



**HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC  
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2**

Series 2026-2027

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

1. The next meeting of the **Council of Administration will be held on October 10, 2026**, at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri. All members of the Council, as well as Committees and Chairpersons, should make every effort to attend and be prepared to report in accordance with the agenda. For reservations you can call (573) 365-3000 or click on the following link:  
<https://bookings.travelclick.com/17336?domain=webmail.drivepath.net&groupID=5378575#/guestsandrooms>  
  
Select the night of check-in date and check-out date. The cost is \$139 per night, plus normal taxes and fees. **Additionally, the Department POW/MIA Bring Them Home Golf Tournament will be on October 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Cove, Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri. If you are participating or assisting in the Golf Tournament you can secure your room rate as part of the Council of Administration booking.
2. The Big Ten Conference will be October 16-18, 2026, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI. 49007. For Reservations call 269-343-3333. When making reservations to receive the group rate, you must identify yourself as a VFW DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN BIG 10 2026 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE. Rates are **\$131.00/Night**.
3. Congratulations to the Posts and Districts that achieved All- American Status for the 2025-2026 year.
4. Posts are reminded that **ALL** Officer Changes must be reported to National and Department. You can email a copy of the Officer Change Form to me at [adj@movfw.org](mailto:adj@movfw.org), fax 573-636-2664, or mail a copy to: 3401 Knipp Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.
5. All Posts are required to file a Federal Income Tax return. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Posts may obtain forms 990EZ, 990 and/or 990T from any IRS Office, or online at <http://www.irs.gov>. Posts with a year end of 30 June must file with the IRS prior to 15 November 2026, (most posts have a year end of 30 June). **Failure to file will result in the loss of your tax-exempt status.**
6. All inspection reports should be mailed directly to the Department Inspector, Richard Clowers . Email: [inspector@movfw.org](mailto:inspector@movfw.org). If a District Inspector wishes to claim mileage for travel in connection with the inspections, he/she must submit a voucher to the Department Inspector for approval.

7. The annual trip to the National Home will be 23-25 October 2026. This year, the van and hotel reservations are separate. The cost of the van is \$100.00 per person. Pick up locations will be dependent upon need. If you have questions regarding the trip, please contact Andre' KillKelley at 712-574-7661, or [natlhomechrm@movfw.org](mailto:natlhomechrm@movfw.org).
8. Reminder to Post Commanders: The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program requires the Post Commander to attend the District School of Instructions and attend or have a Post Representative attend all meetings called by the District Commander.
9. Anyone requesting a Department Officer to attend a function must submit a **written request** to Department Headquarters at least 30 days prior to the date of the function. An email to [adj@movfw.org](mailto:adj@movfw.org) and [hqangela@movfw.org](mailto:hqangela@movfw.org) is acceptable.
10. Quarterly audit reports for the period ending 6-30-26 are due 7-31-26. This deadline must be met for All-State requirement purposes and is required by National By-Laws. Audits must be at Dept. Headquarters on or before the last day of the month. Postmarks do not count as each Post has 30 days to conduct and mail, fax, or email the complete Audit Report to Dept. Headquarters, 3401 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, MO. 65109. It may be sent via fax to 573- 636-2664 or emailed to [adj@movfw.org](mailto:adj@movfw.org); or [hqangela@movfw.org](mailto:hqangela@movfw.org).
11. The reporting section of the Online Reporting is up and running. To login go to [movfw.org](http://movfw.org) and click on Login, then Members Only. You will need your membership ID number. The password is your last name. (the first letter no longer needs to be capitalized) For Auxiliary members that input reports, the webmaster will need the following information to set them up in the system:  
Auxiliary member ID number, First Name, Last Name, Complete address, Post #, District, Email address, & Phone number.  
If you have any members that cannot log on or have any questions or problems, please call Ken Allison at 636 448-3061.
12. **All Post are strongly encouraged to log onto the VFW Department of Missouri Webmail.**  
The Post account is post (your post #) @movfw.org; i.e., [postxxxx@movfw.org](mailto:postxxxx@movfw.org); Please see your predecessor for current password. Please do not change or reset the password. If the password needs to be reset contact Ken Allison at 636-448-3061 [webmaster@movfw.org](mailto:webmaster@movfw.org). "Post Commanders are reminded that they are required to check their official VFW e-mail a minimum of weekly."
13. Article VII sec. 704 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures establishes the requirement for all Posts to establish and maintain a Relief Fund. Expenditures from the relief fund shall be as prescribed in sections 219 & 704 of the Manual of Procedures. Expenditures authorized include donations to Veteran Service, National Home, and support of the National Guard and their families. Audit Reports received at Dept Headquarters indicate that many Posts may not be meeting this requirement. All Posts are to review their accounting practices and ensure they are meeting this requirement.

14. The following District Schools of Instruction and District Meetings for the month of August are announced:

| <b>Dist.</b> | <b>DATE</b>    | <b>POST</b> | <b>LOCATION/TIME</b>    | <b>OFFICER</b> | <b>REMARKS</b>          |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>2</b>     | <b>8/8/26</b>  | <b>280</b>  | <b>Columbia, 10am</b>   | <b>CDR</b>     | <b>District Meeting</b> |
| <b>5</b>     | <b>8/9/26</b>  | <b>1829</b> | <b>Kansas City, 2pm</b> | <b>SURGEON</b> | <b>SOI</b>              |
| <b>6</b>     | <b>8/2/26</b>  | <b>2591</b> | <b>Sedalia, 9am</b>     | <b>CDR</b>     | <b>SOI</b>              |
| <b>7</b>     | <b>8/22/26</b> | <b>534</b>  | <b>Joplin 10am</b>      | <b>SURGEON</b> | <b>SOI</b>              |
| <b>8</b>     | <b>8/2/26</b>  | <b>5896</b> | <b>Farmington 1pm</b>   | <b>JVC</b>     | <b>District Meeting</b> |
| <b>18</b>    | <b>8/15/26</b> | <b>5366</b> | <b>Isabella 10am</b>    | <b>CDR</b>     | <b>District Meeting</b> |

Official:  
Paul Petterson  
Adjutant

By Order of:  
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Commander