



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

JULY 2021

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 12

2020 – 2021 Series

1. Duly Elected and Installed Officers for 2021-2022:

- State Commander – Norman J. Macey
- State Senior Vice Commander – Lynn Toomer
- State Junior Vice Commander – Larry S. Sanders
- State Quartermaster – Dan West
- State Judge Advocate – Keith King
- State Surgeon – Gerard “Jerry” Greene
- State Chaplain – Michael “Foy” Day
- National Council Member – Dan West

2. Appointed Officers for 2021-2022:

- State Adjutant – Dan West
- State Chief of Staff – Lupita M. Perez
- State Inspector – John E. Shipley
- Immediate Past State Commander – Richard “Dick” Shawver
- State Assistant Quartermaster – Wayne Cooley
- State Assistant Adjutant – Angel Ramirez
- Deputy State Inspector – Stephen “Steve” E. Biehl
- Deputy State Inspector – Gregory “Greg” Brannan
- Deputy State Inspector – Phillip DuBois
- Deputy State Inspector – William “Bill” J. Fuzi
- Deputy State Inspector – Roy Grona
- Deputy State Inspector – Dave Walden
- State Parliamentarian – Steve Evans
- Officer of the Day – Lonnie Garza
- Service Officer / Houston – Mike Eshenbaugh
- Service Officer / Waco – Katina Cryer

3. District Commanders for 2021-2022:

- District 1 – James Benotti
- District 2 – Jorg Kitchen
- District 3 – Ricky L. Williams, Sr.
- District 4 – Johnny M. Rubio
- District 5 – Steven Cook
- District 6 – Todd T. Richardson
- District 8 – Melvin Harper
- District 9 – Benny Guerrero, Jr.
- District 10 – Jose “Joe” Vargas, Jr.
- District 12 – Cathy Small
- District 13 – Andrew Camplen
- District 14 – Reece E. Carter
- District 16 – Michael S. Caballero
- District 17 – Frank R. Torres
- District 18 – Loren F. Pogue
- District 19 – Joel H. Pipes
- District 20 – William “Bill” E. Smith
- District 21 – Manuel “Manny” D. Leal III
- District 24 – Jack Mageluzzo
- District 25 – Mel Parker
- District 28 – Ray A. Sanchez
- District 29 – Christopher “Chris” B. Davis
- District 30 – William “Bill” E. Malone

4. Committee Chairs for 2021-2022:

- 102nd State Convention Chair – Lavern Terbl
- Buddy Poppy Chair – Frank Andrada
- Budget & Finance Chair – Inge Conley
- Community Service Chair – John Jowers
- Credentials Chair – Eric J. Shumaker
- Credentials Chair Assistant – Katie Baillio
- Homeless Veterans Chair – James E. Briggs
- Hospital / MAP Chair – Gerard “Jerry” Greene
- National Legislative Chair – Lupita Perez
- State Legislative Chair – Mitch Fuller
- Membership Chair – Eddie L. Terry
- Mentorship Chair – William “Bill” L. Oaks
- Mentorship Co-Chair – Robert LaFleur

- Motorcycle Group Chair – Thomas “Bear” Anderson
- POW / MIA Chair – Carlo S. Davis
- Veterans Employment Chair – Bob Gear

5. **Section 709 of the VFW National By-Laws:** Concerns Disposition of Real Property, i.e., Post Homes. Written notice of such proposal has first to be given to each member of said unit and the Department Commander ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those present and voting at such regular or special meeting.
6. **Section 214:** Posts in violation of Section 214 of the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure (solicitation of funds) are subject to suspension. Contracts must be forwarded to and approved by Department of Texas VFW State Commander. Currently, we have an exclusive 10-year contract approved by the Council of Administration in 2017-2018 with V-Sweeps and amended with a 5-year extension in June of 2021 by the Council ending in June of 2031. Eight-liners, skill machines, other Sweepstakes and similar devices are not authorized at this time by any Post.
7. **Reminder for Post Commanders (per State Commander Macey):** Reminder for all Post Commanders of Section 218(a)(1) Paragraph c. Insist that Post business and activities be conducted in such a manner that they do not violate any applicable governmental law, ordinance or regulation nor bring or tend to bring dishonor or embarrassment upon the Post, its members, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
8. **Change of Post and District Officers:** All District and Post Commanders are reminded that whenever there is change of Officer(s) within the Post or District that they need to notify the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters.
9. **Chain of Command:** Commander Macey has asked that you use your chain of command if there are issues at your Posts. It is asked that you start with the Post Commander, then the District Commander, and finally the State Commander. Most situations or problems can be rectified and resolved at the Post level.
10. **Post Commanders:** Are directed to Section 103 of the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the way applications for membership will be handled. Applications for membership of new, reinstated or transfer members must be voted on by the members present at a regular Post meeting.

