



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

Series 2026-2027

July 2026

**(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 105<sup>th</sup> VFW Department of Missouri Convention:

COMMANDER :	Scott Huffman
SR VICE COMMANDER :	Tom McLerran
JR VICE COMMANDER :	Joseph Wolfigeher
QUARTERMASTER :	Don Hentges
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Quincy Myrick
SURGEON:	Fred Darby
CHAPLAIN:	Deborah Halter
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:	Quincy Myrick

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

District 1	William (Jim) Shinneman	District 9	Jason Richardson
District 2	Charles Sanders	District 12	Cerebia Epps
District 3	Steven Sypkens	District 14	Michael Derby
District 5	Donald Harris	District 15	Fred Carroll
District 6	Marvin Dotson	District 17	Dale Bienusa
District 7	Timothy Dollins	District 18	Keith Yarber
District 8	Randle Tolliver		

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

ADJUTANT	Paul Petterson
CHIEF OF STAFF	Phil Rippee
CHIEF OF STAFF (Asst)	Eric Sullivan
INSPECTOR:	Richard Clowers
DEPT. SERVICE OFFICER	Troy Williams
MEMBERSHIP:	Don Hentges

COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Joseph Wolfgeher
RECRUITER	Ric Depontee
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Michael Schroeder
LEGISLATIVE / PAC / ACTION CORPS:	Troy Williams
HOMELESS VETERANS:	Fred Darby
CITIZENSHIP/AMERICANISM:	Billy Holt
PUBLIC RELATIONS:	Ken Allison
PUBLIC RELATIONS Asst:	Randy Tolliver
POW/MIA:	Mike Barlar
BUDDY POPPY:	Hanna Allgaier
NATIONAL HOME:	Andre KillKelley
VETERANS & FAMILY WELLNESS:	Dustin Dixon
VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT:	Larry Phillips
STUDENT VETERAN COORDINATOR:	Lary Phillips
SCOUTING/YOUTH AWARDS	Andre Sidney
MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-East	Ed Miller
MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. President-West	Don Harris
WEBMASTER:	Ken Allison
WEBMASTER Asst:	Chris Weber
OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Billy Becker
SERGEANT AT ARMS:	Chester Jones
VSIO	Tom McLerran

**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. Missouri All-State Requirements also require the Post Commander to attend Post Benefits Advisor Training at their District SOI. Post Benefits Advisors are encouraged to attend as well.

6. **The 127th VFW National Convention will be held July 24-29, 2026**, at the Reno /Sparks Convention Center in Reno NV. Please go to the VFW website at [vfw.org/convention](http://vfw.org/convention) for general convention information including the registration form and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda.

7. 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 the link [Book your group rate for 2026 VFW State Conference](#). If you are not coming on Friday night, just change the check-in date. The cost is \$129 per night. **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.

8. 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 non-profit & tax-exempt status.**

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 e-mail to the Adjutant at [adj@movfw.org](mailto:adj@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 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](mailto:adj@movfw.org); or [hqangela@movfw.org](mailto:hqangela@movfw.org).

11. **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](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).

12. Commander Scott Huffman wants all members to know Missouri is “Gung-Ho” and 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 and their families. If an event is happening in your area, get a booth. If there are no events, create some. Let us make POW/MIA awareness a priority. Invite other VFWs or Veteran organizations to join you. Our Auxiliaries are a huge force multiplier, working toward the same goal. If you have a Military Order of the Cooties or a Riders group, invite them as well. Work with our Auxiliary! We have many tools in our toolbox, use them! Let’s approach this year with renewed enthusiasm.

13. Commander Huffman’s focus of effort is as follows: **LEGISLATIVE** we must get louder with all our voices of the VFW and Auxiliary being involved in the legislative process; **AUXILIARY** we must work together at every level to help our veterans and communities; **REINVIGORATION OF POSTS**, we must work together to find new and innovative activities that help bring old posts back to life and re-engage past active members by being involved in the communities more, including working with other groups that help our veterans and their families; **STUDENTS/SCHOOLS** we must be more involved in our schools and with educators than just doing our scholarship and teacher recognition programs. Every student and educator should have a veteran they can look up to and know that they can call on our local posts.

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

<b>D</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>POST</b>	<b>LOCATION/TIME</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>7/11/26</b>	<b>4557</b>	<b>Brookfield, 10 am</b>	<b>JR VICE CDR</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>7/18/26</b>	<b>3176</b>	<b>Waynesville, 9-4</b>		<b>SOI Only</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>7/19/26</b>	<b>7356</b>	<b>Parkville, 1 pm</b>	<b>CDR</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>7/11/26</b>	<b>5896</b>	<b>Farmington, 11am</b>		<b>SOI Only</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>7/12/26</b>	<b>12243</b>	<b>Union, 12pm</b>	<b>SR VICE CDR</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>7/18/26</b>	<b>2365</b>	<b>Woodson Terrace 12pm</b>		<b>SOI Only</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>7/19/26</b>	<b>3408</b>	<b>Springfield 12pm</b>	<b>COS</b>	<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>7/19/26</b>	<b>3127</b>	<b>Chaffee, 12pm</b>		<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>7/19/26</b>	<b>4958</b>	<b>Memphis, 10am</b>		<b>SOI &amp; District Meeting</b>

Official:  
 Paul Petterson  
 Adjutant

By Order of:  
 Scott Huffman  
 Commander