VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF OHIO



KARI PFEIFER COMMANDER Belief in Our Service 2024-2025 OPERATING PLAN

Alfred J. "Al" Lipphardt
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Believe in What You Do Do What You Believe In

COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE

Congratulations on being nominated and elected as Commanders. It is a great honor to lead this organization at all levels. Much of the success of your Post and District will depend on you. Comrades will look to you for your guidance and leadership. You have accepted this position and must perform your duties to the best of your ability. Learn and enforce the By-Laws and Ritual. If we all follow the By-Laws we will not only improve our organization but will have a successful year. Use the chain of command; we must do our best to fix problems at the lowest level. Do not be afraid to ask for help. Set goals for yourself and do your best to complete them. Meetings must be productive, meaningful and conduct training as needed at all levels. Get your team of Officers and Chairman involved to do the work. Without communication and team work success will be highly unlikely. Get out in your communities working activities and our programs. Again, you must work as a team. Plan ahead for the future and strive to leave your Post and District in better shape than it was when you became Commander.

MISSION

The Mission of the VFW is foster camaraderie among United States Veterans of Overseas Conflicts. To serve our Veteran's and Families, the Military and our Communities. To advocate on behalf of all Veterans and to foster true Patriotism.

MEMBERSHIP

We cannot perform our mission without members. We lose members three ways: 1. Attrition 2. Removal 3. Lack of Retention. Retention is our Biggest Looser. The 3 R's in membership is RECRUIT new members, RETAIN the members we have and REINSTATE/RECOVER the ones you have lost. Call them and find out why and fix the problem.

Membership effects the Post, District and Department both financially and by delegate strength at Conventions. Each Post has to ensure eligibility of each member and be voted in at Post meetings. Again, follow the By-Law, Membership and Communication is the Key to our success.

It is very rewarding this year to see the younger Veterans in many Leadership positions throughout our State. Hopefully this will encourage the younger ones out there to join. This is why we need to be seen doing our work in our communities and letting the public know what we do.

V.F.W. Department Officers



KARI PFEIFER Commander



MIKE MILAM Sr. Vice Commander



Ray Schafer Jr. Vice Commander



RICHARD CURRY ADJUTANT/QM



TERRY FRASHER CHAPLAIN



JOSE TORRES JUDGE ADVOCATE



TIM ZVONCHECK SURGEON



STEVEN DUNCAN INSPECTOR

DISTRICT COMMANDERS



CLINT SHORT District 1



ROB WISS District 2



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JAY SCHNARRENBERG District 4



ROY CAMPBELL District 5



STEVEN RICHARDS DAVID MANSOUR District 6



District 7



EDWARD WITTENAUER District 8



ORVILLE PLATTE District 9



MIKE NYE District 10



District 11



BRIAN JOHNSON District 12

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of the year, Scouting)

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PLANNING SCHEDULE 2024-2024

SCHEDULE YOUR POST AND DISTRICT FUNCTIONS AROUND THESE DATES

June 5-9, 2024 State Convention/Installation (Sandusky)

July 11-14, 2024 Department C of A (Westerville)

July 27 – Aug 1, 2024 National Convention (Louisville, Kentucky)

August 3, 2024 POST OFFICER TRAINING (Whitehall)

August 9-10, 2024 Ohio Day VFW National Home (Michigan)

August 17, 2024 POST OFFICER TRAINING (Clyde)

Sept. 21, 2024 POST OFFICER TRAINING (Mogadore)

Sept. 28, 2024 VFW FOUNDERS DAY (Columbus)

Oct. 5, 2024 POST OFFICER TRAINING (Greenville)

Oct. 18-20, 2024 Big 10 Conference (Indiana)

Oct. 26, 2024 POST OFFICER TRAINING (Cambridge)

Nov. 29- Dec 1, 2024 Commander Pfeifer Round Table Tour

Dec. 7, 2024 District 9 OVH Christmas (Sandusky)

Dec. 14, 2024 Georgetown Veterans Home Christmas

Jan. 9-12, 2025 Mid-Winter Conference (Columbus)

March 1-3, 2025 Voice of Democracy (Washington DC)

March 3-7, 2025 Legislative Conference (Washington DC)

April 30, 2025 ALL STATE DEADLINE

June 5-8, 2025 State Convention/Installation (Sandusky)

August 8-14, 2025 National Convention (Columbus, Ohio)

PER DEPARTMENT POLICY, DISTRICTS OR POSTS CANNOT SCHEDULE EVENTS ON SAME DAY AS DEPARTMENT SCHEDULED EVENTS!!!!

