

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MONTHLY UPDATE



Feb. 14, 2025

Greetings,

We hope you enjoy this issue of the National Council Monthly Update summarizing the pertinent operations at VFW National Headquarters over the last month.

## **Development**

In last month's update, we did not have the final December numbers. As a reminder, our goal for December was \$7.3 million. I am pleased to report that we exceeded this target, closing the month at \$10.9 million, surpassing our goal by \$3.6 million. December was, in fact, the highest-performing month in our history.

For January, our goal was set at \$6,293,868, and we ended the month at \$6,261,044, falling short by \$32K. The area where we missed projections was Planned Giving, a revenue stream that is only realized when an individual passes away, making it inherently more difficult to project.

We continue to address the ongoing challenges presented by the USPS, including delivery delays and rising postage rates. However, we are beginning to see a slight improvement in deliverability. This offers hope that, moving forward, the USPS is beginning to recognize that a sustainable business model cannot rely on consistently increasing costs and diminishing services.

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## **Programs**

- All-American Programmatic Requirements:
- The VFW Day of Service requirement is only for events that are conducted in May. Sign up at [todaysvfw.org.vfw-day-of-service](http://todaysvfw.org.vfw-day-of-service).



### [VFW Day of Service - #StillServing](#)

The VFW Day of Service is an outgrowth of VFW's #StillServing campaign.

[todaysvfw.org](http://todaysvfw.org)

- National VFW Awards Reminder:

Adjutant General Dan West has asked for your recommendations for these VFW awards if you believe you have a worthy candidate.

**The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2025.**

The National Awards and Citations Committee will meet to discuss and choose award recipients for presentation at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in 2025, upon approval from the National Council of Administration.

The nominations will only be accepted through the links provided below.

Description of each award is on the form provided

[VFW Distinguished Fraternal Award](#)

[VFW Distinguished Patriotic Award](#)

[VFW Distinguished Historical Award](#)

[VFW Distinguished Citizenship Award](#)

[VFW Distinguished Educational Award](#)

[VFW Distinguished Service Award](#)

Questions can be submitted directly to Lynn Rolf at the email below or by phone at 816.968.1116 (off.) or 913.290.1754 (cell).

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### **Human Resources**

- **Promotions:**
- Shane Hancock was promoted to Pre-Discharge Rating Representation in the National Veterans Services Department
- Ismael Rodriguez was promoted to Associate Editor in the Publications Division of the Marketing & Communications Department in the KC Office

- **New Hires:**
- Kevin Gonzalez was hired as a new Content Creator in the Marketing Communications Department in the KC Office
- Crystal “Skye” Melcher was hired as a new Member Services Advisor in Membership & Member Services in the KC Office
- Jessie Hicks was hired as a new Member Services Advisor in Membership & Member Services in the KC Office
- **Positions Actively Recruiting For:**
- Corporate Relations Manager, Foundation – KC Office
- Corporate Accounts Manager, Foundation – KC Office
- Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations, Foundation – KC Office
- Staff Writer, Publications Division of Marketing & Communications Department – KC Office
- Pre-Discharge Ratings Rep, National Veterans Services – Remote

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### **Membership and Member Services**

- As of the end of January, our membership has passed 93% and we are on track to meet the Commander-in-Chief’s 102% requirement by the end of the year.
- In case you missed our recent Feb. 10 Membership Monday live training topic “**Life and Legacy – Building the Future,**” be sure and check it out on the Training & Support page of VFW.org as well as on our [VFW Membership Facebook page](#).
- If your Posts, Districts, or Departments need membership brochures, applications, or supplies to fulfill their recruiting and retention goals, they can be ordered online through our website. Simply log into vfw.org, click on the “Membership Recruiting Brochures Order Form” link, and place an order.
- If your Department has a potential recruiting event you would like our assistance in facilitating, please contact us at [membership@vfw.org](mailto:membership@vfw.org).

