



GENERAL ORDERS #9

1 March 2024
2023-2024 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

1. **Spring Conference and Banquet** is 22 - 24 March 2024 at Indy Marriot East. Cutoff for Banquet Tickets is Friday 15 March 2024. The Council of Administration is on Friday 22 March 2024 at 7pm (Uniform is State Shirts/Red Recruiter Shirts). The Business Session starts at 0900 on 23 March 2024 State Shirts/Red Recruiter Shirts) and the Banquet at 6pm that evening.
2. **Finance Meeting** is 22 March 2024 at the Marriott East at 1pm. This meeting is open to all who want to attend.
3. **The Council of Administration** a written report must be submitted to the Adjutant after the meeting on Friday night, this is a requirement since we had the State Inspection in November 2023.
4. **Cocktails with the Commander** will be every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The next zoom meeting will be 20 March 2024.

VFW IN HQ is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: VFW IN HQ's Zoom Meeting COCKTAILS WITH THE COMMANDER
Time: Mar 20, 2024, 07:00 PM Indiana (East)

Every month on the Third Wed, until May 15, 2024, 3
occurrence(s)

Mar 20, 2024, 07:00 PM

Apr 17, 2024, 07:00 PM

May 15, 2024, 07:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files
to your calendar system.

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Join Zoom Meeting

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4. **Big 10:** We will host the Big 10 October 18 - 20 October 2024 at the Marriott East. If a Post or District would like to donate to the Goody Bags, please contact the State Adjutant at adj@vfwinc.org or (317)377-1795.

5. **VFW National Convention Registration** Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate

for the VFW National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollars (\$10.00) delegate fee provided the Post has paid the mandated \$25.00 advance registration fee. All advance registrations should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Convention Registration or you may register online by going to vfw.org.

6. Post Elections - Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election, and installation of Post Officers. Post-Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to the State Headquarters **immediately following** the election of Post Officers but not later than 1 June 2024.

7. Post Delegates - Section 222 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or faction thereof in good standing in the Post as of 31 March 2024.

8. District Elections - Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) day prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National By-Laws - Regular Meetings, Districts shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year for purposes of transacting business and conducting schools of instruction.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed.

District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and

properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

9. **Attention of Post Commanders** - is directed to Section 218 (a)(11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. The Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.

10. **March 2024 District Meetings.** Schedule is attached to these General Orders.

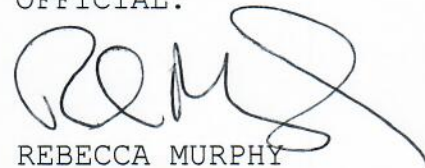
11. Several important documents are attached to these orders. Please review all.

BY ORDER OF:



SHEILA CORCORAN
STATE COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:



REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 March 2024

1. **VFW Annual Publications contest is open.** Submit your Post/District publication not later than 1 April 2024, to:

Publications Contest
VFW Magazine
406 West 34th Street, Suite 523
Kansas City, MO 64111

All issues and articles published between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, qualify.

2. VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

Scout of the Year

- 1 March, Scout entries to the Post.
- 1 April, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman.

Scouting Chairman is Andy Whitt 1800 S 18th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802. Email: awhittiii@aol.com.

Community Service

- 31 March, Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award submission (Post to Department Chairman).
- 30 April, National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission (Department to National).

Community Service Chairman is Edie Toll-Seiler, 847 Olmsted Dr, Shelbyville, IN 46176. Email: inpost2695@gmail.com.

3. DEPARTMENT PROGRAM DEADLINE DATES

- **All State** - The nomination for All State Post Commander and Quartermaster is included in these General Orders. The deadline for submission for submission for All State Nominations and related documentation is Noon on 15 April 2024. All materials must be at the VFW State Headquarters at this time.

- **James Butters Award** - The James Butters Award is an annual award that goes to a deserving Post Service Officer. The nomination form for this is included within these documents. The deadline for submission is 30 April 2024. Submit nominations to the Department Service Officer **Shawn.Ransford@va.gov**.
- **Keiston Holloway Chaplain of the Year Award** - The Keiston Holloway Chaplain of the Year Award is an annual award to Honor Post and District Chaplains for their commitment and service to our Veterans. Please see the nomination form for this is included within these documents. The deadline for submission is 30 April 2024. Submit nominations to the State Chaplain at **ljpatch@mail.com**.
- **Loyalty Day Parades** - Based on submissions received by 20 May 2024. Submission to include a narrative of the parade, number of Post participating, and State officers, pictures and estimated public attendance. The Post that sponsors the District Parade is eligible for the Post Award. Submission to the Loyalty Day Chairperson **mgowin@hotmail.com**.
- **Post Publication Award** - Based on submissions received by 30 April 2024. Submissions should have copies of publications for the previous year, prefer electronic version. Include name of editor. Submissions made to the Combat Veteran Editor **ljpatch@mail.com**.
- **Honor/Color Guard Award** - Based on submissions received by 30 April 2024. Submission should include pictures of events, funeral ceremonies, and parades. Number and type of events. Submission to Junior Vice Commander **rferguson8169@gmail.com**.
- **Employer of The Year** - To confer recognition on one employer for outstanding records in the hiring and retention of veterans. Nominations due to State Headquarters by 1 April 2024. See attached.
- **JRTOC Cadet of the Year** - VFW award for special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior ROTC Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their

community and serve their country. Nominations are due to State Headquarters by 30 April 2024. See attached.

- **VFW Member of the Year** - The award is to recognize a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of our Organization in serving the needs of their Post, and Community, and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization. Nominations due to State Headquarters 1 April 2024. See attached.
- **Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award** - The State Commander's Selection from the outstanding leaders within the Department.

4. **State Commander Corcoran and State President Pickens' Testimonial Dinner** is set for Saturday 20 April 2024, at VFW Post 1587, in Indianapolis, IN. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. 5:00pm - 6:00pm Cocktail's and Dinner will be served at 6pm. Tickets will be available at the Spring Conference. See attached flyer.

5. 3 March - "Star-Spangled Banner" Made U.S. National Anthem (1931).

6. 10 March - Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead one hour).

7. 12 March - Girl Scouts of the USA founded. (1912).

8. 17 March - St. Patrick's Day.

9. 19 March - Iraq War began (2003).

10. 24 March - Kosovo Campaign began (1999).

11. 29 March - National Vietnam War Veterans Day (2017).

12. 31 March - Somalia Campaign ended (1995).

1 March 2024



Greeting Comrades,

Thank goodness January is now behind us. I want to thank everyone that made it to the Indiana State House for Legislative Day on Jan 16, 2024. Despite the bitter cold temperatures, we had a good turnout.

The VFW is a member of the "Big 4" Veterans Service Organizations (VSO). The "Big 4" consists of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), National Guard Association of Indiana (NGAI) and the VFW. These 4 organizations represent more than 135,000 Hoosier Veterans. Our organizations gather to discuss issues and determine what "our" priorities will be for the Legislative sessions. We also talk to our legislators about our concerns to improve the quality of life for Veterans in Indiana. This current legislative session has been productive, already we have had a resolution signed to Reduce Veteran Suicide. As individual organizations we also support and testify to assist with getting other organizations priorities passed. A complete list of the "Big 4" priorities are listed in this month's General Orders. Please review the priorities and contact your legislators to help us get these items signed into law.

We have a new Veteran Service Officer (VSO) that will be starting this month. Nathan Mertz is our new VSO for the Fort Wayne area. We are lucky to get Nathan! He has been the Assistant Department Service Officer for the VFW Department of Ohio. Please welcome Nathan to Indiana when you meet him.

February is a great month to call your post members that you haven't seen for a while. Make sure they are doing well. Talk to your members about what is going on in the Post. Invite them to come in for a visit. I also would like you to call your former members that have let their memberships lapse. Find out what is going on and invite them to come back and renew their memberships. This is a great pool of people to recruit from. Your Post Quartermaster or the State Adjutant can provide a contact list for you.

