

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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GREGORY HARRELL, COMMANDER

2025 – 2026

**WHAT POST OR DISTRICT WILL BE FIRST AT 101%
IN MEMBERSHIP**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

AS AN OFFICER IN THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
REMEMBER THE OATH YOU TOOK AS AN OFFICER.

YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO UPHOLD A STANDARD.

IF YOU IGNORE A FAILURE TO MEET THE STANDARD,
YOU HAVE JUST SET A NEW STANDARD.

DON'T BE THAT OFFICER!



FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

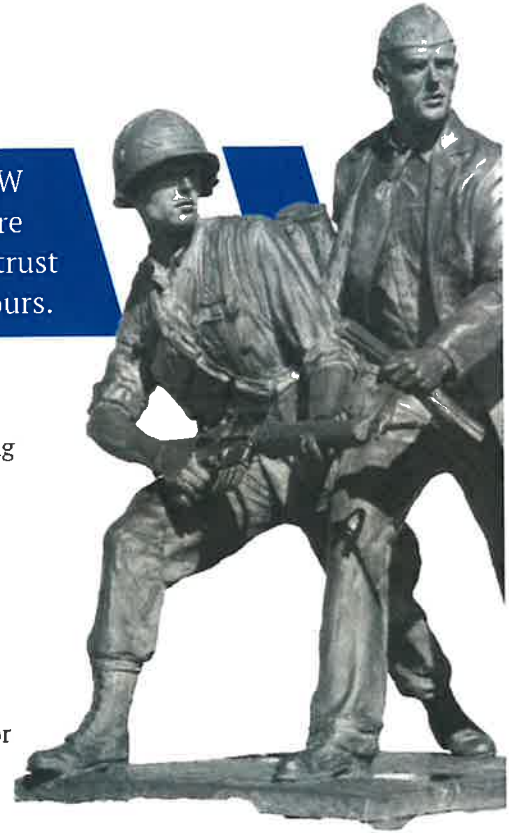
THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Educate separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Accredited Service Officer.

Advocate for America's veterans and their families on Capitol Hill, ensuring *promises made* to veterans are *promises kept*.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



2,162

Number of VFW Accredited Service Officers across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

308,045

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events.

\$14.6 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits in fiscal year 2024.

\$1.54 million

Amount of academic scholarships awarded to 337 veterans and service members.

15

Number of times the VFW testified to Congress in fiscal year 2024. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$2.9 million+

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$150,352

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 26% of the funds covered basic housing needs in fiscal year 2024.



JOIN THE VFW

Connect With Us



All figures are based on fiscal year 2024 totals unless otherwise stated.

Updated December 2024

Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org).



MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW

About the VFW

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Our Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.



The VFW by the numbers

1.4 million+

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,500+

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



1899

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Helping struggling military families

48

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through **VFW Unmet Needs**.

\$39,737

Amount of grants provided through **VFW Unmet Needs** covering housing for struggling military families.

24

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs.



Cutting red tape

146,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2024.

14,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2024 resulting in more than \$110 million in disability compensation.

20+

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

26,431

Number of high school students who competed in the 2023-24 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

68,439

Number of students who competed in the 2023-24 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.



Improving life in America

5.9 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$50.8 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

The VFW Relies on Donations

The VFW is a 501(c), and programs are made possible through membership dues and tax-deductible donations from good-hearted Americans.

Cost of VFW Program Services:
\$58.9 Million



Source: VFW 2024 Annual Report

Updated December 2024



SUPPORT THE VFW

Learn more about the VFW at [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org).



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date _____

Name (First MI Last) _____

EMAIL _____

Address (Street) _____

Apt. / Lot # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

MALE

FEMALE

DECLINE

Dates Of Service (mm/yyyy) to (mm/yyyy)

Location of Foreign Service _____

Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Phone _____

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE

BRANCH OF SERVICE

ARMY NAVY

AIR FORCE MARINES

COAST GUARD SPACE FORCE

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II

OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE

KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)

KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)

VIETNAM SERVICE

DESERT SHIELD/STORM

BOSNIA/KOSOVO

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM/EXPEDITIONARY

AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)

IRAQ (2003 - 2011)

SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA

EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY

Location _____

Dates _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

ANNUAL MEMBER (1 Year)

ANNUAL MEMBER (2 Years)

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____.

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____.

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

By entering into the installment plan, I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00. Information about scheduling payments can be found by calling the VFW Member Service Center at 1-833-VFW-VETS. Automatic Payment Plan and installment options require credit/debit card for processing. By signing this application you acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the Automatic Payment Plan and installment options, if selected.

Credit Card # _____

(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Signature _____

NEW

Post # _____

FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____

State _____

to Post # _____

RECRUITER

(Please print)

ID# _____

QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31*	One-Time Payment	\$45 - 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Contact VFW Member Services at 1-833-VFW-VETS (1-833-839-8387) or write VFW Member Services, 406 W. 34th St., Suite 316, Kansas City, MO 64111 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts, or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file, explain why the payment could not be processed, and provide alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW life membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a life membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an annual membership card at the time of enrollment. A permanent life membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The life membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted. Delinquencies of 31-120 days can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward. Member will be dropped from the installment plan after 120 days delinquent and all monthly payments made to date will be applied to future years annual dues.

VFW POST MEMBER TRANSFER DECLARATION (used for transfers in accordance with Sec. 107 of the Manual of Procedure): I hereby certify by signature on this application that it is my desire to transfer my membership as indicated above. I further certify that I am not indebted to my former Post, be it through oral or written commitment or otherwise, and that to the best of my knowledge no written charges have been preferred against me by my former Post, and I understand that any such indebtedness or charge which may be disclosed at any time hereafter will render this transfer null and void.

FATTEST that I am a veteran of, or am currently serving in, the U.S. Armed Forces, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions, I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; (3) I have received Imminent Danger or Hostile Fire Pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

Applicant's Signature & Date _____

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

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July 23, 2025

Gregory J. Harrell, Commander
Department of Arizona, VFW
6423 S Ash Ave
Tempe, AZ 85283

Re: Proposed Amended Bylaws

Dear Comrade Harrell:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed revised Bylaws for the Department of Arizona, VFW, submitted for review of the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Section 502 of the Manual of Procedure.

These documents have been designated amended Bylaws to reflect their replacement of previously reviewed Bylaws.

A review of the proposed amended Bylaws discloses that they are in compliance with the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual, and laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

A copy of the reviewed amended Bylaws has been retained for our files, another forwarded to your Department Headquarters, and two sets herewith returned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Q. S. Carroll'.

Quentin S. Carroll, Director
Administrative Operations

QSC: sb
Enc: Revised Bylaws (2)
cc: Department Adjutant (1)

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June 10, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

Proposed changes to our Department Bylaws.

Affected pages are page 5 and 9.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 6, Page 5

Realignment of Post 12210's Geographical location, to DISTRICT NO. 3
From DISTRICT NO. 4

Remove Post 12031 from DISTRICT NO. 4 (this Post's Charter has been Revoked).

Page 9, Change the Convention Dates from May30-June 2, 2024 To June 5-8, 2025.

Change The Department Commander's Name, from Jim McCormick To Gregory Harrell.

