



Indiana

GENERAL ORDERS #3

1 September 2024  
2024-2025 Series

**TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED**

1. **Post Quartermaster Bond** from the Department through National expired 31 August 2024. If you have not already renewed, the application for bond renewal is attached to these General Orders. Also attached is information on bonds for canteen personnel. **All Bond requests must have an application along with payment.**

2. **Attention to all members** is directed to the purposes listed within the VFW's Congressional Charter. "To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom" is one of the VFW's chartered purposes: as such the VFW represents fighting for American rights, civil rights and humanitarian impulses that have always guided the VFW's principles.

Today the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States reaffirms its commitment to that chartered purpose by first recognizing that to end racism within our organization, it is not enough to be non-racist/non-discriminatory: we must be proactive. While we focus on education and mentorship we work to identify, address, and eradicate all forms of racial bias and discrimination. We will work to eliminate racial injustices and discriminatory practices within our organization. The VFW's leadership is united in the pursuit of ending racial bias and discrimination while empowering our members and the greater veteran community towards this collective goal.

3. **Attention to all members** is directed to Section 901 of the National Bylaws, "Discipline of Members." Members who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may be subject to disciplinary actions. Members are reminded that acts of Sexual Harassment, Racial or Sexual Discrimination, and all other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a members will not be condoned. In general, harassment and discrimination consist of any form of verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe and/or pervasive enough to have the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment or otherwise interfering with another's ability to participate in VFW events. All members will be treated with dignity and respect.

4. **Every Post** chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2024-2025 years: Voice of

Democracy, Patriots Pen, Buddy Poppy and Veterans and Military Support Programs. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and District Commanders comply with all provisions of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

**5. Post Commanders and District Commanders** are directed to forward all resolutions or communications relative to federal legislation or to the policy or procedure of the Department of Veteran Affairs, or any other governmental agency, to their respective Department Headquarters for consideration and referral to the Adjutant General. Department Commanders will not take direct action on any such resolutions or communications without first obtaining full knowledge of existing National Headquarters policies governing such legislation or agencies. Posts, County Councils, Districts and officers and members thereof shall not publicly communicate or promulgate any such resolutions until reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief.

6. To qualify for **All-American**, a **minimum donation of \$125.00** must be donated to **VMS** by **30 June 2025**. VMS donations will only be handled through the Dashboard. All Posts must click on the "VMS Donation" tab on the Dashboard to donate. This link will point them to OMS. Please do not send checks to the National Headquarters. If a Post does not use a credit card, the Post will send their donation to the Department HQs and the Department HQs will submit the donation for their Post. Credit will automatically update on the Dashboard daily.

7. **State Headquarters** will be closed on 2 September 2024 to observe Labor Day.

8. **State Headquarters** will be closed 12-13 September due to Adj/QM training in Kansas City.

9. **POW/MIA Ceremony** will be at the Indiana War Memorial on Friday, 20 September 2024, from 11:30am – 1:00pm. All are invited to attend. Uniform is State shirts.

10. **Indiana Day** at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan is 22 September 2024. Uniform is State shirts.

11. **Excise Class with Q&A Zoom**: 24 September 2024 at 6:00pm Eastern Time and 5:00pm Central Time. Please see attachment.

12. **VFW Day at Indiana Veterans Home** in West Lafayette is 29 September 2024. Registration starts at 9AM Eastern, Program starts at 12:30PM Eastern. Uniform is State Shirts. After all the ceremonies all are invited to Post 1154.

13. **Big 10 Conference** is 18 - 20 October 2024 at Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN. Dress code will be State shirts and slacks.

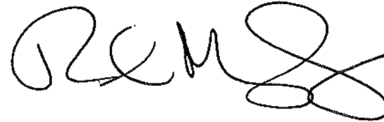
14. Several important documents are attached to these orders.

BY ORDER OF

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CORY MAHAN  
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

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REBECCA MURPHY  
STATE ADJUTANT

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 September 2024

1. **September Districts Meetings:** Please see attachment.
2. August 2024 General Order's Correction: All American Post 2457 was omitted.
3. PHONE BOOK CORRECTIONS:

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4. 2 September: V-J Day (1945).

