



Indiana

**GENERAL ORDERS #10**

1 April 2026  
2025-2026 Series

**TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:**

1. **The Veterans of Foreign Wars** name and insignia, including but not limited to official caps, shirts, jackets, patches, emblems, or any other garments or item identifying affiliation with the VFW, shall not be worn at rallies, protest, demonstrations, court proceedings, or events supporting or opposing individuals or entities involved in alleged criminal activity, legal proceedings or other sensitive public controversies. This expectation also extends to social media activity in which members should refrain from posting photographs, videos, comments, or other content on social media platforms. Any member choosing to attend such events or support these activities must do so strictly in a personal capacity and shall not reference, imply, or otherwise represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in any manner.

Even when attending in a purely personal capacity, the presence of VFW identifiable material can create the public perception that the organization itself is endorsing or opposing a particular cause or position which is strongly discouraged. The VFW is a nonpartisan organization and maintaining that neutrality is essential to preserving our credibility, unity, and standing in the communities we serve. Each of us retains the right to express personal views as private citizens; we simply ask that members do so without the use of VFW-identifying attire or insignia.

2. **Spring Conference and Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Banquet** is 10-12 April 2026 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Please make every effort to attend. The Finance Committee will meet on Friday 10 April 2026 at Marriott East. The Council of Administration Meeting is on Friday 10 April 2026 at 6pm. The Business meeting will start at 9am on 11 April and the banquet will start at 6p. Please see the attached Banquet Form. For reservations, please visit [VFWIN.org](http://VFWIN.org) and look for Spring Conference 2026.

3. **Post Election Reports** must be submitted following Post Election of Officers in April and no later than 1 June to the National Headquarters. We highly encourage all Post Adjutant/Quartermaster's to use the online Election Report process featured in the Online Membership System (OMS). Post Elections Reports received electronically will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters.

4. **State Convention Delegates:** Sheet attached. A Post is entitled to 1 delegate for 30 members or fraction thereof. Based on membership numbers as of 31 March 2026. Delegate fees to the State are based on the 1 per 30 ratios plus one (1) for the Commander. If your membership is 187, that equals 6.24, rounded to 7 plus 1 for the Commander, for a total of 8 delegates. The product times the \$4.00 delegate fee equals \$32.00 to the State. Delegate fees are to be paid on or before 19 June 2026.

5. **UPCOMING Post Quartermaster Training and Q&A Zoom Sessions**

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

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE Training Opportunities and Links, please open your browser to <https://vfw.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=155722>

**(Or surf to VFWIN.ORG and click to RESOURCES >> TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES)**

Each session starts off with a review presentation and then time for Questions and Answers (open topic). Please note that each session has a different link and passcode! Please click on the link below to join (or copy and paste to your browser).

**Tuesday, APRIL 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM Eastern (5:00 PM Central)**

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84149924736?pwd=vmO6nadHYS779miRmRM4Z1>

URL: [rEEaOgsJ.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84149924736?pwd=vmO6nadHYS779miRmRM4Z1)

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

6. **Membership Drive: Friday 3 April 2026 at 7pm – Hinkle Fieldhouse – Butler University.** Sixty (60) tickets have been purchased for this event. If you would like to attend, please contact the Membership Chairperson Danny Gann at (574)299-1085 or by email: [Gann.danny1sg@gmail.com](mailto:Gann.danny1sg@gmail.com). See the attached flyer.

7. **MOC Pup Tent #11** – Non-Perishable Food Drive at the Spring Conference 10-12 April 2026. See the attached flyer.

8. **State Commander Ferguson and State Auxiliary President Jessie Davenport's Testimonial** will be VFW Post 6246: 654 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Noblesville, IN on Saturday 25 April 2026. Ticket cost is \$20.00. The tickets will be available at the Spring Conference.

9. **State Shirt Order Form 2026-2027** attached.

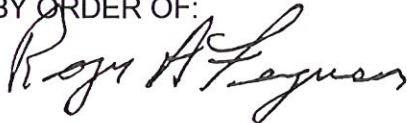
10. **State Golf Outing** 14-16 August 2026. See attached.

11. **Department Awards** see attached.

12. **All-State Post's and District's** see attached.

13. 1 April: April Fool's Day
14. 3 April: Good Friday (HQ's Closed).
15. 9 April: National Former POW Recognition Day
16. 11 April: Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991)
17. 15 April: Tax Day
18. 24 April: Arbor Day
19. Several important documents attached.

BY ORDER OF:



ROGER FERGUSON  
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:



REBECCA MURPHY  
STATE ADJUTANT



Indiana

1 April 2026

Fellow Veterans,

Comrades, I would like to make a request of each of you. We have Brothers and Sisters in our ranks that need our thoughts and prayers. Each of us works every day on behalf of all veterans, our troops, their families, and our communities. But in order to do so we must take time to take care of each other. I am asking each of you to take a few moments to say a prayer for our fellow members of Department of Indiana, VFW.

