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January 2020

2019-2020 Series

*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."*

*Author Unknown*

**DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA HEADQUARTERS  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**General Orders No. 7**

**2019-2020 Series**

1. Pursuant to Department of Oklahoma By-Laws, the Department Commander is hereby calling a Council of Administration meeting to be held on Saturday, 15th of February 2020 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel OKC Airport located at 2101 S. Meridian Ave. OKC OK.
2. Pursuant to National ByLaws & MOP, Sec 416, District Commanders, District Senior Vice Commanders, and District Junior Vice Commanders shall submit proof of eligibility to the Department Adjutant.
3. Pursuant to Department Requirements, Post Officers may access our VFW Oklahoma On-Line reporting through our department website at <http://vfwoklahoma.org/> Once there, go to the "Resources" menu, then VFW-OK On-Line Reporting to access your Post's reporting.

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DARRYL MABRY  
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

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Curtis A. Watts  
Adjutant

## ***FROM THE COMMANDER***



### **VFW COMRADES & AUXILIARY SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

Comrades and members of our Auxiliary, I hope all had a very happy, joyous and exciting holiday season. I had very exciting and great times at the myriad of Christmas and New Year events I attended. I appreciate everyone's generosity and hospitality. All were very excellent events and exhibited a great showing of our appreciation to those that have supported our organizations throughout the years. I hope everyone's New Year is just as joyous and prosperous as the previous.

As I continue from month to month, and visit VFW Posts within and outside our state, I feel forever thankful of our great organization and team and equally thankful for all the team does and strives to do. Hopefully we all stand together and recognize the blessing we have as a Department and see the wonderful people and appreciate the great times we have together. As always, I send my greetings to all and pray that everyone within our organizations remains well and their loved ones and friends remain safe and healthy throughout our time together. "TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND EACH OTHER". We need you all.

Again, I offer a prayer to all that are afflicted or have loved ones with pains or ailments, I pray for a speedy recovery for all. May good providence shield all of us from harm. My condolences to the families and friends of all we have lost.

Let's roll in the New Year right! Let's put on our business shoes and really push to our best. Our priorities for the remainder of the year are to take care of Veterans and their families, grow as an organization by engaging with the community, show and teach patriotism to all including our youth within our communities and support the people/ organizations that support you. Our Veteran's strength is only as strong as we make it.

I need all Post and District service officers to take heed and conform to what was said in your annual service officer training. I understand and have heard your concerns. I am working with our DSO team and engaging at the national level in coming up with ways to have a viable and workable system. In the meantime, understand and abide by the guidance that was given. Remember, you are appointed by your Commander, however work under the purview of the DSO. Service Officer's, you are advocates for the VFW and, at times, the only one someone sees as a VFW representative. Let's be professional, work together, reduce risk and get our system on track.

Participation is the key to becoming or remaining an "All-State" or All-American" Post or District. Continue to strive for excellence. If you haven't gotten your "poppy boards," you still have time. Those boards generate funds for your relief fund which align with taking care of

Veterans' in need. Contact the Department Quartermaster, Curt Watts for yours. Hopefully your post participated in the National Commander in Chief end of the year membership challenges. One thousand dollars (\$1000) has been offered for those that meet the challenge. I'm sure more challenges will be offered. In addition to continually working on your membership, your donations to VFW programs should be on your agenda. Strive to provide more than the minimum. We all can do it!

Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, Teacher of the Year and the Patriotic Art programs are in full swing and almost complete. Department Chair, Senior-Vice Commander Michael Merit has coordinated the department judging that will determine whom will receive the top prizes. Hopefully we had maximum participation from all.

As briefed by our Junior-Vice Commander Jim Bassett, we have had and are constantly showing some great Department sponsored and Post community engagement events. Hopefully we took advantage of the season and got with our sponsored units and discussed the MAP program as well as identify potential unmet needs candidates.

Commanders, I again ask you to emphasize the programs and benefits the VFW offers in all your meetings; know what the VFW Oklahoma Foundation is for. Learn how you at the Post and District levels can support the foundation. Research and ask how you can help build our foundation so it can help local Veterans and their families and even a post. Remember, donations by Post individuals (Comrades and Auxiliary) to the Oklahoma Foundation will count towards the Post **or** District requirement for All-State recognition provided that person specify whom they are supporting. I still encourage everyone to open your hearts and support the relief efforts of our foundation whether for credit or not. Let's remember what our core existence is. If you can't greet every Veteran you meet and be able to offer the right kind of assistance across the board, then what is your real purpose as a VFW?

Kudos to those excellent Christmas and New Year parties your post and districts had over the holidays. Thanks for all you have done.

Preparations are on the way for our "Pink N Red" event. Mid-Winter Conference in February (Valentine' Weekend). Our National Commander in Chief William "Doc" Schmitz will be in attendance. So, we must show our "Oklahoma" hospitality. He said he heard from past reps what a great time we have. As always plan for a great event. Like we say, it's about us taking care of business with hopefully some hospitality rooms, some relaxing and socializing just like a family. There might even some surprise giveaways like before.

