

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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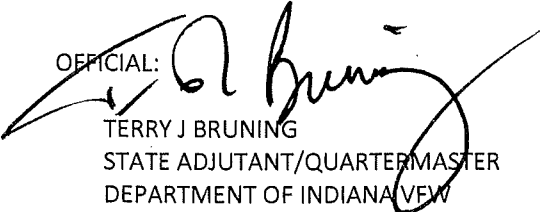
GENERAL ORDERS # 3

September 1, 2011
2011-12 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

1. Post Quartermaster Bonds obtained from the Department through National expired on 31 August 2011. Application for bond renewal was in August General Orders, along with information on Men's Auxiliary bonds, and insurance for canteen personnel.
2. State Campout is September 8-11 at the S&H Campground in Greenfield, IN. Contact 317.326.3208.
3. Indiana Day at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan is Sunday, September 25, 2011.
4. The annual Big 10 Conference is 21, 22, 23 October 2011 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Room reservations should be made by 29 September. The hotel is the Sheraton Sioux Falls Hotel, 1211 N West Ave, I-29 Exit 81, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, 605.988.9887 (Annette 8 to 5 M - F) or 605.331.0100 or starwoodmeeting.com/Book/big10conference. Advance registration is \$80.00 which includes a couple of drinks, lunch, and a dinner/banquet. Registration cut off is 4 October, at which time the fee becomes \$90.00. Registration to: VFW Dept. of South Dakota, 3601 South Minnesota Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. For info call 605.332.7441 or email vfwsd@aol.com. Department of Indiana is putting a bus trip together for this conference. See the announcement sheet and flyer enclosed.
5. Posts and Districts are reminded that Riders Groups have guidelines from the National organization. Applications for authorization of Riders Groups need to be completed and approved by National, particularly as relates to name and patch design. Once approved, the VFW store can provide the patch.
6. You will want to check with the funeral directors in your area to ensure they can expedite military information on a deceased veteran. There is a telephone number available to funeral directors only, which with all the vital information on a deceased veteran will enable really prompt turn around on a DD 214 form for the deceased. The funeral director can call 314.801.0800 and follow the prompts on the phone. This information and number has been previously provided to county service officers, consider this a reminder.
7. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, 16 September 2011. Post should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Page 110 of the current Ritual manual provides a tribute to comrades- POW or MIA.
8. The official birth date of the VFW is 29 September 1899. Please do something special in your post/district to mark the occasion.
9. As a matter of protocol, it is inappropriate to schedule a Post function/activity/special event that conflicts with an event of the District or the Department. Accordingly, it is inappropriate for a District to schedule conflicts with Department events.

OFFICIAL:


TERRY J BRUNING
STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

BY ORDER OF:

CHARLES P. SIMONS
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 September 2011

1. The Department of Indiana needs at least 30 riders for a bus trip to the Big 10 Conference, 21 – 23 October 2011 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Departure from Indianapolis early AM on Friday 21 October, leave Sioux Falls at 0700 or 0800 on Sunday 23rd. Just need to cover costs, if 30 riders round trip is \$190.00. Need deposit by 16 September. If 35 fare is \$160.00, 40 would be \$140.00. Information sheet enclosed.
2. Indiana Charity Gaming Seminars are back. Sept. 9 Indianapolis; Sept 16 Logansport; Oct. 1 Indianapolis. Registration at 0800 (local). Call 317.232.4646, Kim or Debbie for additional information. Register at seminarregistration@igc.IN.gov
3. Wreaths Across America places wreaths and has ceremonies at over 600 locations to honor those who served. They solicit help again this year. Contact Wreaths Across America at wreathscrossamerica.org, michelle@wreathscrossamerica.org, 877.385.9504, 207.470.0971, or PO Box 249, Columbia Fall, ME 04623.
4. Harrison College is offering deeply discounted veterinary services Sep 16 at their northwest campus, 6300 Technology Dr. Anyone with a current Military ID card is eligible. From 1200 to 1600. Appointment is necessary, call 317.873.6500.
5. The Indianapolis VA Suicide Awareness Team is participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, "Out of the Darkness Walk" for suicide awareness. Saturday, 10 September at White River Park. Contact outofthedarkness.org.
6. The Traveling Wall will be in Kokomo 29 September to 2 October; sponsored by DAV Chapter 28. The location is GM Components Holdings at US 31 & Boulevard. Details at www.avtt.org/events/2011/kokomoin.html.
7. 9/11 Day to Honor event in Ft. Branch is to honor and serve troops, vets, police, fire, EMT personnel. Parade starts at 1300 followed by a meal, outdoor concert, and other events. Info at [facebook.com/ADayToHonor](https://www.facebook.com/ADayToHonor) or call Chip Shrode at 812.753.4545.
8. Clay City Post 6606, the home of the Testicle Festival wants you to chase a ball, a golf ball, at their annual Golf Outing, 17 September 2011. Shotgun at 1200, Forrest Park Golf Course, Brazil. 36 teams max. \$60 per person. Entry, hole sponsorship, information from Brent Roberts 812.239.1448 or mail to 502 Nye St., Clay City, IN 47841.
9. Karen Duhart, our speaker at the convention asked that we provide web site information regarding the replacement of headstones/markers in private cemeteries. Links from the National Cemetery website that may be helpful: cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmcivil.asp; cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmrepl.asp; cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmqa.asp; va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf.
10. Crane Post 9297 hosts their annual Appreciation Week 11 Sep thru 17 Sep. Special events daily, snacks each evening @ 1800. Golf Scramble (\$50.00 per) on Sunday 11 Sep @ 0900 on Hidden Hills Golf course, Owensburg. \$50 includes two mulligans, Limit 20 teams. Entry and info from Joe Summerville 812.798.0605, Charlie Dunn 812.296.0671, or fax to 812.854.7860.
11. The Indiana Fever WNBA offer Military Appreciation night on 11 Sep. Get a ticket, t-shirt, hot dog, chips & drink when the Fever pay Atlanta Dream @ 1700. Lower level @ 15.90 (reg \$24) or club level @10.60 (reg \$16). Go to fevergroups.com/tickets/319. Password: Military.

