



Indiana

GENERAL ORDERS #5

1 November 2025
2025-2026 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

1. **November District Meetings:** Please see attachment.

2. **The National Bylaws** provide for only one type of membership: active membership. There are no provisions in the National Bylaws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with the VFW Bylaws or procedures.

3. **VFW Posts** should take the necessary steps to incorporate under the laws of the state in which the Post is located. Financial responsibility laws, as interpreted by the courts, may cause members of unincorporated Posts to be at risk. Incorporating under the provisions of Sections 708 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure and the laws of the state will provide protection for Post members. Posts are urged to contact their Department Adjutant to obtain the proper forms for incorporating. The Articles of Incorporation must be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief prior to forwarding them to the proper state authorities. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

4. **All Commanders** are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure – Control of Units, requires that any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department and that all money, property or assets of any kind or nature, must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. All Commanders should ensure that all provision of Section 709 are enforced.

5. **Sections 219 and 704** of the Manual of Procedure outline the various things for which the Post Relief Fund can be used. Several years ago, the phrase, "to foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs," was added to this section. This

allows the Post to use the relief funds for the Voice of Democracy program or other Americanism programs that are educational. This does not include Post building projects, hall remodeling, color guard uniforms, or any other expenditure that does not follow these guidelines.

6. **State Headquarters** will be closed on 11 November 2025 for Veteran's Day.

7. **State Headquarters** will be closed 27-28 November 2025 for Thanksgiving.

8. **National Membership Goals:** As we go through the membership year, we want everyone to remember the goals that the Commander-in-Chief has set out in her 2025-26 Membership Program:

- Achieve 101% in Membership.
- 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 Membership.

9. **National Membership Material Order Form**

National has made it easier for you to get all the recruiting brochures you will need to make this membership year successful!

1. Go to vfw.org and click login link in the upper right corner. Sign in when prompted.
2. Under "Membership Quick Links," select Membership Online Order Form.
3. Use the dropdown list to indicate item you need. The form will automatically calculate the cost of items and shipping. When finished, click SUBMIT and it will take you to a billing page if there are any charges.

Follow these simple steps and if you have any questions, you may contact the Membership department at 1.888.564.6839 or email us at membership@vfw.org.

10. 2 November – Daylight Saving Times Ends: Set Clock Back One Hour.

11. 4 November – Election Day.

12. 10 November – 250th Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

13. 11 November – Veterans Day.

14. 21 November – Grenada Campaign Ended (1983).

15. 27 November – Thanksgiving Day.

16. 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://vfw.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).

NOVEMBER 2025 Session -- 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, NOVEMBER 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM Eastern (6:00 PM Central)

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86151237908?pwd=L58sBV5sfRwU3q8PjEbXPHTsnIDJY9.1>

Meeting ID: 861 5123 7908

Passcode: 884065

If you have any questions or any suggestions, please feel free to email the State Quartermaster Michael Jordan at QM@VFWIN.ORG.

17. Please check the vfw.org webpage for updated information during the month.

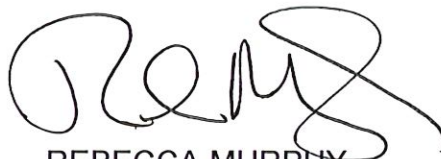
18. Please look at all attached documents.

BY ORDER OF



ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:



REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW



1 November 2025

Indiana

Comrades,

When this letter reaches you as part of the General Orders, we will be in the midst of the Fall Conference in Indianapolis. I am hoping I was able to see all of you there.

November is the month of the District Meeting. These meetings are especially important to the District. Information will be shared from the posts in the district as well as from the Department. The Department Representative is there to assist you and relay information from the Department. Ask questions. As you may have heard many times, the only stupid question is the one you do not ask.

Please review your community service and program status. The Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries are due to the District by 15 November.

Now for the elephant in the room Membership. Indiana is still last in the Big 10. We are holding our own and actually closing the gap, but we have to work harder if we are going to reach the Commander in Chiefs goal of 101%. We can do it!!! Your Membership Team needs your help. If you do your best that is all I can ask.

Veterans Day is the 11th, and I would like to thank and salute each and every one of you for your service to our country. I am honored to stand by your side in our continued service as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sandy and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. We truly have a special reason to be thankful for being citizens of the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

Sincerely,

ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW
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Membership

We need to get to 101%

We have several events coming up.

November 14, 15, & 16 State fair grounds

November 29 & 30 Stout field

December 6 & 7 Shipshewana

December 13 & 14 Evansville

December 20 & 21 Crown Point

District 1 is at 79.18

District 2 is at 78.63

District 3 is at 89.72

District 4 is at 86.52

District 5 is at 92.14

District 6 is at 84.62

District 7 is at 86.15

District 8 is at 91.07

District 9 is at 79.26

District 10 is at 74.32

District 11 is at 70.69

Currently Department is at 84.5

Everyone is responsible for our organization. Everyone has a friend that is eligible to join, so bring them to your post. Be the one that is inviting.



