



Department of Oklahoma  
Veterans of Foreign Wars



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May 2020

2019-2020 Series

*“And They Who For Their Country Die Shall Fill An Honored Grave, For Glory Lights The Soldier’ Tomb, And Beauty Weeps The Brave.*

*Joseph Rodman Drake*

DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA HEADQUARTERS  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

General Orders No. 11

2019-2020 Series

1. **Post Nominations/Election of Officers:** Pursuant to section 217 of the Manual of Procedures, nomination of Post Officers shall open in March and election of Officers shall be conducted in April
2. **Post Commanders:** Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1. **NOTE: Post that have to complete election reports by paper are to email or mail them to the State Adjutant who will file the report on- line via OMS.**
3. **Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers:** All Posts & Districts should be reminded of the provisions of Section 216 &, 416 of the Manual of Procedures that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant and properly reviewed.
4. **Post and District Commanders:** Section 222 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.
5. **Pursuant to Article V, Sec 3 of the Department of Oklahoma, Veterans of Foreign Wars By-Laws,** “A delegate registration fee established by the Council of Administration will be paid by each Post for every delegate to which it is entitled and by others authorized to cast a vote as defined by the National By-Laws. This fee may be increased/decreased at each succeeding convention by the Council of Administration. Said fees shall be paid to the State Quartermaster 15 days prior to the opening session of the Department Convention. Anyone wanting to register after this date will be assessed an additional fee of \$1.00 for each delegate registered. Post

delegate fees are due and payable regardless of convention attendance. Post that do not pay prior to the convention will be assessed the delegate fees at the plus \$1.00 rate.”

**6. Pursuant to Article XV, Sec 1 of the Department of Oklahoma, Veterans of Foreign Wars By-Laws,**

Proposed Amendments to the Department By-Laws presented to the Adjutant shall be forwarded to all Post Commanders, District Commanders, State Officers and Pat State Commanders at least 30 day prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

**Proposed State Bylaw Amendments**

**1. Proposed Amendment to State Bylaws proposed by the State Headquarters**

**Article XIV Social Media (New)**

**Insert new Article XIV as follows and the subsequent Articles to be renumbered as required:  
“Article XIV Social Media**

**Section 1. All Social Media referring to itself as representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Oklahoma, OKVFW known hereafter, is to be maintained by the OKVFW HQ.**

**A. All social media pages claiming any relationship to the OKVFW are to be administered by current OKVFW State Commander appointed administrators.**

**1. Each social media page relating to a particular program of OKVFW is to be administered by the current Chair of said program appointed by the State Commander.**

**2. At the end of each administrative year, the outgoing Chair of each program who maintains a social media page for said program, is responsible for complete and total handoff, to include operation of the page, to the incoming appointed chair.**

**Section 2. Any social media ran by the OKVFW Auxiliary or its subordinate units are not subject to these bylaws.**

**Section 3. Any jointly run Social Media pages between OKVFW and its Auxiliary (Department Level) must be divided and run separately upon approval of this amendment.”**

**2. Proposed Amendment to State Bylaws proposed by the State Headquarters**

**Article XV Electronic Meetings (New)**

**Insert new Article XV as follows and the subsequent Articles to be renumbered as required:**

**“Article XV Electronic/Call-in Meetings**

**Section 1. Any officially called meeting of the Council of Administration may be attended via video conference.**

- A. Those attending via video conference must verify eligibility to attend the meeting prior to being recognized as being in attendance.**
- B. Eligibility requirements are pursuant to National Bylaws/Manual of Procedure.**

**Section 2. Quorum**

- A. Any meeting in which video conference attendance is utilized, at least fifty percent of the Council of Administration must be present at the meeting.**

**Section 3. Votes via Email**

- A. Should the State Commander or a member of the Council of Administration find need to call a vote on an issue outside of a regularly scheduled Council of Administration meeting, or calling said meeting would cause undue expense to the Department and/or the members of the Council of Administration, an electronic vote may be taken under the following circumstances:
  - 1. All members of the Council must have been notified of said request for vote fifteen (15) days prior to the deadline for the vote.**
  - 2. All members of the Council of Administration be provided all facts and costs concerning the vote ten (10) days prior to the deadline for the vote.****

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pursuant to VFW National By-Laws, Section 502, “The Department Convention may adopt or amend Bylaws governing the Department as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure.”

