



Indiana

**GENERAL ORDERS #3**

1 September 2026  
2026-2027 Series

**TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED**

1. **District and Post Bond** from the Department through National expired 31 August 2026. If you have not already renewed, the application for bond renewal is attached to these General Orders. Also attached is information on bonds for canteen/bingo personnel. **All Bond requests must have an application along with payment.** These forms need to be mailed to the State Headquarters 9555 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St. Indianapolis, IN 46216.
2. **Attention to all members** is directed to Section 901 of the National Bylaws, "Discipline of Members." Members who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may be subject to disciplinary action. Members are reminded that acts of Sexual Harassment, Racial or Sexual Discrimination, and all other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a member will not be condoned.
3. **Every Post** chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2026-2027 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, "Buddy" Poppy and Veterans and Military Support Programs. Additionally, it is necessary that Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.
4. **Attention of Post and District Commanders** is directed to Section 218(a)(11)(b), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post and District Commanders Report of Audit. This report is due at the close of September 2026.
5. **All-American Eligibility** donating to **NVS** (no longer referred to as VMS) and **DPAA** (new for 2026-27) can only be done via the **Dashboard** by going to the link "**NVS Donation**" at the upper right-hand corner of the screen. For the **2026-27 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 **ADPAA meets the eligibility criteria for All-American** in this category. **Donations must be received by 30 June 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 RIGHTHAND CORNER OF ANY WEBPAGE. THIS LINK GOES TO THE GENERAL DONATION PAGE AND WILL NOT BE CREDITED AS NVS/DPAA DONATION.**

Please do not send checks to the National Headquarters. If a Post does not use a credit card, the Post will send their donation to the Department HQs, and the Department HQs will submit the donation for their Post. Credit will automatically be updated on the Dashboard daily.

6. **State Headquarters** will be closed on 7 September 2026 to observe Labor Day.

7. **POW/MIA Ceremony** will be at the Indiana War Memorial Pershing Auditorium, 18 September 2026, form 11:30am – 1:00pm. Uniform is State Shirts and slacks, Jacket and Ties optional.

8. **Indiana Day** at the VFW National Home in Easton Rapids, Michigan is 20 September 2026. Uniform is State Shirts, shorts, jeans, or slacks. See attached flyers.

9. **Commander's Project Fundraiser** at Premier Arms, 3754 S Green St., Brownsburg, IN on Saturday 26 September 2026 from 2:00pm till 6:00pm.

10. **VFW Day** at the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette is Sunday, 4 October 2026.

11. **Fall Conference** will be 9 – 11 October 2026 at Marriott East. Please see the attached forms.

12. **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://vfw.in.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, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM Eastern (5:00 PM Central)**

Meeting

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88541306009?pwd=t0l5awwqEGsEVXvns7lovLREZ6f9WR.1>

Meeting ID: 885 4130 6009

Passcode: 859348

**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](mailto:QM@VFWIN.ORG)

13. 2 September - V-J Day Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945).

14. 11 September – Patriot Day.

15. 18 September – POW/MIA Recognition Day.

16. 29 September – VFW Day – VFW Established (1899).

17. Corrections to the 2026-2027 Phone Book:

PDC Larry Shaw Phone number (765)618-4047

Post 1157 Commander Ted Cooper: Address: PO Box 63  
Decker, IN 47524

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander Stan Miles: Address: 51656 Creekside Dr  
Granger, IN 46530.

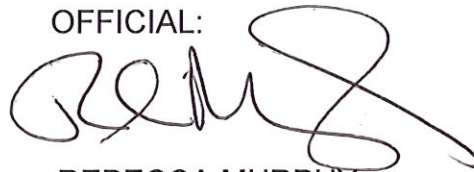
18. Several important documents are attached.

BY ORDER OF:

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DAVE "MUFFIN" HAMMONS  
STATE COMMANDER  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:

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REBECCA MURPHY  
STATE ADJUTANT  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW



Indiana

1 September 2026

Greetings Comrade's,

We have hit the ground running only 2 months into the year and it has been non-stop from attending 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades to district meetings, round tables, and town hall meetings with our legislators.

We had our State Gold outing, which mostly got rained out. But a lot of camaraderie was had by all who showed up.

Everyone is probably getting tired of hearing me say that the hardest part about being a VFW member is showing up. If we could get you to show up at our events, we can accomplish anything.

Our State has been hit really hard this month with all of the storms and flooding, please reach out to your members make sure they are okay, and reach out to your communities let them know we are here to help with donations, food and water drives, let them know we care.

