

VFW Springdale Post 9617 2021 Nomination of Officers

Elected Officers	Current	Nominated	Elected
Commander	Gerard, Philip Alan	Gerard, Philip Alan*	
Senior Vice Commander	Finn, Thomas J.	Finn, Thomas J.*	
Junior Vice Commander	Dudley, James	Dudley, James *	
Quartermaster	Cody, Robert M.	Cody, Robert M.	
Chaplain	Pensiero, Marco R.	Pensiero, Marco R.	
1 Year Trustee	Venezio, Anthony	Santangelo, James R.	
2 Year Trustee	Santangelo, James R.	Drenckhahn, Frederick J	
3 Year Trustee	Drenckhahn, Frederick J	Venezio, Anthony	
Appointed Officers	Current	Recommended	Appointed
Adjutant	Gerard, Philip Alan	Gerard, Philip Alan	
Judge Advocate	Blumenthal, Matthew	Blumenthal, Matthew	
Surgeon	Finn, Thomas J.	Finn, Thomas J.	
Officer of the Day	Vasta, Joseph	Vasta, Joseph	
Service Officer	Gerard, Philip Alan	Gerard, Philip Alan	
Guard	Smeriglio, Anthony	<i>Vacant</i>	
Committee Chairmen	Current	Recommended	Appointed
Membership	DeMasi, Francis B.	DeMasi, Francis B.	
Service/Relief	Venezio, Anthony	Venezio, Anthony	
Poppy	Santangelo, James R.	Santangelo, James R.	
Youth Activities/Americanism	Elam, Archie	Elam, Archie	
Publicity/Ways & Means	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
Community Activities	Lee, Paul R.	Lee, Paul R.	

Notes:

- This is the nominating committee slate for officer elections and appointed officers.
- Other members nominated and/or volunteering for elected officer positions have the right to a vote for that position.
- Once the officers are elected, they have the authority to appoint all other officers regardless of nominating committee recommendations.
- * Nominated as State Convention delegate

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VFW By-Laws

Sec. 215 - Eligibility to Office.

All members shall be eligible to hold any office in the Post provided that proof of eligibility has been submitted and verified by the Post Commander and Adjutant prior to the installation. No member shall hold two elective Post offices at the same time but may hold one elective and one or more appointive offices. Elected Committee members are not Post Officers and accordingly may concurrently hold an elected Post office as provided for in Section 216 of these By-Laws. Post officers, elected or appointed, may be eligible to hold office in a higher body and such offices may be held concurrently.

Post trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers having to do with the receipt and expenditure of Post funds whose records and accounts are audited by the trustees.

Any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing by reason of failure to pay current dues by their anniversary date shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office in that administrative year.

Any member who is suspended from membership, pursuant to Article IX, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office during the period of suspension.

Sec. 216 - Elected and Appointed Officers; Chairmen and Committees.

(a) The officers of each Post will consist of a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and three (3) Trustees.

(b) **The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three trustees.**

(c) **The appointed officers of each Post shall consist of at least an Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and Guard** to be appointed as prescribed in Section 216 in the Manual of Procedure.

Sec. 217 - Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office.

Post officers shall be nominated, elected and installed as prescribed in Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure.

An officer elected and assuming the duties of an office shall continue to hold office for the period for which elected and until a successor assumes the duties of the office, unless the office is declared vacant under the provisions of Sections 216 or 220 of these By-Laws. Except as may be otherwise provided in Post By-Laws, chairmen and members of committees shall cease to hold office at the end of the administrative year.

Sec. 221 - Voting.

Each Post member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Only Post members of the Post shall be entitled to vote at Post meetings. Voting shall be as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure.

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VFW Manual of Procedure

Sec. 216 - Elected and Appointed Officers; Chairmen and Committees.

The Commander, on the night of election or as soon thereafter as possible, shall appoint the Adjutant, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and such other officers, chairmen and committees as may be required by Department or Post By-Laws or by vote of the Post membership. The Commander may appoint such other officers, chairmen and committees as deemed appropriate to properly conduct the affairs of the Post. The Commander retains authority to remove these officers, committee chairmen and committee members at any time. Post officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the Post Adjutant.

Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to office. In the event an elected or appointed officer fails to submit proof of eligibility within sixty (60) days of election or appointment, any right of the officer to hold the office shall be forfeited, the office declared vacant and the eligibility qualifications of such officer shall be questioned in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws.

Sec. 217 - Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office.

Order of nominations and elections. The order of nominations and elections shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and Trustee(s).

Nomination. Prior to the opening of nominations, the Post shall decide which form of election shall be used, unless the Post By-Laws specify the manner of election.

Any nominee shall have the opportunity to decline nomination for the office to which they have been nominated before nominations are closed. A member making the nomination of an absentee for any office shall have presented to the Adjutant, in writing, the consent of the member being nominated prior to the opening of nominations. Nominations of Post Officers shall open in March and remain open until the Post is ready to vote, provided, however, that when a poll system is used, as hereinafter described, nominations must be closed at the meeting prior to the election to allow the Adjutant to prepare a printed ballot.

Election. Post officers shall be elected in April. Balloting for Post officers may be conducted by open vote or written secret ballot (handwritten or printed) at a regular Post meeting, or, if required by Post By-Laws or authorized by Post vote prior to the opening of nominations, by a poll system. Absentee ballots and proxy votes are prohibited.

A majority vote of all votes cast, except where otherwise designated, shall be necessary to elect. If there be no election on the first ballot, the name of the comrade receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so on in successive ballots until an election is made.

Poll System. The Post shall determine where and during what hours the polls shall be open for members in good standing to cast their vote; and shall determine the procedure for tallying the votes; and the procedure to be followed in the event of a tie. Due notice of any election to be conducted pursuant to poll system including the time and place for voting, shall be provided to members in good standing within reasonable time prior to the date of the election. That notice

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shall contain the names of the candidates. The candidate receiving the greater number of votes cast shall be the winner.

Challenging Election Results. If irregularities are claimed with respect to the election to any office, such challenge must be made in a writing containing specific details concerning the irregularities, signed by the challenger, and forwarded to the District Commander, mailed no later than three (3) days after the election. Installation of Officers. The Post Commander-elect will select the installing officer who holds or has held a rank at least as high as that of Post Commander. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. The installation may be conducted publicly at an open meeting.

An officer-elect who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or cause may be installed at any regular or special meeting prior to the Department convention. If not then installed, the office will automatically become vacant.

Term of Office. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year except that three trustees shall initially be elected for terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years and thereafter one (1) trustee shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years.

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ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

- Sec. 1. Eligibility to, nomination, election or appointment, installation and term of office shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws.
- Sec. 2. The duties of all officers shall be those prescribed by National and Department By-Laws, lawful orders as the Post may direct and as these By-Laws may provide.
- Sec. 3. The elected Post Officers shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three (3) Trustees.
- Sec. 4. The appointed Post Officers shall be Adjutant, Judge Advocate, **Assistant Chaplain**, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and Guard

ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

- Sec. 1. All Committees and their chairmen, unless otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the Commander as promptly as possible after election to office. The Commander retains the authority to remove any appointed committee chairmen or committee member at any time. The Post Quartermaster shall be the Treasurer of all committees handling funds. In addition, the Post Commander, by virtue of their office, shall be a member of all committees.
- Sec. 2. The Standing Committees of the Post shall be as follows:
 - (a) Membership
 - (b) Service/Relief
 - (c) Poppy
 - (d) Youth Activities/Americanism
 - (e) Publicity/Ways and Means
 - (f) Community Activities