

District/Post Commander &
Quartermaster Handbook
2025-2026



District 12

Department of Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars

**District 12
Joint School of Instruction
Covering
Voice of Democracy
Patriots Pen
And the Missouri
Online Reporting System
(as each platform is similar
and as the Auxiliary are
invited to share their
reports to the Post as
National requests.
Chaplain Duties are
covered as well.**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

SCHOLARSHIP

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
PATRIOTS PEN**

Voice of Democracy Grades 9-12
Patriots Pen Grades 6-8



The 2025-26 theme is:

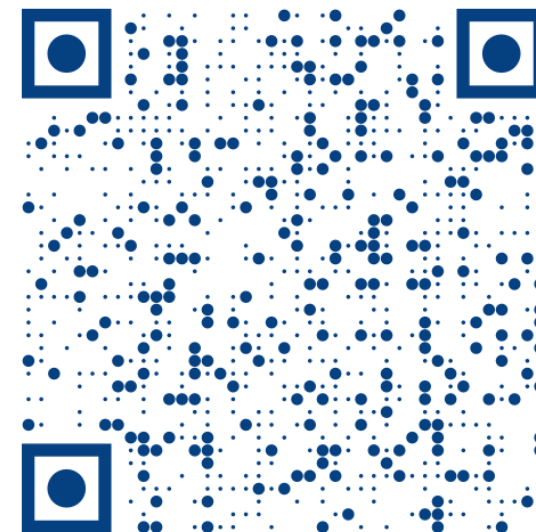
"How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

- ✓ Due to local post 31 Oct 25
- ✓ Prizes at local, district, state and national levels
- ✓ Educational enrichment opportunity for winners

**District 12
VOD Link**



**District 12
PP Link**



Community Activities Program

Community service is a program sponsored by a VFW Post or Auxiliary that benefits the city, community, other organizations, institutions or individuals not affiliated with the VFW or its Auxiliaries.

Community involvement is essential for a Post to survive and grow. Being active in the community builds a good strong lasting relationship with the people. A Post will grow because of what they do.

The projects that a Post or Auxiliary are involved with will depend upon the needs of the community, the size of the Post or Auxiliary, and their budgets. A Post should consider the needs of the community and select activities that are best suited and will benefit the community the most.

You have 90 days from the event date to enter on Departments dashboard.

How to report:

- Go to movfw.org.
- Click on the "Login" tab on the top of the page.
- Scroll down and click on "Members Only."
- Type your Member ID# where indicated.
- Insert your password: last name.
- Click on "Login"
- Click on "Community Service Reporting"

< If Auxiliary, you will enter an "A" in front of your ID. Per the system needs.

If not familiar with the Reporting "Language", please visit the Dashboard and in the Reports Section, you can view any of the other Reports by clicking on the number entered per category. This opens a pop-up box.

To get Credentials for the MO Online Reporting System Copy and paste the required information in the Message Section in the email body on the bottom of this page.



CONTACT US

Thanks for reaching out to us! We here at DEPARTMENT of MISSOURI are happy to answer any questions you may have. You can always call us directly, but if you would like to send us an email, please use the form below and a member of our staff will contact you as soon as possible.

For access to the members only page, please provide the following information using the email form below.

Member ID:

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone:

Post:

District:

Email:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

You will be notified by email as soon as you have been added.

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SEND US AN EMAIL

To send us an EMAIL, please complete the form below.

Name*

Email*

Phone

Message

Type in the code you see below.

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After Copy / Paste. The “Note” was added to indicate an Auxiliary Member who has been authorized by the Post to enter their activities are clearly identified. This resolves any possible Member ID # duplication.

SEND US AN EMAIL

To send us an EMAIL, please complete the form below.

Name*

Email*

Phone

Message

Member ID: NOTE - If Auxiliary, indicate so here for a smooth process.
First Name:
Last Name:
Phone:
Post:
District:
Email:

Type in the code you see below.

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CONTACT US

Guidelines Community Activities:

- Post Commander appoints a Chairperson. This person should be one who knows the community's needs and is knowledgeable in the program. Knowledge of the community will be a huge asset in knowing what projects will benefit the community the most and be easiest to complete.
- The Chairperson should review "Community and Citizen Chairmen Manual" at movfw.org. Click on "Resources" and scroll down to and click on "forms". The document is at the bottom of the webpage.
- The Chairperson selects a few members to be on the committee, 3 to 5 is typically sufficient.
- The Committee members should plan and develop the projects and get other Post members involved. The Committee should not be expected to carry out the project alone. If the Post has an Auxiliary, both organizations should work closely together in planning and carrying out the projects.
- After the project has been planned including the date, time, and location; determine how many workers will be needed. Make sure that all involved have a role.
- Invite the local news media to cover the event. Also, have the Post Public Relation Officer take pictures and write an article for the local newspaper. A little bit of PR often goes a long way in promoting the VFW.

