

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

**INFORMATION BULLETIN
OCTOBOR, 2025**



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**GRERGORY HARRELL, COMMANDER
2025 – 2026**

**CONGRATULATIONS
101% IN MEMBERSHIP
1704, Globe and 2066, Nogales**

**What Post is Next?
What District will be First?**



DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



DontFeedTheSharks.org

What is a "Claim Shark"?

- 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 are the Claim Sharks?

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| ✎ Trajector Medical | ✎ Patriot Angels |
| ✎ Vet Benefits Guide | ✎ Veteran Care Services |
| ✎ Veterans Guardian | ✎ VetComm |
| ✎ VA Claims Insider | ✎ VA Claims Academy |
| ✎ Telemedica | ✎ Vet Assist |

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





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



SUPPORT THE VFW

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

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Whitmore's Warriors Class of 2025-2026 Project

LET'S DO MORE
STOCK THE STORE



V F W

NATIONAL HOME

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.



SCAN ME





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 _____

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 st	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.

I ATTEST 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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COMBAT TESTED GAMING

By the **VFW**
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

THE VFW'S INAUGURAL GAMING LEAGUE EXCLUSIVELY FOR VETERANS.



Join the
community!



Combat Tested Gaming (CTG) has become the fastest-growing veterans gaming community in America. We are approaching 2,500 veteran gamers on our Discord server and streaming gameplay on our Combat Tested Gaming Twitch channel. Join our Discord community to connect with other veterans and active duty server members who play your game of choice! Subscribe to our Twitch and YouTube channels to watch our gameplay and experience the thrill and camaraderie of our gamers.

GAMES

- Rocket League
- Call of Duty
- Call of Duty: Warzone
- World of Warcraft
- Valorant
- Madden
- MLB: The Show
- Rainbow Six Siege
- NBA 2K
- Helldivers 2
- Apex Legends
- Fortnite
- League of Legends
- The Finals
- EA Sports FC
- And more! We are adding games consistently.

IMPACT OVERVIEW

2,250+
Veteran
gamers.



**DEDICATED VFW
SERVICE
OFFICER**



answering VA benefits
questions daily.

**4 VFW
POSTS**



have leveraged CTG to start
gaming nights – one building
a gaming room to support
student veterans.

**5 VETERANS'
LIVES SAVED**



during crisis by
using connections
made through CTG.

CTG has quickly succeeded in reaching its early objectives. Now, as we look to the future, we set our sights on becoming THE leader in the veteran gaming space by continuing to promote the program and through partnering with a veteran-owned company which specializes in building the gaming infrastructure needed to support our growth and long-term success.

TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is holding their annual community walk!

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk gathers many to support the AFSP mission, saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide.

When and Where?

Saturday, Oct 4, 2025 - Flagstaff
2400 N Gemini Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Saturday, Oct 11, 2025 - Prescott
554 6th St, Prescott, AZ 86301

Saturday, Nov 8, 2025 - Tucson
900 S Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716

Saturday, Nov 15, 2025 - Phoenix
7555 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

What time should I be there?

It starts at 9:00 am, but get there early as registration starts at 8:00 am.

You won't want to miss any booths, including the VFW! If you are interested in helping run the VFW booth, contact Allison Helm for information below!

What will we be doing?

Dress accordingly, you will be outside!
Everyone gets together and walks a set path that is about a mile and a half long!

Want to pre-register online?

This will make it easier to check in on the day of the walk! Use the link below to pre-register!

<https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/>

Then select find community walk

Questions?

Reach out to Allison Helm
623-810-6909
helm3253@gmail.com



Want to donate to AFSP?

Scan the QR code above to support!



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!



DO YOU SUPPORT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS?
IF SO, WALK THE WALK GET YOUR ARIZONA SPECIALTY PLATES.



Veterans of Foreign Wars



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary



ORDER SPECIALTY PLATES AT AZMVDNOW.GOV

ANY QUESTIONS CALL DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTER!

