



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1**

Series 2024-2025

July 2024

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

1. Having been elected Commander of the Department of Missouri and been duly installed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command.

2. The following Department Officers have been duly elected and installed at the 103rd VFW Department of Missouri Convention:

COMMANDER:	Ric DePontee
SR VICE COMMANDER:	Quincy Myrick
JR VICE COMMANDER:	Scott Huffman
QUARTERMASTER:	Don Hentges
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Samuel (Chris) Weber
SURGEON:	Tom McLerran
CHAPLAIN:	Deborah Halter
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:	Charles Williams

3. The following District Commanders have been duly elected and installed were obligated to the Council:

District 1	William Wyant	District 9	Lynette Lewis
District 2	Dwight Sandeen	District 12	Gerome Cummins
District 3	William Prost	District 14	Philip Rippee
District 5	Donald Harris	District 15	James Colyer
District 6	Marvin Dotson	District 17	Marvin Flynn
District 7	David Bozarth	District 18	Gale Fugate
District 8	Bert Williams		

4. All previous appointments, except Service Officers and VAVS Representatives and their Deputies, are declared null and void and the following appointments are announced:

ADJUTANT:	Susan Kelb
CHIEF OF STAFF	Paul Ziegler
CHIEF OF STAFF (Asst)	Jim Holmes
INSPECTOR:	Randle Tolliver
DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER	Troy Williams

MEMBERSHIP:	Tom McLerran
COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Scott Huffman
RECRUITER	Joe Wolfigeher
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Michael Schroeder
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Troy Williams
HOMELESS VETERANS:	Tom McLerran
CITIZENSHIP/AMERICANISM:	Jim Nail
PUBLIC RELATIONS:	Ken Allison
PUBLIC RELATIONS Asst:	Randy Craig
POW/MIA:	Joseph Cerchi
BUDDY POPPY:	Adam St. Pierre
NATIONAL HOME:	Dwight Sandeen
VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT:	Chris Weber
STUDENT VETERAN COORDINATOR:	Larry Phillips
NATIONAL SCOUTING TEAM REP:	Andre Sidney
MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-East	Ed Miller
MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-West	Don Harris
WEBMASTER:	Randall Craig
WEBMASTER Asst:	Ken Allison
OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Billy Becker
SERGEANT AT ARMS:	Chester Jones
VSIO	Quincy Myrick

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Don Hentges, Eric Sullivan, Troy Williams, Tom McLerran

5. Reminder to Post Commanders: The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program require the Post Commander **attend the District School of Instructions** and attend, or have a Post Representative attend all meetings called by the District Commander.

6. There are still a few Post that have not submitted their Election Reports. This is Mandatory! On July 8th, National will pull a final report for Posts missing a 2024-25 election report and begin processing Special Orders suspending the Posts. The Suspension will be effective the date of that letter and carry into effect the Post being placed in arrears and denied and representation at National Convention. If you have any questions or need help, contact the Department Adjutant or Quartermaster.

7. **The 125th VFW National Convention will be held July 27-August 1, 2024**, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Please go to the VFW website at vfw.org/convention for general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda. If you're going, make sure to bring a Missouri Team sport shirt (KC & St Louis). Our teams tend to have patriotic colors, so we're wearing the shirts during the Patriotic Parade.

8. The next meeting of the **Council of Administration will be held on September 27-29, 2024** at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd, Columbia 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) 443-8000 or click the link [Book your group rate for 2024 VFW State Conference](#). If you are not coming in Thursday night, just change the check-in date. The cost is \$129 per night.

9. 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 2021, (most posts have a year end of 30 June). **Failure to file will result in the loss of your tax-exempt status.**

10. 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.

11. Quarterly audit reports for the period ending 6-30-24 are due 7-31-24. This deadline must be met for All State Contest 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. The fax # is (573) 636-2664 or email to adj@movfw.org; or hqangela@movfw.org.

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; Please see your predecessor for current password. You can then change the password to whatever you want. Access to webmail is through the State website, www.movfw.org. Go to the top task bar and click on LOGIN and then click on Webmail. You will see in the middle "change email password". Once this is completed, go back to the Webmail login screen, and go to Check Your Email. Enter your email address and password on the next screen. You should be in your emails. If you have any issues, please contact Ken Allison at 636-448-3061.

13. Commander Ric DePontee wants all members to know "New year...Clean Slate." It's time to shake the dust off all those recruiting/VSI0 table cloths and get out into your community and take care of our Missouri Veterans. If you see an event going on near you, get a booth. If there are no events, create one and invite others to join. Your Auxiliaries are a huge force multiplier working toward the same goal; invite them to all of your events and plan some together. If you have Military Order of the Cooties in your area, invite them to the event as well. Use every tool at your disposal, our Veterans deserve it. Don't let the things you can't do, stop you from doing the things you can.

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

D	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
1	7/13/24	7159	Princeton, 10 am	TBD	SOI & District Meeting
2	7/13/24	2025	Rolla, 10 am	Quartermaster	SOI & District Meeting
3	7/13/24	4055	Edgerton, 1 pm	Jr Vice Cdr	SOI & District Meeting
5	7/14/24	5789	Lee's Summit, 11 am	Sr. Vice Cdr	SOI & District Meeting
8	7/13/24	6883	Bonne Terre, 11 pm	Commander	SOI
9	7/14/24	2866	St Charles, 10 am / 1 pm	Commander	SOI & District Meeting
12	7/13/24	2365	Woodson Terr Community Center, St Louis, 12 pm	Surgeon	SOI & District Meeting
14	7/21/24	3404	Springfield 1:30 pm	Sr Vice Cdr	SOI & District Meeting
15	7/21/24	3127	Chaffee, 12 pm	Commander	SOI & District Meeting
17	7/21/24	4958	Memphis, 10 am	Surgeon	SOI & District Meeting

Official:
 Susan L. Kelb
 Adjutant

By Order of:
 Ric DePontee
 Commander