These Bylaws changes were voted on and passed at the 105th Department of Arizona Convention on June 6, 2025.

Gregory Harrell, Commander
Department of Arizona
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Lewis Wood,
Adjutant

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED
STATES PROPOSED BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND JURISDICTION

- SECTION 1. NAME: This subdivision of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be known as the Department of Arizona, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, herein after, referred to as "DEPARTMENT".
- SECTION 2. TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION: The territorial jurisdiction of this Department shall conform to the territorial limits of the State of Arizona.

ARTICLE II
SUBORDINATION AND GOVERNING BODY

- SECTION 1. The Supreme Power of the Department is vested in the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and this Department shall at all times be governed by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws adopted by said Council of Administration and orders of the Commander-in-Chief.
- SECTION 2. Subject to the provisions of the National Congressional Charter and Bylaws, the Government of this Department shall be vested in the Department Convention, Department Council of Administration and lawful orders of the Department Commander.
- SECTION 3. VACANCIES: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Commander or Commander-elect, the Senior Vice Commander or Senior Vice Commander-elect may at once, and without further formality, succeed to the title and duties of such office and the Junior Vice Commander or the Junior Vice Commander-elect may at once, and without further formality, succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice Commander. Likewise, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Senior Vice Commander or the Senior Vice Commander-elect, the Junior Vice Commander or the Junior Vice Commander-elect may at once, and without further formality, succeed the title and duties of said office.

All other vacancies occurring in the elected offices, including the office of Junior Vice Commander of the Department shall be filled by the Council of Administration in accordance with Section 520 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

- SECTION 4. The elected officers of the Department shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Surgeon.

The appointed officers shall be an Adjutant.
Service Officer, Chief of Staff, Officer of the Day and Inspector.

ARTICLE III OBJECTS

SECTION 1. The objects of this Department shall be those set forth in the National Congressional Charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ARTICLE IV DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

SECTION 1. The Headquarters of this Department shall be located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

SECTION 2. All orders emanating from Department Headquarters shall be in written or printed form and may be disseminated by facsimile or other electronic means.

ARTICLE V COMPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

SECTION 1. The Department Convention shall consist of:

1. The Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief who are members in good standing in a Post within the Department.
2. The National Council Member, the Department Commander, all Past Department Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post within the Department; all elected officers of the Department. Chief of Staff, Inspector, and the Adjutant.
3. All District Commanders throughout the Department. In the absence of the District Commander, the District Senior Vice Commander, or, in the Senior Vice Commander's absence, the District Junior Vice Commander may be registered and function as a member of the Convention.
4. All Post Commanders throughout the Department. In the absence of the Post Commander, the Post Senior Vice Commander, or, in the Senior Vice Commander's absence, the Post Junior Vice Commander may be registered and function as a member of the Convention.
5. Delegates to be elected by the Posts.

SECTION 2. The delegate and alternate strength shall be one for each thirty (30) or fraction of members in good standing, as of March 31st. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure.

SECTION 3. A delegate registration fee of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) shall be paid by each Post for every delegate to which it is entitled, said dues to be in the hands of the Department Quartermaster not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of the annual Convention.

SECTION 4. Voting on all elected officers shall be by Roll Call Vote and should only one candidate be nominated for any elected office, the presiding officer shall be empowered to instruct the Department Adjutant to cast one vote for the nominee who shall be declared elected.

SECTION 5. SELECTION OF CONVENTION SITE.

- A. Site selection for the Annual Department Convention shall be invested in a Convention Committee composed of four (4) members to be elected for terms of one (1), two (2), three (3), and four (4) years, and thereafter one (1) shall be elected each year for a term of four (4) years, and one voting member to be appointed by the State Commander each year. The Adjutant and Quartermaster shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and serve as its Secretary and Treasurer. The Convention Committee shall seek out and evaluate various potential sites for the State Convention to assure that site selection can occur three (3) years in advance of the convention. The Convention Committee will make recommendations to the Annual Convention for decision by the delegates assembled.
- B. Duties, funding and responsibilities of this committee shall be governed by Committee Bylaws approved by the State Convention.
- C. Vacancies on the committee occurring between Conventions shall be filled in the following manner; if the vacancy occurs in any level of the Committee each member shall ascend to the next highest level. The office of four (4) year will then be filled by Department Council action, unless they choose to pass this duty on to the Department Convention body.
- D. If no acceptable bid is received prior to convening of the State Convention; or if a previously approved Convention Site cannot meet its commitments, then the Department Council of Administration shall have the authority to select or change the site for the Department Convention.
- E. Additionally the Committee will seek and secure bids for the Fall and Winter Conferences.

SECTION 6. The minutes of the Department Convention shall be recorded and a digest thereof furnished to all Department Officers and Post Commanders not more than sixty (60) days after adjournment of the Convention.

ARTICLE VI RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1. All resolutions from Posts and Districts for Convention consideration shall be typewritten in triplicate, and shall be in the hands of the Department Adjutant at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Convention, so that an appropriate copy for the study thereof may be forwarded at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention convening to the Department Commander, Committee Chairman concerned and the Post Commanders.

SECTION 2. No resolution, other than those by condolence and appreciation, shall be considered by the convention unless the provisions of section 1 of this Article have been complied with, except by a two thirds (2/3) vote of registered delegates.

SECTION 3. All resolutions passed at the Department Convention shall have continuing force and effect unless rescinded, repealed or amended by a succeeding Department Convention.

SECTION 4. All resolutions or action of any Department Convention affecting the continuing policy, operations or finances of this Department, shall be listed by subject in a separate file to be maintained by the Department Adjutant at Department Headquarters, which shall be available to the Department Officers and Council of Administration at all times.

ARTICLE VII COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. The composition of the Department Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Inspector, Chief of Staff, immediate Past Department Commander and the District Commanders. In the absence of the District Commander the District Senior Vice Commander, and in the absence of the District Senior Vice Commander the District Junior Vice Commander may function as a member of the Council of Administration.

SECTION 2. The Council of Administration shall meet at least three (3) times annually at such time and place as the Department Commander shall designate. If the situation should occur where the Department Commander is unable to designate the time and place of the next Council of Administration meeting, the Senior Vice Commander shall have the authority to select the site and time.

SECTION 3. Electronic Attendance: The Department shall allow electronic attendance, with Prior coordination with the Department Commander, for all Council of Administration meetings in accordance with VFW National Bylaws.

SECTION 4. Members of the Council shall be reimbursed for official travel, housing and per diem. Rates to be recommended by the Department Budget Committee and established by the Council at the first regular or special meeting held to determine the Department Budget for the current year.

SECTION 5. All Department Officers and Post Commanders shall be furnished a digest of the minutes of all Council Meetings within sixty (60) days after each Council meeting.