480-941-5258

VFW 7061

OCT 3RD 1730-2130

SPAGHETTI DINNER

DJ FABE

KARAOKE



\$10 DONATION

SHUTTLE SERVICE

**516 S HOPI
PARKER AZ**

CATERED BY LA PIAZZA

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



**WE WELCOME MILITARY RETIREES
FROM ALL SERVICES AND THEIR
SPOUSES!**

The 56th Fighter Wing will honor the service of Phoenix area military retirees with the **2025 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)** while also providing a look into the mission at Luke AFB: To train the world's greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready Airmen. Available:

- NEXTGEN ID card renewal
- Base Services
- Legal / Personnel
- Finance
- TRICARE
- Immunizations (as avail)

Information providers on site will include VA and Veteran Service Organizations such as VFW, DAV, AMVETS, MOAA, Assoc of USN, and Fleet Reserve Assoc.

IMPORTANT * * * Access to Luke AFB: Visitors (those without DoD IDs) require a pass. All visitors (age 16 or older) are required to be screened and issued appropriate DBIDS (Defense Biometric Identification System) / visitor's passes by security forces prior to gaining access to the installation. For info:

<https://www.luke.af.mil/>



RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE (RAO) AT LUKE AFB: We, the volunteer staff of Luke AFB RAO, connect retirees of all military and uniformed services, and their surviving spouses / family members / next of kin, with information and assistance on matters pertaining to their benefits and entitlements. Our goal is to provide guidance and referral assistance on military and uniformed service retiree matters.



Rockin' thru the ages



50's



60's

70's



MOCA Grand of AZ Special Project Benefit for...
"Patriot Paws Service Dogs" & Homecoming

Saturday - October 11th



Ice cream Social



Raffles / Purse Raffle / 50/50

Costume Winners for 50's, 60's, 70's

Dance Party for all ages !



Social Hour 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm



\$30.⁰⁰

Ticket Purchase by September 27th

(\$35.⁰⁰ after the 27th)

Get your Tickets SOON - limited room on the dance floor!

VFW Post 9400 - 804 E Purdue Avenue

Info - Velvet 602-487-3348

velvstuck@hotmail.com



(Ticket Purchase Info Sheet Attached)

MOCA Grand President, Velvet, Special Project Benefit for. . .



"Patriot Paws Service Dogs" & Homecoming

Saturday, October 11th

6:00pm Social Hour / 7:00pm Dinner



**VFW Post 9400
804 E Purdue Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85020**



Info: Velvet: 602-487-3348 / velvstuck@hotmail.com

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Tickets _____ **Amount \$** _____

Tickets \$30.⁰⁰ deadline by September 27th
(\$35.⁰⁰ after the 27th - limited number available)
(Confirmation & Tickets will be emailed)

Make checks payable to MOCA Grand of Arizona
mail this form along with check to:

**Velvet Stucker
4633 W Greenway Rd
Glendale, AZ 85306**

***** Zelle also accepted / contact Velvet 602-487-3348 *****



253RD ENGINEER BATTALION



HALLOW family fun EVEN day party



18 OCT

ACTIVITIES:

HAUNTED HOUSE

TRICK OR TREATING

COMMAND TEAM DUNK TANK

COMMUNITY PARTNER BOOTHS

TIME:
BEST SIDE DISH COMPETITION

1000 - 1400

LOCATION:

KASSON READINESS CENTER

FLORENCE MILITARY RESERVE





ENDLESS HORIZONS. ONE PURPOSE. LET'S RIDE.

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

Learn more at h-d.letsride.com

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



YOU'RE INVITED

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!



2025





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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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

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 ☐
No ☐

(Attach electronically is
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

Check out: 11:00AM MST

(downtown near Boise, Idaho)

Website: www.riversideboise.com

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



FEAST

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

BAR365	+
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SANDBAR PATIO & GRILL	+
THE SAPPHIRE ROOM	+
LING & LOUIE'S	+

Amenities & Conveniences

- Outdoor Saltwater Pool
- 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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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

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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OUR UNCOMMON HEROES

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
Sunday, November 9 th		Hospitality Room {after banquet concludes}
	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/>

<https://visitgardencity.com/things-to-do/craft-beverages/>

Visitors Map: <https://149854433.v2.pressablecdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/GC-Map-2024-8.5x14-01.png>