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### **Administrative Operations**

- There are currently 56 Posts and two Districts under Department suspensions:

<b>State</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Charter city</b>	<b>Suspension expiration date</b>
Arkansas	8532	Coal Hill	3.18.2025
California	1534	Desert Hot Springs	1.4.2025 (pending revocation)
California	1987	Blythe	2.19.2025
California	5551	Lucerne Valley	3.4.2025
California	6476	Colton	2.22.2025
California	9454	Coulterville	3.10.2025
California	10694	Santa Ana	2.14.2025
Colorado	Dist. 4		3.13.2025
Connecticut	6990	Colchester	3.18.2025
Connecticut	10112	Cos Cob	4.25.2025
Georgia	4583	Jesup	5.1.2025
Georgia	5456	Elberton	3.4.2025
Iowa	6792	Nashua	11.30.2024 (1.30.25 - pending 60 d ext. ltr.)
Louisiana	3686	Jennings	2.14.2025
Louisiana	4858	Many	5.5.2025
Louisiana	7287	Coushatta	5.5.2025
Maryland	1858	Baltimore	4.8.2025
Maryland	2996	Pittsville	4.8.2025
Maryland	5367	Baltimore	4.8.2025
Maryland	8097	Elkridge	4.8.2025
Maryland	10078	Baltimore	4.8.2025
Massachusetts	144	Boston	3.17.2025
Massachusetts	1544	Milford	4.7.2025
Massachusetts	1645	Stoughton	4.15.2025
Massachusetts	2017	Dedham	4.15.2025

Massachusetts	2902	West Roxbury	4.15.2025
Massachusetts	3007	Lexington	4.15.2025
Massachusetts	3276	Southborough	4.15.2025
Massachusetts	6536	South Boston	Ongoing litigation
Massachusetts	9566	Dalton	4.7.2025
Massachusetts	9813	Holbrook	2.10.2025
Massachusetts	10874	North Reading	4.15.2025
Nebraska	8332	Arlington	3.15.2025
Nebraska	9897	Valley	4.15.2025
Nebraska	10045	Deweese	4.15.2025
Nebraska	10724	Duncan	1.6.2025
New York	348	Syracuse	4.14.2025
North Dakota	Dist. 8		5.1.2025
Ohio	7200	West Farmington	4.15.2025
Ohio	8673	Springfield	4.23.2025
Ohio	9716	Streetsboro	4.22.2025
Oklahoma	11194	Konawa	2.17.2025
Pennsylvania	554	Somerset	4.18.2025
Pennsylvania	6555	Sagamore	4.19.2025
Tennessee	1733	Knoxville	3.25.2025
Tennessee	5266	Morristown	4.6.2025
Texas	4692	Bryan	4.29.2025
Texas	8552	Del Rio	4.24.2025
Texas	8621	Alice	3.18.2025
Texas	8791	Port Isabel	3.10.2025
Texas	8911	Fort Worth	5.4.2025
Texas	8925	Austin	2.25.2025

Texas	9191	Killeen	4.6.2025
Virginia	1211	Virginia Beach	2.12.2025
Virginia	6000	Narrows	4.15.2025
Virginia	7969	Bland	2.21.2025
Virginia	10387	Petersburg	3.20.2025
Wisconsin	8123	De Soto	4.17.2025

- There were four Post Consolidations:

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State	Post No.	Consolidated w/Post No.	Date Approved
Connecticut	597	201	2.5.2025
Louisiana	7196	3652	1.13.2025
Mississippi	2434	3937	2.5.2025
Tennessee	12206	4575	1.7.2025

There was one Defunct Post:

State	Post No.	Termination Date
Illinois	4826	1.14.2025

- Administrative Operations is engaged in 10 Article IX Disciplinary Actions:

- Idaho:

Post 3622 Life member – disciplinary action

- Kentucky:

Post 5906 Life member – summary disposition

- New Jersey:

Post 3525 Dept. Jr. Vice Commander – disciplinary hearing

- Ohio:

Post 4044 Life member – disciplinary action

- Oklahoma:

Post 1719 Life member – awaiting possible appeal

Post 4876 Life member – disciplinary hearing

- Texas:

Post 1475 Life member – disciplinary action

Post 9191 Life member – disciplinary action

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- Washington:

Post 91 Life member – disciplinary action

- There have been seven Administrative Removals/Actions:
- Alabama:

Post 668 Commander – awaiting CIC's decision

Post 668 Quartermaster – awaiting CIC's decision

- Colorado:

