



# *Veterans of Foreign Wars* *of the United States*

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## **General Order Number 7** **May 2018**

### 1. Membership:

I would like to Congratulate the following Posts for their achievement and being selected in the first round of judging for the Department of Washington "All State Team":

<u>Post</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Quartermaster</u>
921	Otis Wolfe	Elmer Johnson
1949	Derick Sergurson	Elbert Reed
2047	Ben Paramore	James Mach
3063	Peter Krawitz	Harold Rodenberger
3721	Raymond Palmer	Ed Schmitz
4278	Dana Difford	Debra Proctor
5297	Danny Eaton	Ron Kimmel
5580	Frank Persa	Rebeka McGinnis
6787	Marty Arnold	Rod Lee
6963	Wayne Kooser	John Neff
7824	Terry Clark	Bill Tatum
9301	Lonnie Rose	James Neyens
9430	Chad Hassebroek	Rufus Hunter
10882	Gordon Huggins	Tom Burgoyne
12018	Jerry Peltier	Romar Swarner

The next judging will take place on May 8, 2018. We look forward to adding more Posts and names to this prestigious Class of Honor.

We currently have fifty-six (56) posts in the Department that are within twenty (20) members of achieving 100% membership. If you need help or guidance with your Recruiting efforts – do not hesitate to contact Department and let us know you need something. It is our mission to help you succeed.

The following is a current breakdown of the Posts that are in the hunt for “All American” status:

District 4	100.77%	Currently at # 15	Commander Ted Streete
District 6	100.16%	Currently at # 18	Commander Jim Primmer
District 3	99.25%	Currently # 3	Commander Ben Cummins
Post 379	98.8%		Commander Al Pineda
Post 921	104.7%	Currently # 61	Commander Otis Wolfe
Post 969	97.53%	Currently # 49	Commander Eric Gallego
Post 2224	100.5%	Currently # 19	Commander Paul Herrera
Post 4278	104.01%	Currently # 50	Commander Dana Difford
Post 7392	97.95%	Currently # 44	Commander Perry Taylor
Post 9430	107.3%	Currently # 22	Commander Chad Hassebroek

To qualify for All-American, the Post needs to be in the top fifty (50) in your division. The qualifying breakdown for All-State and All-American are not the same – look in the Department Roster to verify that you have met all requirements to move on in each program.

## 2. Election Reports:

Both at the Post and District level, some of the Election Reports are being sent in to both National and Department with missing information. The Election Report is considered incomplete for any unfilled positions-both elected and

appointed. The National Headquarters will reject any incomplete Election Reports and return them to Department for action.

The Judge Advocate and Surgeon positions have created some confusion. At the Post level – the Judge Advocate and Surgeon are appointed. At the District level they are elected positions.

Installing officers are directed to ensure the Post- Election Reports have been completed and sent into National Headquarters no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties until proof of eligibility is submitted and properly reviewed. Failure to provide proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.

### 3. Candidates:

The following have officially announced themselves as candidates for the following elected positions:

Commander	Linda Fairbank, District 2
Senior Vice Commander	John Rust, District 4
Junior Vice Commander	Traci Williams, District 11
Quartermaster	Paul Manly, District 9
Chaplain	Wes Anderson, District 9 Frosty Hulseley, District 11
Judge Advocate	Chad Hassebroek, District 11
Surgeon	Don Wischman, District 1 Paul Herrera, District 3
Trustee, 1 Year	Cory Freed, District 4

Trustee, 3 Year

R C Sample, District 11

Western Conference Chaplain

Ray Fairbank, District 2

We are rapidly moving towards June Convention and the end of the elected term. There is still much work to get completed and work towards a positive turnover to the newly elected officers.

Communication is a major key in accomplishment and achievement of the Department goals. We need to continue to stay focused on our goals and do what is necessary to complete the VFW mission.

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