



# United We Stand



# Indiana Combat Veteran

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## State Commander Johnny Capps



Greetings Comrades,

We are four months into the VFW year, it's been a very busy time. We have represented the Department of Indiana at the VFW

National convention, the BIG 10 Conference, Indiana day at the National home for Children and the Indiana Veterans Home. I would like to thank all the posts, districts, comrades and auxiliary members for the great day we had at the National Home. We donated \$23,000 and \$9,000 to the Veterans Home. Again, outstanding job Indiana. Continue to do what we do for veterans and their families.

Membership is critical to the VFW. We can't survive

as an organization without members. Every year we lose around 600 members. We need to stop this trend. Indiana hasn't been 100% since 1999-2000 in membership. The Commander-in-Chief has paired up all the Departments in a membership challenge. Indiana is paired up with Minnesota. The challenge is the Department leading the other must wear a sports jersey from the other state. Indiana is currently at 81%. Minnesota is at 88% which means at

all functions, I must wear a Minnesota Vikings shirt. Please help me to reverse the membership so the Commander from Minnesota must wear an Indiana shirt. The challenge is for fun but membership is vital.

Community Service reports from the post and districts are looking good. I'm pleased to see the department is out in their communities doing the work and reporting. Keep up the good work helping veterans and their families. That's what we are.

Greetings Comrades,

I hope this finds you well. Unfortunately, for so many of our brothers and sisters, things are not going well. Sometimes we know people are struggling. Sometimes we don't until it's too late. While the number is down slightly, it is still too high as we are losing 20 veterans everyday, 140 a week, 600 every month. That's 7,300 brothers, sisters, veterans, comrades, friends & family we lose every year due to suicide.

For the 2nd year, the VFW hosted "A Day to Change Direction" campaign to focus on the 5 signs of emotional suffering. If you were not part of the conference picture, hopefully you participated, or will be participating in the near future

to support the campaign. Take some time to know the five signs that someone might need help. Take a few minutes out of your week to check on your Comrades, your friends, your brothers and sisters. Your phone call, email, or text might make a difference and let someone know you're thinking about them. Some resources to keep in mind and share as needed.

**VFW National Home Help Line** 1-800-313-4200  
[www.changedirection.org](http://www.changedirection.org)

**Crisis Text Line**  
Text SIGNS to 741741 for 27/7, anonymous free crisis counseling.

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
[www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)  
1-800-273-8255

I don't want to sound negative with this, but I believe that it's important to talk about and keep the awareness a high priority. Don't forget to also support the Help a Hero campaign by visiting your local Sport Clips and get an outstanding haircut. Last year, Sport Clips donated \$1 million to the VFW for education scholarships for service members and veterans.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or I can assist you in any way. Hopefully you enjoyed your Fall Conference and took something away from the weekend that you found useful and something you can share with your post and district. I wish you all a safe and happy Veterans Day.

## ERIC BILLMAN Sr. Vice Commander



**Thank you  
for all you do  
for the VFW and  
for our Veterans**

Words From The State Officers

**MICHAEL L. SIMS**  
State Jr. Vice Commander



apolis, Minnesota with the State Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Surgeon, and many more from the great State of Indiana!

We are now in the fourth month of the new year, Comrades we need to start working on membership, hot and heavy so we don't have to work our butts off at the end of the year.

We also need to make sure all the inspections are ready to go when they come around to do them.

This article will be published after the Fall Conference, so I am wishing everyone a happy Veterans Day a Happy Thanksgiving, and a safe Holiday Season.

God Bless our comrades here and overseas, and most of all, God Bless the United States of America.

Dear Comrades:

It's been a very fast year for me. I have attended two or three district meetings, and am looking forward to attending more. In the last two months, I have attended the National Jr. Vice meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. It was very informative, and just finished attending the Big Ten Meeting in Minne-

**TROY "DOC" KING**  
State Adjutant /Quartermaster



Greetings Comrades:

We are well into the year and we have held our School of Instruction and I hope all who attended returned home and shared your knowledge with your Posts and Districts. Let's all work hard on membership and VFW programs and make this a banner year for the Department of Indiana and Commander Capps.