I would like to wish Diane Pettit the best of luck for her election to trustee of the National Home (if you are a life member go vote). I would also like to congratulate Russell (Gabby) Pryor on his election as the National Riders Chaplain and National Cooties Jimmy Legs.

I want to thank you all for all your hard work and everything you do for the VFW.

Yours in Camaraderie,

DAVE "MUFFIN" HAMMONS  
STATE COMMANDER  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW



Indiana

1 September 2026

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 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](mailto:adj@vfwin.org).

| DISTRICT | DATE | TIME       | PLACE OF MEETING        | DEPT REP         |
|----------|------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| ONE      | 9/13 | ** 12:00pm | Lake Station Post 9323  | Dave Hammons     |
| TWO      | 9/27 | 2:00pm     | Valparaiso Post 988     | Dave Hammons     |
| THREE    | 9/13 | 1:00pm     | Culver Post 6919        | Larry Patch      |
| FOUR     | 9/19 | 3:00pm     | Wolf Lake Post 4717     | Chris Englehardt |
| FIVE     | 9/19 | 12:00pm    | Dunkirk Post 7081       | Ken Lange        |
| SIX      | 9/13 | 11:00am    | Rockville Post 1752     | Sheila Corcoran  |
| SEVEN    | 9/27 | 10:30am    | New Whiteland Post 6978 | Dann Gann        |
| EIGHT    | 9/13 | 10:00am    | Evansville Post 2953    | Keith Rohloff    |
| NINE     | 9/13 | 1:00pm     | Salem Post 6636         | Ken Lange        |
| TEN      | 9/13 | 1:30pm     | Greenfield Post 2693    | Russell Pryor    |
| ELEVEN   | 9/12 | 10:30am    | Indianapolis Post 98    | Dan Gann         |

BY ORDER OF:

OFFICIAL:

DAVE HAMMONS  
STATE COMMANDER

REBECCA MURPHY  
STATE ADJUTANT

\*\* Central Time and 11:00am POW/MIA Ceremony

**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  
chips, Chef's Choice of Pie and Coffee and Iced Tea**

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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.

Make checks payable to: Department of Indiana VFW 9555 E 59<sup>th</sup> St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46216

Or use your credit card.

Total Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

Reservation Request  
Indianapolis Marriott Center East  
7202 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
Phone: (317)352-1231  
Toll Free: 1-800-228-9290  
Fax: (317)222-3339

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana - Fall Conference**

**Dates: 10 - 12 October 2026**

ROOM RATES \$132.00 Per Night

PLEASE APPLY 17% SALES TAX TO THE ABOVE RATES  
**Cutoff day: 5pm Wednesday 9 September 2026**

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #(    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marriott Rewards# \_\_\_\_\_  
For arrival on (day/date) \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure on (day/date) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of person(s) sharing accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Room Type Preference: One (1) King Bed  
Two (2) Double Beds  
Handicap Accessible  
No preference

When requesting a reservation, please note your arrival and departure dates carefully. You understand that you are liable for one night's room and tax in the event you **do not cancel** by 6pm or arrive on the arrival date. This will be deducted from your deposit or billed through your credit card. If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.

Check or Money Order Enclosed for amount of \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Indianapolis Marriott East is pleased you have chosen us for your upcoming visit. Our staff looks forward to serving you in fine Marriott tradition.

**Please Note:** Hotel checkout time is 12:00 noon. Hotel check-in time is 4:00pm. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. ROOMS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE; HOWEVER, THE GROUP RATE IS NOT GUARANTEED. PLEASE APPLY 17% SALES TAX TO THE ABOVE RATES.

**THIS FORM MUST BE SENT TO THE HOTEL NOT THE HEADQUARTERS.**



# Questionnaire for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage



## DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

Dear Comrade Commander:

August 1, 2026

One of the most important communications you will receive during the year concerns appropriate bonding of your Post Positions. Section 703 of the National By-Laws requires that each Accountable Officer shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety. The By-Laws place the responsibility for adequate bonding upon the Commander of the post. Section 218 of the National Manual requires **THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER BE AUDITED AT LEAST QUARTERLY BY THE TRUSTEES.**

The Department Headquarters carries a Crime Policy for the bonding of Department and Post Accountable Officers. Any unit may decide whether it prefers to take out a policy with another surety company or have its funds protected by the Department Headquarters Crime Policy. However, prompt attention is required because if your Accountable Officers had previously been covered through the Department Program, a new premium payment is required by September 1, 2026 or it will be considered delinquent.

### COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRE:

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each "employee and/ or volunteer".  
If the above is not complied with, the Insurance Company may refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records. Monthly audits and reconciliation of bank statements may avoid this denial of claim.
2. The Insurance Company may not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an "employee" to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.
3. "Employee" means any duly elected position, or any appointed officer as listed in the policy schedule.
4. IF THE POLICY IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2026, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM. AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.
5. POST MUST SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FORM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DATE OF DISCOVERY OF THE LOSS.

**THIS POLICY IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 TO AUGUST 31, 2027**

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2027

RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETED IN FULL WITH YOUR PREMIUM CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POST# \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for A1. Employee/ Volunteer Theft coverage for the year from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 in the

COVERAGE AMOUNT of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the POSITION of \_\_\_\_\_

Post Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Has the post had any Crime Coverage losses (theft of money) over the past 3 years by an Accountable Officer? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please contact your Department for a Loss Questionnaire. No Coverage can be extended until approved by insurance carrier

Number of Persons Bonded: 1

Number of Locations: 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
QM or Commander or Adjutant or Sr Vice Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, City and Zip

**NOTE :** Questionnaire is not valid unless all questions are answered. Coverage may be postponed if not completed in FULL.  
Deadline for coverage is September 1, 2026 - After this date you will be delinquent and not in compliance with the VFW By- Laws.



**A.1. Increase Form**  
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA



Any request to increase limits mid-term for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage and/ or Club Manager Crime Coverage each Post must provide an Increase Crime Limit Statement below:

I hereby apply for an increase for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft Coverage -

New total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding the request for an increased crime limit, we affirm that we have had no losses and no claims (or knowledge of such matter) which would influence the coverage provided hereunder.

Please note that submission of this questionnaire does not guarantee the coverage limit increase requested until approved by insurance carrier.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location (City & State)

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For VFW Department use only

PRIOR BOND AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE BONDED \_\_\_\_\_

NEW BOND AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE BONDED \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL INCREASE AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## VFW Prior Loss Questionnaire

Post Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Post City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Loss: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Incident Summary

Please describe in specific detail how the employee theft occurred and how it was discovered:

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### 2. Risk Mitigation & Internal Controls

a. What specific internal processes or controls have you implemented since the loss to prevent the loss from happening again?

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b. Who, other than individuals responsible for writing or authorizing payments or deposits, reviews the actual bank statements? How frequently is this review conducted?

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c. What specific procedures are in place to ensure that more than one individual is responsible for reconciling sales and cash on hand?

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d. How frequently are deposits of cash and checks made to bank account and who is making them?

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e. What steps have you taken to ensure that no single person has complete control over all aspects of a financial transaction or asset management (e.g., ordering, approval, inventory and receipt of goods)?

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### 3. Additional Information

Please include any additional information that may be relevant to the loss, recovery efforts, or internal changes made since the incident:

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### 4. Declaration

I hereby certify that the information provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

