



Indiana

GENERAL ORDERS #3

1 September 2025
2025-2026 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED

1. **District and Post Bond** from the Department through National expired 31 August 2025. 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 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.

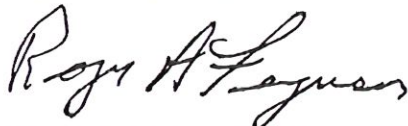
Today the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States reaffirms its commitment to that chartered purpose by first recognizing that to end racism within our organization, it is not enough to be non-racist/non-discriminatory: we must be proactive. While we focus on education and mentorship we work to 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. **Every Post** chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2025-2026 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Buddy Poppy (500 minimum) and Veterans and Military Support Programs (VMS). 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.

4. To qualify for **All-American**, a **minimum donation of \$125.00** must be donated to **VMS** by **30 June 2026**. 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.

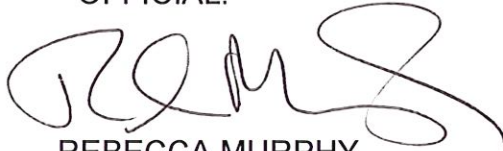
5. **State Headquarters** will be closed on 1 September 2025 to observe Labor Day.
6. **The Council of Administration Meeting** will be on Friday, 5 September 2025 at 6pm Marriott East. Uniform State Shirts and slacks/khakis.
7. **The School of Instruction** will be on Saturday, 6 September 2025 at Marriott East. Registration is 6 September from 8:00am – 9:00am. School starts promptly at 9:00am. Uniform is State Shirts and shorts, jeans, or slacks. No covers.
8. **POW/MIA Ceremony** will be at the Indiana War Memorial Pershing Auditorium, 19 September 2025, from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Uniform is State Shirts and slacks, Jacket and Ties optional.
9. **Indiana Day** at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan is 21 September 2025. Uniform is State Shirts, shorts, jeans, or slacks.
10. Several important documents are attached to these orders. Please review all.

BY ORDER OF:



ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:



REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF INIDANA VFW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 September 2025

1. September District Meetings: Please see attachments.
2. 1 September: Labor Day.
3. 2 September: V-J Day (1945).
4. 11 September: Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. Flag's Half-Staff till sunset.
5. 18 September: U.S. Air Force Established (1947).
6. 19 September: POW/MIA Recognition Day
7. 28 September: Gold Star Mother's Day.
8. 29 September: VFW Established (1899).



Indiana

1 September 2025

Comrades,

August was an eventful month. I would like to thank all who attended the National Convention. Indiana had a great turnout. It was a nonstop Convention full of firsts and surprises. Carol Whitmore was installed as the first female Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Commander-in-Chief Whitmore is going to do great things for the organization. Cory L. Geisler was elected Sr. Vice-Commander-in-Chief after being nominated from the floor. This may have happened before but never when I was present at a Convention. Good luck for a successful year to all the newly elected National officers.

Thanks to Richmond Post 1108 for hosting the State Golf Tournament. Big Dave along with Golf Chairman Past State Commander Darrel Knight did an outstanding job putting this together. My thanks to all for a fun-filled weekend.

September is looking to be busier. On the 6th there will be the School of Instruction. I urge everyone to attend. The Dean of the School of Instruction, Jerry Blake along with all other speakers, has made every effort to make the school more relevant and informative. More time will be allotted for questions from the floor. That way you can get the answers to issues that pertain to you.

On Saturday, the 13th Premier Arms in Brownsburg will be Celebrating their 24th Anniversary and 3rd year benefiting the VFW and my Special Project. Please come out and have a fun day.

The 19th will be POW/MIA Day at the Indiana War Memorial. Let us never forget those missing or held against their will.

The 21st is Indiana Day at the National Home in Eaton Rapids. If you have not visited the National Home, you are missing a special part of the VFW.

We have a group representing our State in Des Moines, Iowa for the Commander-in-Chief Whitmore's Homecoming the 25th thru the 28th.

