VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. 1 June 2023 2022-2023 Series

GENERAL ORDERS #12

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

- 1. State Convention and Banquet: Will be held at the Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN 8 11 June 2023. See attached schedule.
- 2. Finance Meeting: Will be held at the Marriott East, 8 June 2023 at 1pm.
- 3. All State Recognition will be at the Saturday evening banquet.
- 4. From the State Adjutant: All deficiencies must be corrected with the State Adjutant by NOON on Friday 9 June 2023. This will give all Post's the opportunity to vote on 10 June 2023.
- 5. **VFW National News:** The Online Membership System (OMS) will remain open for membership submission until 30 June 2023 till 6:30pm CST. All Posts must submit their final membership information by then. Shortly after 6:30pm CST, all membership processing will shut down to begin year-end processing.
- 6. Post Commanders and Quartermasters are reminded that Post elections were to have been completed in April, per by-law, and Elections Reports need to be filed immediately with National.
- 7. Incoming Officers it is imperative that you enable TroopID at www.vfw.org. All responsibilities of Department, District and Post leadership include access to OMS and Dashboard to perform the duties expected therein. This especially affects Commander, Quartermasters, and Adjutants. All duties of obligation require this site to be successful. Tutorials abound on the site and are neither difficult nor long.
- 8. Several important documents are attached to this order. Please review all.

BY ORDER OF:

RICHARD LEIRER STATE COMMANDER REBECCA MURPHY STATE ADJUTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT'S 1 JUNE 2023

1. Sheila Corcoran 2023-2023 State Shirt: Order form is attached.

- 2. State Golf Tournament: Please see attached documents.
- 3. 6 June: D-Day Allied Invasion of Europe (1944).
- 4. 14 June: U.S. Army Founded (1775).
- 5. 14 June: Flag Day.
- 6. 18 June: Father's Day.
- 7. 19 June: Juneteenth National Independence Day.
- 8. 21 June: Summer Begins.
- 9. 22 June: GI Bill Signed into Law (1944).
- 10. 25 June: Korean War Began (1950).
- 11. 27 June: National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day.
- 12. 30 June: Post 9/11 GI Bill Signed into Law (2008).

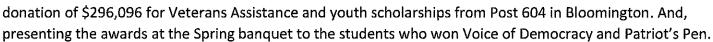
Comrades,

What a fast year, time really flies when you enjoy what you do. Terri and I have traveled all over the State visiting with Post and attending different Veteran related activities. We have attended everything from cocktail receptions to memorial services. Parades, race car museums, bill signings with the Governor, you name it, we have done it. I am so very lucky Terri was with me every step of the way.

Don't get me wrong there have been some challenges, mostly concerning something that has nothing to do with the purpose of the VFW, canteens/bars. I have had to close a Post and sell their building; we had a Post destroyed by a tornado, but they are being rebuilt. Just this week we had a Post surrender their Charter, how sad.

Terri and I really enjoyed visiting the National Home, the Indiana Veterans Home, and especially the many Post we had the chance to visit. We have made friends across the state.

Some great moments; like receiving a



In membership we are having a great year as I write this the Department is at 100.79%, thanks to the hard work of many different people but mostly the Membership Committee! As of today, May 31st, we have 84 Posts at or over 100%, Whiting is at 136.36% and Shelbyville is at 124.39%. We have 46 Posts that need 10 or less to be at 100% and 16 of those Posts need 2 or less. On top of that we have seven Districts over 100%, 9th and 11th only need 3 each to be at 100%, the 4th and 5th need a little more, but they can all be 100%.

Remember we have until June 30th.

I wish Sheila Corcoran the greatest possible year and I know she will work hard for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana and the Veterans and families.

It has been my pleasure serving as the Commander of such a great organization, thank you for electing me and supporting. I will continue working for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana I whatever role I am needed. I will always support our Veterans and their families.

Richard Leirer State Commander VFW Department of Indiana



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STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE (REVISED 31 May 2023)

8 - 11 June 2023

Thursday 8 June 2023 Line Officer's: State Shirts

1:00pm Finance Meeting 4:00pm Foundation Meeting

4:00pm - 6:00pm Registration

7:00pm - 8:30pm Council of Administration Meeting

Friday 9 June 2023 Line Officer's: Suits.