Post Commanders, please insure that Quarterly Audits are conducted by your trustees and the Trustees' Report of Audit is forwarded to Department Headquarters. At the National Convention in New Orleans, a National By-law change was passed for the Posts to no longer need a Dues Reserve Fund. However, Section 219 still

requires all Posts to have a Relief Fund.

Did you know that every VFW member can create their own account to the Online Membership System? Just go to VFW.ORG and click on login and follow the prompts to create an account. By creating an account on VFW's national website, you will gain access to news releases, program information and other important benefit information available to members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I would like to thank all of the Posts who donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund for Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. The State raised over \$35,000 in two weeks. That is truly amazing. \$25,000 went to the Southernmost VFW Post #3911 in Key West, Florida. Their Post home was totally destroyed in which they had a \$50,000 deductible to pay before the insurance would help. The Department of Florida was truly amazed and grateful that the Great State of Indiana came to the rescue and they were reassured that NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS than the VFW.

**DAVE CAPSHAW**  
State Surgeon



at the current rate, the National membership will drop below one million members in three years. This is the year that we WILL change direction. It has been a continual 25 year decline.

This past year, the VFW has represented 500,000 veterans filing VA claims. The results of our efforts resulted in 7 billion dollars coming back into our communities. When talking to our members and prospective members, tell them this is just one of the many benefits to being a part of our organization.

Remember, NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

The 200 employees of the VFW are here to help us

help others. Put them and the information available at VFW.ORG to use.

Thank you for all that you do.

*Honoring  
All Who  
Served and  
Are Serving*



Greetings Comrades,

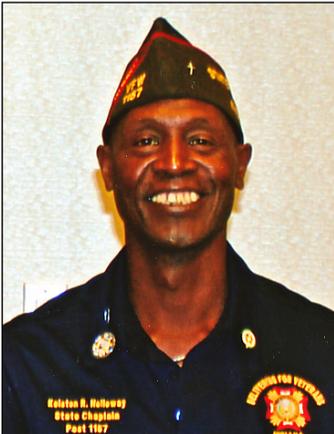
The VFW IN line officers spent the last weekend in Bloomington Minnesota attending the Big 10 Conference. It was quite the experience, very informative

It is imperative that we are "one" VFW. It is not us and them. Commander-in-Chief Keith Harman stated

**Words From The State Officers**

**KEISTON R. HOLLOWAY**

**State Chaplain**



Indianapolis and a program before the 7th District meeting at Post 9627 Odon. I attended Indiana Day at the VFW National Home for Children as well as the Indiana Veterans Home. I plan to be at the Fall Conference and hope to see all of you there. To date, I have sent out 2873 condolences. I also have sent sympathy cards, get well wishes and thinking of you cards. I want to say the holidays are coming and I want to again encourage you to visit the nursing homes, hospitals and the home bound. I have also made hospital visits and will be doing more. Thank you to all the Posts and Districts for all you do and keeping me informed.

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary of the Posts and Districts:

At the posting of this article I hope all is well. I have been busy as I attended the POW/MIA ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial, also a ceremony at Post 1587

**JERRY BLAKE**

**Chairman Big Ten Conference**

Hello everyone,

We have done a lot of work in membership since July, but we still have a long way to go. If we all get together and work hard between now and January 1st, we have a good chance of getting 100% membership for Johnny this year. Your State team this year of Johnny, Eric, Mike, and Dave are trying hard to get our great State turned around and headed in the right direction, but they can't do it alone.

After going through the State chairs the past four years, I can tell you that no one person can do all that has to be done by themselves. All of the posts and districts have to help the State Commander by com-



pleting the VFW programs, selling your poppies, and working your membership program to make our great State a great place to live as a veteran. Again, I want to thank all of you for your help during my year as State Commander, and hope you will do the same for Johnny and his team.

