



Indiana

GENERAL ORDERS #4

1 October 2026
2026-2027 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 2026 is due to the State Adjutant by 31 October 2026.
3. **Indiana Day** at the Veteran's Home in West Lafayette will be 4 October 2026. Uniform is State Shirts and slacks. Registration begins at 9:00am.
4. **Fall Conference** will be held 9 – 11 October 2026 at Marriott East. See attached forms for the Mixer. Registration will be 4:00pm-6:00pm on 9 October and 8:00am-11:00am on Saturday 10 October 2026.
5. **Finance Meeting** will be held on 9 October at 2:00pm Marriott East.
6. **Council of Administration Meeting** will be held on 9 October at 6:00pm Uniform will be State Shirts and Slacks (Muffin Hat required).
7. **Business Session** will start on 10 October at 9:00am.
8. **Building Committee Meeting** will be Saturday 10 October at 3:30pm (or upon Conference Adjournment).
9. **All Officers** should obtain a current 2027 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 2027 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 127th National Convention, which became effective on 28 August 2026.
10. **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.

11. **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).

Passcode: 944060

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM Eastern (5:00 PM Central)

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88356022177?pwd=xynFupuWEkqx9YVVjdCma5UqEp5cZz.1>

Meeting ID: 883 5602 2177

Passcode: 185980

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

12. 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.

13. 7 October – Afghanistan War Began (2001).

14. 12 October – Columbus Day (State HQ's closed).

15. 13 October – U.S. Navy Established (1775).

16. 25 October – Grenada Campaign Began (1983).

17. Please review all attached documents.

BY ORDER OF:

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DAVE "MUFFIN" HAMMONS
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Murphy".

REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW



Indiana

1 October 2026

Comrades,

Wow, we have had a great start to the year. We had a record number of first timers show up at the School of Instruction. We had a record number of first timers show up at the National Home for Indiana Day, we raised almost \$38,000.00 for the Home.

I will continue to say the hardest part of being a member is showing up, and I am impressed on how we are showing up so far. Keep up the great work we still have a long way to go.

I want to Thank You for all for everything you do for our organization, our communities, and our veterans, one team one mission with veterans first.

Sincerely,

DAVE "MUFFIN" HAMMONS
STATE COMMANDER
VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

**2026 FALL CONFERENCE MIXER
INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST**

10 October 2026, 6:00PM

\$30.00 PER PERSON

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BUFFET STYLE

**Salad Bar, Potato Salad, Build you own
Hamburger/Cheeseburger (2 sliders per person), homemade
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2026 FALL CONFERENCE MIXER

Post: _____ Auxiliary: _____

Name: _____ Address _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, 2 October 2026.



Via Email to: brian@hometownhero.org
and Certified Mail

Brian Baity
Home Town Hero Partners LLC
d/b/a American News Network
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Tucson, AZ 85716

Re: Unauthorized Use of the VFW Name

Dear Mr. Baity:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States ("VFW") is aware that American News Network is using the VFW name to market its paid advertising packages. Your website states that the purchase of certain packages will sponsor a veteran's membership in a nearby "VFW Club." It displays a "VFW Thank You Letter" beside that offer and tells prospective advertisers that their advertisements can reach people inside VFW clubs.

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VFW is federally chartered and has the exclusive right to use its corporate name under 36 U.S.C. § 230105. Its name and marks are also protected under federal trademark law. Your use of the VFW name and thank-you letter in connection with your advertising packages raises substantial concerns about confusion as to VFW's affiliation, sponsorship, or approval. See 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(A).

Accordingly, you are directed to immediately remove the VFW thank-you letter from your website and other sales materials and cease representing or implying that the national VFW endorses, participates in, or has authorized your program. Within fifteen days of this letter, confirm those steps in writing and identify every VFW Post whose name, letter, image, or premises you have used to market or deliver your services. For each Post, provide the agreement or authorization on which you rely, the benefits provided or promised to the Post or its members, and the materials in which the Post was featured. Please also explain how you deliver the

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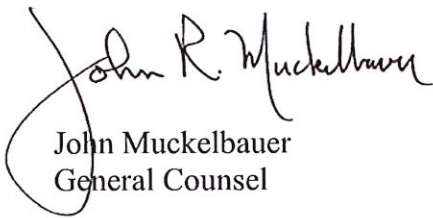
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www.vfw.org

advertised advertising inside VFW clubs and how you fulfill the advertised offer to sponsor VFW memberships.

