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Veterans of Foreign Wars*



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February 2020

2019-2020 Series

*"In a land where perhaps most person....are members of one or more societies, some knowledge of parliamentary [ procedure ] may be justly regarded as a necessary part of the education of every man and woman....."*

*Henry M. Robert*

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

**General Orders No. 8**

**2019-2020 Series**

1. Pursuant to Department of Oklahoma By-Laws, the Department Commander is hereby calling a Council of Administration meeting to be held on Saturday, 15th of February 2020 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel OKC Airport located at 2101 S. Meridian Ave. OKC OK.
2. Pursuant to National ByLaws & MOP, Sec 416, District Commanders, District Senior Vice Commanders, and District Junior Vice Commanders shall submit proof of eligibility to the Department Adjutant.
3. Pursuant to Department Requirements, Post Officers may access our VFW Oklahoma On-Line reporting through our department website at [http://vfwoklahoma.org/](http://vfwoklahoma.org) Once there, go to the "Resources" menu, then VFW-OK On-Line Reporting to access your Post's reporting.

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DARRYL MABRY  
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

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Curtis A. Watts  
Adjutant

## ***FROM THE COMMANDER***



### **COMRADES AND AUXILIARY BROTHERS AND SISTERS;**

I hope all continue to be happy joyous and warm through this mildly wintery season. I very excited to hear of our participation numbers for the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy numbers were continually rising from year to year. To me, that says we are definitely doing something right. I hope all found that the outreach and the OKC and Tulsa State Fairs were shown to something different for us but also beneficial. Let's continue to do new things together that will hopefully take our organizations over the top. Again, thanks to everyone that have given their all for the success of these programs and to those that have just tried. I commend you for helping to keep our youth involved with us as Veterans and an Auxiliary. Let's ensure they are rewarded at all levels. This is an area where their participation really counts and should matter. I've had an opportunity to attend a few winners' presentations at the District and Post levels. All have done a great job of making the presentations a big deal. I'm sure the awardees will take that experience back to their schools and spread the word. Remember, we will be awarding the Department winners at our Mid-Winter Conference in OKC on 14-16 February. I hope to fill the seats as so everyone can applaud a congratulate all of our program winners.

As I continue visits of VFW Posts within and outside our state, I'm again thankful of our great organization, our team and equally thankful for all the team does and strives to do. Hopefully we can stand together and recognize the blessings we have as a Department and see all of the wonderful people next to and around us "standing for the Veteran" as we all volunteered to do. Recent messages and conversations have made me feel the need to remind everyone of what we signed on for. I state to everyone; as Past VFW CinCs have before me: "Our organizations are those that are made of individuals that should have a common goal and focus. As that Veteran's Organization, our focus should be to make things better, socially and financially for Veterans'. As a "Veterans' Organization" with members coming from the military, we must remember that as an Organization, the VFW does not and will not enter the political arena nor allow itself to be placed in partisanship by providing endorsements for candidates or agendas. What we accomplish, as the others before us, should never be predicated

on loyalty to a political party, persuasion or philosophy". I have the greatest confidence that all will heed to what should be a common understanding and not let individualism (political or non-political) disguise itself amongst us.

Again, I offer a prayer to all that are afflicted or have loved ones with pains or ailments, I pray for a speedy recovery for all. May good providence shield all of us from harm. My condolences to the families and friends of all we have lost. "TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND EACH OTHER". We need you all.

Poppy season is in full swing. Those boards and flowers generate funds for your relief fund which align with taking care of Veterans' in need. Contact the Department Quartermaster, Curt Watts for yours. I hope to see beds of "pink and red" at the conference.

I repeat the call that participation is the key to becoming or remaining an "All-State" or All-American" Post or District. Continue to strive for excellence. Programs such as VOD, Patriots Pen, Teacher / Scout and EMT of the Year are important programs to our/your success. Your donations are just as important to keep the National programs afloat. Hopefully you and your post have or have considered a degree of participation in all our organizations have to offer. All the programs assist in getting our VFW and Auxiliary names on the street and in the air so we can get more membership.

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP. Have you planned your membership drive? Goal is to get one thousand (1000) renewals or new by the end of April. Look at the membership awards in the Department and National programs. I will be ready to give plenty of awards. So "go get em"

As briefed by our Junior-Vice Commander Jim Bassett, we have had and are constantly showing some great Department sponsored and Post community engagement events. Hopefully were taking advantage of the season and have gotten with our sponsored units and discussed the MAP program as well as identify potential unmet needs candidates.