DATES WILL BE UPDATED ON THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO WEBSITE WWW.VFWOH.ORG

MISSION

DEFINED BY ARTICLE 1, VFW NAT'L BY-LAWS

FEEDBACK FROM REPORTS

- HOW WE SUPPORT THE VFW MISSION
- IRS REPORTING REQUIREMENT
- COMPLY WITH

2024-2025 PROGRAM CYCLE

PROGRAM

- MAJOR AREA OF EFFORT
- HOW WE
 EXECUTE OUR
 MISSION, I.E,
 CORE
 PROGRAMS

REPORT

SUBMITTED: 1 Large bags (100 pins)..... \$150.

Jumbo bags (200 pins)..... \$300.

- ED
- SUBMITTED ON-LINE VIA DEPT. WEB PAGE

ACTIVITY

- SPECIFIC ACTION OR DEED
- SUPPORTS ONE OR MORE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

ALL-STATE PROGRAM "POST"

State Commander, Kari Pfeifer, along with her leadership team worked together to develop and implement a balanced All-State Program that supports the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and facilitates <u>on-line</u> reporting via the Department of Ohio webpage (<u>www.vfwoh.org</u>). The ALL-STATE program will consist of three main categories: **GOOD STANDING, MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMS**.

Post must be in good standing to receive All State status.

GOOD STANDING

Dates tracked by: Post Mark Date, E-mail transmit date, or fax transmit date. Unless otherwise stated by a specific Activity date, all below Activities must be accomplished No-Later-Than 30 April 2025.

- a. <u>AUDITS:</u> Quarterly audits submitted to Department, no later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period. Receipt cutoff dates: <u>July 30, 2024, Oct. 30, 2024, Jan. 30, 2025, and April 30, 2025.</u>
 Email address for audits: vfwohioaudits@gmail.com
- b. <u>INSURANCE:</u> Proper documentation (<u>CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY naming</u> the VFW National, and the <u>Department of Ohio as additional insured</u>) submitted to Department to ensure policies are up to date, to include Liquor Liability insurance if applicable. Required yearly on file in the department office.
- c. <u>DISTRICT MEETINGS</u>: Attend District <u>Council of Administration</u> and <u>all regular</u> District meetings, minimum of <u>Post Commander or his/her Representative</u>, (delegate) must attend. Post Officers are encouraged to attend!
- d. **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**: Proper documentation submitted to department to ensure current incorporation in the State of Ohio.
- e. **BONDED:** Appropriated Post officers/members bonded for the proper amount and copy sent to headquarters yearly.
- f. **ELECTION REPORTS**: must be into Department and National by June 1st.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>

Department Office of Primary Responsibility is the <u>Dept. Membership Director</u>: Final data will be taken from National VFW MEMSTATS at the close of the day **Wednesday**, **April 30**, **2025**. NOTE: <u>All-American</u> Post Membership cutoff is **June 30**, **2025**.

100%+2 Membership on April 30, 2025, or June 30, 2025

Commanders meeting all <u>programs</u>, <u>membership</u>, <u>and Good Standing</u> requirements on April 30, 2025 will receive All State recognition at the **State Convention**.

Commanders meeting all <u>program, membership, and Good Standing</u> requirements on April 30, 2025, and membership requirements on June 30, 2025 (also membership cutoff date for All American) will receive All State recognition at their **next scheduled District Meeting.**

PROGRAMS GENERAL

All Core and Secondary Program activities must be accomplished No-Later-Than 30 April 2025.

- 1. On-line reporting via the Department web-page, www.vfwoh.org, will consist of one main template with options for Program selection, major reporting activity per program, examples of other activities per program, and accounting fields for number of people attending, hours, travel, activity description, etc. Once a number is entered the Program reporting tool will "do the math!" Calculation factors for 2024-2025 are: Attendee Hourly rate is \$24.69, Mileage rate is \$0.14 per mile, Pint of blood is \$130, Wheel Chair daily loan rate is \$.50, Walker daily loan rate is \$.25. NOTE: These calculation factors were coordinated with VFW National HQ.
- 2. The <u>"Activity"</u> is <u>"the unit of measure"</u> for All-State requirements (1 Activity= 1 Report). Reports will be credited No-Later-Than the last day of the reporting period. Reporting Periods are:

Period #1: NOTE: This period covers transition to include online reporting, Department leadership, Program Chairmen, and allows time for Districts to hold their C of A to brief new Program Requirements! Commanders at all levels should use this time wisely!

Period #1 1 May to 31 Aug. On-line reporting only!

Period #2: 1 Sep. to 31 Dec. On-line reporting only!