As of today, our Department membership is at 92.130%. We continue to climb closer and closer to 102%.

The following posts are very close to making it to our goal of 102%

- Post 1154 Lafayette 101.53%
- Post 9982 Griffith 101.19%

Every person that recruits at least 1 new or reinstate member will receive a red t-shirt. This t-shirt should be worn on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed." I would like to see these shirts worn at our Spring Conference. Duane Sarmiento, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be our National Rep at the Spring Conference. Please wear your "RED" recruiting t-shirt to the C of A on Friday and the general membership meeting on Saturday. Please, if you are going to wear a red t-shirt make it the state membership incentive shirt! It would be great for the Chief to see all of our recruiters and that we are still striving to achieve 102% for the Department of Indiana.

Thank you for all you do!

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To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

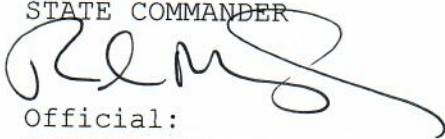
Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

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@vfwin.org.

District	Date	Time	Place of Meeting	Dept. Rep
One	3/10	*12:00pm	Dyer Post 6448	Buzz Weberding
Two	3/10	*1:00pm	Valparaiso Post 988	Sheila Corcoran
Three	3/3	1:00pm	South Bend Post 9820	Ken Lange
Four	3/16	3:00pm	New Haven Post 2457	Dave Hammons
Five	3/16	12:00pm	Huntington Post 2689	Edie Toll-Seiler
Six	3/10	11:00am	Rockville Post 1752	Edie Toll-Seiler
Seven	3/17	10:30am	Vincennes Post 1157	Adam Bethard
Eight	3/17	*9:00am	Fort Branch Post 2714	Cory Mahan
Nine	3/17	**1:00pm	Austin Post 6582	Sheila Corcoran
Ten	3/17	1:30pm	Connersville Post 571	Rebecca Murphy
Eleven	3/16	10:30am	Indianapolis Post 1120	Mark Carr

By Order of:

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*C - Central Time ** Lunch is at Noon

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MARCH 2024 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

As the Membership Year is getting in the final months. The State Commander has issued a Challenge for any Post that increases its Membership by 4% by March 31, 2024, will be entered into a drawing for **\$500.00**, which will be drawn at the State Convention.

What Post's will be the Lions and which one's the Lambs.



MARCH MANIA IS HERE!



It's that time of year when we're all filling out our brackets for the tournaments, but it's also time for the VFW to focus on our own goals for growing our membership!

For the month of March, we've divided our 52 Departments into six divisions based on size. The Department that leads each division at the end of March will receive a special commemorative championship belt, and will continue on to our Championship Bracket in April!



In addition, any Department that reaches 97% membership by the end of March will earn a special championship ring to commemorate that glorious achievement!

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5	Division 6
California	Arizona	Colorado	Alabama	Alaska	Delaware
Florida	Georgia	Europe	Arkansas	Idaho	Hawaii
Illinois	Indiana	Kansas	Connecticut	Maine	New Hampshire
Michigan	Minnesota	Kentucky	Iowa	Mississippi	North Dakota
New York	Missouri	Maryland	Louisiana	Montana	Rhode Island
Ohio	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Oklahoma	Nevada	Utah
Pennsylvania	North Carolina	Nebraska	Oregon	New Mexico	Vermont
Texas	Washington	South Carolina	Pacific Areas	South Dakota	Wyoming
Virginia	Wisconsin	Tennessee	West Virginia		

It's time to make a full-court press and prove that when it comes to making a championship effort for membership, we're all determined to do our best and

MEET THE CHALLENGE!

This contest will count total membership percentage as of close of business on March 31st, 2024. Applications and payments processed online before close of business will be credited that day, payments and applications made through the mail will be processed when received. Questions about this or other membership programs can be sent to membership@vfw.org.

**RECRUITER COUNT
28 FEBRUARY 2024**

District	Post #	Recruiter	Members
1	717	Charles E. Brown	1
1	717	Sandra Bukowski	1
1	717	Terry L. Peck	1
1	802	Angel L. Rosario	1
1	1109	Larry L. Higgins	1
1	1109	Michael D. Ferris	1
1	2697	Franklin D. Darrington	1
1	2697	John J. Sarnecki Sr.	2
1	6448	James R. Davis	1
1	9323	Deon D. Miller	2
1	9323	Jeffrey Norkus	6
1	9982	Harold H. Havlin	2
2	748	Robert A. Sims	3
2	988	James R. Pickard	1
2	988	Joe G. Garrison	11
2	1106	Dennis D. Cain	10
2	1121	Derek L. Beatty	2
2	1126	Kenneth W. Wolf Jr.	1
2	1154	David A. Snyder	1
2	1154	Paul E. Heslin	2
2	1154	Wendell G. Richards Jr.	14
2	1343	Victor Mitchell	1
2	1728	Debrah J. Fox	1
2	2231	Marvin R. Jacobs II	3
2	3790	Thomas J. Parkins	1
2	7760	Adam J. Ferguson	5
2	9383	Gary L. King	2
3	88	Kandy D. Rogers	1
3	360	Danny K. Gann	10
3	360	John M. Keb	1
3	360	Larry R. Kowalewski	1
3	360	Steve L. Vellner	1
3	985	Caleb C. Denney	1
3	985	Jeffrey A. Schrock	1
3	1130	Cody J. Moore	2
3	1130	Kevin K. Banda	7
3	1130	William L. Schadowsky	2
3	1954	JC Moore	3
3	1954	Scott A. Mitchell	3
3	2536	James W. Trampski	1
3	6919	Edward J. Miller	1
3	6919	Philip J. Mitchell	1
3	8972	Max R. Gow	6
3	8972	Michael R. Venable	1
3	9423	Donald L. Jozwiak	1
3	9820	Felipe Tijerina Jr.	1
3	9820	Roger D. Barclay	1
District	Post #	Recruiter	Members

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4	857	Alena M. Gillum	1
4	857	Christopher J. Taylor	5
4	2457	Richard D. Lineberry	29
4	2749	Richard Wiard	3
4	6236	Luther P. Beitler Jr.	2
4	6751	Chris D. Englehardt	1
4	7205	Dennis W. Hickman	2
4	10006	Steven L. Treace	1
5	1110	Billy C. Metcalfe	2
5	1152	David M. Capshaw	2
5	1152	John A. Meeks II	1
5	1152	Patrick A. Gebhart	6
5	1152	Ruben E. Temple	1
5	2067	Elliott J. Ireland	4
5	2689	Curtis R. Vanover	1
6	972	Andy F. Whitt	5
6	972	Darrel L. Knight	2
6	972	Johnny R. Capps	2
6	972	Richard E. Hoffman	1
6	1431	David P. Varney	2
6	1431	Jason D. Black	1
6	1752	Daniel A. Jensen	2
6	2395	Jeremy L. Claypool	7
6	6128	Adam D. Bethard	1
6	6128	Lawrence D. Catt	1
6	6128	Shannon C. Carr	4
6	6246	James R. Loy	14
6	10003	Callagher W. Chaffin	2
6	10003	Darin Bibeau	9
6	10003	Erik D. Anderson	2
6	10003	Harold J. Effron	2
6	10003	Kenneth A. Lange	64
6	10003	Matthew T. McNally	1
6	10003	Richard W. Leirer	1
6	10003	Shawn A. Ransford	2
7	1111	Michael T. Gonterman	6
7	1127	Jill A. Gilbert	2
7	1127	Neil C. Brown	3
7	1127	Tracy E. Frazier	1
7	1257	Deedra E. Thombleson	3
7	1257	Jeremiah R. Bowman	1
7	1405	Joe A. Goldman	2
7	1405	Micheal D. Barger	5
7	2459	Curt R. Mc Crary	1
7	3321	Leslie A. Graber Heshelma	1
7	3321	Steven M. Heshelman	1
7	5864	Steve Milbourn	13
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RECRUITER COUNT
28 FEBRUARY 2024

