



Department of Oklahoma
Veterans of Foreign Wars



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2019-2020 Series

"Laws made by common consent must not be trampled on by individuals."

George Washington

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

General Orders No. 9

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.

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DARRYL MABRY
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

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Curtis A. Watts
Adjutant



COMRADES AND AUXILIARY BROTHERS AND SISTERS;

I hope all continue to be happy joyous and warm as we begin to transition into the spring season. I was very excited to hear and see some of the happy and wonderful faces of those that received awards for their efforts in our various categories of program events. I tip my hat to all; especially the members, teachers and bosses that gave support to making our community recognition programs successful. As I spoke to all that received the awards; this was just the first part, now the expectation is for them to return to their schools, classes and jobs spreading the words of excitement and fulfillment to their peers regarding the rewards they received. For those posts that didn't participate, I hope you see it in your hearts as well as your schedule to do so next year. Remember you are still eligible for All-American honors although you used the national "buy out" program but are not eligible to receive All-State. As explained during the school of instruction and program, they are two separate Commanders' programs. So don't give up the charge for receiving honors and post recognition. Again, thanks to everyone that gave to the success of these programs and to those that have just tried. Programs such as VOD, Patriots Pen, Teacher / Scout and EMT of the Year are important programs to our/your success. Wow, wasn't it a great time at the Mid-Winter conference in OKC. For those that didn't attend, I think you missed a great showing. The National CinC, William "Doc" Schmitz was there with to share words of encouragement and congratulate all. He was very excited and charged as we showed equal excitement with he being here. As he noted; "he just added to the energy we already had". I gladly accepted the compliment to the Department because I know we have one of the best Departments in the nation. I would like that excitement and vigor to continue through the rest of our VFW year. Let's show we got what it takes. We lost roughly 1600 members with the administrative decreasing conducted by the National HQ early in the year, however we have gained some ground back by replacing some. Team, we have three months to make up about 1000 more. The goal is about 350 a month. So, let's get out and re-introduce the VFW to your communities and speak to eligible Veterans in your area. I'm sure they are waiting and wondering about the goodness of our organization. We can meet the membership challenge and achieve 100%. Again, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP. Have you planned your membership drives to complete the year. Has your Post or District reached 100%? Look at the membership awards in the Department and National programs. I will be ready to give plenty of awards during our convention. So "go get em"!!

As I continue to visit our VFW Posts within 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.

Our “self” gratification hopefully comes when we see the smile or the relief a Veteran or family member expresses when done something of benefit to help their situation. It’s a long road; our mission is achievable. We are currently looking at more ways to excite everyone and achieve our goals. More info will hit the airwaves soon, so be on the lookout.

Poppy season is in full swing. Congratulations to the winners of the Buddy Poppy competition; there were some great creations presented. Remember, 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 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. 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 or support your post will provide and offer.

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. So, shake a tree and a leg. Contact your District Commander and find out what you can support or attend in your area. Let’s support all in what they do in their respective communities.

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?

Remember to look at our webpage...VFWOklahoma.org. Once again, special thanks to HUMANA for their Top Tier Sponsorship for 20-21 (again). Let’s get more sponsors Comrades. Their donations help us to realign monetary support and focus monies in supporting our core existence.

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!!

Again, I offer a prayer to all that are afflicted or have loved ones with pains or ailments, I pray for a speedy recoveries for all. May good providence shield all of us from all harm. My

condolences to the families and friends of all we have lost. “TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND EACH OTHER”. We need you all.

“ALWAYS A VETERAN, ALWAYS FOR A VETERAN”

Darryl Mabry
STATE COMMANDER
Department of Oklahoma

FROM THE SR. VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

I hope all are well and those that may be fighting illnesses or ailments, I pray, are cured. I am going to keep this short and sweet this month. As this is a transition period legislatively, I do not have a lot to talk about.

