



**HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC  
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11**

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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. See attachment with info regarding other hotels close by if the Oasis is full or for anyone wanting to make a reservation for LESS than three (3) days. See the attachment for the Celebration Banquet on Friday, June 13 2025 at the Oasis.
2. **Deadline for receipt of Convention Book Ad's is May 16, 2025.** All Post and Districts are encouraged to give recognition to their officers by submitting an Ad for the Convention Book. Ad costs are \$125 for Full Page and \$75 for Half Page. The book is being published in-house. Please email Ad request information to Angela at Department HQ's. Her email is [hqangela@movfw.org](mailto:hqangela@movfw.org). Also, remember the incentives of donating to the VOD/PP fund; see attachment for those.
3. **The 126th 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](http://vfw.org/convention) for general convention information including the registration form, hotel booking, and links to other convention related information, including a tentative agenda.
4. Attention 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 a packet of 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 July to send in your delegate fee.**
5. The election of Post Officers should have happened at the April meeting. Post Officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention. Newly installed officers do not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed

at the State Convention. If you have not submitted a post-election Report, please do so ASAP, but no later than June 1, 2025 to avoid being put on suspension.

6. **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.** Don't wait to pay your dues at the convention. To help ensure a smooth election process please submit a check to Department Headquarters immediately to avoid last minute chaos and confusion. Checks for Delegate Dues will not be accepted at Convention Registration.

7. Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers. This Convention will be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

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 upcoming year, and paid your post delegate dues.

12. The 2024-25 Membership Campaign is now underway. As of today, April 28, 2025 the Dept. of MO is at 98.29%. You need 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 to [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) for information.

13. 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 may email Randall at [webmaster@movfw.org](mailto:webmaster@movfw.org) or Ken at [asstwebmaster@movfw.org](mailto:asstwebmaster@movfw.org).

14. District Convention scheduled for May 2025

Dist.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
5	5/4/25	1000	Independence, 2 pm	NA	District Convention
6	5/4/25	2591	Sedalia, 12 pm	NA	District Convention
7	5/10/25	4207	Monett 10 am	NA	District Convention
8	5/4/25	6660	Reynolds Cty, 1 pm	NA	District Convention

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