7	6978	Gregory L. Baker	2
7	6978	John R. Antill	2
7	6978	Michael E. Haggard	5
7	7118	Roger B. James	3
7	9297	Danny G. Willis	1
7	9395	Frank M. Dant	1
7	9395	Larry R. Fellers	6
7	9627	Christopher M. Jones	3
8	673	Bernard C. Schaeffer	1
8	1114	Jerry O. Blake	4
8	1114	Joseph M. Jochim	1
8	1114	Nelson A. Mahone III	6
8	1114	Paul W. Glover	4
8	1114	Roger A. Ferguson	2
8	1114	Vincent J. Misuraca	13
8	1427	Timothy E. Giltner	1
8	1693	James E. Dexter	1
8	1693	Louis A. Kaiser	1
8	1832	Joe R. Young Sr.	2
8	2714	Jerry R. Wright	5
8	2950	Wayne A. Wilkinson	2
8	2953	Allan N. Di Siena	4
8	2953	Christopher Jerome Bri	1
8	2953	Lydia Marie Johnston-B	1
8	2953	Samuel D. Ware	1
8	3281	Michael D. Curry Sr.	3
8	3281	Robert L. Ter Vree	3
8	3281	William A. Thien	2
8	3418	Michael S. Sanders	1
8	3587	Christopher D. Kinman	2
9	1925	James J. Tracey	1
9	1925	John D. Schafstall	1
9	1969	Patric W. Brooks	4
9	1987	Gary D. Beatty	9
9	3183	Dallas J. Suding	1
9	6195	Larry R. Kuhn	1
9	6582	Maria E. Torres	1
9	6636	Dario L. Lee	2
9	6636	Nathan H. Jackson	2
9	8302	R Lee Bentley	1
9	8302	Timothy C. Phillips	1
9	9107	William E. Henry	1
10	571	Stephen B. Stout	1
10	571	Thomas F. Branstetter	4
10	1108	David S. Fradenburg	1
10	1108	Robert A. Napier	5
10	1282	Rebecca E. Murphy	32

10	1282	Shelley L. Jacobs	1
10	2693	Harold L. Miller	2
10	2693	Ryan W. Kalk	1
10	2693	Stephan J. Fox	2
10	2695	Clyde Wiley	1
10	2695	Edith M. Toll-Seiler	20
10	2695	Judy D. King	109
10	6904	Philip E. Reisenleiter	1
10	6904	Thomas B. Bunnell	11
11	98	Russell M. Deckard	2
11	261	James D. Stone	5
11	261	Johnny C. Sons II	1
11	261	Larry L. Dennis	2
11	261	Russell L. Pryor	77
11	908	David M. Hammons	4
11	908	Paul S. Feyka	4
11	1587	Brendan R. Cannaday	2
11	1587	Brody S. Girton	2
11	1587	Carl W. Courtney	3
11	1587	David A. Barnes	1
11	1587	Larry J. Patch Sr.	1
11	1587	Laura J. McKee	2
11	1587	Michael A. Mead	1
11	1587	Sheila J. Corcoran	5
11	2839	Charles R. Turner	1
11	2839	David L. Tilton	3
11	2839	Les W. Stamm	1
11	2999	Thomas R. Coley	2
11	5626	Mark A. Bruning	6
11	7119	Constance B. Jarvis	1
11	7119	Jerry Pitts	1
11	7119	Liane M. Marcum	1
11	7119	Ronald E. Martin	3
		No Recruiter	216
Department Total		996	

MARCH 2024 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Current as of 29 Feb 2024

Greetings Comrades,

*****The State is at 92.30% Membership as of Feb 29th*****

I want to give an update on Membership awards.

The following Top 14 recruiters have been awarded, or are in the process of being awarded, for achieving these New and/or Reinstated member milestones:

- 10** - Commanders Certificate + Gift
- 15** - Commanders Coin + \$75
- 25** - Commanders Gift + \$150
- 50** - \$250
- 75** - \$350 Stipend to the National Convention
- 100** - \$500 Stipend to the National Convention

Post - Recruiter	Total to date.	
2695 - Judy D. King	114	(10,15,25,50,75,100)
261 - Russell L. Pryor	77	(10,15,25,50,75)
10003 - Kenneth A. Lange	64	(10,15,25,50)
1282 - Rebecca E. Murphy	32	(10,15,25)
2457 - Richard D. Lineberry	29	(10,15,25)
2695 - Edith M. Toll-Seiler	20	(10,15)
1154 - Wendell G. Richards, Jr.	14	
6246 - James R. Loy	14	
5864 - Steve Milbourn	13	
1114 - Vincent J. Misuraca	13	
988 - Joe G. Harrison	11	
1106 - Dennis D. Cain	10	
360 - Danny K. Gann	10	
6904 - Thomas B. Burnnell	10	

These recruiter awards are in addition to a special gift from the Commander this year. For any member who has recruited at least 1 New or Reinstated member they will receive a red 2023-24 Recruiters Shirt, "Remember Everyone Deployed". Don't be the odd one out when you see all the others sporting this new shirt!

Every member can recruit just 1 New or Reinstated member.

Here is the list of previous and current awards for Districts and Posts achieving various membership milestones.

Congratulations goes out again to District 11 for having the highest membership percentage as of Feb 29th at **98.46%**. (The District has previously won two (2) additional Banquet Tickets for the Spring Conference plus \$100)

The following Districts have each received (4) Banquet Tickets for the Spring Conference : 4, 8, 11 for meeting certain milestones.

The following Posts: 1083 Crothersville, 5626 Beech Grove, 908 Indianapolis, and 1587 Indianapolis. Will each be placed into a drawing for a \$300 cash prize for meeting membership milestones. (To be drawn at the Spring Conference)

Posts 1083, 5626, and 1587 will each receive (2) Banquet Tickets for being over 102+%.

Post 908 received \$150 and (2) Banquet Tickets for the Spring Conference Banquet. Additionally, Post 908 will receive another \$100 and two (2) additional Banquet Tickets for having the highest membership at 117.88% on Jan 31st.

The following Posts are over 102% Membership: 110 Reynolds, 1154 Lafayette, 2457 New Haven, 1083 Crothersville, 1282 New Castle, 6904 Fortville, 1587 Indianapolis, 5626 Beech Grove, and 908 Indianapolis being the Top Post at 121.95%. Outstanding job to all!

Remember to read both the National and State Membership programs to see what is required, and how you and your members can contribute and earn recognition.

102% Membership Is coming directly from the National Commander in Chief.

-Post and District leadership should be checking membership numbers daily in MEMSTATS.

-As Winter is ending, start planning ahead to attend the numerous events coming up in your areas during Spring and Summer.

The immediate goal is to be at 93% Membership by March 4th.

In Comradeship,

Ken Lange
Membership Chairman
Department of Indiana
2022-2024

Membership Objectives 2023-24

- Achieve **102%** in Membership. (*Post, District, and Department*)
- For everyone to **recruit at least one new member** and then mentor that member.
- Increase** membership drives and/or events.
- Develop new Posts and/or **revitalize existing Posts**.
- Increase Life Membership and Legacy Life Memberships**.

INCENTIVES

Early Dues Payment Incentives

(All Data Must be Confirmed in VFW National Memstats)

Continuous Member-Any Continuous member, new member or newly reinstated member who pays their dues by Dec 30, 2023, will have their name placed into a drawing for \$100. Unless their name is drawn, the names will remain eligible for the next drawing.

District Incentive-Any District that has every post recruit at least one new member by December 1, 2023, will receive \$1,000 to their district funds. If achieved after December 1, 2023, and before May 1, 2024, the District will receive \$750 to their district funds.

