



Indiana

**GENERAL ORDERS #7**

1 January 2026  
2025-2026 Series

**TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:**

- 1. State Headquarters will be closed** Thursday, 1 January 2026 for New Years and Monday, 19 January 2025 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 2. Commander on all levels** are reminded that according to Section 105 of the National Bylaws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions, and shall not participate in Post, County Council, District, Department or National functions.
- 3. Per Section 218, Manual of Procedure**, the Post and District Trustee's Report of Audit for the quarter ending 31 December 2025 is due to the State Adjutant **not later than 31 January 2026**.
- 4. January 2025 District Meetings.** Schedule is attached to these General Orders.
- 5. Indiana Military Veteran's Legislative Day at the State House** will be 12 January 2026 in the Rotunda of the Indiana State Capitol located at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN. The overall event is intended to open communication channels between Indiana Reserve Component, active-duty 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 2026 legislative session.
- 6. State Commander Ferguson and State Auxiliary President Jessie Davenport's Testimonial** will be at VFW Post 6246: 654 S 9ths St. Noblesville, IN on Saturday, 25 April 2026. Tickets will be \$20.00.
- 7. Section 803 of the Manual of Procedure Alternative Cap** is on sale now at the VFW Store. This is a baseball-style cap, black in color, lettered with VFW initials, Post numerals, state, rank of office (when applicable), Veterans of Foreign Wars and bearing the Cross of Malta may be worn by members other than officers during meetings of the Post and District. Lettering on each cap shall be in gold.

The trim on the front of the bill shall be either gold, green, red, or silver, corresponding to the official braid colors for the respective organizational echelon.

The baseball-style cap shall be an alternative to, but not a replacement for the regulation overseas cap and shall not be worn in place of the regulation cap at formal ceremonies, when in business attire, or at events where the regulation cap is prescribed.

**8. 2026 VFW Day of Service** kicks off on 1 May 2026, with events taking place throughout the month of May. Posts are encouraged to start planning now – May will be here before we know it.

**9. The Online Membership System (OMS)** will shut down at **4:00pm CST on 31 December 2025**. Any transactions submitted through OMS on 31 December before the shutdown will be posted to Memstats and Post Query later that evening and will be available for viewing the morning of **6 January 2026**.

## **10. UPCOMING Post Quartermaster Training and Q&A Zoom Sessions**

(All VFW Post and District Officers are welcome to attend.)

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE Training Opportunities and Links, please open your browser to <https://vfwin.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=155722>

(Or surf to VFWIN.ORG and click to RESOURCES >> TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES)

Each session starts off with a review presentation and then time for Questions and Answers (open topic). Please note that each session has a different link and passcode! Please click on a link below to join (or copy and paste to your browser).

### **Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM Eastern (6:00 PM Central)**

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84886353990?pwd=9TryqPSxgvmAGBTWulga0VO54GxfF8.1>

Meeting ID: 848 8635 3990

Passcode: 723548

### **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM Eastern (6:00 PM Central)**

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82497298782?pwd=ScbpTajc4bTcvu72dWFxrFVysF>  
URL: [xtl.1](#)  
Meeting 824 9729 8782  
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Passcode548616  
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If you have any questions or any suggestions, please feel free to email the State Quartermaster Michael Jordan at [QM@VFWIN.ORG](mailto:QM@VFWIN.ORG).

**11. War History Museum** located at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum at 2122 O'Day Road, Fort Wayne, IN will be temporarily closed and will re-open on 2 March 2026.

**12. Spring Conference and Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Banquet** is 10-12 April 2026 at Indianapolis Marriott East. Please make every effort to attend. Hotel information is attached.

13. 1 January New Year's Day (State Headquarters will be closed).

14. 17 January Persian Gulf War Began (1991).

15. 19 January Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (State Headquarters will be closed).

16. 27 January Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973).

17. 31 January Panama Campaign Ended (1990).

BY ORDER OF:



ROGER FERGUSON  
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:

  
REBECCA MURPHY  
STATE ADJUTANT



Indiana

1 January 2026

Comrades,

I truly hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year. Keep our deployed troops and their families in your hearts and prayers. We Veteran's along with our families more than most understand the heartache of separation during the holidays.

