

NEWS & VIEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2024

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

District #1 – Topeka, Post 1650 – September 7th, 10:00am – Terry Fletcher, Commander

District #2 – Garnett, Post 6397 – August 24th, 10:00am – Bob Cox, Judge Advocate

District #3 – Parsons, Post 704 – August 24th, 9:00am – Charlie Cravens, Sr. Vice

District #4 – Mankato, Post 7830 – August 24th, 9:00am – Jay Boyle, Jr. Vice

District #5 – McPherson, Post 2715 – August 25th 10:00am – Jay Boyle, Jr. Vice

District #6 – Stockton, Post 8873 – August 25th, 10:00am – Terry Fletcher, Commander

District #7 – Liberal, Post 3166 – August 31st, 10:00am - Jim Langley, Past Commander

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.

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

State Fair District Assignments

September 6 Friday Department Officers

September 7 Saturday District 4

September 8 Sunday District 6

September 9 Monday District 3

September 10 Tuesday _____

September 11 Wednesday _____

September 12 Thursday District 5

September 13 Friday District 7

September 14-15 Department Officers

*1st and 2nd District won't be participating

Eisenhower Vigil information and its stand times

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

TIME: 1630 hours October 11 to 0700 hours October 12, 2024

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 10/11/2024	1630	1700	
	State Commander/ State President		
	1700 (5:00)	1900 (7:00)	__4__ District
	1900 (7:00)	2100 (9:00)	__2__ District
	2100 (9:00)	2300 (11:00)	__1__ District
Saturday 10/12/2024	2300 (11:00)	0100 (1:00)	__7__ District
	0100 (1:00)	0300 (3:00)	__6__ District
	0300 (3:00)	0500 (5:00)	__3__ District
	0500 (5:00)	0700 (7:00)	__5__ District