



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Department of Minnesota

8th District

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2

October 2, 2016

1. The following District meetings are announced:
 - a. Fall: Gilbert Post 4456 Oct. 2, 2016
 - b. Winter: Pengilly Post 8831 Feb. 19, 2017
 - c. Loyalty Days: Cloquet Post 3979 Apr. 29-30, 2017
2. National By-Laws (Sec. 218) require that, "the Post Commander or his representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meeting". Your Post Commander is your primary representative to the District and, with others, decides the business of the District. He or She is one vote for your post. Any accompanying delegates also each have a vote. So the more representatives you send to District meetings, the more votes your Post has to wield and the more say you have in District affairs. If you don't send anybody, others are making decisions for you.
3. Our Chief Inspector position has been filled by James Sellner from Post 8831 in Pengilly. Jim will be assisted by members of different posts throughout the district to help alleviate the stress of putting on many miles inspecting each post. Your annual inspection is serious business and more critical than ever before. Inspectors are charged with a difficult task, have a lot of miles to cover and their time is valuable. What they do is for your benefit more than anybody else's.
4. We are still in need of a District Chaplain. Now, more than ever, we are need of spiritual guidance. A Chaplain exists to minister to veterans and their families. A Chaplain "shall be concerned with the spiritual needs of the members, and by precept and example, point the way toward a high moral plane for the organization," according to the Congressional Charter.
5. Posts are reminded to submit required reports as soon as possible so the District can achieve 100% reporting. These reports include Post Audit Reports, Community Service Reports and Poppy Report.
6. Posts are reminded that the following contributions are due in Department Headquarters: Dept. Hospital Recreation Fund \$50.00, Camper Fund \$10.00 and if, you have a club or Gambling, the Club Permit is \$60.00.
7. If you have not done so, the District assessments are now due. They are 25 cents for District and 10 cents for Hospital based on last year's Post membership. The District Quartermaster has sent out a letter with all the info in it.
8. Posts are reminded to send donations for Vets on the Lake to the District Quartermaster so they can be used for the District Cabin #27. Gambling donations should also be sent to the District Quartermaster written out to Vets on the Lake to be marked for Cabin #27.
9. The Department website is loaded with information such as Department and District Conference/Convention Dates, State Contest Deadlines, Veterans Activity Events, Youth Activity Events, National VFW Events, etc. You can also download the Commander's and Quartermaster's Manuals, both of which provide you with what you need to perform your job efficiently. Not only should all Commanders and Quartermasters download and read these manuals cover-to cover, all



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the other Officers should do so as well. Visit the Dept. of MN website for more information at <http://www.vfw.state.mn.us/>

10. Check out our District 8 website at <http://www.vfw-mn-district-8.org>. Your District website is there for you to gather information about the VFW and find out what's happening in the district. If there's something you'd like to see on the website, please let the webmaster know. Check the website often for any changes to events and meetings.
11. Communication is a key factor to the success of any organization. To help improve communication within our District, please provide me with a least one e-mail address for your Post. This should be someone who is willing to pass on information at your monthly meetings.
12. The Voice of Democracy / Patriots Pen banquet will be held at the Pengilly Post in February. Don't forget that the 2016-2017 Contest Themes are due to the Posts by November 1, 2016. This year the themes are:
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY - "My Responsibility to America"
PATRIOTS PEN - "The America I Believe In"
13. It should be noted that when a Post hosts a meeting, the registration fees and charges for meals, etc. stays with the host post. If there are special fund raisers for certain causes, the moneys raised goes toward that cause. The only funds that benefits the 8th District is the 50/50 raffles.
14. The 8th District has gotten back one of our members that left to work in D.C. for a while. Now he's back as our VA representative to help us have the VA work for us. His name is Rich Dumancus, a former CVSO from Carlton and St. Louis County. He reports directly to the VA in D.C. and is here to find out what **WE** can do to make the VA better. Bring your VA issues to this meeting, and also bring solutions so **we can have the VA better serve us**.

BY ORDER OF:

Richard Chasse Sr
Commander



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The District meeting on October 2, 2016 will be in Gilbert at VFW Post 4456.

Sunday October 2, 2016

0800 – 0900 Registration at Post Home
0900 District Meeting at Post Home
1130 Hospital Meeting at Post Home
1200 Lunch (Sloppy Joes and Dessert - \$8.00)
1300 District Meeting resumes (If necessary)

Accommodations

Hotels (Mention that you are here for the VFW District Meeting)

AmericInn,
5480 Mountain Iron Drive, Virginia, MN 55792
218-741-7839

Holiday Inn and Express
8570 Rock Ridge Drive, Mountain Iron, MN 55768
218-741-7411 / 218-550-5030

Super 8
1080 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN 55734
218-744-1661

Restaurants

Wandering Pines Restaurant - Gilbert, MN.

Whistling Bird Restaurant - Gilbert, MN.

Subway - off Highway 53, Eveleth, MN

Boomtown Restaurant - off Highway 53, Eveleth, MN.

Adventures Restaurant and Sawmill Restaurant - off Highway 53, Virginia, MN.

Grandmas Saloon and Grill - off Highway 53, Virginia, MN.

NOTE: The auxiliary is having a Silver Bay shower. The following are suggested and any donations from the Post is greatly welcomed.

Phone Cards, Stamps, Socks, Lip Balm, Lighters, Word Seek and Puzzle Books, Candy - Werthers, Chocolate bars, Butterscotch drops. Candy also includes diabetic.