I have been made aware lately that we have officers that are unaware of their responsibilities. On many occasions questions and concerns can be answered by referring to the Bylaws and Manual of Procedure along with their oath of office. I recently spoke with a truly dedicated new Post Commander that had no idea that either of these existed. My conclusion was that a lack of mentorship on the part of the previous Commander was at fault. Each of us needs to strive to make sure no one is put in a position that they are not ready to handle just to fill an office.

A particularly important event at the Indiana Statehouse will be taking place on January 12, 2026. Indiana Military Veteran's Legislative Day is our opportunity to voice our concerns to our Legislators. We need to fill the Statehouse with Veterans. Many important Veteran's issues will be coming in front of our lawmakers in 2026, and we must make our voice heard. **REMEMBER JANUARY 12, 2026, 9AM-1PM.**

UNITED AS ONE

ROGER FERGUSON  
STATE COMMANDER  
VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA



1 January 2026

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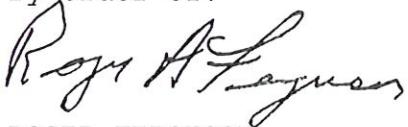
To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

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.

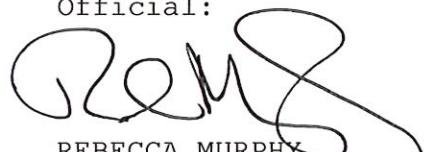
DISTRICT	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING	DEPT. REP
ONE	1/11	*12:00pm	St. John Post 717	Keith Rohloff
SIX	1/11	11:00am	Carmel Post 10003	Rob Loy
SEVEN	1/25	10:30am	Worthington Post 7117	Roger Ferguson
EIGHT	1/18	10:00am	Corydon Post 2950	Dave Hammons
NINE	1/18	1:00pm	Milan Post 6234	Russell Pryor
TEN	1/18	1:30pm	Connersville Post 571	Ken Lange
Eleven	1/10	10:30am	Indianapolis Post 7119	Michael Jordan

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\*C - Central Time



12TH ANNUAL

# JANUARY 12, 2026

## INDIANA STATEHOUSE

200 W. WASHINGTON ST. INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FROM  
INDIANAPOLIS ZOO PARKING

MEET YOUR  
LEGISLATORS

COFFEE, DONUTS &  
LUNCH PROVIDED  
9AM-1PM

40  
EXHIBITORS  
★  
PROGRAM  
10:30AM

[VeteransLegislativeDay.com](http://VeteransLegislativeDay.com)



**THIS FORM GOES TO THE MARRIOTT NOT TO THE STATE  
HEADQUARTERS.**

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Reservation Request  
Indianapolis Marriott Center East  
7202 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
Phone: (317)352-1231  
Toll Free: 1-800-228-9290  
Fax: (317) 222-3339

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana - VFW  
Spring Conference.**

**Dates: Friday 10 April - Sunday 12 April 2026**

ROOM RATES \$127.00 Per Night Marriott  
ROOM RATES \$107.00 Per Night The Fontana

PLEASE APPLY 17% SALES TAX TO THE ABOVE RATES  
**Cutoff day: 5:00pm Friday, 20 March 2026**

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriott Rewards# \_\_\_\_\_

For arrival on (day/date) \_\_\_\_\_

Departure on (day/date) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) sharing accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type Preference: One (1) King Bed

Two (2) Double Beds

Handicap Accessible

No preference

When requesting a reservation, please note your arrival and departure dates carefully. You understand that you are liable for one night's room and tax in the event you do not cancel by 6pm or arrive on the arrival date. This will be deducted from your deposit or billed through your credit card. If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.

Check or Money Order Enclosed for amount of \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Indianapolis Marriott East is pleased you have chosen us for your upcoming visit. Our staff looks forward to serving you in fine Marriott tradition.