SECTION 6. Districts of the Department shall be numbered and constituted as follows:
DISTRICT NO. 1 Geographical Boundaries: Southwest Arizona
POSTS: 769, 1763, 2357, 3708, 6790 and 8242

DISTRICT NO. 2 Geographical Boundaries: North Central Arizona
POSTS: 541, 1709, 6739, 7400, 9632, 10227 and 12128

DISTRICT NO. 3 Geographical Boundaries: West Phoenix and Western Maricopa County
POSTS: 40, 285, 1433, 2135, 6310, 12098 and 12210

DISTRICT NO. 4 Geographical Boundaries: E Phoenix, Mesa, Black Canyon City, Scottsdale, Tempe, Fountain Hills, N Phoenix and Anthem, East Phoenix, Eastern Maricopa County and North Glendale
POSTS: 720, 1760, 1796, 3513, 3632, 7507, and 9400

DISTRICT NO. 5 Geographical Boundaries: Tucson, Mammoth and Marana.
POSTS: 549, 2767, 4903, 5990, 10015, 10254 and 12222

DISTRICT NO. 6 Geographical Boundaries: Eastern Arizona Globe, Pinetop/Lakeside, Tonto Basin, Eagar and Show Low.
POSTS: 1704, 2364, 6789, 8807, 8987 and 9907

DISTRICT NO. 7 Geographical Boundaries: Southeast Arizona
POSTS: 836, 2066, 6271, 9972, 9977, 10385

DISTRICT NO. 8 Geographical Boundaries: West Central Arizona.
POSTS: 404, 6306, 7061, 9401, 10005 and 10726

DISTRICT NO. 9 Geographical Boundaries: Northwest Arizona
POSTS: 2190, 2555, 3516, 9833, 10386 and 11014

DISTRICT NO. 10 Geographical Boundaries: Central Arizona Casa Grande, Superior, Coolidge, Chandler, Apache Junction, Sun Lakes and Maricopa, Southern Maricopa County and Northern Pinal County
POSTS: 1677, 3584, 3713, 7401, 7968, 9399 and 12043

SECTION 6. Two (2) or more Posts in the Department of Arizona, Veterans of Foreign Wars may consolidate as provided for in Section 209 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

SECTION 7. The Budget approved by the Department Council of Administration at the beginning of each new Department Commander's year will not be altered or adjusted from one program to another, by either the Department Quartermaster or the Commander unless it is referred to the Budget Committee, and presented to the Department Council of Administration for recommended changes or adjustments and approved by the Council. The Department Quartermaster shall furnish each member of the Council of Administration at least fifteen (15) days prior to each meeting of the Council, a copy of any proposed changes in the Department Budget. No changes in the Department Budget shall be made unless this provision is complied with.

SECTION 8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Whenever a member of the Council of Administration has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Council of Administration, the affected person shall:

- A. Fully disclose the nature of the interest and;
- B. Withdraw from discussion, lobbying and voting on the matter.

Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of disinterested members of the Council of Administration determine that it is in the best interest of the Department of Arizona to do so. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and rationale for approval.

SECTION 9. INDEMNIFICATION

The Department shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer, director, or employee of the Department against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Department; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of members of the Council of Administration who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified person under this Article shall apply to such person with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

This Article constitutes a contract between the Department and the indemnified officers, directors, and employees. No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified officer, director, or employee under this Article shall apply to such officer, director, or employee with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. All Convention Committees shall be appointed by the Department Commander, unless otherwise provided, at least thirty (30) days prior to convening of the Department Convention. All members of the Council of Administration and all Post Commanders shall be notified of the names of all Convention Chairman within five (5) days following their appointment.

SECTION 2. The Standing Committees and Appointments of the Department shall be made within fifteen (15) days following each Convention and are as follows:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| (A) COMMUNITY SERVICE | (G) BYLAWS |
| (B) EMPLOYMENT | (H) RESOLUTION |
| (C) BUDGET | (I) VETERANS SERVICE |
| (D) LEGISLATIVE | (J) SCOUTING/YOUTH ACTIVITIES |
| (E) MEMBERSHIP | (K) AUDIT |
| (F) POPPY | (L) VFW RIDERS |

SECTION 3. The Service Committee shall consist of the Department Commander, and four (4) immediate Past Department Commanders, but in the event of death, disability or inability of any Past State Commander to serve on this committee that his or her place shall be filled by the Past Department Commander last retired from the Committee who is ready, willing, and available to serve. When a Department Commander retires at the end of their term, the Senior Past Department Commander shall thereupon retire from the Committee. The committee shall have full control of the Veterans Service Work of the Department, recommend salaries and prescribe the duties of all officers and employees of the Department Veterans Service Office. Notwithstanding anything herein, the Commander shall appoint the Department Service Officer subject to the approval of the majority of the elected and non-salaried ex-officio members of the Department Council of Administration and the Council of Administration shall have the powers to fix all Department salaries.

SECTION 4. The Department of Arizona, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall not be responsible for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions nor the contractual obligations or debts of any Post or District, nor for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions or contractual obligations or debts of any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of any Post or District.

Any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on the behalf of a Post or District shall be at all times under the control of such Post or District and all funds derived there from shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post or District.

ARTICLE IX DEPARTMENT DUES

- SECTION 1. Department dues shall be Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8.50) per annum, payable by every member in good standing, except Life Members.
- SECTION 2. The Adjutant General or the Department Adjutant will require proof of eligibility for Members-at-Large.
- SECTION 1.

ARTICLE X REMITTANCES TO DEPARTMENT

All remittances of money to Department Headquarters shall be made payable to "DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA VFW" without adding the name thereto of any comrade.

ARTICLE XI FUNDS

- SECTION 1. GENERAL FUND: All money received by the Department from whatever source which is not set aside as a Special Fund or for a designated purpose shall constitute the General Fund.
- SECTION 2. SPECIAL FUNDS:
- SECTION 3. A. Sufficient funds to purchase the outgoing Department Commander a Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, if the Department Commander already has a Life Membership; funds budgeted for this purpose may be used to purchase a gift. Any portion of these funds not used for the intended purpose will revert to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.
- B. Upon passage of Arizona Law authorizing a Veterans of Foreign Conflict license plate, a special fund account shall be created for the sole purpose of supporting the Arizona VFW Service Office.

The Department Quartermaster shall be the custodian of all funds and will maintain separate accounts for the General Fund and all Special Funds and such funds as required by the National Bylaws. He/she shall be given good and sufficient security, approved by the Council of Administration, for the faithful performance of his/her duties, the cost of which shall be paid from Department funds.

The Quartermaster shall be permitted to disburse funds using acceptable banking practices including the utilization of Electronic Funds Transfer through the Automated Clearing House.

- SECTION 4. The Audit Committee, among other duties, shall inspect the books and records of the Department Quartermaster once each quarter and the results will be reported to the Department Commander for dissemination to the Council of Administration.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended by the Department Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided the amendment shall have been forwarded to Department Officers and Posts at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Convention. No amendments shall become effective until reviewed by the National Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- SECTION 2. Whenever these Bylaws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or future National Bylaws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Department as though written herein.

THESE BYLAWS WERE APPROVED BY THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JUNE 5-8, 2025 AT LOEWS VENTANA TUCSON, ARIZONA AND RESCINDS ALL PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.



GREGORY HARRELL

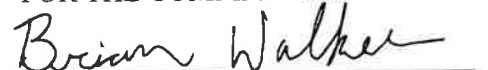
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



LEWIS E. WOOD
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT



REVIEWED **JULY 23 2025**
FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF


ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

BY , DIRECTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Department of Arizona Council of Administration (C of A) Etiquette

All VFW meeting guides may be found in the VFW Manual of Bylaws and Rituals and follow Roberts Rules of Order. This handout is designed to provide you with a quick reference when attending Department C of A. The agenda for C of A follows the same basic format as your typical District or Post meeting. All comrades are encouraged to attend as the information being discussed affects all levels of the Department of Arizona VFW.