Pursuant to VFW Executive Order No. 2-FAQ 5a, “If the Department Council of administration votes to cancel the Department Convention, can the Department Council of Administration amend the Department Bylaws? “NO. The Department Bylaws may only be amended by the Department Convention pursuant to Section 502 of the National Bylaws.”

- 7. Posts and Districts are encouraged to utilize some form of virtual meeting website/software for meetings during the COVID-19 crisis. The below links may be helpful.**

You do need to set up an account with zoom ([www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)). However, it is very easy to do and completely free. You just need to go to their website ([www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)), give them the email address you want to use for the account, confirm that email address when they send you a message, and then set up a password. That’s all there is to it. And there is no cost to do it.

You can then get to zoom on your computer going to their website. You can also download the Zoom app for your smartphone (iPhone and android) as well as your tablet or iPad, whichever you feel most comfortable in using.

: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/204772869-Zoom-Rooms-User-Guide>

Posts may be able to seek assistance from the Small Business Administration.

<https://www.oklahomacenterfornonprofits.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-resources-for-nonprofits/>

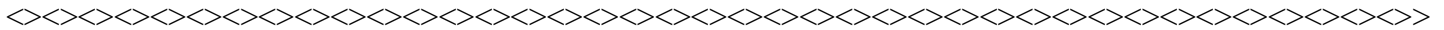
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DARRYL MABRY  
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

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Curtis A. Watts  
Adjutant



***Candidates for Department High Office 2020-2021:***

- Department Commander > Mike Merit > Broken Arrow Post 10887 (Nominated & Accepted)
- Department Senior Vice Commander > Jim Bassett > Moore Post 8706 (Nominated & Accepted)
- Department Junior Vice Commander > Larry Jordan > Clinton Post 4465 (Nominated & Accepted)
- Department Junior Vice Commander > Matt Ward > Salina Post 5307
- Department Quartermaster > Curt Watts > Stillwater Post 2027 (Nominated & Accepted)
- Department Chaplain > Gary Lee Walker > Moore Post 8706
- Department Judge Advocate > Gordon Wheeler > Del City Post 9969
- Department Surgeon > Jeff Harris > Eufaula Post 8798 (See Attached Flyer)
- Department Surgeon > Stacy Reddig > El Reno Post 382 (See Attached Flyer)
- Past State Commander > Darryl Mabry > Lawton Post 1193 > (Nominated & Accepted)

Pursuant to National Bylaws & Manual of Procedure Sec 517 Nomination. "A member may be nominated and elected although not present at the Department Convention. A member making a nomination of an absentee for any office shall have presented to the Adjutant, in writing, the consent of the member being nominated prior to the closing of nominations. Any nominee shall have the opportunity to decline nomination for the office to which they have been nominated before nominations are closed. Nominations shall remain open until the Department Convention is ready to vote."



## COMRADES AND AUXILIARY BROTHERS AND SISTERS;

As the threat and concerns of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic subsides in Oklahoma, I want to thank each and every one of you for taking the necessary health and safety precautions to keep you, your loved ones and others within the country continue, I want all to continue to adhere to the State and local guidelines regarding safety precautions. So, I ask you to; be safe, be mindful and continue to keep our communities safe. I want to also express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all that continued our VFW motto of “We do more for Veterans” throughout this confusing and uncertain time. As you strive and push, I want you to know your work is forever seen and never forgotten.

As we get closer to the end of another great VFW year in Oklahoma, I would like for all to bear with your leadership at all levels. They, as well as we at the headquarters are in constant communication trying to navigate our course for continued business. Currently we are exploring and discussing the options and particulars of having a modified convention versus succession options with not having a convention. Regardless the option, we will always place health and safety first.

As you may have been informed by now; the VFW National Convention was canceled. With that, a timeline has been established by the National CofA for the succession of leadership. We are on track with the guidelines. However, for us to remain on track certain things must occur. As mentioned in previous communications, Post and District elections must occur by the end of May. Secondly, we must decide convention or not and complete succession options by 25 June. We are currently looking at all of our options, viewing all of the current safety and health directives and trying to determine a solution that affords the best voice for the members of Oklahoma. Your part at the Post and District level is simply to hold your elections to determine your incoming leadership and don’t forget to elect your delegates which will act as your post voice for the state elections. Are you willing to have a convention with minimum voices present?

