VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Indiana

GENERAL ORDERS #5

1 November 2026
2026-2027 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED

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

2. **Members** are reminded that under the subscription dues model, an annual members dues expire on the last day of the month of which they paid the previous year. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership. Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues by the end of the anniversary month, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year.

In addition, every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and recover former members at all times during the year.

3. **Membership Goals** as is set out in the 2026-27 National Membership Program, we are aiming for membership growth as well as a minimum of 80% retention of our annual members. Focusing our efforts on growth through recruiting and stability via retention will be essential in our efforts to increase our membership strength. The 2026-27 National Membership Program can be downloaded through the Training and Support page on vfw.org.

4. **Reinstate and Retention Update dated October 8, 2026.** Please see attachment.

5. **All-American Eligibility:** Donating to **NVS** (no longer referred to as VMS) and **DPAA** (new for 2026-2027) can only be done via the **Dashboard** by going to the link **"NVS/DPAA Donation"** at the upper right =hand corner of the screen. For the **2026-2027 Program Year**, your **$125** or more donation to **NVS meets the eligibility criteria** for **All-American** in this category. Your **$75** donation or more to **DPAA meets the eligibility criteria** for **All-American** in this category. **Donations must be received by June 30, 2027, to make All-American**.

When you make your donation for either category, all that needs to be entered into the box is 125 for NVS or 75 for DPAA. No $ and no .00 are required in the donation amount box.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY OF THE RED/WHITE DONATE LINKS IN THE UPPER RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF ANY WEBPAGE. THIS LINK GOES TO THE GENERAL DONATION PAGE AND WILL NOT BE CREDITED AS An NVS/DPAA DONATION.

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

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

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE Training Opportunities and Links, please open your browser to https://vfwin.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=155722
(Or surf to VFWIN.ORG and click to RESOURCES >> TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES)

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:30 PM Eastern (6:30 PM Central)
Meeting URL:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83835513738?pwd=7NDacJsnWsvrUxpkN712DFFbeTGLuA.1
Meeting ID: 838 3551 3738
Passcode: 082197

Tuesday, DECEMBER 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM Eastern (5:00 PM Central)
Meeting URL:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84024555486?pwd=3Cg9YNCl47xSjJv6nffBOp34wiWc2a.1
Meeting ID: 840 2455 5486
Passcode: 123502

Additional Sessions are available upon request!

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

7. **NEW IRS GROUP EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS (ACTION REQUIRED BY POSTS AND DISTRICTS BY DECEMBER 1st)**

As a reminder from Fall Conference: the IRS recently mandated additional reporting and certifications in order to maintain our Department, Post, and District's IRS tax exempt statuses. As of the most recent download data from the IRS systems: the following are not part of the Department's IRS group exemption and can ignore this note (however, you're still responsible for filing and maintaining your own determination letter, filings, and tax-exempt status):

- Posts 673, 908, 1111, 1257, 1969, 2151, 2457, 2953, 3183, 5864, 6128, 6236, 6574, 9297, 9423, and 9627

- Districts 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11

For all other Posts and Districts: to stay on the IRS group tax exemption list, all other Posts and Districts shall complete the attached two-page "**2026 Annual Group Exemption Compliance Certification**" form and return it to the State Quartermaster by December 1, 2026.

The following are shown in the IRS system as not having a 990, 990-N, or 990-EZ filed AND ACCEPTED since 2024 and will need to also provide a copy of their most recent 2025 or June 2026 IRS 990 return to the State Quartermaster by December 1, 2026:

- Posts 88, 360, 604, 857, 910, 985, 988, 1106, 1108, 1109, 1130, 1152, 1279, 1282, 1421, 1427, 1431, 1472, 1728, 1752, 1832, 2014, 2021, 2395, 2697, 2714, 2839, 2939, 3281, 5365, 5396, 5582, 5626, 6448, 6582, 6606, 6841, 6919, 7117, 7205, 9323, 9383, and 9982
- Districts 3 and 5

Additionally, the following are on the IRS's revocation list and must provide documentation to the State Quartermaster by December 1, 2026, that each is now in good standing and back on the exempt list in order not to be dropped from the Department's IRS group exemption list:

- Posts 1752 and 6841
- District 8

If you have issues with the IRS or believe this information is incorrect, please contact your CPA and/or the IRS directly ASAP to rectify all outstanding issues. State and District officers can only advise and do not control any of the IRS information or processes. **PROMPT ACTION IS REQUIRED BY EACH AFFECTED POST AND DISTRICT to avoid being removed from the group exemption list and/or having the tax-exemption revoked.** The following are possible effects of losing tax-emption (partial list):

- Lose Fraternal Alcohol permit (no alcohol sales)
- Unable to conduct Charity Gaming (no gaming income)
- Would now pay State and Federal Income taxes & Property Tax (on ALL income + penalties and interest)
- Loss of deductibility of donations received.
- All can be back dated to last "good" date.
- Cascading issues from these

Please provide all required items to the State Quartermaster by December 1, 2026, via:

- Emailing a LEGIBLE scanned PDF to QM@VFWIN.org (ensure you receive an acknowledgement of your email)
- Faxing a LEGIBLE document to (317) 377-1797 (ensure you receive a successful transmission receipt)
- Mailing a LEGIBLE copy to VFW State Quartermaster, 9555 East 59th ST, Indianapolis, IN 46216

8. **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!

- Go to vfw.org and click login link in the upper right corner. Sign in when prompted.
- Under "Membership Quick Links," select Membership Online Order Form.
- 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.

9. 1 November – Daylight Saving Times Ends: (Set clocks bake one hour).

10. 3 November – Election Day.

11. 10 November – 251st Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

12. 11 November – Veterans Day.

13. 21 November – Grenada Campaign Ended (1983).

14. 26 November – Thanksgiving Day.

15. **State Headquarters** will be closed on 11 November 2026 for Veteran's Day.

16. **State Headquarters** will be closed 26-27 November 2026 for Thanksgiving.

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

18. Please look at all attached documents.

BY ORDER OF:

DAVE "MUFFIN" HAMMONS
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:

REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Indiana

1 November 2026

Hello Comrades,

It is complete honor serving you as your Commander. I have been very busy with visiting Post's, the National Home where we raised $38,000.00, and the Indiana Veteran's Home where we raised $18,000.00 and my Special Project event with Premier Arms and we raised $75,800.00.

We were able to play a major role in stopping the TCAVA Act on Capital Hill. I am going to Washinton DC for the Desert Shield/Desert Storm War Memorial.

I want to wish you all a great Veteran's Day.

There is a special event coming in November, I cannot say more about it right now but keep your eyes and ears open! Get out there and vote, you fought for that right, so exercise that right.