General guidance: Be on time. While it is sometimes unavoidable, always strive to be prompt. Leave your phone on silent or turned off. Always salute the US flag when leaving or entering the room.

1. The following comrades must be present: all Department Line Officers unless excused by the Department Commander; all District Commanders or their respective Sr. or Jr. Vice Commanders; and all Post Commanders or their respective Jr or Sr. Vice Commanders.
2. The opening of the C of A begins with the introduction of guests, roll call of official participants, and roll call of Posts. Post Commanders, Sr. Vice or Jr. Vice Commanders are the only ones to answer during the roll call of Posts; no other post members may respond to this roll call.
3. Old Business items are carried over from previous meetings when they weren't fully resolved. This ensures that important matters are not forgotten and are given proper attention.
4. New Business provides an opportunity to raise fresh concerns, ideas, or initiatives for the Department to consider and potentially act upon.
5. Good of the Order covers a range of topics, including reports from officers or suggestions for future activities, as long as they are relevant to the VFW's well-being.
6. When a motion is made, seconded, and open for discussion, members may ask to speak. Stand or raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Speaker. Rise if you are able, state your name, Post number, and that you wish to speak through your District Commander. Once permission is granted you may address the floor. It is recommended, but not required, that you notify your District Commander you wish to speak prior to the start of the C of A. Only the Department Line Officers, official participants, and the District Commanders may vote on any motions. If you are in the audience, you do not have a vote at Department C of A.

FROM OUR OWN DEPARTMENT SURGEON!

Good Afternoon, Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am truly inspired by the incredible work we're all doing to support our two great organizations and serve the state of Arizona with dedication and pride.

As your State Surgeon, I'm excited to share three important programs that are now available—each designed to support our veterans and extend the reach of our service.

1. The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (AZDVS) Veterans Home – Flagstaff

The brand-new Flagstaff Veterans Home is open and ready to serve. Currently, there are over **100 open beds** available for **any veteran who meets the following criteria:**

- A **70% or higher VA disability rating** (this is a strict requirement)
- A current **DD214**
- A list of **current medications**

There are a few additional criteria, but the facility is flexible on some of those—**except for the 70% rating, which is non-negotiable.**

One of the best features of this home is that, **unlike other state-supported assisted living facilities, veterans can retain 100% of their VA disability payments.** These funds do **not** go toward offsetting the cost of living at the home.

If you know a veteran who meets or may meet these criteria, please reach out to me directly at **j.philipps801@gmail.com** or contact the facility director, **Cameron Farr**, at **928-456-6133** (Monday–Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM MST).

2. VA Enrollment Events for Rural and Tribal Posts

If your Post is located in a rural or tribal area and you are interested in **hosting a VA enrollment event** for veterans in your community, I encourage you to reach out to me directly. We can connect you with your local VA representatives, who will coordinate to send **claims representatives and support staff** to your location to assist veterans with enrollment and benefits access.

3. FREE Starlink Internet Program for Tribal Veterans

I'm proud to support a program that provides **at no cost** a **Starlink satellite internet system**, a

power source, and a laptop to Tribal veterans living in remote or underserved areas. This initiative ensures that Tribal veterans have access to **telehealth appointments and other essential online services**, even in areas with little to no internet access.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at **j.philipps801@gmail.com**.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to our mission and to Arizona's veterans. These programs represent real opportunities to make a difference—please help spread the word!

Yours in Service,

Josh Philipps

State Surgeon Dept of Arizona VFW



HONORING WORLD WAR II KOREAN WAR & VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO HONOR FLIGHT
ARIZONA BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:**

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BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION GIFT

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY BENEFICIARY GIFT

OR BY OTHER OPTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE DONATE PAGE:

WWW.HONORFLIGHTAZ.ORG

HONOR FLIGHT ARIZONA
8711 PINNACLE PEAK RD. PMB 198
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255-3517

THANK
YOU!



You, a loved one, or a friend has recently experienced an Honor Flight Arizona 3-day journey to Washington, D.C. These are the journeys of thanks and remembrance that are so often described by our returning Veterans as "One of the greatest experiences of my entire life."

Please consider helping Honor Flight Arizona and its all-volunteer staff in sending more Arizona Veterans to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C. **THANK YOU!**



To understand a Military Veteran you must know:

We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventure.
We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.
We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.
We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.
We found new friends and new family.
We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed.
We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.
We didn't get enough sleep.
We smoked and drank too much.
We picked up both good and bad habits.
We worked hard and played harder.
We didn't earn a great wage.
We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.
We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.
We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.
We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.
Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.
Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.
Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.
We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.
We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.
We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.
We have dealt with victory and tragedy.
We have celebrated and mourned.
We lost a few along the way.
When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.
We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.
We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.
We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches.
We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.
Being a Veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.
It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift.
People see a Veteran and they thank them for their service.
When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.
So, from myself to the rest of the veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for your country.
Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad times.
Share your stories.
But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a **Veteran**.

I'm a VETERAN!



DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



DontFeedTheSharks.org

What we think a "Claim Shark" is:

- A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims – this practice is illegal!
- Claim Sharks are not VA accredited, meaning they aren't required to adhere to the well-established professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation, so their advice can often be misleading or even fraudulent.
- Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating, no matter who does the work.

Some of their predatory practices are:

- Promising or guaranteeing an increased disability rating or percentage increase.
- Advertising expedited VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access a veteran's personal information through secure VA websites like eBenefits or VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.

Who we think the Claim Sharks are:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Trajector Medical | • Veteran Care Services |
| • Veteran Benefits Guide | • REE Medical |
| • Veterans Guardian | • VA Claims Academy |
| • VA Claims Insider | • Vet Assist |
| • Telemedica | • Just4Veterans |
| • Patriot Angels | • Veterans Disability Help |

Veterans can protect themselves by:

- Always working with VA accredited representatives.
- Attending all exams ordered by VA.
- Not signing contracts.
- Not agreeing to fees or payments from future benefits.
- Not agreeing to pay for medical consultations or opinions.
- Not providing access to Protected Health Information or Personal Identifiable Information.

Who is NOT a Claim Shark?

- VA accredited veterans service organization representatives, like the VFW
- VA accredited claims agents
- VA accredited attorneys
- Attorneys assisting with Camp LeJeune lawsuits who do not charge excessive fees

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates

The Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates are live on <https://azdot.gov/> and available at your local DMV office.

The monies received from the VFW plate will be used exclusively to fund the State Service Officer Program.

Monies received from the Auxiliary plate are dedicated to the fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational support to veterans and military members and their families and our communities.

For Questions about the Licences Plates please call your local DMV office.

Get your Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates Today!!