It is time to start getting required obligations out of the way if you have not already done so. Other than Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, Day of Service and Community Service, which you need to put in quarterly everything else can be down now.

Work on Membership every day. Without the numbers our voice will not be heard. We have earned our benefits, but we need to work even harder to keep them. If we do not stand up to the lawmakers in Indianapolis and Washington D.C. with numbers no one else will. Votes are what count. The Commander-in-Chief has set a goal of 101% which is very achievable. Let's make it happen.

Thanks for your support.

ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW



1 September 2025

Indiana

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025

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@vfwin.org.

DISTRICT	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING	DEPT. REP
ONE	9/7	**12:00pm	Lowell Post 6841	Danny Gann
TWO	9/7	2:00pm	Porter Post 2511	Kevin Banda
THREE	9/14	1:00pm	Rolling Prairie Post 9423	Adam Ferguson
FOUR	9/20	3:00pm	Fort Wayne Post 1421	Rebecca Murphy
FIVE	9/13	***12:00pm	Frankfort Post 1110	Richard Leirer
SIX	9/14	11:00am	Brownsburg Legion Post 331	Adam Bethard
SEVEN	9/28	10:30am	Gosport Post 7850	Keith Rohloff
EIGHT	9/14	*10:00am	Evansville Post 1114	Roger Ferguson
NINE	9/14	1:00pm	Batesville Post 3183	Ken Lange
TEN	9/14	1:30pm	Fortville Post 6904	Michael Jordan
Eleven	9/13	10:30am	Speedway Post 2839	Edie Toll-Seiler

By Order of:

Official:

ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER

REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT

*C - Central Time

** - POW/MIA Ceremony at 11:00am (C)

*** - POW/MIA Ceremony at 11:30am



Questionnaire for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage



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

Dear Comrade Commander:

August 1, 2025

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns appropriate bonding of your Post Positions. Section 703 of the National By-Laws requires that each Accountable Officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety. The By-Laws place the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. Section 218 of the National Manual requires **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a Crime Policy for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a policy with another surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters Crime Policy. However, prompt attention is required because if your Accountable Officers had previously been covered through the Department Program, a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2025 or it will be considered delinquent.

COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRE:

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each "employee and/ or volunteer".
If the above is not complied with, the Insurance Company may refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.
2. The Insurance Company may not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an "employee" to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.
3. "Employee" means any duly elected position, or any appointed officer as listed in the policy schedule.
4. **IF THE POLICY IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2025, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM. AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.**
5. **POST MUST SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FORM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DATE OF DISCOVERY OF THE LOSS.**

THIS POLICY IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2026

RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETED IN FULL WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

STATE _____ POST# _____

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/ Volunteer Theft coverage for the year from September 1, 2025 through September 1, 2026 in the

AMOUNT of \$ _____ for the POSITION of _____

Post Annual Income: \$ _____

Has the post had any Crime Coverage losses (theft of money) over the past 3 years by an Accountable Officer? YES ☐ NO ☐
If yes, please contact your Department for a Loss Questionnaire. No Coverage can be extended until approved by insurance carrier

Number of Persons Bonded: 1

Number of Locations: 1

NOTE : Questionnaire is not valid unless
ALL questions are answered. Coverage may
be postponed if not completed in FULL.
Deadline for coverage is September 1, 2025 -
After this date you will be delinquent and not
in compliance with the VFW By- Laws.