Registration (Closed 11:00 - 12:00) 8:00am - 4:00pm Joint Memorial Service 8:30am - 9:30am 9:30am - 10:00am Joint Opening Session Break 10:00am - 10:15am Diane Markle Folds of Honor Indiana 10:15am - 10:30am Mike Ware "Letters from Home" 10:30am - 11:00am 11:00am - 11:30am Business Session Lunch 11:30am - 1:00pm Business Session 1:00pm - 2:50pm 2:50pm - 3:00pm Break Candidate Speeches 3:00pm - 4:00pm Caucuses in District Commander's Room (If 4:00pm - 5:00pm Necessary)

Saturday 10 June 2023 Line Officer's same as Friday

8:00am - 11:00am 9:00am - 12:00pm 9:00am - 10:00am 10:00am - 10:30am	Registration Blood Drive (Patriot) Business Session Lourdes Tiglao (Executive Director, Center for
	Women Veterans at VA)
10:30am - 11:00am	Business Session
11:00am - 11:30am	State Representative Chris Judy/Randy Frye
11:30am - 1:00pm	Lunch
12:00pm - 1:15pm	Business Session
1:15pm - 1:30pm	Break
1:30pm	Election of 2023 - 2024 Officers
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Banquet and Convention Awards (Liberty)
8:00pm - 8:30pm	Installation of 2023 - 2024 Officers
8:45pm	Reception for State Commander Corcoran and
_	Auxiliary President Gennie Pickens.

Sunday 11 June 2023

10:00am - 2:00pm Reception for State Commander Corcoran Post 1587 5139 W. 10th St. Indianapolis

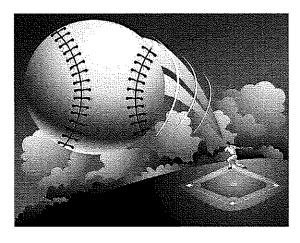


COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland has issued a Home Run Challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of June 2023 to recruit and retain members to finish this membership year strong!

Over the last eleven months, we have seen record-breaking efforts in recruiting and retention from all levels of the VFW; Post, District, and Department. This membership year is not yet over, and the Commander-in-Chief is issuing one final challenge to encourage all of us to get out there and keep working to bring our membership to 102% in growth!

We don't want to watch that perfect pitch go by, we want to hit it out of the park! So the Commander-in-Chief is laying down this Home Run Challenge! The Post in each membership division that increases their membership by the furthest past the 100% mark in June will receive a \$750 cash award deposited into the Post account! In addition, the 2nd through 5th place Posts in each Division will go into a drawing for another \$250 award.



To be eligible for this award, a Post must exceed 100% in membership, and must have increased their membership percentage by the most during the month of June. In addition, a Post must bring in at least one New or Reinstated member in June to be eligible for these awards. The end of the year is approaching, and we want to remind everyone that the All-American program runs through June 30th and there are still more ways to reward your Post for membership excellence. Recruit new members, retain your existing members, reinstate lapsed members, because we want to reward membership growth all the way through the year's end!

This has been a banner year for membership growth, one that will set the new standard for membership excellence for years to come. This kind of growth is not possible without each and every one of our VFW members who has answered the call and helped recruit, retain, and mentor a strong membership base. Through this dedicated effort, we have truly proven that

EVERY VETERAN COUNTS!

This contest will compare a Post's membership percentage on June 1st to their membership percentage on June 30th. The Post in each division that increases their membership percentage by the highest amount will win the award. Dues payments and applications processed online before close of business will be credited that day, payments and applications made through the mail will be processed when received. Posts must be above 100% on June 30th and have at least one New or Reinstated member during the month of June to be eligible for these awards. Questions about this or other membership programs can be sent to membership@vfw.org.



