



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7**

Series 2025-2026

January 2026

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

1. The Winter Council of Administration Meeting and Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year Banquet will be held on February 20 through February 22, 2026, at The Resort at Lake of the Ozarks 3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd. Lake Ozark, MO. 65049. All members of the Council, as well as Committee and Chairpersons, should make every effort to attend and be prepared to report in accordance with the agenda, which will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date.

Room reservations may be made by calling the hotel at 573 693-9988.

The form for banquet tickets is attached.

2. Post and District Commanders are reminded that the Department pays the **cost of the meal only for the student to attend the Voice of Democracy banquet.** Lodging for the parents and guests of the student must be made directly with the hotel and paid for by the District or Post, depending on District by-laws or standing rules. Meals will need to be requested via the banquet form, the Department will pay for the winner's meal only and all other meals will need to be paid by District/Post, depending on District by-laws or standing rules. Please contact Angela at Department Headquarters if you have any questions.

3. There will be a MO. Veterans Commission (MVC) meeting on February 2, 2026, at 10 am. The meeting will be in the Truman State Office Bldg. 301 W. High Street, Jefferson City, MO. The meeting room is on the 4th floor. There will be a MO. Assoc. of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) meeting at 1:00 pm that afternoon in the same room. You are invited and encouraged to attend both.

There will be a Veterans RALLY in Capitol Rotunda at 11 am on March 9, 2026. After that we will split up and go and visit our local Senators and Reps, to discuss our legislative priorities for this year.

4. I want to call your attention to the following section of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Any Post not in compliance is subject to suspension.

Sec. 709 - Control of Units - "Any Post owning and/or operating, directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. **Such insurance must be of a type and amount sufficient to protect the Post and must name, as additional insured's, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department in which such Post is located. Post shall ensure policies purchased include these additional**

insured statements.

If the Liability and Dram Insurance Blocks on the State Dashboard are **RED** it means we do not have a "Certificate of Insurance" on file for your Post, or it has expired. Please forward a copy, or have your agent send a copy, to Department ASAP. You can mail to 3401 Knipp Dr. Jefferson City, MO. 65109 or email to adj@movfw.org or hqangela@vfwmo.org.

5. Posts are reminded that **ALL** officer changes must be reported to National and Department. You may email a copy of the Officer Change Form to adj@movfw.org or fax a copy to 1-573-636-2664 or mail a copy to: 3401 Knipp Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

6. Section 105 of the National By-Laws is clear on Members in Good Standing in the Post. Members that have not paid their 2026 dues by their expiration date are not in good standing until the dues are paid. Section 220 of the National By-Laws states, "Any elective Post Officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues ---shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed. **Post Commanders and Quartermasters are encouraged to check their rosters and make sure their officers renew on time. We currently have 7 Posts with at least one (1) Officer's Dues Expiring prior to February 1, 2026.**

7. The VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Will be February 28 thru March 5, 2026. One Post Commander and one District Commander will have an opportunity to attend this with the Department Officers.

- Any Post Commander whose Post reaches 100% in their membership and has a minimum of 4 approved legislative reports by 1/1 will be entered into a drawing to attend the VFW Washinton Conference in Washington, DC.
- Any District Commander whose District reaches 100% by 1/1 will be entered into a drawing to attend the VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, DC..

8. All inspection reports should be mailed directly to the Department Inspector, Randle Tolliver, 6689 Highway B. Ellington, MO. 63638-9219. 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.

9. The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship program needs your support. Department needs Posts, Districts, and Auxiliaries to donate to cover these scholarships. Besides helping the kids, there are some good incentives to donate.

10. The 2025-26 Membership Campaign is now underway. As of today, December 26, 2025 the Dept. of MO is at 94.79%. 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 on vfw.org for information.

11. 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 e-mail to the Adjutant at adj@movfw.org is acceptable.

12. **DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS.** Military service flags, insignias, etc. should be displayed in the following order (left to right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and then Coast Guard.

13. All Posts should be using the Online Reporting Portal. If you have any members that cannot log on or have any questions or problems, please call Ken Allison at 636 448-3061 or Randy Craig at 573 312-3777. Or email Randy at webmaster@movfw.org or Ken at asstwebmaster@movfw.org.

14. **All Post are strongly encouraged to log onto the VFW Department of Missouri Webmail.** The Post account is post number @movfw.org; i.e., 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 Randy Graig at 573-312-3777 or webmaster@movfw.org or Ken Allison at 636-448-3061 or asstwebmaster@movfw.org .

15. These are the District Meetings scheduled for the month of January

Dist.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
1	1/10/26	858	Chillicothe, 9 am	Surgeon	D Mtg (PP & VOD) TOY
2	1/10/26	1003	Jefferson City, 10am	Commander	District Meeting
3	1/18/26	12053	St. Joseph, 1pm	Commander	VOD/PP/TOY Inspection
9	1/11/26	2482	St. Clair, 1pm	Sr. Vice Commander	District Meeting
14	1/18/26	3404	Springfield 1:30 pm	Sr. Vice Commander.	District Meeting Inspection
15	1/18/26	3838	Cape Girardeau 12 pm	Surgeon	D Mtg (PP&VOD) Toy Inspection
17	1/18/26	2508	Kirksville - 12 pm	Jr. Vice Commander	District Meeting Inspection

Official:
Paul Petterson
Adjutant

By Order of:
Quincy Myrick
Commander

