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Membership

For the month of June 2025, the Post that leads each division will receive a Veterans of Foreign Wars Eligibility Ribbon Shadow Box. This case is suitable for display at the Post, or at recruiting events to show all the campaign medals and badges that qualify a veteran for VFW membership. In addition, at the end of the year every Post who has led their division in the monthly challenges will be featured on a video display at the National Convention to recognize their achievements.

Keep it up and we will show everyone how NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!

This contest will run from June 1 through June 30, 2025. Applications and payments processed online before close of business will be credited that day, payments and applications made through the mail will be processed when received. Questions about this or other membership programs can be sent to membership@vfw.org.

As a reminder, every month we will award points to our Posts as follows:

- Recruit a new annual member into the Post: 1 point
- An annual or lapsed member converts to Life: 5 points
- Recruit a new Life Member into the Post: 10 points

MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES

Do you want to help your Post meet your membership goals? Log into [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org) and go to <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/membership-recruiting-and-retention> where you can view training videos, download recruiting materials and posters, and gain access to all the tools you need in order to help recruit, retain, and mentor your members!

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Keep in mind the membership requirements set out by the Commander-in-Chief:

- Achieve 102% in Membership
- For everyone to recruit at least one new member and then mentor that member.
- Increase membership drives and/or events.
- Develop new Posts and/or revitalize existing Posts.
- Increase Life Membership and Legacy Life Membership.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MATERIAL ORDER FORM

We have made it easier for you to get all the recruiting brochures you will need to make this membership year successful! It's as easy as one two three!

1. Go to vfw.org and click the login link in the upper right corner. Sign in when prompted.
2. Under "Membership Quick Links," select Membership Online Order Form.
3. Use the dropdown list to indicate items you need. The form will automatically calculate the cost of items and shipping. When finished, click SUBMIT and it will take you to a billing page if there are any charges.

Follow these simple steps and if you have any questions, you may contact the Membership department at 1.888.564.6839 or email us at membership@vfw.org.

UPCOMING TRAINING

Our next Membership Monday training webinar will be on June 6th, at 2:00 PM, Central time. We will be hosting a Year-End Round-Up to provide best practices for meetings and surpassing membership goals as the end of the membership year approaches. Follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/VFWMembership> to learn how to attend this online training.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to vfw.org, click on JOIN, and scroll down to Legacy Life Membership and then click on the video on the right. This prestigious program is available to all Life Members and is now available in memoriam for past Life Members. There are three levels of membership; each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

<u>Enrollment Cost:</u>		<u>Annual Payouts:</u>	
<u>Levels</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>National</u>
Gold- \$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

What will your Legacy be?

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP RECRUITERS!

Top Three Recruiters as of 27 June 2025

Timothy M. Borland – 932 members
VFW Post 9972, Dept of AZ

Michael D. Boll – 328 members
VFW Post 2433, Dept of NJ

Ed Stefanak, Jr. – 290 members
VFW Post 9539, Dept of SC

These comrades are leading the charge for membership growth – will you take up the challenge and see your name on this list?

VFW Foundation

The VFW Foundation welcomed three new team members on Monday, May 12, 2025

1. Anthony "Tony" Lowe, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations. Many of you may already know Tony from his previous roles at the VFW DC office and, more recently, as a consultant to the VFW Foundation.
2. Savanna Cavanaugh, Corporate Relations Manager.
3. Mario Garcia III, Corporate Relations Manager.

We also kindly ask VFW members to always be on the lookout for potential business relationships. If you know of a patriotic company that might want to sponsor VFW programs or services, please direct them to Tony Lowe, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations, at 816.968.2766 or tlowe@vfw.org.

Contact: Richard Freiburghouse, VFW Foundation Director of Donor Relations at RFreiburghouse@vfw.org.

VFW National Convention

VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING UPDATE

Guestroom availability at our contracted hotels for the Convention is currently very limited. At this time, full-convention stays are not available. However, if you only need accommodations for a few nights, we recommend checking availability within those hotels, as partial stays may still be possible.

Overflow hotels are being secured, and details will be posted soon. Please continue to check the Convention website at vfw.org/convention for the most up-to-date housing information.