5. 2 September: Labor Day.

6. 11 September: Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. Flag's Half-Staff till sunset.

7. 18 September: U.S. Air Force Established (1947).

8. 20 September: POW/MIA Recognition Day.

9. 29 September: Gold Star Mother's day.

10. 29 September: VFW Established (1899).



Indiana

Greetings Comrades,

The year is still as busy today as it was last month. I appreciate all your hard work and productivity.

I was able to attend the VFW State Golf Outing this month, which, in case you missed it last month, is one of my favorite events. You always get to meet new members of the VFW and Auxiliary. It was at the golf outing many years ago that I first met our Auxiliary President, Kathy Hankins. Having fun outings for members to come together and relax makes it easier for us to work membership.

School of Instruction went very well. We had many compliments, and I have posted all the PowerPoints to our State website for everyone to access as needed. The only recommendation I received this far is a dedicated class to new Quartermasters. I completely agree and we have had that goal at the State level since before SOI but with our new Quartermaster at state still getting caught up, we don't have that ready yet. Make sure you are paying attention to General Orders every month to make sure you don't miss this announcement.

Like I said during school, this is only the beginning of the training that will be available this year. We will have an Excise class offered via Zoom this month on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The link is attached to these General Orders. If you need information from charity gaming, they offer their own digital classes, so please visit their website for more information on that. If you have any topics you want us to take a deep dive into, please let us know.

I also spent some time in Savannah, GA with our newly elected Commander-in-Chief Al "The real deal" Lipphardt for his homecoming. It was a great time for everyone there, and I was glad to have had the opportunity to once again share experiences and information with other states and be able to bring it back here and help Indiana.

Our membership team has been doing an incredible job so far, and I know you are all working very hard as well. If you need anything from our membership team, please reach out. If you need any help from our membership team, please reach out!

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Comrades,

This 2024-2025 year will be as tough as last year. National is requiring 102% across the board at Post, District and Department levels. This is in addition to meeting all your other Dashboard requirements. We proved last year that this goal is attainable, and we can do it again this year!

**UPDATE:** National has changed their membership program and REINSTATES WILL COUNT towards recruiter credit/awards. We have updated the State program to reflect that change

Please read both the State and National Membership programs to see what is required and how you and your members can earn recognition. You can find them on the Department website VFWIN.ORG under the resources and then documents tab.

Start planning your recruiting events and taking advantage of everything in your area. You won't know unless you reach out and the worse thing, they can say is no.

Please seek assistance from the membership team. We also need your help; we cannot be everywhere. If there is an event that is being held in your area, and you feel we should be there; please reach out and let me/us know. If you could also provide contact information for the event, that would be great.

I am compiling a list of membership incentives that each post may offer. Things such as: paying for active-duty military, offering \$100 towards a lifetime membership, paying for members over a certain age etc. Please let me know what your post does. This information will help us when we are at recruiting events. Also, if a Quartermaster or Commander has issues or doesn't quite know how to enter membership, please reach out to me.

Your 2024-2025 Membership Team is:

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We have started the year off on a great foot. So far this year, we have 60 recruiters who have recruited at least one new/reinstated member, 7 who have recruited 3 new/reinstated members and 3 who have already recruited 5 new/reinstated members. Great job everyone! At our recent Department School of Instruction anyone who had recruited at least 1 new member was entered into a drawing to receive \$100. Congratulations goes to Joe R. Young Sr. from Post 1832!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Eddie Toll Seiler  
Membership Director  
Department of Indiana





Indiana

1 September 2024

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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

District	Date	Time	Place of Meeting	Dept. Rep
One	9/8	*12:00pm	Lowell Post 6841	Michael Jordan
Two	9/15	2:00pm	Lafayette Post 1154	Dave Hammons
Three	9/8	1:00pm	Goshen Post 985	Dave Fradenburg
Four	9/14	3:00pm	Wolf Lake Post 4717	Edie Toll Seiler
Five	9/7	12:00pm	Frankfort Post 1110	Cory Mahan
Six	9/8	11:00am	Cicero Post 8756	Becky Murphy
Seven	9/15	10:30am	Linton Post 7118	Cory Mahan
Eight	9/15	*10:00am	Evansville Post 2953	Johnny Capps
Nine	9/15	1:00pm	Paoli Post 8302	Roger Ferguson
Ten	9/15	1:30pm	Richmond Post 1108	Ken Lange
Eleven	9/14	10:30am	Indianapolis Post 1587	Dave Hammons