**Please Note:** Hotel checkout time is 11:00am. Hotel check-in time is 4:00pm. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. ROOMS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE; HOWEVER, THE GROUP RATE IS NOT GUARANTEED. PLEASE APPLY 17% SALES TAX TO THE ABOVE RATES.

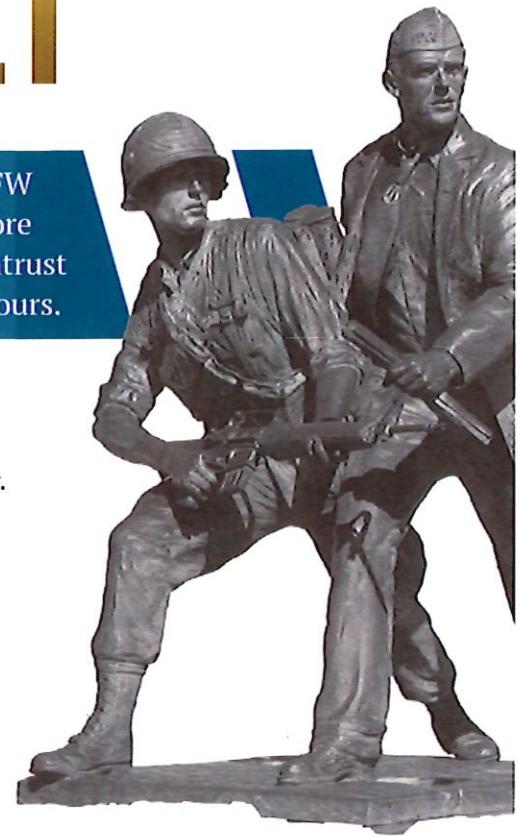
**As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization**, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

## THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Educate** separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Accredited Service Officer.

**Advocate** for America's veterans and their families on Capitol Hill, ensuring *promises made* to veterans are *promises kept*.

**Deliver** morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



## 2,278

Number of VFW Accredited Service Officers across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

## 52,801

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Appreciation Program (MAP) events.

## \$16.2 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits in fiscal year 2025.

## \$1.48 million

Amount of academic scholarships awarded to 317 veterans and service members.

## 23

Number of testimonies provided to Congress in fiscal year 2025. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

## \$3.14 million+

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributed to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

## \$29,106

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 89% of the funds covered basic housing needs in fiscal year 2025.



**JOIN THE VFW**

Connect With Us  
 VFWFans VFWHQ  
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## About the VFW

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.



### The VFW by the numbers

**1.3 million+**

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

**5,556**

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



**1899**

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



### Helping struggling military families

**13**

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Financial Assistance for Service Members*.

**\$25,890**

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Financial Assistance for Service Members* covering housing for struggling military families.

**12**

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs.



### Cutting red tape

**164,000**

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2025.

**14,500+**

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2025 resulting in more than \$187 million in disability compensation.

**20+**

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



### Inspiring patriotism in young people

**27,053**

Number of high school students who competed in the 2024-25 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

**61,926**

Number of students who competed in the 2024-25 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.



### Improving life in America

**5.4 million**

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

**\$43.5 million**

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

### The VFW Relies on Donations

The VFW is a 501(c), and programs are made possible through membership dues and tax-deductible donations from good-hearted Americans.