Period #3: 1 Jan to 30 April On-line reporting only!

CORE PROGRAMS

- -THREE (3) CORE PROGRAMS
- FOUR (4) ACTIVITIES EACH PROGRAM PER REPORTING PERIOD
- THREE (3) REPORTING PERIODS

(12 Reports Total each X 3 Periods= 36 TOTAL REPORTS)

EACH CORE PROGRAM BELOW HAS LISTED "RECOMMENDED ACTIVITY OPTIONS!" THESE OPTIONS ARE "NOT" ALL INCLUSIVE AND ARE "NOT" ALL RQUIRED! THEY ARE ACTIVITIES THE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO EMPHASIZE AND ARE PRE-LOADED ON THE DEPARTMENT ON-LINE REPORTING TOOL.

- 1. **Community Service/Americanism**(Activity or Donation). Major reporting activities:
 - a. Teacher of the Year: Participate in the Program and advance at least one entry to the District. Post Entries are due to the VFW Post/Auxiliary by October 31st, 2024. Completion of the Post/ Auxiliary judging by November 22, 2024. Completion of District Judging by December 9th, 2024. <u>District winning entry to the</u> <u>Department Chairman, Comrade Tim Zvoncheck, 12440 Steeplechase Ln.</u> <u>Strongsville, OH 44149.</u>
 - b. Ohio Founder's Day Program: Attend event in Columbus at the Green Lawn Cemetery, and/or the Luncheon. *Requirement All-State*.
 - c. Submit an entry for the VFW Member of the Year the James Romanis Award. Post entries due to District by August 5, 2024, District Judging to be completed by August 25, 2024. <u>District winning Entry to Department Chairman Tracey Lynch, 14170 Painesville Warren Rd, Painesville, Ohio 44077 by September 1,2024.</u>
 - d. Participate in LE/Firefighter/EMT/Dispatcher of the Year Program and advance winning entry to District (Individual or Group/Team) Post Entries are due to the VFW Post/Auxiliary by October 3I, 2024. Completion of the Post/ Auxiliary judging by November 22, 2024. Completion of District Judging by December 9th, 2024. <u>District winning entry to the Department Chairman, Comrade</u> <u>Jim Riley, 15801 Edgecliff Ave. Cleveland, OH 44111,</u>
 - e. Complete a Fundraiser for the local First Responders. Send report to Department HQs stating what was done and amount of funds raised.
 - f. Support community patriotic event/forum, or Purchase Poppies, min. 500. *Requirement for All-State.*

- g. Participation in the National VFW Day of Service in May. Refer to National Commander in Chiefs program book.
- 2. Ohio Veterans and Military Service (Activity or Donation). Major reporting activities:
 - a. Donation to Ohio Military Assistance (Ohio MAP)
 - b. Donation to National Unmet Needs, minimum of \$125.00. <u>Submit to</u>

 <u>National VFW through www.vfw.org reporting process. Post and District</u>

 <u>Adjutant must approve this onwebsite.</u>
 - c. Donation to Ohio Veterans Service Officers Fund
 - d. Attend Ohio Day at the VFW National Home, or donate
 - e. Purchase one (1) bag of Veterans Pins.
 - f. Adopt A Unit
 - g. Support Family Readiness Group
- 3. Veteran Health and Welfare (Activity or Donation). Recommended options:
 - a. Hospital (includes loan of a Wheel Chair or a Walker)
 - b. Support a VA Medical Center
 - c. Homeless
 - d. Donation to the Combs, Comedy, Bentfeld Hospice/Cancer Fund
 - e. Donation to the Dept. of Ohio VA Voluntary Services Fund. **Donation must** be received by November 1,2024.
 - f. Drug, Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome, and Suicide Prevention
 - g. Flowers
 - h. Grave side and funeral home services
 - i. Hospital visits
 - j. Donation to veterans and groups
 - k. Color Guard

SECONDARY PROGRAMS

SECONDARY PROGRAMS ARE INDENTICAL TO "CORE PROGRAMS, "EXCEPT THEY ONLY REQUIRE TWO (2) REPORTS PER PROGRAM FOR REPORTING PERIOD.

