



**HEADQUARTERS  
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**(To be read or distributed at a regular Post meeting and filed)**

1. The 2025 Department Convention will be held at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, June 12 – June 15, 2025. Currently, sleeping room reservations are restricted to a three (3) day stay and may be made by calling the hotel direct at 417-866-5253. Be sure to let them know you are with the VFW. People reserving three (3) days and later cancelling one (1) or two (2) will have the entire three (3) days cancelled. See the attachment with info regarding hotels close by if Oasis is full or for anyone wanting to make a reservation for LESS than three (3) days. See the attachment for the Celebration Banquet on Friday June 13, 2025 at the Oasis.
2. **Deadline for receipt of Convention Book Ad's is May 16, 2025.** All Post and Districts are encouraged to give recognition to their officers by submitting an Ad for the Convention Book. Ad costs are \$125 for Full Page and \$75 for Half Page. The book is being published in-house. Please email or Fax Ad request information to Angela at Department HQ's. Her email is [hqangela@movfw.org](mailto:hqangela@movfw.org). Also remember the incentives of donating to the VOD/PP fund, see attachment for those.
3. **The 126th VFW National Convention will be held August 9-13, 2025,** at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Please go to the VFW website at [vfw.org/convention](http://vfw.org/convention) for general convention information including the registration form, hotel booking, and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda.
4. Post and District Commanders should be reviewing the All-State program and know where you need to work to meet the requirements. **The program changes each year, so don't just assume you know the requirements.** District and Post All-State requirements are listed in the District/Post Commander handbook. **To qualify, all requirements, except membership goal, must be met and recorded at Department Headquarters by April 30.**
5. Attention is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that is being mailed to all Post. **Post Quartermasters, please send in the \$25.00 registration fee**

**and register at least one (1) delegate as soon as you receive the registration forms. Don't wait until July to send in your delegate fee.**

6. Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure covering the nomination election, and installation of Post Officers. Post Commanders are reminded that the annual election of Post Officers must be held during the month of April. Post Officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention. Newly installed officers do not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed at the State Convention. Post-Election Report Forms were mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters **immediately following** the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1, 2025.

7. Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers. This Convention will be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

8. Post and Districts are reminded that sections 216, 416 and 516 of the Manual of Procedures states in part: "----officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the Adjutant. ----officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to office."

9. Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and meetings; Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.

**Post Quartermasters**, you will be receiving a letter from Department in early April concerning your Voting Strength and Delegate Dues owed. **Dues must be paid in order to vote at the State Convention.** Don't wait to pay your dues at the convention. To help ensure a smooth election process please submit a check to Department Headquarters immediately to avoid last minute chaos and confusion. Checks for Delegate Dues will not be accepted at Convention Registration.

10. If your Post has not made a donation to the Veterans Service Officer Program or a minimum \$125 donation to the Veteran and Military Support Program, please do so ASAP. These are requirements for your Post to earn All-State. **REMEMBER:** VSO checks must be mailed to Department HQs and VMS donations must be made online at vfw.org.

11. **Per sec. 218 (11) b. it's the duty of the Trustee's to conduct the audit and submit the Trustee Report of the Audit to the Department Quartermaster.** Quarterly Audit Report's for quarter ending March 31, 2025 are due to Department Headquarters no later than April 30, 2025. Audits **MUST** be in by the designated date to qualify for All-State. Postmarks do not count as each Post has 30 days to conduct their audit and mail or email the completed audit report to

State Headquarters. **Any Post failing to submit all Quarterly Audit Reports for the year will not be allowed to vote at the upcoming State Convention to be held in June. Audits will not be accepted at Convention Registration.**

12. The 2024-25 Membership Campaign is now underway. As of today, March 21, 2025 the Dept. of MO is at 96.83%. Now is the time to start calling your Annual Members to check on them and urge them to renew as soon as possible. National Headquarters runs a membership incentive monthly. Watch your email or go to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) for information.

13. All Posts should be using the Online Reporting Portal. If you have any member that cannot log on or have any questions or problems, please call Randall Craig at 573 212-3777, or Ken Allison at 636 448-3061. Or email Randall at [webmaster@movfw.org](mailto:webmaster@movfw.org), or Ken at [asstwebmaster@movfw.org](mailto:asstwebmaster@movfw.org)

14. District Convention scheduled for April and May 2025

Dist.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
1	4/12/25	6278	Lawson, 10 am	Surgeon	District Convention/Mem Svc
2	4/12/25	5923	Camdenton, 11 am	Commander	District Convention
3	4/13/25	10906	Gladstone, 1 pm	Surgeon	District Convention
5	4/27/25	1000	Independence, 2 pm	Surgeon	District Convention
6	5/4/25	2591	Sedalia, 12 pm	NA	District Convention
7	5/10/25	4207	Monett, 10 am	NA	District Convention
8	5/4/25	6660	Reynolds Cty, 1 pm	NA	District Convention
9	4/6/25	3987	Sullivan, 1 pm	Surgeon	District Convention
12	4/12/25	6274	Ballwin, 12 pm	NA	District Convention
14	4/13/25	3404	Springfield, 1:30 pm	Commander	District Convention
15	4/27/25	7183	Lilbourn, 12 pm	NA	District Convention
17	4/27/25	2446	Hannibal, 1 pm	NA	District Convention
18	4/5/25	3009	Mountain View, 10am	Jr Vice Cdr	District Convention

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