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## District Mid-Summers – Date, time, location and State Officer Assigned

- 1<sup>st</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am Post 1367 Holton, State Commander Gerald Marvin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am Post 10552 Shawnee, State Jr Vice Pat Briggs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am Post 3018 Fredonia, State Sr Vice Michael Holland
- 4<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Post 7515 Clyde, State Judge Advocate Bob Cox
- 5<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am Post 971 Newton, State Commander Gerald Marvin
- 6<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am Post 2864 Grinnell, State Chief of Staff J.T. Plummer
- 7<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am Post 7972 Ransom, State Jr Vice Pat Briggs

National Project is “Raise Mental Health Awareness”. Give an hour

[www.giveanhour.org](http://www.giveanhour.org)<<http://www.giveanhour.org>> will host the first annual ‘Day to Change Direction’ [www.changedirection.org/VFW-service-project](http://www.changedirection.org/VFW-service-project)<<http://www.changedirection.org/VFW-service-project>> on October 8, 2016. This will be a time to get Posts to “Know the Five Signs” of emotional distress (1. not feeling like u? 2. Feeling agitated? 3. r u withdrawn? 4. Caring 4 yourself? 5. Feeling hopeless?). check at [www.changedirection.org](http://www.changedirection.org) To learn more about One Mind visit [www.onemind.org](http://www.onemind.org)<<http://www.onemind.org>> More information to follow.

District and Department Officers are available to assist your Post when you need guidance to do the correct things in your Post business or Programs and other things as necessary. Post problems need to be handled at the Post level with assistance as necessary from District and Department officers.

Ensure your Post gets a new 2017 National Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual along with a new copy of the Department of Kansas By-Laws and Post By-Laws.

Audits & Post Inspections – Please send ALL directly to Department Headquarters. Check the online system to view your Post status.

September - is also the end of the third quarter and trustee’s audits should be completed early in October.

Quartermaster - bonds were due September 1st and it is noted that several Posts have not submitted the form or money for bonding.

Dues Renewal Notices - The dues notice is doing its job, but this will not make your Post 100%. You still need those new and recovered members and personal contact is the only way.

Buddy Poppies - should now be ordered for the fall distribution and ordering early will assure prompt shipment. Poppies are \$115.00 per thousand.

Endowment Scholarship - Please note the application must be returned no later than February 1, 2017.

Collegiate Veterans - Now that the colleges are back in session---hit the college campuses and show the Collegiate Veterans what the VFW does. If you need additional information contact Department Headquarters.

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen/Teacher program - Since school has now started, each Post should be reaching out to their community schools for participation in these programs. Entries are due to Post 1-November and to District 15-November.

\* These programs are included for eligibility in the All-State program.

Scout of the Year program - VFW Certificates of Achievement- All Kansas VFW Posts are responsible to issue Eagle Scout and or Girl Scout Gold Award Achievement Certificates; only if requested by the individual scout or at the discretion of the Post Commander. Be especially aware of dates specified for Kansas Scout of the Year entries. Due to no Sunday mail deliveries Kansas Scout of the year entry dates are as follows:

- NLT March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 entry data must be received from scout by VFW Post
- There is no limit how many entries Kansas VFW Posts can submit
- VFW Scouting Post representative will only REVIEW all entries for the required information and forward to State Scouting Chairperson
- The Post is relieved of grading or selecting any entry received
- NLT April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 - All Scout of the Year entries must be received by Department chairperson
- NLT May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 - KS Selectee data will be submitted to National HQ

Eisenhower Vigil information and its stand times

**LOCATION:** Eisenhower Gravesite and Place of Meditation, Eisenhower Center, Abilene, Kansas.

**TIME:** 1630 hours October 14 to 0720 hours October 15, 2016

**STANDING THE VIGIL** will be performed by District members in the time frames allocated based on this past years membership performance.

DATE	Start Time	Stop Time	District
Friday 10/14/2016	1630	1645	Color Guard
			State Commander/ State President
	1645	1848	7 <sup>th</sup> District
	1848	2051	2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Saturday 10/15/2016	2051	2254	1 <sup>st</sup> District
	2254	0057	5 <sup>th</sup> District
	0057	0300	6 <sup>th</sup> District
	0300	0503	3 <sup>rd</sup> District
	0503	0705	4 <sup>th</sup> District

**UNIFORM OF THE DAY**

**VFW:** Cap, slacks, white shirt w/tie (blazer optional) or suit.

**Aux:** Black blazer, black slacks, Blouse either blue or white, black shoes. No open-toed or sandals.

**Men's Aux:** Auxiliary cap, slacks, white shirt w/tie (blazer optional) or suit.

**MOC:** Cap, white slacks, white shirt w/tie, white shoes (red blazer optional)

**MOCA:** Red blazer, white slacks, white blouse and red/white shoes. No open-toed or sandals.

COOTIE - Council of Administration Meeting, Saturday – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am at Post 971 Newton.