Let's remain focused on making your Post, District and Our VFW the best in the nation. Let our focus remain VFW initiatives, programs and ideals not personalities and other things we can control.

As always; be safe, be fun and take care of the business of assisting and providing for those that are having issues as you can. For all that need it.....GET WELL SOON!!

**"ALWAYS A VETERAN, ALWAYS FOR A VETERAN"**

## ***FROM THE SR. VICE COMMANDER***

Comrades,

First of all, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year. I pray that your holidays were safe and fulfilling. In this time that we all had with our loved ones, I hope each and every one of you took the time out to remember those who could not be home for the holidays. It is because of them that we commit ourselves to the service we are all called to do as members of this great organization.

Program-wise we are pressing along. As of this writing, I have received five district entries. The turnout is looking great and I cannot wait to see the final results. Judging for VOD/PP/TOY will be accomplished January 11th, 2020 at 1pm at the OSU Student Union in Stillwater. My counterpart Teresa Stevenson and myself have put together a great judging team and we cannot wait to see their results.

Congressionally, on the National level, the NDAA, which included the removal of the Widow's Tax, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump just before Christmas. Every one of our Congressional delegation voted for it. The biggest thanks go to The Mountain, Sen. James Inhofe, for ensuring its passage. We still have many hurdles to leap Congressionally, and I will keep you up to date on them.

State-side, we took a smaller activity this year. Last year, through no fault of our own, a fiasco ensued concerning our VFW Specialty License Plate and its modification to benefit the Oklahoma VFW Foundation. Because of the lack of communication in our state legislature, the plate was eliminated. We are focusing our efforts to restore the previous plates, provide for new ones, and enact the intent of benefiting the VFWOK Foundation. State Senator Simpson has taken on the task in the State Senate, though he has not provided for the reinstatement of the old plates. I encourage all of you to contact him and make sure he does. We are also working on a Specialty License Plate for the VFWOK Auxiliary. State Representative Pae (D62-R) has taken on both our VFW and VFW Auxiliary Specialty Plate bills. I encourage you to contact your State Senator and Representative and encourage them to sign on to the bills. After all, they all have a copy of them.

We are only a month and a half away from the Mid-Winter Conference! CIC William J. "Doc" Schmitz will be our guest of honor and I ask that everyone come out to the conference and give the CIC a true "Oklahoma Welcome!" I know we ran into some headaches with the hotel at Fall Fest. Please know that the Department and the Auxiliary are diligently working with the hotel to ensure we do not have the same issues. BTW, it's not too late to make those reservations.... I think Commander Mabry and President Turman have some surprises in store.

Lastly, it has been my honor and privilege to serve this Department over the last five years in various elected and appointed positions. Never in my life would I have ever imagined that I would have had the opportunity to serve with and for all of you. There is no greater honor than

to ask for your support as I announce my candidacy for VFWOK State Commander 2020-2021. Should you see fit to place me in that high office, I will do everything in my power to ensure our century year as a department is the best it has even been and will set the precedent for a century to come.

V/R,  
Michael L. Merit  
State Senior Vice Commander  
VFW Department of Oklahoma

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## ***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin Design Contest***

Oklahoma VFW turns 100  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

We will be selling 500 limited-edition  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coins to raise money for  
Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend  
Which will be attended by  
Commander in Chief  
Hal Roesch

Anyone can enter at no cost!  
Your entry will be judged by a committee!  
Winner will be announced at 2020  
State Convention Banquet  
Where the coin will be revealed!  
Design winner will receive  
Special Coin Prize!

Please submit all entries to SSVC Mike Merit  
No later than COB OK Mid-Winter Conference 2020

## ***FROM THE JR. VICE COMMANDER***

State Junior Vice Commander  
Public Affairs  
Veterans and Military Services Committee Chair  
*Jim Bassett*

### ***Happy New Year!!***

I hope everyone has had a great Christmas and looking forward to a great New Year! Our year in our current elected positions is half over, are you looking around for someone to mentor to take on a position? If not, the start of a new year is a good time. It is also a good time to start planning your end of year recruiting events. I know that Stacy Reddig and I are more than willing to help on any membership drives. There are several other outstanding recruiters out there to ask. Let us know.



Mid-Winter is our next state event. Please keep up with the news in the General Orders as there is a lot of good information. There will be a blood drive from 10 to 2 on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a minimum of 20 donations to continue future blood

drives. There is a sign-up sheet or you can sign up at Mid-Winter. The blood drive is sponsored by the Military order of the Cooties Grand of Oklahoma.

We also hosted several Army Guard unit's Holiday parties over Christmas. Talking to some of the Posts and Auxiliaries members that participated, it seems that everyone had fun. I know that I enjoy attending the events. Remember to donate to VMS! If you would like to donate to them, please follow this link.