**RICHARD LINEBERRY**

**Membership Chairman**



Here we are, the start of a new membership year. We need to start working on your post renewals and reinstatements. All posts should be using the new membership applications now.

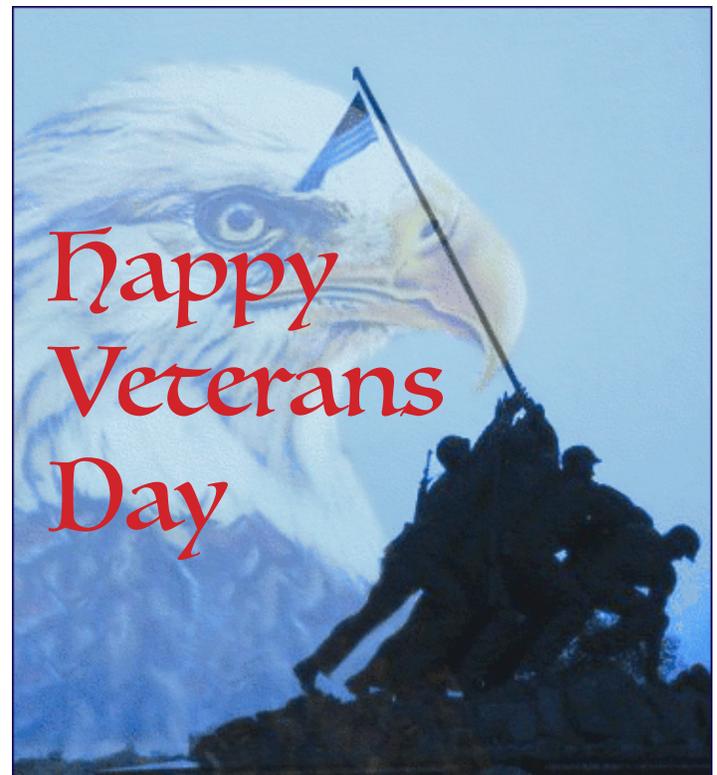
Congrats to the 6th District. You are in first place at 86.64% with the 4th close behind at 84.7%

I encourage all Districts to have a VFW Membership table at any and all community events. A well-stocked table with knowledgeable VFW members will allow us to sign up new members. Do not hesitate to reach out to me for any assistance at all.

When you see a veteran wearing a vet campaign hat, greet them, engage them in a conversation. Ask them if they go to the VA. Build that personal bond with them. Ask if they belong to the

VFW, if not, invite them to your post.

The name of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is at the forefront of Congress and all veteran service organizations. We need to keep this progress and the only way to keep our name in front of Congress and fight for Veteran's benefits is with membership. The 1.1 million members is a great incentive, but 2 million would be better, 2.5 would be fantastic!



Words From The District Commanders



**RICHARD LINEBERRY**  
4th District Commander

The last couple of months have been busy for us, with all posts working on their membership, Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy. I can tell this will be a great year for us. I had the opportunity to go on our last Honor Flight on Sept. 25th. We had a POW & PH recipient that was on the USS Pueblo when it was captured Jan. 23, 1968.

Don Bailey was only supposed to be on the Pueblo for 30 days to train his replacement. What an honor it was to be on the same flight.

The new CBOC in Mishawaka had their ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday,



Sept. 29. What a fantastic facility. Col. Hershman, Director of VA Northern IN Health Care System, had this young man, POW, PH and Bronze Star recipient cut the ribbon.

Bob Early was captured outside of Nancy France near the Mosul River. Bob had never been on a Honor Flight. I signed him up and he will be going on our April Flight.

We also had an Honor Flight on Oct. 25. Come out to the Ft. Wayne Terminal and welcome these vets home.

State VFW Fall Conference was Oct. 27-29 at the Marriott East, Indianapolis and our District Christmas party is Dec. 2, 13:00 hrs. at the New Haven Post.



