



*Department of Oklahoma
Veterans of Foreign Wars*



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October 2020

2020-2021 Series

“Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of real liberty.”

Henry M. Robert

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

General Orders No. 4

2020-2021 Series

1. Pursuant to National By-Laws & MOP, Article X, Rules of Order, “The following Rules of Order shall govern all meetings. Any procedural matter not provided for by the Rules or Convention Rules shall be governed by the current Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.”

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MICHAEL L. MERIT
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

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Curtis A. Watts
Adjutant



FROM THE COMMANDER



**Michael L. Merit
State Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Oklahoma**

Comrades,

October 1, 2020

First, I hope this finds all of you and your family healthy and well. If not, I pray for a speedy recovery. Hey! Here we are beginning our fourth month of the year. I hope everyone that is able has gotten their year into full swing. I know that the ongoing COVID pandemic is still limiting our ability to do our jobs 100%, so now is the time that we must throw the book out and think outside of the. Speak with each other and share what works for you. During this time, we must help each other out to accomplish our mission. Remember, we are TEAM OKLAHOMA! Therefore, we must work together as one.

I want to address last month's General Orders. Let me be completely clear. In no way was that order meant to bar any motorcycle club from our VFWs, except for clubs recognized as 1% groups by the FBI. As was stated in the order, all VSO rider groups are welcome in our VFWs and can wear their colors or "cuts." Any other clubs that are not veteran related or 1% groups must be approved by the Post membership. That is a very simple process to do. While we have not had any directly related interference from these groups, they have begun to move out of North Texas and into Oklahoma. As your Commander, it is my sworn duty to protect this Department, its Posts and its members in any way I can. Plain and simple, that is what I am doing. In no way, shape or form am I being discriminatory concerning riders. We have a lot of great people out there who are riders and do many great things. However, a very small group are not and we cannot allow that in our organization.

Fall Festival: We are having a very special Fall Festival this year. Not only will National President Sandi Onstwedder be in attendance for part of it, our National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch will be attending as well. Let's get as many people to Fall Festival to show them what Oklahoma is all about. We will also be initiating and installing a new Cootie Auxiliary on Saturday, so we will have officers from Cootie Supreme with us. (BOO!) On Saturday night, there will be a roaring 20's party, so bring your best 20's costume and let's have some fun!

Last month I stood up the Veterans Service Committee again to ensure fair hiring practices are followed when it comes for filling the vacancies we have in the assistant service officer position in Muskogee. This Committee consists of PDC Darryl Mabry, Past National Surgeon General Curtis "Doc" Bohlman, NCM Robbie Clark, State Judge Advocate Gordon Wheeler and myself. We have received a few interested members, but no applications to date. So, if you or

someone you know is interested in applying for the position, please contact the State headquarters. More information on the job description will be forthcoming.

We are in the final stretch of the youth programs. They come to an end this month at the Post level. I know everything is different right now due to school scheduling and the online aspect. However, again, think outside of the box. Get with your local papers, radio and TV to help promote these programs. Understanding the current situation and if you do not receive any entries, I will grant credit for a one of these programs provided you submit substantial evidence show you made every effort to promote the program. Remember, this is the future of our country we are reaching out to. They deserved all the help we can give them.

Membership Update. September end numbers are as follows: Southern Conference, Oklahoma is #1. Nationally, Oklahoma is #16. We still have 1,814 to go to that magic 100% before the end of the year. That is approaching fast! Remember, keep working those At Large Lists and the Retention Lists you all have received. Our highest recruiter to date, State Chaplain Stacy Reddig has recruited 24 new members. We have 1 recruiter at 15, 3 at 4, 2 at 3, 10 at 2 and 25 at 1. Our overall breakdown is 62 new members, 40 reinstates and 45 without a recruiter. Quartermasters, please ensure you are entering a recruiter number when putting in new members so the right person gets the credit for them. **Remember 100% by December 31st, 2020 and 110% by June 30th, 2021!** We also have my Commander's Challenge for the first half of this year. The first Post to 100% by December 31st, 2020 will receive \$100. Every Post after the first, but before the deadline, will receive \$50. Post 7740 will receive the \$100. So far 1048, 8676 and 4465 will receive \$50 each. So, get out there and bring these new members in. There's still plenty of time to win some money for your Post!