Stay safe, stay involved, let us get our mission accomplished and have fun.

DAVE "MUFFIN" HAMMONS
VFW STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Indiana

1 November 2026

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2026

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

DISTRICT	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING	DEPT REP
ONE	11/15	** 12:00pm	Hammond Post 802	Dan Gann
TWO	11/15	2:00pm	Monticello Post 2231	Larry Patch
THREE	11/1	1:00pm	Bremen Post 8972	Keith Rohloff
FOUR	11/21	3:00pm	Columbia City Post 5582	Russell Pryor
FIVE	11/7	12:00pm	Elwood Post 5782	Ken Lange
SIX	11/8	11:00am	Covington Post 2395	Dave Hammons
SEVEN	11/22	10:30am	Clay City Post 6606	Ken Lange
EIGHT	11/15	**10:30am	Tell City Post 2939	Adam Ferguson
NINE	11/15	1:00pm	Paoli Post 8302	Sheila Corcoran
TEN	11/15	1:30pm	Shelbyville Post 2695	Dave Hammons
ELEVEN	11/14	10:30am	Indianapolis Post 2999	Keith Rohloff

BY ORDER OF:

DAVE HAMMONS
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** Central Time

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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2026 ANNUAL GROUP EXEMPTION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

*VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ("**VFW**") DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA - IRS Group Exemption Number: 0979*

Purpose: Certification from each Post/District ("**Entity**") to support the administration of the VFW Department of Indiana ("**Department**") IRS group exemption and its review of subordinate-organization compliance. **Complete every item.** Retain a copy of the completed document with the Post's permanent records.

1. POST / DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION

Post / District (**"Entity" throughout this document**)	Entity federal Employer Identification Number (**"EIN"**):
Street address:	Mailing address (if different):
City, State, ZIP:	Fiscal year-end:

2. ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS AND AFFILIATION - We, the undersigned, certify that:

- The Entity remains an active, chartered VFW Post and is affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Department of Indiana and that the Entity has not dissolved, surrendered its charter, disaffiliated, or taken action to terminate its operations
- The Entity's legal name, EIN, street address, and mailing address shown above are accurate and current.
- The Entity continues to operate for purposes consistent with exemption under IRC §501(c)(19), and has not knowingly changed its purposes, character, or method of operation in a way that could affect eligibility.
- The Entity has disclosed any change(s) – and will disclose any future change(s) – in governing documents, organizational structure, or activities that could affect its tax-exempt status or eligibility for inclusion in the Department's group exemption.

3. FEDERAL TAX FILING AND EXEMPTION STATUS - We, the undersigned, certify that:

- To the best of each of our knowledges, the Entity has not received an IRS notice revoking or proposing to revoke its federal tax-exempt status.
- The Entity has met applicable federal annual information-return or notice requirements (e.g., Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N) or has identified below any missed filing, IRS notice, or other unresolved issue.
- The Entity has reviewed its IRS filing obligations and understands that filing Form 990-N, where applicable, does not by itself provide the Department with the financial and activity information the Department may request for its own supervision and records.
- The Entity will immediately notify the Department if it receives an IRS notice concerning exemption, automatic revocation, required filings, or its EIN/name/address.
- The Entity has operated in accordance with all Indiana non-profit, IRS exempt organization regulations, and Indiana and federal laws

4. REQUIRED IRS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND PERMISSIONS - We, the undersigned, certify that:

- The Entity acknowledges that inclusion in the group exemption is a courtesy provided by the Department and that the Entity may obtain its own exemption letter, thereby removing itself from the group exemption and these requirements.
- The Entity acknowledges that additional certifications, no less than annually, will be required as a condition to remain on the group exemption list.

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- The Entity has a shared purpose with the Department via the Veterans of Foreign War's Congressional charter, the Entity's bylaws, the Department's bylaws, and the VFW bylaws.
- The Entity authorizes the Department to add the subordinate organization to your group exemption.
- The Entity acknowledges that the Department (to explicitly include the State Quartermaster) may remove the Entity as a subordinate organization from the group exemption letter upon written notice, with or without cause, at any time.
- If the Entity is or will be described in section 501(c)(4), each subordinate organization has or will comply with the requirements of section 506 and Rev. Proc. 2016-41, 2016-30 I.R.B. 165.
- The Entity will not permit its EIN to be used by any other person or organization and, if discovered, will immediately report to the Department that its being used by another person or organization.
- The Department may use this information to review the Entity's continued eligibility for inclusion in its group exemption and to meet applicable IRS reporting and supervision responsibilities
- The Department may request supporting documentation and follow up on any discrepancy; the Entity agrees to promptly furnish all requested documentation and explanations.
- The Entity agrees upon request of the Department (to explicitly include the State Quartermaster) to provide complete read access to all Entity financial and tax records, whether in printed or electronic form.

5. FINANCIAL AND ACTIVITY INFORMATION - We, the undersigned, certify that:

- The Entity has provided, and will provide immediately upon request, accurate annual financial information and a summary of its principal activities sufficient for the Department's group-exemption compliance review.
- The Entity maintains books and records supporting its receipts, expenditures, assets, liabilities, and activities, and can provide relevant records to the Department upon reasonable request.
- The Entity has disclosed any material change in its activities, operations, or financial circumstances that could affect its exempt purpose or eligibility for inclusion in the group exemption.

6. EXPLANATIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Identify any IRS notices, missed filings, changes in name/address/EIN, changes in purpose or operations, charter status issues, or other matter the Department should review. Include corrective action and anticipated completion date. **Attach copies of all documentation.**

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7. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CERTIFICATION

Each of us is officer authorized to complete this certification on behalf of the Entity and provide permissions/authorizations on behalf of the Entity. Each of us has made reasonable reviews of the Entity's records and to the best of each of our knowledge and beliefs, the responses in this certification and any attachments are true, correct, and complete. This certification does not itself guarantee tax-exempt status, amend the Entity's governing documents, or replace any return, notice, or filing required by law.

Signature	Signature
Printed name:	Printed name:
Title (check one): ☐ COMMANDER ☐ SENIOR VICE COMMANDER	Title (check one): ☐ QUARTERMASTER ☐ QUARTERMASTER PRO TEM

8. DEPARTMENT RECEIPT

Department use only — received date: _____ Received by: _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Reinstate and Retention Update

Prepared by the Membership Department
October 8, 2026

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP TERMINOLOGY AND ACCOUNTING

Currently, a lapsed member whose expiration date is less than 2 years ago but not in the current program year counts as neither Retained nor Reinstated, and simply becomes a Continuous Member once more.

To solve this issue, the following changes were made.