Commanders, I again ask you to emphasize the programs and benefits the VFW offers in all your meetings; know what the VFW Oklahoma Foundation is for. Learn how you at the Post and District levels can support the foundation. Research and ask how you can help build our foundation so it can help local Veterans and their families and even a post. Remember, donations by Post individuals (Comrades and Auxiliary) to the Oklahoma Foundation will count towards the Post **or** District requirement for All-State recognition provided that person specify whom they are supporting. I still encourage everyone to open your hearts and support the relief efforts of our foundation whether for credit or not. Let's remember what our core existence is. If you can't greet every Veteran you meet and be able to offer the right kind of assistance across the board, then what is your real purpose as a VFW?

We have finalized preparations for our "Pink N Red" Mid-Winter event. The Mid-Winter Conference will be February 14-16 (Valentine's Weekend). As stated before, the National Commander in Chief William "Doc" Schmitz will be in attendance. He said he heard

for past reps about a great time we have and all the great stuff and discussions that come with the weekend. So, we have to show our “Oklahoma” pride and hospitality. As always plan for a great event. Like we say, it’s about us taking care of business while doing hospitality room relaxing and socializing just like a family. This time we’re looking to keep the fun going as always by bringing some entertainment by the return of the band “KwikSand”. Thanks to all that donated and gave the great reviews so we could get them back. Other fun things will be going on so bring your “painter’s hat” (hint) so you can have ongoing fun. There might even some surprise giveaways like before.

Remember to look at our Department website at: [www.VFWOklahoma.org](http://www.VFWOklahoma.org)

★ Special thanks to HUMANA for their Top Tier Sponsorship for 20-21 (again) ★

Let’s remain focused on making your Post, District and Our VFW the best in the nation. Let our focus remain VFW initiatives, programs and ideals not personalities and other things we can control.

As always; be safe, be fun and take care of the business of assisting and providing for those that are having issues as you can. For all that need it.....GET WELL SOON!!

“ALWAYS A VETERAN, ALWAYS FOR A VETERAN”

Darryl Mabry  
STATE COMMANDER

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

I hope these General Orders find all of you in good health and either warm or cool depending on what Mother Nature's decision is day to day. First of all, What an amazing turnout we had for the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year. Overall, we had 2173 VOD entries, 424 PP entries and 12 Teacher of the Year entries. What an amazing improvement! I want to thank all the posts and auxiliaries that got out there and promoted our programs. As Commander Mabry alluded to, I believe our presence at the OKC and Tulsa fairs made a huge difference. So, we will be again attending the fairs this year. More info to follow concerning them. I think you will be impressed with all of our winners this year. So, make sure to attend our Joint Session Saturday morning and the banquet Saturday Night at Mid-Winter so you can hear all of them.

Some of you may have heard that our Department came out in opposition to a bill creating Make America Great Again and Keep America Great license plates. Let me be clear, in no way is the Department coming out against the President's motto's or that it is because we are not benefiting from them. The position is in defense of utilizing the term "veteran" to promote a political agenda. As Commander Mabry states we, as a VSO, must remain non-partisan. The use of the term "Veteran" implies all veterans support the motto or the agenda of the President, and that simply is not true. Please remember, we all come from different walks of life, but as an organization, we have one purpose and that is the defense and support of our veterans and their families.

Along the legislative line, I have been combing through the proposed legislation at the state level and will have a report for you at the Mid-Winter Conference. Also, please mark on you calendar March 25th 1pm at the State Capital will be the Annual Veterans Awareness Day during a joint session of the legislature. I would like as many people as possible to attend. I hope to beat last year's number, so please stop by for an hour or so. Federally, Commander Mabry and myself will be attending the Spring Legislative Conference coming up the first week in March, so if you have any thing you would like us to bring up, please let us know.

As many of you know, we are behind on our membership numbers for the year. Please, Commanders and members at every level, get out there and recruit new membership. We must not continue this downwards slide. We gained ground last year and hope we will continue to gain ground this year. New membership is the life-blood of this organization and we need them. That being said, once you get them, take time to explain to them what our organization is and does. Nurture their development and give them something to do so they feel wanted and needed which will give them a reason to stick around with us. It doesn't take much if you put your heart into it.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that the design competition is still open until the end of the Mid-Winter Conference. There is a flier attached to the GO's explaining it. We have not had

any entries so far. Anyone, including non-members can enter. Remember, it is these coins that will fund our 100th Anniversary celebration and will also be a great memento to remember our 100 years of faithful service to veterans.