**GARY KING**  
2nd District Commander

Greetings comrades from the second district.

At the time of this article we are currently 3rd in membership, so I want to thank all members for all their hard work.

Remember the dates for V.O.D. and Patriots Pen are on us. Please make sure to get your entries in.

This year has started off to a different start, losing 7760 commander John Childress, then having 2 post commanders resigned.

Remember to attend all post meetings because that is where the decisions for the posts are made. Keep



up the good work and our next District meeting will be at Post 1279 Rensselaer on Nov 19th at 2:00 Indy time.

Thank you and God bless.

**MICHAEL OGDEN**  
5th District Commander



event and serve some delicious food. On September 23rd, Huntington Post 2689 had a VA Benefits seminar at their post to help out other veterans who may be having trouble filing claims. Members from the VA state service office drove up and helped out with this seminar.

I have expressed to all my posts to keep working on membership. Now that all the life members are showing we are at 75.15% at the time of me writing this. We are well on our way to having another great year in membership. I would love to see all our post hit 100% membership it would be a proud moment for all to have that. Not only on the district level, but as a state we all need to work hard on membership to get the state at 100%. I do believe we can achieve this goal this year. We came

Well we have another year started and it has had its good and bad to start with. I want to give praise to the post that has started out by doing things to help out in their area with either their fellow veterans or the community.

On August 19th, Elwood Post 5782 helped by serving steak dinners for the community at the annual Elwood Glass Festival. These guys do a great job cooking at the

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## Words From The District Commanders

### **Michael Ogden** 5th District Commander (continued from p. 4)

close last year and with a little more work we can get Johnny at 100% for the year.

On some of the bad to report; we had to close Alexandria Post 1552 in August. I want to express to all members how important it is to make sure you have all your officers in place for the new year and not to falsify your election report. Also keep on top of paying all your bills especially your taxes. Those were the main reasons that Alexandria was shut down. If everyone works hard at their post and runs it the way it is suppose to, then these kinds of problems won't happen to you.

We also need to reach out to the younger generation of veterans to get them to join the VFW. These veterans are the future of the organization and we need them to help keep the VFW going to be there to help out future veterans, who may need help.

Comrades we still have a lot of time left in this year to make it a great year for Johnny. I urge everyone not only in my District but also every District to work hard on membership and all programs to help make Indiana the best state for the VFW.

Greeting veterans and friends, what an honor it is to be the 6th District Commander, home of the State Commander Johnny Capps. Due to some complications, I got off to a rocky start but now I am ready to rock-n-roll and looking forward to a productive year.

I have had a great time visiting the Post in the 5th District and meeting with the Commanders and other Post members, what a diverse group of Veterans. What a difference in each Post; some have large meetings and some just enough for a quorum but they all are still getting things done. Probably the smallest meeting I attended was at a Post planning, a "FREE DINNER" to attract interested veterans to join the VFW, what a great idea. So, no matter how small or how large, we all can make a difference.

I made a commitment to Johnny that 6th District would be at 100% this year, which means I need help from everyone in the District; not just Post Commanders, Quartermasters and Membership Chairpersons, everyone. Everyone is responsible for membership and every member counts. But it also means that I am willing to help any Post in

### **RICHARD LEIRER** 6th District Commander

the District, all you need to do is ask! The only Post in the District at 100% is Attica and the District is only at 85.64%. So let's get busy; I am ready to help!

I have several jobs within the VFW; one being the Legislative Chairman for the Department. As the Legislative Chairman, I have helped organize several Town Hall meetings where veterans have an opportunity to ask hard questions of our state legislators. The legislators always have an answer but not always the one we want to hear. One legislator stated at a meeting on the south side of Indy that we need to have a loud voice. She said when the general assembly works on an important labor bill the "unions" "fill the capital" - "loud voice". If they work on a teacher bill, the teachers "fill the capital" - "loud voice". Well damn-it the veterans need to "fill the capital" and have the loudest voice! There are over 400,000 veterans in the State of Indiana and for several years in a row, we have had a Military and Veteran Day at that Indiana State House. This year, it is on January the 9th. Let's make this the year Veterans "fill the capital" and everyone hears the veteran's voice!