VEW QUARTERMASTER BOND

| <u>\$5.00 Per Thousand</u> | <u>\$3.75 Per Thousand</u> | <u>\$3.25 Per Thousand</u> | <u>\$3.00 Per Thousand</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$3,000-----\$15.00        | \$26,000-----\$97.50       | \$251,000-----\$815.75     | \$501,000-----\$1,503.00   |
| \$4,000-----\$20.00        | \$27,000-----\$101.25      | \$252,000-----\$819.00     | \$502,000-----\$1,506.00   |
| \$5,000-----\$25.00        | \$28,000-----\$105.00      | \$253,000-----\$822.25     | \$503,000-----\$1,509.00   |
| \$6,000-----\$30.00        | \$29,000-----\$108.75      | \$254,000-----\$825.50     | \$504,000-----\$1,512.00   |
| \$7,000-----\$35.00        | \$30,000-----\$112.50      | \$255,000-----\$828.75     | \$505,000-----\$1,515.00   |
| \$8,000-----\$40.00        | \$40,000-----\$150.00      | \$256,000-----\$832.00     | \$506,000-----\$1,518.00   |
| \$9,000-----\$45.00        | \$50,000-----\$187.50      | \$257,000-----\$835.25     | \$507,000-----\$1,521.00   |
| \$10,000-----\$50.00       | \$60,000-----\$225.00      | \$258,000-----\$838.50     | \$508,000-----\$1,524.00   |
| \$11,000-----\$55.00       | \$70,000-----\$262.50      | \$259,000-----\$841.75     | \$509,000-----\$1,527.00   |
| \$12,000-----\$60.00       | \$80,000-----\$300.00      | \$260,000-----\$845.00     | \$510,000-----\$1,530.00   |
| \$13,000-----\$65.00       | \$90,000-----\$337.50      | \$270,000-----\$877.50     | \$520,000-----\$1,560.00   |
| \$14,000-----\$70.00       | \$100,000-----\$375.00     | \$280,000-----\$910.00     | \$530,000-----\$1,590.00   |
| \$15,000-----\$75.00       | \$110,000-----\$412.50     | \$290,000-----\$942.50     | \$540,000-----\$1,620.00   |
| \$16,000-----\$80.00       | \$120,000-----\$450.00     | \$300,000-----\$975.00     | \$550,000-----\$1,650.00   |
| \$17,000-----\$85.00       | \$130,000-----\$487.50     | \$310,000-----\$1,007.50   | \$560,000-----\$1,680.00   |
| \$18,000-----\$90.00       | \$140,000-----\$525.00     | \$320,000-----\$1,040.00   | \$570,000-----\$1,710.00   |
| \$19,000-----\$95.00       | \$150,000-----\$562.50     | \$330,000-----\$1,072.50   | \$580,000-----\$1,740.00   |
| \$20,000-----\$100.00      | \$160,000-----\$600.00     | \$340,000-----\$1,105.00   | \$590,000-----\$1,770.00   |
| \$21,000-----\$105.00      | \$170,000-----\$637.50     | \$350,000-----\$1,137.50   | \$600,000-----\$1,800.00   |
| \$22,000-----\$110.00      | \$180,000-----\$675.00     | \$360,000-----\$1,170.00   |                            |
| \$23,000-----\$115.00      | \$190,000-----\$712.50     | \$370,000-----\$1,202.50   |                            |
| \$24,000-----\$120.00      | \$200,000-----\$750.00     | \$380,000-----\$1,235.00   |                            |
| \$25,000-----\$125.00      | \$210,000-----\$787.50     | \$390,000-----\$1,267.50   |                            |
|                            | \$220,000-----\$825.00     | \$400,000-----\$1,300.00   |                            |
|                            | \$230,000-----\$862.50     | \$410,000-----\$1,332.50   |                            |
|                            | \$240,000-----\$900.00     | \$420,000-----\$1,365.00   |                            |
|                            | \$250,000-----\$937.50     | \$430,000-----\$1,397.50   |                            |
|                            |                            | \$440,000-----\$1,430.00   |                            |
|                            |                            | \$450,000-----\$1,462.50   |                            |
|                            |                            | \$460,000-----\$1,495.00   |                            |
|                            |                            | \$470,000-----\$1,527.50   |                            |
|                            |                            | \$480,000-----\$1,560.00   |                            |
|                            |                            | \$490,000-----\$1,592.50   |                            |
|                            |                            | \$500,000-----\$1,625.00   |                            |



## Questionnaire for Club Employees & Bingo Persons



A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Crime Coverage)  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA  
Coverage Term: October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027

1. Name of Post \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Post Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

2. Name of Person Covered: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Position to be Covered: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Coverage Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Post Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Has the post had any crime losses (Theft of Money by Employee/ Volunteer) over the past 3 years? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please contact your Department for a Loss Questionnaire. No coverage can be extended until approved by insurance carrier.

7. Has the employee/volunteer ever been convicted of a dishonest or fraud employment related act? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

8. If this is a replacement for a current position, please advise who you are replacing : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Covered: 1 Number of Locations: 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Covered Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Covered Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE :** Questionnaire is not valid unless all questions are answered. Coverage may be postponed if not completed in **FULL**.  
IF COVERAGE IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 10-1-2026, THE POST  
HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS, PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.



**A.1.Increase Form**  
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA



Any request to increase limits mid-term for VFW Accountable Officers Crime Coverage and/ or Club Manager Crime Coverage each Post must provide an Increase Crime Limit Statement below:

I hereby apply for an increase for A1. Employee/Volunteer Theft Coverage -

New total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding the request for an increased crime limit, we affirm that we have had no losses and no claims (or knowledge of such matter) which would influence the coverage provided hereunder.

Please note that submission of this questionnaire does not guarantee the coverage limit increase requested until approved by insurance carrier.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location (City & State)

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For VFW Department use only

PRIOR BOND AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE BONDED \_\_\_\_\_

NEW BOND AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE BONDED \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL INCREASE AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## VFW Prior Loss Questionnaire

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Post City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4. Declaration

I hereby certify that the information provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Preventing internal theft requires a combination of policies, procedures, and tools designed to mitigate risk and foster an environment of integrity. Here's an example of a comprehensive plan for developing internal processes to prevent internal theft:

## 1. Establish Clear Policies and Expectations

- **Code of Conduct:** Develop a clear, written code of conduct that outlines acceptable behavior, including anti-theft policies. This should be part of employee onboarding and regularly reviewed.
- **Anti-Theft Policy:** Include specific policies on theft, defining what constitutes theft (e.g., misappropriation of company property, financial fraud, misuse of resources).
- **Zero-Tolerance Policy:** Make it clear that theft will not be tolerated, and outline the consequences of such actions (e.g., termination, legal action).