Hopefully, everyone has an enjoyable Easter. It would be great to see as many of you as possible at the Spring Conference. We will be honoring the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen's Winners at the Conference. These young people are our future. Please read the General Orders. They contain all the information for the month of April.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Roger A. Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

ROGER FERGUSON  
STATE COMMANDER

2026 SPRING CONFERENCE  
BANQUET

INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST HOTEL  
Saturday 11 April 2026, 6:00PM  
\$40.00 PER PERSON

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MENU

All-American Salad, Baked Ranch Crusted Chicken Breast,  
Mashed Red Skin Potatoes w/Gravy, Carrots and Broccoli,  
Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee, or Iced Tea

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

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

To pay by Credit Card:

Total Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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2026 SPRING CONFERENCE BANQUET

Post: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY,  
3 APRIL 2026.

OFFICIAL DELEGATE LIST FOR STATE CONVENTION

RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT BY 19 JUNE 2026

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Post: \_\_\_\_\_

25-28 JUNE 2026

- A. Date of Post-Election: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Number of Members per memstats on 31 March 2026. (Make sure OMS reflects this) \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. 1 per 30 members divided by 30 \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Number of Post Delegates. B/30= (round up to whole number \_\_\_\_\_ ex: (280 members/30=9.34=10 Delegates).
- E. Line D, Delegates \_\_\_\_\_ plus Commander (1) = \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Fee to State. Delegates plus Commander X \$4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**(STATE USE ONLY)**

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|------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| Quartermaster Bonded   | Y__ N__ | A. Delegate Fee \$ | _____    |
| Officers Elected       | Y__ N__ | B. Admin Fee       | \$ _____ |
| Installed              | Y__ N__ | C. Poppies Ordered | Y__ N__  |
| Jun/Sep/Dec/Mar Audits | Y__ N__ | D. Other \$        | _____    |

Money owed to the State must be paid by **19 June 2026**.

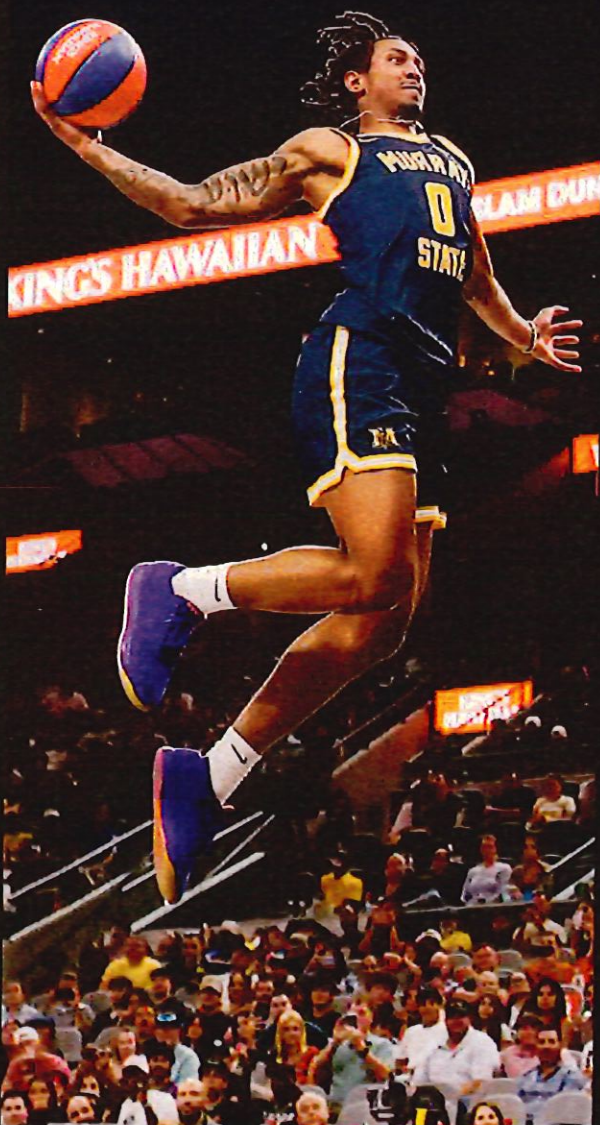
List Delegates Below: \*\* List Alternates and additional delegates on an attached list.