QM or Commander or Adjutant or Sr Vice Signature

Date

Phone Number

VEW QUARTERMASTER BOND

<u>\$5.00 Per Thousand</u>	<u>\$3.75 Per Thousand</u>	<u>\$3.25 Per Thousand</u>	<u>\$3.00 Per Thousand</u>
\$3,000-----\$15.00	\$26,000-----\$97.50	\$251,000-----\$815.75	\$501,000-----\$1,503.00
\$4,000-----\$20.00	\$27,000-----\$101.25	\$252,000-----\$819.00	\$502,000-----\$1,506.00
\$5,000-----\$25.00	\$28,000-----\$105.00	\$253,000-----\$822.25	\$503,000-----\$1,509.00
\$6,000-----\$30.00	\$29,000-----\$108.75	\$254,000-----\$825.50	\$504,000-----\$1,512.00
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\$8,000-----\$40.00	\$40,000-----\$150.00	\$256,000-----\$832.00	\$506,000-----\$1,518.00
\$9,000-----\$45.00	\$50,000-----\$187.50	\$257,000-----\$835.25	\$507,000-----\$1,521.00
\$10,000-----\$50.00	\$60,000-----\$225.00	\$258,000-----\$838.50	\$508,000-----\$1,524.00
\$11,000-----\$55.00	\$70,000-----\$262.50	\$259,000-----\$841.75	\$509,000-----\$1,527.00
\$12,000-----\$60.00	\$80,000-----\$300.00	\$260,000-----\$845.00	\$510,000-----\$1,530.00
\$13,000-----\$65.00	\$90,000-----\$337.50	\$270,000-----\$877.50	\$520,000-----\$1,560.00
\$14,000-----\$70.00	\$100,000-----\$375.00	\$280,000-----\$910.00	\$530,000-----\$1,590.00
\$15,000-----\$75.00	\$110,000-----\$412.50	\$290,000-----\$942.50	\$540,000-----\$1,620.00
\$16,000-----\$80.00	\$120,000-----\$450.00	\$300,000-----\$975.00	\$550,000-----\$1,650.00
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Questionnaire for Club Employees & Bingo Persons



A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Crime Coverage)
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
Coverage Term: October 1, 2025 to October 1, 2026

1. Name of Post _____ Post # _____

Post Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

2. Name of Person Covered: _____

3. Position to be Covered: _____

4. Coverage Amount Requested: \$ _____

5. Post Annual Income: \$ _____

6. Has the post had any crime losses (Theft of Money by Employee/ Volunteer) over the past 3 years? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please contact your Department for a Loss Questionnaire. No coverage can be extended until approved by insurance carrier.

7. Has the employee/volunteer ever been convicted of a dishonest or fraud employment related act? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain: _____

8. *If this is a replacement for a current position, please advise who you are replacing :* _____

Number of Persons Covered: 1 Number of Locations: 1

Printed Name of Covered Person

Signature of Covered Person

Date

Contact Phone # _____

NOTE : Questionnaire is not valid unless all questions are answered. Coverage may be postponed if not completed in **FULL**.
IF COVERAGE IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 10-1-2025, THE POST
HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS, PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.

VFW CLUB MANAGER, BARTENDERS, BINGO BOND

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars of Indiana
&
Department of Indiana Auxiliary**

**POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
FRANK T STRAYER VFW POST 1587
5139 E 10TH STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
6:00 P.M.**





Paoli VFW Post 8302

4th Annual

GERRY NOLL MEMORIAL



SATURDAY, SEPT 20TH @ 10^{AM}

GREEN ACRES COUNTRY CLUB

1345 W Leonard Circle, Paoli IN 47454



\$50⁰⁰ per person. Teams will consist of 4 people, with a 40 min. handicap.

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE!

ADDITIONAL PRIZES INCLUDE HOLE PRIZES, DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 DRAWING, RAFFLE PRIZES, AND A \$10,000 HOLE IN ONE PRIZE!