## 2. Conduct Thorough Background Checks

- Before hiring, conduct comprehensive background checks on all employees, especially those in positions of financial responsibility or access to company assets.
- Verify employment history, criminal records, and references to screen out potential risks.
- Make sure to adhere to state laws regulating this area.

## 3. Implement Segregation of Duties

- **Role Segregation:** Ensure that no single employee has control over all aspects of a financial transaction or asset management. For example, the person who orders supplies should not be the same person who approves payment or receives the goods.
- **Access Control:** Limit access to sensitive areas (e.g., financial records, stockrooms) to authorized personnel only. Use employee roles and permissions to restrict access to systems and data based on necessity.

## 4. Regular Audits and Monitoring

- **Surprise Audits:** Conduct regular unannounced audits to detect discrepancies or irregularities in operations, inventory, and financial records.
- **Inventory Management:** Use inventory tracking systems (e.g., barcode scanners or RFID tags) to regularly monitor stock levels and identify theft or mismanagement.

- **Financial Audits:** Regularly audit financial transactions and records. Use internal auditors or external auditors for independent reviews.
- **Surveillance Systems:** Install security cameras in key areas (e.g., warehouses, cash-handling stations) to monitor employee behavior. Ensure footage is regularly reviewed and stored for potential investigations.

## 5. Employee Training and Awareness

- **Anti-Theft Training:** Train employees to recognize and report suspicious behavior. Teach them about the consequences of theft and how they can contribute to a theft-free environment.
- **Ethical Culture:** Foster a culture of honesty and integrity by highlighting the importance of ethical behavior and the detrimental effects of theft on the organization and colleagues.

## 6. Implement Whistleblower Policies

- **Anonymous Reporting:** Create an anonymous whistleblower system where employees can report suspicious behavior without fear of retaliation. This can be a hotline or an online reporting tool.
- **Protection Against Retaliation:** Ensure employees feel safe reporting theft by having clear protection policies that guard against retaliation.

## 7. Use Technology for Monitoring and Detection

- **Employee Monitoring Software:** Implement software that tracks employee activities on company devices and systems, especially for employees handling sensitive data, financial information, or inventory. Ensure that employees are aware of this monitoring as a deterrent.
- **Transaction Tracking:** Use software to monitor transactions in real-time for discrepancies (e.g., unusual financial transactions, mismatched data entries) and flag them for further investigation.

## 8. Ensure Physical Security

- **Access Control Systems:** Implement electronic access control systems for areas with valuable inventory or sensitive data (e.g., warehouses, data centers, cash registers).
- **Employee Bag Checks:** In certain high-risk environments, random or exit bag checks may be appropriate for employees leaving after a shift, especially in industries where theft of small items is a concern.

- **Security Personnel:** Employ security officers to monitor entrances and exits, and to patrol areas with valuable assets.

## 9. Establish a Strong Internal Reporting System

- Make it easy for employees to report theft or suspicious activity. Have clear protocols in place for investigating reports.
- Encourage open communication and transparency to avoid a culture of fear or secrecy that might protect wrongdoers.

## 10. Leadership Example

- **Leadership Integrity:** Leaders should set the tone for the company by demonstrating ethical behavior. Leaders who engage in questionable behavior can set a dangerous precedent.
- **Accountability:** Hold all employees, including management, accountable for maintaining ethical standards. Employees must see that no one is above the rules.

## 11. Address Issues Promptly

- **Immediate Action:** If theft is suspected or detected, take swift and appropriate action. Conduct a thorough investigation to confirm whether theft occurred, and take disciplinary or legal action as necessary.
- **Corrective Actions:** After an incident of theft, review existing processes and take corrective actions, such as tightening security or revising procedures to prevent similar incidents.

## 12. Incentivize Positive Behavior

- **Rewards for Reporting Theft:** Consider offering incentives for employees who help identify and report theft or suspicious activities.
- **Recognition Programs:** Regularly recognize employees who display exemplary behavior and contribute to the company's success in ethical ways. This can help strengthen a culture of honesty and integrity.

## Conclusion

By combining proactive policies, employee training, security measures, and the appropriate use of technology, an organization can minimize the risk of internal theft. It's essential to create a strong culture of integrity, supported by systematic checks and balances, to deter theft and ensure the protection of the organization's resources.