Please preserve the relevant versions of your website, advertisements, sales materials, agreements, and communications concerning VFW Posts and memberships. If we do not receive a satisfactory response, VFW will consider its available legal remedies and refer the apparent use of military service seals in your commercial materials to the appropriate federal authorities.

This letter is not intended to be a complete statement of our rights, all of which are expressly reserved.

Sincerely,



John Muckelbauer
General Counsel

Enclosure: Screenshot of infringing image from [American News Network – We Support Our Vets](#)

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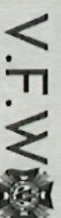
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Chairman



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VFW POSTS & AUXILIARIES

Sunday, October 4, 2026

*Indiana Veterans' Home
West Lafayette, Indiana*

2026 VFW STATE DAY AGENDA

9:00am Registration

10:45am VFW Sponsored Cookout

12:30pm VFW Program

1:30pm Open House Post 1154

*2660 Duncan Rd, Lafayette
(Free Food)*

VFW STATE DAY
2026 PROGRAM

National Anthem TBD

Invocation..... Larry Patch

Pledge of Allegiance..... TBD

Welcome/Master of Ceremonies... Amy Gibson
Superintendent, Indiana Veterans' Home

Remarks..... Dave Hammons
VFW State Commander

Remarks..... Carolyn Patch
Auxiliary Department President

Presentations of Donations

God Bless America Sing-A-Long... TBD

Posting of the Wreath..... Dave Hammons &
Carolyn Patch

Salute to Deceased..... VFW Post 1154

Benediction..... David Hess
Chaplain, Indiana Veterans' Home

Taps..... VFW Post 1154

Closing Remarks..... Dave Hammons
VFW State Commander

ANNUAL TREE PLANTING

Presented by:

VFW State Commander
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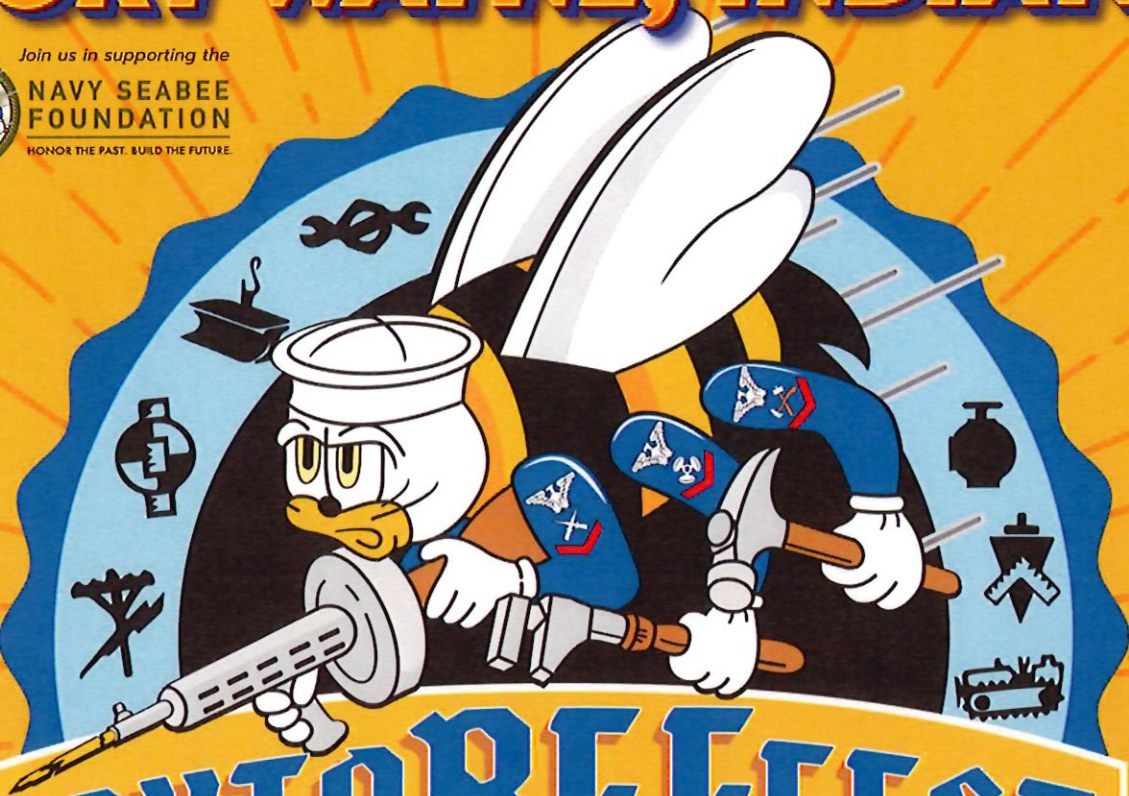
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Are you a Veteran seeking support?