We are reaching out to the community for sponsors and donations to make this event possible. All proceeds will be given back to the community through several different upcoming events. We are seeking hole sponsors of \$100, and or items for drawings and raffles after the event. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Dinner will follow at the:

**Paoli VFW Post 8302
1105 W Hospital Rd, Paoli, IN.**

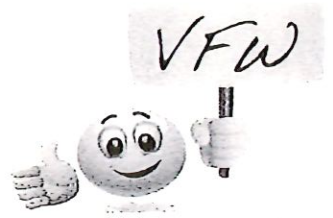
Please direct any event questions to:

**Lee Bentley (812) 865-6242
VFW Post 8302 (812) 723-5184**

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE U.S • PAOLI POST 8302
1105 W HOSPITAL ROAD,
PAOLI, INDIANA 47454
812-723-5184



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

POST 8302 IS PROUD TO BE HOSTING THE VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT AT GREEN ACRES GOLF COURSE ON SEPT 2025.

IN THE TRADITION OF ORANGE COUNTY HOSPITALITY, IF YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS WOULD CARE TO DONATE A DOOR PRIZE OR BUY A HOLE SPONSORSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT VFW POST 8302 GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP AND DOOR CHAIR-PERSON, LEE BENTLEY @ 812-865-6242.

TO BE COMPLETED BY A VFW REPRESENTATIVE:

BUSINESS OR PERSONAL NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

HOLE SPONSORSHIP

(COST: \$100 PER HOLE - \$50 PER ½ HOLE)

SHORT SLOGAN: _____
(EXAMPLE: WE SUPPORT OUR VETS!, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!, GOD BLESS AMERICA)

CHECK OR CASH RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 TO THAT THE SIGN CAN BE MADE.

DOOR PRIZES

PRIZES GIVEN: _____

RECEIVED BY: _____

PLEASE ARRANGE FOR PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF TO VFW POST 8302 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.



Our Mission

The VFW National Home assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe, and healthy environment.

Greetings,

It is almost time to visit the VFW National Home and celebrate Indiana Day on September 20th, 2025.

For those who have not gone it is a fantastic trip. The fall weather has cooled that summer heat and the leaves are starting to change. I am sure there are still seats available on the 7th or 11th District buses. For those who have we hope to see you again.

My main reason for writing is that you will soon be voting on the disbursement of your donation to our VFW Home, Our Homefront Hero's. We would like you to consider earmarking other areas as the Indiana Home is in great shape.

Areas that could use funds are things like the New General Store, Education, Daycare, Recreational Clubs like 4-H, Sports equipment, and the Museum They are still accepting donations/sign up for the Tribute Park brinks or just "General Fund".

You can also visit www.vfwnationalhome.org for more information and to become a Life Member of the VFW National Home.

Hope to see you all there.

Diane Pettit

and

Jerry Blake

State National Home Chairman

National Home Board President



VFW NATIONAL HOME

Indiana Day Schedule

September 21, 2025

9:00am to 2:00pm

Support Your National Home

9:00 am—12:00pm

Coffee & Event Sign In

(Community Center Gym)

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Registration for "Parade of Checks"

(Community Center Gymnasium)

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Gift Baskets Raffle

(Community Center Gymnasium)

****You must be present to win****

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Souvenir and Apparel Sales

(Welcome Center)

Family Fun & Activities

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Guided Tours of Campus.

(People mover pick-up in front of Community Center Gymnasium)

9:30 am—11:20 am

Petting Zoo

(Community Center Lawn)

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Ice Cream & Popcorn

(Community Center Café)

11:30 am—11:50am

.1k Fun Run

Warmup at 11:30am, race at 11:40am

(Near MI House)

Lunch at 12:00pm

(Community Center Gym)

Prayer: VFW Chaplain, Larry Patch

Lunch Menu

Hotdogs & Hamburgers

Assorted Sides & Salads

Soft Serve Ice Cream & Drinks

Program

Welcome: Executive Director, Mike Wilson

Pledge: Buddy Poppy Child

National Anthem: Kristin Smith

Remarks:

State Commander, Roger Ferguson

Auxiliary President, Jessie Davenport

NH Chairman, Diane Pettit

Buddy Poppy Chairman, Carolyn Patch

Executive Director, Mike Wilson

Parade of Checks

Gift Basket Raffle Drawings

****You must be present to win****

Closing Prayer: Chaplain, Michael Fleenor

Thank You for Coming to

Indiana Day at the



VFW NATIONAL HOME



National Home Bus Trip 2025

The annual Bus Trip to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI will be September 20-21, 2025. District 11 is looking forward to a wonderful trip.