Every, keep up the great work! Stay focused and lets pressed ahead full-on to the finish line!

Michael L. Merit  
Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Oklahoma

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## ***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin Design Contest***

Oklahoma VFW turns 100  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

We will be selling 500 limited-edition  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coins to raise money for  
Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend  
Which will be attended by  
Commander in Chief  
Hal Roesch

Anyone can enter at no cost!  
Your entry will be judged by a committee!  
Winner will be announced at 2020  
State Convention Banquet  
Where the coin will be revealed!  
Design winner will receive  
Special Coin Prize!

Please submit all entries to SSVC Mike Merit  
No later than COB OK Mid-Winter Conference 2020

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

## **Mid-Winter Conference!!**

The year is off to a good start. Mid-Winter is our next state event and I hope to see you there! Please keep up with the news in the General Orders as there is a lot of good information being passed out. If you have information to share, please get in touch with the State Adjutant. We already have the dates for Oklahoma City Dodgers Military Appreciation Nights, May 15<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. Dates for the Energy game and fairs will be announced soon.

Now is a good time to start planning your end of year recruiting events. 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. Let us know.



## **Blood Drive!!**

*There will be a blood drive from 10 to 2 on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.*

We are looking for a minimum of 20 donations to continue future blood drives. There is a sign-up sheet or you can sign up at Mid-Winter. The blood drive is sponsored by the Military order of the Cooties Grand of Oklahoma.

Talking to some of the Posts and Auxiliaries members that participated in the holiday 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)

By the way, did I mention that VMS is part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars?

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

The VFW and the Auxiliary is sponsoring a Freedom Fest on April 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Please share the information, let friends and family know. Share with your coworkers. If you know organizations that would like to attend or set up booths, please have them contact Teresa Stevenson, [tmstevenson@outlook.com](mailto:tmstevenson@outlook.com) or 918-429-2418.

Oklahoma City Dodgers Military Appreciation Nights: Scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. Open to any VFW and Auxiliary members. Great recruiting event! If you would like information on helping at these games, contact me. Jim Bassett, 405.664.3929 or [bassettj15@yahoo.com](mailto:bassettj15@yahoo.com).

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.

We are still waiting for information on the Oklahoma City Energy game as well as other events are being planned.

The Special Olympics is 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, 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.

SportClips Help-A-Hero Scholarship is currently taking applications. This is a scholarship that is in addition to any Tuition Assistance or scholarship they may already be receiving. <https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>.

I would also like to announce my intention to run for State Senior Vice Commander. The last year and a half have been an education, and with your support and confidence, I would like to continue to serve my fellow comrades.

*Jim Bassett*

State Jr Vice Commander  
Department of Oklahoma  
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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,

We will be officially launching our Founding Donor program at the Mid-Winter Conference. Watch our website and Facebook feed for updates. What is the Founding Donor program you ask? We are going to recognize the first 200 people/entities that donated at least \$100 to the Foundation with a commemorative pin, a certificate, and recognition on the Foundation's website. We are also creating a Founding Sponsor program for donors that contributed at least \$1,000 to help get us started. Although there will be an official program announcement forthcoming, here are some of the details....

- Only donations of money will count and not "in kind" donations of materials or services.
- Donations that were made since the time of the founding of the OK VFW Foundation will count, so if you have donated in the past, that will count.
- Donations are accumulative. So, if you gave \$50 in the past, giving another \$50 will bring you to the \$100 threshold for being a Founding Donor.
- Donations made via "Pass the Hat" or "Donation Jar" events will not count.
- The Donor must provide a name and valid mailing address for the donation to count.
- Founding Donors can be individuals, organizations, VFW Posts, Districts, Auxiliaries, etc.
- If something of value was received for the donation, such as purchasing a silent auction item, that will not count.
- Donations made by VFW Units that were an All-State requirement will not count, however if a donation was made above the minimum requirement for All-State, the amount over the minimum will count.
- Regardless of the size of the donation, only 1 Founding Donor pin/certificate will be issued.

We will also be rolling out a Founding Donor program at the sponsorship level for Donors who contribute at least \$1,000, watch for more information on that.

The Foundation Board will have a meeting on Friday evening, February 14<sup>th</sup>, as part of the VFW's Mid-Winter Conference. The location and exact time are listed here in the General Orders with the Mid-Winter agenda.