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| Commander _____ | 11. _____ |
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| 2. _____        | 13. _____ |
| 3. _____        | 14. _____ |
| 4. _____        | 15. _____ |
| 5. _____        | 16. _____ |
| 6. _____        | 17. _____ |
| 7. _____        | 18. _____ |
| 8. _____        | 19. _____ |
| 9. _____        | 20. _____ |
| 10. _____       | 21. _____ |

Certified: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Adjutant



**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 • 7 P.M. ET**  
**HINKLE FIELDHOUSE • BUTLER UNIVERSITY**  
**INDIANAPOLIS**



## **GROUP BENEFITS**

**(10+ TICKETS)**

- TICKETS AS LOW AS \$14
- SPECIAL PRICING AND NO TICKET SERVICE FEES
- VIDEOBOARD MENTIONS
- RESERVED SEATING

## **GROUP EXPERIENCES**

### **BALL KIDS EXPERIENCE**

- DEADLINE: MARCH 13
- TOP-SELLING BASKETBALL TEAM WINS (AGES 12-18)
- MINIMUM PURCHASE: 60 TICKETS
- 10-16 KIDS PARTICIPATE
- PLAYER MEET & GREET

### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE GROUP EXPERIENCE**

- DEADLINE: MARCH 20
- EXCLUSIVE ON-COURT GROUP PHOTO POST-EVENT
- MINIMUM PURCHASE: 60 TICKETS

### **2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE GROUP EXPERIENCES**

- DEADLINE: MARCH 20
- EARLY ENTRY WITH COURTSIDE ACCESS DURING WARM-UPS
- MINIMUM PURCHASE: 40 TICKETS

**BOOK YOUR GROUP TODAY**

CONTACT MIA TORRES • MATORRES@INTERSPORTNET.COM • CALL/TEXT (317) 662-278



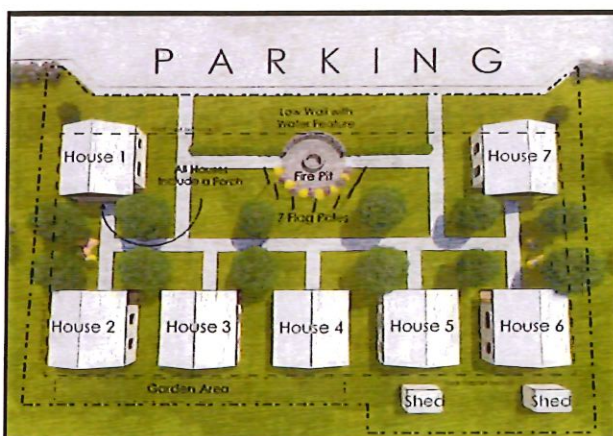
## MOC Pup Tent #11

### (Non Perishable) Food Drive

Bring items or donations to the Spring Conference April 10-12 2026

See Russell “Gabby” Pryor – Larry Patch – Dan Gann

For any questions. [mtt@mishawakatrooptown.org](mailto:mtt@mishawakatrooptown.org)





## 2026-2027 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA STATE SHIRTS

**Order Deadlines:**

Orders **MUST** be received by these deadlines to be delivered at State Conference Events.  
Your order will be placed on the closest deadline after it is received.

**30 March (to receive at Convention), 4 May (to receive at School), 18 Aug (to receive in Oct)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

All shirts will have VFW Indiana in State outline in orange

**Polo**

Small to XL-\$28.00 2XL-\$32.00 3XL-\$32.00 4XL-\$34.00 5XL-\$37.00

Men/Ladies	Size	Quantity	Total \$

**Long Sleeve Check Woven Shirt**

Small to XL-\$48.00 2XL-\$51.00 3XL-\$52.00 4XL-\$54.00

Men/Ladies	Size	Quantity	Total \$

**¼ Zip**

Small to XL-\$41.00 2XL-\$43.00 3XL-\$46.00 4XL-\$48.00

Men/Ladies	Size	Quantity	Total \$

**VFW Indiana in State outline in orange**

Name and VFW Office Embroidered on right chest (Up to 3 lines)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Post/AUX OR Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to VFW Department of Indiana include \$10.00 for shipping.

Credit Card Payments: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Orders to:                      Fax Orders to: (317)377-1797  
VFW Dept. of Indiana  
9555 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St.                      E-Mail Orders:  
Indpls., IN 46216                      adj@vfwind.org

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS & DEADLINE DATES

### Community Service Award

- Award for the total Community Service as reported by Community Service Chairperson as of April 30, 2026. Presented at Department Convention.
  - Outstanding Community Service Award – \$150, Plaque
  - Community Service Honorable Mention – \$100, Certificate

### Loyalty Day Parades

Based on submissions received by May 20, 2026. Submission to include a narrative of the parade, number of Post participating, any State officers, pictures and estimated public attendance. The Post that sponsors the District Parade is eligible for the Post Award. Submissions to the Loyalty Day Chairperson. Presented at Department Convention.

Awards:

- District
  - District Loyalty Day Parade Award – \$150
- Post
  - Post Loyalty Day Parade Award – \$150, Plaque

### Honor / Color Guard Award

Based on submissions received by April 30, 2026. Submissions include pictures of events, parades, and funeral ceremonies. Number and type of events. Submission to the Junior Vice Commander.