The image displays two Arizona specialty license plates against a background of a winding road through a forest. The top plate is for the "Veterans of Foreign Wars" and features the word "ARIZONA" at the top, a circular emblem with a star and the number "5" on the left, the number "0000000" in the center, and "VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS" at the bottom. A small "YEAR" box is in the top right corner. The bottom plate is for the "VFW Auxiliary" and features the word "ARIZONA" at the top, a circular emblem with a star and the number "1" on the left, the number "0000000" in the center, and "VFW AUXILIARY" at the bottom. A small "YEAR" box is in the top right corner. Below the plates, the text "Veterans of Foreign Wars" and "Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary" are displayed. At the bottom, the ADOT logo and "MVD NOW" logo are shown next to the text "ORDER SPECIALTY PLATES AT AZMVDNOW.GOV".

ARIZONA YEAR
0000000
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Veterans of Foreign Wars

ARIZONA YEAR
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VFW AUXILIARY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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Whitmore's Warriors Class of 2025-2026 Project



LET'S DO MORE
STOCK THE STORE



V F W
N A T I O N A L H O M E



Whitmore / Callihan 2025 / 2026

Store Equipment (Refrigerators, freezers, etc and Food)
Consists of purchasing equipment for the retail section including coolers and freezers for fresh and frozen food, and beverages, dry goods and other sundries that are deemed most useful to residents. This fundraiser will also purchase an honor system point of sale program that allows residents to enter the store with a swipe card, pick out items and pay for them with a credit or debit card both during and after business hours.





In celebration of 125 years of VFW service we're honoring our veterans and those who support them with a very special opportunity.

VFW 125 Salute to Service / NVS Sweepstakes

SALUTE TO SERVICE

Scan the QR code and enter to win



For bonus entry
use keyword: **SERVICE**

WIN \$10000

If you were a VFW Member prior to 06.20.25 and are chosen as the winner, the **PRIZE WILL BE DOUBLED to \$2000**

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. Void where prohibited. Open only to legal U.S. residents of the 50 United States and Washington, D.C., who are 21 years of age or older at the time of entry. Sweepstakes begins at 9:00 AM ET on June 20, 2025, and ends at 11:59 PM ET on October 6, 2025 ("Entry Period"). To enter, visit a participating VFW post or off-site event during the Entry Period, scan the official VFW 125 Sweepstakes QR Code, and follow the instructions to complete your entry. Standard data rates may apply. Not all devices or service providers are supported. Alternatively, participants can enter by sending an email to contestentry@mightyloud.com during the Entry Period with the following information: Full Name, Address, Date of Birth, Email Address, and Phone Number. Each email submission will count as one (1) entry into the Sweepstakes. Limit ten (10) entries per person/email address throughout the Entry Period, regardless of entry method. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. Winners will be selected via random drawing on or around October 7, 2025. You do not have to be present to win. Prizes: One (1) Grand Prize - VFW 125 \$10000 Salute to Service Grand Prize: \$10000 USD cash; if the winner is a current VFW member prior to June 20, 2025, the prize will be doubled to \$20,000 USD. One (1) Second Prize - VFW Life Membership; if the winner already holds a Life Membership, the prize may be gifted to another eligible person. Winners are solely responsible for any and all applicable federal, state, and local taxes, fees, and expenses associated with accepting and using a prize. Prizes are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash, except where expressly stated. This promotion is sponsored and operated by Mighty Loud Enterprises, 1480 Old 41 Highway NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152, on behalf of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. Subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws. For complete Official Rules, including eligibility requirements, visit: <https://www.mightyloud.com/vfw-125-salute-to-service-rules>. ©2025 Mighty Loud



Traditional Buddy Poppy Order Form

Cost for the Traditional Buddy Poppy has increased significantly.
Department of Arizona does not receive a commission
on the new prices from National.

# Needed	Cost	Shipping	Total
500	\$125.00	\$15.95	\$140.95
1000	\$250.00	\$29.95	\$279.95
1500	\$375.00	\$34.95	\$409.95
2000	\$500.00	\$39.95	\$539.95
2500	\$625.00	\$69.95	\$694.95
3000	\$750.00	\$69.95	\$819.95

For quantities higher than
3000, cost is \$125 per
500, plus \$69.95 (max)
for shipping.

Post Number & City _____

Date when Poppies are needed* _____
(Order at least 8 weeks prior to function date)

Make checks payable to "VFW Dept. of AZ"

Mail this order form to:

VFW Dept. of AZ
6423 S. Ash Ave
Tempe, AZ 85283

How many Poppies do you Need? _____

Check # _____ Amount: _____

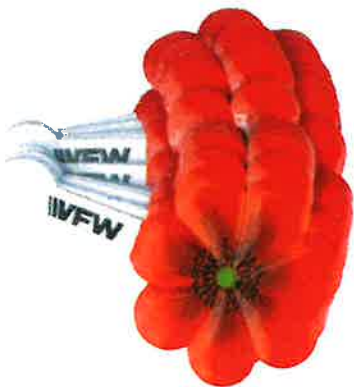
Ship Poppies to (No P.O. Boxes):

Membership # of Person Requesting Poppies (Required by National)

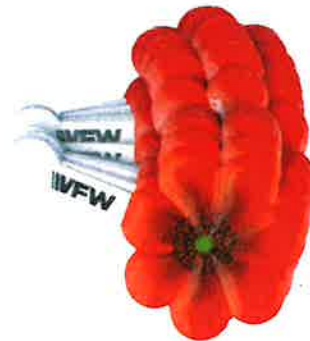
Name (Please Print) _____

Shipping Address (Poppies cannot be shipped to PO Boxes) _____

City, State Zip _____



Tin Tab Buddy Poppy Order Form



Cost for the Traditional Buddy Poppy has increased significantly.
Department of Arizona does not take a commission
on the new prices from National.

# Needed	Cost	Shipping	Total
500	\$60.00	\$10.95	\$70.95
1000	\$120.00	\$15.95	\$135.95
1500	\$180.00	\$15.95	\$195.95
2000	\$240.00	\$29.95	\$269.95
2500	\$300.00	\$29.95	\$329.95
3000	\$360.00	\$34.95	\$394.95

For quantities higher than 3000, cost
is \$60 per 500, plus shipping.
\$300.01 to \$400.00 \$34.95
\$400.01 to \$500.00 \$39.95
\$500.01 & Over \$69.95

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FINDING PURPOSE AFTER THE MILITARY

A Qualitative Descriptive
Research Study for Veterans
Invitation Only



✓ You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by **Brian Minzey**, a doctoral student at Grand Canyon University, pursuing a PhD in Psychology with an emphasis in Industrial-Organizational Psychology.

✓ This study explores how veterans describe finding purpose after transitioning from military to civilian life.

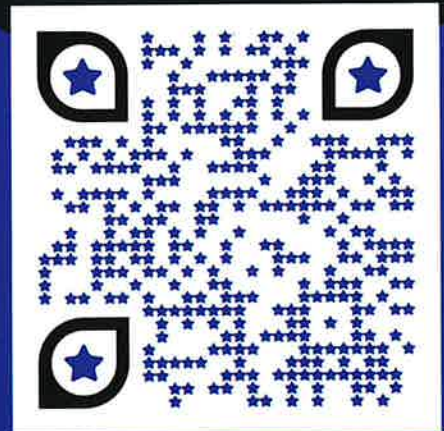
✓ You may be eligible if you are:

- An honorably discharged veteran
- Aged 21 or older
- Fluent in English
- Have transitioned from military to civilian life
- Currently living independently
- Residing in the Southwestern United States

✓ Participation involves a one-on-one interview lasting approximately 60–90 minutes in person or via Zoom.

