



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

March 2024

GENERAL ORDERS & TALKING POINTS

No. 1

2023 – 2024 Series

March 1, 2024

1. District Meetings for March 2024:

- District 4 March 9th Post 912 – Baytown
- District 20 March 16th Post 4815 – San Antonio

2. Deadline Dates for Veteran Participation Reports (VPR’s) to be submitted to the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters:

- **March 1, 2024:** Deadline to submit Eagle Scout of the Year entries to Post.
- **March 1, 2024:** Deadline to qualify for National Community Activity Citation by reporting 70 different Community Activity projects on VFW Community Service Activity Report Form.
- **March 1, 2024:** Deadline to qualify for National Youth Citation by reporting 30 different Youth Projects.
- **March 1, 2024:** Deadline to qualify for National Americanism Citation by reporting 45 different Americanism Projects.
- **March 16, 2024:** Deadline to submit Post Publication to Texas VFW HQ for Publication Award.
- **March 16, 2024:** Deadline to receive VPR for USS Maine at Texas VFW HQ.
- **March 24, 2024:** Kosovo Campaign VPR
- **March 29, 2024:** National Vietnam Memorial Day VPR
- **March 29, 2024:** Deadline to receive VPR Operation Desert Storm at Texas VFW HQ
- **March 31, 2024:** Somalia 1995 VPR.

3. Candidates for Department Office 2024-2025:

- State Commander, Robert Martinez, Jr., Post 2059, Kirby, D-20
- State Senior Vice Commander, Dave Walden, Post 10427, Leander, D-28
- State Junior Vice Commander, Chris B. Davis, Post 5872, D-29
- State Junior Vice Commander, Benny Guerrero, Jr., Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9
- State Junior Vice Commander, Eddie Terry, Post 10429, Benbrook, D-21
- State Quartermaster, Ben Lowrance, Post 1475, Amarillo, D-9
- State Chaplain, Michael “Foy” Day, Post 12223, Montgomery, D-17
- State Judge Advocate Steve Evans, Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9
- State Surgeon, Gerard P. “Jerry” Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3



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4. **Post Nominations/Election of Officers:** In accordance with Section 217 of the Manual Procedure, nominations of Post Officers shall be open in March and Election of Officers shall be concluded in April.

NOTE: Post election reports should be filed shortly after the final nomination and Election of Officers at the April Post meeting. Posts should use the Online Membership System (OMS) on the National VFW website. Once filed in OMS, an automated copy will be sent to the Department. Also, please do not forget to elect your Post Delegates for the ensuing year. This will also take place during your April Post Meeting.

5. **All-State:** The Department will not accept any All-State documentation and/or checks until May 1, 2024. The stats that show who have achieved this will not be accurate until that date, as qualifications are not complete.

6. **104th Annual State Convention-Department of Texas VFW:** The Annual State Convention is scheduled for June 5-9, 2024, in Dallas, Texas, at the Hilton Anatole. The room block will be open for reservations on March 1st.

7. **2024 Officer Training Seminar (OTS):** OTS is scheduled for July 11-14, 2024, in Allen, Texas, at the Marriot Hotel. The room block will be open for reservations on April 1st.

8. **125th VFW National Convention:** The National VFW Convention is scheduled for July 27- August 1, 2024, in Louisville, Ky at the International Convention Center. The room block opened on March 18th and will sell out quickly. Please visit the National website for more information.

<https://vfw.org/media-and-events/125th-vfw-national-convention>

9. **National Vietnam War Veterans Day:** National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29, is a day to thank and honor our nation’s Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice and to remember those still listed as missing in action.

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10. Attention Post Commanders: You need to ensure that your Post is represented at all District meetings, which is part of your duties as a Post Commander. Choose a Post Officer to represent your Post at District meetings if you are unable to attend. This is not an option. It is Mandatory.

11. Closing Comments: I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming COA in June 2024. Thank you all for the hard work that everyone puts in on behalf of their respective Posts and Districts.

By order of:



Larry Sanders, State Commander

Attested By:



Jorg Kitchen, State Adjutant