Awards:

- Outstanding Honor Guard Award – \$150, Plaque
- Honor Guard Honorable Mention – \$100, Certificate

### Kieston Holloway Chaplain Award

The Kieston Holloway Chaplain of the Year Award is an annual award to Honor Post and District Chaplains for their commitment and service to our veterans. Submissions due by April 30, 2026. Submit nominations to the State Chaplain. Presented at Department Convention.

Award:

- Kieston Holloway Chaplain Award – \$150, Plaque
- Chaplain Honorable Mention – \$100, Certificate

### Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award

Commanders, selection from the outstanding leaders within the Department. Presented at Department Convention.

Award:

- Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award – Trophy

# VFW Employer of the Year Award

## Employer of The Year

**Purpose of the Award:** To recognize an employer for outstanding service in the supporting, hiring and retention of veterans.

**Deadline:** The deadline for submission of nominations of employers of veterans to State Headquarter is no later than 1 April 2026. Nominations received after that date will not be eligible for consideration of the award.

**Procedure:** Only those nominations that include adequate documentation on the nominee's employment practices concerning veterans will be considered for the VFW Employer of the Year Awards. The nominator should provide a copy of the company's written policy on employment of veterans if available, a description of how the employer supports veterans' activities in the community, and any other reasons why the nominee should be selected to be the Employer of the year Award winner. *Governmental agencies are not eligible for this award.*

**Award:** The Winner will receive a plaque to be presented by the Commander at the Annual convention.

### Judging Criteria:

1. Identify and describe the employer's programs and or benefits designed to recruit veterans, including innovative business practices used to increase veteran recruitment.
2. Describe the employer's policies that give a preference to hire veterans, referring veterans, or any other veteran policy (i.e. VA veteran sick leave hours). Provide the positive and significant impacts these policies have on the employer's business results.
3. Describe the employer's policies or initiatives that improve the current and future veteran employer's career opportunities.
4. Provide the number of veterans employed, the total number of employees, and the percentage of veterans employed during a set time period: June 23ed, 2025 to March 1st, 2026.
5. Describe collaborative efforts with business organizations, educational partners, and community organizations that improve veteran employment opportunities.
6. Explain why veterans would choose this employer over other employers.
7. Provide documented endorsements, newspaper articles, awards, or letters of support highlighting the nominee's contributions to veteran friendly employment or retention.
8. Provide the number of veterans employed with the employer for over one year.
9. Provide the number of veterans employed with the employer for five years.

**VFW Employer of the Year Award  
Nomination Form**

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel this employer deserves this award?

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Please attach additional pages, as necessary.

## VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year

VFW award for special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior ROTC Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve their country.

### Award:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200 – Plaque
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150 – Plaque
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100 – Plaque

VFW award for special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior ROTC Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve their country.

### Criteria:

Possession of individual characteristics contributing to leadership including:

- Positive attitude toward the JROTC program.
- Outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform.
- Personal attributes (self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement).
- Patriotism (commander or member of color guard, drill team, flag protocol instruction team, and actively promote Americanism). Shows devotion to school, community, America. An individual(s) who practices service through repeated acts of support.
- Courtesy (dependability, punctuality, human relations, respect, cooperation).
- Growth potential (capable of assuming high leadership responsibilities in JROTC Unit with additional training and experience).
- Demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement.
- Attainment of a grade of "B" in JROTC with an overall average of "C" in all subjects for the previous semester. Must not have a failing grade in any subject for that period of time.
- Must be active in at least one other student co-curricular activity or club: i.e., music, athletics, student government, junior achievement, etc.

### Eligibility:

- Any 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student that is currently enrolled as a JROTC Cadet actively engaged in the JROTC program, and one who meets the criteria for the award.

### Procedure:

- Nominations to Department by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2026.

VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Award  
Nomination Form

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Post: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominating District: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Rank and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's School: \_\_\_\_\_

JROTC Instructor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Why Do you feel this Cadet deserves this award?

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Please attach additional pages, as necessary.

## VFW MEMBER OF THE YEAR

**Purpose:** The award is to recognize a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of the Organization serving the needs of their Post, and Community, and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization. Department leaders are encouraged to submit to VFW Programs office a narrative write up on a comrade from the Department who is leading from the front and supporting one or more of the purposes of our Congressional Charter.

Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200 – Plaque
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150– Plaque
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100– Plaque

**Purpose:** The award is to recognize a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of the VFW by serving the needs of their Post, and Community, and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization.

Posts are asked to nominate one of their members as Veteran of the year. Look for those comrades from your post who stand apart from the rest by serving the community and Veterans. Embodying the purposes of our congressional charter: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist the family members left behind; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

**Eligibility:** This award is intended to recognize a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has been a member for at least one full membership year and has received a nomination for their activities during the award Year from their Post.