By Order of:

CORY MAHAN  
STATE COMMANDER

Official:

REBECCA MURPHY  
STATE ADJUTANT

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## MEMORANDUM

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To: Department Adjutant  
From: Quentin Carroll, Director of Administrative Operations  
Date: May 1, 2024

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Moving forward, National Headquarters will no longer provide hard copies of the Post and District inspection forms. In the past we have printed and shipped these to each Department prior to their Department Convention for distribution to their Posts and Districts. However, in an attempt to reduce costs, we have determined that we will discontinue this process in lieu of the inspection forms being available on the VFW website. Please share this information with your inspectors, Posts and Districts.

Printable and fillable versions of both inspection forms are available under the heading “Bylaws: Training, Forms & Templates”, “Forms”, in the new “VFW Training & Support” section; found behind the member login, at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). These printable and fillable versions are available to any member with a login.

**Please ensure each inspector is adequately trained on the use of the form.** Instructions for completing the form are located on its reverse side. It is recommended each Department host a school of instruction specifically for inspectors. Training documents can be found in the “VFW Training & Support” section of the website. **It is improper to allow a member to inspect the Post/District to which he/she is affiliated.**

**The purpose of the inspection is to assure that the Post/District operates in a manner that supports the purposes set forth in the Congressional Charter, complies with the Bylaws, preserves the financial integrity of the Post/District and protects the interest of the member.**

The Inspector shall submit a detailed written report of each inspection to the Department Commander and Post Commander in which they shall set forth any constructive criticism and recommendations. The Inspector shall report to the Department Commander every instance a Post Commander or other Post officer refuses to comply with any applicable Bylaw, Manual of Procedure, Ritual or any lawful order of proper authority after the information concerning same is brought to the attention of such Post officers.

Reports are valuable only if they are followed up. There is no purpose in the Inspector reporting year after year that the Post is not functioning properly if nothing is done about it. The follow-up is the responsibility of the Department Commander.

It is the duty of the District Inspector to notify the Post Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant and Trustees of the date and time that the inspection is scheduled. The inspector should allow you sufficient time to prepare for the visit. If, for any reason, a Post cannot be inspected thoroughly, a report stating the facts must be submitted. It is the responsibility of the Post Quartermaster and Post Adjutant to provide the records necessary to complete the duties of the Inspector.

When the inspection of a Post is completed, the Post Inspection Form will be made out or copied in triplicate; a copy to be given to the Post, a copy to the District (if applicable), and a copy to the Department.

# EXCISE CLASS WITH Q&A ZOOM

## September 24 @ 6PM Eastern 5PM Central

Cory Mahan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Indiana Excise Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 24, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89049050889?pwd=hqR7jrpuQeZ3wTgx9SjFoKcAvuGX3t.1>

Meeting ID: 890 4905 0889

Passcode: 12345

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# CLUB GUIDELINES

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## INDIANA STATE EXCISE POLICE

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### Permits

ATC permit must be displayed (IC 7.1-3-1-20)  
Federal Tax Stamp must be available  
Retail Merchants Certificate must be available

### Basic Alcohol Laws / Rules

Indiana law requires permittees and their employees to check identification of any person under the age of 40 when conducting carryout sales. While there is no similar ID requirement law for on premise consumption, the Excise Police encourage requiring identification from anyone appearing under 26 years of age when making sales for on premise consumption (US government-issued IDs). Acceptable forms of identification are non-expired picture IDs, including but not limited to, a driver's license, state-issued ID card, US Government identification. REMEMBER: If you still question the age of the person, you should refuse to serve them.

