



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

April 2024

GENERAL ORDERS & TALKING POINTS

No. 09

2023 – 2024 Series

April 1, 2024

1. District Meetings for April 2024:

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| • District 3 | April 14 th | Post 2494 – Irving |
| • District 5 | April 27 th | Post 7110 – New Braunfels |
| • District 8 | April 6 th | Post 6873 – Abilene |
| • District 9 | April 27 th | Post 1475 – Amarillo |
| • District 10 | April 27 th | Post 10354 – El Paso |
| • District 13 | April 21 st | Post 1480 – Kerrville |
| • District 14 | April 26 th -27 th | Post 8577 – Copperas Cove |
| • District 17 | April 27 th | Post 4709 – Conroe |
| • District 18 | April 7 th | Post 12178 – Weslaco |
| • District 19 | April 13 th | Post 3893 – Nacogdoches |
| • District 24 | April 6 th | Post 6382 – Hallettsville |
| • District 28 | April 28 th | Post 10427 – Leander |
| • District 29 | April 28 th | Post 6008 – Hewitt |
| • District 30 | April 13 th | Post 4376 – Seven Points |

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

- **April 3, 2024:** Deadline to submit Scout of the Year entries to HQ.
- **April 10, 2024:** Deadline to receive Community Service Record Book at Texas VFW HQ.
- **April 24, 2024:** Deadline to receive VPR for Kosovo Campaign at Texas VFW HQ.
- **April 28, 2024:** Deadline to receive 3rd Quarter post Audit at Texas VFW HQ.
- **April 28, 2024:** Deadline to receive Somalia and Vietnam Memorial Day at Texas VFW HQ.

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, Palestine, 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



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State Judge Advocate Steve Evans, Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9
State Surgeon, Gerard P. “Jerry” Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3

- 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 has 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 was 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 15th.
- 8. **125th VFW National Convention:** The National VFW Convention is scheduled for July 27 – August 1, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky, 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. **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.



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10. Appointment of Department of Texas Bylaw Committee: State Commander Larry Sanders has appointed the following comrades to the VFW Department of Texas Bylaw Committee:

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| Larry Velasquez | Past State Commander & State Judge Advocate |
| Inge Conley | Past State Commander & National Council Member |
| Norm Macey | Past State Commander |
| Reggie Williams | State Chief of Staff |
| Joe Ramon | Deputy State Inspector |
| Greg Brannon | Training Team Chairman |

11. Appointment of Southern Conference Site Committee: State Commander Larry Sanders has appointed the following comrades to the Southern Conference Site Committee:

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| Larry Sanders | State Commander |
| Robert Martinez Jr | State Sr Vice Commander |
| Dave Walden | State Jr Vice Commander |
| Ben Lowrance | State Quartermaster |
| Inge Conley | Past State Commander & National Council Member |
| Earl Conley | State Inspector |
| Reggie Williams | State Chief of Staff |
| Hector Giron | Marketing Chairman |

12. Appointment of Scout of the Year Committee: State Commander Larry Sanders has appointed the following comrades to the Scout of the Year Committee:

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| Cecil McConnell | Scouting Chairman |
| Inge Conley | Past State Commander & National Council Member |
| Buddy Grantham | District 4 Commander |

13. All-State Retention Points Removal: The Department of Texas was recently made aware of an internal error at VFW National regarding the Post Retention Percentage calculations. VFW National has advised the Department of Texas not to use the Post Retention Percentage Points because of this error. State Commander Larry Sanders has directed the Department of Texas HQ to remove the Post Retention Percentage Points and all Bonus Points that are related to the All-State Program from the Status Reports.

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14. Closing Comments: I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming COA in June 2024 at our 104th State Convention in Dallas, Texas. 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