **Council members will give reports during the Friday evening session and Chairman Reports and guest speakers will be given time to report or speak during the Saturday General session.** All meetings are open to the membership and members are encouraged to attend. The highlight of the February meeting will be our annual Voice of Democracy Award Banquet. State winners in the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen programs will be honored. Workshops will be scheduled on Saturday afternoon. The tentative schedule of events and Banquet information are attached and will be posted on the weblog when finalized.
2. **Deadline for receipt of Program Book Ad's for the February C of A is January 22, 2019.** All Posts and Districts are encouraged to promote their post functions by submitting an ad for the Program Book. Campaign ads will be accepted. A letter detailing the size ads accepted, price and deadline is attached. The book is being published in ½ size and in house.
3. The Council of Administration met in special session at 1000 on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City Mo. The following officers were elected or appointed: Eric Sullivan, Jr Vice Commander; James Nail, State Surgeon; Jessie Jones, State Adjutant and Paul Zeigler, Chief of staff.
4. The 2018-2019 Membership Campaign is off to a good start. The Department of Missouri is in a good position to enjoy a membership growth this year, but, a tremendous amount of work is still to be done. All unpaid 2019 members can assist in this endeavor by prompt payment of their 2019 dues. Now is the time to be writing those letters, making phone calls, and knocking on doors. All continuous members should pay their dues prior to the expiration date and be encouraged to purchase a life membership. As of today, December 20, the Department is at 91.2%. Nationals goal by December 31 is 92%, We can do it.
5. Section 105 of the National By-Laws is clear on Members in Good Standing in the Post. Members that have not paid their 2019 dues by their expiration date are not in good standing until the dues are paid. Section 220 of the National By-Laws states, "Any elected Post Officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues ---shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed." **Post Commanders shall ensure that all their Post Officers have paid their 2019 dues by their expiration date. There's no reason to delay until the last minute. (Early payment does not affect your anniversary date). It's not the price they pay to be a member; it's the price they paid to be eligible for membership.**

6. MAVO Legislative Days at the Capitol are scheduled for January 29 and 30, 2019. The Missouri Veterans Commission meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on January 29 in the Jefferson Bldg., followed by the MAVO meeting in the Truman Bldg. at 1:00 P.M. On Tuesday, January 30, there will be coffee and donuts on the third floor of the Rotunda. A complete schedule of events is being worked on and will be sent out when available. We need your Post participation to show that veterans care about legislation in the state. Great time to meet you legislators and let them know you care.

7. All District Commanders should make every effort to conclude the inspection program prior to the end of January. Please be sure that you have had a District Inspection Form completed and turned in to the Department Inspector.

8. Congratulations go out to all of the Post Commanders, Quartermasters, and Membership Chairmen that have achieved 100% membership.

9. It is not too early to start looking at the All State competition. Please take a look at your Post Commander and Quartermaster Handbook & Post Membership Program 2018-2019 booklet to see what your Post needs to do. All State determination will be made from data collected by the Department Headquarters on May 1, 2019. **Note: Membership requirements this year are a post must meet their membership on May 1, 2018 by May 1, 2019 to qualify or meet all other All-State requirements by May 1, 2019 and meet their 2018 year ending membership by June 30, 2019.**

10. Quarterly Audit Reports are required to be submitted to Department Headquarters no later than the last day of the month following the quarter. **Per sec. 218 (11) b. it's the duty of the Trustee's to conduct the audit and submit the Trustee Report of the Audit to the Department Quartermaster. Any post failing to submit a Quarterly Audit Report will not be allowed to vote at the upcoming State Convention to be held in June 2019.**

11. Post and District Commanders are reminded that the Department pays the **cost of the meal only for the student to attend the Voice of Democracy banquet.** Meals and lodging for the parents and guests of the student must be arranged through Department Headquarters and paid for by the District or Post, depending on District by-laws or standing rules. A special form to make rooming and meal arrangements for students, their families, and guests will be distributed by the Voice of Democracy Chairman. **It is important that this form be used and returned to Department Headquarters by the date indicated on the form. Credit card information must be included to hold the room. If the hotel doesn't receive a District or Post check at the event, the room will be charged to the credit card listed on the form. DO NOT SEND PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRICT WINNER'S ROOM. Please do not make room reservations for the district winner outside the special form explained above. A block of rooms has been set aside for this purpose.** Please contact Nicole at Department Headquarters if you have any questions.

12. The following District Meetings for the month of January are announced:

DIST	POST #	LOCATION	DATE	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	858	Chillicothe	1-12-19	11:00 a.m.	Jr. Vice Commander
3	6760	St. Joseph	1-13-19	1:00 p.m..	State Commander
9	5077	O' Fallon	1-13-19	1:00 p.m.	State Adjutant
14	3404	Springfield	1-20-19	12:30 p.m.	Chief of Staff
17	8177	Clarence	1-20-19	12:00 Noon	Jr. Vice Commander
5	5789	Lees Summit (Banquet)	1-26-19	6:00 p.m.	State Commander
5	5789	Lees Summit (meeting)	1-27-19	2:00 P.m.	State Commander
15	3838	Cape Girardeau	1-27-19	12:00 p.m.	State Adjutant

State Commander Williams, the Line Officers and Headquarters Staff wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Official:
Jessie L. Jones
Adjutant

By Order of:
Troy Williams
Commander