(6 Reports each period X3 Periods = 18 TOTAL REPORTS)

- 1. Leaislative (Activity): Recommended options:
 - a. Respond to VFW Action Corps Alert
 - b. Direct Communication with Local, National, or State Legislator(s)/staff
 - c. Participate in a Local, State, or National Forum on Veteran Issues
 - d. Conduct a get out the vote campaign
 - e. Hold "Meet the Candidate" night at Post
- 2. Youth activities (Activity or Donation): Recommended options:
 - a. Voice of Democracy: Participate in the Program and advance at least one entry to District OR make-a-donation to the Department Schell Fruttoso fund. 2024-2025 Theme: "Is America Today Our Forefathers Vision". Post Entries are due to the VFW Post/Auxiliary by October 31, 2024. Completion of the Post/Auxiliary judging by November 22, 2024. Completion of District Judging by December 9th, 2024. <u>District winning entry to the Department Chairman, Gerald Constable, 6907 Pegram Way, Dayton, OH 45424</u>. Submission to District OR Donation to Schell/Fruttoso Scholarship Program by October31, 2024. *All-State Requirement*.
 - b. Patriot Pen: Participate in the Program and advance at least one entry to District OR make-a-donation to the Department Patriots Pen fund. 2024-2025 Theme: "My Voice in America's Democracy" Post Entries are due to the VFW Post/Auxiliary by October 31, 2024. Completion of the Post/ Auxiliary judging by November 22, 2024. Completion of District Judging by December 9th, 2024. District winning entry to the Department Chairman, Andrew Leidigh 6115 Cinnamon Dr. E. West Salem, OH 44287. Submission to District OR Donation to Youth Essay Scholarship Program by October 31, 2024. All-State Requirement.
 - c. Scout of the year: Participate in the Program and advance all eligible entries to Youth Activities Chairman Post Deadline is March 1, 2025. District deadline the Districts is April 1, 2025. Deadline to the Department April 12, 2025. District entries need to be submitted to <u>Department Chairman</u>, <u>Andrew Leidigh 6115</u> Cinnamon Dr. E. West Salem, OH 44287.

- d. Donation to the Schell/Fruttoso Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen Youth Essay Scholarship Fund. Send the Donation to Department of OH and fill out the memo line with the appropriate program name.
- 3. **Prisoner of War/Missing in Action** (Activity or Donation): Recommended options:
 - a. Attend a **POW/MIA** Vigil/Memorial Service
 - b. Sponsor a **POW/MIA** Vigil/Memorial Service
 - c. Donate a POW/MIA Flag
 - d. Display a **POW/MIA** Flag (at Post, Parade, etc.)
 - e. Monetary Donation/Flag to a POW/MIA support organization, e.g., Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). Make checks payable to: Department of Defense, Defense POW/MIA accounting Agency.
 - f. Attend a funeral for a Missing in action/POW Comrade.

Mail to:
Director
Defense POW/MIA Accounting
Agency 2300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2300

DONATIONS AND REPORTS

Donations to **National** Programs MUST be completed through the online submission process through www.vfw.org.

Donations for <u>Department "All State"</u> Programs should be mailed to the VFW Dept. of Ohio in Columbus. Along with the Donation enter a report on the Department's On-Line Reporting Tool!

- VFW Department of Ohio, 35 E. Chestnut St., Suite 506, Columbus, OH 43215

<u>Please make sure to make your donation check out to, VFW Department of Ohio and to write the program name on the memo line of the check(s).</u>

If at any time during the year you have questions or concerns about requirements or reports, contact the District Chairman before contacting any officer or chairman of the Department.

OHIO'S TEAM OF ALL-STATE POST COMMANDER RECOGNITION

The commander of a Post that meets all requirements for All-State on or before April 30, 2025, or June 30, 2025 will have earned the title of **"All-State Post Commander"** and will be a member of the 2024-2025 Ohio All-State Post Commanders Team

Commanders meeting all requirements for membership and programs on April 30, 2025 will receive the All-State rewards at the Department Convention in June.

Commanders meeting all program requirements on April 30, 2025 and meeting all membership requirements on June 30, 2025 also membership cutoff date for All American) will receive the All-State rewards at their next scheduled District meeting.

Each All-State Post Commander will receive the following:

- a. For <u>first-time</u> Ohio All-State Post Commanders an official All-State Post Commander cap. For second (or more) time Ohio All-State Post Commanders fifty dollars (\$50) gift card.
- b. An All-State Commander lapelpin.
- c. Fifty dollars (\$50) gift cards to help defray the expense of attending the Department Convention. <u>Post Commander must be present at the convention to receive this award.</u>
- d. A Department of Ohio Citation in recognition of being a member of the All-State Team.
- e. The Post Commander with the most outstanding record will be selected as the Captain of the 2024-2025 Ohio All-State Post Commanders Team. The Captain of the All-State Team will receive a plaque from the Department of Ohio in recognition for being selected as Captain of the Team and in addition, will receive a one hundred dollars (\$100) gift card.