### Times When Sales Lawful (IC 7.1-5-10-1) (IC 7.1-3-1-14)

A club may sell and serve alcoholic beverages every day, from 7:00 am local time, to 3:00 am local time the following morning. The club has thirty (30) minutes to clear the bar service after legal service hours. At 3:30 am, every day, all alcoholic beverage consumption shall have ceased and all alcoholic beverage containers cleared away from areas of consumption. A club may be open for all other activities during the hours at which the club chooses to operate.

### To Whom a Club can serve alcoholic beverages to

Card carrying member only (IC 7.1-3-20-6) (this includes auxiliary members)  
May be a member from another post of same club

### Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages To Non-Members (905 IAC 1-13-3)

No holder of a club permit can sell or give alcoholic beverages to any person who is not a bona fide member of the club. Club membership also includes visiting members and members of an affiliated organization or association auxiliary. The only legal exception to the law is that a non-member may purchase his/her own alcoholic beverages during an approved guest day.

### Guest Book

This is a practice that allows for registration of non-member guests. The club maintains a sign-in book and members are permitted to sign-in a non-member guest. The guest book should include the date, name of guest and signature of host member at the very least. Provision for guest books should be a policy that is made a part of the club by-laws. The purposes of the guest book are to allow friends and family access to the club facility and to monitor the purchase of alcoholic beverages by members for guests. The guest-member ratio is suggested by the Commission to be kept at near a one-to-one ratio. A club must keep a guest book in accordance with I.C. 7.1-3-20-8.6. The guest book policy does not allow the purchase of alcoholic beverages by non-members. Only an approved guest day authority allows for non-members to purchase alcoholic beverages.

Since the Commission regulates the distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages only, non-members may enter, loiter, and eat in the club facility without any sanctions. In addition, a non-member may pay for food or non-alcoholic drinks that they wish to purchase.

### Club Guest Day (IC 7.1-3-20-8.6)

The holder of a club permit may do the following:

- (1) Designate one (1) or more days each calendar month as guest days, not to exceed a total of seven (7) guest days in any calendar month. (email to dist5@atc.in.gov)
- (2) Keep a record of all designated guest days.
- (3) Invite guests who are not members of the club to attend the club on a guest day.
- (4) Sell or give alcoholic beverages to guests for consumption on the permit premises on a guest day.
- (5) Keep a guest book listing members and their nonmember guests, except on a designated guest day.

### Managers (IC 7.1-5-9-15)

Must have an Employee Permit (IC 7.1-5-6-3)  
Must have a Manager's Questionnaire on file  
Cannot hire on a commission basis (905 IAC 1-13-4)

### Servers and Bartenders

An applicant for an employee permit (bartender/waitress/clerk, etc.) may "work on" the receipt (receipt must contain the name of the actual applicant) of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the Indiana ATC. An applicant may "work on" this receipt for a

period of ninety (90) days from the date of issuance of the cashier's check or money order. The actual application and payment must be forwarded to the Indiana ATC before the receipt may be "worked on." (IC 7.1-3-18-9(c)) Servers and bartenders must also complete the Certified Server Training every 3 years.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

No Carry-In (IC 7.1-5-8-5)

No Carry-Out (905 IAC 1-13-3)

### **What is an alcoholic beverage?**

Liquid that contains 0.5% or more alcohol by volume (IC 7.1-1-3-5)

O'Douls and Sharps do not qualify as alcoholic beverages

Any age may consume non-alcohol drinks at any time

Carry out rules do not apply to non-alcohol drinks

### **Price Discrimination (IC 7.1-5-10-20)**

No 2 for 1

Cannot reduce prices for a portion of the day

Can raise prices for live entertainment (offset costs)

Can't charge one person a price and another person a different price

**Note regarding drink tokens/chips:** If a drink token/chip does not have a cash value, it could easily lead to committing price discrimination. IC 7.1-5-10-12 makes it, "...unlawful for a permittee to sell, offer to sell, purchase or receive, an alcoholic beverage for anything other than cash." If a drink token/chip has an actual cash value, like a gift card, that can be accepted. An example would be a \$5 token/chip being sold for \$5. Token/chips that change in price do not have a cash value.

