

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 24-25-10

April 2025

1. The following important dates are hereby announced:
 - 6 April – District 8 Scholarship Banquet – 1400 hrs. – VFW 3332, Newton Falls
 - 10-13 April - Sr Vice & ADJ Training, National HQ, Kansas City, MO – R. Schafer
 - 12 April – District 5 Loyalty Day, 1300 hrs. – VFW 7371, Kipling
 - 12 April – District 1 Testimonial Dinner, 1730 hrs., VFW 7424, Wauseon
 - 13 April – District 5 Meeting & Elections, 1000 hrs., VFW 7371, Kipling
 - 27 April – District 10 Meeting & Elections, 1000 hrs. VFW 1067, Ashland
 - 27 April – District 12 Meeting & Election, 1200 hrs., VFW 4464, Gallipolis
2. ATTENTION ALL POST: The **Report of Election forms** to National Headquarters and Department Headquarters immediately following the election of post officers must be filled out online at www.vfw.org
3. We will **NO longer issue Post and District Election Warrants and Credentials.**
4. Requests for Ceremonial Rifles and blank ammunition should be sent to Dan West, Adjutant General, VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.
5. **126th National Convention, August 9 – August 13, 2025**, *Columbus, OH*. Information is posted on the VFW National & VFWOH.org website.
6. As the upcoming Memorial Day approaches it is appropriate that we direct as many VFW resources as possible to support our troops and their families. In the ongoing effort to provide as much assistance as possible to those serving in the military, we recommend that proceeds or portions from this year's annual poppy distribution be designated for the purpose of providing VFW support to our military, Via the VFW Department of Ohio Military Assistance Program (MAP). In keeping with the intent of Section 704 (A) (C) of the Manual of Procedure "Relief Fund", this year's poppy campaign can play a direct role in demonstrating to those who are charged with protecting and defending our way of life that we appreciate and value their sacrifice.
7. The National Headquarters Life Membership Board of Trustees have approved the following 2024-2025 Life Member Payout. The National Council of Administration concurred with the payout amounts at its March 3, 2024 meeting:
 - Plan ABC - A total payout of \$10.50 for each life member (\$3.50 to each Post, Department and National).
 - Plan D - A total payout of \$11.70 for each life member (\$3.90 to each Post, Department and National).
 - Plan E - A total payout of \$23.10 for each life member (\$7.70 to each Post, Department and National).

Note: At-Large Members are corresponding Plan pay out amount divided by two. For example, Plan ABC At-Large Payout is \$5.25.

As indicated in the By-Laws, payment will be made in September 2025 for all Life Members, recorded as of August 31, 2025. In addition, payment will be made in January 2026 for all Life Members processed during the period September 1 through December 31, 2025.

8. Post Quartermasters and Trustees are again reminded to use vfwohioaudits@gmail.com when forwarding Quarterly Trustee Reports of Audits via email.
9. The Department website continues to be up dated. Many of the forms required by the Post Commander and Post Quartermaster can be downloaded off the website. Go to www.vfwoh.org.
10. The total post membership to Department Headquarters on **March 31, 2025**, will be used to determine the number of delegates to which post is entitled at the **Department Convention**.
11. Announcement is made the 104th VFW Department Convention will be held June 5-8, 2025 at Kalahari. Rooms for Thursday are sold out, there are still some rooms available for Friday & Saturday. We are working with other local hotels in the area for availability. The Tentative Agenda is as follows:

Tentative Agenda
As of March 31, 2025
THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.	Veterans Service Committee Meeting	Mangrove Room
11:00 a.m.	Finance Meeting	Mangrove Room
2:00 p.m.	Charities Board of Director Meeting	Mangrove Room
4:00 p.m.	By-Laws Committee Meeting	Ebony Room
4:00 p.m.	Credentials Committee Meeting	Guava Room
4:00 p.m.	Resolutions Committee Meeting	Porta
4:00 p.m.	Time and Place Committee	Empress Room
4:30-5:30 p.m.	District Sr. Vice Meeting	Wisteria Room
4:30-5:30 p.m.	District Jr. Vice Meeting	Mangrove Room

FRIDAY JUNE 6, 2025

8:00-4:00 p.m.	Registration & Credentials	Hallway Ballroom A&B
8:00-4:00 p.m.	Vendors	Banyan, Crown Palm,
Ironwood		
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Past Dept. Commander (ONLY) Breakfast	Great Kazoo
9:00 -11:30 a.m.	Council of Administration/General Business Session	Ballroom A&B
11:30 -12:30 p.m.	Past Commander's Luncheon	Indigo Bay Room
12:45 - 2:00 p.m.	General Business	Ballroom A&B
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	VFWOC School of Instruction/ Administrative	Ballroom A&B
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Joint Memorial Service	Ballroom A&B

ALL HOSPITALITY ROOMS WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	VFW Riders Meeting	Ballroom A&B
6:15 - 8:15 p.m.	District Caucuses	Executive Center
	(1-Porta, 3-Wisteria, 5-Guava, 7-Tamarin, 9-Empress, 11-Ebony)	
8:15 -10:15 p.m.	District Caucuses	Executive Center
	(2-Porta, 4-Wisteria, 6-Guava, 8-Tamarin, 10-Empress, 12-Ebony)	

SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2025

8:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ironwood	Vendors	Banyan, Crown Palm,
8:00.-11:30 a.m.	Registration & Credentials	Hallway Ballroom A&B
8:00- 9:45 a.m.	All State Awards	Ballroom A&B
10:00 - 12:00 p.m.	VFWOC Training with Dan and Rick	Ballroom A&B
12:00-1:00 p.m.	LUNCH Recess	
1:00-4:00 p.m.	General Business Meeting	Ballroom A&B
	Scout of the year, Final Credentials Report	
	Nominations and Elections of Officers	
5:30 p.m.	Shuttles to Post 2529 every 20 Minutes	VFW Post 2529
6:00 -10:00 p.m.	Commander Pfeifer's Testimonial Dinner	VFW Post 2529
8:30 p.m.	Shuttles back to Kalahari every ½ hour	Kalahari
12:00 a.m.	District 9 Past District Commander POW/MIA Salute	Grand Hallway

SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025

10:30 a.m.	Installation of 2025-2026 Officers	Ballroom A&B
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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL BE THE 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS & DISTRICT COMMANDERS PHOTOS FOR OPERATIONS BOOK

12:00 p.m.	2025-2026 Reception for Commander (All are Welcome)	Ballroom A&B
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12. Posts are reminded to check on their good standing at least 30 days prior to attending Convention so that corrections or submissions of all required documents can be entered in time for eligibility to vote at the VFW Department Convention in June.
13. VFWOC has issued new guidance for reimbursement for Post Members attending the VFW Department of Ohio Kalahari Convention in June 2025. Members must attend the all VFWOC Classes of Instruction to be reimbursed for expenses during the Convention. Please contact VFWOC Office if you have any questions at 614-222-1611. Posts are authorized to reimburse members using General Funds

14. The following VFW Posts Charters have been revoked and are now defunct:

VFW Post 7200, West Farmington, OH

BY ORDER OF:
Kari E. Pfeifer
State Commander

OFFICIAL:

Richard T. Curry

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State Adjutant