***Reinstated member**: any lapsed member whose dues expired prior to the current membership year who pays Annual dues or Life Membership dues. If a current VFW member has put forth the effort to contact this lapsed member and encouraged them to renew their membership, recruiter credit may be assigned.*

This will close the "two years minus one day" loophole that often acts as a chilling effect for re-engagement efforts. It will encourage Posts to contact **all** their lapsed members to try and recover them and get them back onto the rolls, and will allow for rewarding those members putting forth the effort to recover lapsed comrades.

This will allow us to ensure that Posts and recruiters get the credit for recovering lapsed members either as Retained or Reinstated regardless of when that member's dues have lapsed.

CHANGES TO PRESENTING RETENTION PERCENTAGE

Currently Memstats shows Retention Percentage as a rounded number with no clear way for members to understand how that number changes. Changes were made to the Memstats page and a new Retention Percentage view was added.

Page 3 shows the current way Memstats is displayed as well as the changes. The changes are as follows:

1: Moving the Life Upgrade cell to *after* the Membership Percentage. These individuals are already counted in the Life totals and are not added in with the other cells towards the total. This change removes the confusion on why the numbers don't add up.

2: Removing Prior Annual, and moving it to the new Retention Percentage page.

3: Increasing Retention Percentage to two decimal places. Currently it rounds to the nearest whole integer which would make a retention percentage of 79.65% round up to 80% when it should show the Post as *below* the 80% mark. There is now a clickable link to the Retention Percentage page.

4: Added definitions of terms that people often have questions about, as well as providing a link for them to email the Membership Department directly.

Page 4 shows the new Retention Percentage page concept. This is available to all members in OMS under *Reporting* similar to where Memstats is found now. It displays all the information for how a Post's retention percentage is factored.

Added clear definitions of each term, and specifying what makes the percentage rise or fall as members' status changes from Expiring to Expired, or from Expired to Retained.

Deceased or Transferred members will *not* cause a Post's Retention Percentage to go down, and that the only variables that affect Retention Percentage are Prior Annual Members In Good Standing and Expired.

Page 5 shows what the Post Query page (viewable by Post Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters) looks like. On the Post Query, each number is a clickable link to a roster of all Post members in that category.

The change: Replace "Unpaid 1 Year" with "Lapsed Current", and "Unpaid 2 Years" with "Lapsed Prior". This gives a list of all comrades whose dues have lapsed since July 1st of the current year, and then before that date. Anyone from Lapsed Current who pays is RETAINED, while anyone from Lapsed Prior who pays is REINSTATED. This makes it clear to Posts the difference between Retention and Reinstatement. All Lapsed members fall into one of these two buckets, as the "two year" loophole is closed by redefining Reinstatement.

WHY RETENTION PERCENTAGE STARTS AT 100% AND GOES DOWN

The intention of including Retention as a statistic is to encourage Posts to pay close attention to their expiring membership throughout the year. Through the Post Query, a Quartermaster can view the entire Expiring list and see the dates when members' dues are going to expire. Once they hit the 90-day mark, it shows how many days are remaining for those members. Quartermasters should be viewing this list on a regular basis, and to be aware of who is going to fall off the rolls at the end of each month. If the member falls off the rolls, then the Retention Percentage will go down – the Post has not retained that member.

Starting at 100% and decreasing when members expire calls attention to the fact that the Post has had members fall off the roster, and encourages the Post to reach out to those members.

CURRENT																
Post	Dist	Annual New	Annual Continuous	Annual Reinstated	Life New	Life Continuous	Life Reinstated	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	Membership %	Div	City	State	Prior Annual	Retention %
7356	3	0	9	1	1	593	0	6	604	664	90.96%	1	PARKVILLE	MO	52	96

CHANGES															
Post	Dist	Annual New	Annual Continuous	Annual Reinstated	Life New	Life Continuous	Life Reinstated	Current	Prior	Membership %	Life Upgrade	Div	City	State	Retention %
7356	3	0	9	1	1	593	0	604	664	90.96%	6	1	PARKVILLE	MO	96.15

Membership Percentage = Current / Prior. This compares your current paid membership to your paid membership from the previous program year.

Life Upgrade = Annual or Lapsed members who have paid in full for their Life Membership. These are already counted in your Life Cont. or Life Reinst. Totals. For a definition of Retention Percentage, please click here.

All percentages and totals are current and may change through the year.

For any questions, please email membership@vfw.org

RETENTION							
Post	Prior Annual Members In Good Standing	Retained	Expiring	Expired	Deceased	Transferred	Retention %
7356	52	15	30	2	3	2	96.15

Prior Annual Members In Good Standing reflects your Post's totals as of June 30th of the previous program year

Retained = members who have paid membership dues since July 1st of the current year.

Expiring = members who will expire between today and June 30th of the current program year. When their expiration date passes, they will move into the Expired column. To view a list of your Post's Expiring members, use the Post Query in OMS or contact your Post Quartermaster.

Expired = members who have lapsed between July 1st and today.

Deceased = Prior Annual members who have been reported as Deceased. These do not affect your Retention percentage.

Transferred = Prior Annual members who have transferred out of your Post. These do not affect your Retention percentage.
Retention % = (Prior Annual Members In Good Standing - Expired)/(Prior Annual Members In Good Standing). This represents the prior annual members your Post has currently retained.

All percentages and totals are current and may change through the year.

Retention percentage begins at 100% on July 1st.

RETENTION PERCENTAGE WILL DECREASE WHEN: An Expiring member does not renew their dues and becomes Expired at the end of a given month.

RETENTION PERCENTAGE WILL INCREASE WHEN: An Expired member pays their dues and regains good standing. For any questions, please email membership@vfw.org

Current

Memstats Counts (paid for 2027)

Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Total	Prior Year	Percent
594	0	1	9	604	664	90.96%

Post Counts (members in good standing)

Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Expiring	Continuous Transnsfer	Non-Pay Transfer	Installment	Total
595	0	0	5	32	3	2	4	641

Unpaid

Unpaid 1 Year	Unpaid 2 Years	Total Unpaid	Complete Roster	Deceased
12	1	13	654	5

Changes

Memstats Counts (paid for 2027)

Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Total	Prior Year	Percent
594	0	1	9	604	664	90.96%

Post Counts (members in good standing)

Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Expiring	Continuous Transfer	Non-Pay Transfer	Installment	Total
595	0	0	5	32	3	2	4	641

Unpaid

Lapsed Current	Lapsed Prior		Complete Roster	Deceased
2	11		654	5

If someone off the Lapsed Current or Expiring list renews, they are RETAINED.

If someone off the Lapsed Prior list renews, they are REINSTATED.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

October 6, 2026

TO: All Department Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters

SUBJECT: Liability Insurance Requirements Pursuant to Section 709 of the VFW National Bylaws.

