

NEWS & VIEWS

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

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SEPTEMBER 2020

District Mid-Summers – Date, time, location and State Officer Assigned

1st – August 22, 11:00am Post 1650 Topeka, State Commander Ken Allred

2nd – September 12, 10:00am Post 1980 Emporia, State Sr. Vice Commander Lee Hursey

3rd – August 29, 9:00am Post 704 Parsons, Past State Commander Michael Holland

**4th – August 22, Contact District Commander Dan Watkins for info on Zoom meeting
State Jr. Vice Commander Jim Ratcliff**

5th – August 23, 10:00am Post 3111 Great Bend, State Commander Ken Allred

6th – August 23, 10:00am **MT** Post 7521 Tribune, State Adj/QM Herb Schwartzkopf

7th – August 29, 10:00am Post 1714 Dodge City, State Jr. Vice Commander Jim Ratcliff

District and Department Officers are available to assist your Post when you need guidance to do the correct things in your Post business or Programs and other things as necessary. Post problems need to be handled at the Post level with assistance as necessary from District and Department officers.

Audits - Please send all Audits directly to Department Headquarters. Check the online system to view your Post status.

Post Inspections - District Inspectors, leave the yellow copy, (Post Copy), with the Post and mail the remaining copies and the Inspector's travel voucher to the District Commander. The District Commander will keep the pink copy, (District Copy), and mail the white copy, (Department Copy), to Department Headquarters with the signed travel voucher.

September - is also the end of the third quarter and trustee's audits should be completed early in October.

Quartermaster - bonds were due September 1st and it is noted that several Posts have not submitted the form or money for bonding.

Dues Renewal Notices - The dues notice is doing its job, but this will not make your Post 100%. You still need those new and recovered members and personal contact is the only way.

Buddy Poppies - should now be ordered for the fall distribution and ordering early will assure prompt shipment. Poppies are \$115.00 per thousand.

Endowment Scholarship - Please note the application must be returned no later than February 1st.

Collegiate Veterans - Now that the colleges are back in session---hit the college campuses and show the Collegiate Veterans what the VFW does. If you need additional information contact Department Headquarters.

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen/Teacher program - Since school has now started, each Post should be reaching out to their community schools for participation in these programs. Entries are due to Post 31-October and to District 15-November.

* These programs are **included** for eligibility in the All-State program.

* VOD & Patriot's Pen are **mandatory** for eligibility in the All-American program.

Scout of the Year program - VFW Certificates of Achievement- All Kansas VFW Posts are responsible to issue Eagle Scout and or Girl Scout Gold Award Achievement Certificates; only if requested by the individual scout or at the discretion of the Post Commander. Be especially aware of dates specified for Kansas Scout of the Year entries. Due to no Sunday mail deliveries Kansas Scout of the year entry dates are as follows:

- NLT March 1st entry data must be received from scout by VFW Post
- There is no limit how many entries Kansas VFW Posts can submit
- VFW Scouting Post representative will only REVIEW all entries for the required information and forward to State Scouting Chairperson
- The Post is relieved of grading or selecting any entry received
- NLT April 1st - All Scout of the Year entries must be received by Department chairperson
- NLT May 1st - KS Selectee data will be submitted to National HQ

IF PERMITTED DUE TO COVID-19

Eisenhower Vigil information and its stand times

LOCATION: Eisenhower Gravesite and Place of Meditation, Eisenhower Center, Abilene, Kansas.

TIME: 1630 hours October 9 to 0700 hours October 10, 2020

STANDING THE VIGIL will be performed by District members in the time frames allocated based on this past years membership performance.

DATE	Start Time	Stop Time	District
Friday 10/9/2020	1630	1700	Color Guard
			State Commander/ State President
	1700	1900	3 rd District
	1900	2100	5 th District
Saturday 10/10/2020	2100	2300	7 th District
	2300	0100	1 st District
	0100	0300	6 th District
	0300	0500	2 nd District
	0500	0700	4 th District

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

VFW: Cap, slacks, white shirt w/tie (blazer optional) or suit.

Aux: Black blazer, black slacks, Blouse either blue or white, black shoes. No open-toed or sandals. (Ladies)

Aux: Auxiliary cap, slacks, white shirt w/tie (blazer optional) or suit. (Men)

MOC: Cap, white slacks, white shirt w/tie, white shoes (red blazer optional)

MOCA: Red blazer, white slacks, white blouse and red/white shoes. No open-toed or sandals.

COOTIE - Council of Administration Meeting, Saturday – September 12th, at Post 3111 Great Bend.