



GENERAL ORDERS #7

1 January 2025
2024-2025 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

1. **The State Headquarters will be closed** Wednesday, 1 January 2025 for New Years Day and Monday, 20 January 2025 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
2. **Commander on all levels** are reminded that according to Section 105 of the National Bylaws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions, and shall not participate in Post, County Council, District, Department or National functions.
3. **Per Section 216, Manual of Procedure**, the Post Trustee's Report of Audit for the quarter ending 31 December 2024 is due to the State Adjutant **not later than 31 January 2025**.
4. **January 2025 District Meetings.** Schedule is attached to these General Orders.
5. **Indiana Military Veteran's Legislative Day at the State House** will be on 14 January 2025, in the south atrium, second floor of the Indiana State Capital located at 200 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN. The overall event is intended to open communication channels between Indiana Reserve Components, active-duty military members and military veterans and families with their Indiana State Senators and Representatives regarding military and veteran specific legislation moving through the Indiana General Assembly during the 2025 legislative session.
6. **Spring Conference and Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Banquet** is 21-23 March 2025 at Indianapolis Marriott East. Please make every effort to attend. The Finance Committee will meet on Friday 21 March at 4 PM. The Council Administration Meeting is on Friday 21 March at 6 PM. The business meeting starts at 9 AM on 22 March and the Banquet will start at 6pm. Please see attached forms.
7. **State Commander Mahan and State President Hankins Testimonial** is set for Saturday 5 April 2025, at VFW Post 1108, in Richmond, IN. Tickets are \$20 per person. Cocktail hour will be from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM and a pork chop dinner will follow. Tickets will be available at the Spring Conference.
8. **2025 VFW Day of Service** kicks off on 3 May 2025, with events taking place throughout the month of May. Posts are encouraged to start planning now – May will be here before we know it.

9. National Membership Material Order Form please follow the below information from National:

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 1.88.564.6839 or email membership@vfw.org.

10. 1 January New Year's Day (State Headquarters will be closed).

11. 17 January Persian Gulf War Began (1991).

12. 20 January Martin Luther King Jr. Day (State Headquarters will be closed).

13. 20 January Presidential Inauguration Day.

14. 27 January Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973).

15. 31 January Panama Campaign Ended (1990).

BY ORDER OF:



CORY MAHAN
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:



REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT



Indiana

Greetings Comrades,

As we are wrapping up the holiday season, things may be slowing down, but at State, we're still going strong! On December 7, we held a successful membership drive at the Indy Fuel game in Fishers, and we're already looking forward to our next game on March 23. If you'd like to help with recruitment or just want to join us for a game with fellow comrades, please reach out to Edie for details.

We also had a fantastic teambuilding weekend with our Council of Administration. Not only did everyone have a great time, but we also managed to solve *all* the world's problems in one weekend (ha ha!). A huge thank you to everyone who attended, and who continue to work tirelessly for veterans and this great organization.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for the Spring Conference. You'll notice some exciting changes this year: shorter sessions, more breakout groups, and less time spent in one room all day. We'll offer classes on Commander, Quartermaster, and Judge Advocate, along with informational sessions on the Service Office and Riders Group. I'm especially excited about our first-ever Women's Veterans breakout session—this is going to be something special. Many people have put in a lot of hard work to make this happen, and I'm deeply grateful for their efforts. Expect more details in the coming months, just know that this conference will offer more value than ever before, and I hope you'll take full advantage.

As I mentioned last month, the holidays can be a challenging time for many. Please check in with your members and ensure they're well-supported. Some Posts went above and beyond this Christmas, staying open to provide members with a warm meal and a place to gather. I applaud their dedication—it truly makes a difference in the lives of our veterans. If you haven't yet reached out to your members, now's the time. A simple phone call can have a big impact.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and support. Together, we are making a difference!

Cory Mahan
State Commander
Department of Indiana
Veterans of Foreign Wars



Indiana

1 January 2025

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

District meetings are scheduled as follows: Department Representatives are listed. If assigned Department Representative cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate member, and update the State Adjutant at 317-377-1795 or at adj@vfw.in.org.

| District | Date | Time | Place of Meeting | Dept. Rep |
|----------|------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| One | 1/19 | *12:00pm | Hobart Post 5365 | Dave Hammons |
| Six | 1/12 | 11:00am | Lebanon Post 910 | Cory Mahan |
| Seven | 1/26 | 10:30am | Mooreville Post 1111 | Rebecca Murphy |
| Eight | 1/19 | 10:00am | New Albany Post 1693 | Ken Lange |
| Nine | 1/19 | 1:00pm | Crothersville Post 1083 | Michael Jordan |
| Ten | 1/19 | 1:30pm | Liberty Post 1472 | Cory Mahan |
| Eleven | 1/11 | 10:30am | Indianapolis Post 2999 | Dave Hammons |

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*C – Central Time

January 2025 Membership Update

CONGRATULATIONS to Post 9982 in Griffith for attaining 108.33% in membership as of December 1st. They received \$100.00, two banquet tickets for the Spring Banquet and will also be recognized at the Spring Conference.

