



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
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(To be read or distributed at a regular Post meeting and filed)

1. The 2025 Department Convention will be held at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, June 12 – June 15, 2025. Currently, sleeping room reservations are restricted to a three (3) day stay and may be made by calling the hotel direct at 417-866-5253. Be sure to let them know you are with the VFW. Persons reserving three (3) days and later cancelling one (1) or two (2) will have the entire three (3) days cancelled. If the Oasis is full or for anyone wanting to make a reservation for LESS than three (3) days, alternate hotels are listed on the last page. The Tentative Agenda and the reservation form for the Celebration Banquet on Friday, June 13, 2025 are on the cover page movfw.org website. **Banquet Reservations close Friday, May 30th.**
2. A meeting of the Council of Administration will be held in the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, at 5 pm. on Thursday, June 12, 2025. All business concerning the current administration will be concluded at that time.
3. All Department Officers, District Commanders, and Committee Chairmen are reminded that they are to submit a written report to the State Adjutant covering their activities of the past year. This report should be forwarded directly to Department Headquarters a week prior to the Convention so that it can be included in the Council Members packets. Reports may be emailed to "adj@movfw.org" and "hqangela@movfw.org". These reports will be made an official part of the Convention minutes. The report should be concise and cover the highlights of the 2024 - 2025 year.
4. **The 125th VFW National Convention will be held August 9-13, 2025**, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. 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.
5. Attention of the Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that is being mailed to all Post. **Post Quartermasters, please send in the**

\$25.00 registration fee and register at least one (1) delegate as soon as you receive the registration forms. Don't wait until August to send in your delegate fee.

6. Newly installed Post and District Officers do not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed at the State Convention on Saturday evening. If you have not submitted an election report, please do so ASAP, to avoid being put on suspension.

7. **Post Quartermasters**, you should have received a letter from Department in early April concerning your Voting Strength and Delegate Dues owed. **Dues must be paid in order to vote at the State Convention.** To help ensure a smooth election process please submit a check to Department Headquarters immediately to avoid last minute chaos and confusion. Don't wait to pay your dues at the Convention. Checks for Delegate Dues will not be accepted at Convention Registration.

8. **REMINDER:** In order for your Post to be able to vote at the State Convention you must have turned in all four (4) quarterly audits, submitted an election report for the upcoming year, and paid your Post delegate dues.

9. The 2025-26 Membership Campaign is now underway. As of today, May 28, 2025 the Dept. of MO is at 99.15%. We have until June 30th to reach 102%, so please check your OMS files, call your Annual Members and urge them to renew as soon as possible. National Headquarters runs a membership incentive monthly. Watch your email or go to vfw.org for information.

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

11. Commander Ric DePontee sends Congratulations to all of the Post Commanders and Quartermasters that achieved All-State for the 2024-2025 year. Forty-Three (43) Posts have achieved this Honor and will be receiving White Hats at the Awards Ceremony Friday Evening. If your Posts met all the criteria except membership by May 1. You can still make All-State if you reach 101% by June 30. You will then receive your White Hat at the Fall C of A.

12. Commander DePontee wishes to thank everyone for their hard work this year to assist Veterans and to make the Veterans of Foreign Wars stronger. Hope to see you at the Convention.

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Susan L. Kelb
Adjutant

By Order of:
Ric DePontee
Commander

Hotels Close to Oasis

On the same side of Glenstone Highway as Oasis

Hampton Inn & Suites Springfield, 2750 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO
0.4 miles from Oasis-----417-869-5548

Holiday Inn & Suites Springfield - I-44, an IHG Hotel, 2720 N Glenstone Ave,
Springfield, MO 0.3 miles from Oasis-----417-865-8600

On the opposite side of Glenstone Highway as Oasis

Best Western Coach House, 2535 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO
0.2 miles from Oasis-----417-862-0701

Econo Lodge, I-44 Exit 80, 2611 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65803
0.3 miles from Oasis-----417-864-3565