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General Orders #2

1 August 2020

To be read at all meetings and posted.

2020-2021 Series

1. Department of Indiana Bylaws, June 13, 2020, Article XII, Section 1, designates the Department website [www.vfwin.org](http://www.vfwin.org) as the official publication of the Department of Indiana. Please encourage members to visit [www.vfwin.org](http://www.vfwin.org) for the latest official releases, information and news concerning the Department.
2. Post Quartermaster Bonds obtained from the Department through National expire on 31 August 2020. Application for bond renewal is attached to these General Orders. Also attached is information on insurance for canteen personnel. ALL BONDS REQUEST MUST EITHER HAVE A CHECK OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.
3. Council of Administration will meet on Friday, 14 August 2020 at the Indianapolis Marriott Center East. Start time for C of A is 7:00 pm, dress code – state shirt and slacks.
4. School of Instruction is scheduled for Saturday 15 August 2020 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Must have pre-registered if you want a meal, deadline has been extended till the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. Registration is Friday from 4 – 6 pm and Saturday from 8 – 9 am. School starts promptly at 9:00 am.
5. Indiana Day at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> has been canceled, please check information on Department web site for virtual event. [www.vfwin.org](http://www.vfwin.org).
6. VFW Day at the Indiana Veterans Home has been canceled.
7. Headquarters will be closed Labor Day September 7<sup>th</sup>.
8. State Golf Outing is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Terre Haute, see attached flyer.
9. Updated Department Bylaws are posted on the Department website, [www.vfwin.org](http://www.vfwin.org).
10. Department will nominate and elect a Quartermaster at the Fall Conference. If interested and have questions concerning job duties, please contact the Department Commander.
11. Several important documents are attached.

By Order of  
Dave Capshaw  
Department Commander  
VFW Department of Indiana

Official:

Richard Leirer  
JV Commander  
Department of Indiana

## Announcements

1 August 2020

1. Department Headquarters is looking to hire a receptionist. Standard office skills required, Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and operation of office equipment. Contact Department Adjutant at [adj@vfwinc.org](mailto:adj@vfwinc.org)
2. Department Adjutant's official email address is [adj@vfwinc.org](mailto:adj@vfwinc.org)
3. Department Quartermaster's official email address is [qm@vfwinc.org](mailto:qm@vfwinc.org)
4. Aug 4<sup>th</sup> US Coast Guard Established (1790)
5. Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Purple Heart Medal Established (1782)
6. Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Vietnam War officially began (1964)
7. Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Japan Surrendered ending World War II (1945)

Department Commander

1 August 2020

Greetings Comrades,

Our motto of "Still Serving" has never been more vital to our great Organization. VFW Posts all across Indiana have been resourceful in finding ways to be relevant to our communities.

One example was Judy King of Shelbyville Post 2695 that was featured in the VFW National Magazine. Using our natural talents to aid others is very heart warming to those on the receiving end. Well done, Judy.

Indiana Day at Eton Rapids and Lafayette have been canceled. In lieu of going to the National Children's Home, there will be a Virtual Day for our event. The tentative date and time is 10:00 AM on August 22, 2020. Watch for details on the Web Page and Facebook.

We hope to have the State Headquarters back to normal soon. Thank you to Gloria Faulk, Richard Leirer and Pat Gebhart for stepping up in this transition period. It has been a difficult time for all.

We need to remember why we first joined the VFW. Myself, it was to continue serving the community where I lived. And my love for my fellow veterans.

Thank you for all that you do,

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## Department Surgeon

Comrades,

I want to thank each and everyone of you for electing me to the position of Surgeon for the Department of Indiana. This is an honor and a privilege. Do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can assist you in anyway.

One of the duties of Surgeon is to look out for the health and welfare of our members. One issue that is very important to me is suicide prevention. During these turbulent times do not hesitate to reach out if you are having problems. It does not matter how strong you think you are we all need assistance once in a while. Please read the following article.

### TRAGIC END

Green Beret soldier, 34, known as Captain America kills himself in front of horrified wife after six brutal Afghan tours  
Credit: The US Sun. Jon Lockett, Jul12 2020

A DECORATED special forces soldier known as 'Captain America' has tragically committed suicide in front of his wife.

Green Beret Andrew Christian Marckesano, 34, served a dozen combat tours in danger zones, including six during the Afghan war. Green Beret Andrew Christian Marckesano was known as 'Captain America'

He took his own life at his home in Alexandria, Virginia. His suicide was the 30th from the 2nd Battalion, 508th parachute infantry regiment - which had the highest casualty rates of any US unit in Afghanistan. The warrior's friends have since revealed he never fully recovered from his tour with them in the deadly Arghandab Valley in 2009. At the time the battle-scarred region was considered the most dangerous place on earth.

"That deployment was like being in the ring with Mike Tyson for a year," the battalion's former Command Sgt Major Bert Puckett said. Master sergeant Marckesano was revered by his fellow soldiers and known to all as 'Captain America.' His suicide was the 30th from the 2nd Battalion, 508th parachute infantry