The following Posts will be entered into a drawing for \$300.00. They earned an entry by attaining 102% or greater membership by December 29th. Post 9982 Griffith (108.33%) and Kewanna Post 1121 (104%). It isn't too late for other posts to earn an entry!

CONGRATULATIONS to District 11 for having every Post have at least 1 new or reinstated member by December 1st. They will \$1000.00 to their District Funds.

District 8 is leading the way at 87.34% and the State is currently at 83.44%

Remember to read both the National and State Membership programs to see what is required, and how you and your members can contribute and earn recognition. The 102% goal is attainable, and we can do this together.

Plant* Harvest* Nurture is State Commander Cory Mahan's theme this year.

When the membership team is out recruiting at events and we give the post membership applications, please remember to enter them in a timely manner. I understand that there is a process to verify, and vote on memberships in your post meetings. However, please keep in mind that the "new" member is in limbo and waiting for their account to be charged, etc. I am suggesting that the Post reach out to the new member as soon as possible and explain the process, etc. Make contact and let them know they are a valued member. Every member counts!

Recruiting is the hardest job in the VFW but also the most rewarding. Train and utilize your whole team at the Post level. Membership is a team effort!

Reach out to anyone on the membership team if you need assistance on recruiting and for events.

In Comradeship,

Edie Toll Seiler

Membership Director

Post Quartermaster Training and Q&A Zoom Sessions are coming in January 2025!

(All VFW Post and District Officers are welcome to attend.)

This month's planned topic is **Government Reporting, VFW Reports, and Recurring Post QM Items** plus time for Questions and Answers (open topic).

There will be 3 sessions to accommodate as many schedules as possible – you do not need to attend all 3 sessions (they will be the same topic). Please note that each session has a different link and passcode! Please click on a link below to join (or copy and paste to your browser).

[Session 1 – Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM Eastern \(6 PM Central\)](#)

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89248265537?pwd=djESFUk22SJKOhhRLVVzruW6aTO9ia.1>

Meeting ID: 892 4826 5537

Passcode: 894381

[Session 2 – Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM Eastern \(9 AM Central\)](#)

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81052789924?pwd=6yTCrQFmwvcmlary9Tb97NTs1CvxH1.1>

Meeting ID: 810 5278 9924

Passcode: 715440

[Session 3 – Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM Eastern \(6 PM Central\)](#)

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82145541465?pwd=24NArTotefuMlp7w6cW593qRfwJi4L.1>

Meeting ID: 821 4554 1465

Passcode: 346315

If you have any questions or any suggestions, please feel free to email the State Quartermaster Michael Jordan at QM@VFWIN.ORG.

2025 SPRING CONFERENCE BANQUET

INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST HOTEL
22 MARCH 2025, 6:00PM
\$40.00 PER PERSON

MENU

All-American Salad, Buttermilk Ranch Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee, or Iced Tea

To reserve tickets please complete and send form back with payment.

Make checks payable to: Department of Indiana VFW 9555 E. 59th Street Indianapolis, IN 46216

To pay by Credit Card: (There will be a \$1.00 surcharge for all Credit Card Transaction)

Total Charge \$ _____ Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Phone: _____

2025 SPRING CONFERENCE BANQUET

Post: _____ Auxiliary _____

Name: _____ Address _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Friday,
14 MARCH 2025.

Reservation Request
Indianapolis Marriott Center East
7202 East 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Phone: (317)352-1231
Toll Free: 1-800-228-9290
Fax: (317)222-3339

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana - VFW
Spring Conference.**

Dates: Friday 21 March - Sunday 23 March 2025

ROOM RATES \$127.00 Per Night Marriott
ROOM RATES \$107.00 Per Night Delta

PLEASE APPLY 17% SALES TAX TO THE ABOVE RATES
Cutoff day: Friday, 28 February 2025

Name: (please print) _____

Phone # () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Marriott Rewards# _____

For arrival on (day/date) _____

Departure on (day/date) _____

Name(s) of person(s) sharing accommodations: _____

Room Type Preference: One (1) King Bed
Two (2) Double Beds
Handicap Accessible
No preference

When requesting a reservation, please note your arrival and departure dates carefully. You understand that you are liable for one night's room and tax in the event you **do not cancel** by 6pm or arrive on the arrival date. This will be deducted from your deposit or billed through your credit card. If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.