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To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025

District meetings are scheduled as follows: Department Representatives are listed. If assigned Department Representative cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate member, and update the State Adjutant at 317-377-1795 or at adj@vfwin.org.

DISTRICT	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING	DEPT. REP
ONE	11/16	*12:00pm	Dyer Post 6448	Rob Loy
TWO	11/16	2:00pm	Logansport Post 3790	Richard Leirer
THREE	11/9	1:00pm	South Bend Post 9820	Dave Hammons
FOUR	11/15	3:00pm	Fort Wayne Post 857	Larry Patch
FIVE	11/15	12:00pm	Kokomo Post 1152	Richard Leirer
SIX	11/9	11:00am	Noblesville Post 6246	Roger Ferguson
SEVEN	11/23	10:30am	Linton Post 7117	Ken Lange
EIGHT	11/16	10:00am	Jasper Post 673	Adam Bethard
NINE	11/16	1:00pm	Vevay Post 5396	Keith Rohloff
TEN	11/16	1:30pm	Union City Post 7084	Michael Jordan
Eleven	11/8	10:30am	Indianapolis Post 2999	Ken Lange

By Order of:

Official:

ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER

REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT

*C - Central Time

VETERANS AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the new Orange County Courthouse Flag

"A 70-foot pole will proudly stand tall, flying an American Flag that is 8x12-foot and the Indiana State Flag that is 6x10 that waves high above."



**Orange County Indiana Courthouse
1E Court St. Paoli IN 47454**





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Agenda

1:00PM - Commissioner Richard Dixon

Welcoming



1:05PM- Harold Kendal

Performance of the Star Spangled Banner
Flag is Raised



1:10PM-Commissioner Richard Dixon

1:15PM- Commissioner Marshall Noble

1:20PM-Commissioner Steve Hopper



1:25PM- Lee Bentley- Paoli VFW

1:30PM-Ron Taylor-Orleans American Legion

1:35PM-John Abshire- Spring Valley American Legion

1:40-Daughters of the American Revolution

1:45-Robert Henderson



1:50-Closing Prayer by Sheriff Davey Henderson



1:50-2:00 Refreshments

JAMES "ROB" LOY



CANDIDATE FOR VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA SURGEON 2026-2027

VFW ELIGIBILITY:

SERVED IN KOSOVO

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:

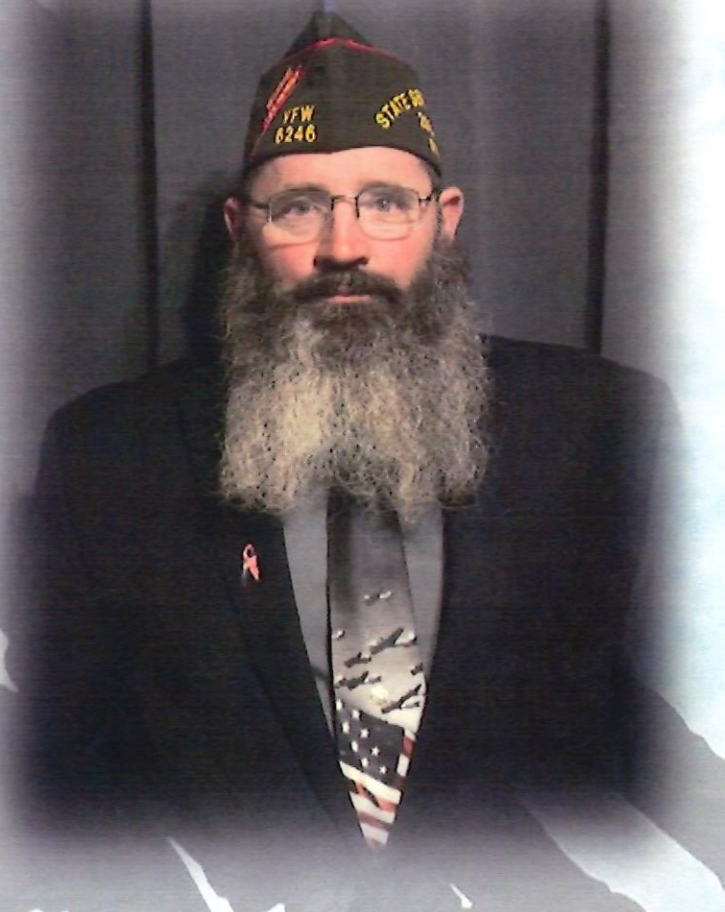
VFW MEMBER SINCE 2005

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

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