[https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw\\_programs\\_donation](https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation)



By the way, did I mention that VMS is part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars?

#### **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities and Events:**

The VFW Auxiliary is sponsoring a Freedom Fest on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The timing will be from 10 to 5 at the Eufaula Indian Community Center. There will be a musical guest, Sailor Jerri will be performing from 2 until 4. <https://www.sailorjerrimusic.com/>. If you have attended a Nation Convention lately you should remember that Sailor Jerri is former Navy and a very talented and military oriented singer.

Please share the information, let friends and family know. Share with your coworkers. If you know organizations that would like to attend or set up booths, please have them contact Teresa Stevenson, [tmstevenson@outlook.com](mailto:tmstevenson@outlook.com) or 918-429-2418.

Other events are being planned, we will be posting information about the Oklahoma City Dodgers and Oklahoma City Energy games as soon as they become available. We are also looking at the State and Tulsa fairs again.

The Special Olympics is always looking for volunteers. They are in need coaches, assistants, chaperons, and cheering sections. When you're out volunteering for the VFW, please wear something that identifies you as a VFW or Auxiliary member; it helps increase public awareness. Sign up to help, better yet, have your post sign up to support or sponsor them. Apply at <https://www.sook.org/>.



## **Be Visible!**

When you're out volunteering for the VFW, please wear something that identifies you as a VFW or Auxiliary member; it helps increase public awareness. Any time you help a veteran is also a good time to wear something that identifies you as a member of the VFW or Auxiliary. There are some exceptions if you are working with other entities, check with them to find out if you can wear VFW or Auxiliary items.

SportClips Help-A-Hero Scholarship is currently taking applications. This is a scholarship that is in addition to any Tuition Assistance or scholarship they may already be receiving. <https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>.

*Jim Bassett*

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## ***FROM THE OKLAHOMA VFW FOUNDATION***

**OUR MISSION:** The Oklahoma VFW Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, assists Oklahoma veterans and their families, promotes patriotic programs, provides relief for veterans and veteran support organizations, and provides educational scholarships.

Comrades,

As 2019 is coming to an end, 2020 looks like it will be an amazing year for the Oklahoma VFW Foundation. Here are some items that we are working on...

- **Founding Donor Program:** Are you interested in being recognized as someone who helped get the Foundation going? We are going to recognize the first 200 people/entities that donated at least \$100 to the Foundation with a commemorative pin, a certificate, and recognition on the Foundation's website. We are also creating a Founding Sponsor program for donors that contributed at least \$1,000 to help get us started



- The Board looked at 10 different possible programs to focus on and have prioritized all ten. The top three priority programs that we decided on are: first, we want to create programs to help fund the Veteran Service Officer program, second, create a program to help fund the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarship programs at the Department level, and third to help fund Honor Guards for veterans' funerals. The Board will now start working on the details of each of these programs and will let VFW membership know of the details once they are ready for official roll out.

However, these last few months of 2019 have been exciting, recent events have included...

- We have received donations of cemetery burial plots and cremation plots in two different cemeteries in the Oklahoma City metro area, the value of these combined donations is nearly \$20,000. Our board will be discussing how to make sure the donors' requests are met, but we are thankful that we were able to help these families make this type of non-traditional donation and are equally thankful that they considered us.
- As part of being a conduit for Post donations from organizations that will only donate to 501(c)(3) organizations, we are currently working with Post 1317 in Shawnee and with Post 577 in Tulsa on obtaining donations.

- We recently awarded a \$1,300 donation to the Roger Mills Circle of Care Food Program in Cheyenne, OK. The Foundation acted as a conduit for VFW Post 9126 as they moved their charter from Cheyenne to Glenpool in making this donation.

Watch our Facebook page and our website at [www.okvfwfoundation.org](http://www.okvfwfoundation.org) for details as we finalize our beginning programs and kick off our Founding Donor campaign. Also, let us know if we can help your Post or Auxiliary secure donations from organizations that will only donate to 501(c)(3) organizations, we want to help you with that.

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### ***FROM THE STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE***

Public Servant Award nomination packages are due to the Department Chairman by Jan 1, 2020. See the Department Website or the VFW National website for rules and nomination forms. Nomination packages should be mailed to Gordon Wheeler, 2114 Woody Lane, Choctaw, OK 73020-8007.