JOIN US

2025 THEME



106th Tucson Veterans Day Parade

November 11, 2025
11 AM

Tucson Convention Center Perimeter





VETERANS DAY

REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION

VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE

will conduct a

Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony

Nov 11, 2025

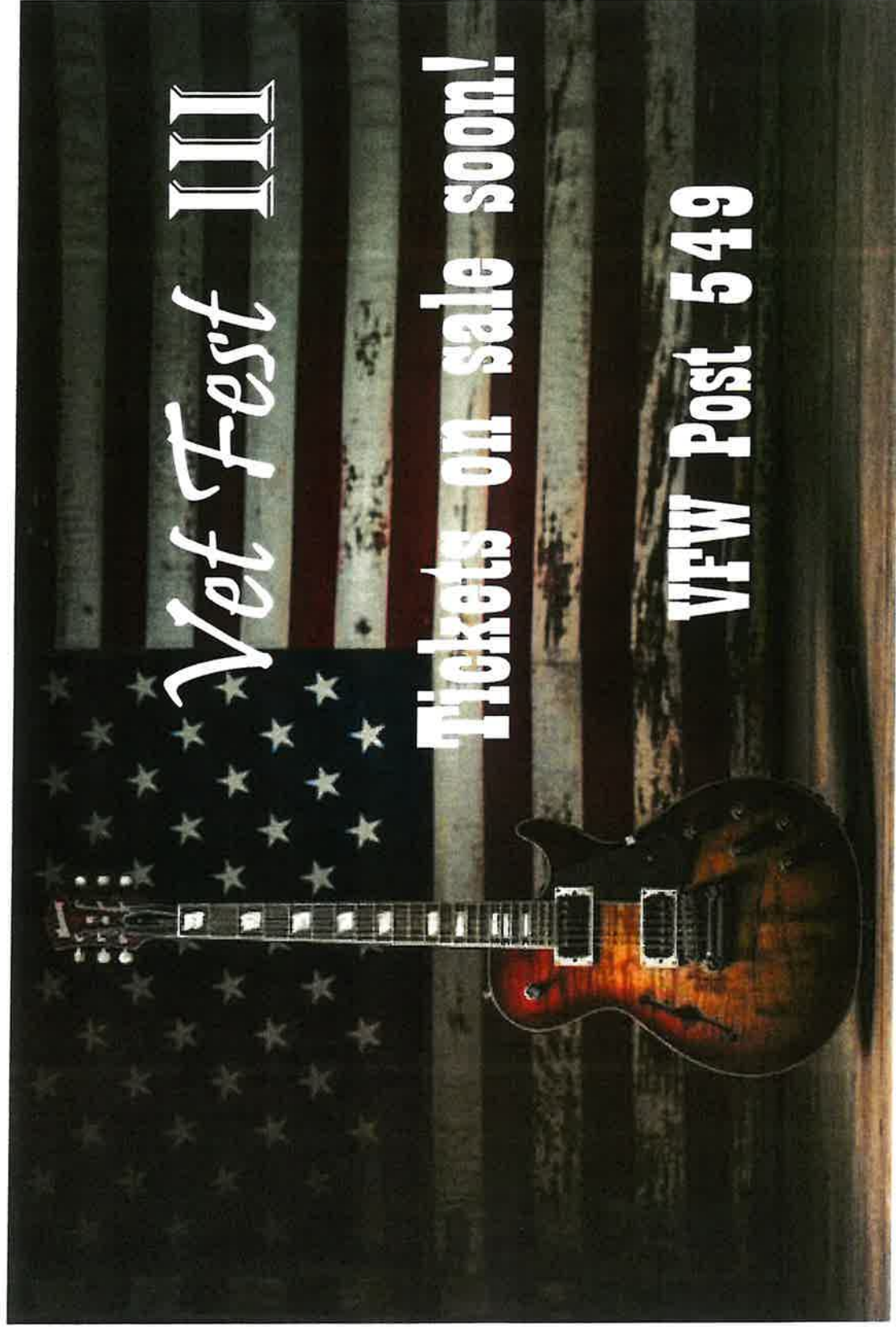
11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall

325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85929

SAVE THE DATE: 15 November 2025



Featured Bands: Mr. Skynyrd, Road To Nowhere, Fortunate Son

2025 Boxes for Troops Event



Donate needed items @

<https://a.co/byQfOpB>

You can donate items via the Amazon link utilizing our Amazon Wish List.

Your donated items will be sent directly to the VFW Auxiliary D4 Treasurer

Or Reach out to your local D4 VFW with donations.

Donations can be mailed to D4 Treasurer Kathy Heeren

1647 E El Parque Dr , Tempe AZ 85282.

All donations will be used to assist with postage

We support our BRAVE men and women overseas.
Help us send them some love and goodies for the Holidays!
Goal: Send 150-200 Boxes to our troops overseas.

