

# MESSAGE FROM THE COOTIES

Hello Cooties & Cuties!

I am truly trying my bestest to get our Indiana Grand restored!! We do have a lot of interest in several districts to start pup tents. It takes time to do the paperwork, but let's get it done this year! You can contact myself or Gabby if you need guidance, but we can't do the paper work for you! I am providing a detailed explanation step by step on how to get your pup tent up and running (page 55 & 56). All the forms and links are found at the MOC Internet site: [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org), they are easily downloaded just follow the instructions. You can call me at (317) 450-9408 and I will help all I can. Just as a side note, I'm **old** so please call or Email [ljpattch@mail.com] me, as I don't text!! If you're not in my phone address list, please leave a brief message and your name/phone number and I will get back with you. I'm sure I am not the only one who gets numerous spam calls daily.

Our Pup Tent 11 is doing well. We need to get going on hospital visits in January. We did get up to the VFW National Home and the Indiana Veterans home last quarter. Most of the actions we do as VFW members also rolls over to the Cooties. We even get recognition as Cooties for recruiting new VFW members!

Cooties are the VFW Honor Degree. While we are very backward and at times obnoxious, we have fun in our scratches. Nerf gun fights are fairly routine and fines fund our activities!

Here's hoping that we finally get our Grand in 2026! Remember, "Keepem' Smilin' in Beds of White!" God Bless our Veterans.

Yours in LOTCS,

Larry Patch  
Pup Tent 11 Seam Squirrel



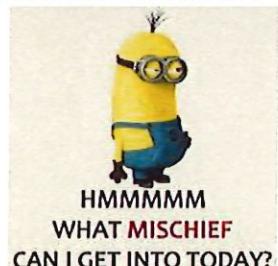
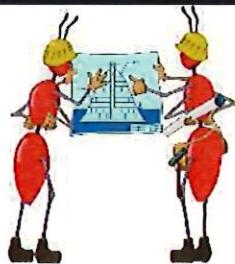
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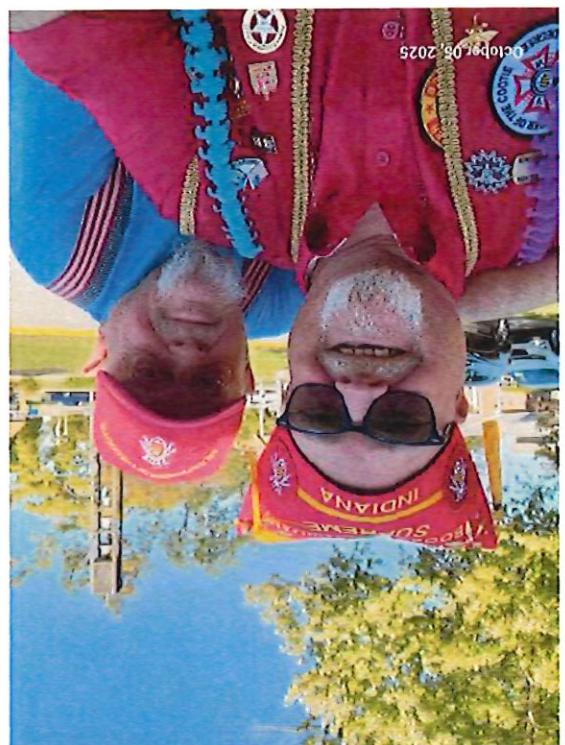
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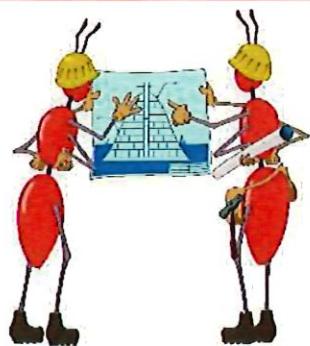
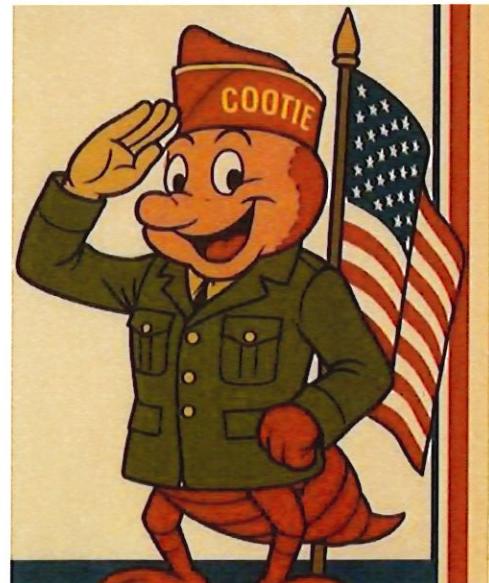
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DIFFERENCE  
TO A COOTIE IN NEED.