For any questions regarding guestroom availability, please contact housing@experiencecolumbus.com

CONVENTION REGISTRATION – Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the VFW National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee provided the Post has paid the mandated \$25 advance registration fee. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. **ATTN: Convention Registration**, Quartermasters are strongly encouraged to register delegates utilizing the on-line membership system (OMS).

Development

Here is some helpful information about why the support of every VFW member is vitally important. VFW's life-changing programs are not possible through membership dues alone. In fact, **membership dues alone cover just 18% of the cost of programs**. As a nonprofit organization, the VFW relies heavily on the generosity of its members and patriotic supporters. When members donate, 100% of their net donation goes directly back to support their Department. *Please spread the word and give as generously as you are able.*

Independence Day is Coming Up – The VFW is preparing for a special online celebration of freedom with our annual observance of Independence Day. Please visit vfw.org to find ways you can honor our nation's veterans and service members by spreading a message of patriotism and remembrance to your friends and family.

July Matching Gift Campaign – Also coming up next month, good friends of the VFW are extending an offer to **triple your donation**. By sending back one of the vouchers included in your package, your generosity will help fellow protectors get the vital support they need — times three!

Donor Advised Funds Benefit You and America's Veterans – You can make an impact now and after your lifetime by supporting the VFW. A donor advised fund (DAF) is a charitable savings account that allows you income tax charitable deductions and doesn't incur capital gains taxes. Name the VFW as your beneficiary and you'll be creating opportunities and support for America's veterans for years to come. Learn how you can make a difference: <https://vfw.planmylegacy.org/daf-power>. Let us know if we can help you plan a gift by contacting the VFW Major Gifts Office at 816.820.9768 or vfwmajorgifts@vfw.org.

Have You Heard About the VFW's Partners in Patriotism? – Adjutant General Dan West would like you to join him in supporting the VFW's life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families. The VFW has an option that allows you to support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis, which helps reduce expenses and eliminates the amount of fundraising mail you receive. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. Once you join Partners in Patriotism, you will only receive the Quarterly Supporter newsletters to keep you informed of the many efforts your monthly gifts are making possible and a Year-End Tax Receipt mailed by the end of January. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact Donor Services in the VFW Development Department toll-free at 1.833.VFW.GIVE (1.833.839.4483) or email us at partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

VFW Friends of Freedom – If you are not already a member of the VFW's online community, please visit vfw.org and look for the gold banner that says "**Find Out What's Happening**" to sign up. As a member of the VFW's Friends of Freedom, you will receive special emails with breaking VFW news, legislative alerts and unique opportunities to help the VFW in assisting our nation's veterans, service members and their families. You may also visit vfw.org/VFWatWork and click on "**Read VFW success stories**" to learn how the VFW is fighting for veterans' rights, assisting veterans in need, educating our youth and aiding military families across the nation. Check back often to see newly posted stories!

VFW Department Resource Page – We encourage all VFW Departments to actively support the VFW Department Fundraising Programs. The success of these initiatives relies on the participation and backing of your department's members. Promotional materials can be accessed by visiting heroes.vfw.org/VFWTools.

Marketing Communications

VFW Marketing Resources at Your Fingertips.

Summer is one of the busiest times of year for the VFW, and that's why the VFW has promotional toolkits and resources in the Communications & Public Affairs section of Training & Support behind the member login.

Whether you need resources to better cultivate your Post's social media presence, or promotional materials for PACTActInfo.org, the #StillServing Day of Service campaigns, or the 125th Anniversary that wraps up in August, the Training & Support section is where you'll find everything from logo guidance and radio spots to posters and suggested social media posts, and so much more!

Log in and start using these helpful tools today!

Veterans & Military Support Programs

All American Eligibility

To qualify for **All-American**, a **minimum donation of \$125** must be donated to **VMS** by **June 30, 2025**. VMS donations will only be handled through the Dashboard. All Posts must click on the **"VMS Donation"** tab on the **Dashboard** to donate. The link will point them to OMS. Please do not send checks to the National Headquarters. If a Post does not use a credit card, the Post will send their donation to their Department HQs and the Department HQs will submit the donation for their Post. Credit will automatically update on the Dashboard daily. Overseas Departments will donate to the other programs through the link also in lieu of participation. This will automatically update daily.