### **Minors**

No one can consume alcoholic beverages under any circumstances

Defense to Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor (IC 7.1-5-7-5.1)

Minors allowed in club bar room (unless that bar room is also the club smoking area)

Clubs may enact their own rules to not allow minors in bar

### **Sale to Intoxicated Patrons**

It is a criminal offense to sell or furnish alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person. In addition, the provider may experience civil liabilities if death or injury, even to a third party, occurs as a result of the act. (IC 7.1-5-10-15)

### **Credit Sales (IC 7.1-5-10-12)**

Businesses cannot allow customers to run a tab/credit sales to another business day but IC 7.1-5-10-12 states that clubs can allow tabs (effective 07/01/19). The statute reads "*Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a hotel, restaurant, caterer, or a club that is not open to the general public from extending credit to a consumer purchasing alcohol for personal use at any time.*"

### **Who may supply Club with alcoholic beverages?**

Club must purchase from licensed wholesaler only

Borrowing is not legal

Should check into Co-Op to save on quantity purchases

### **Smoking Areas**

Clubs that meet the requirements of IC 7.1-3-20-1 or IC 7.1-3-20-7 and U.S.C. 26 501(c) can apply for and receive an exemption from the state's smoking ban provided they adhere to specific requirements:

1.) Must provide a separate, enclosed, designated smoking room area with ventilation to prevent the migration of smoke to the non-smoking areas on the premises.

2.) Smoking is allowed only in the designated area

3.) No one under 21 is allowed in the smoking area

4.) Non-members are allowed in the smoking area only when accompanied by a member

NOTE: club must vote on removing smoking exemption if they wish to do away with it (need minutes from meeting)

### **Refilling of Bottles (IC 7.1-5-3-3)**

Cannot refill bottles (or combine bottles)

### **Renting Rooms (905 IAC 1-13-5) (IC 7.1-5-8-4)**

A club is prohibited from leasing or renting its bar facilities (bar room) to an outside organization or person(s). Non-members or members who rent a room other than the bar area may bring alcoholic beverages which have been purchased from someone other than the club into that room (in conjunction with a temporary beer/wine permit or a caterer utilizing its Catering Authority). A violation would occur if the club sold alcoholic beverages to a non-member who rented a room in the club's facilities. A club may prepare food

and provide services other than those related to alcoholic beverages to non-members. A club member may rent a room or rooms for special occasions and the club may furnish the alcoholic beverages. The member must pay for all alcoholic beverages either prior to or immediately after the event has concluded. There can be no cash bar for non-members unless a guest day authority has been obtained.

Renters can bring alcoholic beverages into rented room if they have either applied for a temporary beer/wine permit for the event or hired a licensed caterer for the event.

### **Catering Permit**

A fraternal or social club is permitted to apply for and receive a catering permit. A club that possesses a catering permit is entitled to cater to an event away from the club permit premise. Due to the potential that non-members may be served at such events, clubs catering events are required to use a guest day on that date(s).

### **Picnic grounds**

Clubs may serve on their picnic grounds if

- 1.) located on grounds that are encompassed by permit premise or within reasonable proximity to permit premise
- 2.) structure is permanent, semi-permanent or portable
- 3.) approved on floorplan

### **Raffles**

Club permit locations who qualify for 503c status can obtain a charitable gaming license from the Indiana Gaming Commission (IC 4-32.3-4-11)

Can provide alcoholic beverages as a prize during allowable events (IC 7.1-3-6.1-3/4/5\*)

- 1.) bingo event
- 2.) charity game night
- 3.) raffle
- 4.) door prize drawing
- 5.) festival
- 6.) sale of pull tabs, punchboards or tip boards or
- 7.) any other gambling event approved by the commission under this article; conducted by a qualified organization in accordance with this article and rules adopted by the commission under this article.

\*the qualified organization may purchase or receive donations of alcoholic beverages in sealed bottles or cases from a wholesaler permittee, a retailer permittee, a dealer permittee, a farm winery permittee, a small brewer permittee or from persons who are not permittees. The winner of the alcoholic beverage prize must be present in order to win the prize (IC 7.1-3-6.1-6) and the prize must be given to the winner by an individual designated by the qualified organization.

