

**VFW
DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO**

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TO BE READ TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE NEXT POST MEETING AND FILED

1. Attention is directed to the new shipping address for Department (VFW Dept. of New Mexico, 123 Via Golondrina, Glencoe, N.M. 88324).
2. Attention is directed to all VFW Posts and Districts; Department is still receiving mail at old address in Ruidoso, update your contacts with new address (VFW Dept. of New Mexico, PO Box 67, Glencoe, N.M. 88324)
3. Attention is directed to Community Activity Reports. They are not to be sent to Department. E-Mail to Cathy Brock, at oldwac@aol.com or mail to Cathy Brock 2802 W. Stiles Rd., Hobbs N.M. 88242
4. Attention is directed to the sending of PAC donations. Address is P.A.C., 200 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20002
5. Attention is directed to State, District, and Post resignations and replacements. Department Headquarters needs to be notified of changes in writing, as well as National Headquarters.
6. Attention is directed to Article II, Section 202 of the National Manual of Procedure which states: "Copies of By-Laws, including amendments, adopted by a Post shall, within thirty (30) days, be forwarded to the Department Commander for review and forwarding to the Commander-in-Chief. By-Laws or amendments adopted by a Post shall become effective upon review by the Commander-in-Chief, provided such By-Laws do not conflict with the By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual or laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States." A few Posts are amending their By-Laws without going through the proper channels for approval. Those By-Law amendments are null and void until such approval is given.
7. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the National By-Laws, Article II, Section 203; Regular, Special and Committee Meetings; Quorum; Authorized Attendees- Sub Section Guests; which states; "With the approval of the Post Commander/Committee Chairman, any member or guest may attend a Post/Committee meeting. Such visiting member or guest shall have no voice unless recognized by the Post Commander/Committee Chairman, and shall have no voting privileges." This subsection is vague in that if the guest is a non-member, he/she cannot attend a Post meeting, because it is a violation of the Ritual regarding "Post Meeting Opening Ceremonies" which clearly states; "The Officers will take their respective stations. All persons not members of the VFW will kindly retire and the Guard will close the door. (The Commander ascertains if non-members have retired)." Guests (non-members) that need to address the membership on any issue may preferably do so before the start of meeting or the Commander may call for a recess during which he/she may talk and then leave the premises. They (non-members) cannot stay for the duration of meeting. (Conferred with National Headquarters for clarification on this issue.)
8. Attention is directed to Post Commanders to read and understand Article II, Section 218 (a) (1) a. through l. of the Manual of Procedure. Failure to perform these duties as outlined may result in removal from office.