A couple pieces of legislative info I am helping our State Senior Vice out with. The Department begun working with the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. to help them with Congress to received their federal charter just as our organization has. It is known as S4715 and is sponsored by Senators Rounds and Thune of South Dakota. We have contacted our congressional delegation asking the to support it as well. If you would like more information on the bill or would like a letter to send to them, please contact me and let me know. In addition, after some discussion with several state legislators, we know have the support to introduce the Veteran Lottery Bill in the State Legislature this upcoming session. It would be a huge boost to all the VSOs in Oklahoma and as more news develops, we will keep you posted.

Our Department Centennial is April 16th, 2021. By this point, all of you should have received a card in the mail asking you to update your information and submit your picture and story to be added to our Centennial Memory book. I hope all of you have participated and have purchased a book. It is a great memento to have. Not many get to celebrate 100 years, so this is going to be an amazing experience for all of us. Speaking of mementos, our Centennial Coin design was released at the State Convention. The coins are in and a lot have already been distributed. All the State Officers and District Commanders have preorder forms. They are two inches wide

and the price per coin is \$20. Each coin will be individually numbered, and the current set is 500 coins. We would love to have to order another 500! So, get in contact with one of the state officers to reserve yours today!

Take care of yourselves out there TEAM OKLAHOMA! I wish you the best. Please continue what you are doing. I could not have asked for a better Department to command. Each of you are the tip of the spear and that is why we are “FIRST TO FIGHT FOR VETERANS!”

Michael L. Merit
State Commander



FROM THE STATE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

State Senior Vice Commander
National and State Legislative Chair
Bylaws/Resolutions Chair

Jim Bassett

Oklahoma is 1st out of 14 Departments within the Southern Conference.
Oklahoma is 16th out of 52 Departments within the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Needed to reach 100%: 1,840

As of 28 September 2020

Fall Festival is just around the corner, 23 to 25 October. Wyndham Gardens, 2101 S Meridian, Oklahoma City. I look forward to seeing you there!

Halloween is a fun time. Kids running around in costumes, laughing and giggling. Eating way too much candy. They all compare costumes and start planning on the next years. Even adults get dressed up. Either as something fun or really scary. Halloween is a fun time to be a child. I don't know what will happen this year with the children and Halloween, but I do want you to remember to be cautious. Stay home that night, avoid the little ones in the street and, if you hand out candy, wear a mask! Look for what your community puts out for Halloween. Remember, Covid is still with us. So please! Please! Keep the social distancing up, keep wearing the mask, and keep washing your hands! Halloween has turned into a scary time for everyone. Stay away from places that do not seem to keep to the cleaning protocols or social distancing. We have VFW members that have compromised systems that are susceptible to Covid-19 or other illnesses. We also have had members suffer from Covid. Remember, this will help you and also help those around you.

Recruit and Retain. How many members are you engaging at your post? Do you talk to anyone or just go about your business? Being a new member is tough. You're expected to initiate discussions, you don't know the rules, and you don't know anyone around you. Find someone to mentor them on our history, our procedures and etiquette. For some people, this is extremely tough. As an introvert, I know how hard it is. Take time to talk to all of your members.

You may have noticed that I talk a lot about retention. Bringing in a new member is good. But when you lose one or two out the back door, you are just spinning your wheels. You need to develop a plan to keep post members engaged. Have someone work as a greeter. They greet new and old members, talk to them, let them know that someone cares. This is a great way to find out about new members. The greeter can introduce them to the group and tell a little about them. Have you thought about your home or bed bound members? Is someone talking to them, helping them stay informed about what their organization is doing? Have you considered a blended meeting? Post members physically present and home bound members virtually present.