This list is intended as a guide to answer commonly asked questions for club members and officers. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the District 5 office

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DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**  
 TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA



Dear Comrade Commander:

Questionnaire for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage

August 1, 2024

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns the bond of your Unit Quartermaster. Section 703 of our National By-Laws requires that each accountable officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety and the By-Laws places the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. In any business it is customary to bond any officer handling funds. **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER MUST BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES. THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 218 OF THE NATIONAL MANUAL OF PROCEDURES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a Crime Policy for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. This Policy runs for a year – from September 1 to August 31 – premium payments are made on that basis. Coverage for all accountable officers expires on August 31 and premium for the New Year is due on September 1.

Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a Policy with some other surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters Crime Policy. But the matter should be given prompt attention because if your Accountable Officer had previously been covered through the National Headquarters, **a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2024 and delinquent after this date.**

**IF THE POLICY IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2024, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM. AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.**

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RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post # and State

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Number of Persons Bonded: 1      Number of Locations: 1      Post Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the post had any Crime Coverage (employee/ volunteer theft of money) losses over the past three years? \_\_\_\_\_**  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
QM or Commander or Adjutant or Sr.Vice Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, City and Zip



DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**  
 TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA



Dear Comrade Commander:

Questionnaire for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage

August 1, 2024

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns the bond of your Unit Quartermaster. Section 703 of our National By-Laws requires that each accountable officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety and the By-Laws places the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. In any business it is customary to bond any officer handling funds. **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER MUST BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES. THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 218 OF THE NATIONAL MANUAL OF PROCEDURES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a Crime Policy for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. This Policy runs for a year – from September 1 to August 31 – premium payments are made on that basis. Coverage for all accountable officers expires on August 31 and premium for the New Year is due on September 1.

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TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

For any request to increase limits mid-term for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage and/ or Club Manager Crime Coverage each Post must provide an Increase Crime Limit Statement below:

I hereby apply for an increase for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft Coverage in the new total amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

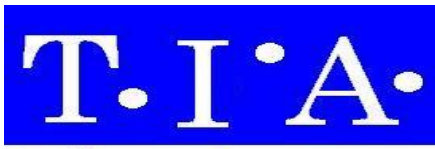
Regarding the request for an increased crime limit, we affirm that we have had no losses and no claims (or knowledge of such matter) which would influence the coverage provided hereunder.

Please note that submission of this questionnaire does not guarantee the coverage limit increase requested.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post # and Location (City & State)

\_\_\_\_\_  
QM or Commander or Adjutant or Sr. Vice Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Tallman Insurance

A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Crime Coverage)
VFW QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CLUB EMPLOYEES &
BINGO PERSONS TO, BE COMPLETED BY
COVERED INDIVIDUAL

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

Coverage Term: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL

1. a) Name of Post \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

b) Post Address \_\_\_\_\_
Street City State Zip

2. a) Name of Person to be Covered \_\_\_\_\_

3. Position to be Covered \_\_\_\_\_

4. Coverage Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of Persons Covered \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of Locations \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Post - Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has the post had any crime losses (Theft of Money by Employees) over the past three years? \_\_\_\_\_
If yes, provide a description along with the date and amount of loss. No Coverage can be extended
until Travelers reviews it.

9. a) Have you ever been convicted of any dishonest or fraudulent employment related act, "for
example" burglary, robbery, theft or embezzlement of funds of any kind. \_\_\_\_\_

b) If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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EXPIRATION DATE OF 10-1-2024, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF
OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS, PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.

If this is a replacement for a current position, please advise what person you are replacing

\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Signature: Person to be Covered Form Must be Signed by Covered Person

# BIG FOUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2025 GENERAL SESSION

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- \* Congressionally Chartered September 16, 1919
- \* 80,000 Indiana members
- \* 1.9 million nationwide



- \* Congressionally Chartered November 2, 1923
- \* 18,000 Indiana members
- \* 1.3 million nationwide



- \* Congressionally Chartered June 17, 1932
- \* 29,000 Indiana members
- \* 1.6 million nationwide



- \* Congressionally Chartered 1964
  - \* 3,500 Indiana members
  - \* 53,167 nationwide
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The Big Four, comprised of the largest veterans service organizations, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for military veterans and their families through legislative advocacy. Representing over 130,500 Hoosier veterans, our combined voice is the most influential in Indiana.