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### ***FROM THE STATE VFW RIDERS PRESIDENT***



Comrades, Auxiliary and VFW Rider's

I hope everyone is doing well and ready to kick off 2020. Riding Season is not far away and hopefully we will get a chance to ride together this year. I see great opportunities for us as to accomplish many things this year as a VFW Riders Group. I have scheduled a State Riders meeting on March 14th at 10:30 AM. The location will be the VFW Department Headquarters 1103 N. Blackwelder in OKC. All Riders, Auxiliary and Support Riders are welcome to attend. It will give us a chance to discuss this year's upcoming Rides and Events that each Post has planned and hopefully set something up for all of us to get together for a State Group Ride.

One ride I'd like to mention here is the Medal of Honor Escort in April, this is one I look forward to every year. The Texas Department of Public Safety and local Law Enforcement will close the Highways from DFW to Gainesville TX. The Highway and overpasses will be lined with people honoring some of our Nation's greatest National Treasures. The Patriotism shown

is amazing and just the chance to meet the Medal of Honor Recipients is a humbling experience in itself. April 15th will be the motorcycle escort for the Recipients from DFW Airport to Gainesville. If you do not ride you can still participate and show your support for the recipients and greet them when they come into Gainesville. April 18th will be the parade and meet and greet for the Recipients. During the meet and greet you will have the opportunity to take pictures and visit with them. So, if you can't make the escort come on down for the Saturday events and bring your whole family. For more information go to the Medal of Honor Host City at [medalofhonorhostcity.com](http://medalofhonorhostcity.com)

We are always looking for ways to keep our numbers strong and find ways to help with recruiting and maintaining members for the VFW. The Riders Group can be very useful and fun way to get more people involved in your Post. If any Post is interested in standing up a Riders Group or has any questions, contact myself @ 580-465-7077 or Curt Watts at the Dept. HQ's at 405.590.8577

Thank You  
Billy Stone  
VFW State Riders President.  
580-465-7077  
commochief345@yahoo.com

## ***FROM THE STATE SCOUTING CHAIRMAN***

Comrades,

Have you been working with your local scouting groups for your Scout of the Year nominees? All of the other major programs have concluded so now is the time to focus on Scouts!!! Scout of the Year applications are due to your Posts by March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Post winners need to be Department by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Your Post entries can be sent to Department Headquarters to my attention.

We have made it easier than ever to get the information you need to the local Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Venture Scout or Sea Scout unit near your Post. Go to the new and improved Department of Oklahoma VFW Website ([www.vfwoklahoma.org](http://www.vfwoklahoma.org)), and under the PROGRAMS tab at the top of the page, go the Scout section. All the information you need on the Scout of the Year program can be found on this page, including the application form. You can contact your local scouting units and tell them about the website so they can get all the information needed. Please remember, that a Scout can only be sponsored by one Post, and Posts can only submit one nominee to Department.

I am personally challenging every District to encourage their Posts to work with their local scouting groups. I will personally award the District from which the most Scout nominations

come from \$100.00 and will create a travelling award for the “Scouting District of Oklahoma”, provided the winning District had 2 or more nominations!

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

D-1 > 01 Feb 20 @ 11 am > Salina Post 5307 > Adjutant/Quartermaster Curt Watts  
D-3 > 02 Feb 20 @ 11 am, > Wilburton Post 3649> Sr. Vice Cdr Mike Merit  
D-4 > 01 Feb 20 @ 11 am > Coalgate Post 1198> Cdr Darryl Mabry  
D-5 > 02 Feb 20 @ 10 am > Collinsville Post 3077> Cdr Darryl Mabry  
D-7 > 01 Feb 20 @ 11 am > McAlester Post 1098> Sr. Vice Cdr Mike Merit  
D-8 > 02 Feb 20 @ 11am > Blackwell Post 2855 > Adjutant/Quartermaster Curt Watts  
D-9 > 08 Feb 20 @ 10am > Enid Post 2270 > Cdr Darryl Mabry  
D-10 > 09 May 20 @ 10 am> Del City Post 9969  
D-13 > TBA 20 @ 12:30 pm > El Reno Post 382  
D-14 > 22 Feb 20 @ 11 am > Elgin Post 8580 > Cdr Darryl Mabry  
D-15 > 02 May 20 @ 11 am> Altus VFW Post # 4876