Legacy Life-Any member who becomes a Legacy Life member or advances a level (Bronze to Silver or Silver to Gold) will be placed in a drawing. If paying on installment plan, the plan must be completely paid to be eligible. If a Legacy Life member advance multiple levels they will have an entry for each level they advance. The drawing will be held at the 2024 State Convention.

- 1st name drawn - \$200
- 2nd name drawn- \$250

Life Member-Any member who joins as a Life member, converts to a Life member or a reinstate member who converts to Life member will be placed in a drawing. If paying of an installment plan the plan must be completely paid to be eligible. The drawing will be held at the 2024 State Convention.

- 1st name drawn - \$100
- 2nd name drawn- \$150

RECRUITER INCENTIVES

All members in good standing are eligible for Department Recruiter Awards. Recruited members must be ***Department of Indiana members***. Award deadline is June 1, 2024. Recruiters will receive their awards and be recognized at the State Convention.

- 10-New or reinstated members will receive a Commander's-Gift & certificate.
- 15-New or reinstated members will receive a Commanders Coin and \$75.00.
- 25-New or reinstated members will receive a Commander's-Gift and \$150.00.
- 50-New or reinstated members will receive \$250.00.
- 75-New or reinstated members will receive a \$350.00 stipend to the National Convention.
- 100-New or reinstated members will receive a \$500.00 stipend to the National Convention.

These awards are cumulative and will be presented at the very next Department meeting after the level is met. In summary, if you recruit 100 new or reinstated members for the Department of Indiana you will receive all the awards listed above, a cash total of \$1325.00. If you receive another stipend to the National convention, you will receive the recruiter award for \$75 and \$100 in CASH, but you must attend the National Convention to receive the cash award.

POST INCENTIVES

Highest Percentage in Membership

The Post having the highest percentage in membership on December 29, 2023, will receive \$150.00, two banquet tickets for the Spring Banquet and will be recognized at the Spring Conference.

The Post having the highest percentage in membership on January 31, 2023, will receive \$100.00, two banquet tickets for the Spring Banquet and will be recognized at the Spring Conference.

DISTRICT INCENTIVES

Highest Percentage in Membership

Any District with at least 90% +1 by December 29, 2023, will receive \$200.00, four banquet tickets for the Spring Banquet and will be recognized at the Spring Conference.

DISTRICT COMMANDER AWARDS

Each District Commander who attains 100% in membership on December 20, 2023, held a school of Instruction by October 1, 2023, and had a new and reinstate in each post will receive \$150.00.

The District Commander who attains 102% in membership on June 1, 2024, leads the State in Membership, had a School of Instruction by October 1, 2023, and had a new or reinstate in each post in their District will receive a \$200.00 award.

For a District Commander to be a Round Robin Commander, all posts must be 102% in membership by May 31, 2024. They will be recognized at the State Convention. If a District Commander becomes Round Robin after May 31st, 2024, they will be recognized at School of Instruction.



VFW Employer of the Year Award

Purpose of the Award: To recognize an employer for outstanding service in the supporting, hiring and retention of veterans.

Deadline: The deadline for submission of nominations of employers of veterans to State Headquarters is no later than 1 April 2024. Nominations received after that date will not be eligible for consideration of the national award. Nominations by Departments must be sent to National Headquarters NLT 28 April 2024

Procedure: Nominations from Departments must be sent to National Headquarters via this form only. Nominations that arrive without supporting information will not be eligible for the national awards.

Only those nominations that include adequate documentation on the nominee's employment practices concerning veterans will be considered for the National VFW Employer of the Year Awards. The nominator should provide a copy of the company's written policy on employment of veterans if available, a description of how the employer supports veterans' activities in the community, and any other reasons why the nominee should be selected to be the Employer of the year Award winner. *Governmental agencies are not eligible for this award.*

Award: The National Winner will receive a plaque to be presented by the National Commander at the Annual National convention and will receive a trip to travel to the convention city to accept the award.

- Nominations to Post by March 1st, 2024.
- Nominations to District by March 15th, 2024
- Nominations to Department by April 1st, 2024
- Nominations by Departments must be sent to National headquarters NLT April 28th, 2024.

Judging Criteria:

1. Identify and describe the employer's programs and or benefits designed to recruit veterans, including innovative business practices used to increase veteran recruitment.
2. Describe the employer's policies that give a preference to hire veterans, referring veterans, or any other veteran policy (i.e. VA veteran sick leave hours). Provide the positive and significant impacts these policies have on the employer's business results.
3. Describe the employer's policies or initiatives that improve the current and future veteran employer's career opportunities.
4. Provide the number of veterans employed, the total number of employees, and the percentage of veterans employed during a set time period: 1 January 2023 to December 31st, 2024.
5. Describe collaborative efforts with business organizations, educational partners, and community organizations that improve veteran employment opportunities.

6. Explain why veterans would choose this employer over other employers.
7. Provide documented endorsements, newspaper articles, awards, or letters of support highlighting the nominee's contributions to veteran friendly employment or retention.
8. Provide the number of veterans employed with the employer for over one year.
9. Provide the number of veterans employed with the employer for five years.



VFW Employer of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominator's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Nominee's Position: _____

Nominee's Name: _____

Employer's Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Employer's Point of Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Why do you feel this employer deserves this award?

Please attach additional pages, as necessary.

VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year

VFW award for special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior ROTC Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve their country.

Criteria:

Possession of individual characteristics contributing to leadership including:

- Positive attitude toward the JROTC program.
- Outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform.
- Personal attributes (self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement).
- Patriotism (commander or member of color guard, drill team, flag protocol instruction team, and actively promote Americanism). Shows devotion to school, community, America. An individual(s) who practices service through repeated acts of support.
- Courtesy (dependability, punctuality, human relations, respect, cooperation).
- Growth potential (capable of assuming high leadership responsibilities in JROTC Unit with additional training and experience).
- Demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement.
- Attainment of a grade of "B" in JROTC with an overall average of "C" in all subjects for the previous semester. Must not have a failing grade in any subject for that period of time.
- Must be active in at least one other student co-curricular activity or club: i.e., music, athletics, student government, junior achievement, etc.

Eligibility:

- Any 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student that is currently enrolled as a JROTC Cadet actively engaged in the JROTC program, and one who meets the criteria for the award.

Procedure:

- Nominations to Post by March 15th, 2024.
- Nominations to District by April 1st, 2024
- Nominations to Department by April 30th, 2024
- The department will submit to National NLT May 12th.



VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominator's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Nominating Post: _____ Nominating District: _____

Nominee's Rank and Name: _____

Nominee's School: _____

JROTC Instructor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Why Do you feel this Cadet deserves this award?

Please attach additional pages, as necessary.

VFW MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Purpose: The award is to recognize a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of our Organization in serving the needs of their Post, and Community, and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization.

Posts are asked to nominate one of their members as Veteran of the year. Look for those comrades from your post who stand apart from the rest by serving the community and Veterans. Embodying the purposes of our congressional charter: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist the family members left behind; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

Eligibility: This award is intended to recognize a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has been a member at least one full membership year and has received a nomination for their activities during the award Year from their Post.

Award candidates holding any of the following elected or appointed offices during the award year are not eligible. Specifically-Commander, QM, Adjutant, Service Officer, or Chaplain. In addition, Past State Commanders and Past National Council members are ineligible.

Nominations are due at State Headquarters by 1 April 2024. Nominations to National are due by April 28th, 2024.

- Nominations to Post by March 15th, 2024.
- Nominations to District by April 1st, 2024
- Nominations to Department by April 15th, 2024
- Department will submit to National **NLT May 12th, 2024.**

Criteria: This award recognizes exceptional performance as a member of the VFW. Examples of service that would be considered in judging the nominee include the following:

- Nominee presents themselves in a professional and helpful manner within the Organization and within the Community.
- Nominee shows an active interest in their Department by attending meetings and showing a willingness to consider leadership roles.
- Nominee participates in activities and events within the Department to help raise awareness of the Organization in the Community.
- Nominee has shown a willingness to work together with other VFW, Auxiliary, and Riders Members in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish the same goals.
- Nominee volunteers for and participates in activities and events that address the needs of target groups and individuals in the Community.