Gordon Wheeler  
 State Judge Advocate

### ***FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER***

#### **National Council Member January 2020**

**Member Service Center:** Please be advised that the Online Membership System (OMS) will be shutting down at 4:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019. Any transactions that are submitted through OMS on Dec. 31, up to the closing time, will be posted to Memstats and Post Query later that evening and available for viewing the morning of Jan. 2, 2020. Mail received at the National Headquarters prior to Dec. 31, 2019, will be processed and counted in the December total. Mail received after that date, regardless of the postmark date, will not be counted in the December total. We suggest you have your Posts mail in their membership as early as possible or take advantage of the Online Membership System tools. Please note that email sent to individual member service center advisors is not guaranteed to be processed; please utilize the [msc@vfw.org](mailto:msc@vfw.org) email address. The OMS system will be back online for the submittal of transactions by noon CST, Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020; however, membership transactions that are processed will not be posted to Memstats until Jan. 6, 2020. Contact: VFW Member Services Director David Prohaska, [DProhaska@vfw.org](mailto:DProhaska@vfw.org). **Development; This** week's Development campaigns are listed below. Dec. 17 Appeal: Year-end campaign email #3 to all Friends of

Freedom. Dec. 19 Appeal: Year-end campaign email #4 to all Friends of Freedom. Dec. 21 Appeal: December acquisition package reminder. Contact: VFW Development Manager Kelly Jones, [KellyJones@vfw.org](mailto:KellyJones@vfw.org). **Programs:** All-American Dashboard Update: Team "Dare to Care" – National is excited to announce that they have launched the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) tools button on the All-American dashboard on the [MyVFW](#) page on the national website. Please be sure and share this valuable information. I hope you will recognize the value of this new tool and use it to evaluate your programs and other reportable metrics from the last few years. National asks you to keep pushing the importance of using the dashboard to your Post and District Adjutants. Key Performance Indicators are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result; i.e., **impact on our communities and veterans**. KPIs provide a focus for strategic (National Headquarters) and operational (Department/District/Post level) improvement, create an analytical basis for decision making and help focus attention on what matters most. As the late Peter Drucker famously said, "What gets measured gets done." Managing with the use of KPIs includes setting targets (the desired level of performance) and tracking progress against that target. Managing with KPIs often means working to improve leading indicators that will later drive lagging benefits. Leading indicators are precursors of future success; lagging indicators show how successful the organization was at achieving results in the past. If this is your first time looking at the All-American dashboard, please take a few minutes and review the training guide and watch the training videos that are tailored to each level within the organization. Contact: VFW Programs Director Lynn W. Rolf, III, [LRolf@vfw.org](mailto:LRolf@vfw.org). **Meetings and Events:** Updated all exhibitor documents (pricing sheets, letters, application, insurance requirements). Target to send out invites/applications third week of January for 2020 for Reno convention. Finalized, through legal, housing contract (*reservation services provided for Reno convention*). Beginning review of 2021 convention hotel contracts. Due to be finalized by Jan. 31, 2020 (*18 months from actual convention dates*). Processed addendum to change 2020 long range planning dates. Requested dates to be held for 2021 planning meeting (Senior Vice Commander) and Senior Vice Commanders/Quartermasters meeting. Contracts/agreements for these two meetings to be finalized in the first quarter of 2020.

Contact: VFW Meetings and Events/Exhibits Manager Vanessa Kane, CMP, CMM, [VKane@vfw.org](mailto:VKane@vfw.org). **Administrative Operations:** There are currently 43 Posts under suspension, one of which is new. \* We have processed one Post surrender and one Post revocation pursuant to Sections 210 and 212 of the National Bylaws respectively. The organization has 6,153 chartered Posts. Administrative Operations is engaged in 20 Article IX Disciplinary Actions, 14 administrative actions and eight membership eligibility challenges. We have 31 Bylaw/Article of Incorporation submissions in for review, two of which are new; current turnaround time on Bylaw/Article of Incorporation submissions is approximately 14 days. \*Of the 242 Commander-in-Chief-directed Post suspension orders issued on July 2, 2019, for failure to submit an election report by July 1, 2019, there are currently 17 Posts still under suspension and an additional 26 Posts under suspension for reasons other than failing to submit an election report, for a total of 43 Posts under suspension. We are currently working with those Departments affected to either bring these Posts to good working order or revoke their Post charters. Contact: VFW Administrative Operations Director Johnathan Duncan, [JDuncan@vfw.org](mailto:JDuncan@vfw.org). **VFW Foundation:** Jesse James Dupree, lead singer, guitarist and primary song writer for the rock band Jackyl, has been working closely with the VFW Foundation to raise awareness and support for the VFW Unmet Needs program. Concertgoers are encouraged to text 'NEEDS' to 20222 in order to donate \$5 to the VFW Unmet Needs program during concerts, and local VFW Posts are hosting local events and raffles to raise additional funds. Combined efforts to date have raised over \$24,000 for Unmet Needs. Jesse stopped by VFW Headquarters today for a meet-and-greet with VFW employees. Jackyl will perform in Kansas City, Missouri, on Dec. 21, 2019. This holiday season, VFW members and friends are encouraged to support VFW programs and services by shopping through AmazonSmile. For each qualifying purchase, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the product price to the VFW Foundation. To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$5,656 to the VFW Foundation. Go to GOOGLE and look up: [AmazonSmile](#) and the VFW Foundation will benefit every time you shop on

