

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11-12-07**

**JANUARY 2012**

1. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, **Duty of Trustees**. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each Quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2011. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the **Club Manager and Bingo Chairman**. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.
2. Post Commanders and Americanism Chairmen are reminded of the anniversary of the sinking of the **USS Maine** in Havana Harbor, February 15, 1898. A special meeting or a memorial program should be held to honor those Comrades who served in our Nation's cause in the Spanish-American War who formed the Veterans of Foreign Wars 114 years ago.
3. A thorough program of **Post inspection** is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. Department Inspectors and Deputies shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.
4. The distribution of **VFW Buddy Poppies** will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents.
5. **National Legislative/Voice of Democracy Conference** to be held March 3-7, 2012, Washington, DC.
6. The annual **Department Publication Contest** will be held again this year. All posts and districts that publish newsletters, bulletins, etc., are urged to enter the contest. Dates of the publication should be **January 2011 to December 2011**. Send copy of one issue to VFW Department Headquarters PO Box 15219, Columbus, OH 43215-0219. Department awards will be presented to the winners and those winners will be submitted to National Headquarters to be entered in the National contest. Deadline for receiving entries in Department Headquarters is **Friday, March 16, 2011**.
7. Announcement is made the deadline for submitting **Scouting of the Year** is April 1, 2012 post winners due to Department Chairman Alice Lantz.

8. Announcement is made of the following **District Meetings**:

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| District 1  | March 4     | Post 7424, Wauseon         |
| District 2  | March 4     | Post 4239, Sidney          |
| District 3  | March 11    | Post 3438, West Carrollton |
| District 4  | March 11    | Post 3809, Middletown      |
| District 5  | January 5   | Post 5108, Marietta        |
| District 6  | February 19 | Post 3747, Canton          |
| District 7  | February 5  | Doubletree, Independence   |
| District 8  | March 11    | Post 3383, Akron           |
| District 9  | March 11    | Post 2858, Tiffin          |
| District 10 | March 4     | Post 1067, Ashland         |
| District 11 | March 4     | Post 3761, Baltimore       |
| District 12 | March 11    | Post 108, Chillicothe      |

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