

GENERAL ORDERS #4

1 October 2025
2025-2026 Series

TO BE READ AND POSTED:

1. **Post Commanders:** Are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day (see section 223 of the Manual of Procedure).
2. **Trustee's Report of Audit:** For the quarter that ended 30 September 2025 is due to the State Adjutant by 31 October 2025.
3. **Candidates for State Surgeon:** Any member wishing to run for the high office of State Surgeon are to notify the State Adjutant via e-mail adj@vfwin.org of their intent for publishing in the General Orders.
4. **District/Post By-Laws:** District's and Post's are reminded to look at when you last updated your By-Laws. If it has been more than 5 years, you need to look at them and update them. Please use the current template as provided by National Headquarters or contact the State Adjutant who will email you the current template. Once completed, please forward it to the State Headquarters for review and it will then be forwarded to National for approval.
5. **Indiana Day** at the Veteran's Home in West Lafayette will be 5 October 2025. Uniform is State Shirts and slacks.
6. **All Officers** should obtain current 2026 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2026 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 126th National Convention, which became effective on 11 September 2025.
7. **Fall Conference** will be held 31 October – 2 November 2025 at Marriott East. See attached Forms for the Mixer and Costume Contest and District Decorating. Registration will be 4:00pm – 6:00pm on 31 October and 8:00am – 11:00am on Saturday 1 November 2025.
8. **Finance Meeting** will be held on 31 October at 2:00pm Marriott East.
9. **Council of Administration Meeting** will be held on Friday, 31 October 2025 at

6:00pm, Uniform will be State Shirts and Slacks. Business Session will start on 1 November 2025 at 9:00am. The Fall Mixer will start at 6:00pm.

10. Quartermaster Training:

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://vfwinc.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=155722>
(Or surf to VFWINC.ORG and click to RESOURCES >> TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES)

Each session starts off with a review presentation and then time for Questions and Answers (open topic).

OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM Eastern (6:00 PM Central)

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87656225691?pwd=jAN1CYj4ygzVtZDacUFoKM7RSYAi1P.1>

Meeting ID: 876 5622 5691

Passcode: 650709

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=L58sBV5sfRwU3q8PjEbXPHTsnlDJY9.1>

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@VFWINC.ORG.

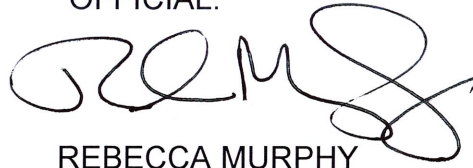
11. Several important documents are attached to these orders. Please review all.

BY ORDER OF:

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ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:

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REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 October 2025

1. See the following changes for the 2025-2026 State Directory:

Post 857: QM/Adj:	Curtis Jandreau 4308 Kingsbrook Way Fort Wayne, IN 46818 (269)625-8442 curtisjandreau@yahoo.com
Post 2953: Adj	Corey Rhodes 2450 Culverson Ave Evansville, IN 47714 (812)598-1560 Corey.rhodes88@gmail.com
Post 2939: Email	vfwpost2939@gmail.com
Post 9297 QM	Larry Phillips phillips101@yahoo.com
Post 2511: Adj	Steven Fischer 1042 N 150 W Chesterton, IN 46304 (605)545-3764 s.wesleyfischer@gmail.com
9 th District: Cmdr.	Greg Beatty Bcvfw1987@gmail.com
QM:	Ronald Phillips Vfw8302@yahoo.com

2. 7 October: Afghanistan War Began (2001).
3. 13 October: U.S. Navy Established (1775) Happy 250th.
4. 13 October: Columbus Day Observed (State HQ's is closed).
5. 23 October: Grenada Campaign Began (1983).
6. 31 October: Happy Halloween.



Indiana

1 October 2025

Comrades,

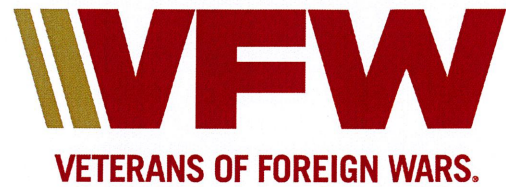
September was a very busy month, and October is shaping up to be just as busy. We started out in September with School of Instruction, which I hope was informative and helpful to all. Thanks to our great friends at Premier Arms, we had a record-breaking event raising funds for my special project "Hope for the Warriors." I would like to give a very heartfelt thanks to everyone that helped to put this event together. I was honored to attend the POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Indiana War Memorial. Let us never forget those missing or held against their will. Indiana had a great turnout at the National Home. It was day full of fun and raising funds for such a worthy cause. The National Home is truly a special place. We finished out the month with a great turnout for Indiana at the Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore's homecoming in Des Moines, Iowa. With Commander-in-Chief Whitmore at the helm our organization will have a great year.