- Have a follow up meeting to analyze the activity, discuss the good points and how to improve on the weak points of the event. At the same meeting start planning your next event.
- Chairmen should be trained to collect the necessary data and submit the on-line activity report for their event.

If a community activity is to realize success, then TEAMWORK is essential.

ALL CHAIRPERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK THE REPORTS A MINIMUM OF WEEKLY. THE REPORTING YEAR RESETS ON MAY 1, 2026. ANY REPORTS SUBMITTED AFTER APRIL 30, 2026 WILL GO TOWARD THE NEXT YEAR.

Reporting: The Basics

Why Report?

- It serves as a nonprofit justification.
- It serves as a proof that we do what we say we do.
- It serves as a record of post donations for IRS purposes.
- The Post Activity Reports provide the data to update the National VFW Fact Sheet

- For Date of Activity, use the calendar icon. ***DO NOT INSERT DATE IN NUMERIC FIGURES!***
- When inserting dollar amount, use ONLY numeric characters and a decimal point.
- For the description, answer the following questions as best you can.
 - What was the name of the event?
 - Where did the event occur?
 - Was the event advertised? If so, where?
 - Who was involved in the event?
- If the event qualifies for multiple categories, list the money donated only in one category.
- Insert a good telephone number in case the reviewer needs to follow up. If this information is missing, the report will be rejected. **Your Name and Phone Number is best.**

Some Advice:

- Do not enter fundraisers as community service. However, enter donations received from a fundraiser when assisting veterans and their families.
- Reports submitted 90 days after the event will not be considered. The reporting year ends on April 30.
Reporting events are NEVER about bragging. Reporting is always about showing that we do what we say we do as an organization. Nothing more, nothing less.
- **ALL Reports submitted after April 30, 2026 will go toward the next year.**

Chaplain Duties

One of the biggest assists to having a post with a positive attitude and sticking together as comrades is having an active chaplain. The chaplain can do the things that add a personal touch to the membership of the VFW.

It is important that the chaplain at any level be someone that cares to do more for the VFW than simply reading the prayers at the meeting. The chaplain needs to be involved in activities and with comrades in need outside of the normal post activities. It is important we as leaders encourage active members to become our chaplains.

The post chaplain is one person that can easily ask the comrade how they are doing and get an answer that can lead to help for the comrade if needed. With other officers, the comrade may not be as comfortable.

Post Chaplains should be involved with:

- Hospital visits
- Hospice visits
- Funerals and Memorials
- Performing ceremonies and rituals
- Assisting comrades to find service officer assistance
- Consoling the families
- Providing counsel for the commander

Sending:

- get well cards
- thinking of you cards
- sympathy cards
- other greetings

The district chaplain is responsible for not only district meetings prayers but for counsel of the line officers of the district (includes post commanders and most importantly the TRAINING OF THE POST CHAPLAINS. Offering training to new chaplains, answering questions, and offering assistance to the post chaplains is a large part of the job.

Any chaplain can find the resources to use for training under REFERENCES and TRAINING on the website: <https://movfw.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=76106>

The website works well as a side presentation for doing training with your subordinate Chaplains or assistant chaplains.

This on-line reference is available whenever the chaplain is connected to the web. Otherwise, this information is available to be downloaded and printed for ease of access.



**QR Code to “the Chaplain’s Corner”
MOVFW.Org, About, Chaplain’s Corner**

Planning Calendar Department of MO VFW

Schedule of VFW Meetings and Events

2025

June 28

National Home 100th Anniversary Celebration
Eaton, MI

Aug 9-14

National Convention
Columbus, OH

October 10-12

Fall C of A (Homecoming Banquet)
The Resort at Lake of the Ozarks
3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd
Lake Ozark, MO 65049

October 17-19

Big Ten Conference
Bettendorf, IA

2026

Feb 20-22

Winter C of A, VOD & PP, & Teacher Awards Banquet
The Resort at Lake of the Ozarks
3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd
Lake Ozark, MO 65049