For the upcoming 2025 legislative session, we have identified four key priorities:

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## Priority 1: Tuition Remission for Children of Disabled Veterans

• **Objective:** Ensure all eligible children of disabled veterans receive full tuition and fee exemptions.

• **Key Actions:**

- o Remove language regarding the 2011 changes to ensure all eligible children receive 100% tuition and fee exemption.
  - o Include the United States Space Force in the eligible categories.
  - o Modify the residency requirement from five (5) years to one (1) year prior to applying for the exemption.
  - o Eliminate the requirement for service during a war or equally hazardous duty recognized by a service or campaign medal.
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## Priority 2: NGAI Indiana National Guard Member Death Benefit Insurance

• **Objective:** Provide financial support to the families of National Guard members.

• **Key Actions:**

- o Introduce a state-sponsored \$10,000 death benefit for National Guard members.
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## Priority 3: Electronic Pull Tabs for Veteran Service Organizations

• **Objective:** Increase revenue for Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) to sustain their community involvement.

• **Key Actions:**

- o Authorize VSOs to utilize electronic pull tabs, which operate similarly to conventional pull tabs. This initiative will help preserve many VSO posts and ensure their continued active participation in their communities.
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## Priority 4: Regulation of Claim Sharks

• **Objective:** Protect veterans from exploitative practices by claim sharks.

• **Key Actions:**

- o Prohibit claim sharks from operating in Indiana unless they adhere to VA rules and procedures. This regulation aims to prevent claim sharks from charging exorbitant fees to veterans seeking benefits.
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These priorities reflect our commitment to supporting Indiana's veterans and their families. By addressing these key areas, we aim to enhance the benefits and protections available to those who have served our nation.



# Electronic Pull Tabs Explained

Electronic pull tabs (e-tabs) are a digital display of the traditional paper pull tab tickets used in almost all Posts. The concept remains the same, with e-tabs digitally replicating the familiar experience of paper pull tabs revealing symbols or numbers to determine if a player has won a prize.

## Benefits of E-Tabs for Indiana VFW

### Expand Community Impact

- ▶ Keep funds in the community
- ▶ Support VFW programs and missions
- ▶ Benefit more local causes, charities and programs

### Increase VFW Membership

- ▶ Improve post environment
- ▶ Boost member participation and public perception
- ▶ Build a strong community with a sense of purpose

### Enhance Technology and Security

- ▶ Utilize a reliable, easy to use, and secure system
- ▶ Manage and monitor fundraising activities easily
- ▶ Champion environmentally friendly practices