*Cost of VFW Program Services:  
\$62.6 Million*



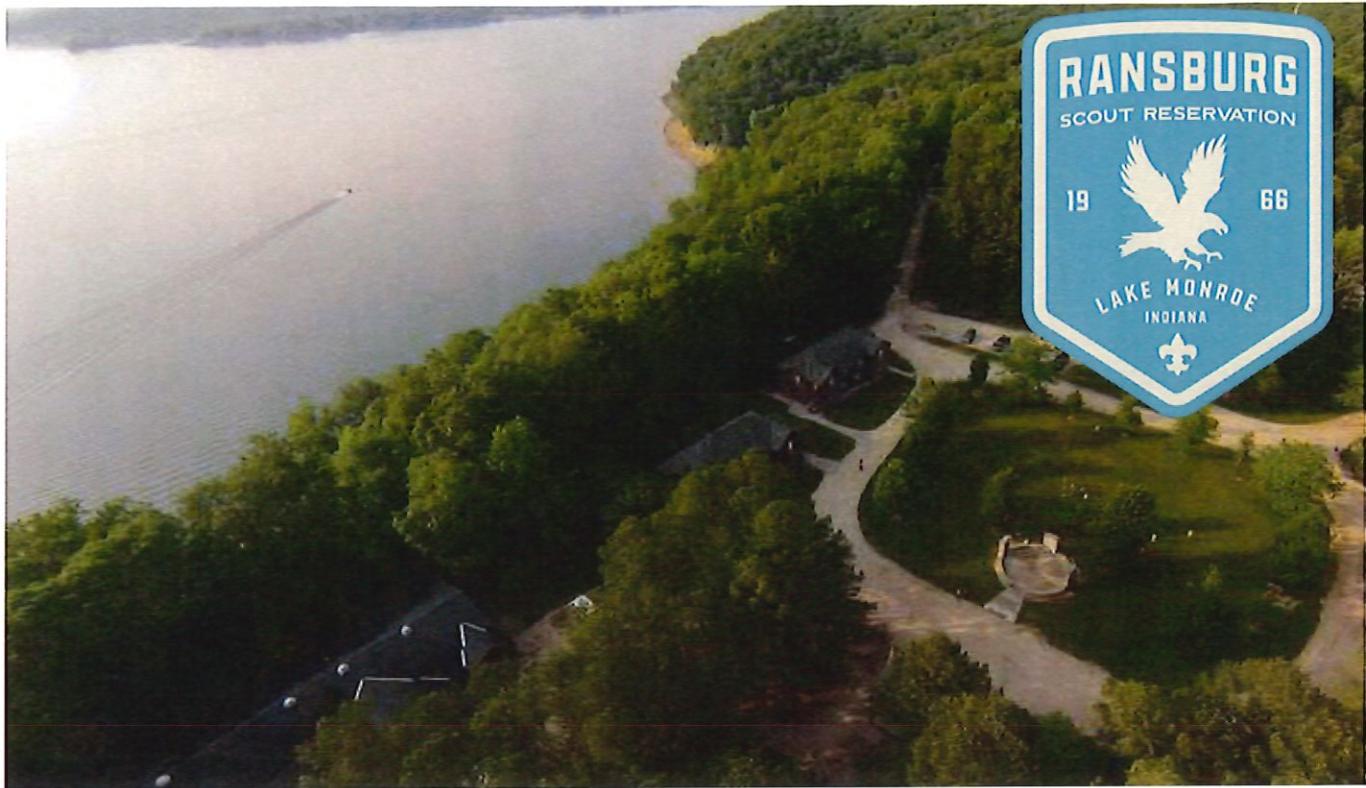
Source: VFW 2025 Annual Report

Updated December 2025



**SUPPORT THE VFW**

Learn more about the VFW at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).



**RANSBURG SCOUT RESERVATION  
RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP  
BLOOMINGTON, IN**

# **HIRING RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS**

Rifle and Shotgun

**SEASONAL POSITION - MAY 25 - JULY 22**

- We are looking to hire safety-minded individuals enthusiastic about working with kids (ages 11-17)
- Facilitate instruction on our Rifle Range
- Facilitate instruction on our Shotgun Range
- Must be 21 years or older
- Trainings and certifications provided on site

**[WWW.RANSBURGBSA.ORG/APPLY](http://WWW.RANSBURGBSA.ORG/APPLY)**

# DAY OF SERVICE 2026

Kicking off on Saturday, May 2



Save the Date and  
Let Us Know You're  
All In Next Year!

Sign up today at  
[vfw.org/DayofService](https://vfw.org/DayofService) or  
scan the QR code below.

Register early to give  
yourself more time to  
plan — and give us more  
time to help promote  
and support your event.