In case you missed it, this is an election year. Things are getting heated up when people discuss politics. Please don't get dragged in to a discussion of politics if you are wearing VFW items. I attended a fundraiser and recruiting drive in August. I was floored because a middle aged lady came up to me and asked how the VFW was leaning politically. I explained to her that we encourage our members to register and vote how they see fit. I further explained that our politics concentrate solely on legislation that impacts veterans, regardless of the political party. She was happy with that answer and actually donated to us. Please remember, we do not support a party or candidate. You are encouraged to register, and to vote for any candidate or party you desire. The VFW's concern is the erosion of benefits that veterans receive. Please keep an eye on legislation that impacts your benefits. One way to do that is through knowledge and not hearsay. Simply register to receive the Action Corps newsletter. This is a simple and easy way to stay informed. You can register at <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>.

We have a Department Bylaws committee formed and currently reviewing the currently proposed bylaw changes. If you happen have some ideas, please submit them to me for the review process. My email is bassettj15@yahoo.com and my phone is 405.664.3929.



DONATE!! DONATE!! We have requested multiple drives at all of our events this year. Details will follow if they are scheduled. If you have an event that would benefit from a Blood Drive, let me know. This is another way that we can help our veterans, families, and communities. The American Red Cross and Oklahoma Blood Institute are running low and still in

need of blood and blood that has been exposed to Covid. Donate some blood if able, remember, this helps our veterans, families, and our community. Isn't this what we are here for? The Supreme Military Order of the Cooties has set up an online report of blood donated. They will send you a certificate of recognition 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.

Be Visible!

The VFW and the Auxiliary used to be very active within their communities. What are you doing in your community? 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.

Speaking of being seen, when you set up a resource table, does it show VFW or Auxiliary? I'm working being able to order both emblems on a single cloth, special for Oklahoma. If interested, please let me know.

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Jim Bassett

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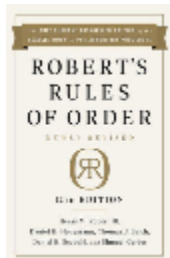
FROM THE STATE JUNIOR. VICE COMMANDER

Comrades, Wow, its already October. I have been making my way around the state visiting posts and districts and love what we are doing as a VFW. I had the pleasure in the month of September to be involved in several activities that our VFW's have been doing. McAlester Post 1098 held an event for Paws for Vets. Due to this pandemic, several veterans could not receive their service dogs and 1098 facilitated their needs. Also Sallisaw VFW invited any and all veterans to the groundbreaking ceremony in Sallisaw for the new Veterans Center. The turnout was tremendous. Moving on through this year, we still have several programs to get done and remember to fill out the forms for community service so you are getting the credit deserved for the work you are doing. This years Fall Fest is just around the corner and I hope to see many of you there. We still need to focus on recruiting and retention, If you have a recruiting event scheduled please don't hesitate to contact the Department so our recruiting and retention chairs

can help! I hope to see many more of my comrades this upcoming month. Good luck and keep moving forward.

Jeremy J. Owen
State JR Vice Commander
Department of Oklahoma

FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER



Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) 12 Edition are being released. If you are interested in a copy, please contact State QM Curt Watts. Paperback version, \$20.00, Spiral 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 12th edition supports modern technology while retaining the fundamental principles 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 12th 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.

Curt Watts

FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER

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Development Sept. 22 Appeal for \$\$\$ September sustainer invite email #2 to all Friends of Freedom. Sept. 24 Appeals: September dormant reengagement email #2 to all Friends of Freedom. Welcome email #1 to all newly appended emails on file. September check reminder to lapsed nonmember donors. Sept. 25 Appeal: September acquisition reminder package with socks, coasters, and check. **Administrative Operations** There are currently