Our programs continue. Our focus is still to provide for our Comrades and our communities. Remember you still have until 22 May in most cases to complete and report some program items if your Post or District is seeking All-State honors. Don’t let the treat take away from you achieving your goals. If anything, these times should force or sway you to alternative thinking. We can and should achieve some of the same as before but use a different path or method to get there.

Please remember, we are not shut down. We are just slowed down and must be patient and deliberate and cautious with all that we are doing. Take care of yourselves. Check on our older (seasoned) Veterans and the elderly within the community. Sometimes a simple phone call is enough assurance they need to drive them to remain in life’s’ fight with us. Help out by doing and being a part of someone’s struggle. The little thoughts go a long way with the lonely,

troubled or hurt. On that note, do not forget to call our Veterans' centers to see how you can help them also. Show the Veteran's in our communities around the state that we all "dare to care".

Lastly, this is a good time to start working on your individual or Post story for the 100th anniversary book. If you recall, I mentioned before that the yellow data cards would be regenerated. The purpose of the cards is not only to ensure you still are at that address, but to inquire if you want to participate and or purchase the book once it's completed. There are no other motives with the card.

"We must remain excited about what we do, let's just be careful at how we do it."

"ALWAYS A VETERAN, ALWAYS FOR A VETERAN"

*Darryl Mabry*

STATE COMMANDER

### ***FROM THE SR. VICE COMMANDER***

Comrades,

First of all, I hope this finds all of you safe and healthy. I know that all of us are getting a little bit of cabin fever and we're ready for this to be over. Please make sure that you continue to follow the guidelines in place in your local area. These are unprecedented and trying times, but we all can make it through this.

As we begin to look forward, please know we have worked with all the districts to still conduct their conventions in some way, shape, or form. Posts, if you have not been able to conduct your elections because you have put off your meetings due to the pandemic, please contact the state headquarters for assistance and guidance on how to get your elections taken care of before the end of May. If you have not received the guidance that was passed on from National, please let us know so we can get it to you.

This year's administrative year is coming to a close. Even with what has happened over the last couple of months, all of you have performed amazingly. I commend all of you who have stepped up and helped out our fellow veterans and their families. Please continue to keep up the great work. However, we still have until June 30th to complete our membership drive. Reach out to your members who haven't paid and those who are expired up to two years. If you don't know what to say, just ask our National Council Member Robbie Clark for pointers.

Finally, as we get closer to our Convention, the 2020-2021 Membership/Awards Program Guide will be out hopefully by the end of this month for everyone to begin to prepare for the upcoming year. As one big veteran team, any way we can look ahead and get the ball rolling, let's get it done. I am looking forward to all of us completing State Commander Mabry's year

doing better than ever and cannot wait to have the opportunity to lead you into the next administrative year. Keep up the great work everyone and stay safe out there!

-SVC

Comrades,

May 1st, 2020

As we near the end of our administrative year, I ask each of you to reflect on what a great year we have had under the stewardship of our State Commander, Darryl Mabry. Our membership numbers are continuing to increase and our programs are seeing increased participation across the state. Without Commander Mabry's leadership, we would not have been able to accomplish any of this.

It is tradition to present a gift to the outgoing state commander at the end of their term on behalf of the entire state. So, this is the official call to all Districts, Posts and members within our Department to please send a monetary donation to the State Quartermaster Curt Watts for Commander Mabry's gift. It can be in an individual's name or on behalf of a group. This is not a requirement. However, I believe it fitting we show our state commander the appreciation he deserves.

Please send all donations to the State Headquarters Attn: State Commander Gift. The address is 1103 N. Blackwelder Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73106. All donations must be received NLT June 10th, 2020.

I appreciate any and all donations you can make as I am sure Commander Mabry will as well.

V/R,

Michael L. Merit

State Sr. Vice Commander

## ***FROM THE JR. VICE COMMANDER***

State Junior Vice Commander  
Public Affairs  
Veterans and Military Services Committee Chair  
*Jim Bassett*

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY. Keep healthy!!! The light is at the end of the tunnel, and it's not another train. Anybody else have cabin fever? I know I'm stir crazy. I do ask that all of you stay healthy and pay attention to the news for how this lockdown is going to be lifted in your area. It will be a different schedule based on where you live. Also, watch out for the wackos that are offering you cures for this. If you want to throw money away, give it to the Foundation. At least there it will do some good.