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## ***SUPREME PUP TENT***



### **MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE OF THE UNITED STATES**

*"The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States"*



*From the Office of the: Supreme QuarterMaster*

Date: 3 Jun 2025

From: MOC Supreme Quartermaster / Marcia L. Eggers

To: MOC Grand Commander and Seam Squirrels

Subj: How to Start a Pup Tent IAW Article II, MOC Bylaws, 2 Aug 2024,

Here is a Step-by-Step guide to Start a new pup tent. Begin by going to [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org) select Forms and then Select Pup Tent Starter Kit and begin to compete the following forms:

1. **NEW PUP TENT FORM**: Complete the form for the VFW Post Commander to sponsor and support the pup tent. Have the Post approve and get the Commanders signature.
2. **APPLICATION FOR PUP TENT CHARTER** Type the form with the Comrades First and Last name, address, etc who plan to join the Pup Tent and Do Cootie Work. Each prospective Cootie must prepare a Cootie application. Type the application or write legibly.
3. **PUP TENT NAME REQUEST**: Submit Three potential names of the Pup Tent.
4. **Send the three forms, the Cootie applications and a check for \$25.00 to Supreme HQ.** Files can be scanned and emailed and payment can be made with a credit card. Call HQ (412) 824-2240 if there are any questions. Recruit more Comrades to join the Pup Tent. After the Supreme Quartermaster approves the Pup Tent name, the Grand Commander will be informed of the Pup Tent's name. The Grand Commander will then assign the PT number.
5. The prospective members of the new Pup Tent in coordination with the Grand Commander and his officers should schedule Institution of the Pup Tent. See Article II, Section 203 of the MOC Bylaws.
6. After the institution by the appointed officer, the new Cooties will meet and have their election of officers. After that has been completed the newly

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<https://www.cootiedepot.org/>

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elected officers will be installed (usually on the same day by the same individual that instituted the Pup Tent).

7. After the Pup Tent officers have been installed, all new Cootie applications need to be filled out, money collected, and the Election Report needs to be processed on a transmittal and sent to the Grand Quartermaster. Pup tent members must decide what the pup tent Per Capita Tax (dues) will be.
  - a. Per Capita Tax to Supreme is \$12.00 plus \$1.00 for the extension fee.
  - b. Per Capita Tax to the Grand (changes by Grand) plus \$1.00 for the Grand extension fee.
8. CHARTER CLOSING FORM This is the form used to create the Charter. Type the names of the Comrades identified on the application for Pup Tent Charter along with other Comrades recruited to join the Pup Tent and do Cootie Work (visit veterans in hospitals). This form can be (but not required) held open not more than 90 days, and at the end, submitted to Supreme HQ's for the creation of a Charter. The names on the form will appear on the Charter of the Pup Tent. The new Pup tent shall be instituted within sixty (60) days of the date the Charter is authorized by Supreme HQ's.

If you have questions please contact Supreme Headquarters 412-824-2240 or email to [Supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:Supremehqmoc@lotcs.org).