The cost is \$150.00 per person / double occupancy. This covers the cost of one overnight hotel room / double occupancy, and round-trip bus transportation to Charlotte, Michigan and the National Home and back to Indiana. We will be spending Saturday night at the Comfort Inn in Charlotte, MI which is about 25 minutes from the National Home. We hope to have a hospitality room at the hotel.

We will also be taking requests for those along the I-69 corridor from Indianapolis on the way up who would like to ride the bus. We will pull off at an exit to get on and for getting off on the way back. The price will still be the same. Contact the District Chairman for arrangements.

Reservations and monies need to be turned in by September 10, 2025 as the bus company requires prepayment 10 days prior. First come first gets the space. For questions and reservation call/contact:

11th District Bus Chairman – Diane Pettit 317-440-9872 / dpettit@iuhealth.org

Checks should be made out to VFW 11th District.

Be sure to note in the memo section “NH Bus Trip”.

Mail to or give payment to:

Diane Pettit – 11th District QM

8038 Corktree Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46239

There will be 2 pick-up points in Indy

VFW Post 908 (Southwest Indy)	Departs at approx. 10 am	3011 S. Lockburn Street, Indy 46241
VFW Post 7119 (Northeast Indy)	Departs at approx. 11 am	6525 N. Lee Road, Indy 46236

VFW National Home Bus Trip Information for the 11th District

1. Deadline for payment of reservation is September 10, 2025.

Any spaces still open after that is up for grabs.



2. Drinks and snacks will be \$1.00 so bring money.

3. There will be snacks and drinks on the bus. You may also bring your own sack lunch. We will have more info closer to trip time.

4. We will be staying at the Comfort Inn in Charlotte, Michigan. There will be breakfast.

5. Cancellation Policy

September 1, 2025 thru September 10, 2025 Refunds minus a \$20.00 fee

September 11, 2025 – to departure, No refund.



Let's have a great trip

District Contacts:

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Indianapolis, IN 46219
317-937-5521 / rlpryor613@gmail.com

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Chili/Soup Cook-Off

Rules and Regulations

Friday October 3rd, 2025

The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook-off cooks, judges and/or assistants:

1. Soup is defined as a liquid food especially with a meat, fish, or vegetable stock as a base and often containing pieces of solid food. Soups are either clear varieties based on broths and prepared stocks, or thick soups which are emulsified with starches and dairy products to give them more body; BOTH WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS COMPETITION.
2. There is no entry fee. Contestants may enter more than 1 batch of chili and/or soup. There will be People's Choice prizes.
3. Cooks agree to provide a thorough ingredient list (not recipe) to prevent allergic reactions and/or anaphylactic shock.
4. Chili and/or Soup is to be brought "ready-to-eat" in a crock pot.
5. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils and products relating to their chili and/or Soup submission and maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. Spoons and bowls for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided.
6. The shelter house kitchen is off limits with the exception of the use of the kitchen sink. All food prep will be conducted at the camp site. The shelter house common area may be used as it has plenty of room and outlets for your entire crockpot.
7. Entries will need to be in place at 4:50 PM so that judging/sampling of the entries will begin at 5:00 PM.
8. Each contestant will be assigned a "contestant number" by the Cook-Off Master. This number will be used by the "judges" to score their favorites. Each 1st Place vote will be awarded 3 points, each 2nd place vote will be awarded 2 points and each 3rd place vote will be awarded 1 point. The entry with the most points will be awarded 1st place, followed by 2nd place and 3rd place. and be given a container in which their soup will be collected at the time of the official judging. The decision of the judges is final.
9. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the Dinner on Friday night.



