

NEWS & VIEWS

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

District #1 – Atchison, Post 1175 – September 6th, 10:00am – Rick McKenna, Jr. Vice Commander

District #2 – Lenexa, Post 7397 – September 20th, 10:00am – Rick McKenna, Jr. Vice Commander

District #3 – LaHarpe, Post 6324 – September 6th, 10:00am – Michael B. Holland, Chief of Staff

District #4 – Salina, Post 1432 – September 6th, 10:00am – Bob Cox, Judge Advocate

District #5 – Great Bend, Post 3111 – September 7th 10:00am – Herb Schwartzkopf, Adj/QM

District #6 – Stockton, Post 8873 – September 7th, 10:00am – Charlie Cravens, Commander

District #7 – Kinsley, Post 7349 – September 13th, 10:00am – Herb Schwartzkopf, Adj/QM

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, there is only one copy of the Post/District Inspection report in the packets. Post/District can make copies of this report. District Inspectors, please email/mail the white copy, to Department Headquarters with the signed travel voucher if applicable.

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