Feb 28- March 5

Washington Conference
Washington, DC

May 30

District Commander SOI
State Headquarters
3401 Knipp Dr
Jefferson City, MO 65109

June 11 -14

State Convention
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
Springfield, MO

2025- 2026 DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

DISTRICT 12 Missouri

Date	Town Location / Post #	Time	Requested Department Representative
19-Jul-25	Post 4105 Florissant	12:00 NOON - Joint School of Instruction then Splitting to VFW and Auxiliary for unit specific goals and programs. Some District Business will take place.	Dept. Will Assign
18-Oct-25	Post 2184 Mehlville	12"00 Noon	Dept. Will Assign
6-Dec-25	Post 3944 Overland / St Ann	12:00 NOON - VOD, PP, and Teacher Banquet. St Cdr Requested Brief District Meeting to follow.	State Commander Requested
28-Feb-26	Post 2365 Site to be Announced	12:00 Noon	Dept. Will Assign
18-Apr-25	Post 6274 Ballwin	12"00 Noon - District Convention	Dept. Will Assign
All Sessions start as a Joint Meeting with the Auxiliary			

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District 12

Department of Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars

2025 –2026 Department of Missouri Post All State Requirements

Ongoing Goals:

1. Your Post must reach **100% + 1** and 75% Retention of last year's July 1st membership no later than June 30, 2026.
2. All Trustees' Reports of audit must be submitted to the State Quartermaster by the designated date. Postmarks do not count as each Post has 30 days to conduct and mail, fax, or email the completed Audit Report to: **State Quartermaster, 3401 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, Mo. 65109, or email: qm@movfw.org; and hqangela@movfw.org.**
3. All required events **must** be reported using the online reporting system. The submitter name and phone number need to be on all reports.

Any Post making All-State by April 30, 2026 will be recognized at the State Convention in June, all others after that will be recognized at the Fall Convention.

Inspection Related Goals:

4. Post Quartermaster must be bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws.
5. Your Post must have in their possession the most currently published copy of the VFW Podium Edition Congressional Charter By-Laws Manual of Procedure Ritual Manual.
6. Your Post must be incorporated in accordance with National By-Laws, Section 708 and must obtain proper liability coverage according to the National By-Laws, Section 709. Post must have current Certificate of Insurance on hand and provide a copy to State Headquarters (If applicable).
7. Your Post must have the Post Website, or any other social media sites (i.e., Facebook, X, LinkedIn) updated with the names and contact information of its current Commander, Quartermaster, and Post Information Officer, (PIO).
8. The Post must have their email set up through the Department designated email (movfw.org).

Event Specific Goals:

9. The Post Commander **must** attend a District or Department School of Instruction. The Post Commander **-OR-** a designated representative **must** attend all District meetings. Only the State Commander may excuse the absence of an entire Post from a District meeting. Excusal must be requested prior to the meeting.
10. Your Post must have four (4) POW-MIA awareness activities at or outside of the Post home. The following are all ways to meet these All-State criteria:
 - a. Donate a POW flag to a school or business and hold a short program in commemoration.
 - b. Present the POW-MIA Honor Table program at a school, business or civic event.
 - c. Participate in a local parade with the Post colors and POW-MIA flag.
 - d. Display the POW-MIA flag at a public event.
 - e. Conduct an advertised program at the Post Home open to the public.
 - f. Host a POW/MIA internet web page. Each example will meet this requirement.

11. Your Post must hold four (4) Veteran Service Officer events. These events must be reported using the online reporting system. Posts can hold events together; however, at least 1 representative from each Post must be present at the event.

To meet this criteria, it **MUST** be open to the public and be advertised that a Post Information Officer is present. The location of the advertisement (s) must be indicated on your online report.

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12. Your Post must hold four (4) Recruiting events. Activity can be the following:

- a. Off Site (Public Forum), set up a booth/table at a community event
- b. Cold Canvas (Stores, ECT.), you see someone with a veteran hat, shirt and ask to join.
- c. Phone Calling (Member at Large/Membership Rosters) cold call in your community.
- d. Face to Face Interview with potential members only counts for State, do not submit to National.

13. Your Post must have four (4) Legislative Activities.

- a. State, attend MAVO meetings, Rallies at the Capitol, talking to your local Representative about veteran issues.
- b. National, have someone sign up for Action Corps and responds to alerts. Contact your US Senators and Representatives about Veterans issues.
- c. Other, contact your local municipality representative about Veterans issues.