When you make your **\$125.00** or more donation, all that needs to be entered into the box is 125 or more. The \$ and .00 are **not required** in the donation amount box.

Do not use the red donate link in the upper right-hand corner of this webpage. This is for general donation purposes only.

126th National Convention – Columbus, OH

As we plan for the **2025 National Convention**, there is a new design for the **VMS Lapel Pins** for the **2025-26 Program year**! ADJs/QMs will be able to pre-order their pins and will be able to pick them up at convention again this year. Notification and order forms have been emailed and provided. **Payment cannot be made prior to July 1, 2025**. Please use the **VMS Donation** link on the Dashboard to pay for your order after **July 1, 2025, for the 2025-26 Program year**.

VFW Financial Assistance for Service Members

The **VFW Unmet Needs Program** will now be called **VFW Financial Assistance for Service Members**. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Mark Herron at mherron@vfw.org or 816.968.1102.

Military Appreciation Program (MAP) Grant Funds

The **Military Assistance Program (MAP)** is now being named as the **Military Appreciation Program (MAP)**, effective immediately.

The **VFW MAP Grant** is **closed** for the 2024-25 program year. The 2024-25 MAP Grant funds have been depleted. Any events held after the closure of the MAP grant will not be reimbursed with the 2025-26 funds.

VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"

The **2025 Fall Semester** is now closed. The **2026 Spring Semester** will open Aug. 1, 2025. The application will be available online only at vfw.org/Scholarship.

VMS Program Tools

The Veterans & Military Support (VMS) Program Tools webpage is updated every month. Link to the webpage is <https://www.vfw.org/VMSPTools>

Continue to do what you are doing and thank you for your support!

VFW Programs

DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS. Military service flags, insignias, etc. should be displayed in the following order (left to right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and then Coast Guard. For military flags, go to vfwstore.org/searchresults?q=MilitaryFlag.

PROGRAMS DASHBOARD TOOL. Please encourage Posts to read the VFW National Membership Program 2024-25. Military Appreciation Program grants have been launched to show Departments and Posts how much grant assistance has been received from National HQs to supplement the Financial Assistance for Service Members grants and the VFW Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship statistic. The information charts reside in the KPI tools section.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM. This program is designed to provide recognition and awards to VFW members who volunteer their time to outside organizations. Recognition is in the form of certificates and/or lapel pins which are given to volunteers who have completed the number of hours prescribed for those awards. For more information, see the VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairperson's Guide or contact Mary at 816.756.3390, ext. 6287 in the VFW Programs department for a nomination form.

VFW 22nd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION. It is time again to check out the variety of great items that are donated by our VFW Departments. You will be able to view and bid on these items as they are received. The bidding begins at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 9th, and goes on until Monday, August 11th, at 3 p.m. when the bidding ends. Winners may pay for their items after 3:00 p.m., Monday at a specific register at the VFW Store until 4:00 p.m. For those winners unavailable Monday, may pay on Tuesday, August 12th, beginning at 8:00 a.m., until NOON (12:00 p.m.), when the exhibit hall closes. Items not paid and picked up after this time will be returned to VFW National Headquarters and dispersed from there. Winning bidders are contacted for a shipping address and shipping costs will be applied to their bid. If we are unable to contact that person, the item will be offered to the next highest bidder.

VFW HONOR'S AMERICA'S TEACHERS DURING 2024-25 PROGRAM YEAR. Congratulations to the following teachers who were selected National winners for 2024-25:

Elementary School level – Tim Smiddy, Staunton Elementary School, Staunton, Illinois, selected by VFW Post 1241, Staunton, Illinois.

Middle School level – Christie Wingo, Colorado Springs Christian School, Colorado Springs, Colorado, selected by VFW Post 7829, Monument, Colorado.

High School level – Rebecca Byrd, Sevier County High School, Sevierville, Tennessee, selected by VFW Post 12199, Sevierville, Tennessee.

National awards will be presented in August to each teacher during the VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Each of the winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the National Convention and a \$1,000 cash award for professional development expenses (winners will receive a 1099-MISC); \$1,000 award to each winning teacher's school; plaques for both the winning teacher and his or her school. Each Department's recipients and their schools will receive a National Commendation citation, which will be sent to the Department Headquarters prior to the National Convention for presentation.

