

# DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

#### **General Orders #7**

#### "Looking Out For Veterans"

January 2021

# "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

The Department Commander Mangold and his staff extend New Year greetings to all comrades and sisters and their families.

**The State Headquarters office** will be closed on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 in observance of New Year's.

1. Annual Membership: THIS IS IMPORTANT! Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars may expire December 31, 2020 unless you paid your dues in January 2020 through June 2020 then your dues are due in the month you paid them. For example, if you paid your dues in February of 2020, they will be due in February of 2021. All Officers are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of continuous members as soon as possible. Any Post that has an Officer who has not paid his or her dues should collect those dues immediately before their expiration date. Any Officer removed by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the Post, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post Office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed."

Remember any unpaid member who has let their membership expire, his or her \$1,000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance becomes void immediately both in the insurance provided by the VFW and also the \$3,500.00 Policy provided by AIL Insurance at no cost. It is important for all Post Membership Teams to contact these members as soon as possible.

All Post Commanders should familiarize themselves with Section 220 of the National By-Laws on the election of new officers in the event of inactivity or vacancy in the VFW year.

- 2. Use of Post Relief Funds and Membership: The Department of South Dakota would like your help in taking care of membership dues of long-time members who cannot afford to pay their current dues. Many older veterans, especially our WW II Veterans may no longer realize their dues need to be paid. Check your local nursing homes for eligible veterans who may have been a member in past years. You can use your Post Relief Fund to pay these dues. It will help in our all-out effort to make the State of South Dakota 100% in membership for 2021.
- **3. Mid-Winter Meetings**: Please get your meeting scheduled so we can get the word out to the members and keep in mind that virtual is or can be the normal.

District 1 CDR Cregg Getman(TBD) – Dept Rep Barbara McKean
District 4 CDR Bill Orton, 17 January 2021, 2pm, Virtually, Dept Rep Russ McGee
District 6 CDR Bill Vander Horst, 21 February 2021, 2pm, Virtually, Dept Rep Tom Hafner
District 7 CDR William Hoffman, 7 Feb 21, 1pm, Armour, Dept Rep Cody Mangold
District 10 CDR Bill Barlow, 10 January 2021, 10am, @ Post 1273, Dept Rep Cody Mangold

- 4. Legislative Conference: Council of Administration, Legislative Conference and Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen & Teachers selection is set for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Conference will be Virtual on Zoom. See enclosed notice for more details and some are still tentative. There will be a preconference virtual meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM to finalize loose ends. Anyone wanting to attend can just go to the VFWSD.ORG Web Site at the calendar and join the virtual meeting.
- **5. Loyalty Day:** Post Commanders, please appoint a 2021 Loyalty Day Chairperson and forward his or her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Post Commanders try to plan your Loyalty Day Programs early.
- **6. Buddy Poppy:** Post Commanders, please appoint a 2021 Buddy Poppy Chairperson and forward his/her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible and make plans for your 2021 distribution. Post Commanders, this is a reminder that all Poppy orders should be in by April 15, 2021 to count in the "All State Post Commanders" ratings. Order blanks are on the VFW State Website.
- **7. IRS Form 990:** All Posts that enjoy tax exemption status are advised that they must answer all questions on the IRS Form 990. Submitting a copy of the Post Financial Statement in lieu of answering the individual questions is not acceptable. If the questions are not answered the IRS will return Form 990 to the Post. Report must be filed by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5th month following the close of the fiscal year.
- **8. Checks Sent to Department Headquarters:** All checks sent to the Department Headquarters should be made out to "Department Of South Dakota VFW" and marked as to what purpose each check is for. Do not make checks payable to a special account.
- **9. The National Voice of Democracy Legislative Conference** meeting normally scheduled the end of February and early March will still take place but will be Virtual VOD parade of winners and will take place at a time still not determined and you will be notified when we get the word.
- **10. Sending in Material for General Orders:** All Department Officers, State Chairpersons and anyone else that wants to publish information in the General Orders must submit the material to Department Headquarters by no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the publication of the General Order.

