



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

Series 2025-2026

July 2025

(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 104th VFW Department of Missouri Convention:

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

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

District 1	William Shinneman	District 9	Jason Stanfield
District 2	Charles Sanders	District 12	Cerebia Epps
District 3	Steven Sypkens	District 14	Philip Rippee
District 5	Donald Harris	District 15	Fred Carroll
District 6	Marvin Dotson	District 17	Dale Bienusa
District 7	Timothy Dollins	District 18	Gale Fugate
District 8	Randle Tolliver		

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	Paul Petterson
CHIEF OF STAFF	Eric Sullivan
CHIEF OF STAFF (Asst)	Gerome Cummins
INSPECTOR:	Randle Tolliver
DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER	Troy Williams
MEMBERSHIP:	Don Hentges

COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Tom McLerran
RECRUITER	David Bozarth
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Michael Schroeder
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Troy Williams
HOMELESS VETERANS:	Joseph Wolfigeher
CITIZENSHIP/AMERICANISM:	Bert Williams
PUBLIC RELATIONS:	Ken Allison
PUBLIC RELATIONS Asst:	Randy Craig
POW/MIA:	Dan Goff
BUDDY POPPY:	Hanna Allgaier
NATIONAL HOME:	Andre KillKelley
VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT:	Larry Phillips
STUDENT VETERAN COORDINATOR:	Ricky Mann
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	Scott Huffman

BUDGET COMMITTEE:
Don Hentges, Eric Sullivan, Troy Williams, Buddy McEachern

5. Reminder to Post Commanders: The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program require 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.
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 2025-26 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 126th VFW National Convention will be held August 9-14, 2025**, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH. 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 your red State Commander Shirt or wear red, white, and blue for the Patriotic Parade. We are planning a meal on Saturday at a local post in Columbus, OH. It will be about \$20.00 a person, please RSVP via email to Angela, hqangela@movfw.org, if you are going to be attending the Missouri Night Out on Saturday August 9, 2025 by July 18, 2025.

8. The next meeting of the **Council of Administration will be held on October 10-12, 2025**, at the Resort at Lake of Ozarks 3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd, 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) 693-9988 or click the link [Book your group rate for 2025 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 2025, (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 6-30-25 are due 7-31-25. 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, email to adj@movfw.org; or hqangela@movfw.org.
12. **All Posts 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 Quincy Myrick wants all members to know we will be Moving Forward Together, we need to get out in our communities. We need to make sure we are serving our Missouri Veterans. If a event is happening in your area, get a booth. If there are no events, create some. Invite VFWs or Veteran organizations to join you. Our Auxiliaries are a huge force, working toward same goal. If you have a Military Order of the Cooties or a Riders group, invite them as well. We have many tools in our toolbox, use them! Let's approach this year with renewed enthusiasm.
14. We have a new Post opening July 1, 2025. Please welcome Russell M Markowski Post 12243 in Union to our Team. Welcome to Missouri
15. **Post Service Officers;** Please note, on the election report it states Service Officer. For the Dept. of MO. You are now a PIO (Post Information Officer). You will be receiving more information on this at your District SOI. If you have questions after that please call Dept Service Officer, Troy Williams 573-616-1751

16. The Dept. Service Officer has opened a call center in an effort to better serve our members All members will be receiving a post card regarding benefits. If you need help or have questions, please call the number listed on the card. This is not a SCAM.

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

D	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
1	7/12/25	7159	Princeton, 10 am	CDR	SOI & District Meeting
2	7/12/25	2654	Moberly, 10 am	Jr Vice CDR	SOI & District Meeting
3	7/20/25	7356	Parkville, 1 pm	Sr Vice CDR	SOI & District Meeting
5	7/20/25	1829	Kansas City, 2pm	Past CDR Nail	SOI & District Meeting
6	7/27/25	4197	Odessa, 9am	Sr Vice CDR	SOI
8	7/13/25	1831	DeSoto, 1 pm	CDR	SOI & District Meeting
9	7/13/25	4219	Orchard Farms, 10am	Jr Vice CDR	SOI & District Meeting
12	7/21/25	4105	Florissant 12:30 pm	Surgeon	SOI & District Meeting
14	7/20/25	3404	Springfield, 1;30 pm	TBD	SOI & District Meeting
15	7/27/25	3127	Chaffee, 12 pm	CDR	SOI & District Meeting
17	7/20/25	11041	Palmyra 12pm	CDR	SOI & District Meeting

Official:
 Paul Petterson
 Adjutant

By Order of:
 Quincy Myrick
 Commander