Dear Comrades:

National Headquarters has received questions regarding liability insurance requirements for VFW Posts. This letter is intended to clarify the requirements of Section 709 of the VFW National Bylaws and ensure they are applied consistently.

Under Section 709, a Post that owns property or operates a canteen, clubroom, or other facility available to members or guests is required to maintain appropriate liability insurance coverage. Depending upon the Post's activities and applicable state or local requirements, liquor liability coverage may also be necessary when alcoholic beverages are served or made available.

A Post that does not own property and does not operate a facility available to members or guests is not required by Section 709 to maintain liability insurance solely because it is a VFW Post.

Unless an additional insurance requirement has been specifically mandated and duly adopted through applicable Post, District, or Department Bylaws, Section 709 controls and shall be followed. Any additional requirement must be consistent with the National Bylaws and other governing documents of the organization.

The absence of a National Bylaws requirement does not mean insurance is discouraged. National Headquarters strongly recommends that Posts consider appropriate coverage based upon their activities, operations, and potential risks. Posts should consult with their insurance provider to determine the coverage appropriate for their circumstances.

Departments are asked to review any existing insurance directives, policies, or practices to ensure they are consistent with Section 709 and any duly adopted subordinate-unit Bylaws. Departments may provide education and recommendations regarding insurance but should not impose requirements beyond the National Bylaws unless properly authorized by their governing Bylaws.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter and for your efforts to ensure the proper administration of our organization.

Sincerely,

Dan West
Adjutant General
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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Greeting Comrades,

Nominations are now open for the National Awards. Help us honor those whose service, leadership, and commitment set the standard for the VFW and our communities. The awards will be presented at the 2027 VFW National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Take a few minutes to nominate a member or citizen who has gone above and beyond for veterans, patriotism, education, history, or community involvement.

The Following Awards Are Open for Nominations

- **VFW Distinguished Fraternal Award**
  Recognizes VFW members or citizens who have furthered the aims and ideals of VFW camaraderie. Nominations should demonstrate exceptional efforts to preserve and strengthen friendship and loyalty among VFW members, assist surviving spouses and families, or support vulnerable and at-risk comrades beyond what is ordinarily expected.
- **VFW Distinguished Patriotic Award**
  Recognizes VFW members or citizens for local or national patriotic activities that foster devotion, loyalty, and commitment to America, its institutions, traditions, customs, and freedoms beyond normal expectations.
- **VFW Distinguished Historical Award**
  Recognizes VFW members or citizens who have contributed to a greater understanding of American history, our way of life, and our institutions. Nominations should demonstrate efforts to preserve the memory of those who served and sacrificed while promoting the importance of our nation's history.
- **VFW Distinguished Charitable Award**
  Recognizes VFW members or citizens for outstanding charitable endeavors and philanthropic service benefiting veterans, communities, and the principles of American citizenship.
- **VFW Distinguished Educational Award**
  Recognizes VFW members or citizens who have made outstanding contributions to educating others about patriotism, citizenship, American freedoms, and the values that strengthen our nation through formal, informal, or non-formal educational efforts.

Submit Your Nomination Today

If you know of a deserving candidate, please submit your nomination through the **Programs Dashboard Tool** at **vfw.org**. If you are unable to enter your nomination, please contact Rebecca Murphy, State Adjutant for assistance.

Please contact me for questions. **Nominate your candidate today and help ensure their service, sacrifice, and impact are recognized on the national stage. Deadline for submission February 2027.**

Respectfully,

Sheila Corcoran
National Awards Committee
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SAVE THE DATE

STAND TOGETHER-
Indiana Veterans and Veteran Community Resource Fair

NOVEMBER 5, 2026

Indiana Government Center South Atrium

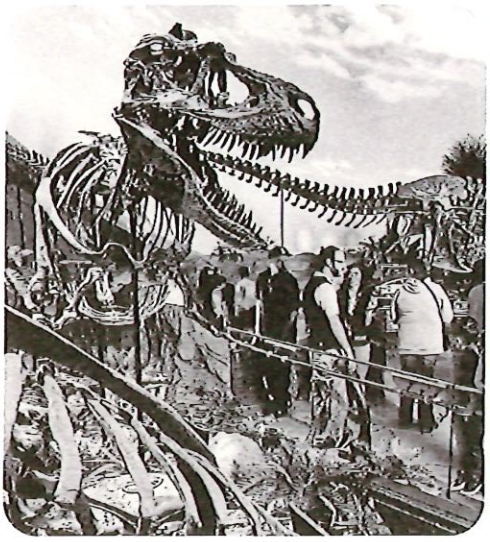
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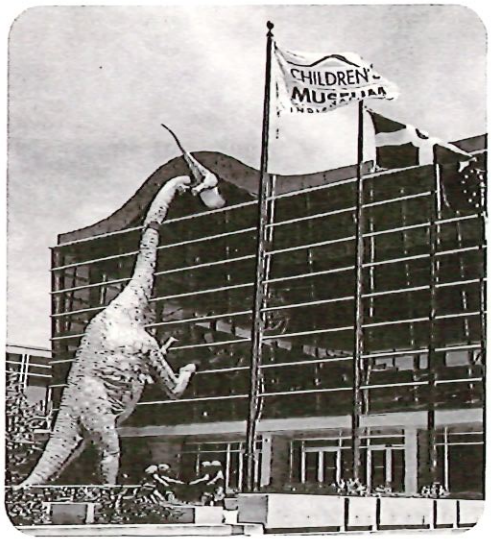
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

INDIANA 1945 IN.GOV/DVA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Hosted by IDVA

