

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**General Orders No. 1**

**2010-11 Series**

1. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief and having been installed in office in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command.

2. The following officers have been duly elected and installed by the 111<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be accorded the recognition due them:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Richard L. DeNoyer, Post 1012, Medford, Massachusetts

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

John E. Hamilton, Post 7909, Jacksonville, Florida

Quartermaster General

Lawrence Maher, Post 7356, Parkville, Missouri

Chaplain

Rev. Elmer R. Liimatta, Post 6507, Chassell, Michigan

Judge Advocate General

Larry B. Minton, Post 1736, Alexandria, Louisiana

Surgeon General

William J. "Doc" Schmitz, Sr., Post 524, Corning, New York

National Council of Administration Members

District 2 Vito S. DeMarco, Post 771, Springfield, Vermont

District 4 Charlie W. Smith, Post 284, Washington, DC

District 6 Harold "Hal" J. Roesch, Post 3219, Phoebus, Virginia

District 8 Dean E. Smith, Post 5290, Conyers, Georgia

District 10 Robert A. "Robbie" Clark, Post 4876, Altus, Oklahoma

District 12 Gary K. Mathisen, Post 2221, Laramie, Wyoming

District 14 George C. "Corky" Berthiaume, Post 969, Tacoma, Washington

District 16 George F. Barlett, Post 10154, Kaneohe, Hawaii

District 18 Stanley W. Borusiewicz, Jr., Post 1946, Naugatuck, Connecticut

District D Roger A. Frye, Post 8487, Mogadore, Ohio

District H Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Post 2397, Corpus Christi, Texas

3. All previous appointments having expired are declared null and void.

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant General

Allen F. "Gunner" Kent, Post 9972, Sierra Vista, Arizona

National Chief of Staff

David B. Norris, Post 52, Stockton, California

Inspector General

Darrell F. Bencken, Post 2981, Oakley, Kansas

Assistant Adjutant General & Executive Director, Washington Office

Robert E. Wallace, Post 1851, Newark, New Jersey

Assistant Adjutant General – Operations

John J. McNeill, Jr., Post 5412, Burke, Virginia

Assistant Quartermaster General  
 Robert B. Greene, Post 7397, Lenexa, Kansas

Director, Administrative Operations  
 Kevin C. Jones, Post 7356, Parkville, Missouri

Director, Administration, Washington Office  
 Fredrick W. Burns, Post 2562, Silver Spring, Maryland

Director, Communications & Public Affairs, Kansas City  
 Jerry L. Newberry, Post 2492, Imlay City, Michigan

Director, Communications & Public Affairs, Washington  
 Joseph E. Davis, Post 3391, Pago Pago, Hawaii

Director, VFW Foundation  
 Daniel M. Shea, Post 8645, New Paltz, New York

Director, Human Resources  
 Debra L. Anderson, Post 7356, Parkville, Missouri

Director, Information Technology/CIO  
 Patrick J. Botbyl, Post 1593, Hawthorne, New Jersey

Director, National Military Services  
 Michael G. Penney, Post 1191, Paducah, Kentucky

Director, Member Dues Processing  
 Robert A. Crider, Post 2801, Villa Park, Illinois

Director, Membership  
 Matthew C. Claussen, Post 2378, Berwyn, Illinois

Director, Programs  
 Stephen L. Van Buskirk, Post 7397, Lenexa, Kansas

Director, VFW Properties  
 Billy R. Weissend, Post 8950, Lanham, Maryland

Director, Publications & Editor-in-Chief, VFW Magazine  
 Richard K. Kolb, Post 5717, Kearney, Missouri

Director, National Veterans Service  
 William L. Bradshaw, Post 284, Washington, D.C.

National Sergeant-at-Arms  
 Bryan P. O'Brien, Post 2394, Melrose, Massachusetts

5. For purposes of clarification, we do not operate as a men's organization or a ladies organization, but as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary.

6. Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2010-2011 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, National Citizenship Education Teacher's Awards, Buddy Poppy and National Military Services. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

7. Post Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all resolutions or communications relative to federal legislation or to the policy or procedure of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other governmental agency, to their respective Department Headquarters for consideration and referral to the Adjutant General. Department Commanders will not take direct action on any such resolutions or communications without first obtaining full knowledge of existing National Headquarters policies governing such legislation or agencies. Posts, County Councils, Districts and officers and members thereof shall not publicly communicate or promulgate any such resolutions until reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief.

8. DEPARTMENT RESERVE: Attention is called to section 518(a)(4)(f), Manual of Procedure which requires Department Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund as prescribed in sections 717 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure.

9. POST RESERVE: Attention is directed to section 218(a)(5)(f), Manual of Procedure which mandates Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund as prescribed in sections 717 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure.

10. Attention of commanders at all levels is directed to action of the National Council of Administration prohibiting the wearing of VFW sport caps and/or western style caps at VFW meetings in place of the regulation cap of the VFW official uniform as set forth in sections 803 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. This prohibition is in accordance with previous directives of Commanders-in-Chief that it is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit the wearing of other than the official VFW cap at VFW meetings.

11. Attention of commanders at all levels is directed to section 703 of the National By-Laws which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable.

12. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218(a)(11), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit (Supply Department Stock No. 4214) to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September. Do not mail these reports to National Headquarters.

13. Attention of Department and Post Commanders is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990/T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of the Internal Revenue Service.

14. Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day (see section 223 of the Manual of Procedure).

15. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 1001 (24) of the Manual of Procedure concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting:

The presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited.

16. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. Department and District Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.

17. The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in sections 711 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents.

18. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following posts:

Post Nos. 2898 and 3310 consolidated as Post No. 2898, Toledo, Ohio  
Post Nos. 280 and 4072 consolidated as Post No. 280, Columbia, Missouri  
Post Nos. 5789 and 7900 consolidated as Post No. 5789, Lee's Summit, Missouri  
Post Nos. 69 and 7427 consolidated as Post No. 69, Redwood City, California  
Post Nos. 3787 and 5554 consolidated as Post No. 3787, San Diego, California

Post Nos. 711 and 1439 consolidated as Post No. 711, Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Post Nos. 2738 and 9088 consolidated as Post No. 2738, Payette, Idaho  
Post Nos. 474 and 4977 consolidated as Post No. 474, Muskogee, Oklahoma

BY COMMAND OF  
RICHARD L. EUBANK  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen 'Gunner' Kent".

Allen "Gunner" Kent  
Adjutant General