I challenge every Post Commander to get the word out to all their members and make arrangements if necessary to get them to the Capital on January 9th. More information will be available as soon as the plans are finalized, but the date is set. Now is the time to start making plans to attend. If we want the Indiana Legislators to pass laws helping veterans, then we the "veterans" must show them who we are and how many there are of us, FILL THE CAPITAL with a LOUD VOICE!

Veterans Day is just around the corner. If you want to attend a very reverent Veterans Day ceremony, the City of Carmel, VFW Post 10003 and American Legion Post 155 have one at the Tarkington Theater, 3 Center Green, Carmel. The event starts at noon on November 9th, during the ceremony Vietnam veterans are awarded a special pin from the Vietnam Commemorative Partner program.

I think the 6th District is off to a great start, but it will take hard work on everyone's part to get the District to 100%, but I know we can do it together.



## Words From The District Commanders

### **KEITH ROHLOFF** 7th District Commander

Greeting Brothers and Sisters!

Can someone find the brake and slow time down so that I may catch up! The year is a 1/3 over already. I would like to thank everyone for your support as the District is 100% reported in Community Service. Continue to submit your reports on a monthly basis.

Since the beginning of the year, I have attended the District Meeting in Crane, National Convention in New Orleans, the School of Instruction, and the District Campout, NSWC Crane POW/MIA Ceremony, Crane Golf Scramble, District meeting in Odon, Indiana Day at the National Home for Children, Indiana Day at the Indiana Veterans Home. Both the National Home for Children and the Indiana Veterans Home were great trips. If you have gone before or have never gone, these are great places to go to see your money at work. I also attended the State Campout in Rushville on 4-7 October 2017. I have also visited 13 of the 20 Post and will visit the remaining 7 soon.

Also, the deadline for Teacher of the Year, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen was 31 October 2017. Your judging needs to be completed and packages turned in at the District meeting in Spencer on the 19th of November.

Veteran's Day is coming up in November and please remember that this is a great time to do Buddy Poppy and membership drives. Also make sure that your Post records all your



activities in the Community Service Report.

As mentioned before, the District Meeting will be held on the 19th of November at Spencer. This is changed from the original list of meeting dates due to a scheduling conflict. The Spencer Post is planning events on the Saturday before the meeting and more information will be sent out later.

Lastly, I need to talk about membership; for as of the 12th of October the District stands at 76.92% and is 8th of 11 Districts in the Department. We need 902 members to get to 100%. That may sound like a lot, but we have 11 of 20 Post that need 30 members or less to be 100%. So please contact your members and ask them to pay their dues.

Thank you and I hope to see you somewhere soon.

### **TODD THALHEIMER** 9th District Commander

We are coming into a new year, and I want to thank all new commanders for stepping into their new positions. I want to also thank Commander Capps for his leadership throughout this coming year.

Our organization is very special. Our country was hit by a disaster in Texas and the VFW stepped to the plate by providing comfort to our comrades. It truly shows the compassion that each and everyone shows for our great organization.

I was able to go to Eaton Rapids and was thoroughly impressed with the families that I saw. I met with one young lady that stays at the Indiana house and she was so happy for what she has and her other siblings living at the house. I loved the comradery that every district has within the state. The VFW was able to raise \$23,000 dollars for our National Home for Children. The VFW was able to donate over \$9,000 dollars to our Veterans Home in Lafayette.

Continue to do the community activities and report what our great organization does. It is hard to remember what each and everyone does within their community. That is why we should take note of everything we do



every month.

The Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year forms are at your respected post. District is also participating at this time. I would like to thank all posts for doing the extra effort and making sure the young Americans and educators get recognition for their hard work and devotion to the youth in our great country.