✓ Participants will not receive financial compensation but are greatly appreciated for their contribution to the veteran community and academic research.

Scan to Register



- Researcher: Brian Minzey, Doctoral Student, Grand Canyon University
- Phone: 480-433-6809
- Email: brian@brianminzey.com

IRB Approved Study | Interviews approximately 60–90 minutes

All information shared will remain confidential

VFW District 2 Raffle

36 in. Blackstone Griddle



Donation: \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00

Drawing Saturday October 18, 2025

At District 2 Meeting in Prescott Valley

Winner need not be present to win

Contact:

District 2 Commander

Harry Hart

928 503-2133

Hcubed54@msn.com

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 21, 2025
2:05 PM**

VFW

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Arizona

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**Join veterans at the game
for a special recognition
by the Cardinals.**

**Friends and Family
Welcome**

All seats are in Section 454





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VFW Department of Arizona NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship



November 1, 2025

NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship



TICKETS STARTING AT

\$33

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND
OF FAST-PACED FUN!



DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY
2025 FALL CONFERENCE
BLUEWATER RESORT & CASINO
11300 RESORT DRIVE, PARKER, AZ 85344

Social Hour & Dinner Buffet
Saturday, October 4, 2025

**\$25 PER
PERSON**

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Potato Salad
Cowboy Beans
Cole Slaw
Chips
Fruit Punch, Water & Iced Tea

Cash Bar will be Available

Order and Pay Online
Visit Conference & Con-
vention Page on the
Department website.

vfwaz.com > Resources

Pay by Check

Complete this form and return entire page with payment to:

VFW Dept of Arizona, 6423 S Ash Ave, Tempe, AZ 85283

How many Meals? _____

Who is paying? _____

Who is picking up? _____ Phone # _____

Check # _____

Post/Auxiliary # _____

Tell us about any food allergies _____

2025 FALL CONFERENCE

OCT 3-5
2025

BlueWater Resort & Casino

11300 Resort Dr, Parker, AZ 85344

928-669-7777 - Group Code 7847

Schedule

Fri: 7 PM Auxiliary C of A

Sat: 9 AM Conference Program

Sat: 5 PM Social Hour (Cash Bar)

Sat: 6 PM Banquet Dinner

Sun: 9 AM VFW Council of Administration

VISIT VFWAZ.COM > RESOURCES > CONFERENCE/CONVENTION INFO

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DRESS CODE, AGENDA, BOOKING INFO
AND BANQUET ORDER FORM**



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JOIN IN HONORING OUR HEROES, NOW THROUGH OCT 31, 2025.

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VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



———— Honor 9/11 with service ————

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

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VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE
will conduct a

Flag Ceremony
September 11, 2025
11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
325 W. White Mountain Blvd.
Lakeside, AZ 85929



VFW Post 2364 Pinetop/Lakeside



VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE
will conduct a

Prisoner of War / Missing in Action
National Remembrance Day
September 19, 2025

11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
325 W. White Mountain Blvd.
Lakeside, AZ 85929



VFW Post 2364 Pinetop/Lakeside



VETERANS DAY

REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION

VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE

will conduct a

Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony

Nov 11, 2025

11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall

325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85929

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PEARL HARBOR

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Remembrance Day

7 December

VFW POST 2364
PINETOP-LAKESIDE

will conduct a

Remembrance Ceremony

December 7, 2025

11:00 AM

at the

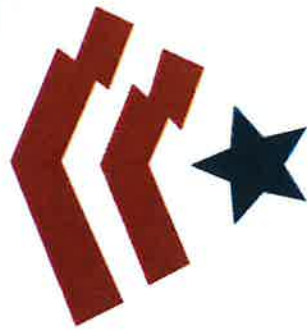
Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall

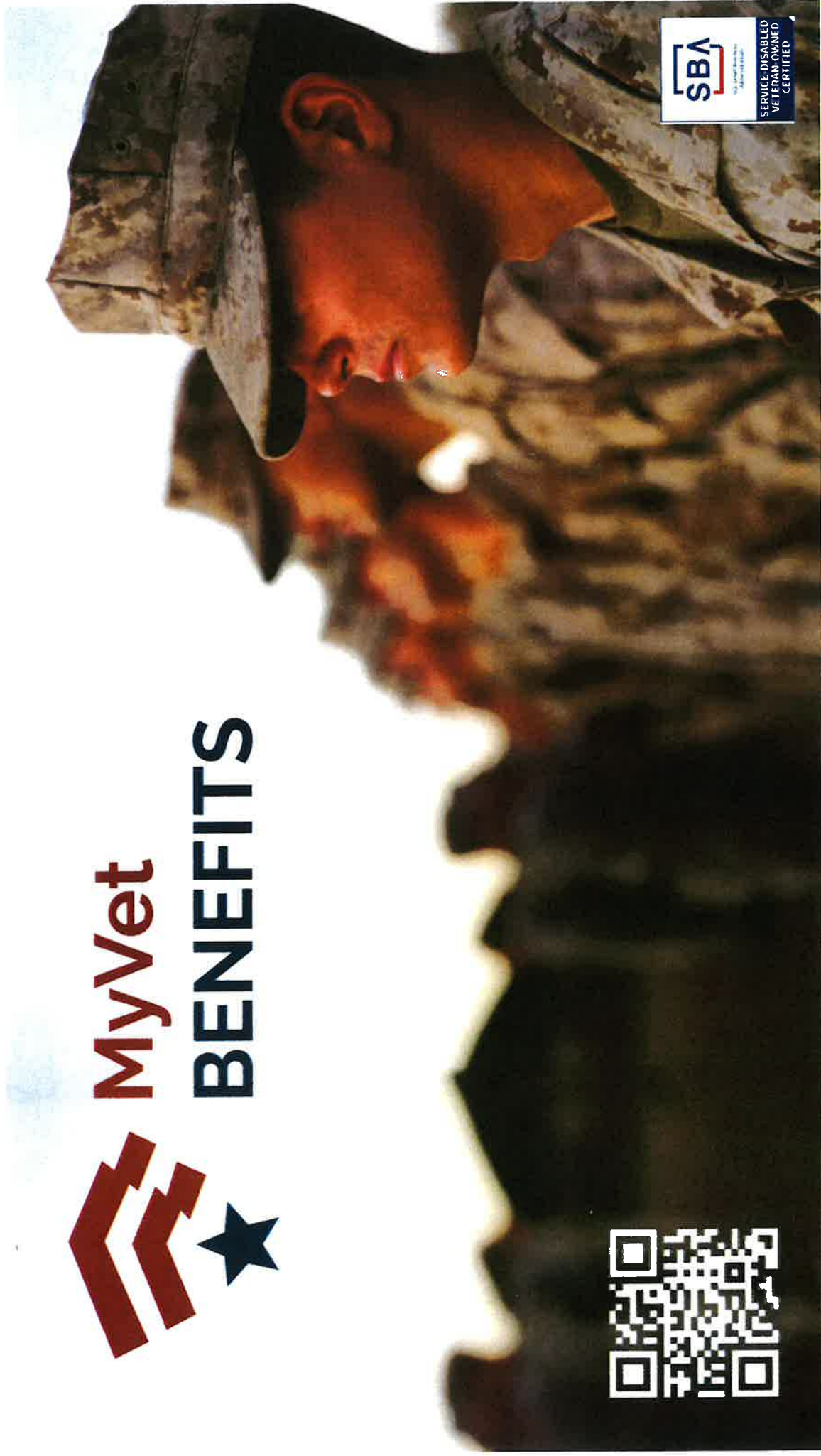
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MyVet BENEFITS