14. Your Post must have four (4) Americanism activities, the following are activities to meet that criteria:

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Get Out to Vote Program | g. Veterans Day |
| b. Color Guard Activities | h. Memorial Day |
| c. Honor Guard Activities | i. Pearl Harbor Day |
| d. Flag Disposal Ceremony | j. Loyalty Day |
| e. Participate or Conduct Flag Ceremony | k. 911 Remembrance Day |
| f. Present Flag Education Program | l. Other |

15. Post must have at least four (4) approved events in all categories listed on the Community Activity Report. These reports must be submitted on line, and must include your name and phone number.

The following are all ways to meet this criteria:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| a. Buddy Poppy Drive | j. Participate in Patriot's Pen |
| b. Tree Planting Program | k. Participate in Voice of Democracy |
| c. Community Blood Drive | l. Participate in Teacher Entry |
| d. Community CPR Class | m. Sponsor Youth Contests/Special Events |
| e. Recycle Program | n. Achievement Awards Community |
| f. Youth or Hunter Safety Program | o. Recognize Public Employees |
| g. Drug Awareness Program | p. Donate Hall to Non Profit Organization |
| h. Community Emergency Assistance | q. Sport/Athletic Sponsorship |
| i. Volunteer in Schools and Community | r. Scouting Organization Support |

16. NEW REQUIREMENT: Each Post email address will receive an email after June 15th with the subject line "All-State Qualification Email". The email will ask for a **REPLY (NOT A REPLY ALL)** be sent by September 15th. This will help identify posts that may need assistance with email and get all onboard with using the movfw.org emails.

17. Your Post must have four (4) Veterans Assistance, the following will meet this criteria:

- a. Donate to Veterans Service Officer Fund
- b. Assist Veterans and their Families
- c. Loaning of Hospital Type Equipment
- d. Conduct Military Funerals
- e. other

FUND RAISING GOALS:

18. Your Post must make a donation to the Veterans Service Officer Program, Minimum of \$3.00 per member required for All-State. The check goes to the following:
Department Quartermaster, 3401 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, MO. 65109. Notate in the memo field on the check, "Missouri Veterans Service Officer Program Donation." must be received no later than April 30, 2026.

19. Your Post must sponsor both school programs: Voice of Democracy, and Patriot Pen award. Each must be entered to the District for judging.

20. Your Post must make a donation to the Veteran and Military Support (i.e., Military Assistance Program, Operation Uplink, or Unmet Needs, minimum \$125.00 to make All-American.

PLEASE NOTE:

**** VMS donations will only be handled through the dashboard moving forward. Attached to email is the explanation of the NEW donation page. All posts have to do is click on the VMS donation Tab on the Dashboard to donate. The link will point them to OMS. **No more checks.**

Credit will be given automatically daily on the dashboard. No more weekly updates.

*****DO NOT SEND TO STATE HEADQUARTERS. *******

Log into VFW.org , Select their Dashboart Tppls, Select Donate. The Donation Page should cue in your Post Identification and state the Requirements for All American Credit of \$125. If not, you do not have the right page!

21. Your Post must order at least five (5)– poppies per member, the minimum order is 500.

See chart on page (54) of handbook. **Examples of a Poppy Drive Below:**

Set up a table at a local business. If your Post has bingo or other fundraisers you may set up a container there for donations. Distribute poppies at fairs or other events such as recruiting or service officer

22. Your Post must have Liability/Dram Insurance FYI: Dram is only if you have a bar/canteen. and it is required that a **Certificate of Liability** (see forms on page 77) be sent to Department at the time of policy renewal.

Dept of MO VFW

EMAIL: qm@movfw.org; hqangela@movfw.org

3401 Knipp Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65109

23.. Each Post must have a representative attend at least (1) of the Counsel of Administration meetings. The post representative will report to their District commander just prior to the meeting and the District Commanders will report to the Adjutant. Department Staff, Counsel members and Department chairperson's do not count.

See last page of handbook for dates/times/location, this is also posted in the General Orders.

24. Post Information Officer **MUST** attend PIO training at the District SOL, if unable to attend their District SOL he/she will work with the District Commander to attend another Districts PIO training.

This Training is set to begin at 3PM Today! So, call your Service Officers (Now being called Post Information Officers) to receive their Training.

