**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

Department of Arizona

General order No. 1 Series 2025 - 2026

l. 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.

Phone: (480)941-5258 Fax: (480)994-3730.

1. 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:

Sr. Vice Commander Jr. Vice Commander Quartermaster Chaplain

Judge Advocate Surgeon

Jr. PDC

National Council Member

District No. 1

District No. 2

District No. 3

District No. *4*

District No. 5

District No. 6

District No. 7

District No. 8

District No. 9

District No. 10

1. Year
2. Year
3. Year
4. Year

**Department Officers** Brit "Deuce" Brandt Hugues Byrne

Hope Blood Phil Erickson James Shanley Josh Philipps Jim McCormick

# National Council

Jeff Eiler

**District Commanders** Robert Mcdermott Harry Hart

Gregory Akers Thomas Kendra Michael Bullock Mark Mc Cloy Nedra Sealey lonne Lewis Steven Oliphant Frank White

# Convention Committee

Jason Khalaf Heather Bullock

Michael Parker(Chairman) Janice Owens

Post 285

Post 1677

Post 12210

Post 7968

Post 9400

Post 7061

Post 9972

Post 1433

Post 3708

Post 12128

Post 285

Post 3513

Post 549

Post 9907

Post 9972

Post 10726

Post 10386

Post 7968

Post 10254

Post 549

Post 9400

Post 40

1. The following appointments are hereby announced.

Adjutant Assistant Adjutant Chief of Staff State Inspector

Membership Chairman Service Officer

L. Gene Wood Eric Wenzel Susan Warner Michael Pearson Tim Borland

Ken Deist

Post 9400

Post 1433

Post 549

Post 2135 Post9972 Post 7401

1. All previous appointments having expired are declared null and void.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. To prevent scheduling conflicts, all invitations requesting a Department Officer to attend a special function must go through Department Headquarters.
5. All reports will be send to Department Chairperson by due dates.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Posts are urged to start planning programs now for the observance of Veterans Day.
10. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the requirement of a timely filing of Internal Revenue 990 and 990T, where applicable.
11. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to sectionlO0l (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".
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. All Commanders are reminded to train subordinate officers of the duties and responsibilities and to seek help from Department where necessary.

By Command of

*½JM*

Greg Harrell, Commander Department of Arizona