The Department is looking at how to conduct the elections within guidelines from National, most importantly, how to do them safely. This does not mean that our convention has been canceled. The plan is to still hold the convention, it may change in duration and content. A lot of good information has been passed around, stay informed on what your VFW is doing! Read the General Orders.

Normally, this is where I begin to let you know about our upcoming events. With the quarantine procedures in place, a lot of events have been canceled. The Oklahoma City Thunder have canceled their season. The Oklahoma City Energy has suspended their season until May 10<sup>th</sup> and the Oklahoma City Dodgers will have their season but the start date is unknown right now. So the Military Appreciation Nights are unknown for both organizations. As soon as I find out I will get word out. If you have not attended one of these events, you should. They are a lot of fun.

The quarantine has impacted a lot of us on recruiting. I know that members of the Department are more than willing to help on any membership drives. There are several other outstanding recruiters out there to ask. We also offer great opportunities to recruit. Let us know.

It is great to bring new members in, but what are you doing about keeping them in? Talk to them, get them engaged with projects. Do you have someone communicating with them to see how they are doing? Are you talking to them at events and making them feel welcome? Are you challenging them to be active members and engaged on your events?



We are planning a drive for the VFW/Auxiliary Freedom Fest and possibly again at our state convention. To be determined. The Supreme Military Order of the Cooties has set up an online report of blood donated. If you donate, please submit the information at

<http://vampire.puptent1.org/>. The blood drives are being sponsored by the Military order of the Cooties Grand of Oklahoma.



Just because we are quarantined during this doesn't mean our military are locked in their homes also. They are still doing the mission. We should be doing our mission of taking care of them. They still deploy. We can still be there to help.



Talking to some of the Post and Auxiliary members that participated in the family parties with the Oklahoma National Guard, they seemed to have had fun. Let's see, fun and a chance to recruit? What could be better? I know that I enjoy attending some of these events.

Remember to donate to VMS! If you would like to donate to them, please follow this link. [https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw\\_programs\\_donation](https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation)

### **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities and Events:**

#### **May:**

Stay at home and stay healthy!!!

~~15 May~~, Pending new date, Oklahoma City Dodgers Military Appreciation Night, open to any VFW and Auxiliary members. Great recruiting event! If you would like information on helping at this game, contact me, Jim Bassett, 405.664.3929 or [bassettj15@yahoo.com](mailto:bassettj15@yahoo.com).

#### **June:**

~~13 June~~, the VFW and the Auxiliary is sponsoring a Freedom Fest. The timing will be from 10 to 5 at the Eufaula Indian Community Center. There will be a musical guest, Sailor Jerri will be performing from 2 until 4. <https://www.sailorjerrimusic.com/>. If you have attended a Nation Convention lately you should remember that Sailor Jerri is former Navy and a very talented and military oriented singer.

The Freedom Fest has been canceled. We are waiting on word from Sailor Jerri as to how her concert will be rescheduled. As soon as we know, details will be sent out.

For those interested, I want to thank Teresa Stevenson for making this happen, she is the one who reached out to Sailor Jerri and put a lot of effort into making this happen.

18 to 21 June, Details pending – State Convention, Wyndham Garden Oklahoma City Airport, 2101 S. Meridian.

#### **July:**

~~3 July~~, Pending new date, Military Appreciation Night with the Oklahoma City Energy FC against the El Paso Locomotives, open to any VFW and Auxiliary members. Great recruiting event! If you would like information on helping, contact me, Jim Bassett, 405.664.3929 or [bassettj15@yahoo.com](mailto:bassettj15@yahoo.com).

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~~18 to 23 July, 121<sup>st</sup> VFW National Convention~~ has officially been canceled. The 122<sup>nd</sup> VFW National Convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from 31 July to 5 August, 2021. DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IS NOT CANCELED!!

**August:**

Pending events

**September:**

17 to 27 September, Oklahoma State Fair, details to follow.

Tinker AFB 9/11/POW/MIA Memorial Marathon, details to follow

45<sup>th</sup>'s Fallen Heroes Memorial Marathon, details to follow.

