



# Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

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GENERAL ORDERS  
2022 – 2023 Series

July 1, 2023

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1. **2023 VFW National Convention:** The 2023 VFW National Convention will be held July 22-27-2023, in Phoenix, Arizona. Go to the link below for more details.

<https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/124th-vfw-national-convention>

2. **Duly Elected and Installed Officers for 2023-2024:**

- State Commander – Larry Sanders
- State Senior Vice Commander – Robert Martinez, Jr.
- State Junior Vice Commander – Dave Walden
- State Quartermaster - Ben Lowrance
- State Judge Advocate - Larry Velasquez, Jr.
- State Surgeon – Gerard “Jerry” Greene
- State Chaplain - Michael “Foy” Day
- National Council Member - Inge Conley

3. **Appointed Officers for 2023-2024:**

- State Adjutant – Jorg Kitchen
- State Chief of Staff – Reggie Williams
- State Inspector – Earl Conley
- Immediate Past State Commander – Lynn Toomer
- State Assistant Quartermaster - Wayne Cooley
- Deputy State Inspector – Nate Lopez, Jr.
- Deputy State Inspector – Anson Booker
- Deputy State Inspector – Roger L. DeWeese
- Deputy State Inspector – Marty Monceballez
- Deputy State Inspector – James E. Briggs
- Deputy State Inspector – Joe Ramon
- Officer of the Day – Lonnie Garza
- Service Officer / Houston - Mike Eshenbaugh
- Service Officer / Waco - Katina Cryer

#### **4. District Commanders for 2023-2024:**

- District 1 – Robert Rouse
- District 2 – William “Chuck” Hill
- District 3 – George J. Warringer
- District 4 – Edwin “Buddy” Grantham
- District 5 – J’Layne M. Vines
- District 6 – George Varra
- District 8 – Cedrick B. Shells
- District 9 – Billie B. “Bart” Guthrie
- District 10 – Robin A. Johnson
- District 12 – Larry Levy
- District 13 - Diana Cruz Montoya
- District 14 – Gary Land
- District 16 – Duane C. Masteller
- District 17 – Marcey J. Phillips
- District 18 – Narciso “Trey” Villela
- District 19 – Steve R. Lee
- District 20 – Nathan Zuniga
- District 21 – Joseph W. Campbell
- District 24 – Edwin “Laval” Simons
- District 25 – Melvin “Mel” Parker
- District 28 – Mitch Fuller
- District 29 - Christopher “Chris” B. Davis
- District 30 - Barbara A. Ampong

#### **5. Appointed Committee Chairs for 2023-2024:**

- 104<sup>th</sup> State Convention Chair – Shenna R. Lawless
- BBQ Chair – Todd Richardson
- Buddy Poppy Chair – Hector G. Ruelas
- Budget & Finance Chair - John G. Koller
- Community Service Chair - John Jowers
- Credentials Chair – John Rodriguez
- Credentials Chair Assistant – Olivia D. Rux
- Homecoming Chair – Chris Clouser
- Homeless Veterans Chair – Joel H. Pipes
- Membership & Marketing Chair – Frank Torres
- Hospital / MAP Chair – Gerard “Jerry” Greene
- Motorcycle Group Chair – Thomas Anderson
- National/State Legislative Chair - Mitch Fuller
- POW/MIA Chair – John F. “Jack” Mageluzzo

- Scouting Chair – Cecil F. McConnell
- Suicide Prevention Chair – Tracey L. Brown Greene
- Training Team Chair – Gregory P. “Greg” Brannan
- Transition Team Chair – Ted Johnson
- Veterans Employment Chair - Bob Gear
- VOD/Patriot’s Pen/Teacher Chair – Frank Andrada

**6. District Meetings/Trainings for July 2023:**

- District 1                      July 16<sup>th</sup>      Post 10460-Lake Dallas
- District 19                     July 29<sup>th</sup>      Post 6899-Trinity
- District 24                     July 29<sup>th</sup>      Post 3972-Cuero
- District 25                     July 22<sup>nd</sup>      Post 7208-Midland

