

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Department of Arizona

General order No. 1

Series 2025 – 2026

1. In accordance with the Constitution and By- Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and having been duly elected and installed as Commander, Department of Arizona, I, Greg Harrell, hereby assume responsibility for the Department and establish Headquarters at 6423 S. Ash Ave. Tempe, AZ 85283.

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2. The following Officers having been duly elected and installed at the 105th State Convention held June 5- 8, 2025 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Arizona and will be accorded the recognition due them:

Department Officers

Sr. Vice Commander	Brit "Deuce" Brandt	Post 285
Jr. Vice Commander	Hugues Byrne	Post 1677
Quartermaster	Hope Blood	Post 12210
Chaplain	Phil Erickson	Post 7968
Judge Advocate	James Shanley	Post 9400
Surgeon	Josh Philipps	Post 7061
Jr. PDC	Jim McCormick	Post 9972

National Council

National Council Member	Jeff Eiler	Post 1433
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District Commanders

District No. 1	Robert Mcdermott	Post 3708
District No. 2	Harry Hart	Post 12128
District No. 3	Gregory Akers	Post 285
District No. 4	Thomas Kendra	Post 3513
District No. 5	Michael Bullock	Post 549
District No. 6	Mark Mc Cloy	Post 9907
District No. 7	Nedra Sealey	Post 9972
District No. 8	Ionne Lewis	Post 10726
District No. 9	Steven Oliphant	Post 10386
District No. 10	Frank White	Post 7968

Convention Committee

1 Year	Jason Khalaf	Post 10254
2 Year	Heather Bullock	Post 549
3 Year	Michael Parker(Chairman)	Post 9400
4 Year	Janice Owens	Post 40

3. The following appointments are hereby announced.

Adjutant	L. Gene Wood	Post 9400
Assistant Adjutant	Eric Wenzel	Post 1433
Chief of Staff	Susan Warner	Post 549
State Inspector	Michael Pearson	Post 2135
Membership Chairman	Tim Borland	Post 9972
Service Officer	Ken Deist	Post 7401

4. All previous appointments having expired are declared null and void.

5. All District Commanders will make written reports to the Department Commander each month on the form provided for this purpose. The District Commanders are also requested to send a copy of the minutes from each of their District Meetings to the Department Commander at the Department Headquarters.

6. Dress code for Members of the Council of Administration will be published prior to conferences and convention. Dress code standardization has been published in the Commander's Guide.

7. To prevent scheduling conflicts, all invitations requesting a Department Officer to attend a special function must go through Department Headquarters.

8. All reports will be send to Department Chairperson by due dates.

9. The District Commanders Reports will be sent to Department Adjutant by due date. It is expected that all Post/Districts engage in their responsive communications.

10. Every Post will be expected to participate in the following programs during 2025 -2026 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Citizenship Education Teacher's Award, Buddy Poppy, Public Servant Award and Veteran and Military Support, and work towards meeting the commanders All State requirements.

11. Attention of Commanders is directed to section 703 of the National ByLaws which requires that each officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which they are accountable.

12. Posts are urged to start planning programs now for the observance of Veterans Day.

13. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the requirement of a timely filing of Internal Revenue 990 and 990T, where applicable.

14. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section1001 (25) of the Manual of Procedure concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting: " The presence dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and prohibited".

15. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218(a) (11), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that post trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster.

16. Veterans of Foreign Wars reaffirm its commitment to that chartered purpose by first recognizing that in order to end racism within our organization it is not enough to be non-racist/non-discriminatory: we must be proactive.

17. Members are reminded that acts of Sexual Harassment, Racial, or Sexual Discrimination, and other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a member will not be condoned.

18. Attention Post Commanders: You are reminded that it is expected that all members show proper respect, decorum, and discipline at all times at all functions and events.

19. All Commanders are reminded to train subordinate officers of the duties and responsibilities and to seek help from Department where necessary.

By Command of

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Harrell", written in a cursive style.

Greg Harrell, Commander
Department of Arizona