

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

General Orders No. 7

2009-10 Series

1. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention by the payment of a fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) per delegate. Advanced registration for the 111th National Convention should be mailed with each delegate's name and address to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

2. 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 and return the forms directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers, by not later than June 1st.

3. Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to County Councils at the same time the annual election of Post officers is held: two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election.

Delegates and alternates to District conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District convention at which District officers are to be elected: one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

Delegates and alternates to the Department convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department convention. 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 at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

4. Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department convention.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.

District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 (a)(11) of the Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.

6. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post Nos. 546 and 292 are consolidated as Post No. 546, Brooklyn, New York
Post Nos. 6390 and 1395 are consolidated as Post No. 6390, Sheridan, New York
Post Nos. 4105 and 8498 are consolidated as Post No. 4105, Florissant, Missouri
Post Nos. 7031 and 8060 are consolidated as Post No. 7031, Boone, North Carolina

8. Announcement is made of the authorization of the charter for the following Post:

Post No. 9448 – Veneta, Oregon

BY COMMAND OF
THOMAS J. TRADEWELL, SR.
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:



Allen "Gunner" Kent
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