OHIO'S TEAM OF ALL-STATE POST MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN RECOGNITION

Each All-State Post Membership Chairman will receive:

- a. For <u>first time</u> Ohio All-State Membership will receive an official All-State Post Membership Chairman cap.
- b. For second (or more) time Ohio All-State Membership Chairman fifty dollars (\$50) gift card.
 - Fifty dollars (\$50) gift card to help defray the expenses of attending the Department Convention. Post Membership Chairman must be present

POST COMMANDER AND DISTRICT COMMANDER INCENTIVE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

- a. A \$250.00 gift card will be awarded to the **Post Commander and District Commander** having the **greatest total of new members** by **May 1, 2025.**
- A\$ 250.00 gift card will be awarded to the Post Commander and District
 Commander having the greatest percentage of reinstated members by May 1, 2025.
- c. A \$250.00 gift card will be awarded to the **Post Commander and District Commander** having the **greatest numerical gain in life and reinstated members**by **May 1, 2025.**

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS' AWARDS

- a. A plaque, which will be retained by the post permanently, will be awarded to the post having the greatest total of new members by May 1, 2025.
- b. A plaque, which will be retained by the post permanently, will be awarded to the post having the greatest percentage of new members by May 1,2025.
- c. A plaque, which will be retained by the post permanently, will be awarded to the post having the greatest numerical gain in life members by **May 1, 2025.**

ALL-STATE PROGRAM "DISTRICT"

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Final data will be taken from National VFW web site

Mem-Stats end of the day Wednesday, April 30, 2025

District must have 100% +2 membership

Commander meeting all programs and membership requirements on April 30, 2025 will receive All-State recognition at the **State Convention**.

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DISTRICT DUTIES

- a. District must have all quarterly audits sent to **<u>Department Office</u>** within end of month **<u>following the district meeting</u>**:
- b. District must have all monies owed to the Department paid in full.
- c. District <u>must</u> have all officers accountable for District funds bonded for the proper amount.
- d. District **must** be incorporated.
- e. Commander (or Sr. Vice or Jr. Vice in his absence) <u>must</u> attend Department Convention, Council of Administration Meeting, Midwinter Conference, Founder's Day, and Ohio Day at National Home.
- f. District <u>must</u> have all inspections (Posts and own District) accomplished <u>No-Later-Than 6 Jan 2025.</u>

PROGRAMS

Requirements listed in all five (5) to be accomplished at any time between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025. NOTE: Activities directly supporting All American criteria are marked with

- a. District <u>must</u> advance one (1) Voice of Democracy entry from District to Department.
- b. District <u>must</u> advance one (1) Patriot's Pen entry from District to Department.

- c. District <u>must</u>: report at least one activity related to "Veterans Health and Welfare Program".
- d. District <u>must:</u> make-a-donation to at least two of the following Department Program Funds
- e. Ohio Military Assistance Fund
- f. Ohio VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) Fund
- g. Shell/Fruttosso or Youth Essay Scholarship Funds

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Commanders meeting all program requirements on or before April 30, 2025 and meeting all membership requirements 100%+2 on or before June 30, 2025 will receive the All- State rewards at their next scheduled District meeting.

Each All-State District Commander will receive the following:

- a. For <u>first time</u> Ohio All-State District Commanders will receive an All-State District Commanders cap.
- b. For <u>second</u> (or more) time Ohio All-State District Commanders fifty dollars (\$50) gift card.
- c. A Department of Ohio citation in recognition of being a member of the All-State Team.
- d. Fifty dollars (\$50) gift card to help defray the expense of attending the Department Convention. District Commander must be present at the convention to receive this award.

The District Commander with the most outstanding record will be selected as the Captain of the 2024-2025 Ohio All-State District Commanders Team. The Captain of the All-State Team will receive a plaque from the Department of Ohio in recognition for being selected as Captain of the Team and in addition, will receive a one hundred dollars (\$100) gift card.

OHIO'S TEAM OF ALL-STATE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN RECOGNITION

Each All-State District Membership Chairman will receive:

- a. For the <u>first time</u> Ohio All-State Membership Chairman will receive an official All-State District Membership Chairman cap.
- b. For the <u>second</u> (or more) times Ohio All-State Membership Chairman fifty dollars (\$50) gift card.
- c. Fifty dollars (\$50) gift card to help defray the expenses of attending the Department Convention. District Membership Chairman must be present at the convention to receive this award.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT HO

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35 EAST CHESTNUT STREET

SUITE 506

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

PHONE: 614-224-1838

FAX: 614-224-3861

VFW WEBSITE: vfwoh.org

User ID# membership card number
Password: Last Name (not case sensitive)