VFW State Commander - Sheila Corcoran 2023-2024 Shirt Order Form Polo - Full Zip Up Hoodie - Oxford

Commanders Shirt Logo



Orders must be received at HQ by these deadlines to be delivered at the event. Ordered by April 7th — available at State Convention
Ordered by May 26th — available at National Convention or SOI
Ordered by Aug 21th — LAST ORDER — available at Fall Conference

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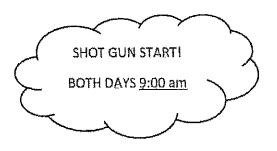


2023 Department of Indiana VFW

Jim Thiel Memorial State Golf Outing

Hosted by:

Kirk-Little VFW Post 1108 213 South 8th Street Richmond, IN 47374 (765) 966-6441



Host Course:

Highland Lake Golf Course 1972 East Highland Road Richmond, IN 47374 (765) 983-7287

Friday, August 4th – Practice Round available - \$28 Fee (Cart Included)
Practice Round Tee Times Available after 11am only – call course to schedule.

Saturday, August 5th – Individual scores to determine Sunday's round

Sunday, August 6th - A, B, C, D Four person scramble, Best Ball Format

Players are limited to first 120 VFW and Auxiliary Members with current dues paid.

Entries must be received with payment no later than July 24, 2023

Cost is \$75 per Person, \$100 to sponsor a hole.

Entry Form: Make your own foursome or we will include you in a foursome.

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2023 VFW STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

COMFORT INN 765-935-4766

3 MINUTES TO GOLF COURSE

912 MENDELSON DR \$109 PLUS TAX

QUALITY INN 765-488-0931

10 MINUTES TO GOLF COURSE

5501 NATIONAL ROAD EAST CALL FOR RATE

RED ROOF INN 765-962-7576

3 MINUTES TO GOLF COURSE

2525 CHESTER BLVD. \$59 TO \$89.99 PLUS TAX

TRAVELLODGE 765-598-4694

10 MINUTES TO GOLF COURSE

5775 NATIONAL ROAD EAST CALL FOR RATE

BEST WESTERN CLASSIC INN 765-939-9500

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HAMPTON INN 765-966-5200

10 MINTUES TO GOLF COURSE

455 COMMERCE RD \$129 PLUS TAX

HOME 2 SUITES 765-277-2750

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5950 NATIONAL ROAD EAST \$129 PLUS TAX

MOTEL 6 & SUITES 765-966-6559

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2023 STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST HOTEL Saturday 10 June 2023, 6:00PM \$32.00 PER PERSON

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MENU
All-American Salad, Pork Medallions, Potato's, Mixed Vegetable, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee, or Iced Tea

To reserve tickets please complete and send back a form with payment.
Make checks payable to: Department of Indiana VFW 9555 E. 59 th Street Indianapolis, IN 46216
To pay by Credit Card: (There will be a \$1.00 surcharge for al Credit Card Transaction)
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2023 STATE CONVENTION BANQUET
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TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 2

June 2023.

Annual VFW Sponsored

VFW Post 1127
303 S. Depot St.
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August 5, 2023

Proceeds to Benefit

Clay County Veterans in Need

\$20 single rider, \$10 passenger

Kickstands up @ 11:00 am return @ 5:00 pm

Stops include Sullivan (prayer stop), Linton, Clay City

Golf Cart winner announced @ 6:00 pm LIVE MUSIC: Highered Guns @ 8:00 PM . . . Gaming License Number 002776



7TH DISTRICT CAMPOUT 2023

WHERE: Lake Melissa

WHEN: August 25th, 26th, and 27th 2023

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Campfire at the Shelter House

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Dinner Night 1700 (5:00 PM)

Bring a Covered Dish. Meat will be provided.

Evening Entertainment: A Team Karaoke

SUNDAY MORNING: 0900 (9:00 AM)

Pitch-in Breakfast with Biscuits and Gravy supplied.

Campers Association Meeting will follow breakfast

There will be a Registration Fee (All attendees 16 or older).

**If you were wondering how we were going to pay for all of this, here's the catch:

If you are like most of us, you have something just lying around that you would rather live without. Bring it to the camp-out and someone else can win it on a raffle.

We make a dollar and you make the room for more treasures!!