- 11. "ZOOM" Access for Legislative Conference: Go to the VFWSD.ORG and go to NEWS, then CALENDAR and go to 20 January 2021 and click on entry in that date and you will be in the ZOOM. If it is the first time you might have to download zoom which only takes a couple minutes. Please see attached agenda for more details.
- **12. Attached Emails from National:** Please pay attention to the attached items as there is some valuable information for some of you. The first document is regarding digital crowdfunding and if you are attempting to do this please read carefully.

The second document contains information on the COVID Relief Grant and information on eligibility and how to apply. Very detailed and many of you are eligible.

**13. GENERAL ORDERS**: All of you are aware that Crystal is battling some health issues and she is on the mend but we are going to use the Web Site to distribute General Orders starting in February 2021. General Orders will **NOT** be sent directly to your email. General Orders have always been available on the Web Site. To get to those: **VFWSD.ORG** go to **RESOURSES** then **GENERAL ORDERS** and pick the year and month you want.

OFFICIAL:

Darwin G Tolzin

Darwin G Tolzin, Adjutant Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars BY ORDER OF:

Cody L Mangold

Cody L Mangold, Commander Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars





## SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY



# LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE /COUNCILS OF ADMINISTRATION

#### **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY & PATRIOTS PEN & TEACHER AWARDS**

January 30th and January 31st, 2021

VIRTUAL VIA "ZOOM"

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th, 2021** 

#### **Department of South Dakota Auxiliary Agenda**

9:00 - 11:00 C of A Meeting

11:00 - 1:00pm Chairman Reports and Training

1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch

2:00pm - Join the VFW for VOD/PP & Teacher of the Year Awards (on their ZOOM)

#### 2:00PM

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN AND TEACHERS AWARDS

#### SUNDAY, January 31st, 2021

11:00 a.m. By-Law Committee Meeting

11:20 a.m. Budget & Audit Committees (after by-law meeting)

11:40 a.m. Legislative & other Committees as available and there will be time after the Council Meetings for other committee meetings.

REMEMBER!!! Committee Meetings are not only for members of the committees but anyone with interest can set in. No voting rights but for information.

12:00 p.m. COUNCIL OF ADMINSTRATION MEETING VFW





#### **News from the Staff Members and Committee Chair's**

#### Cody Mangold, Commander

Greetings,

A New Year is upon us already. There have been many changes in this past year, and I believe more changes will be coming forward. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced the VFW, and our society to change and become more virtual, and become more dependent on technology. We have seen how this has helped our communities and organization to continue to move forward, but on the same side it also has left some people behind. We as members need to assist and keep the membership aware of information and where to access it. We are in that stage where more information will be put on the South Dakota VFW webpage for easier access for all members. I did do a zoom with the membership, and I feel for the first time it did work. I do plan to continue to do the monthly zooms to discuss affairs for the VFW. The next Zoom will be discussing the plan for the Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Teachers of the Year will go. We will be doing it Virtually, but I know it will be a success with the help of all of the membership. On the SD VFW webpage upcoming events, and Zoom meetings will be on the calendar. To get to the calendar go to the website which is www.vfwsd.org/, then go to news, and under the news is the Calendar and select that. On the Calendar after the zoom has been scheduled you can click on the day and it will give you the link to connect. I used this way to connect on the last Zoom and it worked well for me. I do want to talk about membership as I have seen a trend that I believe we all should be aware of. We have members that have expired that are continuous members and have been so for many years. What I believe has happened is that even with the many reminders from National they forgot to renew. Reason why I believe they forgot to renew was that we as members forgot to give them a friendly reminder. I know posts have different events throughout the year to remind their members in some way to pay, but those events did not happen this year due to Covid-19. We all need to look and see who these people are and contact them. I know I am guilty of not contacting members that were about to expire, as I thought they would take care of it, and I just saw that a member I have known for a long time did not renew. I know that it is because they did not get that friendly reminder. That shows us how important it is for us to do our "buddy checks," and to encourage life memberships. It is very important to recruit new members, but it is also extremely important to retain our memberships. Retention has been the enemy for many organizations and the VFW is not alone in this. We all (including myself) need to reach out to the expired membership and bring them back. If they say they don't want to ask the simple question of Why?. Each person has a different reason, and as the old saying goes "you can't fix it if you don't know what needs to be fixed." I do look forward to seeing you all in person, but until then I look forward to seeing you on the Zooms, or other Virtual means. We can get through this together, as we all are resilient individuals. I am excited to see what this New Year brings us, but I also want you to look back on this past year and see what great things we have done, and also learn from what has unfolded. When reflecting we can learn from what did and did not work this past Year, and use that information for this New Year. I challenge you all to do this, as I am doing this now so I can learn from it. Please continue to keep up on all of the great work and know that we all appreciate you for everything you do for the Veteran's and our communities. Please feel free to contact me anytime. If you call please leave a message as I have been receiving many warranty calls lately or I am at work. Also please feel free to e-mail me, as when I'm at work on break I am able to respond a little bit quicker. I can be contacted at 605-770-1030, or cody.mangold@hotmail.com. Again, thank you for all you do.