**October:**

1 to 11 October, Tulsa State Fair, details to follow.



Oklahoma State Fair, 17 to 27 September, and Tulsa State Fair, 1 to 11 October. We are planning on attending the Fair again this year.

We will be concentrating on recruiting, but we will also be encouraging participation in all VFW and Auxiliary events.



The Special Olympics schedule has been modified due to Covid 19, but they are always looking for volunteers. They are in need coaches, assistants, chaperons, and cheering sections. When you're out volunteering for the VFW, please wear something that identifies you as a

VFW or Auxiliary member; it helps increase public awareness. Sign up to help, better yet, have your post sign up to support or sponsor them. Apply at <https://www.sook.org/>.

**Be Visible!**

When you're out volunteering for the VFW or Auxiliary, please wear something that identifies you as a VFW or Auxiliary member; it helps increase public awareness. Any time you help a veteran is also a good time to wear something that identifies you as a member of the VFW or Auxiliary. There are some exceptions if you are working with other entities, check with them to find out if you can wear VFW or Auxiliary items.

**Be Visible!**

*Jim Bassett*

State Jr Vice Commander

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## ***FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER***

**Adjutant's Side:** Comrades, as we move forward into our election season at the Post and district level, please ensure that once your election is held and that the eligibility of each elected officer is provided to the appropriate Adjutant. In addition, it is imperative that once the election is completed, the election report is filed on-line with VFW National Headquarters utilizing the On-line Membership System (OMS). **Please see additional information below.**

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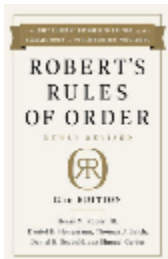
### **Post Commanders and Adjutants, Pursuant to Article V, Sec 5 (b) of the Department of Oklahoma, Veterans of Foreign Wars By-Laws,**

“The list of Post Delegates and Post Alternates to be honored must bear signatures of both the Post Commander and Post Adjutant. Post may mail or email their letter with delegate name(s), signed by the commander and adjutant to Department Headquarters prior to the Convention. Forward to:

VFW Dept of Oklahoma  
Attn: State Adjutant  
1103 N. Blackwelder Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

or email to [vfwhqok@outlook.com](mailto:vfwhqok@outlook.com)

### **Quartermaster's Side:**



***Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) 12 Edition Soon to be released late summer! (approximately early September) If you are interested in a copy, please contact State QM Curt Watts. Paperback version, \$20.00, Sprial Bound version, \$25.00, Pre-Punched version, \$25.00.***

*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) is the most comprehensive and most recognized authority on parliamentary procedure. It is used throughout the world by non-profit and not-for-profit organizations. RONR provides operational guidelines for members, officers, boards and*

committees. It answers most parliamentary questions and provides examples of terminology for use by members and officers. RONR provides essential information to ensure that meetings are fair and efficient.

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition supports modern technology while retaining the fundamental principals of parliamentary procedure—rules based on the rights of the majority, of the minority, of individual members, of absentees, and of all of these together.

Updated features of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition include section-based paragraph numbering to facilitate cross-references and e-book compatibility, an expanded appendix of charts, tables and lists, helpful summary explanations about postponing a motion, reconsidering a vote, making and enforcing points of order and appeals, and newly expanded procedures for filling blanks, new provisions regarding debate on nominations, reopening nominations, and completing an election after its scheduled time. This edition provides dozens more clarifications and additions to improve the presentation of existing rules, include new interpretations, and address common inquiries.

RONR Paperback is 6 x 9 inches, 816 pages.

**Buddy Poppy Production & Shipping on hold: Comrades, due to the COVID-19 issues, National HQ's has ceased their production and shipment of Buddy Poppy orders. We had 8,000 poppies on order approximately 3 weeks prior to the shutdown. However, National did not fill our order. Once production starts up again, we will be receiving our order. I would encourage all Posts to go ahead and send us your Poppy orders and we will fill them once we receive our shipment at State Headquarters**

Curt Watts



## ***FROM THE OKLAHOMA VFW FOUNDATION***

**OUR MISSION: The Oklahoma VFW Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, assists Oklahoma veterans and their families, promotes patriotic programs, provides relief for veterans and veteran support organizations, and provides educational scholarships.**

Comrades,

I speak for all members of the Oklahoma VFW Foundation Board of Directors that I hope you are all safe and well during these trying times.

