

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 24-25-11

May 2025

1. Announcement is made the Department Convention will be held June 5th -June 8th at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky, Ohio.
2. **The June Convention Tentative Agenda is as follows:**

As of May 1, 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
4:30-5:30 p.m.	District Commander Meeting	Room 2435
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Advanced Registration Pick Up	Ballroom A&B Hallway

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	Cinco's
9:30 -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

7:00 – Until Gone	Complimentary Breakfast (Provided by VFW Department of Ohio)	Hallway by Meeting Rooms
8:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Vendors	Banyan, Crown Palm, Ironwood
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	
5:00 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 our Welcome)	Ballroom A&B
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3. Post, districts should be planning Memorial Day observations. Officers should see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and U.S. flags are placed on the graves of deceased veterans.
4. Per Section 213 of the National Bylaws, Posts that have not submitted a properly completed Post Election Report by June 1 are in arrears and shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such a representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustments of such deficiencies. Posts that have registered delegates for the Department will not receive credentials until the Post has satisfied their arrearage.
5. Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "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." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears
6. Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers for the current year. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. The installation officer shall ascertain that a Post-Election Report must be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the installation. Attention is directed to see that the proper amount of dues the Post charges are reported to National Headquarters. If a post decides to keep current officers, department recommends they do so for the complete year.
7. Attention from incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which outlines those duties of various Post Officers.
8. **Post/District Service Officer: MOP (Manual of Procedures) Section 218, (12) Service Officers:** The work of a Service Officer shall be performed in accordance with the instructions contained in the VFW Guide for Service Officers under the general supervision of the Department Service Officer.
9. District Elected Officers are reminded that a copy of their DD214 or other proof of eligibility must be forwarded to the VFW Department of Ohio Quartermaster/Adjutant no later than 30 days after they were elected. You may send a copy to VFW Dept Headquarters 35 E Chestnut St., Ste 506, Columbus, Ohio 43215, email to rick.ohvfwqm@gmail.com, or fax 614-224-3861.

10. May Important Dates:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
27 10a District 10 Meeting 12p District 12 Meeting Ti	28	29	30 12a All State Deadline	1	2	3 12a VFW Day Of Service 1p Loyalty Day Celebratic 5p District 5 Testimonial L 5p District 8 Testimonial L	
4 9:30a District 1 Meeting 10a District 2 Meeting 10a District 3 Meeting 10a District 9 Meeting Dis	5	6	7	8	9	10 2p District 5 Family Fun L 5p District 10 Testimonial	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 6p District 6 Steak Fry 6p VFW Post 7262 & Dist	
18 10a District 11 Meeting 10a District 6 Meeting 10a District 7 Meeting 10a District 8 Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

- ALL Posts are reminded do not report any activities in the month of May. HOLD all reports until June 1st on vfwoh.org.
- 126th National Convention, August 9 – August 13, 2025, Columbus, OH. Information is posted on the VFW National website.
- Posts are again reminded to check on their good standing at least 30 days prior to attending the 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.**
- Post Quartermasters and Trustees are again reminded to use vfwohioaudits@gmail.com when forwarding Quarterly Trustee Reports of Audits via email.

15. The total post membership to Department Headquarters on March 31, 2025, will be used to determine the number of delegates to which posts are entitled at the **Department Convention**.

BY ORDER OF:
Kari E. Pfeifer
State Commander

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Richard T. Curry

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