Department of Indiana VFW
State Campout
October 2-5, 2025
Caldwell Pioneer Acres
(The Pioneer Engineers Club of Indiana)
3707 S. 200 West
Rushville, Indiana 46173

Thursday is set up day. **Registration fees are \$10 per person** (Children 12 and under are free). No charge for camping (campsites).

All sites have electric. Water and Dump Station are available at the entrance of campsites. Trash Dumpster at camp entrance.

Fires must be in fire pit. No open fires.

Friday night Dinner is Ham and Beans @ 1700.

Chili Cook Off Contest Friday 1700 (Rules will Posted TBD)

Saturday morning pitch-in breakfast @ 0900.

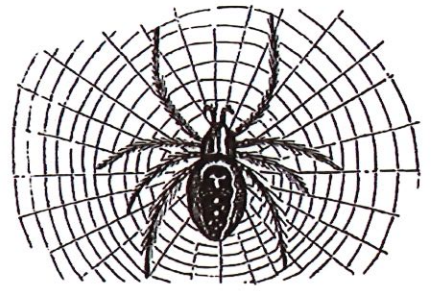
Saturday Fried Chicken Pitch-in Dinner @ 1700.

We will have L/R/C, card games and corn hole. Quiet walks over to the Old Steam Engines and walking trails. A fire pit will be set up by the shelter house.

If you don't camp, you are invited to join us for the Saturday Pitch-in Dinner. Please RSVP to Keith Rohloff (405-535-7210)

keith.rohloff@outlook.com or Jennifer Morris (812-236-4403)

jenmorrisvfw@gmail.com to ensure enough food is purchased.



Saturday, November 1, 2025

Halloween Mixer

Marriott Indianapolis East Hotel

7202 East 21st St Indianapolis, IN 46219

Wear Your Best Halloween Costume

Contest with Prizes

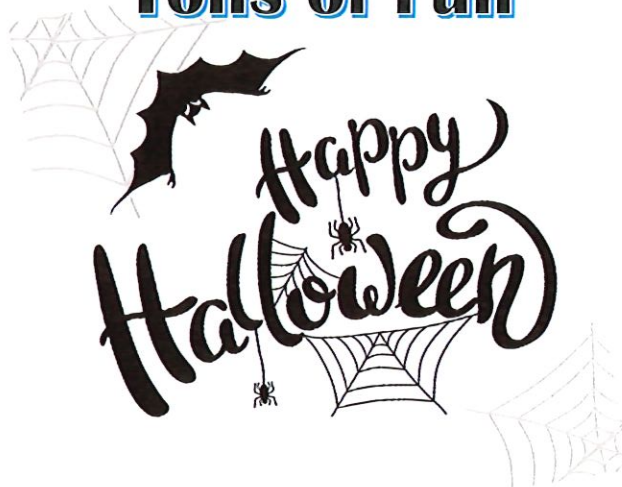
1 – Scariest, 2 - Funniest, 3 - Group

**Compete for the Best Decorated Booth
in Hospitality Room**

Raffles, Prizes

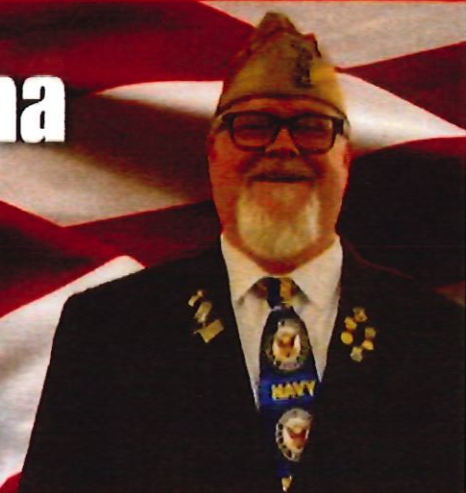
Tons of Fun

**50/50
Drawing**



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 Auxilliary, 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