"Looking out for Veteran's"

Cody Mangold Commander

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#### Dept Sr. Vice Commander - Barbara McKean General Orders January 2021

Reminder, your <u>Memorial Day & Veterans Day reports</u> are now due. You still need to submit reports even if your post didn't hold a program in 2020. Just indicate that in your report. I have already received a few (refer to attached spreadsheet). Remember to send me your Loyalty Day report in May 2021. Any reports submitted for May of 2020 do not count for the 2020-21 judging year. If any reports are missing from the attached spreadsheet, please forward them in an email directly to me.

All the nominations for the **EMT/EMS**, **Law Enforcement**, **and Firefighter of the Year** I received are listed on the attached spreadsheet. The due date to have received these reports to me is 1/1/2021.

While COVID may have required us all to change the way in which we conduct business, it has not stopped us from completing required actions of the VFW. Please continue to work your programs, recruit and maintain contact with fellow comrades.

I wish you all the **Happiest of Holidays and a Happy New Year!** 2021 is starting to look better already. Please reach out if I can assist you in any way.

v/r,

Barbara McKean Dept Sr. Vice Commander 504 S Wallace St, Parkston, SD 57366

C: 605-630-0771; Email: Barbara.mckean@ujs.state.sd.us

		REPORTS & PROGR	Annual Program Awards: Due to Barb McKean: 1/1/21				
POST – District 1	Number	Memorial Day Report	Veterans Day Report	Loyalty Day Report	EMT/EMS Award	LE Award	Firefighter Award
Sioux Falls	628						
Yankton	791						
Elk Point	915	6/13/20					
Parker	2821						
Beresford	2975						
Vermillion	3061	12/11/20	12/11/20	12/11/20		12/11/20	
Canton	3164						
Freeman	3728						
Brandon	4726	8/3/20					
Crooks	5770						
Alcester	6149						
POST – District 4	Number	Memorial Day	Veterans Day	Loyalty Day	EMT/EMS	LE	Firefighter
Watertown	750				_		
Brookings	2118	4/28/20					
Madison	2638	5/25/20	11/25/20				12/14/20

Sisseton	3342				1	1 1	
Flandreau	3351						
Milbank	3486	6/11/20					
Britton	3507	0/11/20					
Webster	4690						
Goodwin	6361						
Dell Rapids	10632						
POST – District 6	Number	Memorial Day	Veterans Day	Loyalty Day	EMT/EMS	LE	Firefighter
Aberdeen	17	8/14/20	- Colorano Day	9/2/20	2, 2		12/15/20
Huron	1776	7/7/20		5/2/20			==, ==, ==
Pierre	2038	10/11/20	12/19/20				
Mobridge	2741	20/22/20	12/25/25				
Redfield	2755						
Faulkton	3179						
Miller	3214						
Eureka	5126						
Wessington Springs	5548						
Turton	6481						
Gettysburg	8530	5/23/20	11/23/20			1	
POST – District 7	Number	Memorial Day	Veterans Day	Loyalty Day	EMT/EMS	LE	Firefighter
Marty	1353		Total and Day	20,000,000			
Mitchell	2750	6/5/20	11/16/20	12/14/20		11/3/20	11/3/20
Scotland	2966	9/3/20	11/13/20	,-,,			
Lake Andes	3239	-1-1-					
Parkston	3298	5/27/20	11/12/20		12/17/20		
Winner	4674	-,,					
Chamberlain	6436						
Plankinton	6554						
Tyndall	6895						
Armour	6897	7/15/20	11/16/20				
Wagner	7319	10/12/20	12/2/20				
Burke	9950		, , ,				
POST – District 10	Number	Memorial Day	Veterans Day	Loyalty Day	EMT/EMS	LE	Firefighter
Rapid City	1273	•	·				
Sturgis	2730						
Lemmon	2969						
Belle Fourche	3312						
Custer	3442		11/19/20			12/16/2020	
Faith	5751						
Newell	5807						
Spearfish	5860						
Deadwood	5969	5/26/20	11/18/20			12/15/2020	
Quinn	9120	-,,					