Amazon.com. Contact: VFW Foundation Administrator Richard Potter, [RPotter@vfw.org](mailto:RPotter@vfw.org). Let us end the year 2019 on this positive note: *There is always talk about being successful; so, what is success? To laugh often and love much, to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give one's self; to leave the world a lot better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exaltation, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived ---- that is to have succeeded. Happy New Year to all .....*

## ***FROM THE STATE SCOUTING CHAIRMAN***

Comrades,

Now that our student, teacher and public safety deadlines our past us, the next way for our Posts to be active in our communities is to recognize amazing scouts in your area! Scout of the Year applications are due to your Posts by March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Post winners need to be Department by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Your Post entries can be sent to Department Headquarters to my attention.

We have made it easier than ever to get the information you need to the local Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Venture Scout or Sea Scout unit near your Post. Go to the new and improved Department of Oklahoma VFW Website ([www.vfwoklahoma.org](http://www.vfwoklahoma.org)), and under the PROGRAMS tab at the top of the page, go the Scout section. All the information you need on the Scout of the Year program can be found on this page, including the application form. You can contact your local scouting units and tell them about the website so they can get all the information needed. Please remember, that a Scout can only be sponsored by one Post, and Posts can only submit one nominee to Department.

Even though Scout nominations go straight to the Department, I wish to challenge every District to encourage their Posts to work with their local scouting groups. I will personally award the District from which the most Scout nominations come from \$100.00 and will create a travelling award for the "Scouting District of Oklahoma", provided the winning District had 2 or more nominations!

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**District Meetings for 2018: "Any Changes or corrections to Districts meetings, please notify the State Adjutant ASAP."**

D-1 > 01 Feb 20 @ 11 am > Salina Post 5307 >  
 D-3 > 02 Feb 20 @ 11 am, > Wilburton Post 3649  
 D-4 > 01 Feb 20 @ 11 am > Coalgate Post 1198>  
 D-5 > 02 Feb 20 @ 10 am > Collinsville Post 3077>  
 D-7 > 01 Feb 20 @ 11 am > McAlester Post 1098>  
 D-8 > 02 Feb 20 @ 11am > Blackwell Post 2855 >  
 D-9 > 08 Feb 20 @ 10am > Enid Post 2270 >  
 D-10 > 18 Jan 20 @ 11am> Post 8706, New Hope Christian Church, 12323 S. Pennsylvania, OKC, 73170  
 D-13 > 25 Jan 20 @ 12:30 am > El Reno Post 382  
 D-14 > 22 Jan 20 @11 am > Elgin Post 85802 >  
 D-15 > 11 Jan 20 @11 am> Lawton Post 1193> Cdr. Darryl Mabry & Sr. Vice Cdr. Jim Bassett

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

01 Jan> New Year's Day  
 08 Jan> Post & District Chaplain's Workshop, Altus Post 4876, 5pm  
 17 Jan> Persian Gulf War Began (1991)  
 20 Jan> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 27 Jan> Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)  
 01 Feb> National Freedom Day  
 02 Feb> Groundhog Day  
 12 Feb> Lincoln's Birthday  
 14 Feb> VFW Oklahoma Mid-Winter Conference Begins  
 14 Feb> Valentine's Day  
 16 Feb> VFW Oklahoma Mid-Winter Conference Ends  
 17 Feb> George Washington's Birthday Observed (Presidents' Day)  
 22 Feb> George Washington's Birthday

**Department of Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

**2019-2020 State Raffle**

**Tickets are ONLY \$10**

**GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000**

**Other Prizes**

**3 x \$500, 3 x \$250, 5 x \$150, 6 x \$100**

**SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS**

For tickets purchased and money turned into State Headquarters on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, four prizes of \$100 each will be awarded in January!! (*Early Bird winners are eligible for main drawings*)

**Individual Prizes for Selling the Most Tickets**

- If at least 800 total tickets are sold, the top two individual sellers will be awarded cash prizes.
- If at least 900 total tickets are sold, the top three individual sellers will be awarded cash prizes.
- If at least 1,000 tickets are sold, the top four individual ticket sellers will be awarded cash prizes.

**Post/Auxiliary Prizes for Selling the Most Tickets**

- In addition, Post and Auxiliary Units whose members sell tickets will also win prizes....
- 2 Posts/Auxiliaries win prizes if 800 total tickets sold, 3 win if 900 sold, and 4 win if 1,000 sold.
- If 1,000 total tickets sold, a cash prize to the VFW or Auxiliary District who sold the most tickets.

