

4th QUARTER TALKING POINTS

REVIEW ALL MATERIAL AND MAKE APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF AUDITS ARE NOT CURRENT, OBLIGATIONS AND OUTSTANDING BILLS NOT PAID YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE!!! THIS INCLUDES ELECTION REPORTS AND INSURANCE!

TRUSTEE'S REPORT OF AUDITS: Trustee's Report of Audits for the quarter ending March 31, 2026 were due into Department Headquarters by **April 30, 2026**, and will be marked late if not received by the deadline. **You must use the form on the Department website under Post Forms; no other form will be accepted. Make sure it is signed by the Commander and the 3 trustees.**

ALL STATE JUDGING: All State Judging will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Department Headquarters. Program Reporting closes April 30, 2026, for All State.

NATIONAL DELEGATE FEES: Each Post will receive a registration form and an invoice for \$25.00 for one (1) delegate to the National Convention. If more members plan on attending the National Convention it will be an additional \$10.00 per member and be sure and list them on the registration form.
Do not mail it to Department Headquarters, it must be sent to National.

VAVS: Commanders, please remember to support your VAVS Representatives. Funds are needed as well as volunteer hours for your hospitalized veterans.

SECTION 213 of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure: Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions: Any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit and Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings (if applicable), District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

POST OBLIATIONS: Bills, Quarterly Audits, Buddy Poppy Order Payments, and/or Delegate Fees should be paid no later than the **June 1st deadline.**

STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES: State Headquarters will email the delegate strength, delegate sheets and delegate invoices to the district commanders and they will distribute the delegate packets to their post approximately thirty (30) days (May 11, 2026) prior to the State Convention. It takes approximately two (2) days to complete this process starting with District 1. Please do not send in your delegate fees or delegate list until you receive the email from your district commander, **they will be returned.** If you have any questions, please call Christine Harris at State Headquarters (352) 622-5126

*****Delegate Fees and Delegate List are to be sent in together*****

PREPARING A RESOLUTION: All Resolutions must be submitted to the Department Adjutant sixty (60) days,(April 11), prior to the start of the State Convention, which is being held June 11-14, 2026 in order to be presented to the Convention Delegates. The proper format is on the Department website under department forms (How to prepare a resolution).

PREPARING A DEPARTMENT AND/OR NATIONAL BY-LAW AMENDMENT: Any member in good standing, a Post, a District may propose an amendment to the Department and/or National By-Laws; provided however, before consideration it must be presented to the Post and passed, then presented to the District and passed, and then submitted to the Department. The proper format is on the Department website under department forms (By-Laws Amendment How to Prepare)

PLEASE NOTE: Once the District Report of Election has been received by Department Headquarters a separate packet will be sent by email/mail to the newly elected District Commander and will contain the following: District Meeting Schedule Form (no meetings are to be held until after the State School of Instruction in August, 2026), District Administrative Committee Form; District Commanders Bio Form; Code of Ethics Paperwork and Form; W-9 Form; Sexual Harassment Form; all of which are to be returned to Department no later than May, 31st. The Retention Policy and Whistle Blower Policy are for you to keep. Proof of Eligibility for the District Commander, District Senior Vice Commander and District Junior Commander are also due at that time unless already on file at Department Headquarters.

QUARTERMASTER/TRUSTEE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL: Will be held on Friday May 29th at 8:00 a.m. This school is open to anyone who would like to attend. The school will be held at Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809.

QM SCHOOL: Registration Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

School Starts promptly on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. until

Hotel Reservation Cut Off: Wednesday, May 08, 2026 — Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809. Phone (800) 588-4656 you must mention **Veterans of Foreign Wars** to receive the room rate of \$125.00 per night plus tax for Single or Double.

Check In: 4:00 p.m. Check Out: 11:00 a.m.

STATE CONVENTION HOTEL: Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL. June 11-14, 2026. **Cutoff Date:** On or before May 18, 2026. Room Rate \$142.00 plus tax for Single/Double/Triple and Quad. For room reservations call 1-407-351-5555 or go to <https://book.passkey.com/go/VFW2026>. For Hospitality Room Booking Only call Caroline 1-407-248-7328. Free Self-Parking. Check In: 4:00 p.m. Check Out 11:00 a.m. Must mention VFW State Convention 2026 to receive room rate.

The National Store will be at the State Convention this year; note to all that the store is cashless. Credit cards only.

BENEFITS ADVISOR SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION: Friday, August 14, 2026. Early registration 8:00 a.m. Class begins at 9:00 a.m. — 12 p.m. **Hotel:** The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL. Room Rate - \$125.00 plus tax, with possible early check-in fee. For reservations, call 800-588-4656 and must mention VFW School of Instruction to receive this rate. Cut-Off Date: July 13, 2026; Check In — 4:00 p.m.; Check Out 11:00 a.m. The registration form is on the Department Website.

DISTRICT INSPECTOR TRAINING: Friday, August 14, 2026. Class is 1:00 p.m. – until. This class will immediately follow the Benefits Advisor School of Instruction.

VFW GENERAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION: Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. — til. **Hotel:** The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL. Room Rate - \$125.00 plus tax, with a possible early check-in fee. For reservations, call 800-588-4656 and must mention VFW School of Instruction to receive this rate. Cut-Off Date: July 13, 2026; Check In — 4:00 p.m.; Check out — 11:00 a.m.

DISTRICT COMMANDER TRAINING: August 15, 2026, and will be in conjunction with the School of Instruction.

VFW ACTION CORP NEWSLETTER: Post and members are encouraged to sign up for the VFW Action Corp at <http://www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweekly>. The Action Corp Weekly is an e-newsletter relating to current legislation and events.