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# JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER JANUARY GENERAL ORDERS

2021 is upon us. Here is hoping each of you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a much better New Year.

The good news for this month is we now have seven Posts (Crooks, Sisseton, Dell Rapids, Marty, Tyndall, Wagner & Faith) who have attained 100% or better of their membership goal. Thank you to these Posts for their extraordinary hard work and dedication.

I know you are tired of numbers, however, as Leaders of this Organization you should be aware of membership conditions throughout the State. As of December 25<sup>th</sup>, the Districts had approximately the following numbers for Unpaid or Expired members; District 1-260, District 4-180, District 6-170, District 7-110, and District 10-180. As of that date our State Membership total stood at 88.85% or 900 members short of our goal. District and Post Commanders should consider mobilizing their Membership Teams and contact **Unpaid** and especially the **Expired** comrades within your jurisdiction. With a real push from the Leadership in each District and Post we can attain our goal. This takes a Team effort. If you need a roster of Unpaid and Expired personnel, please contact me. There are Veterans who are not members of our Organization. Recruit and Retain.

The State Commander's Membership Program states that to qualify for All-State Commanders and/or Quartermasters Team you must accomplish at least one membership roundup/activity and submit an After-Action report by January 1, 2021. Insure you submit this report as-soon-as possible to your District Membership Captain or the undersigned.

Please remember to reach out to members of your community who may need assistance during the next few months as the winter season can be a cold and lonely time. Stay safe.

Thank you for your continued support. If you need any assistance feel free to contact me.

Tom Hafner
Jr. Vice Commander
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# Department of South Dakota VFW Auxiliary January 2021 General Order Information

**Buddy Poppy Paintings:** Buddy Poppy Chairman Gerri Dahlin had a project this year with Buddy Poppy paintings. She was planning to sell and silent auction the paintings to raise money for the National Home for Children and the Commander and Presidents Project (50/50 split). With some of the exceptional paintings to be Auctioned in person by Patti Mitchell. Due to Covid 19 our in-person meetings have been canceled. We will be having a virtual silent Auction using the Department of SD VFW Auxiliary Facebook page. Starting on Saturday January 9, 2021 the department secretary will be posting the first painting, and another painting the following Wednesday (2 per week). You will be able to post your bid/bids in the comment section of the painting. Some of the paintings will have a minimum amount to start the auction with. The paintings will also be posted on the SD Aux Web page for viewing. If you do not have or use Facebook but you are interested in seeing the painting and even biding, please contact the department Secretary for assistance.

**Presidents Jewelry**: Each year the department president is tasked with finding a way to raise money for their project. This year was no exception. Due to the pandemic cancelling the inperson meetings we have been unable to sell those items. President Donita has necklaces, bracelets, and keyrings for sale. Pictures of the items will both be posted to the Web page and Facebook with their cost and who to contact if you are interested in purchasing any of the items.



# Isaac Full Chairman Decorated Veterans Pheasant Hunt Lonnie Potts Co-Chairman Decorated Veterans Pheasant Hunt Winston M. Toomey Post 8530 Gettysburg, SD

#### God bless America, Land of the free, because of the brave!

I feel this is one picture that say's a lot. It was taken in the door way of the Sloat/Larson round barn after the final pheasant hunt drive, of the 2020 Decorated Veterans Pheasant Hunt. Seated is one of our nation's hero's WWII veteran William Kaunzinger with his son Kurt. Many thanks William you made us all feel young, once again.



I might note that on the second hunt day William downed his first bird. That evening at dinner I mentioned to him that I thought he looked about 10 years younger, he replied "Well, Lonny I feel 20 years younger."