**All visitors must stop to register at the office. The owners have asked
all campers to PLEASE WATCH THEIR SPEED!!!

**Please call to Make or Confirm Reservations. Sites are LIMITED!!!

DEPOSIT REQUIRED!!!

Call: Jennifer Morris 812-236-4403

2nd Annual VEW Sponsored

303 S. Depot St Brazil, IN. **VFW Post 1127** 812-448-8554 47834



Grand Prize Winner

September 9, 2023

Proceeds to Benefit

Clay County Veterans in Need \$25 Entry Fee per person

passport to get stamped at each location for raffle prizes. Includes: 1 ticket for a chance at winning \$20,000 and a

Walk, Ride or Crawl begins at Noon.

Raffles start at 5:00 pm

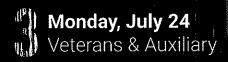
\$20,000 winner announced, at 5:30 pm 🗀 🗧 🚃 👵 👾 LIVE MUSIC: Abbi Scott @ 6:00 PM





at the 124th VFW National Convention in Phoenix



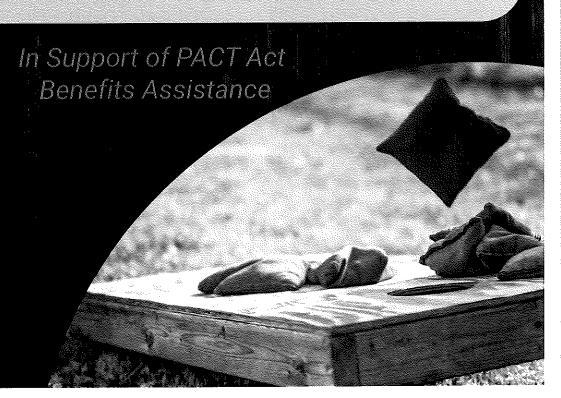


Three days of cornhole are in store at the VFW National Convention! The 1st Annual VFW Cornhole Tournament Series will consist of three tournaments over the course of three days! Each tournament will have a different theme to it to help include each military faction as well as the general public. The event is all in good FUN to raise awareness and funds for VFW PACT Act benefits assistance and to support our veterans.

This is a celebration of our veterans, the people who fought for our country with the selfless spirit that defines our communities. It is a three-day event where we set aside ego and come together to raise awareness and funding for our VFW Service Officers.

REGISTER NOW!







LESLIE ACKERMANN

CANDIDATE FOR STATE SURGEON Indiana

2023-2024

I joined the US Army and served in Military Intelligence. I was stationed in South Korea at Camp Hovey in the 102nd MI BN / 2ID. I spent 5 yrs. with DOD as counterterrorism specialist. I joined the VFW after my Husband retired and we settled in Huntington, Indiana in 2000.

I am VFW Legacy life member and Life member of the American Legion.

I held many positions at Post level at VFW Post 2689 to include Commander and Quartermaster.

I was Commander and Quartermaster in Dist 5, Dept of IN. Also. I was appointed as Dist. Inspector.

At state level I served as Quartermaster.

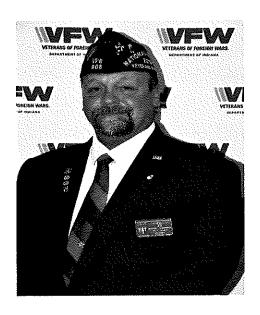
I am Currently Post 2689 Chaplain and Dist 5 SR Vice CDR. In addition, I am Dept of IN Women Veterans Chair, Member of Huntington County Veterans Council, and Captain of the Huntington VFW Honor Guard.

In 2022 I was Selected as Veteran of the Quarter for Huntington County. I was honored to receive the VFW Dept. of IN Orvil Holycross Award for Top Quartermaster.

I have been appointed National Aide-De-Camp, Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant General. I attended VFW Big Ten conferences.

I served as an administrator for Gas City Post and Served as a Member of a State Disciplinary Hearing. Served on National By-Laws Committee. I served many years as IN Chairperson for National Home.

