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PLEASE READ AT POST MEETING

OCTOBER 2025

- 1. POST DUES RESERVE: It was voted at the 2017 National Convention to no longer have the Post Dues Reserve Fund.
- 2. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218(11)b, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit through their Post Commander, a Trustee Report of Audit (Form P-113) quarterly directly to Department Headquarters. This report should be mailed or emailed to ksvfwhq@kvfw.kscoxmail.com or P.O. Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601.
- 3. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990.
- 4. Is my Post a 501C3 Unless your Post has done special paperwork to be a 501c3, then your Post is under the VFW umbrella which makes it a 501C19. You can still receive donations from individuals or businesses and give them a receipt for their donation for tax purposes for itemized deductions; but, they will not receive Tax Credits for those donations like they would if your Post was a 501C3. If the donor insists they will only work with a 501C3 then your post needs to contact The Foundation Department at National VFW Headquarters to see if they can assist you in receiving this donation.
- 5. Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veteran's Day, November 11th. (See Section 223, Manual of Procedure).
- 6. Posts are urged to order Buddy Poppies now for distribution for the Veteran's Day period.
- 7. Buddy Poppy information is available on our website vfwks.org for forms and prices.
- 8. Post Officers are advised that changes have been made to the National By-Laws. The 2025-26 edition can be purchased from National Emblem & Supply Department www.vfwstore.org.
- 9. All VFWRG's are reminded that the President, Vice, and Secretary are elected positions and required to be members in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars per National Riders Group Policy.
- 10. Posts are reminded to fly the Flag on the following days:

October 13 - Columbus Day November 4 - Election Day November 11 - Veteran's Day

> By order of Charlie Cravens, State Commander Department of Kansas, VFW

ATTEST: Herbert Schwartzkopf, Adj.-Qm. Department of Kansas, VFW

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