2025—2026 Department of Missouri District All-State Program

The 2025-2026 All-State District Commander program is meant to ensure that posts are participating in VFW programs and realizing the VFW's mission.

All District Commanders are eligible to qualify.

All requirements must be met by April 30, 2026 to qualify, except for membership.

A District Commander who exhibits exemplary performance may be chosen as Captain at the Department Commander's discretion.

The performance requirements for All-State District Commander are as follows:

- 1. The District must be at 100% or better in member percentage by June 30, 2026.**
- 2. The Commander must attend a Department School of Instructions.**

3. The District Commander and District Information Officer (DIO) must attend DIO Training at Department Convention.
4. The Commander must hold a District School of Instruction.
5. The District DIO must conduct Post Information Officer (PIO) training at the District SOL.
6. All District Trustees Reports must be submitted to Department within 30 days following the end of the observed quarter.
7. District meeting reports must be submitted to Department within 30 days after the held meeting.
8. The Commander must complete all Post visits and submit corresponding reports by December 31, 2025.
9. The District must submit an entry to Department Chairperson for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, (Roger Floyd) and Teacher/Americanism (Bert Williams) of the December 15, 2025 for judging. The Chairperson's address's are found in the Department roster on the website or in the front of this handbook.

10. The District must make a donation of a minimum \$125 to the National Veterans and Military support Program (VMS). VMS donations will only be handled through the Programs Dashboard Tool on the National website. To make a donation, log onto the National website, select My VFW-Programs Dashboard Tool. On the upper right of the page, select VMS Donation. Credit will automatically be given on the dashboard. **CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

11. The District must have 100% of it's Posts report a minimum of four **(4) of each category.** Community Involvement, Veterans Assistance, Americanism, POW/MIA, VSO Events, Legislative Advocacy, and Recruiting.

12. All posts within a District must have an active, updated website.

13. The District must have a National Home Chairperson and must have at least one of it's members go on the National Home Trip.

14. The Commander must designate a District recruiter. The recruiter's name **MUST** be submitted to the Department recruiter.

15. The District Commander **MUST** recruit at least one (1) new member prior to Dec 31, 2025.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR ALL-STATE POSTS & DISTRICTS

Post and District ALL-STATE Awards are a reflection of exemplary Post and District performance and a reflection of exceptional leadership and dedication to VFW programs and membership initiatives. To honor this success, Department will provide the following awards.

1. All Post Commanders and Quartermasters achieving 100% in membership by December 31, 2025 will receive a 100% Membership Shirt.
2. All Post Commanders who achieve ALL-STATE will receive an ALL-STATE Commanders Cover. All Post Quartermasters who achieve ALL-STATE will receive an ALL-STATE Quartermasters Cover. Commanders or Quartermasters may receive a \$75.00 Gift certificate from the National Supply store in lieu of an All-State Cover.
3. The Post will receive a distinctive ALL STATE plaque for the Post Home to recognize their Post success.
4. The ALL-STATE District Commander and Quartermaster will receive an ALL-STATE Commander Cover.
5. All District Commanders achieving 100% in membership by December 31, 2025 will receive a 100% Membership Shirt and a very Special Award from the Department Commander.



VFW National Membership Program
2025-2026

Carol Whitmore
Commander-in-Chief
"For Veterans, By Veterans"

All-American Program:

The All-American program exists to recognize exceptional leadership and teamwork, authentic accomplishment in membership growth, and participation in VFW core programs.

All-American Post Criteria

All Posts who have met the following criteria as of June 30th, 2026 will be named as All-American Posts:

- At least 101% in membership, based on adjusted prior year totals.
- Must have a Post election report submitted and be in good standing.
- Must meet the following Program Participation Criteria by January 31, 2026:
 - o Voice of Democracy – minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Posts may donate \$125 to National in lieu of entry)
 - o Patriot's Pen – minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Posts may donate \$125 to National in lieu of entry)
 - o Donate to Veterans & Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$125.

- Must participate in the VFW Day of Service event held during the month of May and registered at todayvfw.org/day-of-service/ no later than May 15th. Participation may count as community service for All-American quarterly requirements. The event must meet certain criteria aimed at making a meaningful difference in the community. The criteria and more information can be found here: <https://todayvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service-faq/>
- A Post must submit a community service report quarterly to their department for submission to the All-American Dashboard. The quarters are July-Sept, Oct-Dec, Jan-March, and April-June.
- Must purchase a minimum of 500 Buddy Poppies.

