



State Commander
Executive Order No. 1
2020-2021 Series

January 28, 2021

WHEREAS, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, Governor Abbott has renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch has issued Executive Order No. 1 which states “Therefore, Department Commanders at their respective judgement and discretion may make such accommodations to conduct the fraternal business of the organization within COVID-19 federal, state, and local governmental ordinances and guidelines where COVID restrictions apply to include conducting such required meetings and conventions electronically.”; and

WHEREAS, The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires each non-profit to maintain adequate records to accurately report the exempt purposes and activities that supports their exemption under code Section 501(c)19. Each Post should maintain a Community Service Record Book for the purpose of verification to the IRS that they are fulfilling the objectives of its Charter and Non-Profit Status; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious and significant risk to all persons and conducting community service activities at the Post level may endanger members and guests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard “Dick” Shawver, Commander of the Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the National VFW and Department VFW By-Laws, and in accordance with guidance from the Governor of Texas and the Commander-in-Chief of the VFW and the CDC, do hereby order that;

No Post Commander or Post will be disqualified from attaining Department Commanders All-State recognition for failing to meet the Community Service deadlines as listed in the By-Laws of the Department of Texas provided, they are completed, reported, and credited by May 2, 2021.

Richard “Dick” Shawver
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