Veterans Appreciation Day







Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026

FREE admission for all active duty, veteran, and retired military

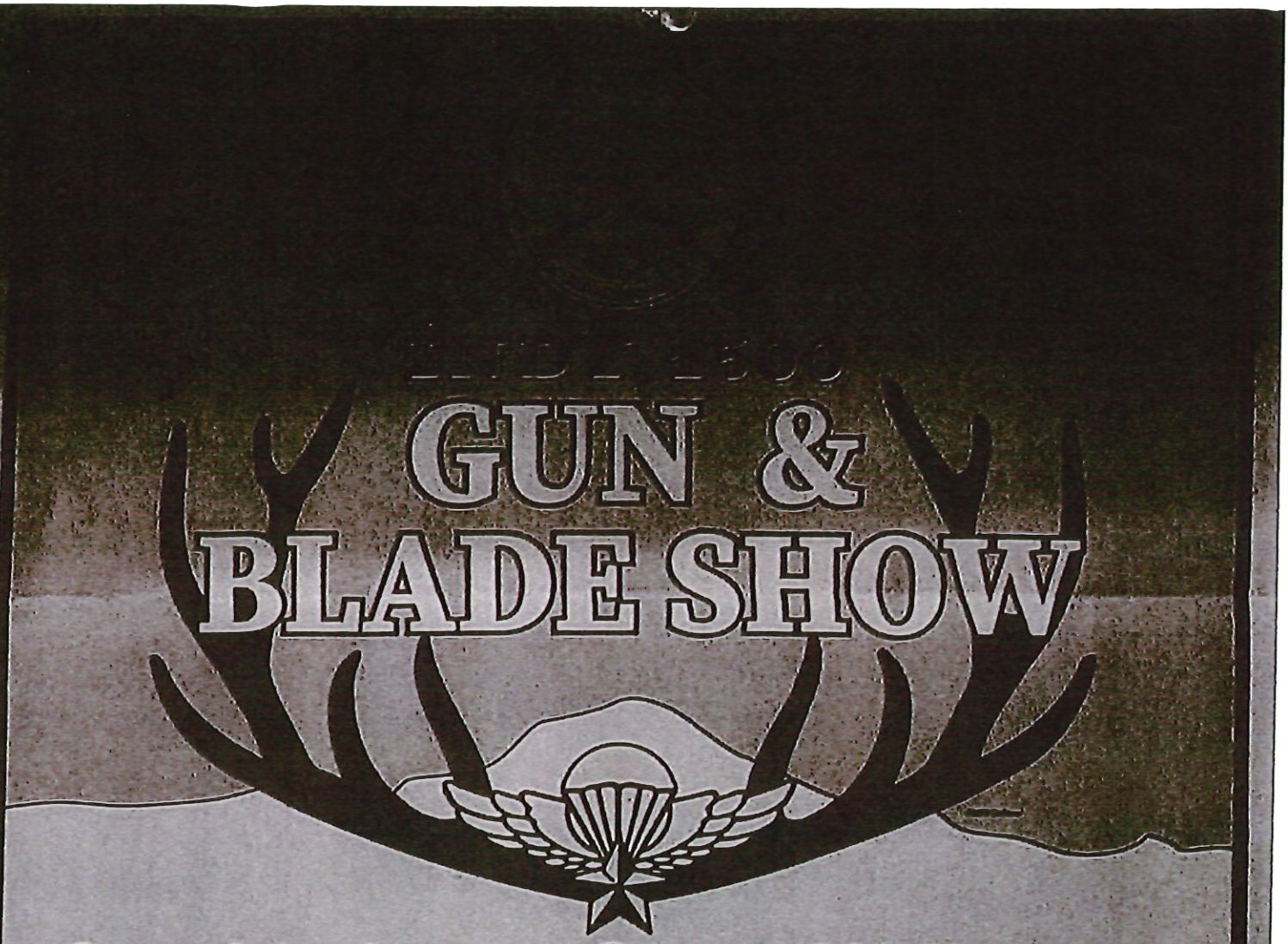
Must show proof of military service at Box Office.
Accompanying guests receive a 20% discount on admission.

Visit the world's biggest and best children's museum!

- Receive a miniature American flag (first 500 visitors)
- Speak to veterans' organizations about military benefits
- Enjoy a 10% discount on purchases in The Museum Store and Food Court
- Come face to face with full-size dinosaur fossils and visit the Paleo Prep Lab
- Explore a replica of the International Space Station
- Visit the newly reimagined *All Aboard!* exhibit featuring the iconic Reuben Wells locomotive

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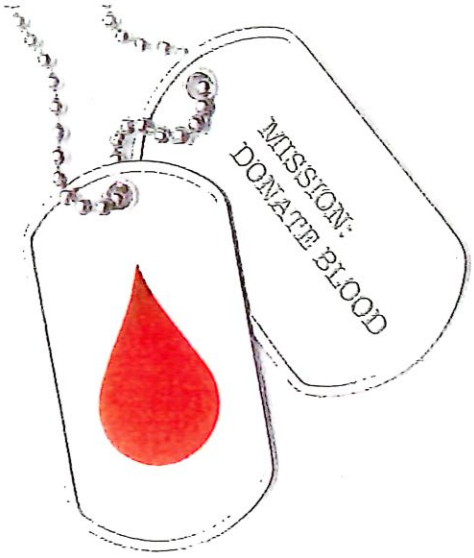
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POLICY AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDITIONAL DONATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, CEREMONIAL RIFLES AND BLANK AMMUNITION TO VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

MILITARY EQUIPMENT

The Army Donations Program Office (ADPO) is responsible for the oversight of the Ceremonial Rifle Program and the Army Static Display Program. Regulations, policies and procedures for obtaining blank ammunition, US Army owned ceremonial rifles and obsolete/condemned combat equipment for conditional donation are subject to change without notice. The programs operate at no cost to the government, and any costs incurred pertaining to these assets are the responsibility of the organization they are conditionally issued to. All requests for military equipment must first go through the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri to verify the legitimacy of the post making the request.

The ADPO operates within the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) and their mailing address is 6501 East 11 Mile Road, ATTN: AMTA-LCO-BL, MS:419D, Detroit Arsenal, MI 48397-5000. The ADPO may be reached by calling (520) 706-8680. Please leave a clear, detailed message with your name, post number, city, state with a brief description of how they can assist you. Due to the high volume of inquiries, allow 30 days for a response. You may also email them at usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-donations@army.mil.

Requests for ceremonial rifles and static display equipment must first be submitted to the VFW National Headquarters for verification that the post is in good standing. The request should be addressed to the Adjutant General, VFW National HQ, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111 or email tammieg@vfw.org and should be on post letterhead (if available) with their post address (if applicable), contact person with telephone number, email address and the number of rifles they are requesting. It should be signed by the Post Commander, Adjutant or Quartermaster. The VFW National Headquarters will then verify the post is in good standing and will forward this endorsement, which will include a confirmation of the post's charter date and verification of the post's officer listing, to the appropriate agency.

NOTE: When requests are first made to Congressional offices or other military departments without the proper verification and endorsement, the acquisition process is significantly delayed.

These requirements are set forth in the updated policies and procedures established by the US Army. Posts are reminded that equipment donated by the Department of the Army through the ADPO to VFW posts remain the property of the US Army. Transfer of any equipment obtained through the Ceremonial Rifle and Static Display Program is **not authorized** without the written permission of the ADPO.

Posts receiving ceremonial rifles or static display equipment can expect the ADPO to conduct periodic inspections and file reviews in order to verify the information provided by the post and to confirm the post is complying with the terms outlined in the Conditional Deed of Gift in regard to such matters as rifle storage and handling and static display equipment maintenance. Part of this compliance includes the required reporting of these US Army assets upon receipt by the post, and then on an annual or triennial schedule for as long as the posts retain the equipment. After the initial reporting, static display equipment is required to be certified every year, complete with a current photograph of the piece on display, and ceremonial rifles are required to be reported on every 3 years. These certifications will be emailed to the posts automatically when they are due.