OUTSTANDING NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD. Each year on July 1, the National Programs office will determine the top community service Posts in each conference, based on their community service reporting and total impact, from July 1 to June 30 of the previous year. Your total impact of community service is figured by the money spent to host and organize the community service event, plus total hours all volunteers participated, plus the mileage for all volunteers (Dollars Donated + Hours + Mileage = Total Impact).

These four Posts will be awarded the Award for Community Service and will be invited to attend the VFW National Convention. The Post Commander (or designated representative) and a guest will receive round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations for five nights, and a \$599 stipend to receive the award at the VFW National Convention.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE POST OF THE YEAR. Each Department will have an NCSP winner based on total impact also. National will select based on end of year reports on July 1. Winners will also be published in the Convention program booklet and receive a street sign identifying this national award for the Post to put up in their community.

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME! It is the perfect time to contact schools, youth groups, parent organizations and others with information about Voice of Democracy® and Patriot's Pen. Schools are making curriculum decisions now and parents are thinking about scholarships.

Please remember that Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen are VFW programs supported by the VFW Auxiliary. It is inappropriate for a VFW Auxiliary to conduct a separate judging at any level.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please email Jlinstra@vfw.org or call 816.968.1155.

NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN THEMES. The 2025–26 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore. The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen theme will be **“How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support For Our Country?”**

NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN ENTRY FORMS. The new 2025-26 Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entry forms are now available on the VFW website.

FLAG DAY, JUNE 14. All VFW units are reminded to properly display the U.S. Flag on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14 and to conduct a ceremony or program as feasible. You may contact the VFW Communications Department for a Flag Day speech. It is also suggested Posts should award the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award (Product No. 4385) for those who have daily displayed our national flag.

PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11, is designated as “Patriot Day.” The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States. For flags and other patriotic items, click here vfwstore.org/category/patriotic/miscpatriotic.

“UPDATED” POW/MIA FLAG -- OFFICIAL DISPLAY DAYS. Under previous Public Law 105-85 (Nov. 16, 1997), it indicated there were only six days that federal agencies, military installations and U.S. post offices were required to display the POW/MIA flag. Now under new law, Public Law 116-67 (Nov. 7, 2019), it is required that the POW/MIA flag, on certain federal properties, be flown on all days on which the flag of the United States is displayed. To purchase a POW/MIA flag, go to vfwstore.org/products/GP237.

IRS AND VFW AWARD MONIES. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. This will include the VFW programs Patriot’s Pen and Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

VFW Member Benefits

Benefit Program for VFW: Emergency Assistance Plus® (EA+®)

EA+ empowers confident travel by providing essential medical support for unexpected vacation emergencies.

Take your next trip with added peace of mind when you travel with EA+, and receive benefits such as medical assistance, emergency medical evacuation, transportation home, companion assistance, nurse escorts, and more. This added layer of protection provides extra funds when you're sick or hurt, independent of your medical insurance.

With 24/7 global support, you're always protected. Trust in EA+ to protect you during your next vacation.

Discover your ideal membership that best fits you and your family’s needs. Explore options and learn more at www.emergencyassistanceplus.com/VFWEAPEEnroll.

“Buddy”® Poppy

NATIONAL “BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST. The time frame for registering and setting up the Department winning Buddy Poppy displays for the national judging at convention will be the same as usual. Department winning entries will be accepted for registration and may be set up beginning at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, until noon, Monday, Aug. 11, 2025. Winning displays will be identified with the appropriate ribbons on Tuesday morning, August 12 and announced later, on the convention floor. **Displays must be removed prior to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.** Any displays left after this time will be removed for disposal by convention center personnel during the disassembly of the exhibit hall.

“BUDDY”® POPPY CAMPAIGN. Although we emphasize Buddy Poppies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, it is important to realize that the distribution of Buddy Poppies should be a year-round exercise. Each time a Post participates in an activity where the public will be present, Buddy Poppies should be present as a fundraising tool and simply to recognize our fallen comrades.

Where the VFW appears, Buddy Poppies should be a constant reminder that we will never forget those who have perished in the name of liberty. Just as “They Gave, Will You?” is a year-round thing, so should the distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies.