11. Politics: Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Auxiliary within Texas shall not make any statement to the news media concerning pending VFW sponsored legislation on a State or National level, or any relevant to VFW policies of a State or National nature without first obtaining permission from Department of Texas VFW Headquarters.

12. The Texas VFW Foundation: The Texas VFW Foundation is continuously ready for the influx of assistance claims for individual veterans who have lost wages or been adversely affected due to COVID-19, and the February 2021 Texas Winter Storm Uri, and for the upcoming 2021 Hurricane season. Refer veterans to the Texas VFW Foundation website for financial assistance: <https://www.texasvfw.org/foundation>.

13. District Meetings/Trainings for July & August 2021:

- District 19 July 24th Post 3984-Jacksonville
- District 24 July 24th Post 4403-Port Lavaca
- District 25 July 24th Post 4372-Odessa (training)
- District 30 July 24th Post 3366-Corsicana (training)
- District 1 July 25th Post 2150-McKinney (training)
- District 2 July 31st Post 1806-Beaumont (training)
- District 3 Aug 7th Post 6796-Dallas
- District 4 Aug 7th Post 8790-Houston
- District 5 Aug 7th Post 8315-Schertz
- District 8 Aug 7th Post 8929-Anson
- District 9 Aug 7th Post 1475-Amarillo
- District 12 Aug 7th Post 8560-Sulphur Springs
- District 20 Aug 7th Post 8541-San Antonio
- District 21 Aug 7th Post 2399-Mineral Wells
- District 29 Aug 7th Post 2148-Waco
- District 28 Aug 8th Post 2527-Bastrop (training)
- District 16 Aug 7th & 8th Post 8551-Sweeny
- District 6 Aug 14th Post 9170-Beeville
- District 17 Aug 14th Post 9182-Katy (training)
- District 1 Aug 15th Post 6205-Muenster (District meeting)
- District 13 Aug 15th Post 688-Boerne
- District 14 Aug 21st Post 8557-Copperas Cove
- District 10 Aug 28th Post 8550-El Paso

14.Candidates for Department Office 2022-2023:

- State Commander, Lynn Toomer, Post 10429, Benbrook, D-21
- State Senior Vice Commander, Larry Sanders, Post 10241, Lytle, D-20
- State Junior Vice Commander, Anson Booker, Post 3892, Harker Heights, D-14
- State Junior Vice Commander, Andrew Camplen, Post 688, Boerne, D-13
- State Junior Vice Commander, Larry Levy, Post 5873, New Boston, D-12
- State Junior Vice Commander, Ben Lowrance, Post 1475, Amarillo, D-9
- State Junior Vice Commander, Robert Martinez, Jr., Post 2059, Kirby, D-20
- State Judge Advocate, Keith King, Post 3278, Brownwood, D-8
- State Judge Advocate, Larry Velasquez, Post 8932, Corpus Christi, D-6
- State Surgeon, Gerard P. “Jerry” Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3
- State Surgeon, Randall Johnston, Post 4376, Seven Points, D-30
- State Surgeon, Cindy Unerfusser, Post 2772, Sherman, D-1
- State Chaplain, Timothy Anderson, Post 3894, Waxahachie, D-30
- State Chaplain, Michael “Foy” Day, Post 4709, Conroe, D-17
- National Council Member, Inge Conley, Post 12075, Humble, D-4
- National Council Member, Keith King, Post 3278, Brownwood, D-8

15.Candidate for National VFW Office for 2022-2023:

VFW National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Larry Velasquez, Jr., Post 8932, D-6

16.Congratulations to the following Districts for making All-State District:

District 1—District Commander Katie Baillio (*Ranked 1st in Division I*)
District 2—District Commander Robert LaFleur (*Ranked 1st in Division V*)
District 3—District Commander James E. Biggs
District 5—District Commander Greg Brannan (*Ranked 1st in Division II*)
District 6—District Commander Todd T. Richardson (*Ranked 1st in Division III*)
District 9—District Commander Steve Evans
District 13—District Commander Andrew Camplen (*Ranked 1st in Division IV*)
District 16—District Commander Michael Caballero
District 21—District Commander Duane Shepard
District 24—District Commander Jack Mageluzzo
District 28—District Commander Dave Walden
District 29—District Commander Chris Davis
District 30—District Commander William Fuzi