Note, If your Post meets the All State Quota Requirements, this is an automatic.

All-State Buddy Poppy Requirements
2025-2026 Post Membership Program

*Post orders quota of buddy Poppies from Department
Headquarters. Mandatory for All-State.*

1-100 Members	500	701-800 Members.....	4,000
101-200 Members.....	1,000	801-900 Members.....	4,500
201-300 Members.....	1,500	901-1,000 Members.....	5,000
301-400 Members.....	2,000	1001-1100 Members.....	5,500
401-500 Members.....	2,500	1101-1200 Members.....	6,000
501-600 Members.....	3,000	1201-1300 Members.....	6,500
601-700 Members.....	3,500	1301-1400 Members.....	7,000



All-American Post Award

All Posts that meet the listed criteria will receive: An All-American Post Streamer, a Post Home Citation, and will be recognized in the VFW Magazine.

In addition, the top 15 Posts in each membership division will receive:

- All-American Post Commander's Citation
- All-American Post Commander's Cap
- All-American Post Commander's Badge
- All-American Post Commander's lapel pin

These awards for the top 15 Posts will be presented on stage at the 127th National Convention.

The Top five Post Commanders in each division will also be reimbursed for up to \$1,000 of travel/lodging expenses for the 127th VFW National Convention. The top two Post Commanders in each division will be named as Captain and Co-Captain of the All-American Team, and their caps will bear a special designation.

All-American District Criteria

All Districts that have met the following criteria as of June 30th, 2026 will be named as All-American Districts:

- At least 101% in membership, based on adjusted prior year totals.
- District Election report must be submitted to National Headquarters
- Must meet the following Program Participation Criteria by January 31, 2026:
 - Voice of Democracy – minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Districts may donate \$125 to National in lieu of entry)
 - Patriot's Pen – minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Districts may donate \$125 to National in lieu of entry)

All-American District Awards

All Districts that meet the listed criteria will receive an All-American District Streamer, an All-American District Commander's Citation, and recognition in the VFW Magazine.

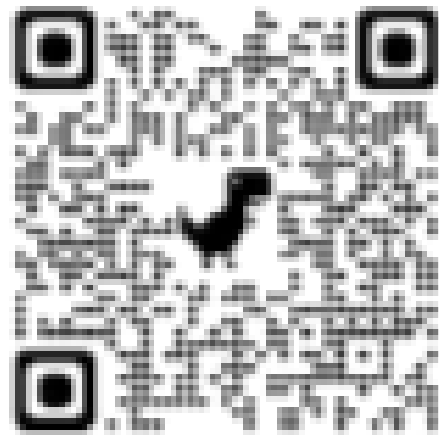
In addition, the top 10 Districts in each membership division will receive:

- All-American District Commander's Cap
- All-American District Commander's Badge
- All-American District Commander's lapel pin

These awards for the top 10 District Commanders will be presented on stage at the 127th National Convention.

The top two District Commanders in each division will also be reimbursed for up to \$1,000 of travel/lodging expenses for the 127th VFW National Convention. The Top Two District Commanders in each division will be named as Captain and Co-Captain of the All-American Team, and their caps will bear a special designation.

For information on how to use the All-American Dashboard, scan the QR code below:



Membership Contacts:

David Prohaska, Director – 816-968-1114, dprohaska@vfw.org

Matt Nute, Associate Director – 816-961-1122, mnute@vfw.org

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Department of Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars

- Visit a nearby Veteran's Home or VA Hospital.
- Sponsor a local National Guard unit.
- Support a local ROTC program.
- Sponsor a local sports team.
- Sponsor a local youth contest or special event.
- Create and fund a scholarship at a local school.
- Schedule and advertise a tree planting ceremony.
- Conduct and advertise a community blood drive.
- Conduct and advertise a community CPR class.
- Institute a recycle program.
- Participate in an Adopt a Highway program.
- Recognize public employees at a Post dinner or other event open to the public.
- Support scouting.
- Support youth or hunting safety program.
- Support a drug awareness program (e.g., DARE).
- Volunteer in your community (e.g., drive for Meals on Wheels, assist an elderly neighbor).
- Donate your hall to a nonprofit organization.

2025-2026 Road Way to Success

JULY

Submit **JUNE 2025** Trustees' Report of Audit to Department Quartermaster

District dues notices will be mailed to each Post Quartermaster by July 15th. Dues shall be remitted to the District Quartermaster by September 30th.