- Nominee has demonstrated actions which contribute to improving the quality of life for those we are intended to serve, whether they are children or adults, and whether they are homeless, hospitalized, handicapped, in need of a job or education.
- Nominee encourages members of the Community to support VFW programs and continually encourages others to become members.
- **Nominee must have been submitted for #StillServing campaign recognition at <https://todaysvfw.org/>**

Nominations will be submitted by a nomination form to State Headquarters by April 15th, 2024. The nomination form will contain the veteran's name, Post Number, and a description of what the veteran has done since July 1, 2023, that makes them worthy of being the Veteran of the Year. Nominations are to be sent by email to adj@vfwinc.org. The Veteran that is selected will receive recognition from the State Commander as the Veteran of the Year and recognized at the State Convention. The selected veteran will also be submitted to National.



**VFW Veteran of the Year Award
Nomination Form**

Nominator's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Nominating Post: _____ Nominating District: _____

Veterans Office and Name: _____

Veterans Post: _____

1. Explain how this Veteran made a positive impact on the VFW.

2. Explain how this Veteran has made a positive impact in the lives of his / her fellow veterans.

3. Explain how this veteran has made a positive impact in his / her community.

Please attach additional pages, as necessary.

2024 SPRING CONFERENCE BANQUET

INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST HOTEL

23 MARCH 2024, 6:00PM

\$36.00 PER PERSON

MENU

All-American Salad, Homestyle Roast Turkey Breast,
Cranberry Sauce, Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Vegatable, All-American Apple Pie, Coffee, or Iced Tea

To reserve tickets please complete and send form back with
payment.

Make checks payable to: Department of Indiana VFW 9555 E. 59th
Street Indianapolis, IN 46216

To pay by Credit Card: (There will be a \$1.00 surcharge for all
Credit Card Transaction)

Total Charge \$ _____ Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Phone: _____

2024 SPRING CONFERENCE BANQUET

Post: _____ Auxiliary _____

Name: _____ Address _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Friday,
15 MARCH 2024.

2024/2025 SCHEDULE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

22 - 24 March 2024	Spring Conference Marriott East
15 April 2024	All-State Packets - Due to HQ's
20 April 2024	State Commander, State President Testimonial - Post 1587 Indianapolis, IN
4 May 2024	VFW Day of Service
13 - 16 June 2024	State Convention - Marriott East
27 July - 1 Aug 2024	National Convention - Louisville, KY
9 - 11 August 2024	State Golf Outing - Kokomo, IN
16 - 17 Augst 2024	Council Meeting, School of Instruction - Marriott East
22 September 2024	Indiana Day National Home - Eaton Rapids, MI
18 - 20 October 2024	Big Ten Conference - Marriott East
14 November 2024	C of A Zoom Call Time: TBD
13 - 15 December 2024	Winter Team Building - Brown County
14 - 16 March 2025	Spring Conference - Marriott East
19 - 22 June 2025	State Convention - Marriott East
28 June 2025	VFW National Home 100 th Anniversary Celebration Eaton Rapids, MI
9 - 14 August 2025	National Convention - Columbus, OH

2023-2024 VFW Department of Indiana Testimonial

Commander SHEILA CORCORAN
and
President GENNIE PICKENS

APRIL 20, 2024
VFW Post 1587
5139 West 10th St
Indianapolis, IN 46224

Cocktails Start at 5:00pm
Dinner 6:00pm
EST
Tickets \$25

MENU INCLUDES:
Beef Brisket
Chicken
Tossed Salad
Potato Bar
Desert



There is Light at the End of the Tunnel



VFW STATE COMMANDER – CORY MAHAN

2024-2025 STATE SHIRT

Order Deadlines:

Orders MUST be received by these deadlines to be delivered at State Conference Events.

Your order will be placed on the closest deadline after it is received.

Mar 28th (to receive at Convention), May 30th (to receive at School), Aug. 17 (to receive in Oct!)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Post: _____
Address: _____

All shirts will have VFW logo with INDIANA underneath.

Polo

Small to XL - \$26.00 2XL - \$28.00 3XL - \$30.00 4XL - \$32.00

Men/Ladies	Size	Quantity	Total \$

Poplin Long Sleeve Button Down

Small to XL - \$35.00 2XL - \$37.00 3XL - \$40.00 4XL - \$44.00

5XL (Men's Only) - \$46.00

Men/Ladies	Size	Quantity	Total \$

¼ Zip

Small to XL - \$40.00 2XL - \$42.00 3XL - (Men's Only) \$44.00

Men/Ladies	Size	Quantity	Total \$

VFW Indiana Logo on Left Chest

Name and VFW Office Embroidered on right chest (Up to 3 lines)

Name _____

Title _____

Post/AUX OR Branch of Service _____

Make Checks payable to VFW Department of Indiana include \$10.00 for shipping.

Credit Card Payments: Name: _____
Credit Card # _____ Exp Date: _____ CCV _____

Mail Orders to:
VFW Dept. of Indiana
9555 E. 59th St.
Indpls., IN 46216

Fax Orders to: (317)377-1797

E-Mail Orders:
adj@vfw.in.org

2024-2025 VFW STATE SHIRTS

All shirts will have the VFW logo on the left chest with no pockets.

Polo (available in men's or ladies.)



Long sleeve (available in men's or ladies.)

¾ zip pullover (available in men's or ladies)



Print

Close

From: Rebecca Murphy (alexbs715@gmail.com)
To: Adj
Subject: Fwd: VMS Donations
Attachments: image001.png, image001.png

Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2024 09:07:08 -0500

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mark Herron** <MHerron@vfw.org>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2024, 3:46 PM
Subject: VMS Donations
To:

To all,

I hope I explain myself enough to avoid confusion later.

Be advised, the VMS donation amount to make All American is \$100 as stated in the VFW National Membership Program 23-24 guide.

We have had several Posts make donations in the amount of \$25 or try to make donations for this amount on the Dashboard. Below you will find a simplified version of what is shown on the All-American Dashboard when one is logged in under OMS and goes to the Membership Quick Links/Programs Dashboard Tool and then clicks VMS Donation in the upper right corner of the screen.

VFW Programs Donations

Choose who this donation is for, then enter the amounts for each donation.

Post Post Number (V***/Name of the Post)

Veterans & Military Support

\$

\$25 Post min (post only)

Must be received by June 30

Posts do have the option to make a \$25 minimum donation or any amount they want. No \$ or .00 needs to be added in the box.

But some Posts believe the only amount they have to donate is \$25. Not the \$100 required to make All-American.

Please contact your Posts that have not made donations yet or have made donations but still show Red/Unmet and make sure that they finish the donations until they at least donate the required \$100 for All-American. If they donate more than that, that's up to them. If they don't want to make All-American, at least they have been notified.

We don't want anyone to miss it because they thought \$25 was the "minimum" donation to make All-American.

We want to avoid any misunderstanding before June 30, 2024.

We have plenty of time to make sure everyone is on the same page.

If anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us via this email.