Need help navigating VA benefits?

Looking for healthcare or housing?

Want to learn about education perks?

VA RESOURCE FAIR

All community members and surrounding IN county members invited! Join our team of specialists on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 10am-2pm** for essential support and resources to empower your future! **Lunch provided by the Terrell family!**

VFW Post 8302, 1105 W Hospital Road, Paoli, IN 47454

The Big Four of Indiana

Working Together for Indiana's Veterans



American Legion



Disabled American Veterans



Veterans of Foreign Wars



National Guard Association of Indiana

★ 2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES ★

Strengthening support for Indiana's veterans, service members and their families.



1 Claim Shark Legislation

Unaccredited, for-profit companies charge veterans large fees for help filing VA disability claims — work that accredited service officers provide at no cost. These “claim sharks” prey on veterans and their families.

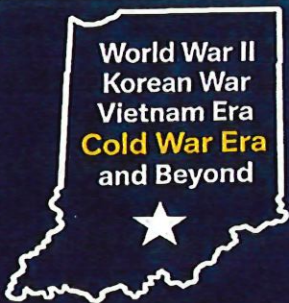
What We're Asking For: Enact state legislation to restrict these practices and protect Indiana veterans.



2 Education Benefit Restoration

Restore the tuition and fee benefit for children of disabled veterans to its pre-2014 structure so they receive the full benefit earned through their parent's service and sacrifice.

What We're Asking For: Restore the pre-2014 tuition and fee benefit.



3 Wartime Service Eligibility

Indiana's current wartime service requirement excludes many National Guard members — and thousands of Cold War era veterans — from state veterans benefits, despite their honorable service.

What We're Asking For: Pass legislation to align eligibility with actual service, including Cold War era veterans and Indiana National Guard members.



4 National Guard State-Sponsored Life Insurance

Provide greater peace of mind for Indiana's citizen-soldiers and their families by establishing \$10,000 in state-funded life insurance coverage for members of the Indiana National Guard.

What We're Asking For: Establish \$10,000 in no-cost, state-funded life insurance coverage for Indiana National Guard members.

DAV Department of Indiana Headquarters

Greenwood, IN



big4@davindiana.org



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VETERANS - THE COMMUNITY STILL NEEDS US

THE UNIFORM CAME OFF. THE MISSION DIDN'T.

Fellow Veterans and Veteran Organization Leaders,

We once answered a call greater than ourselves. We learned to lead, organize, communicate, adapt, and accomplish the mission with the people and resources available to us. Those capabilities did not disappear when we took off the uniform.

IT IS TIME TO ALIGN THAT FORCE.

Across Northwest Indiana, American Legion posts, VFW posts, Marine Corps League detachments, other veteran organizations, and individual veterans represent an extraordinary force of leadership, experience, facilities, equipment, relationships, and service. Veterans Against Diabetes is building a regional Veteran-Community Network to strengthen communication and coordination among veteran organizations and connect that capability with the communities we call home.

THE MISSION

When storms strike, families need assistance, supplies need to move, elderly or disabled residents need support, veterans fall through the cracks, or community efforts need organization and leadership - veterans should be ready to answer the call. Every organization keeps its colors. Every organization keeps its leadership. Every organization brings its own strengths. We simply align our capabilities so that when the mission calls, we already know who can help, where they are, and what they can bring.

THIS IS ALREADY MOVING

Veterans Against Diabetes has begun outreach to veteran organizations and community partners across Northwest Indiana, and we have contacted American Legion National Headquarters to introduce the concept and begin the conversation at the national level.

THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISING ASK.

Right now, we are identifying organizations that want to be part of the network and building that roster in advance. That way, when the framework is approved and the mission moves forward, we are not starting from zero - we already know who is interested, where they are, and what capabilities they may bring.

WE ARE ALIGNING THE COMMUNITY TODAY SO WE ARE READY TO MOVE TOMORROW.