Award candidates holding any of the following elected or appointed offices during the award year are not eligible. Specifically-Commander, QM, Adjutant, Service Officer, or Chaplain. In addition, Past State Commanders and Past or current National Council members are ineligible.

Nominations are due at State Headquarters by 15 April 2026

**Criteria:** This award recognizes exceptional performance as a member of the VFW. Examples of service that would be considered in judging the nominee include the following:

- Nominee presents themselves in a professional and helpful manner within the Organization and within the Community.

- Nominee shows an active interest in the Department by attending meetings and showing a willingness to consider leadership roles.
- Nominee participates in activities and events within the Department to help raise awareness of the Organization in the Community.
- Nominee has shown a willingness to work together with other VFW, Auxiliary, and Riders Members in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish the same goals.
- Nominee volunteers for and participates in activities and events that address the needs of target groups and individuals in the Community.
- Nominee has demonstrated actions which contribute to improving the quality of life for those we are intended to serve, whether they are children or adults, and whether they are homeless, hospitalized, handicapped, in need of a job or education.
- Nominee encourages members of the Community to support VFW programs and continually encourages others to become members.

Nominations will be submitted by a nomination form to State Headquarters by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The nomination form will contain the veteran's name, Post Number, and a description of what the veteran has done since July 1, 2025, that makes them worthy of being the Veteran of the Year. Nominations are to be sent by email to [adj@vfwinc.org](mailto:adj@vfwinc.org). The Veteran that is selected will receive recognition from the State Commander as the Veteran of the Year and recognized at the State Convention.

**VFW Veteran of the Year Award  
Nomination Form**

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Post: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominating District: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Office and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Post: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain how this Veteran made a positive impact on the VFW.

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2. Explain how this Veteran has made a positive impact in the lives of his / her fellow veterans.

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3. Explain how this veteran has made a positive impact in his / her community.

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Please attach additional pages, as necessary.

## All-State Post Application

Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Commander Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one: \$75 / Cap – Size \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Quartermaster Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one: \$75 / Cap – Size \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unless otherwise specified initial next to all criteria you have met.

1. Membership at 100%+1 or higher. \_\_\_\_\_
2. All Quarterly Audits submitted and reflected on All-State Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
3. Post Quartermaster bonded and noted on inspection form \_\_\_\_\_
4. Quarterly Community Service Reports submitted and reflected on All-State Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
5. Participated in Voice of Democracy and reflected on National Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
6. Participated in Patriot Pen Program and reflected on National Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
7. Special Project Donation: Date submitted to State \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Upon my true honor as a comrade, I certify the above.

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# All-State District Application

District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District Commander Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one: \$75 / Cap – Size \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District Quartermaster Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one: \$75 / Cap – Size \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unless otherwise specified initial next to all criteria you have met.

1. Membership at 100%+1 or higher. \_\_\_\_\_
2. All Quarterly Audits submitted and reflected on All-State Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
3. District Quartermaster bonded and noted on inspection form \_\_\_\_\_
4. All Posts must be inspected, submitted and reflected on All-State Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
5. Participated in Voice of Democracy and reflected on National Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
6. Participated in Patriot Pen Program and reflected on National Dashboard \_\_\_\_\_
7. Special Project Donation: Date submitted to State \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Upon my true honor as a comrade, I certify the above.

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

2026 Department of Indiana VFW



Jim Thiel Memorial

State Golf Outing

Shotgun Start

Both Days 9:00 am

Hosted By:

Host Course:

Lawton-Byrum VFW Post 972  
1111 Veterans SQ  
Terre Haute IN 47807

Rea Park Golf Course  
3500 S 7th St  
Terre Haute IN 47802

Friday, August 14th - Practice Round Available - \$31 Fee (cart included)

Practice Round Tee Times Available after 1200 call course to schedule.

Saturday, August 15th - Individual scores to determine Sunday's round.

Sunday, August 16th - A,B,C,D four person scramble, Best Ball Format.

Players are limited to the first 120 VFW and Auxilliary Members with current dues paid.

Entries must be received with payment no later than August 7, 2026

Cost is \$75 per person. To sponsor a hole will be \$100.

Entry Form: Make your own foursome or we will include you in a foursome

NAME	POST NUMBER	MEMBER NBR	POST	AUX

(Bring Membership Card and have ready at check in on first day).