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,

*Marcia Eggers*

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Supreme Quartermaster

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Call: 1.833.839.8387

**VFW**  
VFWSTORE.ORG



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Front

**NEW! MEN'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT** Navy blue 100% preshrunk cotton. Screened design on back. VFW logo screened left chest. U.S. flag screened left sleeve. Imported;



**NEW! LADIES' 250TH ANNIVERSARY V-NECK T-SHIRT**

Navy blue 100% preshrunk cotton. Screened design on front. VFW logo screened right sleeve. Imported; decorated in

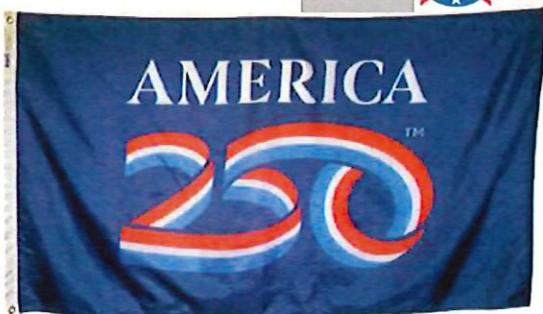


**NEW! 1776 FLAG CAP** Five-panel, structured, with hook-and-loop closure. Woven loop label on closure "EST 1899" for the year the VFW was founded. Imported; decorated in the USA. 7201 \$20.00



**NEW! NAVY USA CAP**

Embroidered USA on front. Six-panel, structured, low profile, 100% cotton. Printed stars and stripes. Adjustable hook-and-loop back closure. Imported.



**NEW! 250TH ANNIVERSARY FLAG** Navy blue 3 x 5' nylon single reverse flag, reads correctly from one side. 250th America Anniversary logo printed in red, white and blue. Made in the USA. 2525 \$45.90

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**NEW! SUMMER FIREWORKS PUZZLE** 500 pieces. Finished size: 20 x 20". Average time to complete: 4-6 hours. For ages 7+. Made in the USA with



**VFW WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
3 1/8 x 6 1/2", 13-month, one-week at-a-glance format.



# TAPS



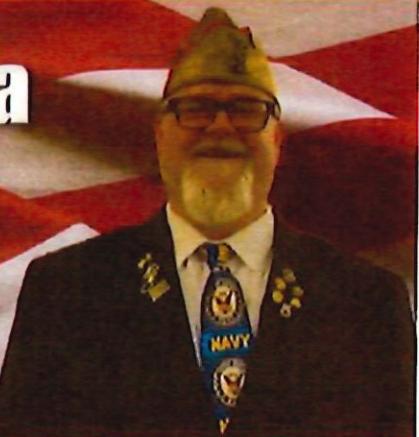
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<b>District 2</b>	<b>Larry C Miller Post 1728 8/1/2025</b>
<b>District 4</b>	<b>Walter J Krohn Post 7205 11/9/2025</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Rodney Funk Post 2689 5/21/2025 [PDC 2012-13]</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Steve K Ironmonger Post 1152 7/25/2025</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Roger D Sharp Post 1152 9/13/2025</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Rex L Smeltzer Post 1152 10/13/2025</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Donald L Rowden Post 1152 8/1/2025</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Charles J Shanks Post 1152 11/6/2025</b>
<b>District 6</b>	<b>Dennis D Dash Post 6246 10/24/2025</b>
<b>District 7</b>	<b>Jerold P Boler Post 1127 9/23/2025</b>
<b>District 7</b>	<b>Terry L McCulloch Post 7117 11/20/2025</b>
<b>District 7</b>	<b>Sheryl G Baker Post 8589 11/11/2025</b>
<b>District 7</b>	<b>Jack E Fulford Post 7117 12/20/2025</b>
<b>District 10</b>	<b>John W Smith Post 2695 8/27/2025</b>
<b>District 10</b>	<b>William F Denny Post 1108 8/16/2025</b>
<b>District 10</b>	<b>Stephen D Coates Post 1108 8/11/2025</b>
<b>District 10</b>	<b>Michael R Davis Post 1282 10/11/2025</b>
<b>District 10</b>	<b>James A Davis Post 1282 10/31/2025</b>
<b>District 11</b>	<b>Phillip Stover Post 1120 10/30/2025</b>
	<b>Stephen G Harmon Post 15015 11/10/2025</b>