There is a donation box at AL Post 2 if you would like to drop anything off early

Please send addresses for Soldiers serving overseas to

actad2@hotmail.com

District 4 VFW/Auxiliary

Boxes for Troops

Packing Party

*Sunday November 23,
2025*

1 - 4 PM

*@ VFW Post 3632/AL Post 2
2125 S Industrial Park Ave
Tempe AZ 85282*

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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

325 W. White Mountain Blvd.

Lakeside, AZ 85929



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

VFW

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Arizona

**BE SURE TO ARRIVE EARLY &
LOOK FOR THE TAILGATE PARTY**



SCAN ME



VS



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

**Friends and Family
Welcome**

All seats are in Section 454



MEMSTATS as of 10/3/2025

Post	Dst	Annual Ne	Annual Cc	Annual Re	Life Ne	Life Cont	Life Rein	Life Upgr	Current	Prior	%	Div	City
769	1	0	2	0	0	231	0	2	233	271	85.97%	4	QUARTZSITE
1763	1	2	4	0	3	208	0	5	217	251	86.45%	4	YUMA
2357	1	0	6	0	0	115	0	1	121	129	93.79%	7	BOUSE
3708	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	42	45	93.33%	11	SALOME
6790	1	0	3	1	0	197	0	1	201	230	87.39%	5	WELLTON
8242	1	2	9	0	1	423	0	2	435	466	93.34%	3	YUMA (Y.P.G.)
0	1	4	24	1	4	1216	0	11	1249	1392	89.72%	5	
541	2	1	12	1	1	309	0	3	324	354	91.52%	4	PRESCOTT
1709	2	0	5	0	0	165	0	0	170	190	89.47%	5	FLAGSTAFF
6739	2	0	10	0	0	108	0	0	118	156	75.64%	6	CAMP VERDE
7400	2	0	7	0	2	163	0	3	172	213	80.75%	5	COTTONWOOD
9632	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	61	65	93.84%	10	PAGE
10227	2	2	9	1	3	383	0	5	398	432	92.12%	3	PRESCOTT VALLEY
12128	2	0	2	0	0	34	0	0	36	40	90.00%	11	WILLIAMS
0	2	3	45	2	6	1223	0	11	1279	1450	88.20%	4	
40	3	8	26	0	1	97	0	2	132	150	88.00%	6	AVONDALE
285	3	12	2	0	1	99	0	1	114	129	88.37%	7	SURPRISE
1433	3	4	19	2	2	622	0	7	649	834	77.81%	2	GLENDALE
2135	3	2	24	0	1	192	0	1	219	290	75.51%	4	PEORIA
6310	3	0	9	0	1	305	0	1	315	389	80.97%	3	TOLLESON
12098	3	2	2	1	0	83	0	1	88	98	89.79%	8	BUCKEYE
12210	3	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	29	51	56.86%	10	GLENDALE
0	3	28	83	3	6	1426	0	13	1546	1941	79.64%	4	
720	4	0	12	1	0	301	0	3	314	408	76.96%	3	PHOENIX
1760	4	2	18	1	0	220	0	3	241	284	84.85%	4	MESA
1796	4	0	6	0	0	93	1	0	100	126	79.36%	7	BLACK CANYON CITY
3513	4	1	14	1	4	340	2	5	362	432	83.79%	3	SCOTTSDALE
3632	4	1	7	0	2	200	0	5	210	231	90.90%	5	TEMPE

