



**HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. INC
GENERAL ORDER NO. 3**

Series 2026-2027

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(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 can 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 normal 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. 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.

4. If you haven't already done so, make sure to order your quota of Buddy Poppies. (Either the traditional Poppy or the new Tin Tab Poppy). The order forms along with the quota sheet are on pages 54-55 of the Commander & Quartermaster Handbook.

5. Posts are reminded that **ALL** Officer Changes must be reported to National and Department. You may email a copy of the Officer Change Form to headquarters, gm@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. All Posts and Districts are reminded that Annual Incorporation Reports to the Secretary of State were due in August. If you have not filed your report for this year, please do so immediately. If no report is filed, your Incorporation will lapse in November.

9. The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship program needs your support. Department needs Posts, Districts, and Auxiliaries to donate to cover these scholarships. Besides helping the kids, there are some good incentives to donate. Please see attached flyer.

10. 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, refer to page 38 in the Commander & Quartermaster Handbook.

11. The attention of Post and District Commanders as well as 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.

13. All Post 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. Please do not change or reset the password. If the password needs to be reset contact Ken Allison at 636-448-3061 or webmaster@movfw.org. **"Post Commanders are reminded that they are required to check their official VFW e-mail a minimum of weekly."**

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. You may also have a downloadable version on your office computer.

16. Post **Commanders**: You are encouraged to review pages 35-36 in the 2026-2027 Commanders Handbook. The 2026-2027 Roadway to success is a good tool to keep you on course to achieve All-State Honors.

17. As we are in an election year, a reminder to abide by Article VII Sec. 702 of the National ByLaws. No officer or member of the VFW shall in any manner use the VFW for partisan politics and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any meetings nor shall any nominations, recommendations or endorsements for political office be made. Be careful of perceptions of partisan endorsement as well.

18. **POW/MIA Program donations for Department All-State and National All-American are separate donations!** All-State (\$30 Post and \$600 District minimum) MUST BE MADE TO Department HQ and separately for All-American donations which must be made via OMS for Defense Personnel POW/MIA Accounting Agency (\$75 minimum for Posts and \$100 District).

19. Reminder of the Early Bird 100% membership incentives for Posts and Districts by December 31, 2026. See page 28 of the Commander & Quartermaster Handbook!

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