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# 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](mailto:big4@davindiana.org)



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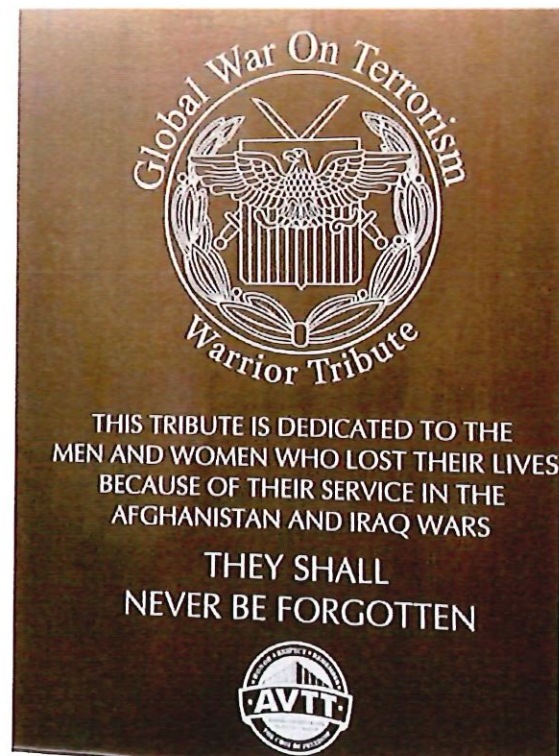
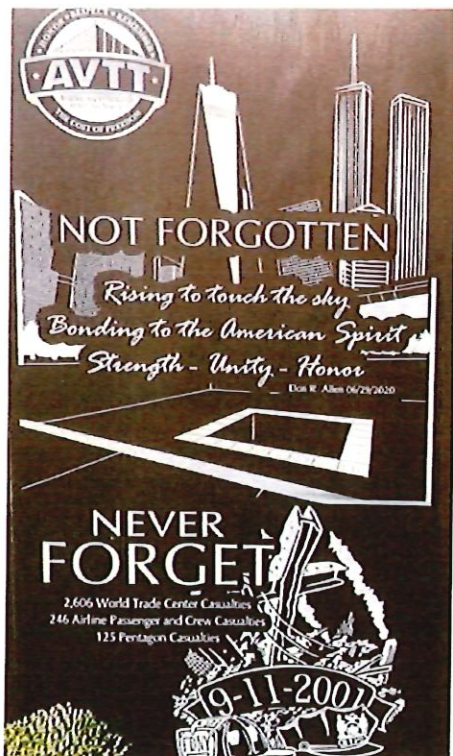
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September 9-13, 2026

Rush Co. Fairgrounds

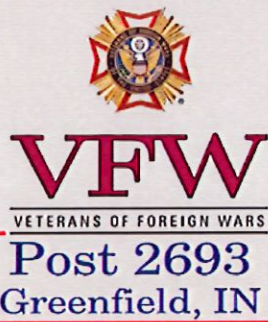
1299 Park Rd W. Rushville,

IN 46173





Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 10:00am



### Stops:

1. Shelbyville American Legion (Post 70)
2. Franklin American Legion (Post 205)
3. Greenwood VFW (Post 5864)
4. Greenfield VFW (2693)

### Ride & Poker Run Information:

- Drivers - \$20, 1st Passenger - \$10 (Includes FREE Taco Dinner and Poker Run Entry)
- All Other Passengers Ride Free - (Taco Dinner - \$10 & Poker Run Hands - \$5)
- Poker Run Winner Receives \$100 CASH!

### More Information:

- Cars and trucks are welcome to join!
- Raffle Items
- Taco Bar provided by Montana Mike's

## 2026 VFW BENEFIT RIDE FOR P.A.W.S.

Greenfield VFW Brewer Culley Post 2693  
529 N. Apple St., Greenfield, IN 46140

Registration Opens at 10:00am  
Kickstands Up at 11:30am

Scan to Donate  
Directly to P.A.W.S.



Hosted by the Greenfield VFW Post 2693. 100% of donations go directly to P.A.W.S. Hancock  
For more information, contact Billy (317-448-6478), Judy (317-448-2915), or Jason (317-947-8483).

# VETERANS HOUSE DONATIONS NEEDED

K-cup coffee – no seasonal flavors

5 lb bags of sugar

Canned meat – chicken and tuna

Canned chili

Canned or shelf stable stews

Cans of green beans, corn, carrots etc.