**MORE EVENTS,  
MORE RESOURCES,  
MORE PROMOTION  
& EVEN MORE  
COMMUNITY IMPACT.**



**SCAN TO SIGN  
UP FOR 2026!**

[vfw.org/DayOfService](https://vfw.org/DayOfService)

**STILL  
SERVING**

# JAMES "ROB" LOY



## CANDIDATE FOR VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA SURGEON 2026-2027

### VFW ELIGIBILITY:

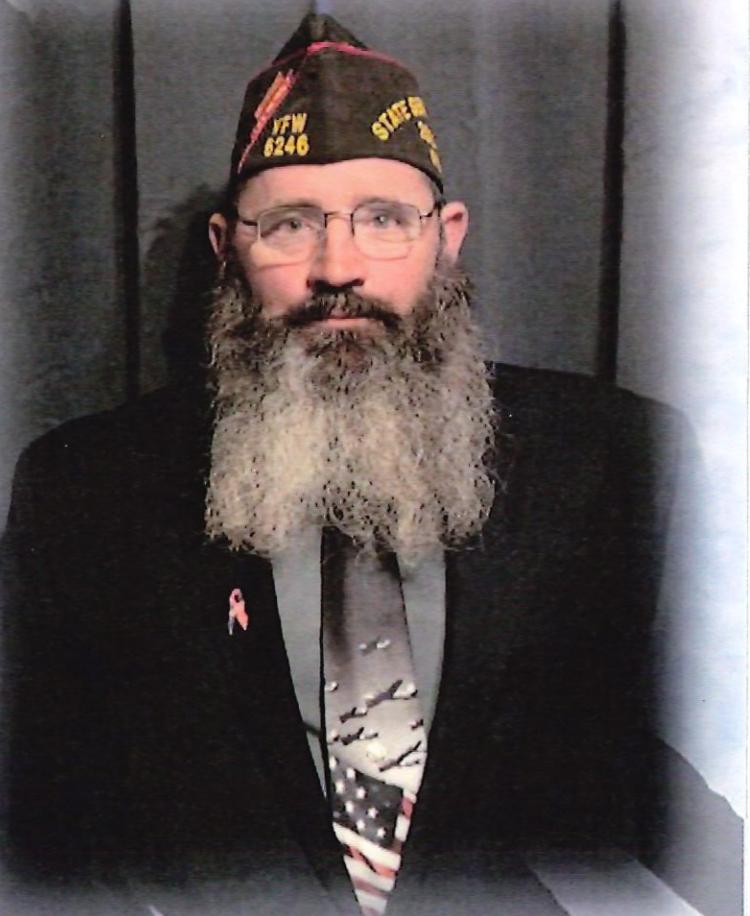
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### VFW HIGHLIGHTS AND RECORD OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE:

2017-2024 POST 6246 COMMANDER  
2019-2024 SIX TIME ALL AMERICAN COMMANDER  
2018-2019 CAPTAIN ALL STATE TEAM  
2018-2024 ALL STATE TEAM  
2018-2024 ALL AMERICAN TEAM  
2022 & 2023 ALL AMERICAN DISTRICT COMMANDER  
2020-2021, 2025-2026 NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP  
2024-2025 NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF  
2023-2024 ASSISTANT STATE SGT-AT-ARMS  
2024-PRESENT STATE-SGT-AT-ARMS  
2022 & 2024-PRESENT STATE LOYALTY DAY CHAIRMAN

### SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

VFW MEMBER SINCE 2005  
GOLD LEGACY LIFETIME MEMBER  
CENTENNIAL LIFE MEMBER VFW NATIONAL HOME  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES  
AMERICAN LEGION

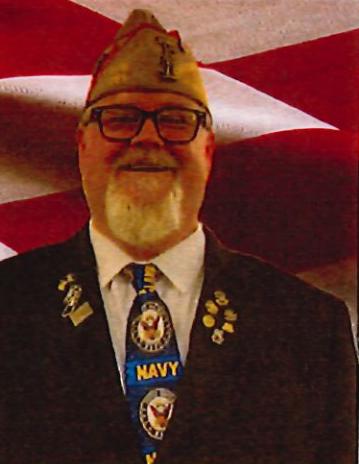


# Russell "Gabby" Pryor

## 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 Auxiliary, 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