**Specific Prize Drawing Information:**

*Early Bird: Drawings for a \$100 winner will be drawn on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. (Tickets sold and turned in by 12/31/19).*

**NOTE: For all other drawings, tickets must be sold and turned in to State Headquarters prior to the drawing for that date.**

*March 2020: \$100 Drawings on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. \$250 Drawing on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*April 2020: \$100 Drawings on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. \$250 Drawing on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*May 2020: \$150 Drawings on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*Memorial Day 2020: Two \$500 Drawings, exact date to be determined but will be between Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*2020 Oklahoma State Convention: At the banquet, \$1,000 GRAND PRIZE DRAWING, as well as \$500 and \$250 winners.*

**Individual Ticket Seller Prizes:**

*If at least 800 tickets sold, top seller wins \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$100. If at least 900 tickets sold, top seller wins \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$250, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$100. If at least 1,000 tickets sold, top seller wins \$600, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$200, and 4<sup>th</sup> place wins \$100.*

**Post / Auxiliary Unit Ticket Seller Prizes:**

*If at least 800 tickets sold, Post or Auxiliary unit whose members (when totals combined) sold the most tickets wins \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$50. If at least 900 tickets sold, top Post or Auxiliary wins \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$50. If at least 1,000 tickets sold, top Post or Auxiliary wins \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> place wins \$100 and 4<sup>th</sup> place wins \$50.*

*If at least 1,000 tickets sold, the VFW or Auxiliary District whose members (when totals combined) sold the most tickets wins \$250.*

# DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE BANQUET TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!!!

**BANQUET WILL BE HELD 6:30PM, SATURDAY 15  
FEBRUARY 2020**

## **MENU:**

- FIELD GREEN SALAD WITH RANCH & VINAIGRETTE
- BROCCOLI SALAD
- CHICKEN PARMESAN WITH PENNE PASTA
- SLOW ROASTED POT ROAST
- ROASTED CARROTS
- RED SKINNED POTATOES
- HOUSE MADE DINNER ROLLS
- PECAN PIE
- CARROT CAKE (POSSIBLY ITALIAN CREAM CAKE)

**TICKETS ARE \$35.00 EACH AND CAN BE PAID BY CHECK,  
CREDIT CARD OR BY PAYPAL INVOICE TO VFW-OKLAHOMA,  
ATTN: QM CURT WATTS@ [VFWHQOK@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:VFWHQOK@OUTLOOK.COM) OR  
(405) 590-8577 OR (405) 525-2680 EXT 301**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO CONFERENCE!**

**(DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES ARE CLOSE OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, 12 FEB 2020.)**

**NOTES: A SMALL PROCESSING FEE WILL BE APPLIED FOR CREDIT CARD & PAYPAL INVOICE  
PAYMENTS. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THIS INCONVENIENCE**



As the Oklahoma VFW & VFW Auxiliary prepares for our Annual Mid-Winter Conference in February 2020, we ask for your support by participating in our Mid-Winter Conference Banquet which will be held on Saturday 15 February 2020 at 6:30 pm. The Wyndham Garden Hotel, Oklahoma City Airport will again be providing us an outstanding meal. It will be a great time as we honor our Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Teacher of the Year recipients and hear our National Officer representatives speak to us all.

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## MEMSTATS: Oklahoma as of Monday, December 30, 2019

Post	Dis t	Life	Ne w	Rein st	Co n	Tot	Pr Yr	Perct	Di v	City	N/ R L M	Pr An	Retentio n	N/R %
2592	1	63	1	1	20	85	83	102.40 %	9	BERNICE	2	23	56.52%	4.82 %
3573	1	63	0	0	5	68	77	88.31%	9	LOCUST GROVE	0	15	33.33%	0.00 %
3698	1	21	1	0	0	22	21	104.76 %	11	WESTVILLE	1	3	0.00%	9.52 %
3707	1	50	0	0	7	57	62	91.93%	10	TAHLEQUAH	0	11	63.64%	0.00 %
5307	1	42	2	0	6	50	84	59.52%	9	SALINA	0	44	15.91%	2.38 %
8380	1	105	5	1	19	130	154	84.41%	6	GROVE	1	46	47.83%	4.55 %
1082 9	1	11	0	0	2	13	15	86.66%	11	STILWELL	0	4	50.00%	0.00 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>85.68 %</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>4</b>			<b>3.02 %</b>
3085	3	35	0	0	9	44	52	84.61%	10	HARTSHORN E	0	16	56.25%	0.00 %
3649	3	150	6	0	21	177	188	94.14%	5	WILBURTON	1	29	68.97%	3.72 %
4446	3	73	0	0	19	92	101	91.08%	8	STIGLER	0	30	63.33%	0.00 %
4518	3	61	0	0	4	65	80	81.25%	9	SALLISAW	1	21	38.10%	1.25 %
4884	3	62	0	0	9	71	85	83.52%	9	SPIRO	0	24	37.50%	0.00 %
8384	3	81	2	0	8	91	95	95.78%	8	MULDROW	0	16	56.25%	2.11 %
8403	3	13	1	0	20	34	34	100.00 %	11	HEAVENER	0	21	66.67%	2.94 %