# 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

# JAMES "ROB" LOY



## CANDIDATE FOR VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA SURGEON 2026-2027

### VFW ELIGIBILITY:

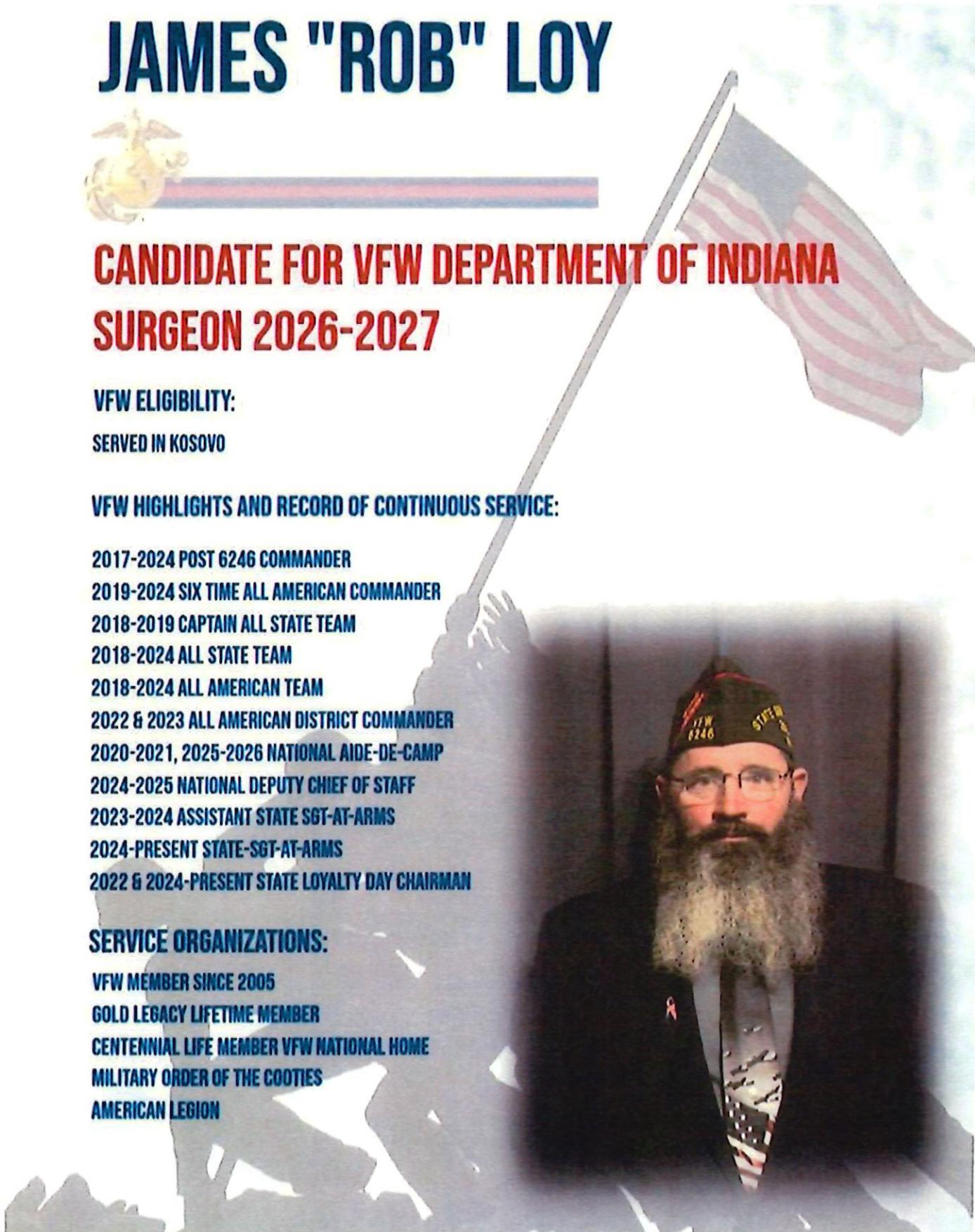
SERVED IN KOSOVO

### VFW HIGHLIGHTS AND RECORD OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE:

2017-2024 POST 6246 COMMANDER  
2019-2024 SIX TIME ALL AMERICAN COMMANDER  
2018-2019 CAPTAIN ALL STATE TEAM  
2018-2024 ALL STATE TEAM  
2018-2024 ALL AMERICAN TEAM  
2022 & 2023 ALL AMERICAN DISTRICT COMMANDER  
2020-2021, 2025-2026 NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP  