Our Founding Donor program that the Foundation Board approved in February is off and running. We currently have 20 Founding Donors and 3 Founding Sponsors. Our Founding Sponsors include the Dept. of Oklahoma VFW, Curtis “Doc” Bohlman, and the VFW Riders Group – Oklahoma. We are in the process of creating a brochure for these programs, but in its

simplest terms the first 200 donors who donate \$100 will be our Founding Donors and the first 25 donors who donate \$1,000 will be our Founding Sponsors.

One of our 4-Year Board member terms is coming up this summer. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Foundation, please drop me a line and I will get more information on this opportunity to you.

Finally, I want to take some time to make sure that we all know we are in this together. That being said, our Foundation is new and thus does not currently have the resources or programs in place to assist with the COVID-19 emergency. And, yes, we want donations. However, we understand that hard decisions have to be made. If you have been impacted financially, take care of yourself before donating to us, or any other cause. If you are looking to help veterans in need, one of the best places to donate to is your own Post's Relief fund. Posts are required to maintain a Relief Fund to help veterans in need. If a Post has a veteran in need contact them and the Post has to turn them away, it is typically because they simply don't have the available funds in their relief funds to provide the assistance. Therefore, although the Oklahoma VFW Foundation does appreciate your donations, we also do not want to be in competition with the VFW and VFW Posts for funds in this time of need. With our 501(c)(3) status, we will continue to pursue funds not available to the VFW and their Posts. If you have a company wanting to donate to you but can't because you are not a 501(c)(3), have them contact us to act as a conduit. In these General Orders is a copy of the letter we will send to that donor to help you receive their funding.

If you want to donate to help veterans in need but can only afford to make one donation, please consider a VFW Post's Relief Fund for your donation in this time of immediate need, after first making sure that Post actually has a way to get funds from that Relief Fund to where they need to go.

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**District Meetings for 2020: "Any Changes or corrections to Districts meetings, please notify the State Adjutant ASAP."**

D-1 > 02 May 20 @ 1145-1345 > Bernice #2592 & Zoom > State Adj/Quartermaster Watts via Zoom  
D-3 > 03 May 20 @ 1145-1345, > Sallisaw Post #4518 & Zoom> State Adj/Quartermaster Watts via Zoom  
D-4 > 02 May 20 @ 1400-1600hrs > Durant Post #3916 & Zoom > State Adj/Quartermaster Watts  
D-5 > 03 May 20 @ 10 am > Bear Beam Arms 8722 E. 41<sup>st</sup>, Tulsa> Sr. Vice Cdr Merit  
D-7 > 02 May 20 @ 11 am > Okmulgee Post #1189>Jr. Vice Cdr Bassett  
D-8 > 03 May 20 @ 11am > Bristow Post #3656> Jr. Vice Cdr Bassett  
D-9 > 16 May 20 @ 10am > OKC Post #9265> Jr. Vice Cdr Bassett  
D-10 >09 May20 @ 10 am> Del City Post #9969> Jr. Vice Cdr Bassett/Judge Advocate Wheeler  
D-13 >16 May 20 @ 12:30 pm > Weatherford Post #6143> Cdr Mabry/ CoS Owen  
D-14 > 02 May 20 @11 am > Duncan Post #1192> Cdr Mabry  
D-15 > 09 May20 @11 am> Via Zoom 1230-1430

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

01 May> Loyalty Day  
07 May> National Day of Prayer  
07 May> Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces Signed (1945)  
08 May> V-E Day Declared (1945)  
08 May> Military Spouses Day  
10 May> Mother's Day  
15 May> Women's Army Corps Founded (1942)  
16 May> Armed Forces Day  
25 May> Memorial Day (observed)  
18 Jun> VFW Oklahoma 99<sup>th</sup> Department Convention Begins

**Department of Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

**2019-2020 State Raffle**

**Tickets are ONLY \$10**

**GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000**

**Other Prizes**

*3 x \$500, 3 x \$250, 5 x \$150, 6 x \$100*

**SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS**

For tickets purchased and money turned into State Headquarters on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, four prizes of \$100 each will be awarded in January!! (*Early Bird winners are eligible for main drawings*)

**Individual Prizes for Selling the Most Tickets**

- If at least 800 total tickets are sold, the top two individual sellers will be awarded cash prizes.
- If at least 900 total tickets are sold, the top three individual sellers will be awarded cash prizes.
- If at least 1,000 tickets are sold, the top four individual ticket sellers will be awarded cash prizes.

