



**Carol Whitmore  
Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

Carol Whitmore was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 13, 2025, at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Carol served in the United States Army from 1977 to 2013, earning her VFW eligibility by serving in Iraq. In recognition of her service, she received the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal (six), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (two), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Non-Commissioned Professional Development Ribbon (three), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (three), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” device, and the Combat Action Badge.



She joined the VFW in 2012 at Post 9127 in Des Moines, Iowa, where she maintains her Gold Legacy Life membership. She has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with her election as the VFW Department of Iowa Commander from 2018 to 2019, in which she achieved All-American status. On the national level, she served on the Legislative Committee, the General Resolutions Committee, and on the National Council of Administration from 2019 to 2023. Carol is the first woman and Iowan to be elected VFW National Commander-in-Chief.

Carol also served on the Iowa Veterans Commission from 2018-2023 appointed by Governor Reynolds. Carol attended the University of Northern Iowa and Hawkeye Community College. She is a retired nurse.

She is a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie, the VFW National Home, and the American Legion and its Auxiliary.

Carol and her husband, Brad, reside in Des Moines, Iowa.

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**Cory L. Geisler**  
**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

Cory L. Geisler was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 13, 2025, at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Cory served in the United States Army from 2005 to 2012, earning his VFW eligibility serving in Iraq. In recognition of his service, he received the Army Commendation Medal (three), Army Achievement Medal (seven), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, Overseas Service Ribbon (two), Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon.

He joined the VFW in 2008 at Post 721 in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as the Department of Wisconsin Commander in 2021. On the national level, he served as Aide-de-Camp, on the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual Committee and is currently on the National Council of Administration.



Cory received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1998. He completed the USMC Interservice Non-Lethal Weapons Instructors Course in 2010.

He is a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans Association, and Batteries Plus Veterans Business Resource Group. He is employed as a national commercial sales coach with Batteries Plus, LLC.

Cory was selected as the 2006 USO Soldier of the Year (Korea), the 2006 Republic of Korea Military Police Regimental Association Soldier of the Year and was a member of the 8th Army Ten Miler team that won the team competition at the 2006 Army Ten Miler.

Cory and his wife, Beth, reside in Hartland, Wisconsin.

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**Glenn R. Umberger Jr.  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

Glenn R. Umberger Jr. was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 13, 2025, at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

He served in the United States Army from 1985 to 2018, earning his VFW eligibility serving in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In recognition of his service, he received two Meritorious Service Medals, 10 Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with gold hourglass and "M" device, Saudi Arabian Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait, and the Kuwait Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait, among several other awards and citations.



Glenn joined the VFW in 1993 at Post 23 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, later transferring to Post 7155 in Trappe, Pennsylvania, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as the VFW Department of Pennsylvania Commander from 2015 to 2016. On the national level, he has served as National Deputy Chief of Staff and National Aide-de-Camp, and has served on several committees, to include the National Veterans and Military Support Committee, National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure Committee, and by most recently serving on the National Council of Administration.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice at Shippensburg University. He retired after 34 years working for the Federal Civil Service with the Department of the Army.

Glenn is a member of the American Legion, a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie, a Centennial life member of the VFW National Home, life member of the Association of the United States Army and is a benefactor life member of the National Rifle Association.

He resides in Schwenksville, Pennsylvania.

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

Dan West was appointed the Adjutant General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 21, 2022, at the 123rd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dan served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1994, serving in Operation Desert Storm.

He joined the VFW in 1996 at Post 3413 in San Marcos, Texas, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department Levels, culminating with his election as Department Commander in 2015, in which he achieved Triple Crown All-American status.

Dan worked at the Department of Texas VFW for 15 years culminating the last three years as the State Adjutant/Quartermaster. On the national level, he has served as Vice Chair on the National Military Services and Iraq/Afghanistan Committees, as a member of the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, Veterans and Military Support Committee, a Special Aide-de-Camp, a national certified recruiter, and as a member of the National Council of Administration representing the Department of Texas.



He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, and the Marine Corps League.

Dan and his wife Beth, reside in Texas.

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**Marc Garduno**  
**Quartermaster General**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

Marc Garduno was elected Quartermaster General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on March 21, 2022, by special election of the National Council of Administration.

Prior to his election, he held appointed positions as VFW Assistant Quartermaster General and served as a member of the VFW National Legislative Committee and the National Bylaws Study Group.

Marc retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years as a chief warrant officer (CW3), human resources technician, and his assignments included several tours in the Republic of Korea, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the Joint Readiness Training Center headquartered in Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.

After retiring from the Army in 2008, he held various civilian sector management positions to include several years as a project manager for a Department of Defense contracting company with service at the Joint Personnel Effects Depot, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. He joined VFW Post 8180, Seoul, Korea in 2005, and currently maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at VFW Post 3238, Camden, Delaware. Marc holds the distinction of being named a Triple Crown All-American Commander and led a VFW Outstanding Community Services Post in 2016.



Marc is a 2021 graduate of Wilmington University where he received a Master of Science degree in Nonprofit Management.

He's a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie, the VFW National Home, and belongs to the Sigma Beta Delta honor society of business, management, and administration students.

Marc and his wife, Hyun Ju, reside in Kansas City, Missouri.

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