

# NEWS & VIEWS

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> – August 28, 10:00am Post 1367 Holton, State Sr. Vice Commander Jim Ratcliff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – September 11, 10:00am Post 5901 Ottawa, State Sr. Vice Commander Jim Ratcliff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 28, 10:00am Post 3018 Fredonia, State Commander Lee Hursey
- 4<sup>th</sup> – August 21, 10:00am Post 1432 Salina, State Sr. Vice Commander Jim Ratcliff
- 5<sup>th</sup> – August 22, 10:00am Post 6957 Haysville, State Commander Lee Hursey
- 6<sup>th</sup> – August 29, 10:00am Post 2864 Grinnell, State Jr. Vice Commander Jim Langley
- 7<sup>th</sup> – August 28, 10:00am Post 1714 Dodge City, State Jr. Vice Commander Jim Langley

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> - All Scout of the Year entries must be received by Department chairperson
- NLT May 1<sup>st</sup> - 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 8 to 0700 hours October 9, 2021

**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 10/8/2021	1630	1700	Color Guard
			State Commander/ State President
	1700	1900	2nd District
	1900	2100	7th District
Saturday 10/9/2021	2100	2300	6th District
	2300	0100	1st District
	0100	0300	5th District
	0300	0500	3rd District
	0500	0700	4th 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 11th, at Post 8773 Junction City. Registration 8:00am, Auction and meeting to follow.