If you have not received an email from me prior to this, we are making a transition to the bills we are trying to get passed in the state legislature when it comes to our specialty license plates. Because the bill we were backing did not make it out of the House committee, we are currently supporting SB1294 for our VFW license plates and HB2851 when it comes to our Department Auxiliary plates. Please contact your state Senators and Representatives and ask them to back these bills.

Currently, the leadership is in Washington, D.C. supporting our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners as well as lobbying our Congressional delegation to support the legislation our national organization backs. As of this writing, we still have two members of our delegation that has never responded to us. They are Sen. Lankford and Rep. Horn. Between emails and phone calls that have gone back to December, they have not once responded. As I told you at Mid-Winter and at several district meetings, when you go to the polls, make them remember it. We must have a voice here in D.C. and it begins with you.

Lastly, we are three months away from our state convention; two months away from the cutoff for state awards. I ask each and everyone of you to take a deep breath, recharge and attack the time we have left. Right now we have several state officers out there actively working our membership rosters. I ask each of you to do the same. Sometimes all it takes is a simple phone call to bring a member back into the fold. Be that phone call. There are still programs you can actively participate in and I encourage you to do so.

Keep doing what you are doing. We have some great plans for our future and I ask all of you to look deep inside and recommit yourselves to the great purpose our organization has by constantly fighting for our military, veterans and their families. It takes each and every one of you to make a difference and I know you can and will.

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V/R,

Michael L. Merit

State Senior Vice Commander

VFW Department of Oklahoma

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

Jim Bassett

***Please don't forget to update your membership information
when you receive your card in the mail!!***

Mid-Winter Conference is past us and it went well. Some good information was passed and discussed. Please keep an eye on the General Orders, more information will be coming out. Stay informed on what your VFW is doing. Our next major event will be the Department Convention, June 18 to 21 at the Wyndham Gardens.

Nomination time is on us again. Are you looking at fellow members that you think are ready to take on leadership roles? You should be. Talk to them, ask them. Find out about the comrades who are running for office. Get to know them and decide who to support.

If you have information to share with the Department, please get in touch with the State Adjutant. We already have the dates for Oklahoma City Dodgers Military Appreciation Nights and the Oklahoma City Energy FC. We will be setting up at the State Fairs again this year.

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. We also offer great opportunities to recruit. Let us know.

While talking about recruiting, what are you doing to retain your members? 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?



I personally would like to thank everyone who supported the blood drive. While we did not reach the 20 volunteers, OBI (Oklahoma Blood Institute) has decided to continue the drives for the rest of the year. We are planning a drive for the VFW/Auxiliary Freedom

Fest and again at our state convention. 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.

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

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

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities and Events:

March:

7 March, A Yellow Ribbon is currently scheduled in Oklahoma City. This will be a pre-deployment for the HHB 1-158th out of Lawton. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

25 March, Annual Veterans Awareness Day at the State Capital is scheduled. Starting time is 1330 but it is always crowded, so show up early.

April:

18 April, 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.

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 or 918-429-2418.

May:

8 to 10 May, Department Commanders Leadership R&R. Commander's Leadership Rest and Relaxation retreat. Details to be provided later.

15 May, 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.

June:

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

July:

3 July, 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^{3rd}.

10 July, 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.

18 to 23 July, 121st VFW National Convention. This event will be held in Reno, Nevada.

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 is always looking for volunteers. They are in need of 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.

Be Visible!

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>.

Jim Bassett

State Jr Vice Commander
Department of Oklahoma
Veterans of Foreign Wars



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 have officially started our Founding Donor and Founding Sponsor programs. The first 200 donors to the Foundation that make donations of at least \$100 where the money is direct from a donor and where nothing is exchanged for the donation will forever be known as Founding Donors. Founding Donors will be recognized with a limited- edition pin, a certificate, and mention on the Foundation's website. We also have a Founding Sponsor program for the first 25 donors who donate at least \$1,000. We will be doing pamphlets with details in the near future, but you can get your Founding Donation in now by sending at least \$100 to the OK VFW Foundation at 1103 N Blackwelder, OKC, OK 73106.