41 Posts under suspension, one of which is new. We received one new submission for a Post consolidation and processed one pursuant to Section 209 of the National Bylaws. One Charter surrender was completed pursuant to Section 210 of the National Bylaws. The organization currently has 6,074 active chartered Posts. Administrative Operations is engaged in 15 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, seven administrative actions and five pending membership eligibility challenges. This past week we received 17 new Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions in for review. We also reviewed and approved 18 total Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions and currently have 19 submissions pending review and approval. Current turnaround time on Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation submissions is approximately 14 days. **Publications VFW** magazine received two Awards of Excellence in the 2020 APEX Awards for Publication Excellence competition. *Vietnam's Montagnard's in America* was honored in the Writing Series category, while *Female Veteran Entrepreneurs* was recognized in the Feature Writing category. APEX is sponsored by the Alexandria, Virginia-based Communications Concepts. **Meetings and Events Continuing** to participate in weekly educational virtual meetings/webinars/ZOOMs pertaining to meetings industry updates. Participated in a Virtual Site Visit/Forum for St. Louis, Missouri, that provided an update on the city e.g. new hotels, convention center updates, etc. The meeting provided introductions to individuals representing convention center and hotels. Ongoing weekly ZOOM call with various meeting planners and supplier's discussions on state of the industry, ideas exchange and overall encouragement during this time. Ongoing - weekly ZOOM call with ALHI hotels and presentations of the current state of the meetings industry as provided by CEO/President Michael Dominguez. His presentation includes overall updates on COVID-19. Sources include Johns Hopkins and CDC. Current week includes a video presentation by Dr. Deborah Birx on status of therapeutics and vaccines. Preparation of list of cities to forward RFP (Request for Proposal) for convention city bids for 2025 and 2026, (process done every other year). Target date to forward is Sept. 28, 2020. Sent list of national convention committees to National Chairman Brian Sturgis for his chairmen appointments for those committees. Later, will determine when first 'virtual' committee meeting will be held to review committee duties and responsibilities. Forwarded Hilton Crystal City contract (VOD/2021) to legal for their final review and signatures. Note: Holiday Inn Rosslyn is closed for two years for renovation resulting in the need to find a new location for the group. Hilton is near the Hyatt Crystal City where the legislative conference is held. **VFW Foundation Corporations** that sponsored the recent VFW Foundation "Surge to Support" campaign is providing incredibly positive feedback and asking about future similar opportunities to support VFW programs and services. Here are some of the comments: "Seeing how our contribution helped is truly heartwarming. Our relationship with the VFW is especially important in so many ways, and I love how it has broadened and deepened over the years. It says it all when we work together to help our veterans in a material and meaningful way." ~ *Humana* "It is absolutely an honor to partner with the VFW's efforts to care for our veterans. Even more so at this critical time in our nation's history."

OptumServe "Thank you so much for all the great work your team is doing. We are humbled by the opportunity to play a small part in your efforts." ~ *Cerner Corporation* **National Legislative Service Last** week, VFW National Legislative Service Director Patrick Murray testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittees on Economic Opportunity and Technology Modernization regarding VA's IT needs. Murray spoke about the need for proper funding for VA's office of Education Services to make sure valuable benefits like the GI Bill are delivered on time to the veterans who earned these benefits. The VFW supports fully funding VA's IT needs to ensure prompt delivery of VA benefits to all veterans, families, and survivors. **Watch the hearing.** The VFW currently supports **161 pieces of legislation** pending before the 116th Congress. Contact: VFW National Legislative Service Director Patrick Murray, PMurray@vfw.org. **Communications and Public Affairs** Facilitated a joint VFW-VA Facebook Live event Wednesday with Department of Veterans Affairs officials centered around "Combatting Veteran Homelessness." Served as guest panelist for Center for a New American Security discussion on "Race in the Military" series Wednesday featuring Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD), Dr. Kyleanne Hunter, co-director of the Athena Leadership Project, James Anderson, Air Force captain and national security professional and Melissa Bryant, military and veteran advocate. Continued preparation with DAV, the American Legion and Military Times for the "Veteran Vote 2020" Presidential Town Hall