Posts are required to make sure the email addresses on file for their organizations remain current in order to ensure they receive the emailed certifications. They may have up to two email addresses per post. In the event posts experience technical difficulties with the online certifications, they may complete and submit the Annual Certification of Army Materiel Status form for static displays and the Ceremonial Rifle Inventory form for rifles in order to remain in compliance with the reporting requirements. The forms must be hand signed and either emailed or mailed to the ADPO. **For additional information and the respective forms, please visit the ADPO website at https://www.tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations.**

BLANK AMMUNITION

Orders for ceremonial rifle ammunition and M1 Garand clips may be submitted directly to the US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) by visiting https://www.aschq.army.mil/resources/ammo.

Complete the appropriate order forms and submit to ASC via email at: usarmy.ria.asc.mbx.carg@army.mil. Submitting requests by email is strongly recommended and the preferred method, as orders sent via postal service will have a delayed processing time. No fax orders permitted.

The .30 caliber blank ammunition (1,240 rounds per box) is sent in a wood wire bound box. All blank ammunition is free of charge in its entirety. M1 Garand clips are also available and are issued in increments of 25 with a maximum of 100.

The blank ammunition is delivered during daytime hours and shipped via FEDEX Ground from Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Independence, Missouri. It is preferred that the blank ammunition be shipped to an Officer's residence and not the post, as a signature of receipt is required. Shipments to the Post must have prior approval from ASC.

Blank ammunition is authorized for use ONLY in conditionally issued US Army owned ceremonial rifles. Blank ammunition is **not** authorized to posts who receive rifles through any other source or personally owned. If you have privately owned weapons or borrowed weapons from another organization, your organization is not authorized to receive blank ammunition and/or clips through this program.

The US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) will contact the Army Donations Program Office (ADPO) to confirm that the respective post has qualified for US Army owned ceremonial rifles and that the post is up to date on all mandatory reporting requirements. **Prior to submitting the form(s) please ensure your ceremonial rifles and static display inventories are up to date with the Army Donations Program Office (ADPO) as this may cause a significant delay if not up to date.**

For additional information please visit the US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) website at https://www.aschq.army.mil/resources/ammo.

RIFLES

The ADPO is responsible for the issuance and management of rifles for ceremonial use. Under the provisions of 10 U.S. Code § 7683 (formerly 4683), the Secretary of the Army may conditionally lend or donate excess ceremonial rifles, slings, and cartridge belts to any eligible organization for use by that organization for funeral ceremonies of a member or former member of the US Armed Forces, and for other ceremonial purposes. This statute also allows for conditions to be imposed on the use of the rifles as may be necessary to ensure security, safety, and accountability. The Secretary of the Army may impose such other conditions as considered appropriate. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is only authorized to handle requests from chartered VFW posts in good standing. Ceremonial

rifles or blank ammunition will not be conditionally issued to a post unless they are in good standing and in compliance. Additionally, the rifles are to be utilized only by the respective VFW post's Honor Guard.

Organizations are allowed to have a total of 15 rifles through the Ceremonial Rifle Program. However, the number of rifles may not exceed the number of Honor Guard Members plus one. Any rifles over this amount are required to be returned to the US Army in order to remain in compliance with federal law. If this situation exists, the post is required to request disposition instructions from the ADPO. Specific return instructions will be provided to the respective post, as weapons are returned to a separate facility and not to the ADPO.

A VFW post wishing to obtain rifles for ceremonial use should forward their request to the VFW National Headquarters in the manner previously described above. Once the ADPO receives the endorsed request from headquarters, processing will begin and an eligibility package will be sent to the respective post. The package will include the checklist and forms required for completion by the Post Commander, Adjutant or Quartermaster. Forms are to be returned electronically or mailed to the ADPO. Presently, it takes approximately 90 days for rifles to be shipped after receipt of the eligibility requirements from the post.

Currently, the only rifle authorized for ceremonial use on a conditional basis is the M1 Garand. These rifles are shipped from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) in Anniston, Alabama. Normal Overnight FEDEX Ground delivery will be Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Ceremonial rifles remain the property of the United States Government. The rifles cannot be loaned, sold, transferred, or given to anyone else without the written approval of the ADPO and may only be utilized by the respective VFW post's Honor Guard. Care and maintenance of the conditionally loaned rifles is the responsibility of the post.

Slings, repair parts, cartridge belts, and cleaning kits are not provided through the ADPO. The post may order them from commercial resources. Three known sources are: Amherst Depot at 941-475-2020 or www.amherst-depot.com, Fulton Armory at 301-490-9485 or www.fulton-armory.com, or the Civilian Marksmanship Program at 256-835-8455 or www.thecmp.org/cmp_sales/ . The Army does not endorse any specific commercial source for rifle accoutrements.

If for any reason the post no longer requires the ceremonial rifles, they are required to contact the ADPO and request rifle disposition instructions. The ADPO will then request boxes and prepaid shipping labels to assist with the return of rifles. All blank ammunition must be removed from the rifles prior to shipping. After the rifles are returned, the ADPO will receive notification from CMP that the rifles have been received. Upon request, the ADPO will send a letter or email to the post acknowledging receipt of the rifles and releasing the post from liability and accountability for the returned weapons.

NOTE: Ceremonial rifles are never to be returned to directly to the ADPO, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command in Michigan.

If the post loses accountability of any of the rifles issued to them, they are required to notify the ADPO and, in certain circumstances, submit a police report. The police report must list the model, manufacturer, serial number of the rifle and provide any details regarding its loss. Upon review by the ADPO, a determination will be made as to the liability for the missing/lost/stolen rifles. The post will be notified if reimbursement costs are required.

STORAGE AND SECURITY OF CEREMONIAL RIFLES

Storage of the loaned ceremonial rifles is at the discretion of the post, but the location must be in compliance with all local/state/federal regulations. Organizations are to provide the storage location of the weapons on the Certificate of Arms Storage form, which is one of the qualification requirements. If the location changes, an updated form must be submitted to the ADPO. This form must be completed and signed by the Commander, Adjutant or Quartermaster. This requirement can be sent electronically via email to the ADPO mailbox: usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-donations@army.mil.

DAMAGED OR UNSERVICEABLE M1 RIFLES

If a ceremonial rifle is no longer functioning, the post is required to send the following information to the ADPO: Model, manufacturer, serial number, and a description of the problem(s) with the rifle. This requirement can be sent electronically via email to the ADPO mailbox: usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-donations@army.mil. Please note that rifles are not replaced for cosmetic reasons.

