

## 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER TALKING POINTS

### REVIEW ALL MATERIAL AND MAKE APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF AUDITS ARE NOT CURRENT, OBLIGATIONS AND OUTSTANDING BILLS NOT PAID YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE!!!**

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT OF AUDITS:** Trustee's Report of Audits for quarter ending March 31, 2025 are due into Department Headquarters by April 30, 2025 and will be marked late if not received by the deadline. **You must use the form on the Department website under Post Forms; no other form will be accepted. Make sure it is signed by the Commander and the 3 trustees.**

**ALL STATE JUDGING:** All State Judging will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at Department Headquarters. Program Reporting Ends April 30, 2025 for All State.

**NATIONAL DELEGATE FEES:** Each Post will receive a registration form and an invoice for \$25.00 for one (1) delegate to the National Convention. If more members plan on attending the National Convention it will be an additional \$10.00 per member and be sure and list them on the registration form.

**Do not mail it to Department Headquarters, it must be sent to National.**

**VAVS:** Commanders, please remember to support your VAVS Representatives. Funds are needed as well as volunteer hours for your hospitalized veterans.

**SECTION 213** of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure: Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions: Any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit and Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

**POST OBLIATIONS:** Bills, Quarterly Audits, Buddy Poppy Order Payments, and/or Delegate Fees should be paid no later than the **June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.**

**STATECONVENTION DELEGATES:** State Headquarters will email the delegate strength, delegate sheets and delegate invoices to the district commanders and they will distribute the delegate packets to their post approximately thirty (30) days (May 12, 2025) prior to the State Convention. It takes approximately two (2) days to complete this process starting with District 1. Please do not send in your delegate fees or delegate list until you receive the email from your district commander, **they will be returned.** If you have any questions, please call Christine Harris at State Headquarters (352) 622-5126

***\*\*\*Delegate Fees and Delegate List are to be sent in together\*\*\****

**PREPARING A RESOLUTION:** All Resolutions must be submitted to the Department Adjutant sixty (60) days, (April 12), prior to the start of the State Convention, which is being held June 11-15, 2025 in order to be presented to the Convention Delegates. The proper format is on the Department website under department forms (How to prepare a resolution).

**PREPARING A DEPARTMENT AND/OR NATIONAL BY-LAW AMENDMENT:** Any member in good standing, a Post, a District may propose an amendment to the Department and/or National By-Laws; provided however, before consideration it must be presented to the Post and passed, then presented to the District and passed, the passed and then submitted to the Department. The proper format is on the Department website under department forms (By-Laws Amendment How to Prepare)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once the District Report of Election has been received by Department Headquarters a separate packet will be sent by email to the newly elected District Commander and will contain the following: District Meeting Schedule Form (no meetings are to be held until after the State School of Instruction in August, 2025), District Administrative Committee Form; District Commanders Bio Form; Code of Ethics Paperwork and Form; W-9 Form; Sexual Harassment Form; all of which are to be returned to Department no later than May, 31st. The Retention Policy and Whistle Blower Policy are for you to keep. Proof of Eligibility for the District Commander, District Senior Vice Commander and District Junior Commander are also due at that time unless already on file at Department Headquarters.

#### **QUARTERMASTER/TRUSTEE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:**

**QM SCHOOL:** Registration Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

School Starts promptly on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. until

**Hotel Reservation Cut Off:** Wednesday, May 02, 2025 — Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809. Phone (800) 588-4656 you must mention **Veterans of Foreign Wars** to receive the room rate of \$125.00 per night plus tax for Single or Double.

**Check In: 4:00 p.m. — Check Out: 11:00 a.m.**

**LEADERSHIP SCHOOL:** Will be held on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. This is for **New** Post Commanders and District Commanders. The school will be held at Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809.

**STATE CONVENTION HOTEL:** Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL. June 11-15, 2025. **Cutoff Date:** On or before May 20, 2025. Room Rate \$128.00 plus tax for Single/Double/Triple and Quad. For room reservations call 1-407-351-5555 or go to <https://book.passkey.com/go/VFW2025>. For Hospitality Room Booking Only call Nicolette @ 1-407-248-7328. Free Self-Parking. Check In: 4:00 p.m. Check Out 11:00 a.m. Must mention VFW State Convention 2025 to receive room rate.

**SERVICER OFFICER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:** Friday, August 01, 2025. Early registration 8:00 a.m. Class begins at 9:00 a.m. — 12p.m. **Hotel:** The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL. Room Rate - \$125.00 plus tax, with possible early check in fee. For reservations call 800-588-4656 and must mention VFW School of Instruction to receive this rate. Cut-Off Date: July 11, 2025; Check In — 4:00 p.m.; Check Out 11:00 a.m. Registration Form is on the Department Website.

**DISTRICT INSPECTOR TRAINING:** Friday August 01, 2025. Class is 1:00 p.m. – until. This class will immediately follow the Service Officer School of Instruction.

**VFW GENERAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:** Saturday, August 02, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. — til.  
**Hotel:** The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL. Room Rate - \$125.00 plus tax, with possible early check in fee. For reservations call 800-588-4656 and must mention VFW School of Instruction to receive this rate. Cut-Off Date: July 11, 2025; Check In — 4:00 p.m.; Check out — 11:00 a.m.

**VFW ACTION CORP NEWSLETTER:** Post and members are encouraged to sign up for the VFW Action Corp at <http://www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweekly> The Action Corp Weekly is an e-newsletter relating to current legislation and events.