Respectfully sent,

Mark Herron

Assistant Director, Veterans & Military Support (Programs)

VFW National Headquarters

406 W. 34th Street

Kansas City, Missouri 64111

Office: 816-968-1102

Fax: 816-968-2779

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VFW Foundation Post Assistance Grant (PAG) 2023 - 2024 Overview and Application

Overview & Eligibility

- This grant is offered **exclusively to VFW Posts** to offset expenses incurred while improving property owned by the Post or purchasing equipment which will be owned by the Post that increases their capacity to serve their communities locally. VFW Auxiliaries, Departments, Districts and other VFW subordinate organizations, etc. may not apply. Applicants are limited to receiving one PAG once every three years, with the 2023-2024 cycle being the inaugural grant year.
- The maximum grant award is \$2,500, the minimum request amount is \$500. Multiple projects can be included in one application, but the grant may only be received once every three years. For example, a Post receiving the grant during the 2023-2024 year would not be eligible to receive an additional award until the 2026-2027 grant cycle.
- To be eligible, the applying Post must not be suspension. Awards will not be paid to suspended Posts.
- This grant will close on June 2, 2024. If available funding has been completely disbursed prior to the deadline, this grant will close earlier.
- **An applicant organization must complete a qualifying project prior to applying.** Once a qualifying project has been completed, the applicant organization may submit the two-page application which must be accompanied by sufficient proof of how the funds were utilized. Information regarding what qualifies as a sufficient form of proof of spending can be found in the Proof of Spending Section below and submission instructions can be found on the last page of this document.
- Only requests for projects completed after June 1, 2023, will be considered.

Qualifying Grant Project Types

There are two qualifying expenses for which a Post may receive reimbursement through the PAG:

1. Purchases of materials or the hiring of a professional to repair a defect or renovate a fixture on property owned by the Post.
2. Purchases of equipment that enable a Post to better serve or sustain the service they provide to their community.

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Qualifying Grant Project Details

The applying Post must provide a detailed explanation of how the repair or equipment purchase directly contributed to the sustainability of their operation or enhanced it. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Improved operational efficiency: Describe how the repair or equipment purchase will enhance the Post's ability to carry out its programs and activities efficiently, reducing unnecessary costs and improving resource utilization.
- Enhanced community impact: Explain how the repaired facilities or new equipment will enable the Post to better serve veterans or engage with the local community, resulting in increased effectiveness and positive outcomes.
- Long-term cost savings: Demonstrate how the repair or equipment purchase will result in long-term cost savings for the Post, such as through improved energy efficiency, reduced maintenance expenses, or extended facility lifespan.
- Strengthened organizational resilience: Outline how the repair or equipment purchase will contribute to the overall resilience of the Post, enabling it to better withstand challenges and continue its mission in the face of unforeseen circumstances.

Ineligible Grant Use and Restrictions

Funding will not be awarded to support activities related to required official VFW programs such as the purchase of Buddy Poppies, donations to VFW National or Department Service Officer programs, etc. The grant will not be awarded to defray general operating costs of a Post. Funding will not be awarded to reimburse applicants for support provided to any individual, government, for-profit or non-profit organization. Requests to support projects that are fundraisers for a VFW Post, individual or other organization will not be considered. Requests to support projects that solely benefit members of a particular race or religion will not be considered. The grant will not be awarded in support of repairs made to a Post canteen or equipment that exclusively is intended for use in a canteen. This grant cannot be used to support political causes or candidates.

Applicants are highly advised to contact VFW Foundation staff to confirm that their project qualifies before making any purchases in support of a project they will seek reimbursement for. The Foundation reserves the right to deny any request it deems to be outside of these guidelines.

Review Process Information

Grant requests are reviewed in the order they are received. Applicants can expect to be notified of a decision within two weeks of receipt of application by the VFW Foundation. If the request has been approved, an ACH (an electronic funds transfer) for the award amount will be sent to the applicant's bank account that is on file at VFW National Headquarters. If the request is not approved, the grant contact, and/or Post officers, will be contacted by members of the VFW Foundation staff.

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Proof of Spending

Along with the application form, proof of spending must be provided at the time of submission.

Qualifying forms of spending proof include:

- Copies of canceled, cashed checks received from your bank.
- Photocopied receipts that show a typed amount, recipient name and date.
- Invoices on letterhead that indicate a payment was made.
- A line item, highlighted bank statement that clearly shows who received the funding.

Ineligible Forms Proof of Spending

The following are unacceptable forms of proving spending:

- Handwritten or loose, individual receipts.
- Pictures of checks that have not been cashed.
- Invoices not on company letterhead or that do not indicate a payment was made.
- Bank statements with line items that do not clearly show who the recipient was.
- Before and after photos.

PLEASE NOTE: The above Guidelines are general in nature, and the VFW Foundation reserves the right to amend, modify or waive them, in whole or in part, if the VFW Foundation deems it is in its best interest to do so. Final approval of grant awards and funding amounts are subject to exclusive determination and discretion of the VFW Foundation Board and its decisions are not subject to review. Please contact jcouch@vfw.org with any questions.

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Print or Type responses in the space provided. If printed, please use legible writing. **All fields must be completed.** If a legible, working email address for the grant contact is not provided, the request will not be considered as staff must have the ability to contact you.

VFW Post Number _____

Employee Identification Number (EIN) _____ Tax Status 501(c) _____

**This information can be found on your most recent tax return (Form 990)*

Mailing Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grant Contact Person Name _____ Grant Contact Person Position _____

**The Grant Contact is the person completing and submitting the application, they must be a member of the Post.*

Contact Person Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name of Post Commander _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name of Post Quartermaster _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Base Amount Requested (Up to \$2,500) _____

Is this a request for a repair on property owned by your Post? _____

Is this a request for equipment that will enable your Post to better serve your community? _____

Signature of Post Quartermaster

_____ Date _____

Signature of Post Commander

_____ Date _____

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Applicants may provide their answers on a separate sheet of paper. Number your responses 1-3 and do not exceed the word limits. Failure to follow these rules will result in the applicant having to resubmit their request.

1. What is the repair you completed or equipment you purchased? (Word Limit – 10 Words)
2. Please precisely explain how you spent the funding you are requesting reimbursement for. For example, if your project was to repair a ceiling, give a dollar amount for each expenditure. Explain how much was used to purchase the ceiling tiles, how much was spent to repair or replace the grid system, etc. An acceptable response might be, "We spent \$2,100 purchasing ceiling tiles and \$400 on two cartons of grid kits." (Word Limit – 50 Words)
3. Please explain how the project improved your Post's operational efficiency, enhanced community impact, facilitated long-term cost savings and strengthened the resilience of your Posts. (Answer must be between 50 – 200 words)

Submit your completed application and proof of spending by:

Emailing scanned items to:

OR

Mailing them to:

Jcouch@vfw.org

Jason Couch
Grants & External Coordinator
VFW Foundation
406 W. 34th St., Suite 920
Kansas City, MO 64111

Please note that applications received via mail take longer to process. Please do not include cover letters, only provide the completed two-page form and sufficient proof of spending. If mailing, do not staple any documents. Please also do not provide photos along with your application.

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Michigan VFW and American Legion Explorer

Better late than never.... We present you with the 2023 Top Ten Posts of the Year. Some we have not yet posted reviews. Those will start next week. We based the decisions on how we were treated when we walked in through the door. How friendly were the members and overall experience. With that said, we had a tie for 1st place. So technically a Top 11 list. 😊 It is our hope to keep spreading awareness to these places. If you know of a post we should visit, please let us know. Our love of adventure is still on going. As always we want to thank our followers for the continued support. With out you, we would not have achieved some great things.

Congratulations!