Our organization is great and the key to it is our members. Continue to retain our members and strive to get new members into our posts. The young members are the key to our future.

In closing, I want to thank the auxiliary for supporting us and everyone in the 9th district for everything you do. This We'll Defend.....



**May You All Have  
A Happy Thanksgiving  
and  
Merry Christmas**

**Words From The District Commanders**

**JIM HANKINS**

**10th District Commander**



all American District Commander and the Round Robin Commander award. No one has received the Round Robin award since 2003. This was a great honor for all of us. I believe that Membership drives this organization, Without Membership, we will not continue to exist. We need all members to accept the responsibility of working on all of our programs. That means that all members must be willing to step up and accept this responsibility. We want everyone to know that you are not just a membership number to us. You are a veteran who has served our country honorably and earned your membership with the VFW. With our programs, it shows the community that we are a service organization and we are active in the life of our community around us.

Comrades,

Thank you for electing me as 10th District Commander for 2017-2018 year. It is an honor for me to hold this position for another year. 2017, we accomplish several honors as every Post in the 10th District reached 100% in membership. We had several Post Commanders and Quartermasters that received all state team awards. With the help from everyone, I received all state team District 10 Commander. With everyone working together, I received

In closing, I would like to say we all need to work together on membership and all VFW programs.

**RUSSELL (GABBY) PRYOR**

**11th District Commander**

Greetings Comrades!

I wanted to say *Howdy* and let everyone know things are going good in the 11th District. Thank You for all you do and for our district receiving the Commodore's Cup for the first part of the year. It has given new life for the membership drive as I have seen in my post and other posts within the district. We have completed eight out of nine post inspections so far, and I am looking forward to completing the Inspections next month. Thank you for your assistance with the inspections.

I want to wish a big Happy 242nd Birthday to the U.S. Navy on October 18th, and another big Happy Birthday to the U.S. Marine Corp on turning 241 on November 10th.

Remember the VOD, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year are due soon. Please remember to thank everyone who has helped.

Another event I wanted to remind everyone is the Veteran's Day Parade. It will be held on November 11, 2017 in downtown Indy. All are invited to come.

Also, please remember as Thanksgiving Day approaches, do not forget about the colleges and universities around you, and reach out to their veteran's organizations about having some of their veteran students over to your post or home. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and meet them and their families; letting them know we are here to assist because remember "No one does more for Veterans than the VFW".

**TAPS**

**VFW 1157**

- David L. Moorwood
- Bobby Hill
- Larry L. Toney
- Ronnie Detty
- Roy Massey
- Terry Groves
- Albert Murphy
- Michael Cook
- Carl Bottoms