District 4 Commander – submitted appeal

- Massachusetts:

Post 144 Commander – awaiting CIC's appeal

Post 144 Quartermaster – awaiting CIC's appeal

Post 144 Adjutant – awaiting CIC's decision

- Tennessee:

Post 5266 Commander – awaiting CIC's decision

- One CIC Investigation:
- Department of Utah
- Two pending 518's:

Arkansas – Post No. 9095, due date Feb. 4, 2025

Pennsylvania – Post No. 3577, due date Feb. 10, 2025

- Two Membership eligibility challenges since Jan. 4, 2025:

Member Name	Post No.	Dept	Due Date
Laronia Neu	6018	NC	3.6.2025
Paul Melies	1022	KS	3.13.2025

- There have also been 12 voluntary resignations, five terminations, two voluntary surrenders, and three reinstatements.
- Administrative Operations has 58 Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation submissions for review. Since Jan. 4, 2025, 49 Bylaws/Articles of Incorporations have been received, 118 have been approved and distributed, and two have been returned for corrections and resubmission through proper channels.
- There have been eight total Charters from Jan. 4, 2025, produced:
  - One New Post Charter
  - Three Replacement Charters
  - Two Post Perpetual Charters
  - Two Consolidation Charters

Dept	Post/District No.	Unit Designation	Document Type
TN	4575/12206	Post	Consolidation Charter
LA	3652/7196	Post	Consolidation Charter
UT	7442	Post	Replacement Charter
KY	12237	Post	New Charter
TN	10	District	Replacement Charter
TN	1697	Post	Replacement Charter
WI	3072	Post	Perpetual Charter
CO	12174	Post	Perpetual Charter

### **Department Inspections**

- The following nine Departments have been identified and are scheduled for inspections. Those Departments that have been identified are as follows:



- Michigan – completed
- Delaware – completed
- Oklahoma – completed
- Mississippi – completed
- Utah – completed
- Pacific Areas – completed
- South Dakota – completed
- Washington – completed
- Europe – completed

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### **National Legislative Service**

- **House Hearing on VA Community Care Access:** VFW Communications and Public Affairs Associate Director Brittany Dymond Murray testified before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs regarding access shortfalls within the VA community care program. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 7:27 mark.
- **VFW Testifies at House Subcommittee Oversight Hearing:** VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Nancy Springer testified at a House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs oversight hearing on VA fiduciaries and due process for Second Amendment rights. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 6:05 mark.

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## **National Veterans Service**

- This has been another busy month for NVS and our team of accredited representatives who have been working tirelessly to ensure our nation's veterans and their families have access to their earned benefits. Remember, if you see a veteran in need, direct them to an accredited representative so that they can receive assistance. A listing of accredited representatives can be found at [vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits](https://vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits). Just use the "Find a Service Officer" tab on the right side of the screen to find an accredited representative in your area.
- NVS Director Mike Figlioli testified against Claim Sharks before the Maryland State Legislature at the Maryland State House.
- NVS hosted the annual Virtual Basic Accredited Representative Training Conference for 27 newly accredited VFW representatives who are now ready to help our veterans navigate the claims process.
- NVS hosted an accredited representative update call with more than 70 accredited representatives in attendance.
- VFW's Pre-Discharge representatives briefed transitioning service members across the country at military installations about VA benefits and how the VFW can assist them.
- NVS leadership participated in VA's VSO Partnership meeting and VBA's Education benefits briefing.
- NVS participated in VA's MST Letters and Character of Discharge feedback sessions.
- NVS submitted comments to the Federal Register on the VA Caregiver Program and Neurological Conditions rating schedule.
- NVS BDD leadership collaborated with VA OTED for issues, concerns and improvements to the VA VSO TAP briefings.
- NVS BDD leadership briefed Army, Navy and Air Force General Officers at their TAP courses concerning VA benefits and VFW assistance.
- NVS health leadership participated in a Military Coalition Health Care committee concerning VA benefits for veterans.
- NVS health team attended the quarterly VA Transportation and Travel program update.
- NVS health team participated in an update on military service-related environmental conditions affecting psychiatric disabilities.

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