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

01 Feb> National Freedom Day  
02 Feb> Groundhog Day  
08 Feb> Department Headquarters Workday (State Headquarters) See flyer in Feb GOs  
12 Feb> Lincoln’s Birthday  
14 Feb> VFW Oklahoma Mid-Winter Conference Begins  
14 Feb> Valentine’s Day  
16 Feb> VFW Oklahoma Mid-Winter Conference Ends  
17 Feb> George Washington’s Birthday Observed (Presidents’ Day)  
22 Feb> George Washington’s Birthday  
22 Feb> Department Headquarters Workday (State Headquarters) See flyer in Feb GOs  
03 Mar> “Star-Spangled Banner” made U.S. National Anthem (1931)  
08 Mar> Daylight Saving Time Begins (Set Clock Ahead One Hour)  
14 Mar> Oklahoma VFW Riders Group Meeting @ State Headquarters 10:30AM  
17 Mar> St. Patrick’s Day  
19 Mar> Iraq War Began (2003)  
20 Mar> Spring Begins  
24 Mar> Kosovo Campaign Began (1999)  
29 Mar> National Vietnam War Veterans Day (2017)  
31Mar> Somalia Campaign Ended (1995)

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$100. If at least 900 tickets sold, top seller wins \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

**DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA MID-WINTER  
CONFERENCE BANQUET TICKETS NOW ON  
SALE!!!!**

**BANQUET WILL BE HELD 6:30PM, SATURDAY 15  
FEBRUARY 2020**

**MENU:**

- FIELD GREEN SALAD WITH RANCH & VINAIGRETTE
- BROCCOLI SALAD
- CHICKEN PARMESAN WITH PENNE PASTA
- SLOW ROASTED POT ROAST
- ROASTED CARROTS
- RED SKINNED POTATOES
- HOUSE MADE DINNER ROLLS
- PECAN PIE
- CARROT CAKE (POSSIBLY ITALIAN CREAM CAKE)

**TICKETS ARE \$35.00 EACH AND CAN BE PAID BY CHECK,  
CREDIT CARD OR BY PAYPAL INVOICE TO VFW-OKLAHOMA,  
ATTN: QM CURT WATTS@ [VFWHQOK@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:VFWHQOK@OUTLOOK.COM) OR  
(405) 590-8577 OR (405) 525-2680 EXT 301**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO CONFERENCE!**

**(DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES ARE CLOSE OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, 12 FEB 2020.)**

**NOTES: A SMALL PROCESSING FEE WILL BE APPLIED FOR CREDIT CARD & PAYPAL INVOICE  
PAYMENTS. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THIS INCONVENIENCE**



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405-685-4000 / Fax 405-681-3941**

**VFW/VFWA Contracted Room Rate per night is \$85.00 + applicable taxes.**

**Friday, February 14, 2020**

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Service Officer Training	Hawthorne
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Post QM/Trustee Training	Cypress/Dogwood
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Bylaws Committee	Hawthorne
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	National Representative Reception	Magnolia/Atrium
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	VFW Foundation Meeting	Hawthorne Rm

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

7:00 am - 10:15 am	Banquet Ticket Pickup	VFW Desk/ Atrium
7:00 am - 7:30 am	Buddy Poppy Display Setup	Aspen/Birch
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Buddy Poppy Judging	Aspen/Birch
8:00 am - 10:30 am	VFW & VFWA Joint Session	Aspen/Birch
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	VFW Council of Administration	Cypress/Dogwood
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch (available for purchase onsite)	Hotel Restaurant
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Past Commander's Luncheon	TBD
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Cypress/Dogwood
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Cootie Time	Dogwood
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Parliamentary Procedure Training	Cypress
4:15 pm - 4:45 pm	Theme Trays/National Home	Hotel TBD
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Banquet (Tickets pre-purchased)	Hotel TBD
8:30 pm - 12:am	Dance with KwikSand Band	Ballroom

**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

10:00 am - 10:30 am	Chapel Service	Aspen/Birch
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# DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA HEADQUARTERS WORKDAYS!!

1103 N. BLACKWELDER AVE. OKC, OK. 73106

FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>

## FELLOW VFW MEMBERS:

- WE ARE IN NEED OF CLEANUP & RESTORATION WORK ON OUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND GARAGE. WE WILL NEED TO SCRAPE OLD PAINT OFF THE GARAGE & REPLACE SOME SIDING PRIOR TO PAINTING. WE ALSO HAVE SOME VINYL SIDING FOR THE HQ BUILDING THAT NEEDS TO BE INSTALLED. COMMANDER MABRY HAS ASKED FOR ANY AND ALL HELP AND YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRCIATED. THANKS, COMRADES FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
- TOOLS NEEDED: POWER HAND TOOLS
- HAMMERS, SAWS
- VARIOUS OTHER HAND TOOLS

**WE WILL DO A POT-LUCK LUNCH FOR ALL WORKDAYS.**

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