scheduled to stream Oct. 12 or 13. Completing interviews for The VFW Podcast Episode 003 and 004. Postproduction for Episode 002 nearly complete. Episode 001 airs Oct. 7. **Operations Attended** the Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC) meeting to discuss the upcoming event and limited VSO participation due to COVID-19. Each primary member of the VDNC will be allowed one (1) person to represent their organization at the Veterans Day event. Director of Operations Tony Lowe will represent the VFW at the Arlington National Cemetery event on Nov. 11. Attended the Brookings Institute webinar on “The Needs of America’s Post 9/11 Veterans”, where the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) unveiled the results of their 11th Annual Warrior Survey and hosted a discussion about the most pressing issues facing America’s service members and veterans. **National Security & Foreign Affairs** NSFA has been working this week with other VSOs to negotiate with the Defense Health Agency to achieve a 12-month reinstatement period with coverage retroactive to Jan 1, 2021, for TRICARE Select beneficiaries who may miss communication on the new enrollment fee and fail to establish a payment mechanism when the change goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2021. To remind our Council members, the FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) established TRICARE Select and included a new enrollment fee (\$150 for individual and \$300 for family) for Group A retirees that would take effect Jan. 1, 2021. During the FY17 NDAA process, VFW and other VSO’s successfully defeated a TRICARE for Life enrollment fee and an even higher proposed Select enrollment fee (\$450 for individual and \$900 for family). **National Veterans Service** This week, National Veterans Service concluded its first Virtual Advanced Skill Level Training conference, where more than 70 of the VFW’s most experienced service officers received continuing education on a variety of VA benefit topics. NVS will continue its virtual learning next month with its first Virtual Basic Service Officer training and in November with a Virtual Intermediate Skill Level Training conference. NVS staff participated in a series of meetings related to the delivery of care to veterans, including a meeting with Veterans Health Administration officials to discuss the ongoing implementation of the MISSION Act Community Care Program. NVS Deputy Director Dawn Jirak and Assistant Director for Health Policy James Moss participated in a virtual meeting of the VA Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee.

Robbie Clark
National Council Member
Department of Oklahoma

FROM THE STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN

Comrades,

Perhaps you are aware that there will be no Community Service grants allocated by the National Organization this year. The funds normally available will be used to assist Posts that are in arrears on utilities, rental payments and other necessary expenses. While this is unfortunate, it is completely understandable. If your Post is suffering financial difficulties due to the virus, please consider applying for a grant. I will be happy to assist you in completing the paperwork.

A unique opportunity is available to any physically challenged Oklahoma veteran. The National AMBUCS, who are dedicated to providing mobility and independence to people with disabilities, have allocated \$100K to provide AmTryke therapeutic tricycles to veterans in need on a first come, first served basis. You can view these devices at www.ambucs.org/AmTryke.

These are an excellent exercise tool for disabled or older veterans. If you know a veteran, or perhaps a disabled child, who might benefit from an AmTryke, please contact me as soon as possible. milesga@cableone.net 580.761.2431

Congratulations to the Posts who recognized National POW/MIA day on 18 Sep. Many thanks to CMDR Merit and his wife Becca for attending our celebration in Ponca City. We were honored to remove five names from the list of MIA's on our tomb that were identified over the past year. Over 81,000 souls remain missing from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. We should be proud of our Organization for assisting in the search for those whose final resting place is known only to God.

Post 1201 in Ponca City will host our Veterans Day Parade on 7 Nov, 2020. There may be other parades as well. There has never been a time since the Vietnam conflict when our Nation was in such conflict. We need to promote patriotism, honor our veterans, first responders, law enforcement and all the other brave men and women who go into harm's way to protect us. If you are having an event, please take whatever precautions you can to protect the attendees, especially any older "At Risk" veterans. Use common sense and be safe! We don't need to be blamed or criticized for endangering anyone.

FROM THE STATE VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

I have completed several Post Service Officer's Training this past month. District Commander and District Service Officer's work with me on scheduling a training date that works for your Area.

The next scheduled training will be conducted at the Fall Meeting. The location will be at the hotel. If you have not attended training since June of 2020, you will need to attend training. All new PSO need this training. With several VA Program changes, PSO need to be update on these matters.

October 23 2020 1:00-4:30 Hotel OKC

There has been some issue with mail at the VA Regional Office. To ensure that we are receiving the mail in Muskogee use the following address heading.