**7. Congratulations to State Award Winners at the 2023 State Convention:**

- **Tiger Lyons POW/MIA Post Level Award**  
Golden-Meadows VFW Post 1475, Amarillo, District 9
- **Danny Henry Award – Outstanding Post Commander**  
Willie Keller-VFW Post 12209-Fort Hood-District 14
- **Glen M. Gardner, Jr. Outstanding Quartermaster Award**  
Lennie Page-VFW Post 8785-Mesquite-District 3
- **William B. Moody Outstanding Chaplain Award**  
Michael Foy Day-VFW Post 4692-Bryan-District 17
- **Outstanding Service Officer Award**  
Michael Mills-VFW Post 4676-Universal City-District 20
- **Barbara Hoffman Award-Outstanding Auxiliary Member Award**  
Teresa Ramon-VFW Post 2059-Kirby-District 20
- **Post Volunteer Award**  
Robert Ramirez-VFW Post 7841-Robstown-District 6
- **Top Recruiter Award**  
Joe Young-VFW Post 7108-San Antonio-District 20

- **Mack Johnson Award Recipients**

Reggie Williams-District 3

Joel Pipes-District 19

Barbara Ampong-District 30

- **J. T. Rutherford Recipients**

Anson Booker-VFW Post 3892-Harker Heights-District 14

Lynn Toomer-VFW Post 10429-Benbrook-District 21

Reggie Williams-VFW Post 1406-Dallas-District 3

**8. Special Recognition Awards for Outstanding Support of the Texas VFW Foundation:**

- Robert R. Tuck VFW Post 912-Baytown-District 4
- Thompson-Patton-Zahn VFW Post 8905 Auxiliary-Cypress-District 4
- Melanie McConaghy (Individual-Corporate Donor)

**9. Buddy Poppy Display Winners at the State Convention:**

Category I: Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign

1<sup>st</sup> Place-VFW Post 8551-Sweeny-District 16

Category II: Memorial or Inspirational Display

1<sup>st</sup> Place-VFW Post 5074-Roanoke-District 1

Category III: Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies

1<sup>st</sup> Place-VFW Post 5074-Roanoke-District 1

**10. Outstanding Community Service Awards presented at the State Convention:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place-VFW Post 6380, Jasper, District 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Place-VFW Post 1514, Village Mills, District 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Place-VFW Post 8136, Port Neches, District 2

**11. VFW National-Public Servant Awards:**

Law Enforcement: Michael A. Lee, Post 1406, Dallas, District 3

Fire Fighter: MSgt., USAF, Jonathan W. Leopold, Post 6873, Abilene, District 8

Emergency Medical Technician: Latham Roden, Post 6873, Abilene, District 8

**12. Scout of the Year for 2022-2023**

Ricardo N. Lazaro, Lone Scout, San Antonio

Sponsored by Post 2059, Kirby, District 20

**13. Candidates for Department Office 2023-2024:**

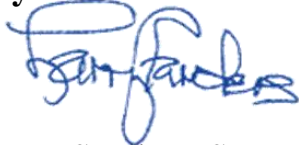
State Commander, Robert Martinez, Jr., Post 2059, Kirby, D-20  
State Senior Vice Commander, Dave Walden, Post 10427, Leander, D-28  
State Junior Vice Commander, Benny Guerrero, Jr., Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9  
State Junior Vice Commander, Eddie Terry, Post 10429, Benbrook, D-21  
State Quartermaster, Ben Lowrance, Post 1475, Amarillo, D-9  
State Chaplain, Michael “Foy” Day, Post 4692, Bryan, D-17  
State Judge Advocate Steve Evans, Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9  
State Surgeon, Gerard P. “Jerry” Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3

**14. Texas VFW Standard Operating (SOP) Procedures for 2022-2023:** The SOP is available on the new Department of Texas VFW website and will be maintained and edited throughout the year. Click on the link below to view:

<https://txvfw.org/administration/>

**15. Closing Comments:** I am proud to have been elected as the State Commander of Texas for 2023-2024. Please continue our mission to assist, to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. We were not elected to rule, we were elected to serve. I thank each VFW member for their support as we strive to make the Department of Texas VFW the best in the nation!!

**By order of:**



Larry Sanders, State Commander



**Attested By:**



Jorg Kitchen, State Adjutant