2024-2025 NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF  
2023-2024 ASSISTANT STATE SGT-AT-ARMS  
2024-PRESENT STATE-SGT-AT-ARMS  
2022 & 2024-PRESENT STATE LOYALTY DAY CHAIRMAN

### SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

VFW MEMBER SINCE 2005  
GOLD LEGACY LIFETIME MEMBER  
CENTENNIAL LIFE MEMBER VFW NATIONAL HOME  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES  
AMERICAN LEGION

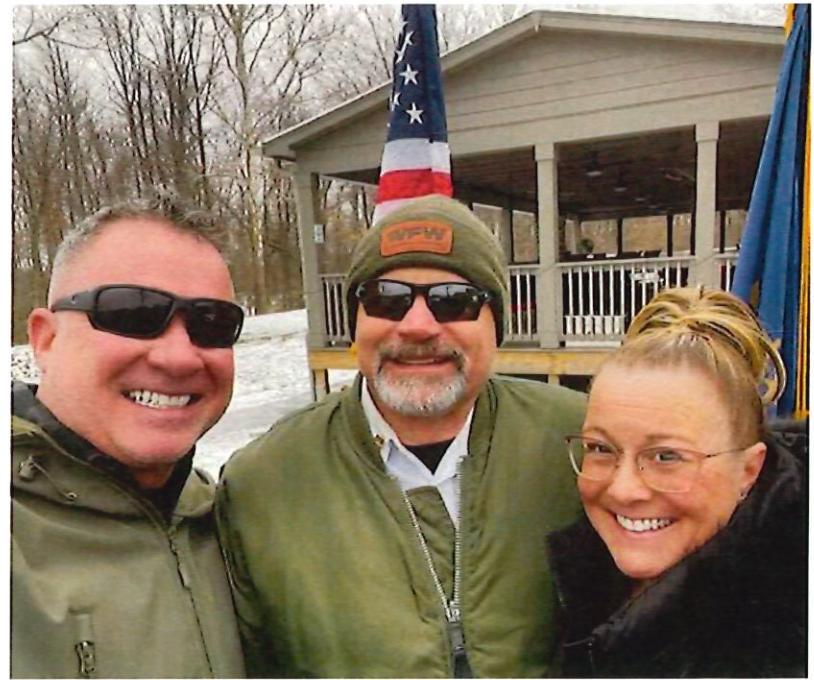


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## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony

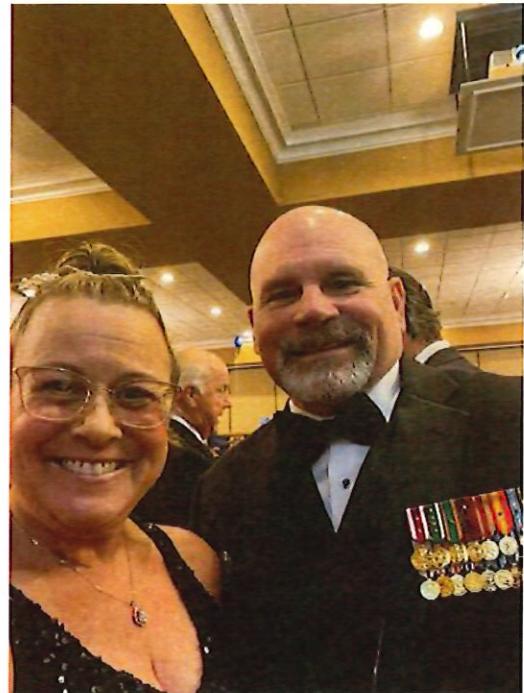


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**District 6**

## Post 10003 Military Ball



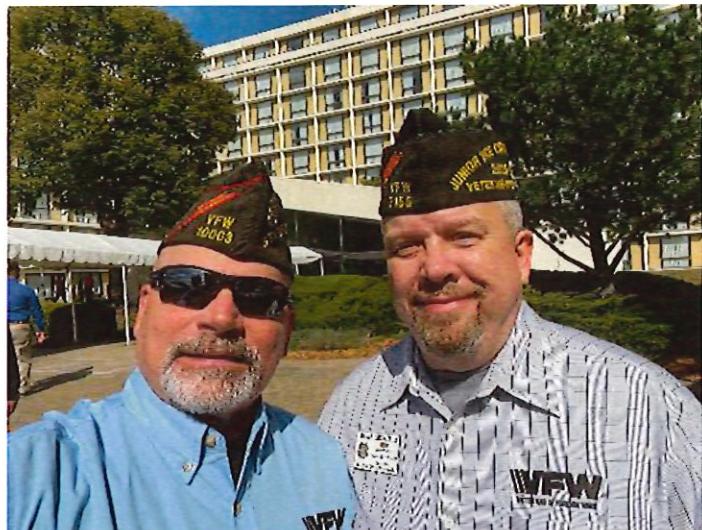
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## Jr. Vice Training in Kansas City, MO



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# DISTRICT 11

## VFW Post 1587 Sponsored "Indy Firehawks" Football team Won the National Title in Florida!!!



I'm not ready to wrap this National Championship winning thing up yet. These coaches and team moms are literally the best! They put so much in to our boys. Some of them don't even have boys on our team and they still make it to every game and every practice. They probably put more into our kids than they do their own. The coaches that do have boys on the team focus more on the other boys than they do their kids (no daddy ball around here) they literally put their blood sweat and tears in to our boys. And its not always just about football. They spend time with them, talk to them, teach them life lessons on and off the field. They push them to be better both on and off the field.

# DISTRICT 11

*VFW Post 7119 presented Veterans with Certificate  
at Still Waters Adult center*

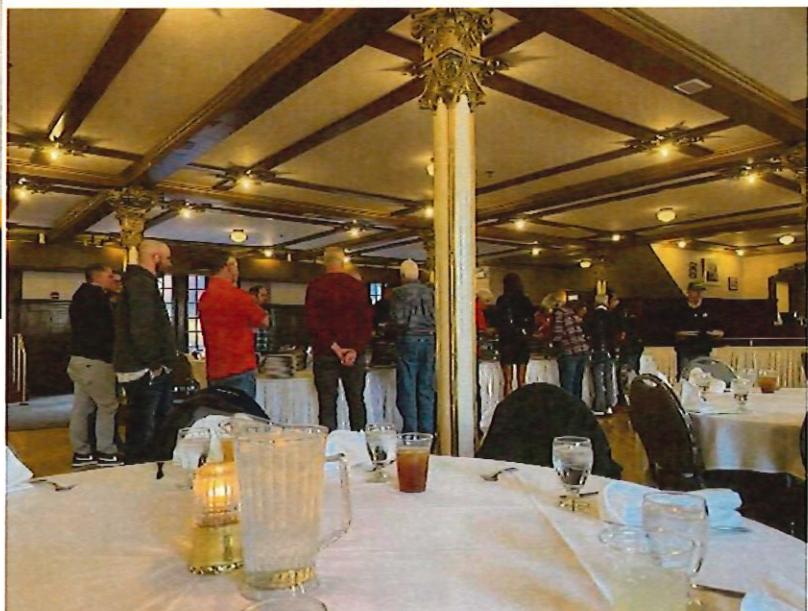


# DISTRICT 11



Sr Vice Commander Dave Hammons and wife Laura had an amazing time with the ladies from oracle at the HVAF Gala.