He also mentioned that it was 21 years since he last hunted pheasant. Hunt day 3 he bagged his limit and day 4 he also shot a limit and possibly one more. Day 5 he said he was happily ready to go home to momma. (his wife Lou)

Our 5 Vietnam veteran hunters and our special guest William all agreed it was a wonderful once in a life-time experience. They wish to convey their gratitude and many thanks to all of our SD VFW Post's, for helping fund this year's Decorated Veterans Pheasant Hunt.

The 2020 COVID edition Hunt was a success and as Don said on parting "Mission Accomplished Comrades"

Thank You from William Kaunzinger, John Reeves, Don Davis, Ed Stiteler, Clifton Brown & Tony Seahorn.

2020 Pheasant Hunt Chairman Isaac Full, Asst. Hunt chairman, Lonny Potts, VFW Post 8530. 2020 Pheasant hunt participants posing with their day's limit of South Dakota Roosters.



John Reeves, William Kaunzinger, Clifton Brown, Don Davis, Ed Stiteler, and Anthony Seahorn.

#### vfwsd@aol.com

From: Johnathan Duncan <JDuncan@vfw.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 5:02 PM
Cc: John Muckelbauer; Jason Couch

Subject:Post Assistance: Crowdfunding Guidelines/ Post Pandemic Grant CriteriaAttachments:Crowdfunding One-Pager.docx; 2021 VFW PPRG ELIGIBILITY UPDATES.PDF

#### Comrades,

COVID-19 has adversely affected everyone in one way or another and our Posts are not immune. Please see the attached documents that aim to provide Posts with options for some relief for immediate distribution.

\*The first document is a detailed explainer regarding digital crowdfunding (i.e. GoFundMe). Please review this document carefully; should you have questions after reading, do not hesitate to contact John Muckelbauer JMuckelbauer@vfw.org or myself JDuncan@vfw.org.

\*The second document covers the VFW Foundation Post Pandemic Relief Grant (PPRG). Of the \$680K allocated for this grant, there is about \$175K remaining in the fund. The updated PPRG application is available to download at <a href="www.vfw.org/grants">www.vfw.org/grants</a>. Questions regarding the PPRG may be directed to Jason Couch <a href="JCouch@vfw.org">JCouch@vfw.org</a> or 816.968.1174.

As combat veterans we're used to adapting to changes in the mission while under pressure, and 2020 has proved no different. We will continue to fight into 2021 and beyond; if we stick together, there is nothing we can't overcome. Thank you for all that you do.

Have a happy holiday and a blessed New Year.

Best,

Johnathan R. Duncan Director, Administrative Operations VFW National Headquarters 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, Missouri 64111 p:816.968.1133 f:816.968.1120

#### Crowdfunding and VFW's Solicitation of Funds

#### Background

The Manual of Procedure, at Sections 214, 414, and 514, (MOP) retains the general rule that precludes traditional solicitation outside of immediate geographic boundaries. An exception was created to allow Posts, Districts, and Departments to engage in web-based solicitation (crowdfunding) provided it is temporary. This change was made in 2016 in response to numerous complaints by members describing the difficulties encountered in raising the necessary funds for Posts. The challenge in addressing these complaints was to balance the need to allow for web-based fundraising with the traditional restrictions on ensuring various entities fundraise within their respective geographic areas. The intent of the change was to expend the geographic areas for web-based fundraising while keeping in place the restrictions for traditional fundraising activities.

#### Rule

The MOP precludes web-based fundraising that is "repetitive or ongoing." That is, the need to engage in web-based fundraising should be in response to a temporary need. Once that need is addressed, the crowdfunding solicitation should be discontinued. The rationale behind this is that, with the growth of web-based fundraising platforms, Posts, Districts, and Departments were being disadvantaged in terms of competing with other non-VFW entities for funds. Under the current MOP, a Post can raise funds using a crowdfunding platform for a particular need, such as repairing the Post's roof or providing funds to an assist an immediate need for an area veteran. Once that need is resolved, it is expected that the web-based solicitation would be removed (i.e., it is not ongoing).