Order Buddy Poppies.

Make Veterans Service Officer Fund Donation (write "VSO" on memo of check).

National Home Donation ("Missouri House" on memo of check).

Remit the above three donations to:

Dept. Quartermaster

3401 Knipp Drive

Jefferson City, MO, 65109

Make National Vet & Military Support Donation

Please NOTE: To make All American donation must be a minimum of **\$125.00**.

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SEPT. Conduct POW/MIA Ceremony, Commanders and Quartermasters
Fall C of A, Oct 10-12 see back cover for location

OCT. Submit SEPTEMBER 2025 Trustees Report of Audit to Department Quarter master.

OCTOBER 31st:	VOD & PP Submissions Must be submitted to Posts Teacher Nomination Due to Post.
NOVEMBER 15th:	VOD & PP Post Winners to District Chairperson
DECEMBER 15th:	VOD & PP Completion of District Judging

- JAN.** Submit **DECEMBER 2025** Trustees Report of Audit to Department Quartermaster.
- FEB.** Winter C of A February 7th and 8th
- MARCH** Open Nominations for Post Officers
- APRIL** Submit **MARCH 2026** Trustees Report of Audit to Department Quartermaster
Continue Post Nominations and Elect Post Officers
Commander Elect Appoints Post Officers and Committee Chairmen
Enter your Post-Election Report on Nationals website and we automatically get A copy of it at Department. If you cannot enter yourself online please email to Department Quartermaster, qm@movfw.org.
Also send to your District Quartermaster.
- Send National Delegate Fees to VFW National Headquarters, **NOT** to Department Headquarters.

April 30 Last day to submit community activity reports for 2025-2026 credit

MAY **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND** – Conduct Buddy Poppy Drive.

JUNE 11th—14th **STATE CONVENTION** at Oasis, Springfield, MO

*******NOTE*******

Please see back of handbook for C of A meetings, dates/times/location

VFW Department of Missouri Webmail

The Dept. of MO webmail is the official method of electronic communications within the Dept. of MO, VFW. Each Dept. Line Officer and all Chairpersons have webmail addresses. Each District Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Veterans Service Information Officer have an account and each Post an account.

The District accounts are:

Commander – cdrdist8@movfw.org

Adjutant - adjdist8@movfw.org

Quartermaster – qmdist8@movfw.org

Veterans Service Information Officer – vsiodist8@movfw.org

Adjust the *number* following dist. to reflect the proper district

The Post account example for email is: [post\(post#\)@movfw.org](mailto:post(post#)@movfw.org)

You can send e-mails to any of the above addresses after using the proper dist./post number to contact any of the district or post officers.

Our Webmail group will no longer be changing the passwords to a “default” password, it takes too much time to reset over 350 email addresses. So please see your predecessors for the current password and then after logging in you will do the following steps to change the password:

Access to webmail is through the State website, www.movfw.org. Go to the top task bar and click on LOGIN and then click on Webmail. Scroll down under Webmail and click on Change Email Password. The Plesk web host screen will appear. Enter your email address and the current password. The Mail screen will appear. On the left tab, click on My Profile. This will bring you to My Profile Screen. Under the Plesk Preferences you will see the email address and an area to enter the new password which you will choose. A few lines down, you are asked to Confirm the Password. Click on OK.

After the above steps are completed, go back to the WebMail login screen, and go to Check Your Email. Enter your email address and password on the next screen. You should be in your emails. If you have any issues, please contact

Randy Craig at 573-212-3777 or Ken Allison at 636-448-3061.

*******PLEASE NOTE: Do NOT set up email forwarding to Yahoo, AOL or Verizon.net email addresses from the email accounts that we provide. We are getting blamed for ALL junk mail that is being forwarded to those accounts and Yahoo, AOL and Verizon.net are blocking our server as a result. We are continually trying to resolve this.**

Post _____ to District Commander Missouri
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Activity Report To Be Presented At Each District Meeting

Meeting Date _____ (Details includes Dates and Description of Activity)
Completed Key Events – List with Brief Detail

Planned Key Events – List in Brief Detail

Missouri Veteran Service Officer Fund Donation

Date _____ Amount _____

National Military and Veteran Support Program Donation

Date _____ Amount _____

Submitted by _____ Position _____

This Form is important for the District Commander to keep abreast of your Post's viability and health.

With each of the Council meetings, the Commander must resent a report on the District Status. The Commander gathers the information from this report and the District Commander Visit to Post Reports.