# DISTRICT //



Post 1587 Laura McKee and PDC Sheila Corcoran Attending lunch for military veterans sponsored by WTTS

Santa aka Post 1587 Commander Mike Mead made the Speedway Paper front page! He has been Santa at our Post "Breakfast with Santa" several years!

# District II Bus Trip to the VFW National Home





12TH ANNUAL  
**JANUARY 12, 2026**  
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LEGISLATORS**

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LUNCH PROVIDED  
9AM-1PM**

**40  
EXHIBITORS**  
★  
**PROGRAM  
10:30AM**

**[VeteransLegislativeDay.com](http://VeteransLegislativeDay.com)**



## Legislative Priorities 2026 Session

1. In defining an Indiana Veteran's eligibility to receive Veteran's benefits from the State of Indiana remove all references to eminent danger pay, served during wartime, award of a service or campaign medal, hazardous duty, active duty or specific time periods of service.
2. The Hoosier Homeless Veterans Initiative (HVI) requires that homeless shelters in the state reserve at least 1 in 25 beds for single veterans that are experiencing homelessness regardless of separation status. The participating Veteran:
  - a. Maintains regular contact with their county Veterans Service Officer (VSO) or Veterans Affairs (VA) Liaison to ensure they are receiving appropriate benefits.
  - b. Completes a minimum of 10 hours of work a week. If unemployed, the Veteran will volunteer at the shelter in which they are housed.
  - c. Participates in Wraparound Services (Either through the VA or other Public Programs) for Mental Health and Substance Use Counseling, Job Training and Placement, and Educational Support Services.The HVI program will provide a stipend to participating shelters of \$1000 per bed per month not to exceed \$36,000 per year (or 3 beds). The HVI Program participants will have a Maximum of 2 years to transition from a shelter to more permanent housing.
3. Claim Shark legislation: This bill provides that a person may not receive compensation for services related to veterans' benefits matters except as permitted under federal law. It also provides that a person may not receive compensation for referring an individual to another person to provide services related to veterans' benefits matters. It provides that a person seeking to receive compensation for services related to veterans' benefits matters must, before rendering any services, memorialize in a written agreement that is signed by both parties and that complies with federal regulations all terms regarding the payment of fees for services rendered. It provides that a person may not receive excessive or unreasonable fees for services related to veterans' benefits matters. A violation of the provisions of the bill constitutes a violation of the Indiana Consumer Law.
4. Tuition remission: All eligible children of disabled veterans should be entitled to 100% tuition and fee exemption at Indiana higher education schools. Remove served in the armed forces of the United States during a war or performed duty equally hazardous that was recognized by the award of a service or campaign medal of the United States. Change the reside in Indiana at least five (5) years before the person first applies for an exemption to just one (1) year. If Indiana is serious about recruiting Veterans to the state, this is a requirement.

**Deadline for submission for the  
May 2026 Combat Veteran Newsletter  
is April 24, 2026!!!**

Let's share our special events to everyone! I will need all articles, pictures and special event fliers to me by **April 24, 2026** for our May 2026 Combat Veteran newsletter! As far as format goes, articles can be in Microsoft word, Email text or Adobe PDF file. Pictures should be in JPEG but I have a pretty large selection of photography programs so I should be able to accommodate most formats. Fliers can be in Word, PDF or any Photo format. Please submit the items for the Newsletter to me at: **(ljp@comcast.net)** or send to me at 9034 Eiderdown Way, Indianapolis, IN 46234. If you have any questions please Email me or call me (317)450-9408.