We will be starting out October with the State Campout and our annual visit to the Indiana Veterans Home and ending it with the Fall Conference on the first weekend of November. Saturday night at the Fall Conference mixer we will be having a Halloween costume contest which is always a good time. All events are in these General Orders.

We are a Quarter of the way through our year with a lot of work to be done. We should be working every day on our programs and membership. I promise I'll be doing just that and making myself available to assist you in any way I can. Don't think since we have nine months that we have plenty of time to get it done. Thie time is now. That way we won't be rushing around at the end of the year trying to get everything done.

Respectfully,

ROGER FERGUSON
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW
rferguson8169@gmail.com



Indiana

1 October 2025

Greetings Comrades,

The past four months after the Summer Convention seem like a blur as we hit the ground running and haven't slowed down yet. That very next weekend we were at the VFW National Home for the 100-year Anniversary Celebration, and in July we were busy with District Meetings. During August we had the VFW National Convention in Columbus, OH, and then the State Golf Outing in Richmond.

During September we conducted School of Instruction and attended the State of Indiana POW/MIA Day Ceremonies in Indianapolis and at Post 1587. We also attended District Meetings again. The State had a large gathering of VFW and Auxiliary Members at the VFW National Home as we were there for Indiana Day this time.

October was just as busy with the VFW Commander-in-Chiefs Homecoming and the Big 10 Conference which were both held in Iowa. We also visited the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette.

In between all these events we were busy with visiting and attending Post functions throughout the State. It's nice to see many of the Posts involved with their communities and giving back.

There are events all over the State, but if we don't know about them, we can't attend. Please reach out to us in advance for attendance at your events.

Lastly, Membership! We need to be involved at all levels. It's not the Membership Teams job to find new members ... it's all of us. Reach out to the Team if you need their assistance. They are willing and ready to travel to help with your events. If you know of an event where a recruiting table can be set up, contact Dan Gann (State Membership Chairman/Director).

In Comradeship,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. A. Lange", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KEN LANGE
STATE JR. VICE COMMANDER
2025-2026

MEMBERSHIP

Any post 90% or greater by November 1st will be put into a \$500 drawing for achieving that goal.

Utilize reinstates to help you achieve this goal, also think about paying your older members 80 and older.

All posts should have received an email from me. I know we are all volunteers, and membership is the hardest part of what we are asked to do. If everyone tried to invite a veteran to your post. This would create a new member to the table; this task is not unachievable.

Congratulations to the following posts on your achievements.

Post 1121 Kewanna 101.92%

Post 1126 Warsaw 96.06%

Post 1421 Fort Wayne 96.7%

There are a lot of posts that are close keep up the good work.

Dan Gann

Membership Chairman

VFW Department of Indiana

Legislative News

VFW Indiana and VFW National

Indiana Legislation:

The Big 4, which is the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and National Guard Association of Indiana have established the legislative priorities for the next General Assembly session which officially starts in January. But all the legislation to be heard in the 2026 Session must be ready in November. The 2026 Big 4 priorities are available on the VFW Indiana website, under the "Programs" tab, "Legislative".

<https://vfwin.org/uploads/Documents/Programs/Big42026PrioritySummary.pdf>

Please read the Priorities and if you have any questions contact one of the Legislative Committee members. Most importantly, share them with your state legislator and ask them to support the Big 4 Priorities.

The Legislative Committee needs your support.

Elected Representatives react to what they think most of the people want! If they don't know about Veterans issues, they won't support them. Scan the QR Code with your phone.



Scan the QR Code with your phone. It will take you to a form to sign-up for VFW Indiana Legislative Updates and Actions. If you want laws by the Indiana General Assembly to help Veterans, you need to sign up.

We will not send you emails every day, at the most we will send one once a week.

VFW National Legislative Committee:

Dave Capshaw and I recently visited Washington DC where we visited the office of every Indiana Senator and Representative. We walked the Halls of Congress with the VFW National Legislative Priorities asking our representatives to support Veterans.



Congressman Yakym and his wife Sallyann, with Dave, Terri & Richard.

The National VFW Legislative Priorities are on the VFW web site under the Advocacy tab.