17. Congratulations to the following Posts recognized as All-State Division Leaders:

- Post 688-Boerne-Commander Andrew Camplen
- Post 1406-Dallas-Commander Reggie Williams
- Post 1475-Amarillo-Commander Terry Avey
- Post 1922-Gainesville-Commander Dennis Kretzschmar
- Post 2150-McKinney-Commander Ray Richardson
- Post 2195-Allen-Commander Pete Hersom
- Post 2410-Harlingen-Commander Narciso Villela III
- Post 2933-Dripping Springs-Commander Jerry Martin
- Post 4443-Austin-Commander Joseph Touchet
- Post 4820-Port Neches-Commander Jorg Kitchen
- Post 6111-Arlington-Commander Manny Leal
- Post 7426-Farmersville-Commander Brian Chapman
- Post 8273-Frisco-Commander Shenna Lawless
- Post 8539-Lampasas-Commander Daniel Swanson
- Post 8541-San Antonio-Commander William E. Smith
- Post 8569-Comfort-Commander Kenneth Rusch
- Post 8577-Copperas Cove-Commander Ronald Abrahamson
- Post 8790-Houston-Commander Michael Flanagan
- Post 9167-Princeton-Commander Jason Ash
- Post 9174-San Antonio-Commander Juan Martinez, Jr.
- Post 10454-Grapevine-Commander Joseph Campbell
- Post 10462-Houston-Commander Billy Wilkinson
- Post 12041-Lytle-Commander Larry Sanders
- Post 12058-Kyle-Commander Clint Williams
- Post 12152-Cleburne-Commander Monica Donahoe
- Post 12160-Sinton-Commander Todd Richardson
- Post 12171-San Antonio-Commander Lee Rivas

18. Congratulations to State Award winners at the State Convention:

- **POW/MIA Award**
VFW Post 8273-Frisco-District 1
- **Danny R. Henry Award**
Joseph W. Campbell-Post 10454-Grapevine-District 21
- **Glen M. Gardner, Jr. Quartermaster Award**
Phillip DuBois-Post 4692-Bryan-District 17

- **Past State Commanders Award**
Robert L. LaFleur-Post 2775-Orange-District 2
- **Mack Johnson Award**
Andrew Camplen-Post 688-Boerne-District 13
Robert L. LaFleur-Post 2775-Orange-District 2
- **William B. Moody Award-Outstanding Chaplain**
Quenten G. Goldstein-Post 10454-Grapevine-District 21
- **Past District Commander Award**
Randall E. Johnston-Post 4376-Seven Points-District 30
- **Outstanding Service Officer Award**
Cindy S. Unerfusser-Post 2772-Sherman-District 1
- **Barbara Hoffman Award-Outstanding Auxiliary Member**
Denise DuBois-Auxiliary with Post 4692-Bryan-District 17
- **State Commander Special Recognition Award**
Melanie Kretzschmar-Quartermaster-Post 1922-Gainesville-District 1
and
Auxiliary Members from VFW Post 10454-Grapevine-District 21
Kelly Langdon, Auxiliary President & Tara Robbins, Auxiliary Treasurer
- **J. T. Rutherford Recipients**
Ben Lowrance-Post 1475-Amarillo-District 9
William E. Smith-Post 8541-San Antonio-District 20
Eddie L. Terry-Post 10429-Benbrook-District 21

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

- VFW District 17
- VFW Post 3892-Harker Heights-District 14
- VFW Auxiliary (it was a tie!)
Thompson-Patton-Zahn VFW Post 8905 Auxiliary-Cypress-District 4
and
Floyd E. Breedlove VFW Post 9182 Auxiliary-Katy-District 17
- Dorothy J. Miller Estate (accepted by District 30 Commander William Fuzi
and District 30 Auxiliary President Rey Martinez)

20. Congratulations to the Scout of the Year for 2020-2021:

Kyna M. McGill, of Girl Scout Troop 127007, Katy, Texas, is the Scout of the Year for 2020-2021. She was sponsored by VFW Post 9182 in Katy, Texas (District 17).

21. The Department of Texas VFW Headquarters office in Austin is currently closed to all visitors until further notice.

22. Dates to Remember - Department of Texas VFW HQs will be closed:

October 11th - Columbus Day

November 11th - Veterans Day

November 25th & 26th - Thanksgiving Observance

December 23rd & 24th - Christmas Observance

December 31st - New Year's Eve Observance

23. Department of Texas HQs welcomes new staff member-Taylor Engle:

Taylor Engle, Administrative Assistant, is the newest member of the Department of Texas VFW Headquarters staff and will be handling all hotel reservations and coordinating hotel contracts for VFW events. You can contact Taylor via email: taylor@texasvfw.org or you can call her at 512-834-8535, extension 108.

24. Texas VFW Foundation welcomes new staff member-Tommye Juvrud:

Tommye Juvrud, Veterans Assistance Program Assistant, is the newest member of the Texas VFW Foundation staff. She will be handling all phone calls and correspondence for the Texas VFW Foundation.

