

General Orders No. 3

2023-24 Series

1. The following National appointments are hereby announced:

NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF:

Kristen Luevanos, Post 1, Denver, CO
Hallie Williams Bey, Post 4761, Jacksonville, FL
James Durnal, Post 3270, Jacksonville Beach, FL
Chris Gates, Post 3282, Port Orange, FL
Michael Messer, Post 4833, Milton, FL
Gamal Reyes, Post 7721, Golden Gate, FL
Cindra Otto, Post 4583, Jesup, GA
Semmie Smith, Post 4806, Brookhaven, MS
Joshua Lively, Post 9675, Papillion, NE
William Johnston, Post 53, Jamestown, NY
Luke Magliaro Jr, Post 1582, Inwood, NY
Joel Vanik, Post 2721, Cuba, NY
Danny Williams, Post 5296, Salamanca, NY
Rodney Wymore, Post 3973, Molalla, OR

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL:

Eric Hutchins, Post 3917, Security, CO
Faye Dowdell, Post 10174, St Petersburg, FL
Anthony Gardner, Post 10140, Tampa, FL
Lonnie Loff, Post 4141, Delray Beach, FL
Donald Bult, Post 11406, Oceanway, FL
Lawrence Gehlhausen, Post 4174, Lehigh Acres, FL
Kevin Daniel, Post 7402, Buchanan, GA
Joseph Boisvenue, Post 5931, Pass Christian, MS
Steven Calkin, Post 1077, Beatrice, NE
James Brooks Jr, Post 600, Canastota, NY
Peter Vitulli, Post 3350, East Rockaway, NY
Michael Webster, Post 6338, Gouverneur, NY
Abe Zino, Post 5296, Salamanca, NY
Charles Delore, Post 2302, Grants Pass, OR

2. Members are reminded that under the subscription dues model, an annual members dues expire on the last day of the month of which they paid the previous year. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership.

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Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues by the end of anniversary month, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year.

In addition, every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and recover former members at all times during the year.

3. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages and smoking/vaping in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below:

It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are unacceptable and are prohibited.

It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision, regarding this response, to include Post, County Council, District and Department meetings, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to section 1001 (25) of the National Manual of Procedure.

4. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post Nos. 5384 and 8954 consolidated as Post No. 5384, Brea, California

Post Nos. 7339 and 10685 consolidated as Post No. 7339, Franklin, North Carolina

BY COMMAND OF
DUANE T. SARMIENTO
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan West", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dan West
Adjutant General