#### Charitable Solicitation Laws

This is allowed as long as it does not violate applicable charitable solicitations laws. As with any fundraising activity, Posts, Districts, and Departments need to know the laws that regulate fundraising. The laws vary from state to state. In the majority of states, there are laws that require charitable nonprofits to register with the state before soliciting residents in their state. With crowdfunding, the regulations reach beyond the originating state and extend to the state in which funds are requested (which is world-wide with web-based fundraising). For example, an online crowdfunding event for a charity based in Florida that is viewed by the residents of New York could require charitable registration in New York. The failure to register can result in both civil and criminal penalties and, again, vary among the states. Potential penalties include state fines, requiring the nonprofit to return all solicited funds or ordering the nonprofit to cease soliciting donations within the state until registration is completed.

The "repetitive or ongoing" standard reflected in the MOP was derived from a group of state attorney's general and state charitable solicitation officials who recognized that the burdensome registration process would apply if the solicitation is ongoing or repetitive. This standard is viewed against various other factors to determine whether the state will enforce its charitable solicitation laws. In short, states generally will not pursue an action against a charity that engages in a temporary on-line fundraiser.

#### Other Considerations

That said, the Bylaws and MOP allow for it, with the caveat that state laws must be followed. In addition to an evaluation of the charitable solicitation laws, when deciding to use a fundraising platform website, a Posts, Districts, and Departments should research other issues, including:

- What fees will the website deduct from each contribution?
- Will the donors' information be provided?
- How will the website use a charity's donors' information? Is a privacy policy in place?
- When will contributions be deposited into a charity's bank account/mailed to the charity?
- What steps are being taken by the website to prevent solicitation fraud?
- What kind of accounting will the website provide to a charity?

#### Conclusion

Fundraising through web-based platforms (crowdfunding) is authorized under the Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Crowdfunding can be a useful way for Posts, Districts, and Departments to raise funds, but those entities should be aware of potential associated legal risks. These risks were explained when the changes were made to the MOP. The decision to adopt the changes in 2016 indicates a willingness for these entities to accept the risks.



#### **FY2021 VFW POST PANDEMIC RELIEF GRANT**

#### Eligibility Requirement Updates – December 2020

#### **PURPOSE**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, VFW Posts have been severely impacted in their ability to cover operating expenses through conventional means such as canteen sales and fundraising events. To address the challenge, in August 2020 the VFW Foundation earmarked \$680,000 for the VFW Foundation Post Pandemic Relief Grant (PPRG). Eligible Posts that own or lease their own Post Homes may apply for a grant of up to \$2,500.

As of December 10, 2020, nearly \$350,000 has been approved for PPRG support to 140+ VFW Posts. At its December 14, 2020, meeting the VFW Foundation board of directors approved changes in PPRG eligibility requirements to allow additional VFW Posts to qualify for assistance.

#### **ELIGIBILITY** (updates in RED type):

- Have completed any two out of the five following criteria during the 2018-2019 and/or 2019-2020 fiscal year:
  - 1. Achieved 100% membership.
  - 2. Submission of Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and/or Teacher of the Year
  - 3. Buddy Poppies purchased
  - 4. Donation made to Veterans & Military Support Programs
  - 5. Reported 1,000 or more hours of community service to their Department
- Be in good standing (i.e. not on suspension) with VFW National.
- Own or rent a Post Home. The title deed or lease agreement must be held by members of the VFW Post and cannot be jointly owned or rented by any other veterans' group(s).
- Have a fully completed Election Report on file with VFW National Headquarters.
- Have a combined total of less than \$25,000 in all non-restricted bank accounts held by the Post. Federal Payroll Protection Program grants are considered restricted funds and need not be counted when calculating the total amount in non-restricted accounts.
- Agree to complete and return a two-page grant report form along with proof of how the funding was used.
- Have a qualifying need, which includes payment assistance for the following:
  - o Mortgage/Rent
  - o Utilities (gas, electric, water, etc.)
  - o Insurance
  - o Property tax
  - Post home building repairs
  - Costs associated with bringing the Post building and personnel into compliance with Covid-19 safety regulations (e.g. cleaning/sanitizing, personal protective equipment (PPE), shields/sneeze guards, etc.)

The updated PPRG application is available to download at <a href="www.vfw.org/grants">www.vfw.org/grants</a>. Questions regarding the PPRG may be directed to Jason Couch: <a href="jcouch@vfw.org">jcouch@vfw.org</a> or 816-968-1174.

#### VFW FOUNDATION