25. Texas VFW Standard Operating (SOP) Procedures: The SOP is available on the Department of Texas VFW website: <https://www.texasvfw.org/>. Go to Admin/SOP, Training Materials, Etc./Posts Books & Forms.

26. Theme for Voice of Democracy for 2021-2022: “America: Where Do We Go From Here?” The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the October 31, 2021, deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in Texas. To qualify, all student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by October 31, 2021. The official entry form can be found on the Department of Texas VFW website: <https://www.texasvfw.org/>. Go to Admin/SOP, Training Materials, Etc./Post Programs.

27.Theme for Patriot's Pen 2021-2022: “How Can I Be a Good American?” The Patriot's Pen competition is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in public, private or parochial schools or home study program in Texas. To qualify, all student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by October 31, 2021. The official entry form can be found on the Department of Texas VFW website: <https://www.texasvfw.org/>. Go to Admin/SOP, Training Materials, Etc./Post Programs.

28.Teacher of the Year 2021-2022: Based on the nominees submitted, Posts will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors, or other interested individuals. To qualify, all teacher entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by October 31, 2021. The official entry form will be posted on the National VFW website soon.

29.Due dates for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher entries:

- From Students & Teachers to local VFW Posts → deadline is October 31, 2021
- VFW Post winners to Districts → deadline is November 15, 2021
- District winners to Department of Texas HQs → deadline is December 1, 2021

30.District/Post By-Laws: District and Posts are reminded to review your By-Laws. If it has been more than 5 years, you should revise them. Contact Wyonda Laurence, Department Secretary, and she can email you templates for the By-Laws. Email Wyonda for assistance: wyonda@texasvfw.org or call her at 512-834-8535, extension 103.

31.Mandatory VPR's for 2021-2022:

- November 11, 2021 (Veterans Day)
- May 1, 2022 (Loyalty Day)
- May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day)
- June 14, 2022 (Flay Day)

32.Post Audits: The 4th Quarter Post Audit Report (for the 2020-2021 Administrative year) are due by July 31, 2021, on Trustee's Audit forms. The (original) signed copy should be mailed or emailed to Department of Texas VFW Headquarters. Deadline dates for Post Audits for the 2021-2022 Administrative Year:

- 1st Quarter Post Audit Report due by October 31, 2021
- 2nd Quarter Post Audit Report due by January 31, 2022
- 3rd Quarter Post Audit Report due by April 30, 2022

33.VFW Post 12250, Bulverde-New name for Post: On November 25, 2019, VFW National Headquarters approved the new name for the Post: Eugene M. Goltz-Dewey W. Struck Post No. 12183. Eugene M. Goltz was a World War II veteran who served in the Marine Corps and was a Purple Heart recipient. Dewey W. Struck was a World War II veteran who served in the Army Air Corps and was a radio operator on a B-24. He was a VFW member for 60 years and passed away in 2018 at the age of 96.

34.John Jowers, Data Management Specialist, Department HQs: John Jowers is the Department Headquarters staff member to contact for the following items noted below. You can reach him by phone at 512-834-8535 (extension 106) or by email: john@texasvfw.org.

- Action Date Reports
- Post & District Audit Reports
- Buddy Poppy Orders
- Community Service Reports
- Insurance for VFW Posts
- Post Inspection Reports
- Quartermaster Bonds
- Status Sheet Issues (Posts & Districts)
- VPR's (Veteran Project Reports)

35.Save the Dates for 2021-2022:

Mid-Winter Conference 2022 January 19-23, 2022

Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
900 North Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Annual Texas VFW State Convention June 15-19, 2022

Choctaw Conference Center
Durant, Oklahoma

36. Closing Comments: I campaigned on the theme “Build – Bridge – Belong.”

The Department of Texas VFW must continue to build on the foundation that our comrades left us. We must bridge over any obstacles that are holding us back. We must make certain that all our members know that they belong, and they can succeed in our VFW. We should have all learned that “Business as usual will no longer get it done.” Many of our Posts did adapt and overcame the closures due to COVID-19, some did not. Comrades, if we do not run our Post like a business, we will be out of business. If we do not have a vision for the future, we will not have a future. We were not elected to rule, we were elected to serve. We can learn from the past and have a successful future. I am asking each one of you to lace up those old boots, throw on that old pack and join me in another battle. We are going to “War for Membership.” It is our biggest hope for our future. If we truly believe that “No One Does More for Veterans” (and I do) we must have members. Consider yourself a member of the Texas Membership Committee. Let us have a successful year for our VFW. God bless you, your family, our troops, and our United States of America.

By order of:

Norman J. Macey

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State Commander

Attested By:

Dan West

Dan West
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