Remember that your poppies should be ordered a minimum of three (3) weeks in advance of your distribution date.

BUDDY POPPY POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

- 1) Departments must order poppies through OMS.
- 2) All claims of non-receipt of a Buddy Poppy order must be made within 60 days of the date of the order or will NOT be replaced free of charge.
- 3) All orders for the traditional Buddy Poppy, Anniversary Poppies or tin tab poppies must be placed through your Department Headquarters. Auxiliaries must go through their Post to order all poppies.
- 4) The tin tabs do count towards the Buddy Poppy requirement for the All-American program.
- 5) If you do not receive your order within four weeks of placing it with your department, please contact your Department Headquarters to report you have not received your order.
- 6) All poppies are shipped within 10 days of ordering except orders placed in June and July, due to preparation for National Convention, please allow an additional five business days.

Miscellaneous items (coin cans, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddypoppy or by calling Member Service Center at 1.833.839.8387.

The Manual of Procedure provides that Post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen, Citizenship Education, and Community Service if suggestions in the chairperson’s guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organizations, exempt from taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of Buddy Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the Post general fund.

VFW ANNIVERSARY BUDDY POPPIES. Special poppies are available to Posts celebrating their 25th, 50th, 75th and 100th anniversaries. The poppies are the same design as traditional poppies but come in silver for the 25th anniversary Post, gold for the 50th anniversary Post and diamond (iridescent white) for the 75th anniversary Post. Posts currently in their 100th anniversary year can order any color and as many as they need. If not in your 100th anniversary year, please limit your order of anniversary poppies to 1,000 to ensure stock does not run out. These are ordered through the Department in OMS and processed the same as red poppies and should be distributed and used in displays just like the red poppies.

Currently we have no plans to replenish the inventory of Anniversary Poppies due to increased cost and the small quantities we sell of Anniversary Poppies. Based on the past four years’ sales, we have sufficient inventory for the next 1.1 years of Gold, 1.2 years of Diamond, and 14 years of Silver.

Quartermaster General

The new **Stars & Stripes Society** donor recognition program is in full swing. This program is designed to enrich the giving experience of those who generously contribute essential funds that support the VFW’s veteran-focused initiatives. Members, non-members, corporations, organizations, or anyone desiring to leave a lasting impression by supporting the work of this organization can participate.

Choose the level of giving you like, and you can always upgrade to the next level when the time is right for you. Visit this link today: <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/166506/action/1>

Member Service Center

The Member Service Center and Online Membership System will pause membership processing on Monday, June 30, at 6:00 p.m. CDT in preparation for the membership year-end. All membership mail received prior to 6:00 p.m. CDT (including orders faxed and phoned in) will be processed.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m., we will begin the year-end processing reports.

As in the past, IT will require a short period of time to reconcile VFW final year-end processing reports and will keep you posted as to when the system(s) will be returned to service.

National Veterans Service

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE (VAVS) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VFW is seeking volunteers including students who are willing to make a difference in a veteran's life through the VA Voluntary Service program. Whether you can volunteer once, occasionally, or regularly your assistance and time is priceless to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and our Nation's Veterans. VFW membership is not required to participate in this program, so encourage family, friends, and community members to support veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors! See www.vfw.org/VolunteerService for more information and to contact a VFW Volunteer Representative at your local VA facilities.

National Legislative Service/Action Corps

Take Action to Say NO to Putting Veterans in Debt

Make your voices heard by taking action TODAY. Veterans should never go into debt to access their earned benefits! The VFW has repeatedly expressed concerns about charging veterans for initial claims assistance based on their future benefits, and thus, we strongly oppose [H.R. 3132](#), *CHOICE for Veterans Act of 2025*, as written. This would potentially put veterans into debt even before utilizing their benefits. [Tell your representatives](#) to vote NO when this bill is brought to the House floor for a vote.

VFW Store

Need a new outdoor flag? As we enter the summer months, now is a good time to check your outdoor flags for signs of wear and tear. To replace your old flag, click [VFW Store outdoor U.S. flags](#) for the complete line of U.S. flags available at the VFW Store. And for booklets with information on how to care for your flags, click [VFW Store citizen education](#).