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>

VFW ACTION CORPS

Everyone should sign up for the VFW Action Corps to become. part of a national network that directly influences legislation benefiting veterans, service members, and their families. As a member, you'll receive updates on crucial issues and action alerts, allowing you to easily contact your elected officials to voice support for veterans' rights, benefits, and quality-of-life programs.

Key reasons to sign up:

Directly impact legislation: The VFW Action Corps provides an organized way for passionate supporters to advocate for legislation that supports veterans.

Stay informed: You'll receive the VFW Action Corps Weekly, an e-newsletter providing updates on important changes to military and veteran care and benefits.

Make your voice heard: The network allows you to easily contact your congressional representatives through emails, calls, and visits, making sure their voices are heard on Capitol Hill.

Support VFW priorities: Members help the VFW advocate for national priorities such as access to healthcare, educational benefits, and support for military families.

It's open to all: You don't need to be a VFW member to join the Action Corps; it's open to all patriotic Americans who care about the military and veteran communities.



Just scan the code
with your phone!
This for VFW National
Action Corps

If you really want to help your fellow
Veterans, sign up NOW!

Dave Capshaw & Richard Leirer
National Legislative Committee



Department of Indiana VFW
State Campout
October 2-5, 2025
Caldwell Pioneer Acres
(The Pioneer Engineers Club of Indiana)
3707 S. 200 West
Rushville, Indiana 46173

Thursday is set up day. **Registration fees are \$10 per person** (Children 12 and under are free). No charge for camping (campsites).

All sites have electric. Water and Dump Station are available at the entrance of campsites. Trash Dumpster at camp entrance.

Fires must be in fire pit. No open fires.

Friday night Dinner is Ham and Beans @ 1700.

Chili Cook Off Contest Friday 1700 (Rules will Posted TBD)

Saturday morning pitch-in breakfast @ 0900.

Saturday Fried Chicken Pitch-in Dinner @ 1700.

We will have L/R/C, card games and corn hole. Quiet walks over to the Old Steam Engines and walking trails. A fire pit will be set up by the shelter house.

If you don't camp, you are invited to join us for the Saturday Pitch-in Dinner. Please RSVP to Keith Rohloff (405-535-7210)

keith.rohloff@outlook.com or Jennifer Morris (812-236-4403)

jenmorrisvfw@gmail.com to ensure enough food is purchased.



Chili/Soup Cook-Off

Rules and Regulations

Friday October 3rd, 2025

The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook-off cooks, judges and/or assistants:

1. Soup is defined as a liquid food especially with a meat, fish, or vegetable stock as a base and often containing pieces of solid food. Soups are either clear varieties based on broths and prepared stocks, or thick soups which are emulsified with starches and dairy products to give them more body; BOTH WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS COMPETITION.
2. There is no entry fee. Contestants may enter more than 1 batch of chili and/or soup. There will be People's Choice prizes.
3. Cooks agree to provide a thorough ingredient list (not recipe) to prevent allergic reactions and/or anaphylactic shock.
4. Chili and/or Soup is to be brought "ready-to-eat" in a crock pot.
5. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils and products relating to their chili and/or Soup submission and maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. Spoons and bowls for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided.
6. The shelter house kitchen is off limits with the exception of the use of the kitchen sink. All food prep will be conducted at the camp site. The shelter house common area may be used as it has plenty of room and outlets for your entire crockpot.
7. Entries will need to be in place at 4:50 PM so that judging/sampling of the entries will begin at 5:00 PM.
8. Each contestant will be assigned a "contestant number" by the Cook-Off Master. This number will be used by the "judges" to score their favorites. Each 1st Place vote will be awarded 3 points, each 2nd place vote will be awarded 2 points and each 3rd place vote will be awarded 1 point. The entry with the most points will be awarded 1st place, followed by 2nd place and 3rd place. and be given a container in which their soup will be collected at the time of the official judging. The decision of the judges is final.
9. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the Dinner on Friday night.

VFW POST #3321 NEW CANTEEN LOCATION



Open for Business on Saturday, 18 October 2025 at noon!

**GRAND OPENING ON SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER
2025 AT NOON!**

**After 3 years,
open for
business!**

Saturday,
October 18, 2025

12:00pm til
8:00pm

VFW Post #3321
409 E Main Street,
Washington, IN
47501

**2025 FALL CONFERENCE HALLOWEEN MIXER
INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST**

NOVEMBER 1ST 2025, 6:00PM

\$32.00 PER PERSON

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HOT HORS D'OEUVRES

**SWEET AND SOUR MEATBALLS, PIGS IN A BLANKET, CHICKEN
TAQUITO'S AND TOASTED RAVIOLI**
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There will be no assigned seating. Each Ticket will come with one (1) drink ticket for the bar. To reserve tickets please complete and send back this form with payment.