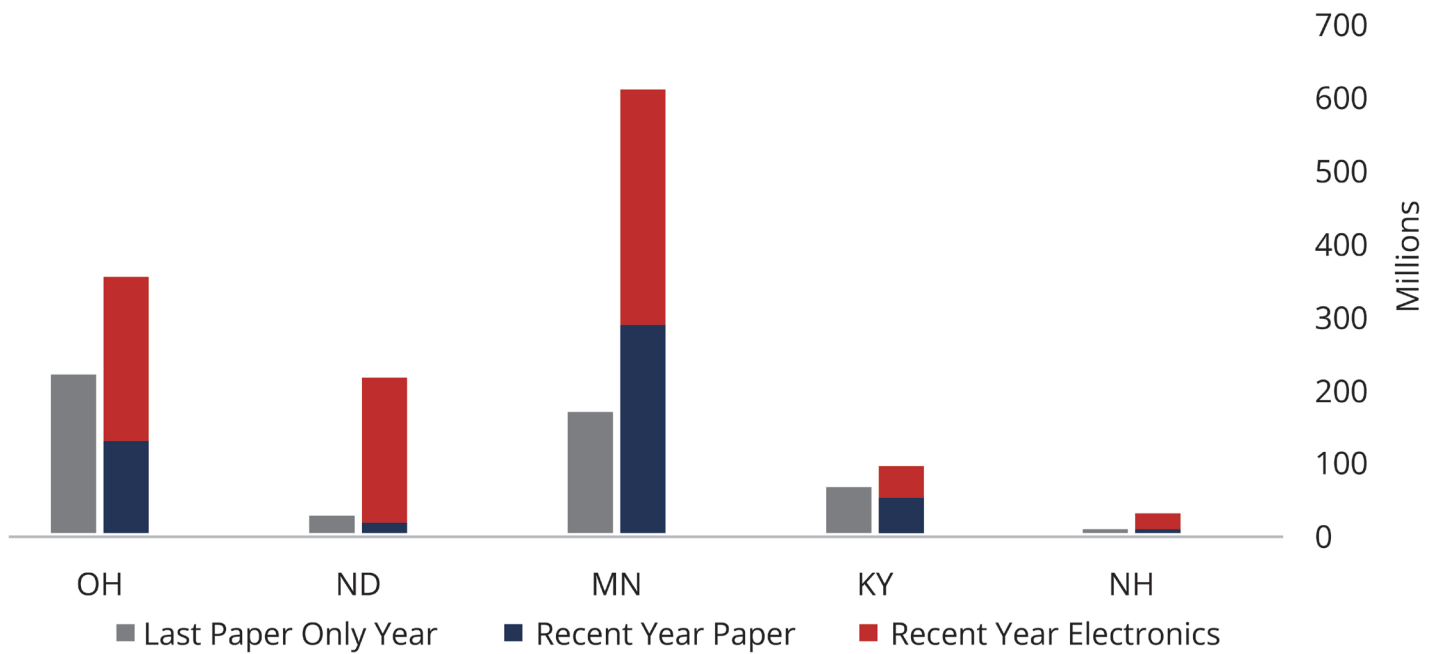
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Same thing,  
just electronic.

# Growth in gaming revenue after adding e-tabs

## Pull-Tabs Net Receipts Growth - Charities Win!



## Testimonials from Post leaders after adding e-tabs

“Our Post struggled to generate \$15,000 in charitable receipts for our community. Since we began offering electronic pull tabs a year ago, we’ve donated \$100,000 to support critical organizations in the community.”

- Jerry Wilson, American Legion Post 199, Harrison, Ohio

“E-tabs have been a game-changer for us, boosting our monthly gaming revenue. These funds have allowed us to repair and renovate our facility and enhance our community’s well-being. Today, we donate to support organizations like food pantries, homeless shelters, local schools, active military aid societies and veterans charities.”

- Bill Makowski, American Legion Post 572, Parma, Ohio

For more information,  
contact Richard Ellis,  
VFW Legislative  
Chairman at  
[rellis6908@gmail.com](mailto:rellis6908@gmail.com)



Contact your local state  
lawmakers and ask  
them to support e-tabs  
as a form of charitable  
gaming.

## State Legislative News

- Southern Town Hall Event with Representative Bartels: 13 September 2024 - Representative Bartels Winery Conference Center.
- Central Town Hall Event with Representative Haggard: 16 September 2024 - VFW Post 1111, Mooresville, IN.
- Norther Town Hall Event with Representative Judy: 18 September 2024 - Veteran's National Memorial Shrine and Museum, Fort Wayne, IN

Times for all events will be from 4pm - 6pm.

BIG FOUR PRESENTS

# TOWN HALL EVENT

TIME  
4 - 6 PM

SEPTEMBER 13  
2024

LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR  
REPRESENTATIVE  
**STEPHEN BARTELS**

## DISCUSSION AND INSIGHTS

TUITION REMISION FOR  
CHILDREN OF DISABLED  
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# TOWN HALL EVENT

**TIME**  
**4 - 6 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**2024**

LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR  
REPRESENTATIVE  
**CRAIG HAGGARD**

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BIG FOUR PRESENTS

# TOWN HALL EVENT

TIME  
4 - 6 PM

SEPTEMBER 18  
2024

LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR  
REPRESENTATIVE  
**CHRISTOPHER JUDY**

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VETERANS NATIONAL  
SHRINE AND MUSEUM

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# 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.