Yours in LOTCS,

*Larry J Patch*

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# MILITARY HUMOR

## WHY I JOINED THE AIR FORCE

**DOD WAS CONDUCTING AN ALL SERVICE BRIEFING AND THE LEADER POSED THIS QUESTION:**

**"WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU FOUND A SCORPION IN YOUR TENT?"**



**A SAILOR SAID,  
"I'D STEP ON IT."**



**A SOLDIER SAID,  
"I'D SQUASH IT  
WITH MY BOOT."**



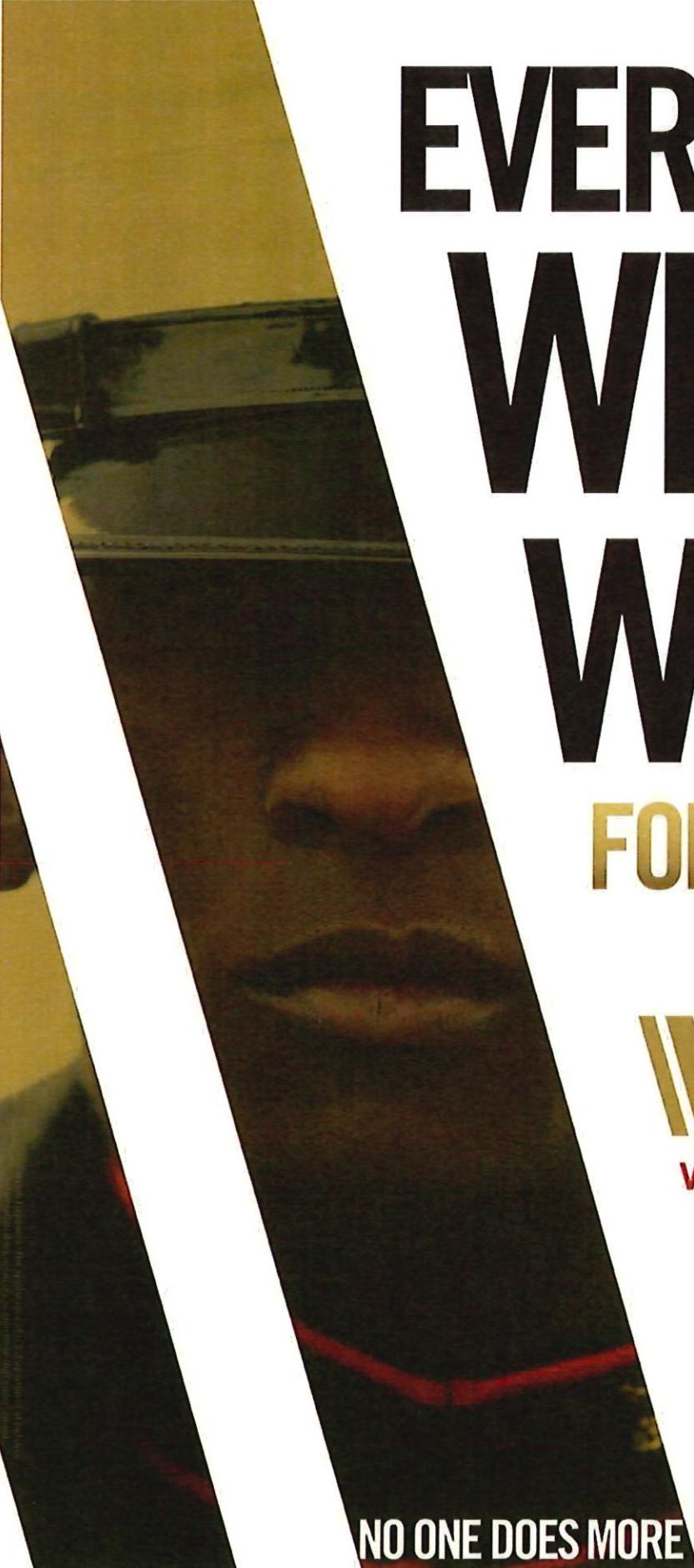
**A MARINE SAID,  
"I'D CATCH IT, BREAK THE  
STINGERS OFF AND EAT IT."**



**AN AIRMAN SAID,  
"I'D CALL ROOM SERVICE AND FIND OUT  
WHY THERE'S A TENT IN MY ROOM!"**

**GOD BLESS THE U.S. AIR FORCE**

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