1. VFW 9323 - Lake Station, IN

1. VFW 2947 - Fremont, OH
2. AL 612 - St. Thomas, PA
3. AL 96 - Brunswick, MD
4. VFW 5319 - Athens, MI
5. VFW 988 - Valpo, IN
6. VFW 671 - Dewitt, MI
7. AMVETS 110/VFW 6848 - Cadillac, MI
8. AL 452 - Stanton, MI
9. AL 169 - New Buffalo, MI
10. VFW 4499 - Manistee, MI

**A LARGE PART OF GEORGE RAY GOUDY VFW POST 1152
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS THE PRIVILEGE TO HOST THE
2024 VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA
JIM THIEL MEMORIAL STATE GOLF OUTING**



August 9th, 10th & 11th 2024



**We are limited to the first 120 VFW and Auxilliary Members in good standing
Entries must be received with payment no later than 20 July, 2024
Cost is \$70 per player**

Friday, 9 August - Practice round available - \$20 includes Cart - Please call course 765-453-2501

Saturday, 10 August - Individual scores to determine Sunday's round

Sunday, 11 August - A, B, C, D Four-Player Scramble, Best ball format

**SHOTGUN START
BOTH DAYS 0900**

NAME	MEMBER NUMBER	CIRCLE ONE	
		REGULAR	AUXILIARY
		REGULAR	AUXILIARY
		REGULAR	AUXILIARY
		REGULAR	AUXILIARY

We have Hole Sponsorships available at \$100 per hole and would be grateful for any door prize donation

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$70 x _____ = \$ _____
(# OF PLAYERS)

Hole Sponsorship \$ _____
(\$100 per Hole)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NAME ON HOLE SPONSOR

Please mail entry and check payable to:

VFW Post 1152

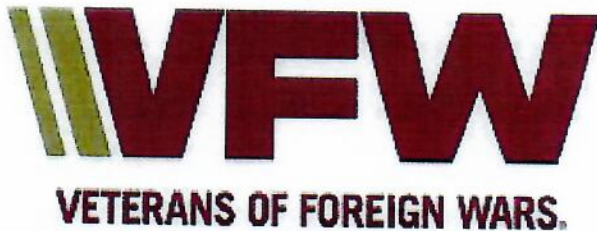
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Lisa Overton 765-438-5979

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2604 S. La fountain St.
Kokomo, IN. 46902
765-453-2501

***We Thank You for joining us and
looking forward to seeing you!!***



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**2024 VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA
JIM THIEL MEMORIAL STATE GOLF OUTING**

What's going on at the Golf Course and the Post you ask?

Food available at the turn • Bar at the Golf Course • Beer Carts Saturday and Sunday

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Shuttle between Motel and Post Call (765) 452-1521

Full Kitchen Menu available both days • Dinner Special on Saturday

50/50 & Silent Auction

(Both Drawing will take place on Saturday @ 1900 at the Post)

Music and Karaoke

***We truly appreciate and want to Thank You for joining us in the
Celebration of our 100 years of service to our Veterans, our community and our Youth!!***

The Members of VFW Post 1152

MOTELS

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT \$119
411 Kentucky Dr.
Kokomo, IN. 46902
765-453-0800
4.5 Mi. To Post - 2.1 to GC

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES \$103
511 Albany Dr.
Kokomo, IN. 46902
765-453-2222
4.3 Mi to Post - 1.8 Mi. To GC

HAMPTON INN & SUITES \$110
2920 S. Reed Rd.
Kokomo, IN. 46902
765-455-2900
4.1 Mi to Post - 1.5 Mi. To GC

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES \$118
5101 Cartwright Dr.
Kokomo, IN. 46902
765-450-8085
4.2 Mi. To Post - 1.8 MI to GC

SUPER 8 by WYNDHAM \$82
5110 Clinton Ave.
Kokomo, In. 46902
765-252-1938
4.4 Mi to Post - 1.9 Mi to GC

BAYMONT by WYNDHAM \$96
1717 E. Lincoln Rd.
Kokomo, In. 46902
765-453-8822
3.5 Mi to Post - 1.3 Mi. To GC

7th District National Home Bus Trip

21-22 September 2024



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N A T I O N A L H O M E

Contact Keith Rohloff (keith.rohloff@outlook.com) to sign up.
Bus leaves Greenwood VFW Post @ 1030 Saturday September 21st, 2024. **Cost is \$160 per person/double occupancy** at Tru by Hilton in Jackson. **Deadline to sign up is August 21st** or sooner if bus is full (First 46 paid riders)

Mail your check to:

Keith Rohloff

100 Brinegar Drive

Springville IN 47462

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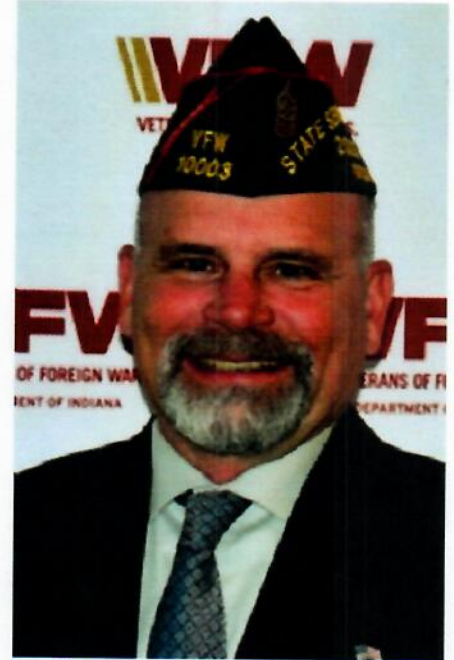
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VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA 2024-25

ELIGIBILITY:

- ❖ Desert Storm/Persian Gulf (Post), Yemen, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan
- ❖ Retired U. S. Marine Corps Sergeant Major (Served close to 29 years from 1983-2012)
- ❖ GOLD LEGACY LIFE MEMBER of VFW Post 10003
- ❖ Life Member of the VFW National Home
- ❖ Member, Military Order of the COOTIE (MOC)



VFW CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS/ROLES:

- Recipient of the:
 - DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA "DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER" LEADERSHIP AWARD 2023
 - All American Post Commander 2022-2023
 - All American Department Membership Chairman 2022-2023
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- Post Honor Guard Commander 2020-2023
 - Current District 6 Commander
 - Current Department Membership Chairman
 - Department Sgt-at-Arms 2020-2023
 - Department Iraq/Afghanistan Rep and Membership Team Leader (Central) 2021-2022
 - Department Disciplinary Hearing Panel Member 2021 & 2023
 - Department Finance Committee Member 2022-PRESENT
 - VFW Certified National Recruiter 2023-PRESENT
 - National Assistant Inspector General for the Department of Indiana 2021-2022
 - National Convention, "General Resolutions" Council Member 2022
 - National Convention, "National Security & Foreign Affairs" Council Member 2023
 - National Aide-De-Camp 2022-2023

Feel free to contact me anytime at (317) 607-8894 or kenlange64@yahoo.com



DAN CLAXTON

For re-election to State Quartermaster 2024-25

A number of professional experiences provide a diverse background and knowledge of the internal workings of corporate financial and accounting disciplines.

Certified Management Accountant for a number of years from the late 1990's through 2010. The certification was dropped when it was no longer needed. Corporate experience as a Financial Analyst included the consolidating financial reporting of as many as 34 profit centers, programming consolidation reports using Sybase, Hyperion, in addition to Microsoft Excel, Word, and Access applications. Currently, still preparing between 20 to 30 income tax returns annually using Drake Software.

Have written my own applications in Microsoft Access, which includes an accounting program, a stock/investment tracking program, a names & addresses application, and an application for organizing office files. All of which have been used in my past business and currently in my own office activities.

Four years Navy as an Aviation Fire Control Technician on the F4 Phantom in squadron VF 213, attached to the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk.

February 2023 to present as your VFW State Quartermaster. As your current Quartermaster, my accomplishments included improving the accuracy and usability of the current Quickbooks accounting system and modifying it for a more organized Income Statement by adding account numbers to the Ledger which, makes the system and reporting easier to use.

Looking forward to continuing the work on enhancements of our bookkeeping system and bringing the investment process forward to where we use VFW resources, and not expensive outside advisors who occasionally manage our portfolios with cookbook strategies. Strategies and research are available to our own members from a number of resources. Remember, no one cares more about our money than we do, Veterans included.

People who know me, trust me. I am a good educator and business resource.

Thank you for your consideration and vote

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Certified Management Accountant (CMA) – Dropped.

Indiana Life and Health Insurance license – Dropped.

Thirteen years as a Registered Representative (Stock Broker) having passed the Series 7 exam (General Securities Registered Representative Exam) and Series 63 (Uniform Securities Agent State Law) Exams. An official record of current and past employment history as a Registered Rep is available at FINRA.org.