Dress up in your favorite Halloween Costume!!! Prizes to be awarded.

Make checks payable to: Department of Indiana VFW 9555 E 59th St.
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: _____

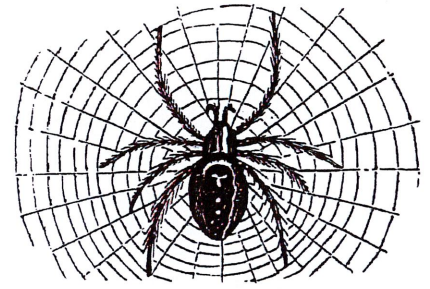
2025 FALL CONFERENCE MIXER

Post: _____ Auxiliary: _____

Name: _____ Address _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025.



Saturday, November 1, 2025

Halloween Mixer

Marriott Indianapolis East Hotel

7202 East 21st St Indianapolis, IN 46219

Wear Your Best Halloween Costume

Contest with Prizes

1 – Scariest, 2 - Funniest, 3 - Group

**Compete for the Best Decorated Booth
in Hospitality Room**

Raffles, Prizes

Tons of Fun

**50/50
Drawing**





2025 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 119th 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

*Messaging and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP and STOP to unsubscribe.



View the VFW's [privacy policy](#) and [terms of use](#).

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



Delivering the promise to our veterans, service members, and their families.

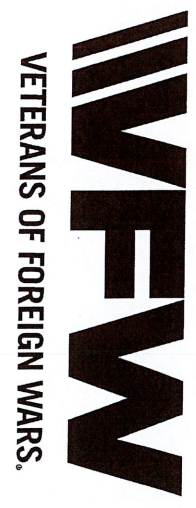
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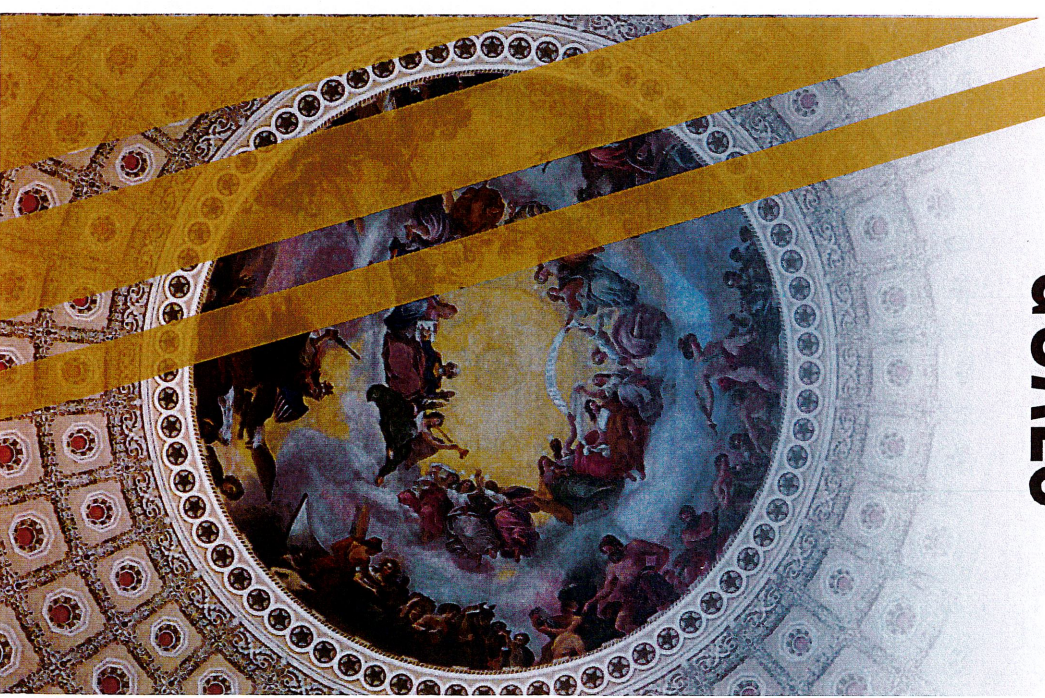
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2025 PRIORITY GOALS



Budget

- o fully fund relevant programs for veterans, service members, and their families, Congress must:
- Ensure sufficient, timely appropriations and proper budget oversight for VA.
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.
- Modernize and reform VA and DOD programs that do not meet the needs of service members, veterans, and families.
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs**
 - o 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, digital claims processing, and antiquated examination process.
 - Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, burial allowances, and other benefits for survivors.
 - Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.
 - Ensure that earned VA benefits are never unjustly reduced.
- Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance**
 - o ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, Congress, VA, DOD, and DOL must:

- Improve education benefits through modernized 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.