We are also working on three specific programs, funding the VFW's Service Officer program, providing funding for youth (VOD & Pat Pen) awards, and funding for Honor Guards. If one of these programs is very important to you, you can indicate on the donation it is specifically for one of those programs and the donation will be earmarked to only be used for that purpose.

Finally, one of our Board Member's terms ends in June. This is a board member that is chosen to serve a 4-Year term by the 5 members of the Foundation Board that were elected by the VFW membership. If you have an interest in being more involved with the OK VFW Foundation by serving on the Board, please contact me.



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FROM THE STATE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Per Guide for Post Service Officers 2018 version

Part 1 General Information

Sec.6. Code of Conduct for Post Service Officers

The Post Service Officer:

Will not take possession of or release confidential information (Personally Identifiable Information, or PII), such as to what conditions were claimed or the address of the claimant, to anyone other than the DSO without the consent of the Claimant.

Per National Veterans Service Policy & Procedure Dated July 20, 2019

7. Post/District Service Officers

G. The Order of Business for VFW Posts prescribed in the VFW Ritual requires that the PSO submit a report at each Post business meeting. The report should summarize the activities of the PSO since the last report but should never include any personally identifiable information concerning any veteran, family member of a veteran, a survivor nor any other person living or dead.

Services Officers and Commanders remember that we take on certain responsibility with the position we hold within our Post. Information that we obtain or that which the veteran tell us is private. This information shall not and will not be in Post discussion concerning individual.

FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Development: The latest Development campaigns were: Feb. 18 Appeals: Telemarketing campaign #3 to nonmember donors. Voice of Democracy state winners' audio email #1 to all Friends of Freedom. Feb. 20 Appeals: Spring birthday card package to member and nonmember donors. Planned Giving mailing #1. Contact: VFW Development Manager Kelly Jones, KellyJones@vfw.org.

General Counsel VFW: in conjunction with National Veterans Legal Services Program, filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc. v. Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The brief requested the Court grant an initial hearing to revisit the Court's previous holding, which stated that the Court did not have authority review changes made to the VA's M21-1 Adjudication Procedures Manual. The petitioner and friend of the court contend that lack of judicial review by the Court has and will allow the VA to promulgate rules through the Manual, unchecked by either the Court or publication in the Federal Register. Such changes through the Manual could adversely affect veterans' claims. Contact: VFW General Counsel John Muckelbauer, JMuckelbauer@vfw.org.

Human Resources: New Employees: Terra Waitl, Member Services Advisor, Member Service Center, Kansas City office. Britany Thomas, Appeals Consultant National Veterans Service, Washington, D.C. office. Contact: VFW Human Resources Manager Danielle Heinisch, DHeinisch@vfw.org.

Administrative Operations: There are currently 33 Posts under suspension, one of which is new. We have processed one Post surrender pursuant to Section 210 of the National Bylaws respectively. The organization has 6,143 chartered Posts. Administrative Operations is engaged in 29 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, 14 administrative actions and five membership eligibility challenges. We have 43 Bylaw/Article of Incorporation submissions in for review, 24 of which are new; current turnaround time on Bylaw/Article of Incorporation submissions is approximately 14 days. Contact: VFW Administrative Operations Director Johnathan Duncan, JDuncan@vfw.org.

National HQ VFW Foundation: The Home Depot Community Impact Grant for 2020 is now open. VFW Posts can receive up to \$5,000 in Home Depot gift cards toward maintenance and improvements to their Post building! We encourage all Posts to apply ASAP if you desire to remodel your building. Please note that this is a competitive grant program and not all applications will be funded. Additionally, only projects that use volunteers are eligible. To make the process easier, the VFW Foundation has produced an easy-to-understand how-to-apply guide that walks Post members through the online application process. For your copy or if you have any questions, contact Grants & External Relations Coordinator Jason Couch, JCouch@vfw.org or 816.968.1174. Contact: VFW Foundation Administrator Richard Potter, RPotter@vfw.org. NOTE: This is not to be confused with our own Department of Oklahoma Foundation!