Amount Enclosed

Mail Entries and Check payable to:

\$75 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(# of Golfers)

VFW Post 972

ATTN: Quartermaster/ Golf

1111 Veterans SQ

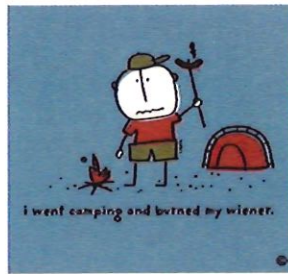
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Hole Sponsor Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$100 per Hole)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_



## SUMMER CAMPOUT 2026

WHERE: Lake Melissa Campground, Quincy Indiana

WHEN: August 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

FRIDAY NIGHT:  
Campfire at the Shelter House

SATURDAY NIGHT:  
Dinner Night 1700 (5:00 PM)  
Bring a Covered Dish. Fried Chicken will be provided.  
Evening Entertainment: A Team Karaoke

SUNDAY MORNING: 0830 (8:30 AM)  
Pitch-in Breakfast with Biscuits and Gravy supplied.  
\*\*Campers Association Meeting will follow breakfast\*\*

There will be a \$15 Registration Fee  
(All attendees 16 or older. Includes a t-shirt)

\*\*All visitors must stop to register at the office. The owners have asked all campers to PLEASE WATCH THEIR SPEED!!!

\*\*Please call to Make or Confirm Reservations. Sites are LIMITED!!!  
DEPOSIT REQUIRED!!!

Call: Jennifer Morris 812-236-4403

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DONATION	Due	REPT RECVD
		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 1	JSD		X	NA			
717	JSD		X	X		\$28.00	
802	JS		X			\$20.00	
1109	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
2151	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
2697	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
5365	JS		X	X		\$20.00	
6448	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
6841	JS		X	X		\$24.00	
7881	JSD		X			\$8.00	
9323	JS		X			\$12.00	
9982	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	

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		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 2	J			NA			
748	JSD		X	X		\$20.00	
988	JS		X	X		\$28.00	
1106	JS		X	X		\$8.00	
1121	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$12.00	
1126	JSD		X	X		\$20.00	
1154	JSD		X	X	\$500.00	\$60.00	
1279	JSD		X		\$100.00	\$16.00	
1343	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	
1728	JSD		X	X		\$20.00	
2231	JSD		X			\$12.00	
2511	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$16.00	
3790	JSD		X	X		\$32.00	
7760	JSD		X	X	\$250.00	\$16.00	
9383	JSD		X			\$12.00	

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		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 3	S			NA			
88	J		X			\$16.00	
360	JSD		X	X		\$72.00	
985	JSD		X	X		\$32.00	
1130	JSD		X	X		\$40.00	
1954	JSD		X	X		\$20.00	
2536	JSD		X	X		\$24.00	
6919	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
8972	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	
9423	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	
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		25-26			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 4	JSD		X	NA			
857	J		X	X		\$28.00	
1421	JS		X			\$28.00	
2457	JSD		X			\$24.00	
2749	JSD		X			\$32.00	
3846	JSD		X			\$12.00	
4717	JSD		X			\$12.00	
5582	JS		X			\$20.00	
6236	JSD		X			\$16.00	
6751	JSD		X			\$12.00	
7205	JSD		X			\$20.00	

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		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 5	JSD		X	NA			
60	JS		X			\$20.00	
286			X			\$16.00	
1110	JSD		X			\$16.00	
1152	JSD		X	X		\$76.00	
2067	JSD		X			\$28.00	
2689	JS		X			\$40.00	
5782	J D		X	X		\$20.00	
7081	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	

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		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 6	JSD		X	NA			
910	JSD		X			\$16.00	
972	JSD		X	X		\$84.00	
1431	JSD	\$24.00	X			\$20.00	
1752	J		X	X		\$16.00	
2395	JSD		X			\$16.00	
3284	JSD		X			\$8.00	
6128	JSD		X	X		\$24.00	
6246	J		X			\$28.00	
6574	JS	\$16.00	X			\$16.00	
8756	JSD		X	X		\$8.00	
10003	JSD		X	X	\$2,000.00	\$60.00	

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		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 7	JSDM		X	NA	\$200.00		
604	JSD		X	X		\$28.00	
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1127	JSD		X		\$200.00	\$28.00	
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5864	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$60.00	
6606	JSD		X			\$12.00	
6978	JSD		X	X	\$200.00	\$72.00	
7117	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	
7118	JSD		X			\$16.00	
7850	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
8589	JSD		X	X		\$8.00	
9297	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	
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DISTRICT 8	JSD		X	NA			
673	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$40.00	
1114	JSD		X	X	\$300.00	\$184.00	
1427	JS		X			\$16.00	
1693	JSD		X	X	\$119.00	\$36.00	
1832	JSD		X	X		\$24.00	
2366	JSD		X			\$20.00	
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3281	JSD		X	X		\$44.00	
3418	JS	\$28.00	X	X		\$32.00	
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11365	JS		X			\$12.00	