EDUCATION

Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis. Completed additional accounting classes as pre-requisites for the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) examination.

MBA program coursework, Wesleyan College, Indianapolis, IN

BBA in Finance, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI

Michael “MJ” Jordan, CANDIDATE for QUARTERMASTER

VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA (2024-25)

- Retired U. S. Navy Captain (active duty and reserve from 1988 to 2023)
- Earned initial VFW eligibility with VP-16 during former-Yugoslavia operations
- Additional eligibility while mobilized during Operation Enduring Freedom
- VFW Post 261 Gold Legacy Life member
- All-State and All-American Post Quartermaster
- Served in Elected and Appointed positions at Post and Department levels
- National Deputy Chief of Staff (2023-24)



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Email: MIKE@MBJ.US

ADVOCATING

- **Training and Stability**
- **Transparency and Oversight**
- **Sharing Best Practices** to and from Posts and Districts
- **External Professionals** for Tax Accounting and Investment Management
- **A Respectful Working Environment** with the state Finance Committee, Council of Administration, and other line officers

EXPERIENCE

- Graduate-level accounting, finance, and project management (MBA 2001)
- Treasurer for multiple Veteran and Community non-profit organizations
- Mess Treasurer for Navy program-level Emergency Response units
- Founding Secretary-Treasurer for a health financial services start-up company
- Current VFW Post 261 Quartermaster and Adjutant

Candidate for VFW Department of Indiana JAG for 2024 - 2025



Shelley L Jacobs

I have been the current JAG for the Department of Indiana since 2021. I am currently the Quartermaster for District #10 and Post #1282. I have been a 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 have served in the United States Marine Corps from 1987-1996. I earned my eligibility from my tour in Korea and Philippines in 1991.



2024 PRIORITY GOALS

Support Today's Veterans and Military

Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 118th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit vfw.org/ActionCorps.

Play a Role in the Process

Engage and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts:

- Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps
- Text "VFW" to 50457*
- Scan QR Code below

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*Delivering the promise to our
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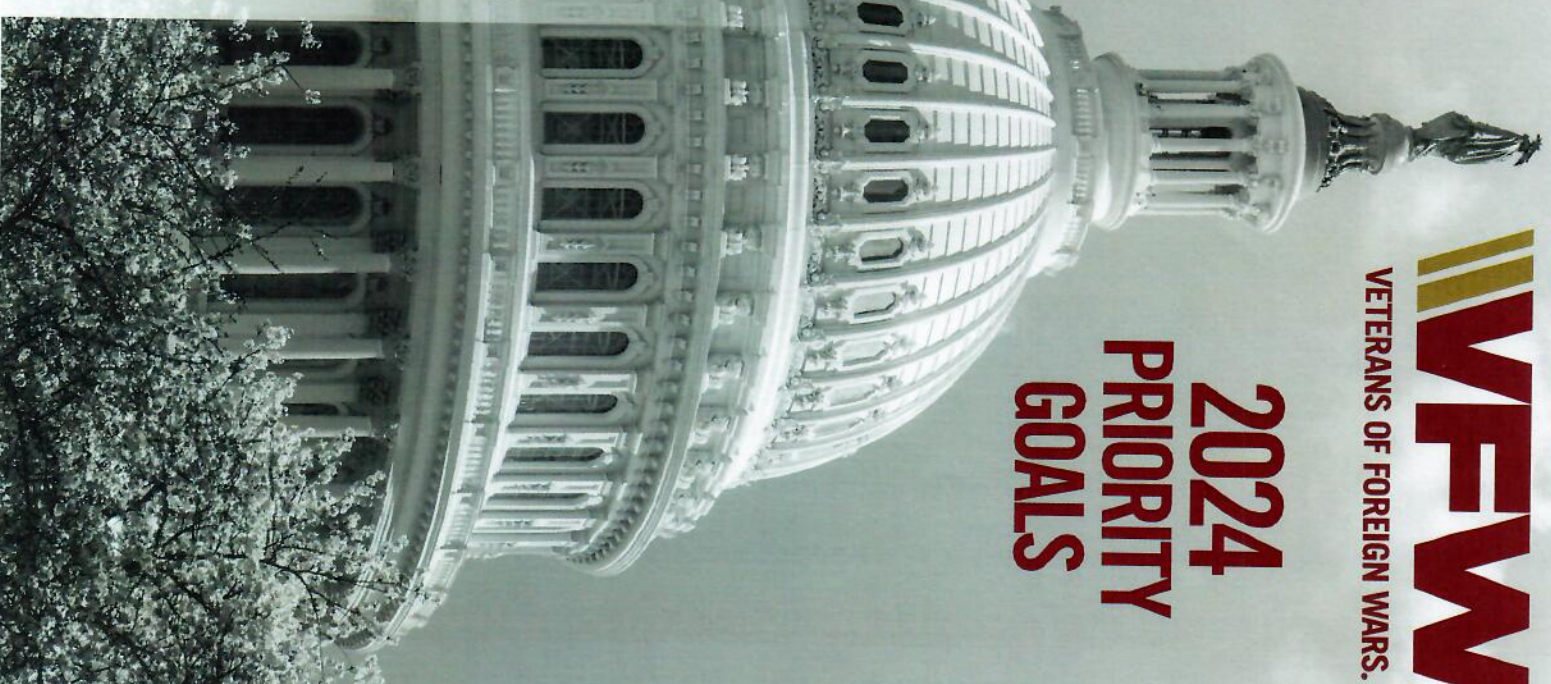
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2024 PRIORITY GOALS

Budget

To fully fund programs for veterans, service members, and their families, Congress must:

- Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process.
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.

Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance

To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, Congress, VA, DOD, and DOL must:

- Improve education benefits through increased online student housing allowances, child care stipends, parity for Guard and Reserve members, and elimination of delimiting dates.
- Enhance outreach and counseling to veterans eligible for the Veteran Readiness and Employment program.
- Ensure parity of VA and DOD education programs with other federal programs.
- Expand small business, hiring preference, tax incentives, and entrepreneurship resources for veterans and military spouses.
- Increase funding for HUD-VASH vouchers, grant and per diem payments, and pilot programs to combat veteran homelessness.
- Conduct oversight of VA's Transition Assistance Program to ensure compliance with the law, and require the inclusion of accredited claims representatives.
- Eliminate red tape preventing effective use of education and employment benefits.
- Provide housing relief for surviving spouses.

Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- Crack down on unaccredited claims consultants known as Claim Sharks.
- Study all toxic and environmental exposures, and implement programs to ensure health care and benefits are provided to all exposed service members and veterans.
- Properly oversee and update the modernized appeals process and digital claims processing.
- Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits for survivors.
- Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.
- Increase burial allowances to account for inflation.
- Ensure that earned VA benefits are never offset by the use of other federal benefits.

Health Care

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must:

- Eliminate service member and veteran suicide by addressing both clinical and non-clinical needs.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- Improve oversight of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.
- Enhance programs and services for women and underserved veterans.
- Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive health care and medications.
- Research the efficacy of medical cannabis and other alternative therapies.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- Expand nursing home eligibility and long-term care options.
- Enhance services for veterans outside of the United States.

Military Quality of Life

To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for preserving the all-volunteer force, Congress and DOI must:

- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life and support programs.
- Eliminate sexual assault and harassment from the military.
- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- Eliminate food insecurity in the military.
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve Component service members.

National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA

To fully support the all-volunteer force, protect our nation's citizens, and defend American interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- Ensure DPAA is fully funded to perform its personnel recovery mission.
- Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- Deter threats to our national security by supporting our allies in Ukraine, Israel, Korea, and Taiwan.
- Ensure all service members who served in harm's way, to include foreign nationals, receive the recognition, care, and benefits they have earned.
- Provide recognition and support for Afghan and Iraqi translators and allies.
- Award the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for operations in Eastern Europe.

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2697	JSD		X	X			X
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1152	JSD		X	X	Y		X
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