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Dear Comrades:

I would like to take this opportunity along with the Membership Team to say, congratulations to all the New State and Post Officers for the 2011-2012 VFW Membership Year!

We really need to work hard for the Great State of Indiana to make it a 100% year, Indiana belongs at the top. If you need help, let me know. I and the team are ready to help you in any way we can.

Life Membership will be posted soon. Let's not waste any time getting out there and getting new and reinstated members. We can take Indiana "All the Way" to the top if we all work together!

We will be around and look forward to seeing everybody. If you need anything, give us a call.

Yours in Comradeship,

William "Buzz" Weberding, Membership Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana

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TO: District Commanders and Department Representatives

RE: District Meeting Assignments for the Months of September & October 2011

District Meetings are scheduled as follows. Department Representatives are listed. If assigned Department Representative cannot attend the meeting, please contact Terry Bruning, State Adjutant & Quartermaster. 317.377.1795 or bruningvfwHQ@sbcglobal.net.

DISTRICT	DATE TIME	PLACE OF MEETING	DEPT. REP
ONE	09-18 1200C	5365 HOBART	RODNEY FUNK
TWO	10-02 1400	1342 SYRACUSE	GREG BAKER
THREE	10-02 1430	1130 LAPORTE	BUZZ WEBERDING
FOUR	09-17 1500	2457 NEW HAVEN	
FIVE	09-10 1600	2067 PERU	CHUCK SIMONS
SIX	09-18 1100	1431 CRAWFORDSVILLE	JOHNNY CAPPS
SEVEN	09-18 1030	1127 BRAZIL	BUZZ WEBERDING
EIGHT	09-18 1030c	3418 BOONVILLE	GREG BAKER
NINE	09-18 1330	3183 BATESVILLE	TERRY J BRUNING
TEN	10-02 1330	1282 NEW CASTLE	RODNEY FUNK
ELEVEN	09-17 1030	98 INDIANAPOLIS	DAVE FRADENBURG

BY ORDER OF:

CHUCK SIMONS
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

TERRY BRUNING, STATE ADJUTANT

**BUS TRIP TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
BIG 10 CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 21-23, 2011
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**BUS WILL DEPART INDIANAPOLIS AT 1:00 A.M.
FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2011**

**BUS WILL DEPART SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA ON
SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2011 BETWEEN 7:00A.M. & 8:00A.M.**

PRICES: IF WE GET

30 PEOPLE PRICE WILL BE \$190.00 ROUND TRIP

35 PEOPLE PRICE WILL BE \$160.00 ROUND TRIP

40 PEOPLE PRICE WILL BE \$140.00 ROUND TRIP

**WE WILL NEED A DEPOSIT OF \$100.00 PER PERSON
BY SEPTEMBER 16, 2011**

REMAINDER DUE

ON OCTOBER 3, 2011

IF WE DON'T HAVE 30 PEOPLE BY 9-16-11

BUS WILL BE CANCELLED AND DEPOSIT RETURNED

**SEND CHECK DEPOSIT MADE PAYABLE TO
VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA**

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PLEASE EARMARK BIG 10 BUS TRIP

NAME(S) _____

AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT \$ _____

PHONE# _____ CELL# _____