**VFW 1114**

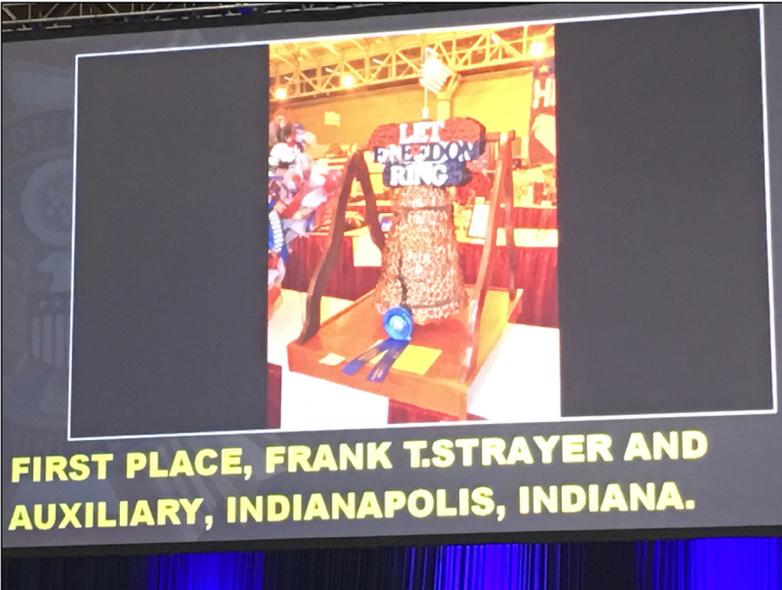
- Walter G. Sitzman
- Earl H. Sloat, Jr.
- Malcolm O. Stallings, Jr.
- Raymond M. Stratton,
- Ronald B. Tabor, Floyd H.
- "Dutch" Titzer
- Alton R. White
- Paul A. Barnett
- Gary S. "Steve" Cain
- Albert H. Desanti
- Daniel G. Frick
- Shirley "Bill" Goldsberry
- Donald R. "Sarge" Kaiser
- Frank T. Nelson
- John E. Osburne
- Roy Palmer, Jr.
- Edward A. Reuter
- Calvin Ashley
- Earl Boberg
- Nelson Brammer
- Jack Butcher
- William Clark
- Paul; Holcomb
- James Kinsler
- James Martin
- Cletus Muenmsterman
- Bernard "Sparkey" Perrette
- Kenneth Veeck
- Raymond Walker
- William "Bill" Wilson



# DISTRICT 11 POST 1587



At the July 2017 District 11 Meeting at Frank T Strayer VFW Post 1587. VFW Post 1587 All American Commander Sheila Corcoran presented a check for \$10,000 to AFSP Suicide prevention and education program from the funds Post 1587 raised on their Suicide Prevention 22 walk!



(Top) Congratulation to Frank T Strayer VFW Post 1587 Auxiliary's First Place Category III Buddy Poppy Display at the 118th National VFW Convention held in New Orleans, LA. The Liberty Bell display was designed and built by Past Auxiliary President Carolyn Patch and Derrick Bohling.





# Jill Wilson

## Department President

Greetings!

The first quarter of the 2017-2018 year is in the rearview mirror! What a ride! The teamwork between the Veterans and Auxiliary has been delightful to see. The dedication the two organizations have to our causes is an inspiration.

Since July, the auxiliary has raised a little over \$10,000 towards the President's Special Project. This year's Project is Honor Flight. The money raised by the Auxiliary will go to all four hubs within our great State! Last year's special project raised over \$30,000, let's see if we can beat that! The goal is to raise enough money to send many of our heroes to Washington, D.C. to see their memorials, to enjoy the comradery with other veterans, and to have that special time that they deserve.

The Auxiliaries have been fantastic with their obligations. The Hospital program is almost 100% paid. Department "Big Vice", Cheryl "Pete" Dillard, who is also our Hospital Chairman and I have been visiting the Hospital and Clinics. We've met the many dedicated members who support the facilities and spent time with the Veterans who use the services they are entitled to have.

And, finally, I'm proud of the work the Treasurers are doing with Malta. This new program has had quite a few bugs to work out, but they've hung in there and are doing fantastic with it. They've asked the right questions and helped each other out. It's been awesome to see everyone pulling together to get through this new system.

**Remember to Honor our Veterans, Honor our Freedom!**



# **JOE MISURACA**

**I am asking for your support and vote  
as I run for  
SURGEON in the State of Indiana  
for the year 2018-2019**

Since State Convention, we have only added 3 new members.

Things to Remember:

As a Legacy Life Member,  
you receive discounts at the VFW store as follows:

Bronze 5% - Silver 10% - Gold 15%

You will also get a Hat Pin, Lapel Pen and  
a Certificate for your legacy Life Membership.

You can find more information on this program at

[www.VFWIN.org](http://www.VFWIN.org)

Let's do whatever we can to get the number of members in  
Legacy Life up in the Sate of Indiana.