Check or Money Order Enclosed for amount of _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration: _____

Signature: _____

The Indianapolis Marriott East is pleased you have chosen us for your upcoming visit. Our staff looks forward to serving you in fine Marriott tradition.

Please Note: Hotel checkout time is 11:00am. Hotel check-in time is 4:00pm. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. ROOMS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE; HOWEVER, THE GROUP RATE IS NOT GUARANTEED. PLEASE APPLY 17% SALES TAX TO THE ABOVE RATES.

THIS FORM GOES TO THE MARRIOTT NOT TO THE STATE HEADQUARTERS.



GENE RICHARDS

Candidate for Surgeon Department of Indiana 2025 - 2026

Leadership in Action!

Military Service

U.S. Army Active Duty: AUG 1989 – JAN 2016; Major - Retired
Enlisted Military Intelligence NCO (O5-H/98-H) 1989 – 1995
Green-to-Gold Scholarship/Distinguished Military Graduate at IU MAY 1998
Army Aviation Officer (15-B: UH-60 Blackhawk Pilot)
6 Qualifying Tours/Deployments for VFW eligibility
Combat Action Badge
Bronze Star Medal
5 Meritorious Service Medals (MSM)
Afghanistan Campaign Medal (25th ID 2011-12)
Korean Defense Service Medal
Numerous other awards and decorations
Flight Platoon Leader, C Co., 5-158 AVN, Germany 2000-01
Deployed to Mali, Africa in 2000
Company Commander, HHC, 1-228th AVN Regt., JTF-B, Honduras 2004-05
Battalion XO, Korean Service Corps BN, Yongsan, Korea 2009-10
Chief of Southeast Asian Exercises, USARPAC (4-Star HQ), Hawaii 2012-16



VFW Service

Joined Post 1154 in Lafayette as a Life Member JUL 2016
Post Jr. Vice Commander 2017-2018
Post Sr. Vice Commander 2018-2019
Post Commander 2019-Present
District 2 Jr. Vice Commander 2020-2022
District 2 Commander 2022-Present
Back-to-Back All-State & All-American Post 2022-2023 and 2023-2024
All-American District 2023-2024
VFW Distinguished Service Award 2024



About Me

Assistant Professor of Military Science at Purdue University Fall 2016
Assistant Professor of Military Science at University of Illinois 2017-2020
Own a small real estate investment/property management company
Live in West Lafayette with my wife, Hyun (Lifetime Auxiliary Member), and three sons; James (22) and Robert (20) who attend Purdue University and Andrew (16) who is a Junior at West Lafayette High School
Financially independent with time to dedicate to improving Indiana's VFW

Keith Rohloff



Candidate for Surgeon Department of Indiana 2025-2026

Qualifications:

Eligibility: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal-Operation Earnest Will - Persian Gulf (USS California CGN-36) (1987)

Retired Navy Storekeeper Chief Petty Officer (SKC(SW)) (1984-2005)

- VFW Member since 2001, Gold Legacy Life Member
- VFW National Home Centennial Life Member
- American Legion Member (Post 184 Moore Oklahoma)

Member of Henry Dwyer VFW Post 9297 (Crane)(2006-Present)

House Committee (2007-2009)

Post Quartermaster (Feb 2009–2013, 2014-2019)

Post Commander (2013-2014)

Post Trustee/Service Officer (2022-Present)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana Foundation Secretary/Treasurer (2023 to Present)

Department of Indiana District 7 Commander (2017-2018)

Department of Indiana District 7 Quartermaster/Adjutant (2018-Present)

Various other appointed/elected positions (2010-present)

Department of Indiana

Voice of Democracy Chairperson (2018-Present)

Department Disciplinary Hearing Panel Member

Appointed Administration Board/Trustee Member

National By-law and General Resolutions Committees (2021, 2022, 2024)

Awards

- All-State Post Quartermaster Team Captain (2009-10) (Orval B. Holycross Award)
- All-State Post Quartermaster (2010-11)
- All-American Post Commander (2013-14)
- All-American District Quartermaster (2022-2023)
- National Aide de Camp (2010-11)(2015-2016) and (2016-2017)

I am married to Cyndi, (Retired Navy Chief Petty Officer (NCC(AW/SW) (VFW Life Member) and we have 2 children Britni and Andrew (both Auxiliary Life Members) and I have their full support.