Pork and beans

Ramen

Soup – no broths

Individual meals – shelf stable

Ravioli

Fruit cups

Single snack bags – chips, popcorn, pretzels etc

Cheese and cracker packets

Protein bars

Please check expiration dates – at least 2-3 months out  
please



# Veterans of Foreign Wars



11<sup>th</sup> District Sponsored Bus Trip to the  
VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Leaving VFW 908 & VFW 7119

On Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Price per person / \$150.00

(Includes Bus, Hotel and Breakfast)

Returning Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Staying at Comfort Inn in Lansing, Michigan

Leave hotel for Indiana Day at 9:00 am

For information and Reservations contact

Diane Pettit / 317-440-9872 / [dpettit@iuhealth.org](mailto:dpettit@iuhealth.org)

or

Russell "Gabby" Pryor / 317-937-5521

# 7<sup>th</sup> District National Home Bus Trip

## 19-20 September 2026



V F W  
N A T I O N A L H O M E

Contact Keith Rohloff ([keith.rohloff@outlook.com](mailto:keith.rohloff@outlook.com)) to sign up. Bus leaves **Brazil** VFW Post @ 1000 and Greenwood VFW Post @ 1200 Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Cost is \$170 per person/double occupancy at Tru by Hilton in Jackson. **Deadline to sign up is August 20<sup>th</sup>** or sooner if bus is full (First 46 paid riders) State pick-up point with payment.

Mail your check to:

Keith Rohloff

100 Brinegar Drive

Springville IN 47462

# **National Home Bus Trip Itinerary**

## **September 19-20, 2026**

### **September 19, 2026**

9:30 AM Bus Arrive Brazil VFW Post 1127 (Park on Depot St in front of VFW Post)  
303 S Depot Street Brazil 47838

10:00 AM Leave Brazil VFW Post 1127

11:15 AM Arrive Greenwood VFW Post 5864 (Park behind building -VFW Post entrance)  
1842 Veterans Way  
Greenwood IN 46143  
317-888-2488

12:00 PM Depart Greenwood VFW Post 5864

TBD Stop on way for smoke break (Will be determined by riders/bus driver)

4:30 PM Arrive Tru by Hilton  
2401 Shirley Drive  
Jackson Michigan 49202  
517-867-5000

5:30 PM Group Dinner – TBD

### **September 20, 2026**

9:00 AM Depart Hotel to go to  
VFW National Home  
3573 S Waverly Rd  
Eaton Rapids MI 48827  
800-424-8360

10:00 – 2:00 PM Tours/Lunch/Program (Driver invited to participate/Driver provided lunch)

2:00 PM Depart VFW National Home

TBD Stop on way for smoke break (Will be determined by riders/bus driver)

6:30 PM Arrived Greenwood VFW Post 5864

6:45 PM Depart Greenwood

8:00 PM Arrive Brazil VFW Post 1127

Bus activities  
on our way back

# NATIONAL HOME

## ★ Bus Trip ★

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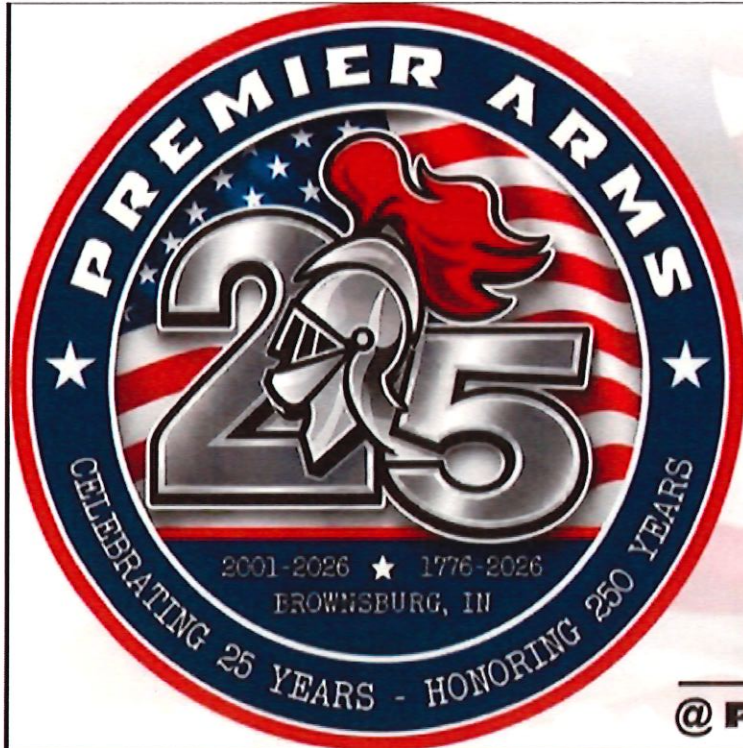
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**7:00 AM**  
LEAVING  
VFW POST 360