VFW
ATTN: Kayla Keck
125 South Main St.
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Several Post Service Officer's along with myself will start doing walk in claims every Tuesday at the state headquarter in OKC. We will provide VA claims assistance starting at 9:30 till around 3:30

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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,

The next Oklahoma VFW Foundation board meeting will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, October 17th. (This is the weekend before Fall Fest.) Some members of the Board will be at the Oklahoma VFW Headquarters building at 1103 Blackwelder Ave. in Oklahoma City, but most Board members will be attending via Zoom.

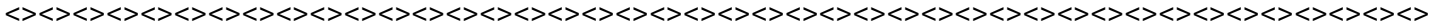
If you would like the Zoom log in information so you can listen in at the board meeting, please send me an email and I will make sure you get a copy of the meeting login information.

If your Post has a canteen or other building that is open to the public, or has events with access to the general public, please contact us about getting one of our brochure holders with Founding Donor brochures.

We do have a well-qualified person interested in replacing me as the Executive Director, which the Board will consider at the October 17th meeting. It has been a pleasure to serve, but the Foundation needs someone whose resource of time matches their passion. I will continue on as the President of the Board of Directors.

John H. Fischer

President/Executive Director
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- D-1 > 14 Nov 20 @ 1100 > Post 5307, Salina> St. Jr. Vice Cdr. Jeremy Owen
- D-3 > 01 Nov 20 @ 1100 > Post 8384, Muldrow> St. Cdr. Mike Merit
- D-4 > 07 Nov 20 @ 1100 > Post 5805, Ft. Towson>St. Sr. Vice Cdr. Jim Bassett
- D-5 > 01 Nov 20 @ 1000 > Post # 2976, Claremore> St. Jr. Vice Cdr. Jeremy Owen
- D-7 > 07 Nov 20 @ 11 am > Post # 539 Henryetta> St. Surgeon Stacy Reddig
- D-8 > 01 Nov 20 @ 11am > Post # 2855, Blackwell> St. Sr. Vice Cdr. Jim Bassett
- D-9 > TBD
- D-10 >09 Jan 21 @ 10 am> Post #1317, Shawnee > St. Cdr. Mike Merit
- D-13 >16 Jan 21 @ 12:30pm>Post # 382, El Reno> St. Cdr. Mike Merit
- D-14 >14 Nov 20 @11 am > Post #4574, Ardmore> St. Cdr. Mike Merit
- D-15 >09 Jan 21 @11 am> Post # 1193, Lawton > St. Sr. Vice Cdr. Jim Bassett

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 07 Oct> Afghanistan War Began (2001)
- 12 Oct> Columbus Day
- 13 Oct> U.S. Navy Established (1775)
- 23 Oct> Grenada Campaign Began (1983)
- 27 Oct> Navy Day

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Department of Oklahoma
Fall Festival Agenda
October 23-25, 2020
Wyndham Garden Oklahoma City Airport Hotel
2101 S. Meridian Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73108

****THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD, 2020

Service Officer Training (VFW Room)	1:00 – 5:00pm
Bylaws Committee Meeting (Conference Rm TBD)	5:30 – 6:30pm
Hospitality Room(s)	5:00 - Close

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH, 2020

Joint Opening Session with the Auxiliary (Auxiliary Room)	8:00 - 9:00am
Council of Administration (VFW Room)	9:15 - 12:00pm
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00pm
Council of Administration (VFW Room) *	1:00 - 3:00pm
Theme Trays/National Home Drawings (Atrium)	2:00 – 3:00pm
Cootie Grand Scratch (VFW Room)	3:00 - 4:00pm
Cootie Auxiliary Initiation/Installation	4:00 – 6:00pm
National Representative Reception (Atrium Hospitality)	6:15 - 7:00pm
Roaring 20's Dance & Costume Contest (VFW/Aux Meeting Rm)	8:00 - 12:00am
Hospitality Room(s)	12:00pm - Close

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2020

VFW/VFWA Memorial Service (Auxiliary Room)	9:30 – 11:00am
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Safe travels home and thank you for coming!

* Second CoA only as needed.