Last Note: Remember what Esprit de Corps means to us in the VFW: Group morale – belief in the organization, confidence in its capacity to succeed and our members knowing that they belong to the best outfit in the world!!

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

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,

By the time you read this, your Posts should be looking over your Scout of the Year nominees to make sure the entire packet is complete. Maybe you even have multiple Scouts and have to pick who is the best of the best. Just make sure to have your Post's nominee for Scout of the Year to Department by April 1st. 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), 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.

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 > 02 May 20 @ 11 am > Salina Post #5307 >
D-3 > 03 May 20 @ 11 am, > Stigler Post #4446>
D-4 > 03 May 20 @ 11 am > Durant Post #3616>
D-5 > 03 May 20 @ 10 am > Mannford Post #7441>
D-7 > 02 May 20 @ 11 am > Okmulgee Post #1189>
D-8 > 03 May 20 @ 11am > Bristow Post #3656
D-9 > 16 May 20 @ 10am > OKC Post #9265
D-10 > 09 May 20 @ 10 am> Del City Post #9969
D-13 > 16 May 20 @ 12:30 pm > Weatherford Post #6143
D-14 > 02 May 20 @ 11 am > Duncan Post #1192
D-15 > 02 May 20 @ 11 am> Altus VFW Post #4876

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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 Information Technology (IT) inquiry.

These questions are not for any program or agenda other than determining what assets are currently being used by the Posts and Districts. This information may be used to assist in developing a modernization plan for the Department of Oklahoma.

1. What is your primary source(s) of providing information from the Post to its members?
2. What is your primary source(s) of providing information from the District to its Posts and members?
3. Does your Post or District have a designated ISP (Internet Service Provider)?
4. Does your Post own any (not personal) computer or IT equipment?
5. Does your District own any (not personal) computer or IT equipment?
6. Does your Post/District have any computer/IT equipment no longer in use?

If yes to questions 4, 5, or 6, please provide as much of the following information as you are able:

Equipment (computer, monitor, keyboard, mouse and so on):

Computer(s):

Brand and model:

Age (if known):

Processor:

Memory:

Monitor(s) (computer connection if know, USB, PCI, DVI, VGA and so on):

Brand:

Model:

Printer(s):

Brand:

Model:

Age (if known):

Wired or wireless connection:

Operating System (Windows 10, Windows 7, Linux, macOS, Unix and so on):

Software (MS Office, Accounting software, database, anything used to track or maintain the Post or District information. Include version if known):



LOOKING FOR OSAGE COUNTY VETERANS

Past VFW members in Fairfax, Oklahoma are attempting to revive their Post.

If you know a veteran in the area who might be interested in becoming involved, please contact us ASAP.

We wish to contact all veterans, including but not limited to those with VFW eligibility.

Vets in Pawhuska, Shidler, Ralston and the outlying area are welcome.

Contact: Gary Miles, CMDR, VFW Post 1201
580.761.2431
milesga@cableone.net

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 31st, 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 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 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 6th, 13th, and 20th, 2020. \$250 Drawing on Friday, March 27th, 2020.

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

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

Memorial Day 2020: Two \$500 Drawings, exact date to be determined but will be between Saturday, May 23rd and Tuesday, May 26th, 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 3rd place wins \$100. If at least 1,000 tickets sold, top seller wins \$600, 2nd place wins \$300, 3rd place wins \$200, and 4th 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, 2nd place wins \$50. If at least 900 tickets sold, top Post or Auxiliary wins \$200, 2nd place wins \$100 and 3rd place wins \$50. If at least 1,000 tickets sold, top Post or Auxiliary wins \$300, 2nd place wins \$200, 3rd place wins \$100 and 4th 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



Three different Moisture wicking polo shirts. One with left sleeve pen pocket available in multiple colors.



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.

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.





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.

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 or email).

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