**RETURN**  
**4:00-4:30 PM**  
APPROXIMATELY



**SIGN UP**  
**SHEET IN**  
**THE CANTEN**



# 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, Sept 26, 2026

2:00 - 6:00 PM

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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

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**STAND TOGETHER-  
Indiana Veterans and Veteran  
Community Resource Fair**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2026**

**Indiana Government Center  
South Atrium**

**JOIN IDVA: Delivering Benefits and  
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## **VFW 2939 WINCHELL – VOGEL POST**

**23 NOVEMBER 2026**

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# VFW NATIONAL HOME

## Candidate for VFW National Home Trustee District 8

### Diane Pettit



I have the same passion for the National Home as my husband had and it would be an honor and privilege to be considered a candidate for District 8 Trustee.

My late husband Alvis "Skip" and I enjoyed traveling up every chance we could. He wanted to retire up there and be house parents, unfortunately he did not get to retire before passing in 2015.

Besides being a VFW Legacy Life member, a Life member of the National Home and Life Member of the MOC, I am also a member of the VFW Auxiliary, VFW Riders, AMVETS and American Legion.

#### Military service –

US Army Dec. 18, 1986- Honorably discharged June 17, 1995  
Served Sept. 1991- July 1992 in Saudi and Kuwait, First Gulf War  
Various times in South Korea with some time also in Germany

#### VFW Offices

VFW Post 5626 Quartermaster 1992-current / VFW 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairs- District Commander 1996-97-98

#### **District offices and Chairmanships:**

District Quartermaster 2005-current. All State a few times

District Surgeon- Jr. Vice – Sr. Vice

Past District Commanders Club – Treasurer

(J)ROTC Chairman – Lots of years, Lost track.

District National Home Chairman

Lead the District bus trip up every year for the last 30-ish

District Ways and Means Chairmen

#### **State Chairmanships:**

State National Home Chairmen – Several different years, including now.

National Aide De Camp Several times

#### **Military Order of the Cooties:**

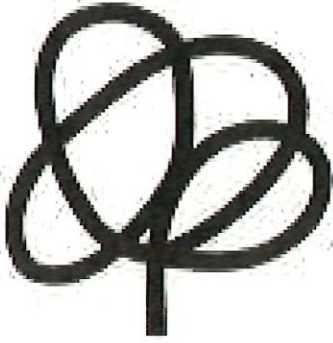
Trustee at the start, Now CCDB for the last 4 years All elections are held via

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I have the same passion for the National Home as my husband had and it would be an honor and privilege to be considered a candidate for District 8 Trustee. Thank you all for your consideration.

Electronic ballots will be sent either by text or email to each registered National Home Life Member within District 8.

Life members can call the National Home at 1-866-483-9642 or go to the website <https://vfwnationalhome.org/contact/> and use the dropdown menu to send in their correct/updated information. If the National Home does not have a phone number that can accept text messages or a valid email address, you will not receive a ballot for voting.



## VFW National Home - 2026 District Trustee Election

Calling out to all VFW National Home Life members

The Email and Text messages for voting have been sent out.

Be sure to check your spam folders also.

If you do not see it feel free to contact them at 800-424-8360 to make sure your info is current and request a new link.

Thank you for your support.

We are using an online election system to vote in this election. You will be assigned a unique access key which can only be used to vote once. Do not reply to this email to vote, as your vote will not be registered.

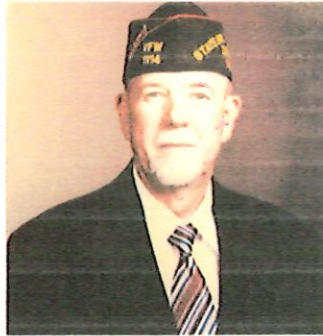
If you have election questions, feedback, or want to be removed from future ballot lists, please email VFW National Home at [info@vfwnationalhome.org](mailto:info@vfwnationalhome.org) or call 800-424-8360

You have until September 17, 2026, 4:30 PM Eastern Time (US & Canada) to acknowledge receipt and vote for a candidate.

With Indiana Day coming up this month (9-20-2026) be sure to earmark your donations.

Besides the Indiana House, there are other choices. General Fund, the Nursery, Sports, Education Services. We are also raising money to place an tribute from Indiana for the Tribute Park. You can check all of these items on the homes website, [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org)

Diane Pettit - State National Home chairman



**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