Arizona VFW Mandatory Obligations

Current as of 7/28/25		District	25-26 Election Rept		Q&M Bond	Audits due 45 days after Quarter Closes				26-27 Election Rept		State Delegate Fees	
						06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31				
Posts	City												
40	Avondale	3	X	X	A,C	R						TBD	
285	Surprise	3	X	X	A	R						TBD	
404	Mohave Valley	8	X	X	A,C	R						TBD	
541	Prescott	2	X	X								TBD	
549	Tucson	5	X	X		R						TBD	
720	Phoenix	4	X	X								TBD	
769	Quartzsite	1	X	X	A,C	R						TBD	
836	Bisbee	7	X	X	A,C	R						TBD	
1433	Glendale	3	X	X								TBD	
1677	Casa Grande	10	X	X	A							TBD	
1704	Globe	6	X	X								TBD	
1709	Flagstaff	2	X	X								TBD	
1760	Mesa	4	X	X	A,C	R						TBD	
1763	Yuma	1	X	X	A							TBD	
1796	Black Canyon	4	X	X		R						TBD	
2066	Nogales	7	X	X								TBD	
2135	Peoria	3	X	X		R						TBD	
2190	Chloride	9	X	X		R						TBD	
2357	Bouse	1	X	X		R						TBD	
2364	Pinetop-Lakeside	6	X	X		R						TBD	
2555	Golden Valley	9	X	X	A,C	R						TBD	
2767	Mammoth	5	X	X								TBD	
3513	Scottsdale	4	X	X	A							TBD	
3516	Kingman	9	X	X		R						TBD	
3584	Superior	10	X	X	A	R						TBD	
3632	Tempe	4	X	X								TBD	
3708	Salome	1	X	X								TBD	
3713	Coolidge	10	X	X								TBD	
4903	Tucson	5	X	X		R						TBD	
5990	Marana	5	X	X		R						TBD	
6271	Benson	7	X	X	A	R						TBD	
6306	Golden Shores	8	X	X								TBD	
6310	Tolleson	3	X	X		R						TBD	

Districts	25-26 Election Rept	Q&M Bond	Audits due 45 days after Quarter Closes				26-27 Election Rept	State Delegate Fees
			06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31		
District 1	X	A						TBD
District 2	X	R						TBD
District 3	X	R						TBD
District 4	X	A						TBD
District 5	X							TBD
District 6	X	A,C	R					TBD
District 7	X	A,C	R					TBD
District 8	X	A,C	R					TBD
District 9	X							TBD
District 10	X	A						TBD

Bonding Documentation

Pricing - See Rate Sheet on Dept Website

A = Application Received On Time

C = Certificate Processed and Emailed

X = External Documentation Received

Trustee Audits

R = Audit Received on Time

RW = Audit Received and Reviewed for accuracy

E = Rcvd with Errors CORRECTIONS NEEDED

State Delegate Fees-

Annual Mandatory Obligation

\$ = Money Due

If paying all with one check, please attach a note with a breakdown of how much for each item.

Please make all checks payable to :

VFW Dept. of AZ and Mail to:

VFW Dept of AZ

6423 S Ash Ave

Tempe, AZ 85283

Arizona State Hospital Reports Year 2025-2026

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Western Conference

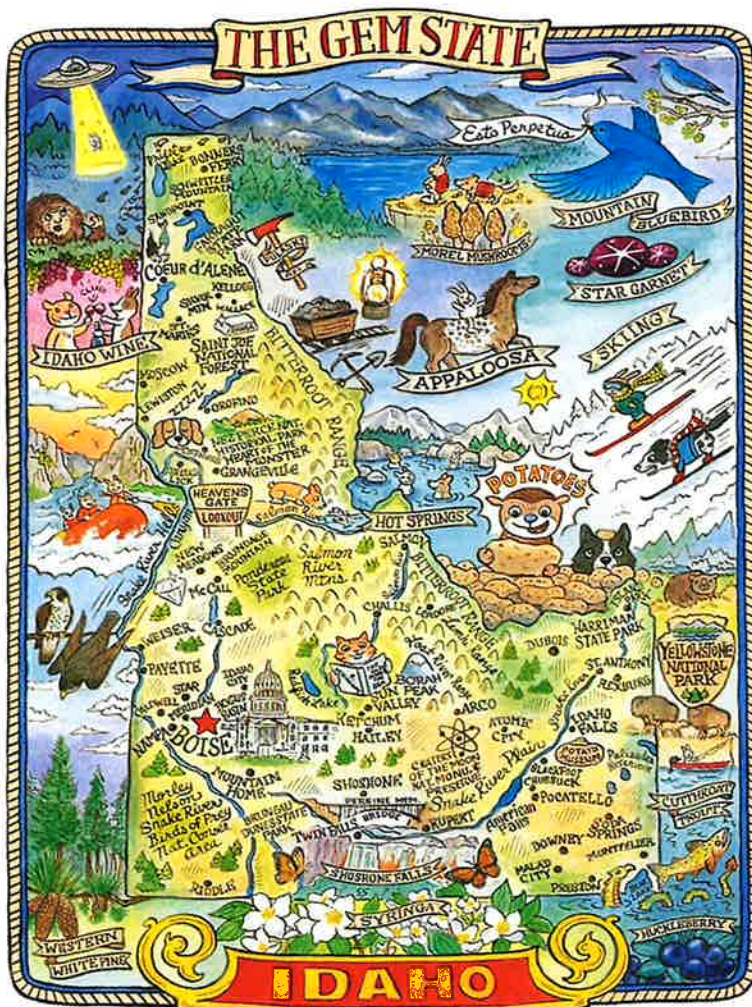


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2025



November 7-9

The Riverside Hotel

2900 W Chinden Blvd

Garden City, ID 83714





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REGISTRATION NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

Department: _____ Post#: _____ Auxiliary#: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Department: _____ Post#: _____ Auxiliary#: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Saturday Dinner Choices (please indicate the number of each meal requested):

_____ Chicken Parmesan _____ Pork Loin _____ Vegetarian

Dietary Restrictions:

Fees Summary:

Registration Fee \$170 each X _____ = Total Payment \$ _____

Registration includes:

- Conference Bag
 - Saturday Continental Breakfast
 - Break Snacks/Beverages
 - Saturday Lunch
 - Banquet
 - Hospitality Room on evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- o Registration must be received by:**
October 20th
o See separate page for payment information

Traveler Information: Nearest Airport is Boise, Idaho (BOI)

Approximate Arrival Date/Time: _____ Driving ☐

Departure Date/Time: _____ Flying ☐ Airline/Flight Number: _____



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ADVERTISEMENT BOOK FORM NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

All ads and payments must be received by September 19th, 2025

Prices for ads: Full Page - \$150.00 _____ Half Page - \$100.00 _____
Inside Front and Rear Cover - \$300.00 _____

Only full-page and half-page ads accepted to accommodate the format and graphics of the Western Conference Book.