STATIC DISPLAY EQUIPMENT

The ADPO is authorized under the provisions of 10 U.S. Code § 2572 to conditionally issue obsolete/condemned Army combat equipment for static display purposes to qualified civilian organizations. Note: The ADPO does not conditionally issue small arms or tactical equipment, such Jeeps, through their program.

Requests for tanks, field artillery pieces, mortars, etc., should be directed to the Adjutant General, VFW National Headquarters as previously described above. After the ADPO receives the endorsement and static request, an eligibility package will be sent to the respective post for review and completion. Once the post has submitted the documentation, their request will be changed to an Open-Wait status. When equipment becomes available, the ADPO will post it to their website and email a notification of equipment availability to organizations with requests in an Open-Wait status. Interested organizations will need to email or mail a letter of interest within 30 days of this notification. They will select a recipient from the list of qualified organizations that submitted the letter of interest. Post are responsible for ensuring their email addresses on file with the ADPO are current and valid. Several variables go into determining where a piece of equipment is placed. Some of these include the date the qualification process was completed, the location of the organization and the number of pieces the organization has already received.

If the post accepts an offered a piece of equipment, they will be required to sign a Conditional Deed of Gift and will need to certify the equipment and provide a current photograph of the display every year for as long as they retain it through the online reporting process. If there are any demilitarization actions that need to be completed, that will be the responsibility of the receiving organization.

The ADPO operates at no cost to the government. All costs incurred pertaining to the equipment are the responsibility of the receiving post. Such costs include display site construction, limited demilitarization work, removal of radiological material (if applicable), transportation, restoration measures, and display maintenance. NOTE: Posts should not construct a display area/pad until instructed to do so by the ADPO as circumstances can change.

The post has the responsibility to maintain and display the US Army asset in such a way that honors and upholds the image of the United States, our military forces, and veterans. In the event the

equipment is no longer required by the post, they are required to contact the ADPO for turn-in procedures. They must notify the ADPO of any potential time constraints that may become applicable, such as the display property being sold or a possible post closure. Organizations are not authorized to loan, sell, transfer, move, abandon, or give the asset to any other individual or organization as it remains US Army property.

VETERANS ORGANIZATION REQUEST FOR .30 CALIBER BLANK CARTRIDGES

Only authorized organizations that have been issued weapons through the Ceremonial Rifle Program at the US Army Tank-automotive & Armaments Command (TACOM) are authorized to order, receive, and use blank ammunition and/or clips. If you have privately owned weapons or borrow weapons from another organization, your organization is not authorized to receive blank ammunition and/or clips through this program.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:
usarmy.ria.asc.mbx.carg@army.mil

DATE _____

Or by postal service:
HQ Army Sustainment Command
ATTN: AMAS-ARM-P
2695 Rodman Ave
Rock Island, IL 61299-6000
Phone: (928)998-9321
Requests submitted via the postal service will have a delayed processing time. No fax orders permitted. Submission by email is the preferred method.

Please fill in the boxes below with the first and last name of the person who will be receiving the ammunition, and the address of where the ammunition can be delivered during daytime hours. Please include a phone number where the individual may be reached if necessary. SHIPMENTS TO THE ORGANIZATION'S POST MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THIS OFFICE. Residential addresses are preferred.

PRIMARY SHIP TO ADDRESS	ALTERNATE SHIP TO ADDRESS
First and Last Name of Individual Receiving Ammunition	First and Last Name of ALTERNATE
Physical Address – **PO Box Numbers Are Not Acceptable**	Physical Address – **PO Box Numbers Are Not Acceptable**
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code
Telephone Number **(REQUIRED)**	Telephone Number **(REQUIRED)**
PLEASE CHECK ONE **RESIDENTIAL** ADDRESS ☐ **COMMERCIAL** ADDRESS ☐	PLEASE CHECK ONE **RESIDENTIAL** ADDRESS ☐ **COMMERCIAL** ADDRESS ☐
EMAIL	**EMAIL**

DOD AMMO CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF ISSUE	ORDER QTY – 1 OR 2 **(Enter 1 or 2)**
1305-A222	Ctg Caliber .30 BLANK - for M1 Garands, Enfields, Springfields	1 Wood Wirebound box (1,240 rounds per box)	

All ammunition is shipped via FedEx Ground from Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Independence, MO. A signature is required upon delivery for proof of receipt. Prefer shipment be to residential address. Ammunition will not be left without a signature. A phone number is required. All blank ammunition is free of charge in its entirety.

CONFIRMATION

By your signature below, you are confirming that this request is for issue and use by _____ (AL, VFW, AMVETS, etc.)

Post Number Post Address City State Zip Code

X_____
Signature of Post Commander, Adjutant, or Quartermaster (VFW) **Official Designation**

FOR HQ ASC ENTRY ONLY | Document No: W81YWB-

AMJM Form 725-1, JUL 2026 REPLACES AMSJM Form 725-1, October 2023, WHICH CAN NOT BE USED.

VETERANS ORGANIZATION REQUEST FOR .30 CALIBER 8 ROUND CLIPS

Only authorized organizations that have been issued weapons through the Ceremonial Rifle Program at the US Army Tank-automotive & Armaments Command (TACOM) are authorized to order, receive, and use blank ammunition and/or clips. If you have privately owned weapons or borrow weapons from another organization, your organization is not authorized to receive blank ammunition and/or clips through this program.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:
usarmy.ria.asc.mbx.carg@army.mil

DATE _____

Or by postal service to:
HQ Army Sustainment Command
ATTN: AMAS-ARM-P
2695 Rodman Ave
Rock Island, IL 61299-6000
Phone: (928)998-9321
Requests submitted via the postal service will have a delayed processing time. No fax orders permitted.
Submission by email is the preferred method.

SHIP TO INFORMATION: Please print in the box below the first and last name of the person who will be receiving the clips, and the address of where the clips can be delivered during daytime hours. A phone number is required where the individual may be reached in case needed.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: Please enter organization name and number (if applicable).
EXAMPLE: AL Post 1, VFW Post 1, DAV Chapter 1, All Veterans Honor Guard, etc.

SHIP TO INFORMATION

First and Last Name of Person Receiving Clips

_____

Physical Address - PO Box Number is not Acceptable

_____

City State Zip

_____ ____ _____

Telephone Number (REQUIRED)

_____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ☐ (Check One) COMMERCIAL ADDRESS ◯

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization & Number (AL, VFW, DAV, etc.)

_____

Organization Address

_____

City State Zip

_____

Telephone Number (if applicable)

_____

All clips are shipped via FedEx Ground from McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, McAlester, OK. Prefer shipment be to a residential address and not to the post. A phone number is required. All clips are free of charge.

