



# Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

October 2023  
No. 3

GENERAL ORDERS & TALKING POINTS  
2023 – 2024 Series

October 1, 2023

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## 1. District Meetings/Trainings for October and November 2023:

- District 4            Oct 14<sup>th</sup>            Post 581-Houston
- District 8            Oct 14<sup>th</sup>            Post 8878-Wichita Falls
- District 29          Oct 14<sup>th</sup>            Post 2148-Waco
- District 30          Oct 14<sup>th</sup>            Post 3894-Waxahachie
- District 3            Oct 15<sup>th</sup>            Post 5076-Garland
- District 6            Oct 21<sup>st</sup>            Post 2375-Kingsville
- District 25          Oct 21<sup>st</sup>            Post 7208-Midland
- District 13          Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>            Post 8562-Eagle Pass
- District 9            Oct 28<sup>th</sup>            Post 4818-Hereford
- District 19          Oct 28<sup>th</sup>            Post 8568-Livingston
- District 28          Oct 29<sup>th</sup>            Post 4443-Oak Hill/Austin
- District 16          Nov 4<sup>th</sup>             Post 2438- Bay City
- District 10          Nov 10<sup>th</sup>            Post 8919- El Paso
- District 21          Nov 12<sup>th</sup>            Post 10454- Grapevine
- District 12          Nov 18<sup>th</sup>            Post 7523-Mineola
- District 5            Nov 18<sup>th</sup>            Post 12205-Bulverde
- District 1            Nov 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>      Post 6205-Muenster

## 2. 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

**3. Reminder-Dates for Veteran Project Participation Reports (VPR's):**

- **October 9<sup>th</sup>** VPR for Start of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) Afghanistan 2001
- **October 18<sup>th</sup>** VPR Recognition of Women in the Military
- **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** VPR Beirut Bombing
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>** Veterans Day (Required VPR)

**4. Deadlines to submit items to the Department of Texas Headquarters office:**

- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
To submit VPR for Victory Over Japan (VJ Day)
- **October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
To submit VPR for Patriot Day
- **October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
To submit VPR for POW/MIA Day
- **October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
To submit 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Post Audit
- **November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
To submit VPR for Operation Enduring Freedom
- **November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
To submit VPR for Women in Military Service and Beirut Bombing

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

- **Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day**
- **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day (Observance)**
- **Thursday & Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Observance**

**6. 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.

**7. 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).**

## **8. REMINDER: VOICE OF DEMOCRACY (VOD) ENTRIES FOR 2023-2024**

- The deadline for students to submit their entries for VOD to their local VFW Posts is Tuesday, October 31, 2023; winners selected from VFW Posts to their Districts is Wednesday, November 15, 2023; District winners to the Department of Texas VFW HQs is Friday, December 1, 2023.
- The 2023-2024 theme for the Voice of Democracy is: “What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?”
- The VOD entry form can be accessed on the new Department of Texas VFW website: [www.txvfw.org](http://www.txvfw.org)

## **9. REMINDER: PATRIOT’S PEN ENTRIES FOR 2023-2024**

- The deadline for students to submit their entries for Patriot’s Pen to their local VFW Posts is Tuesday, October 31, 2023; winners selected from VFW Posts to their Districts is Wednesday, November 15, 2023; District winners to the Department of Texas VFW HQs is Friday, December 1, 2023.
- The 2023-2024 theme for Patriot’s Pen is: “How Are You Inspired by America?”
- The Patriot’s Pen entry form can be accessed on the new Department of Texas VFW website: [www.txvfw.org](http://www.txvfw.org)

## **10. REMINDER: TEACHER OF THE YEAR ENTRIES FOR 2023-2024**

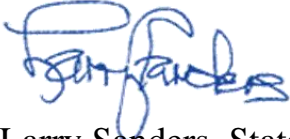
- The deadline for Teacher of the Year nominees will be due to the local VFW Posts by Tuesday, October 31, 2023; winners selected from VFW Posts to their Districts is Wednesday, November 15, 2023; District winners to the Department of Texas VFW HQs is Friday, December 1, 2023.
- Review the new rules and eligibility requirements for The Teacher of the Year nominees. The entry form can be accessed on the new Department of Texas VFW website: [www.txvfw.org](http://www.txvfw.org)
- All Post-level nominees should provide a one-page resume as a minimum or up to five pages as a maximum of documentation of their teaching experience (for example: resume, references, news articles, etc.) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves, if available.

**11. 2024 Mid-Winter Conference:** The Conference will be held again in Corpus Christi (January 17-21, 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/>

**12. Closing Comments:** Thanks to everyone that attended my Homecoming earlier this month in San Antonio. 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