Sponsor of ad information:

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

Graphics provided for ad: Yes ☐ _____ (Attach electronically is
No ☐ _____ best, mail in is optional)

Please email ads to Troy Junier at idahovfw@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: VFW Department of Idaho

In memo write: Western Conference Book

Send payment and printed copy to: VFW Department of Idaho
1425 South Roosevelt Street.
Boise, Idaho 83705-2025



PAYMENT INFORMATION
NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

Payment Instructions: Make check payable to: **Department of Idaho VFW**

Print and mail Registration & Payment to:

VFW Department of Idaho
Attn: Dept Quartermaster
1425 S Roosevelt Street
Boise ID 83705-2025

Pay by Credit Card: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX ☐

Name (as it appears on the card): _____

Billing address for the card: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Email complete Registration and Payment pages to:

- 1) Idahovfw@gmail.com – Attn Department Quartermaster
- 2) badgerxray@gmail.com – Attn Tom Black, Western Conference Chairman, Dept of ID

If Paying by Venmo with your cell phone:

1. Scan the QR Code with your phone Or
2. Open Venmo on your phone
3. Tap Pay/Request at the bottom of the screen
4. Search IDVFW
 - a. Under Businesses selects @IDVFW
5. Enter the total from above and add a memo note "2025 Western Conference"
6. Tap Pay, follow the prompts to get a confirmation screen



Note: Print a copy of this form for your records.



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HOTEL INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

CONFERENCE HOTEL: "VFW Western Conference"

Single Room Rate: \$167.00 (does not include local & city taxes-approx. 13%)

Check in: 4:00 PM MST

(downtown near Boise, Idaho)

Check out: 11:00AM MST

Website: www.riversideboise.com

The Riverside Hotel
2900 W Chinden Blvd
Garden City, ID 83714
Contact: 208-343-1871



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From sizzling steaks to bacon and eggs, taste our take on the classics.

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RIVERSIDE GRILL	+
SANDBAR PATIO & GRILL	+
THE SAPPHIRE ROOM	+
LING & LOUIE'S	+

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- Indoor Saltwater Pool
- Indoor Splash Pad
- All-Season Hot Tub
- Fitness Center
- BAR365 Lobby Bar
- Water's Edge Art Gallery
- Guest Laundry
- On-site Restaurants Dry
- Sauna
- Sapphire Room Concert Venue
- Giant Checkers & Chess
- Bicycle Rental
- Sandstone Terrace & Fire Pit
- Business Center
- Greenbelt Access
- Airport Shuttle
- Electric Vehicle Chargers
- Signature Breakfast Buffet
- Marketplace



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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

Preferred Airport: Boise Idaho (BOI)

website: www.iflyboise.com

Five (5) miles from the airport to the Riverside Hotel (approx. 10 minutes driving time)

To arrange a ride from the airport to the hotel, **call Riverside Hotel Shuttle at 208-343-1871.**

Pickup at the **green curb**.

Other Ground Transportation:

Most ground transportation services for Boise Airport are located on the lower-level roadway outside of the baggage claim area, except for Rideshare services. On the lower level, cross to the median and look for the color-coded curbs. Curbside Valet Parking: Upper curb, east end Rideshare (Lyft & Uber): Upper curb, east end

Taxis: Black curb

Courtesy Shuttles: Green curb

Paid Shuttles: Blue curb

Buses: Purple curb

Rideshare - Lyft and Uber

Rideshare operators, Lyft and Uber, have a designated pick-up and drop-off locations at the Boise Airport.

Pick-up Location - Upper Curb, East End

Passengers who have requested rides through an app should follow rideshare wayfinding signage to the second-floor rotunda exit door and follow the curb to the right to meet their driver at one of the shelters labeled "Rideshare Pick-Up Area."

Drop-Off Location - Upper Curb

Passengers arriving at the airport via a rideshare service will be dropped off at their specified airline location on the upper curb.



Helpful Tips

- Wait to request your ride until after you've claimed your luggage at baggage claim or have arrived at the pick-up location.
- Rideshare drivers are not allowed to solicit customers, and payment is made in the mobile app.
- Rides may only be requested through the mobile apps.
- Before you get into a rideshare vehicle, make sure the license plate, car make and model, and driver name match what is in the app.



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY Western Conference

hosted by

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

NOVEMBER 7TH to NOVEMBER 9TH 2025
RIVERSIDE HOTEL BOISE, IDAHO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Conference Notes -----Tours Available -- See Travel Desk During Registration

Friday, November 7 th	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Conference Registration
	7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Free Time - Excursions
	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Joint Opening Ceremony
	5:30 AM - 9:30 PM	Dinner on your own, possible event at local Post. Hospitality Room Open
Saturday, November 8 th	8 AM - 12 NOON	Conference Registration
	9AM - 12 NOON	VFW Business Session
		Auxiliary Business Session
	12:00 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon
	1:30 PM - 5 PM	VFW Business Session
		Auxiliary Business Session
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	No Host Cocktails --- Banquet Room
	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Conference Banquet
		Hospitality Room {after banquet concludes)
Sunday, November 9 th	Travel Home	HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Respectfully,
Tom Black
VFW Western Conference,
Convention Chairman



AFW & AUXILIARY WESTERN CONFERENCE

November 7-9, 2025



Local Things to Do

Military/Museums:

Warhawk Air Museum <https://warhawkairmuseum.org/>

Gowen Field Military History Museum <https://museum.mil.idaho.gov/>

Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame, 404 S 8th Street, Boise (208-343-7224)

Boise State University <https://www.boisestate.edu/>

Idaho State Museum <https://history.idaho.gov/museum/>

Basque Museum & Cultural Center <https://basquemuseum.eus/>

Boise Art Museum <https://boiseartmuseum.org/>

Museum of Mining & Geology <https://www.idahomuseum.org/>

Discovery Center of Idaho <https://dcidaho.org/>

Boise Visitors Guide:

<https://visitboise.com/visitor-guide/#pdfflip-PDFF/1/>

Arts Culture & Parks: <https://downtownboise.org/events/arts-culture-parks>

Sports <https://downtownboise.org/events/sports>

Map of Downtown Boise <https://downtownboise.org/explore/map-of-downtown-boise>

Bike Friendly <https://downtownboise.org/explore/transportation-parking/boise-bike-town>

Top Golf <https://topgolf.com/us/boise/>

Shopping <https://www.boisetownesquare.com/en/>

<https://www.thevillageatmeridian.com/>

The Peregrine Fund's World Center For Birds of Prey <https://peregrinefund.org/plan-your-visit>

Wahooz Family Fun Zone <https://www.wahoozfunzone.com/>

Skyzone Trampoline Park <https://www.skyzone.com/Nampa>

Zoo Boise <https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/facilities/zoo-boise/>

Visit Boise:

<https://visitboise.com/play/>

Garden City Guide:

<https://visitgardencity.com/things-to-do/arts-makers/>

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