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		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 9	JSD		X	NA			
1083	JSD		X	X		\$8.00	
1686	JS		X			\$12.00	
1925	JSD		X	X		\$28.00	
1969	JSD		X	X		\$20.00	
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2021	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
3183	JS M		X	X		\$20.00	
5396	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	
6195	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
6234	JS		X	X		\$16.00	
6582	JSD		X	X		\$20.00	
6636	JSD		X	X		\$24.00	
8302	JSD		X	X		\$12.00	
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DISTRICT 10	JSD		X	NA			
571	JSD		X	X		\$20.00	
1108	JSD		X			\$44.00	
1282	JSD		X	X	\$300.00	\$28.00	
1472	JSD		X			\$12.00	
2014	JSD		X	X		\$24.00	
2693	JSD		X	X		\$32.00	
2695	JSD		X	X	\$200.00	\$36.00	
6904	JSD		X	X		\$24.00	
7084	JSD		X	X		\$16.00	

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		24-25			25-26	25-26	
DISTRICT 11	JSD		X	NA	\$100.00		
98	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$12.00	
261	JSD		X	X	\$5,672.00	\$20.00	
908	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$20.00	
1120	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$20.00	
1587	JSD		X		\$400.00	\$28.00	
2839	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$16.00	
2999	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$20.00	
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7119	JSD		X	X	\$100.00	\$48.00	

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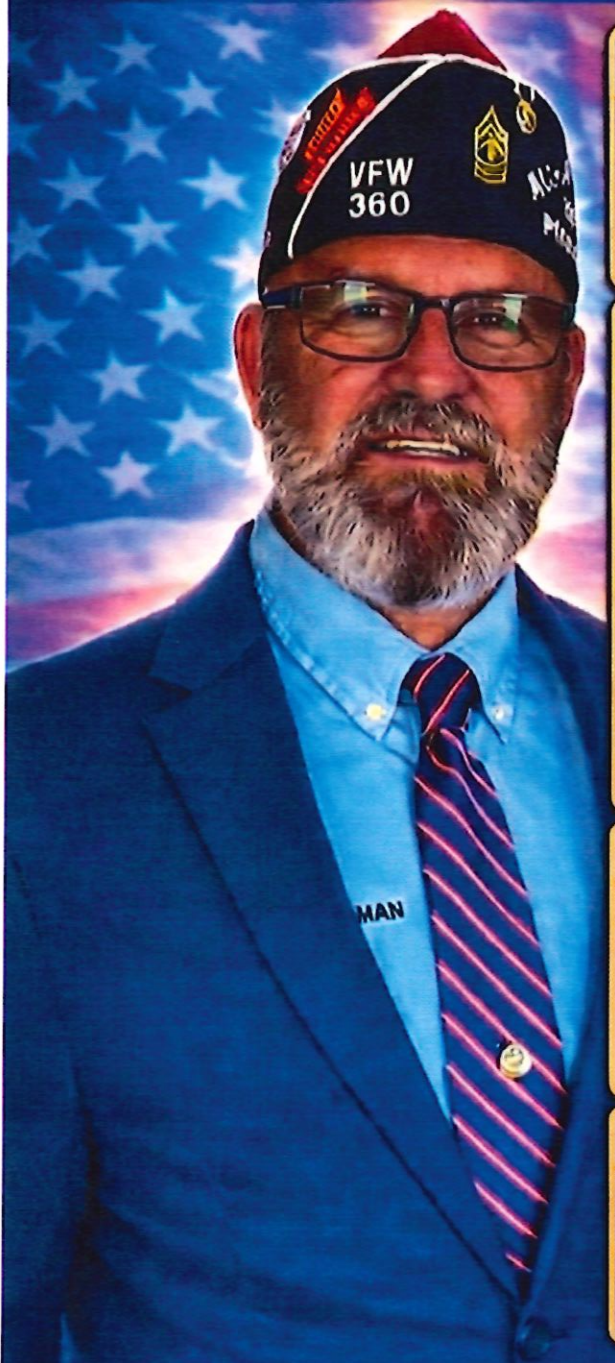
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# VETERAN FOR LEADERSHIP

# DAN GANN

*Experienced. Dedicated. Ready to Serve.*



## ★ VFW ELIGIBILITY:

- Served in Iraq and Kuwait
- Retired U.S. Army Reserve 1SG, served from 1984–2007
- Purple Heart Recipient

## ★ VFW BILLETS SERVED:

- 2016–2019 Post Quartermaster/Adjutant
- 2018–2019 Team Captain, All State
  - ★ Recipient of the Holycross Award
- 2019–2020 & 2022–2024 All State Commander
- 2022–2023 All State District Quartermaster
- 2022–2024 All-American Post Commander
- 2024–2026 District Sr. Vice Commander
- 2022–2026 National Aide-De-Camp
- 2026 Appointment to National Bylaws Committee
- 2026–Present Membership Chairman