**Post/Auxiliary Prizes for Selling the Most Tickets**

- In addition, Post and Auxiliary Units whose members sell tickets will also win prizes....
- 2 Posts/Auxiliaries win prizes if 800 total tickets sold, 3 win if 900 sold, and 4 win if 1,000 sold.
- If 1,000 total tickets sold, a cash prize to the VFW or Auxiliary District who sold the most tickets.

**Specific Prize Drawing Information:**

*Early Bird: Drawings for a \$100 winner will be drawn on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. (Tickets sold and turned in by 12/31/19).*

**NOTE: For all other drawings, tickets must be sold and turned in to State Headquarters prior to the drawing for that date.**

*March 2020: \$100 Drawings on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. \$250 Drawing on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*April 2020: \$100 Drawings on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. \$250 Drawing on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*May 2020: \$150 Drawings on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*Memorial Day 2020: Two \$500 Drawings, exact date to be determined but will be between Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*2020 Oklahoma State Convention: At the banquet, \$1,000 GRAND PRIZE DRAWING, as well as \$500 and \$250 winners.*

**Individual Ticket Seller Prizes:**

*If at least 800 tickets sold, top seller wins \$250, 2nd place wins \$100. If at least 900 tickets sold, top seller wins \$500, 2nd place wins \$250, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$100. If at least 1,000 tickets sold, top seller wins \$600, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$200, and 4<sup>th</sup> place wins \$100.*

**Post / Auxiliary Unit Ticket Seller Prizes:**

*If at least 800 tickets sold, Post or Auxiliary unit whose members (when totals combined) sold the most tickets wins \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$50. If at least 900 tickets sold, top Post or Auxiliary wins \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$50. If at least 1,000 tickets sold, top Post or Auxiliary wins \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$100 and 4<sup>th</sup> place wins \$50.*

*If at least 1,000 tickets sold, the VFW or Auxiliary District whose members (when totals combined) sold the most tickets wins \$250.*

# Oklahoma VFW Shirts

## \$40

### Department Fundraiser

A choice of emblems and three different Moisture wicking polo shirts. One with left sleeve pen pocket, and all available in multiple colors.



#1: 6.5 oz. pique adult tactical wicking polo. Made from a 100% polyester. Polo features anti-microbial BLU-X-DRI protection, stain release, snag resistance, matching buttons, a rib knit curl-free collar, side vents and hemmed sleeves. It also offers a raglan sleeve, mic clips on the center placket and shoulders, reinforced dual pen pockets on the left sleeve. Comfortable in any environment and meeting IL-50 standards.

Available from men's small to 6 XL.

Available colors are: Red, Light Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Hunter Green, White, Tan, Graphite and Black.

#2: Ultra-light 100% polyester moisture wicking three button polo shirt has breathable mesh back, sleeve, and shoulder inserts to help you stay cool. 100% polyester embossed print smooth wicking knit with true hue technology®.

100% polyester Dry-Excel™ small grid mesh back and inserts.

Available from men's small to 4 XL.

Colors: Navy Blue, Royal Blue, White, Black, Forest Green, Graphite, Scarlet, Burgundy. Lettering will be in white.







#3: Dry-Excel™ 4.1 ounce 100% polyester moisture wicking horizontal textured stripe knit with high mechanical stretch and snag resistant technology.

Contrast color inserts.

Available from men's small to 4 XL

Color combination: black/graphite, black/light gold, black/orange, black/scarlet, black/white, brown/white, cardinal/white, navy/light gold, navy/scarlet, navy/white, forest/white, graphite/black, Kelly/white, maroon/white, purple/white, royal/light gold, royal/white, scarlet/white, university blue/white, Vegas gold/white and white/graphite.

When requesting shirt, please include the number for the shirt, the color, and which emblem (Cross of Malta or New emblem) you prefer. Shirt orders are placed when there are at least a minimum total order of 12 shirts being requested. When email requesting shirts, please provide a good contact method (phone and email). The new VFW emblem is authorized for Auxiliary members to wear.

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