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.
- Reform the dysfunctional community care program at VA.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- Research the efficacy of plant-based alternative therapies for PTSD.
- Improve oversight of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.
- Enhance programs and services for women and underserved veterans.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT infrastructure.

- Expand nursing home eligibility and long-term care options.
- Modernize care for veterans outside of the United States.

Military Readiness

To maintain a strong and ready all-volunteer force capable of protecting American interests, Congress and DOD must:

- Enhance quality of life and health care programs that allow service members to focus on the mission.
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve Component service members.
- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- Provide benefits enrollment for all transitioning service members.
- Eliminate sexual assault and harassment from the military.
- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- Ensure that military housing and work spaces are safe and modern.
- Eliminate food insecurity in the military.

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.
- 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, translators, and allies receive the recognition, care, and benefits they may have earned.

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:

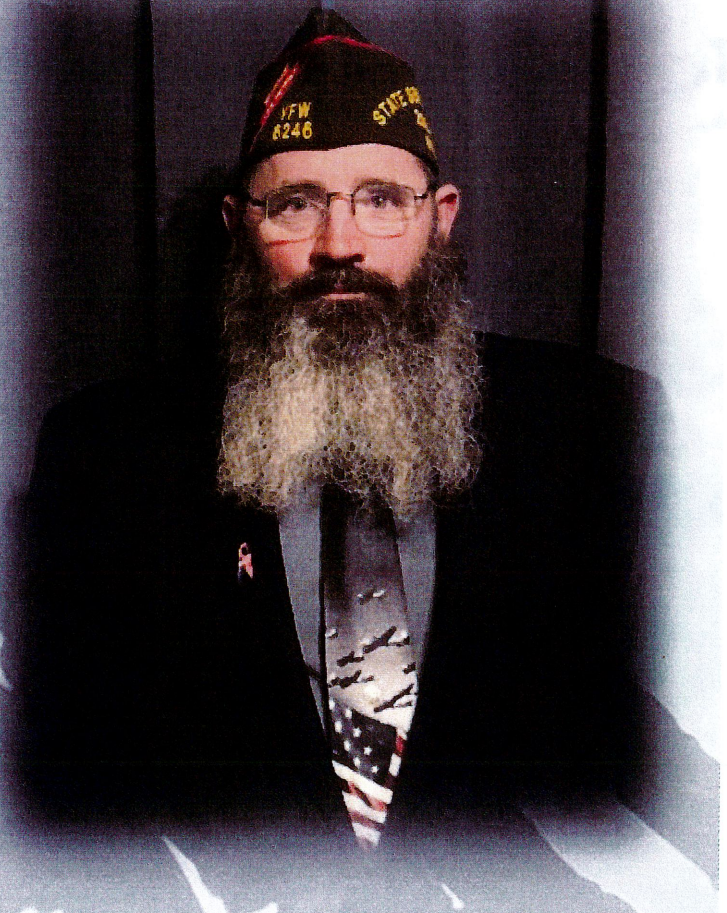
VFW MEMBER SINCE 2005

GOLD LEGACY LIFETIME MEMBER

CENTENNIAL LIFE MEMBER VFW NATIONAL HOME

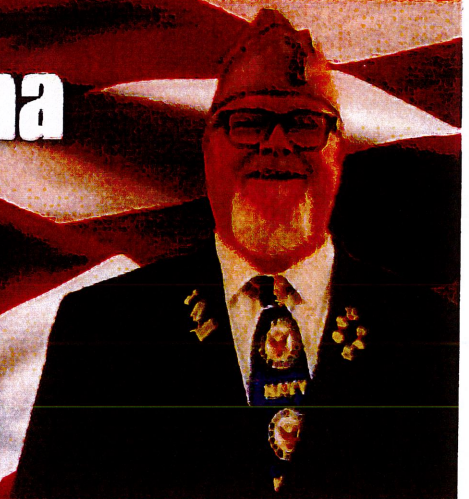
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AMERICAN LEGION



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