



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4**

Series 2026-2027

October 2026

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

1. 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 may call (573) 365-3000 or click on the following link:

<https://bookings.travelclick.com/17336?domain=webmail.drivepath.net&groupID=5378575#/guestsandrooms>

Select the night of check-in date and check- out date. The cost is \$139 per night plus taxes and fees.

Additionally, the Department POW/MIA Bring Them Home Golf Tournament will be on October 9th 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. See attached info for golf tournament.

2. The Big Ten Conference will be October 16-18, 2026, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI. 49007. For Reservations call 269-343-3333. When making reservations to receive the group rate, you must identify yourself as a VFW DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN BIG 10 2026 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE. Rates are **\$131.00/Night**.
3. This is your annual reminder to get your Liability and Dram Insurance up to date.
Sec. 709 - Control of Units - "Any Post owning and/or operating, directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. **Such insurance must be of a type and amount sufficient to protect the Post and must name, as additional insured's, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department in which such Department is located.**
If the Liability and Dram Insurance Blocks on the State Dashboard are **RED** it means we do not have a "Certificate of Insurance" on file for your Post, or it has expired. Please forward a copy, or have your agent send a copy, to Department ASAP. You may mail to 3401 Knipp Dr. Jefferson City, MO. 65109 or email to adj@movfw.org or hqangela@vfwmo.org. If your Post no longer has a Canteen, let us know so that we can update the dashboard.
4. The annual trip to the National Home is October 23-25, 2026. This year, the van and hotel reservations are separated. The cost of the van is **\$125.00 per person**. Pick up locations will be dependent upon need. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact Andre' KillKelley at 605-939-5877, or natlhomechrm@movfw.org or you may contact Angela at HQ. See attached National Home Trip packet.

5. Posts are reminded that **ALL** Officer Changes must be reported to National and Department. You can email a copy of the Officer Change Form to adj@movfw.org & hqangela@movfw.org Or mail a copy to: 3401 Knipp Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109
6. **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 tax-exempt status.**
7. All inspection reports should be mailed directly to the Department Inspector, Richard Clowers, PO BOX 553 Lampe, MO 65681. You may also e-mail the report to inspector@movfw.org. If a District Inspector wishes to claim mileage for travel in connection with the inspections, he/she must submit a voucher to the Department Inspector for approval.
8. The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship program needs your support. Department needs Posts, Districts, and Auxiliaries to donate to cover these scholarships.
9. Reminder to Post Commanders: The National By-Laws and the Missouri All-State Program require the Post Commander to attend, or have a Post Representative attend, all meetings called by the District Commander.
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. The attention of Post and District Commanders and Inspecting Officers is directed to section 703 of the National By-Laws - Bonds. Each accountable officer of this organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable. Liquid assets are defined as cash on hand or in the bank and other negotiable instruments readily convertible into cash.
12. All Posts should be using the Online Reporting Portal. If you have any members that cannot log on or have any questions or problems, please call Ken Allison at 636 448-3061 or at webmaster@movfw.org or Chris Weber at asstwebmaster@movfw.org
13. **All Post are strongly encouraged to log onto the VFW Department of Missouri Webmail.** The Post account is post number @movfw.org; i.e., 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 Kem Allison at 636-448-3061 or webmaster@movfw.org or Chris Weber at asstwebmaster@movfw.org
14. Article VII sec. 704 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures establishes the requirement for all Posts to establish and maintain a Relief Fund. Expenditures from the relief fund shall be as prescribed in sections 219 & 704 of the Manual of Procedures. Expenditures authorized include donations to Veteran Service, National Home, and support of the National Guard and their families. Audit Reports received at Dept Headquarters indicate that many Posts may not be meeting this requirement. All Posts are to review their accounting practices and ensure they are meeting this requirement.

15. If you have not ordered the 2027 edition of the VFW National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure from the VFW Store, please do so ASAP. You are required to have the latest addition on hand at your Post and District. An online version is acceptable if on the Posts computer.
16. **REMINDER:** VMS donations will only be handled through the Dashboard moving forward. An email was sent out June 29, 2026, annotating this change and explaining the NEW donation page. All Posts have to do is click on the VMS donation tab on the Dashboard to donate. The link will point them to OMS. No more checks to National Headquarters.
17. Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year deadlines are coming up. Please remember to get these in on time. If you have any questions, please call Roger (James) Floyd, VOD/PP Chairperson, 417-876-7617 and/or Americanism Chairperson, Billy Holt 417-683- 0765.
18. These are the District Meetings scheduled for the month of October. All Staff Officers are required to attend the Big 10 meeting October 16-18. Because of this, some Districts may not have a Staff Officer listed to attend their meeting.

Dist.	DATE	POST	LOCATION/TIME	OFFICER	REMARKS
1	10/17/26	2176	Bethany, 10 am	Department Inspector	District Meeting Inspection
3	10/25/26	7158	Cameron, 1 pm	JR Vice Commander	District Meeting inspection
9	10/04/26	2180	Warrenton, 1 pm	Surgeon	District Meeting Inspection
12	10/17/26	6274	Ballwin, 12 pm		District Meeting
14	10/18/26	3404	Springfield 1:30 pm	Past CDR DePontee	District Meeting Inspection
15	10/18/26	3838	Cape Girardeau, 12 pm	Dep Chief of Staff	District Meeting Inspection
17	10/18/26	4342	Kahoka, 12 pm		District Meeting

Official:
Paul Petterson
Adjutant

By Order of:
Scott Huffman
Commander