



# Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

February 2024

GENERAL ORDERS & TALKING POINTS

No. 7

2023 – 2024 Series

February 1, 2024

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## 1. District Meetings for February 2024:

• 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 24	February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Post 4146-Victoria

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

- February 23, 2024-Deadline to receive VPR for Vietnam Peace Accord
- March 15, 2024-Deadline to receive VPR for USS Maine
- March 29, 2024-Deadline to receive VPR for Operation Desert Storm

## 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

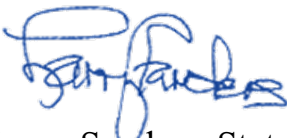
State Chaplain, Michael “Foy” Day, Post 12223, Montgomery, D-17

State Judge Advocate Steve Evans, Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9

State Surgeon, Gerard P. “Jerry” Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3

6. **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