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<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>90.39 %</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>1.73 %</b>
1048	4	13	0	0	2	15	16	93.75%	11	BOSWELL	0	4	50.00%	0.00 %
1198	4	23	0	0	8	31	33	93.93%	11	COALGATE	0	10	80.00%	0.00 %
3658	4	32	1	0	4	37	40	92.50%	11	ANTLERS	0	6	83.33%	2.50 %
3916	4	93	0	0	7	100	112	89.28%	7	DURANT	0	19	42.11%	0.00 %
4777	4	99	2	0	8	109	110	99.09%	8	IDABEL	0	12	66.67%	1.82 %
4859	4	22	0	0	2	24	35	68.57%	11	ATOKA	0	14	14.29%	0.00 %
4869	4	51	0	0	9	60	65	92.30%	10	TISHOMINGO	0	14	57.14%	0.00 %
5805	4	8	0	0	2	10	15	66.66%	11	FORT TOWSON	0	8	25.00%	0.00 %
8316	4	42	0	0	6	48	57	84.21%	10	HUGO	0	13	46.15%	0.00 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>89.85 %</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>0</b>			<b>0.62 %</b>
577	5	322	11	1	35	369	393	93.89%	3	TULSA	2	84	45.24%	3.56 %
2976	5	162	8	1	13	184	235	78.29%	5	CLAREMORE	8	84	22.62%	7.23 %
3077	5	54	0	1	5	60	77	77.92%	9	COLLINSVILL E	0	20	25.00%	1.30 %
3689	5	25	0	0	8	33	30	110.00 %	11	SAND SPRINGS	0	6	100.00%	0.00 %
7180	5	101	2	0	31	134	147	91.15%	6	OWASSO	0	48	64.58%	1.36 %

Post	Dis t	Life	Ne w	Rein st	Co n	Tot	Pr Yr	Perct	Di v	City	N/ R L M	Pr An	Retentio n	N/R %
7441	5	66	3	0	6	75	83	90.36%	9	MANNFORD	1	15	60.00%	4.82 %
7977	5	47	7	0	4	58	56	103.57 %	10	SKIATOOK	0	8	50.00%	12.50 %
1009 9	5	102	0	0	9	111	114	97.36%	7	DEWEY	0	11	63.64%	0.00 %
1088 7	5	88	2	1	16	107	118	90.67%	7	BROKEN ARROW	1	35	42.86%	3.39 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>1253</b>	<b>90.26 %</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>12</b>			<b>3.91 %</b>
474	7	127	1	0	10	138	153	90.19%	6	MUSKOGEE	0	23	43.48%	0.65 %
539	7	68	0	1	18	87	101	86.13%	8	HENRYETTA	0	35	54.29%	0.99 %
1098	7	268	3	0	22	293	309	94.82%	4	MC ALESTER	0	43	55.81%	0.97 %
1189	7	90	1	0	16	107	123	86.99%	7	OKMULGEE	0	30	56.67%	0.81 %
4609	7	25	0	0	1	26	26	100.00 %	11	WEBBERS FALLS	0	1	100.00%	0.00 %
8798	7	230	3	2	33	268	315	85.07%	4	EUFAULA	0	80	47.50%	1.59 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>89.48 %</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>0</b>			<b>1.07 %</b>
1118	8	111	0	0	3	114	126	90.47%	7	CUSHING	0	10	30.00%	0.00 %
1201	8	122	7	0	33	162	202	80.19%	5	PONCA CITY	0	67	52.24%	3.47 %
1320	8	94	1	0	10	105	120	87.50%	7	SAPULPA	0	25	44.00%	0.83 %
1843	8	63	0	0	2	65	72	90.27%	9	GLENCOE	0	10	40.00%	0.00 %

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2027	8	84	2	2	8	96	93	103.22 %	8	STILLWATER	2	19	47.37%	6.45 %
2855	8	72	5	1	17	95	109	87.15%	8	BLACKWELL	0	34	50.00%	5.50 %
3656	8	41	1	0	12	54	70	77.14%	9	BRISTOW	0	29	44.83%	1.43 %
7966	8	10	0	0	1	11	22	50.00%	11	PAWNEE	0	12	8.33%	0.00 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>86.24 %</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>2.58 %</b>
1719	9	44	2	0	11	57	63	90.47%	10	CHANDLER	0	17	58.82%	3.17 %
2270	9	138	1	4	17	160	175	91.42%	6	ENID	0	38	47.37%	2.86 %
4578	9	135	0	1	7	143	167	85.62%	6	GUTHRIE	2	32	34.38%	1.80 %
4938	9	91	5	0	11	107	120	89.16%	7	EDMOND	0	29	31.03%	4.17 %
7740	9	26	0	0	3	29	31	93.54%	11	CRESCENT	1	6	50.00%	3.23 %
9265	9	372	3	0	28	403	439	91.79%	3	OKLAHOMA CITY	1	67	41.79%	0.91 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>90.35 %</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>4</b>			<b>2.01 %</b>
1202	10	21	0	0	3	24	28	85.71%	11	ADA	1	7	57.14%	3.57 %
1317	10	295	4	0	21	320	345	92.75%	4	SHAWNEE	2	50	46.00%	1.74 %
3608	10	80	3	0	8	91	103	88.34%	8	BLANCHARD	1	28	50.00%	3.88 %
4890	10	93	0	1	21	115	119	96.63%	7	NORMAN	0	25	68.00%	0.84 %