Celebrate the VFW's 125 years of service! Check out the selection of memorabilia available at the VFW Store: [VFW Store 125th Anniversary](#)



Roll Call of Departed Comrades

NESLON, NORMAN, I., All American Commander, Department of Utah, 2006-2007, and a Gold Legacy Life Member of George Gidney Post No. 1695, Brigham City, Utah, April 13, 2025.

TURK, JERRY, L., Commander, Department of Missouri, 2000-2001, and a Life Member of St. Francois County Post No. 2426, Desloge, Missouri, May 25, 2025.

PAULEY, LEON, T., Commander, Department of West Virginia, 2018-2019, and a Gold Legacy Life Member of Memorial City Post No. 3081, Grafton, West Virginia, May 25, 2025.



General Orders No. 11

2024-25 Series

1. No Post, District, County Council, State or other unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and no officer or member has authority to grant the right to manufacture, reproduce or deal in items bearing the name, including the acronym VFW, and/or emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or any colorable imitation thereof. The only authority to use the name, emblem, or any marks of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States would be by issuance of express written consent by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States National Headquarters. Please see the references below.

Pursuant to Title 36 U.S. Code Sections 230101-230107, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has the exclusive right to the use of its name and the sole exclusive right to the use of the emblem and badges adopted by the corporation. Additionally, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,708,070; 1,686,881; 1,982,411; 1,827,269 for the mark "VFW" as well as eight additional registrations including the term VFW. Finally, it is a federal offense to use the name or emblems of a federally chartered veterans' organization. See Title 18 U.S. Code Section 705.

2. Posts that have not submitted a Post Election Report Form listing the Post Officers for 2025-2026 should do so immediately for matter of record and so mailings can be made to the proper officers within the Post. Not doing so will subject the Post to actions within our National Bylaws.

3. Departments need to submit their official roster to National Headquarters immediately following their Department Convention so correspondence may be directed to the proper officers in each Department.

4. Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegates online through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears.

5. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post No. 9934 and 5868 consolidated as Post No. 9934, Dana Point, California

Post No. 6809 and 5318 consolidated as Post No. 6809, Ridgeland, Mississippi

BY COMMAND OF
ALFRED J. LIPPARDT
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan West'.

Dan West
Adjutant General

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON OFFICE



PLANNING CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF VFW MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Rev. June 2025

2025

June 28	VFW National Home 100th Anniversary Celebration Eaton Rapids, MI
August 9 - 13	National Convention Columbus, OH
September 8 – 11	Fall Legislative Committee Washington, DC
September 19	National Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 20 – 21	National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 21 - 25	NVS Accredited Representative Skill Training Annapolis, MD
September 21 - 26	NVS Basic Training for New Accredited Representatives Annapolis, MD
September 25 - 28	Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming Des Moines, IA
October 2 - 5	Department Adjutant/Quartermasters Training Kansas City, MO
October 9 – 12	Junior Vice Commanders Training Kansas City, MO
October 17 – 19	Big Ten Conference Bettendorf, IA
October 24 – 26	Eastern Conference Wilmington, DE
November 6 – 9	Southern Conference Montgomery, TX
November 6 – 9	Western Conference Garden City, Idaho

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2026

February 28 – March 5	Washington Conference Washington, DC
April 16 - 19	Senior Vice Commanders Training Kansas City, MO
August 15 - 19	National Convention Salt Lake City, UT
September 11	National Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 12 – 13	National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO
September 14 - 17	Fall Legislative Committee Washington, DC (Tentative)
September 24 – 27	Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming Billings, MT
October 1 – 4	Department Adjutant/Quartermasters Training Kansas City, MO
October 15 – 18	Junior Vice Commanders Training Kansas City, MO
October 15 – 18	Big Ten Conference Kalamazoo, Michigan
October 22 - 25	Southern Conference Mobile, AL
November 1 – 9	Eastern Conference Garmisch, Germany
November 5 – 8	Western Conference Phoenix, Arizona

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February 27 – March 4	Washington Conference Washington, DC
July 31 - August 4	National Convention Milwaukee, WI

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August 5 - 10	National Convention San Antonio, TX
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