Asking for Your Support for the Office of Surgeon Department of Indiana 2023-2024

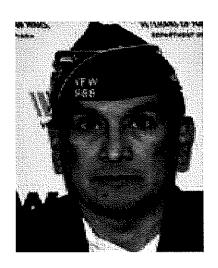


My name is David Hammons, I earned my eligibility by serving in Desert Shield & Desert Storm 1990-1991. I served with24th Infantry Division (mechanized) out of Ft Stewart, Georgia. I am currently a Gold Legacy Life Member of Post 908, Life Member of National Home, Member of Military Order of the Cooties, and currently the State Conference / Convention Chairman.

Some of my achievements and positions held are All-State Post Commander two times 2014-2016, All-State District 11 Commander 2016-2017, National Resolutions Committee 2019, Special Aide-De-Camp 2018-2019, and National Aide-De-Camp 2019-2020.

LOYALTY * INTEGRITY * DEDICATION with VETERANS FIRST

Candidate for State Surgeon 2023-2024



JORGE PEREZ

Earned VFW eligibility in Iraq War (2015-2019), served with the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Carson, Co.

27 years Army Veteran

VFW Life Member

Post Commander Post 988

2nd District Commander 2021 – Present

National Aide-De-Camp 2020-2021

Candidate for VFW Department of Indiana JAG for 2023-2024



Shelley L Jacobs

Currently the JAG for the Department of Indiana 2022-2023. I am currently the Quartermaster for District #10 and Post #1282. I have been the Commander for District #10. I have been an All-state and All-American Round Robin Quartermaster. I can assist and help influence this great Organization. I am a Bronze Legacy Life Member









I am seeking your support for the High Office of Indiana Department Chaplain 2023-2024. I am a Gold Legacy Life member from Frank T Strayer VFW Post 1587. I earned my eligibility for the VFW serving as a USAF Security Policeman at Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN from 9/1967 – 9/1968. I retired from the USAF in 1986. I joined the VFW in 1986 and became a life member in 1987. I retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs with 21 years of service in 2007.

Below is a consolidated list of the offices and appointments I have held in our great organization: Prior to transferring my membership to Indiana in 2013, I held the following positions in Alaska: VFW Post 2509: Charter Commander (3 years), Quartermaster (2 years), Service Officer, Trustee, Department Surgeon, Judge Advocate, Jr Vice Commander and Commander (1987-1993) I earned All American AK State Commander (92-93). I was appointed as Department Inspector 94-95. I had multiple appointments to committees at National conventions & Washington conferences. I received an appointment as Vice Chairman for the National VFW Safety committee 93-94. Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 2, Artic Fox-1992-95.

Since I have been in Indiana, I have held the following offices at VFW Post 1587: Commander, Service Officer (4 years), Chaplain (5 years), Trustee (3 years), Canteen Manager (4 years) Post Community Activities Chairman (8 years); National VFW Outstanding Community Service Post (2)

I held the following positions in District 11:

District Chaplain 2015-2019; District Community Activities Chairman (5 years); District POW/MIA Chairman (3 years); District VOD/Patriots Pen Chairman

VFW Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 11, Indy Racers-Seam Squirrel 2020-2023 Indiana Combat Veteran newsletter editor

I have received 2 appointments as National Aide de Camp.

I have attended all of the VFW National Conventions as a delegate of my post since 2015. I have also attended all Indiana VFW Conferences and Conventions except 1 since 2015.

I have attended 6 Chaplain Workshops at National Conventions. Past National Chaplain Peter Hook put together an outstanding Chaplains Guide which I refer to frequently. I am now an ordained minister. Over the past 5 years I have been called on to perform several funeral services and many Celebrations of Life/Memorial Services. Additionally I have done many grief counseling's. I have the support of my family and my Post in seeking this position. If you have any questions please call or Email me. I am very proud of our organization, and have been active at the Post, District, State and National level. I believe I could be an asset to our organization in the role as your next Department Chaplain.

Yours in LOTCS, Larry J. Patch (317) 450-9408 (lipatch@mail.com)

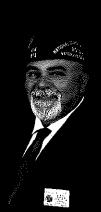
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2023-2027

National Council Member 2019-2023

National Commettee: Resolutions 2019-2020

Budget and Finance 2020-2023



State Commander 2017-2018

All State Post and District Commander

Gold Legacy Life Member