Post	Dis t	Life	Ne w	Rein st	Co n	Tot	Pr Yr	Perct	Di v	City	N/ R L M	Pr An	Retentio n	N/R %
7192	10	148	2	0	22	172	185	92.97%	5	MIDWEST CITY	0	38	47.37%	1.08 %
8706	10	89	0	0	5	94	113	83.18%	7	MOORE	0	28	17.86%	0.00 %
9969	10	186	3	0	20	209	236	88.55%	5	DEL CITY	0	48	41.67%	1.27 %
1087 6	10	32	0	0	3	35	40	87.50%	11	OKLAHOMA CITY	0	7	28.57%	0.00 %
1119 4	10	149	0	0	12	161	175	92.00%	6	KONAWA	2	29	41.38%	1.14 %
1210 3	10	17	1	0	14	32	38	84.21%	11	LEXINGTON	0	19	78.95%	2.63 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>111 0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1253</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>90.66 %</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>6</b>			<b>1.45 %</b>
382	13	233	2	15	62	312	518	60.23%	3	EL RENO	0	26 6	25.19%	3.28 %
2847	13	40	0	0	2	42	45	93.33%	11	ALVA	0	5	40.00%	0.00 %
4465	13	72	0	0	4	76	88	86.36%	8	CLINTON	0	10	30.00%	0.00 %
5914	13	10	0	0	1	11	12	91.66%	11	THOMAS	0	2	50.00%	0.00 %
6141	13	20	0	0	2	22	31	70.96%	11	FAIRVIEW	0	7	0.00%	0.00 %
6143	13	58	0	0	5	63	75	84.00%	9	WEATHERFO RD	0	16	31.25%	0.00 %
7203	13	16	0	0	4	20	22	90.90%	11	OKEENE	1	6	66.67%	4.55 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>69.02 %</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>2.28 %</b>
1015	14	10	0	0	7	17	39	43.58%	11	ANADARKO	0	28	25.00%	0.00 %

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1192	14	195	0	0	14	209	225	92.88%	5	DUNCAN	1	30	40.00%	0.44 %
4574	14	117	1	0	12	130	152	85.52%	6	ARDMORE	0	24	50.00%	0.66 %
4888	14	34	0	0	0	34	35	97.14%	11	MARLOW	0	0	100.00%	0.00 %
5263	14	604	10	0	40	654	729	89.71%	3	FORT SILL	0	86	51.16%	1.37 %
8580	14	40	0	0	7	47	52	90.38%	10	ELGIN	0	14	64.29%	0.00 %
1120 1	14	17	0	0	0	17	21	80.95%	11	CHICKASHA	0	6	0.00%	0.00 %
1153 9	14	11	10	0	0	21	11	190.90 %	11	FORT COBB	0	0	100.00%	90.91 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1028</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>89.31 %</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>1.74 %</b>
1193	15	192	3	1	7	203	214	94.85%	5	LAWTON	1	25	24.00%	2.34 %
1335	15	99	6	0	15	120	154	77.92%	6	WOODWARD	0	29	58.62%	3.90 %
3669	15	48	0	0	7	55	58	94.82%	10	ELK CITY	0	9	77.78%	0.00 %
4415	15	30	0	0	3	33	47	70.21%	11	HOBART	0	9	33.33%	0.00 %
4876	15	511	5	13	30	559	591	94.58%	3	ALTUS	1	83	39.76%	3.21 %
7092	15	16	0	0	3	19	21	90.47%	11	BOISE CITY	0	6	50.00%	0.00 %
8676	15	10	0	0	0	10	9	111.11 %	11	HOLLIS	0	3	0.00%	0.00 %
9126	15	8	8	1	1	18	10	180.00 %	11	GLENPOOL	1	1	0.00%	100.0 0 %

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<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>92.11 %</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>3</b>			<b>3.62 %</b>
1503 7	99	130 7	34	11	127	1479	1697	87.15%	1	OKLAHOMA CITY	12	0	0.00%	3.36 %
<b>Dist Tot</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>130 7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1479</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>87.15 %</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>12</b>			<b>3.36 %</b>
<b>St Tot</b>		<b>919 9</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>106 9</b>	<b>1050 8</b>	<b>1194 1</b>	<b>87.99 %</b>			<b>47</b>			<b>2.40 %</b>