



Indiana

**GENERAL ORDERS #6**

1 December 2024  
2024-2025 Series

1. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends 31 December 2024. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.

2. Section 220 of the National Bylaws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members" states, "Any elected Post officer or committee member removed, by reason of failure to pay current dues or under the provisions of this section shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office or committee in the same administrative year in which the officer or committee member is removed."

3. Public Law 103-308 designates 7 December as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and requests the flag be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset to honor those individuals who lost their lives that day.

4. The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for the Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used in accordance with Section 219 and 704 of the Manual of Procedure.

5. The VFW National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. The newly revised *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local bookstores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

**6. Reminder to all Districts – Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year Deadline to the State Chairman is 15 December 2024.**

Patriot's Pen Chairperson: Adam Bethard, 4535 N County Road 400 E, Pittsboro, IN 47462, [betharda@hotmail.com](mailto:betharda@hotmail.com).

Voice of Democracy Chairperson: Keith Rohloff, 100 Brinegar Dr, Springville, IN 47462, [keith.rohloff@outlook.com](mailto:keith.rohloff@outlook.com).

Teacher of the Year Chairperson: Bill Clark, 237 E County Line Rd, Greenwood, IN 46143, [clarknavyvet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clarknavyvet@sbcglobal.net).

**7. 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.

8. 5 December – Somalia Campaign Began (1992).

9. 7 December – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Flag at Half-Staff.

10. 8 December – War Declared on Japan (1941).

11. 11 December – Germany and Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941).

12. 15 December – Iraq War Ended (2011).

13. 20 December – Panama Campaign Began (1989).

14. 20 December – U.S. Space Force Established (2019).

15. 25 December – Christmas Day – State Headquarters Closed.

16. 31 December – Official End of WWII (1946).

17. 31 December – Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013).

BY ORDER OF:



CORY MAHAN  
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:



REBECCA MURPHY  
STATE ADJUTANT



Greetings Comrades,

Indiana

This last month has been jam packed with activities. It is amazing to see how active the Posts within the VFW are! I made it to District 2 and 11 for their meetings this last month and they were both fantastic. We have so many leaders coming up through the ranks and that makes me incredibly proud of you all.

I was honored to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony in Indianapolis. We even had a flyover at the very end. I was also able to meet some of our brothers and sisters in other organizations and they are just as motivated as we are making veterans lives better. District 11 was represented in the parade. Thank you for supporting your local veterans' events.

We had two very productive Zoom meetings this month when our Finance Committee and our Council of Administrations met. The finance committee reviewed our financial and feel we are on a very positive path right now. The Council of Administration knocked it out of the park during our meeting. We had a lot to discuss, and we did our State proud in our conduct of the meeting.

I also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for a brand new CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) in Vincennes, Indiana. This facility is very modern and appears to be very well equipped to serve our veterans in the Southwest portion of our state.

I also visited two Posts this last month that made very generous donations to the special project, Irreverent Warriors, this year. Post 261 and Post 908 were very hospitable, and I really appreciate the work they have done to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I have many memories of my time in the service on Thanksgiving. We always got together and sometimes would play football, cornhole or just have a friendly game of poker. The point of it is that I may not have been with the family that raised me, but I was with family regardless and loved the time spent with my Brothers and Sisters. I hope you were able to spend time with those you hold dear. I would also like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. The holiday season can be a tough one for many of us so please reach out to your comrades and make sure they are ok. Alone we are strong.... together we are stronger.

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

# 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.



# **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 (25<sup>th</sup> 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, 1-228<sup>th</sup> 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