

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

General Orders No. 3

2009-10 Series

1. Annual members are reminded that their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States expires December 31, 2009, unless their 2010 dues are paid and reported to Department and National Headquarters. Every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and also sign up new and reinstated members prior to January 1, 2010.

2. Attention of post commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the post meeting room during the post meeting as set forth below:

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 alcoholic beverages in the post meeting room during the post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited. Any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.

It is the intent of the Commander-in-Chief's decision, regarding this response, to include post, county council, district and department meetings, whereas it is held to be objectionable. Please refer to Section 1001 (24.) of the National Manual of Procedure.

3. Recognition of Merchant Marine Seamen as veterans for the purpose of entitlement programs administered by the Veterans Administration does not alter their ineligibility status for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

Post Nos. 2381 and 6357 consolidated as Post No. 2381, Susanville, California
Post Nos. 8888 and 2910 consolidated as Post No. 8888, Saint Louis, Missouri
Post Nos. 8087 and 10474 consolidated as Post No. 8087, Eustis, Florida
Post Nos. 8093 and 10096 consolidated as Post No. 8093, DeBary, Florida
Post Nos. 341 and 127 consolidated as Post No. 341, Washington, DC

5. Announcement is made of the authorization of the charter for the following posts:

Post No. 12080 – New York City, New York
12086 – Gallup, New Mexico
12087 – West Jordan, Utah

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