THIS IS A REFERRAL FORM, NOT A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS!



Department of Missouri Service Office
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

The purpose of this form is to gather some basic information so we may evaluate your possibility to receive VA benefits. This information is held confidential and will not be released in any form or for any other use. Please be thorough in the filling out of this form. (PLEASE PRINT)

Veteran's Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____
Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Best time to call: ____ AM ____ PM
Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: From: ____/____/____ To: ____/____/____
Registered in VA System: YES ☐ NO ☐
Email: _____

Service outside the USA: YES ☐ NO ☐ Country: _____ MOS: _____
Medals or Decorations: _____
Combat Awards: Bronze Star/Higher ☐ Purple Heart ☐ Other: _____
Referred By: _____ Post #: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Date sent to Regional Office: _____

VSO OFFICE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Date Contacted: _____ Contacted By: _____

Please send this form to:
Veterans of Foreign Wars
3401 Knipp Dr
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Email: deptvso@moovfw.org
Phone: 573-636-9998

V.F.W. Membership makes this service possible, if you are entitled to a FOREIGN SERVICE RIBBON, you belong in the VFW- Join today!

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This is the Current Edition of the Referral Form.
All Older Versions should be discarded as the Addresses – Snail Mail and Email – have been revised. As well as the Phone Number.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

SCHOLARSHIP

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
PATRIOTS PEN**

Voice of Democracy Grades 9-12
Patriots Pen Grades 6-8



The 2025-26 theme is:

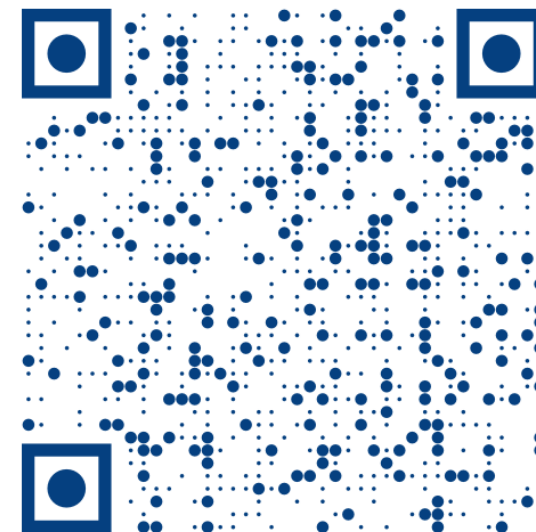
"How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

- ✔ Due to local post 31 Oct 25
- ✔ Prizes at local, district, state and national levels
- ✔ Educational enrichment opportunity for winners

**District 12
VOD Link**



**District 12
PP Link**



Planning Calendar Department of MO VFW

Schedule of VFW Meetings and Events

2025

June 28

National Home 100th Anniversary Celebration
Eaton, MI

Aug 9-14

National Convention
Columbus, OH

October 10-12

Fall C of A (Homecoming Banquet)
The Resort at Lake of the Ozarks
3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd
Lake Ozark, MO 65049

October 17-19

Big Ten Conference
Bettendorf, IA

2026

Feb 20-22

Winter C of A, VOD & PP, & Teacher Awards Banquet
The Resort at Lake of the Ozarks
3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd
Lake Ozark, MO 65049

Feb 28- March 5

Washington Conference
Washington, DC

May 30

District Commander SOI
State Headquarters
3401 Knipp Dr
Jefferson City, MO 65109

June 11 -14

State Convention
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
Springfield, MO

2025- 2026 DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

DISTRICT 12 Missouri

Date	Town Location / Post #	Time	Requested Department Representative
19-Jul-25	Post 4105 Florissant	12:00 NOON - Joint School of Instruction then Splitting to VFW and Auxiliary for unit specific goals and programs. Some District Business will take place.	Dept. Will Assign
18-Oct-25	Post 2184 Mehlville	12"00 Noon	Dept. Will Assign
6-Dec-25	Post 3944 Overland / St Ann	12:00 NOON - VOD, PP, and Teacher Banquet. St Cdr Requested. Brief District Meeting to follow.	State Commander Requested
28-Feb-26	Post 2365 Site to be Announced	12:00 Noon	Dept. Will Assign
18-Apr-25	Post 6274 Ballwin	12"00 Noon - District Convention	Dept. Will Assign
All Sessions start as a Joint Meeting with the Auxiliary			