***Thanks you for all that you do for our veterans.***



# **DICK LINEBERRY**

**I would like to announce my intentions to seek  
the high office of  
Department of Indiana  
Surgeon for the year 2018-2019**

I earned my VFW eligibility with 4 deployments with the U.S. Air Force Reserves/Air National Guard. My first was to Saudi Arabia Dec 95 - Mar 96, Bosnia Aug 96 - Dec 96, Kuwait Jan 98 - May 98 and Iraq Aug. 04 - Feb 05.

I retired from the New Haven Police Dept. May of 2006 and the Air Force Reserves, Grissom ARB Dec 06. I just recently retired from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as the eligibility/enrollment/benefits coordinator.

I have been the 4th District Commander since 2014 and Post 2457 Commander since 2011 of which I'm a Life Member. I have come up through the Post and District chairs along with a National Appointment on the Resolutions Committee. I was selected as National Aide DeCamp in 2013 and recipient of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Outstanding Leadership 2014-2015.

I'm currently the State Membership Chairman.

I'm married to Jamie Lineberry, and have 4 children, Michelle who teaches school in Myrtle Beach SC, Bryan (AF vet) who teaches U.S. History in Decatur IN, Matt GySgt, USMC, currently stationed at Pensacola NAS FL and my step daughter Mary who works in Indianapolis. Both Bryan and Matt are life members of VFW Post 2457. Bryan was selected as VFW state High School Teacher of the Year for 2017.

I have the full support of my wife Jamie, my 4 children along with the rest of my family and friends. I also have full support from Post 2457 and the 4th District in seeking this high office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions regarding my candidacy. Cell (260) 446-2627, email: [lineberry3@aol.com](mailto:lineberry3@aol.com)

# CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA SURGEON



I would like to introduce myself

My name is **REBECCA MURPHY**

I am running for the high office of State Surgeon for the year of 2018-2019. I am a Lifetime Member of Post L282 in New Castle, Indiana. I earned my eligibility serving in the United States Marine Corps during Desert Shield / Desert Storm. I am currently retired from the US Marine Corps. I have been thru the chairs at the District level. I have been the District Commander for the year of 2013-2014. I have been the State Youth Chairman for the years of 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. I am a 2 time All-State Commander 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. I am currently your Department of Indiana Community Service Chairman.

I am seeking this position to help achieve great things for this organization. The most important is making sure and helping with membership growth on a daily basis. I am a part of this organization going forward by obtaining the membership of eligible veterans no matter their age, race, religion, sexual orientation. I want to lead this organization into the great changes that are happening everyday. We are an organization of veterans for veterans.

I want to Thank You for your service, everything you do for this organization, and the consideration you give me to become your next Department of Indiana Surgeon for the year 2018-2019

**Indiana State Commander Johnny Capps welcomed Alaska State Commander Daniel Garcia for a visit to several Indianapolis VFW Posts on his 8/24/2017 visit. He toured VFW Post 1587, 2839 and 908.**

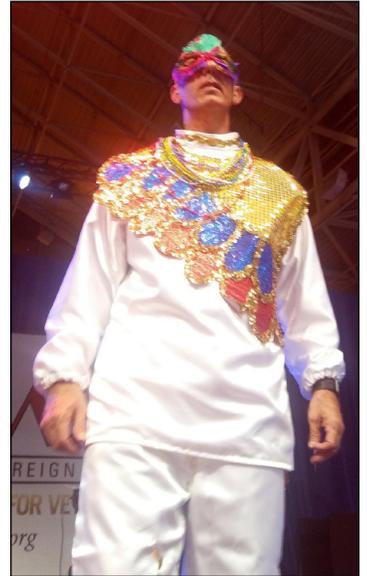


# VFW National Convention in New Orleans July 14 - 15, 2017





**more from New Orleans  
July 14 - 15, 2017**



**10th District Commander Jim Hankins  
with Past National Commander Duffy  
receiving  
All American District Commander.**



# Indiana State Convention Indianapolis, Indiana June 2017





**more from  
Indiana State Convention**



# more from Indiana State Convention