YOUR ORGANIZATION IS PART OF THAT CAPABILITY.

Scan the QR code to register your organization. Tell us who you are, where you serve, what capabilities and resources you have, and what missions your organization may be interested in supporting.

No obligation. No disruption to how your organization operates. Just stronger communication, better coordination, and a clearer picture of the capabilities already present across our veteran community.



SCAN TO JOIN
THE NETWORK

WE ANSWERED THE CALL ONCE.

We once stood up to defend our nation when the call came. Now, when the need arises, we stand up to defend and serve the communities we call home.

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Veterans Against Diabetes Inc. | 501(c)(3) Public Charity
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Saturday November 7, 2026

Who's eligible

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in donated dental care

21,000+

hours of free care

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participating offices

\$100M

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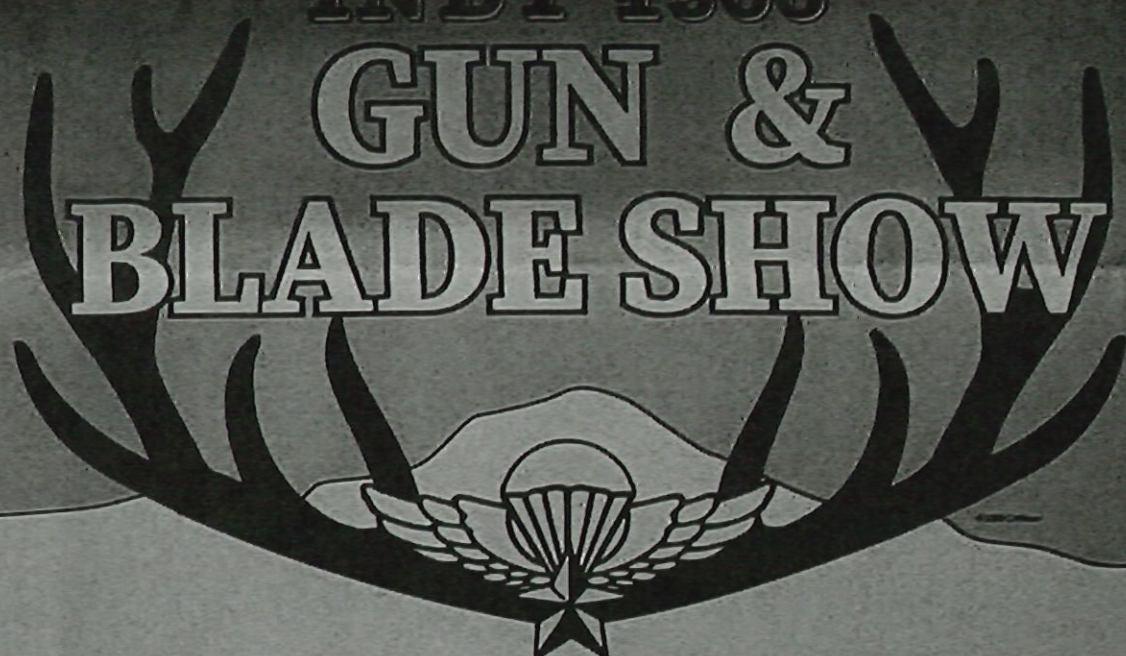
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NOV. 6, 7 & 8

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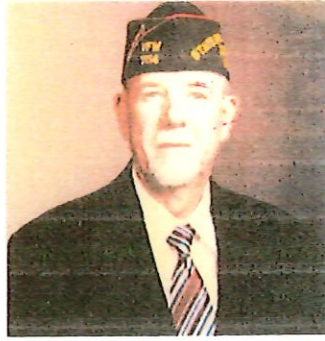
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Jerry O. Blake
Command Sergeant Major Retired

CANIDATE FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL 2027-2031

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

VOTE for Sheila Corcoran in 2027

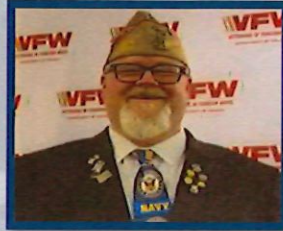


**VFW NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION**

for the Department of Indiana

ELECT RUSSELL "GABBY" PRYOR

VFW Department of Indiana Surgeon | 2027-2028



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
- **State Distinction** | Indiana Round Robin & Eisenhower Award Recipient

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