



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

May 2024

GENERAL ORDERS & TALKING POINTS

No. 10

2023 – 2024 Series

May 1, 2024

1. District Meetings for May 2024:

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| • District 1 | May 5 th | Post 7873 | Pottsboro |
| • District 2 | May 4 th | Post 5621 | Liberty |
| • District 4 | May 11 th | Post 8790 | Houston |
| • District 6 | May 4 th | Post 9170 | Beeville |
| • District 12 | May 18 th | Post 3992 | Mount Vernon |
| • District 16 | May 4 st | Post 880 | Galveston |
| • District 20 | May 11 th | Post 9186 | San Antonio |
| • District 21 | May 5 th | Post 6872 | Crowley |
| • District 25 | May 4 th | Post 4372 | Odessa |

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

- **May 1, 2024:** Conduct VPR for Loyalty Day (Required).
- **May 1, 2024:** Deadline to submit Election Reports into OMS.
- **May 1, 2024:** Begin to submit All-State Forms to Texas VFW HQ.
- **May 1, 2024:** Deadline to submit ALL AWARDS with deadlines not specified otherwise to Texas VFW HQ.
- **May 8, 2024:** Conduct VPR for Victory Over Europe VE Day.
- **May 27, 2024:** Conduct VPR for Memorial Day (Required).

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
 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



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of Officers shall be concluded in April. This should now be complete and all Post Election Reports entered into OMS. If not, please get this completed as soon as possible this month!

- 5. Some Districts still need to complete their nominations and elections this month and enter their Election Reports into OMS as soon as possible.
- 6. **All-State:** Posts and Districts that have qualified for ALL-STATE need to send their All-State Forms to Texas VFW HQ as soon as possible. There is an error on the Post All-State Form, and it should state that Posts in the Top 3 of their membership Division will receive the recognition items at no cost. These forms can be emailed to support@texasvfw.org.
- 7. **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 is now full. Please watch for future updates should rooms be added to the block. The Overflow Hotel information will also be available very soon.
- 8. **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.
- 9. **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>
- 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.

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

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

12. All-State Retention Points Removal: The Department of Texas was recently made aware of an internal calculation 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.

13. 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