DOD AMMO CODE/ STOCK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF ISSUE	ORDER QUANTITY (100 MAXIMUM) ENTER QUANTITY
1305-A302 1305-00-096-3169	.30 Caliber 8 Round Clip	25, 50, 75, 100	

Doc No: W81YWB-	SIGNATURE OF POST CDR, ADJ, or QM (VFW) (required)

AMJM FORM 725-2, JUL 2026

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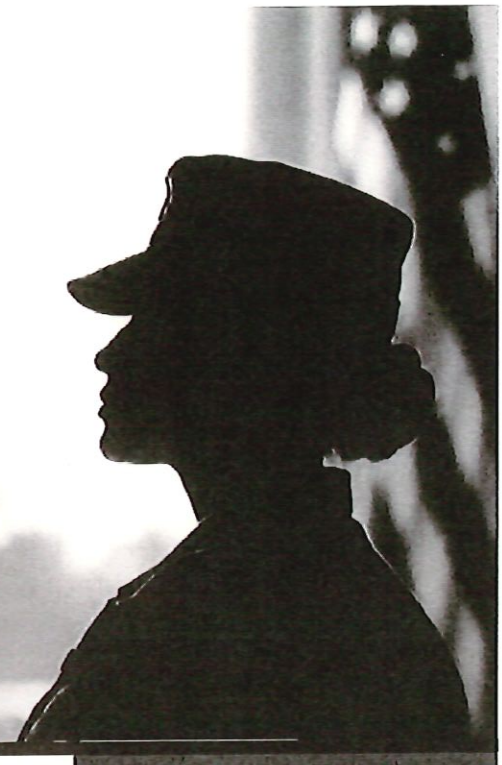
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AT THE TABLE

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Seeking post-9/11 female veterans for dissertation research.

I am conducting a doctoral research study to explore how post-9/11 female veterans interpret their experiences with legacy veteran service organizations, specifically the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).



YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

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- Served on or after September 11, 2001
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  - Iowa
  - Kansas
  - Michigan
  - Minnesota
  - Missouri
  - Nebraska
  - North Dakota
  - Ohio
  - South Dakota
  - Wisconsin
- Had a meaningful prior encounter with the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
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This study has been approved by the Concordia University Wisconsin Institutional Review Board.
IRB Number: IRB-FY27-37

Research Title

At the Table: A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study of Post-9/11 Female Veterans' Experiences with Legacy Veteran Service Organizations

Alicia Hinton, MBA, MACS
Doctoral Candidate
Concordia University Wisconsin
Doctor of Business Administration
Organizational Performance & Change

QUESTIONS?
Please contact me at:
alicia.hinton@cuw.edu

As a thank you for sharing your story, participants who complete the interview will receive a commemorative challenge coin created exclusively for this study.







Jerry O. Blake
Command Sergeant Major Retired

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Retired in 1974 after 10 years of active military service in the United States Navy Special Operations with two tours in Viet Nam. He returned to Evansville Indiana and after 3 years, joined the Army Reserves, where he spent the next 30 years serving his country in the United States Army Reserves, serving in Deseret Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-1991.during this time, he worked full time, served as a citizen soldier and graduated from Oakland City University. His civilian career included 30 years as a Human Resources Manager at Indiana Tube Corporation and Flair Molded Plastics. In this role, he was able to help many Reserve and National Guard soldiers through their deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and adjustments back to their civilian careers.

Jerry has been recognized with the following awards for his service to his country and to veterans

1. **Veteran of the year Award** in 2008 for his work with area veterans
2. **All American Post Commander** in 2010, 2012, 2023, 2026
3. **VFW *Dwight D. Eisenhower Award*** *2012*
4. **State Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars** 2016-2017
5. **Chairman for the VFW Big 10 Conference in** 2017-2018
6. **Inducted into the** Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame November 3, 2017
7. **Governor Holcomb's** SAGAMORES of the WABASH award January 17, 2018
8. **President Board of Trustee's VFW National Home 2025**

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- GWOT Expeditionary Medal, Operation Iraqi Freedom Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge
- Operation Enduring Freedom / Operation Iraqi Freedom (Kuwait/Iraq 2003)
- Retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (INARNG)
- Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 7760
- VFW National Home Lifetime Member

★ LOCAL / POST ORGANIZATIONS ★

- VFW Member since 2003, Portage Post 7760 (Lifetime Legacy Gold)
- VFW National Home Lifetime Member
- American Legion (Port City) Post 260 Member
- DAV, Danny Bruce #23, Michigan City Lifetime Member

★ VFW CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS / ROLES

- Post 7760 Commander (2023–Present)
- Department of Indiana District 2 Commander (2025–Present)
- Department of Indiana District 2 Senior Vice Commander (2024–202
- Department of Indiana District 2 Inspector (2024–Present)
- Department of Indiana Investigation Team (2026–Present
- All-State / All-American Post Commander (2024–2026)
- All-State / All-American District Commander (2025–2026)
- National Aide-de-Camp (2024–202

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Adam is former MCJROTC cadet from Portage, Indiana, joining the Indiana Army National Guard at 17 while a Junior in high school. After returning from Kuwait/Iraq in late 2003 he attended Purdue University, West Lafayette where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Health and Fitness in 2009. Adam is retired from the US Army, and a disabled veteran from both the US Army and the VA. He also had a service dog named Kala.

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SERVICE BACKGROUND

- **U.S. Navy Veteran** | Boatswain's Mate Third Class (BM3)
- **USS Acadia (AD-42)** | 1988–1994
- **Combat Eligibility** | Operation Desert Shield & Operation Desert Storm

PROVEN LEADERSHIP

- **National Roles** | 2026-2027 VFW National Riders Group Chaplain
- **Special Appointments** | 2026-2027 MOC Supreme Jimmy Legs & Desert Storm War Memorial State Lead (14 years)
- **VFW Dept. of Indiana** | 2026-2027 State Membership & SVA Chairman
- **Local Leadership** | Past VFW Post 5626 & 261 Commander & District 11 Commander (2x) and many offices & chairmanships at all levels.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

- **VFW Member Since 2011** | Gold Life Legacy Member
- **VFW National Home** | Centennial Life Member
- **VFW Riders Group** | Life Member
- **Military Order of the Cootie (MOC)** | Red Star Life Member
- **Disabled American Veterans** | Life Member
- **American Legion** | Member

RECOGNITIONS

- **National Century Recruiter** | Honored for recruiting 100+ VFW members
- **National Aide-de-Camp** | Multiple years (5x)
- **All-State & All-American** | VFW Post 261 & District 11 Commander
- **Top Recruiter Honors** | Commander-in-Chief's Kansas City Trip – 3rd in division membership
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