



# Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

January 2024  
No. 3

GENERAL ORDERS & TALKING POINTS  
2023 – 2024 Series

January 1, 2024

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## 1. District Meetings/Trainings for January & February 2024:

- District 19      January 6<sup>th</sup>      Post 1836-Lufkin
- District 20      January 6<sup>th</sup>      Post 8541-San Antonio
- District 4      January 13<sup>th</sup>      Post 2427-Tomball
- District 29      January 13<sup>th</sup>      Post 4819-West
- District 30      January 13<sup>th</sup>      Post 4133-Trinidad
- District 14      January 27<sup>th</sup>      Post 8539-Lampasas
- District 1      February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>      Post 8273-Frisco
- District 8      February 3<sup>rd</sup>      Post 3278-Brownwood
- District 9      February 3<sup>rd</sup>      Post 2466-Lubbock
- District 16      February 3<sup>rd</sup>      Post 3903-Rosenberg
- District 17      February 3<sup>rd</sup>      Post 4816-Porter
- District 25      February 3<sup>rd</sup>      Post 4149-Midland
- District 28      February 4<sup>th</sup>      Post 3377-Manchaca
- District 2      February 10<sup>th</sup>      Post 4820-Port Neches
- District 6      February 10<sup>th</sup>      Post 2397-Corpus Christi
- District 5      February 17<sup>th</sup>      Post 8456-Geronimo
- District 12      February 17<sup>th</sup>      Post 8560-Sulphur Springs
- District 13      February 18<sup>th</sup>      Post 3966-Devine
- District 21      February 18<sup>th</sup>      Post 6872-Crowley
- District 10      February 24<sup>th</sup>      Post 8782-El Paso
- District 3      February 25<sup>th</sup>      Post 2494-Irving
- District 3      Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Joint VFW Aux D-3 Quarterly Meeting at Post 8913
- District 3      Apr 14<sup>th</sup> Joint VFW Aux D-3 Quarterly Meeting at Post 2494

## 2. Congratulations to our Patriot’s Pen winners for 2023-2024:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Patriot’s Pen winner:

**Anisha N. Hiremath** of Round Rock, Texas is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who attends Cedar Valley Middle School in Round Rock, Texas. She was sponsored by VFW Post 12104 in Bastrop, Texas District 28. Anisha will receive a cash award sponsored by VFW post 12104 in Bastrop, Texas during our 2024 Mid-Winter Conference Award Banquet in Corpus Christi.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Patriot's Pen winner:**

**Kayla Marie Shaw** of Burnet, Texas.

Kayla will receive a cash award-sponsored by VFW Post 10376-Marble Falls Scholarship. Kayla was sponsored by 10376-Marble Falls, and District 14.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Patriot's Pen winner:**

**Joseph A. Tobin** of Denton, Texas.

Joseph will receive a cash award-sponsored by VFW Post 9168-Lewisville Scholarship. Tobin was sponsored by Post 9168, Lewisville, and District 1.

**3. Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year winners for 2023-2024:**

**Grades K-5 winner:** Chandra Chapman teaches at Vista Del Sol Environmental Science Academy School in El Paso, Texas. She was sponsored by VFW Post 8919 in El Paso, Texas, and District 10.

**Grades 6-8 winner:** Adam Johnson teaches at Mattei Middle School in Sherman, Texas. He was sponsored by VFW Post 9167 in Princeton, Texas, and District 1.

**Grades 9-12 winner:** Mark C. Knight teaches at Ball High School in Galveston, Texas. He was sponsored by VFW Post 880 in Galveston, Texas, and District 16.

**4. 2023-2024 TOP TEN Voice of Democracy student winners who are invited to our Mid-Winter Conference Awards Banquet (listed by District sponsors):**

**Omar A. Reyes of Houston, Texas**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 8790-Houston and District 4

**Jayden T. Gonzales of Sinton, Texas**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 12160-Sinton and District 6

**Madeline G. Green of Paris, Texas**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 3990-Paris and District 12

**Piper W. Pruitt of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas**

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 688 and District 13

**Kaiyah Let Delisha King of Harker Heights, Texas**

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 9191-Harker Heights and District 14

**Mackenzie E. Young of Humble, Texas**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 4816-Humble and District 17

**Kaitlyn R. Barrios of Brownsville, Texas**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 2035-Brownsville and District 18

**Savannah G. Brightwell of Lufkin, Texas**

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 1836-Lufkin and District 19

**Blake E. Donaho of China Spring, Texas**

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 2148-China Spring and District 29

**Aiden J. Hunter of Ennis, Texas**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sponsored by Post 7106-Ennis and District 30

**5. 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

**6. Dates the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters office will be closed:**

- **Monday, January 15, 2024, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance**

**7. Status Sheet Updates:** Please continue to check Status Reports for updates on the new Department of Texas VFW website ([www.txvfw.org](http://www.txvfw.org)) and send any questions to [support@texasvfw.org](mailto:support@texasvfw.org). Thank you for your patience during the transition to the new Department of the Texas VFW website.

**8. Reminder for Quartermasters/Adjutant-Post Election Reports:** The Department of Texas VFW Headquarters are receiving numerous Post Election Reports with no date at the top of the Election Reports. **Please remember to enter a date at the top right-hand corner of the election report while you are entering changes in the Online Membership System (OMS).**

**9. 2024 Mid-Winter Conference:** The Conference will be held again in Corpus Christi (January 16-21, 2024) at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel (900 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas, 778401). Click on the link below for more details:  
<https://txvfw.org/mid-winter-conferences/>

**10. Closing Comments:** I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference in Corpus Christi this month. Thank you all for the hard work that everyone puts in on behalf of their respective Posts and Districts. If you plan to travel to Corpus Christi for the Mid-Winter Conference, please be safe.

**By order of:**



Larry Sanders, State Commander

**Attested By:**



Jorg Kitchen, State Adjutant