## ★ SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

- VFW Member since 2003
- Legacy Gold Member
- Centennial Life Member, National Home
- Life Member, DAV
- Life Member, VFW National Home

## ★ COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ★ Co-Founder, Mishawaka Troop Town
- ★ Co-Founder, Stop 22 Michiana
- ★ Recipient of the Drum Major Award (City of Mishawaka)

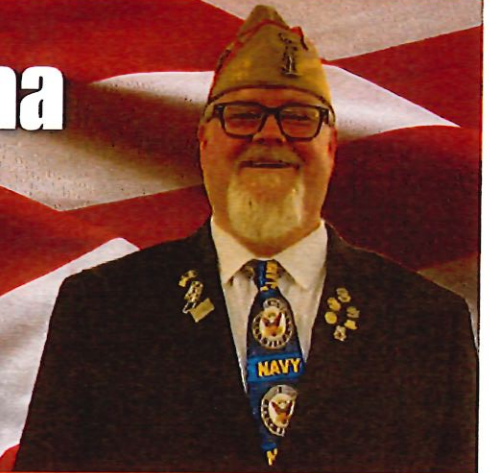
— Vote Dan Gann —  
for Department Surgeon

# Russell "Gabby" Pryor

**VFW Department of Indiana**

**Candidate For**

**Surgeon 2026 - 2027**



**Thank you for considering me to be your 2026-2027 Department of Indiana Surgeon!**

I am dedicated to serving my fellow Veterans through the VFW and believe strongly in our mission of Serving the Finest! Alongside my wife, Jennifer Pryor, who is actively involved in the VFW Auxiliary, we have raised three wonderful children—Dakota (29), Noah (26), and Savannah (22)—all of whom support our work. Let's move forward with strength and purpose!

## **VFW ELIGIBILITY**

- OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM - USS ACADIA AD-42
- US NAVY BOATSWAIN'S MATE 3RD CLASS (BM3), (1988-1994)

## **SERVICE ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

- VFW MEMBER SINCE 2011, SILVER LIFE LEGACY
- NATIONAL HOME CENTENNIAL LIFE MEMBER
- MILITARY ORDER OF COOTIES, RED STAR LIFE MEMBER
- AMERICAN LEGION, DAV

## **VFW HIGHLIGHTS AND RECORD OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE**

- 2012-2013 POST 5626 COMMANDER
- 2017-2018 ALL STATE & ALL-AMERICAN DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER
- 2017-2018 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, KANSAS CITY TRIP
  - \* 3RD IN DIVISION MEMBERSHIP
- 2017-2018 ROUND ROBIN & EISENHOWER AWARD
- 2017-2019 & 2023-2024 NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP
- 2020-2021 ALL STATE & ALL-AMERICAN POST 261 COMMANDER
- 2022-2025 CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITER
- 2023-2024 CENTURY RECRUITER (recruiting over 100 members)
- 2023-2024 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD
- 2024-2025 DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER

**Cell: 317-937-5521 E-mail: rlpryor613@gmail.com**

# Indiana Veteran Property Tax Reform 2026

**What Does This Mean?**

1. Total property tax relief for 100% Service Connected and Individual Unemployable veterans.
2. Eliminates all assessed value caps.
3. Simplifies tax structure with bottom-line credits.

**Do I NEED to Do Something?**

## **YES! You Must Act!**

All Indiana veterans and surviving spouses currently receiving Indiana Disabled Veteran Property Tax Deductions, and new applicants, **MUST** register for property tax credits.

**How Do I Register?**

You must bring a completed and signed State Form 51186 to your County Auditor's Office.

- The State Form 51186 can be completed at your County Veteran Service Office.

**When Do I Register?**

**After July 1, 2026 and before Dec. 30, 2026**

- Be prepared. Get your State Form 51186 completed by making an appointment with your CVSO office.

**When Will I See the Benefit?**

The benefit will begin with your 2027 tax bill.

**What About Surviving Spouses?**

The surviving spouse is eligible if:

- The veteran satisfied the eligibility requirements at the time of passing; and
- Surviving spouse owns or is buying the property.  
*(Regardless of whether the property was owned by the deceased veteran)*

**How Do I Qualify?**

Veteran must have a current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 100% **OR** Individual Unemployability (IU) to earn: **100%** Annual Property Tax Deduction

Veteran must have a current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 10%-90% **PLUS** Wartime Service **AND** be over age 62 to earn: **\$600.00** Annual Property Tax Credit

Veteran must have a Current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 10%-90% **AND** be over age 62 to earn: **\$250.00** Annual Property Tax Credit

Veteran must have a Current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 10%-90% **AND** Wartime Service to earn: **\$350.00** Annual Property Tax Credit

To be connected with your CVSO: visit [www.in.gov/dva](http://www.in.gov/dva), call 317.232.3910, or scan this code.