7507	4	0	9	0	151	0	0	160	183	87.43%	6 FOUNTAIN HILLS
9400	4	2	21	0	651	0	3	674	910	74.06%	2 SUNNYSLOPE
0	4	6	87	3	1956	3	19	2061	2574	80.06%	3
549	5	5	40	4	1258	0	9	1313	1470	89.31%	1 TUCSON
2767	5	0	6	0	33	1	1	40	48	83.33%	11 MAMMOTH
4903	5	0	9	0	292	0	2	303	347	87.31%	4 TUCSON
5990	5	1	7	3	209	0	1	221	249	88.75%	4 MARANA
10015	5	0	2	0	54	0	1	56	64	87.50%	10 TUCSON
10254	5	0	3	0	103	0	1	106	136	77.94%	7 THREE POINTS
12222	5	0	2	0	37	0	2	40	47	85.10%	11 ORO VALLEY
0	5	6	69	7	1986	1	17	2079	2361	88.05%	3
1704	6	0	16	0	67	0	0	83	78	106.41%	9 GLOBE
2364	6	1	3	0	34	0	0	38	60	63.33%	10 PINETOP-LAKESIDE
6789	6	0	2	0	13	0	0	15	21	71.42%	11 WINDOW ROCK
8807	6	0	5	0	119	0	0	124	133	93.23%	7 TONTO BASIN
8987	6	1	4	1	88	0	3	96	99	96.96%	8 EAGAR
9907	6	3	11	0	304	0	5	322	359	89.69%	3 SHOW LOW
0	6	5	41	1	625	0	8	678	750	90.40%	6
836	7	3	11	21	91	0	1	126	188	67.02%	5 BISBEE
2066	7	5	8	7	109	1	0	130	121	107.43%	7 NOGALES
6271	7	0	7	0	170	0	1	178	203	87.68%	5 BENSON
9972	7	20	30	9	2026	1	10	2091	2477	84.41%	1 SIERRA VISTA
9977	7	0	0	0	98	0	1	99	102	97.05%	8 ARIZONA SUNSITES
10385	7	1	3	0	48	0	1	53	73	72.60%	9 THATCHER
0	7	29	59	37	2542	2	14	2677	3164	84.60%	3
404	8	2	2	1	94	0	2	101	111	90.99%	8 MOHAVE VALLEY
6306	8	1	4	0	90	0	1	96	103	93.20%	8 GOLDEN SHORES
7061	8	0	2	1	131	0	0	134	165	81.21%	6 PARKER
9401	8	3	44	1	516	0	2	564	717	78.66%	3 LAKE HAVASU CITY
10005	8	0	9	2	438	0	2	450	484	92.97%	3 BULLHEAD CITY
10726	8	0	4	0	93	0	0	97	112	86.60%	7 PARKER DAM
0	8	6	65	5	1362	0	7	1442	1692	85.22%	4
2190	9	0	1	0	27	0	0	28	35	80.00%	11 CHLORIDE
2555	9	1	5	1	112	1	0	120	143	83.91%	6 GOLDEN VALLEY

3516	9	2	5	0	0	102	0	0	109	130	83.84%	7 KINGMAN
9833	9	0	3	1	0	83	0	1	87	97	89.69%	8 DOLAN SPRINGS
10386	9	1	12	2	0	175	0	1	190	207	91.78%	5 KINGMAN
11014	9	0	8	0	0	98	0	0	106	122	86.88%	7 MEADVIEW
0	9	4	34	4	0	597	1	2	640	734	87.19%	6
1677	10	15	32	3	3	370	0	6	423	471	89.80%	3 CASA GRANDE
3584	10	1	5	0	0	34	0	0	40	51	78.43%	10 SUPERIOR
3713	10	5	10	1	1	152	1	2	170	194	87.62%	5 COOLIDGE
7401	10	0	8	0	1	389	0	3	398	451	88.24%	3 CHANDLER
7968	10	5	41	5	3	876	2	9	932	1098	84.88%	1 APACHE JUNCTION
9399	10	9	35	0	2	514	0	3	560	655	85.49%	3 APACHE JUNCTION
12043	10	8	20	0	1	149	1	1	179	195	91.79%	5 MARICOPA
0	10	43	151	9	11	2484	4	24	2702	3115	86.74%	3
15003	99	90	154	35	14	2276	4	26	2573	3412	75.41%	1 SCOTTSDALE
0	99	90	154	35	14	2276	4	26	2573	3412	75.41%	2
0	255	224	812	107	75	17693	15	152	18926	22585	83.79%	

Arizona State Hospital Reports Year 2025-2026

	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	Posts	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	Posts
40	x		x	x									3513		x	x										9399
285		x	x										3516	x	L	x										9400
404	x	x	x	x									3584	x	x	x	x									9401
541													3632	x	x	x	x									9632
549	x	x	x	x									3708	x	x	x										9833
720													3713													9907
769	x	x	x										4903													9972
836	x	x											5990													9977
1433	L	x	x										6271	x	x	x										10005
1677													6306			x										10015
1704													6310	x	x	x										10227
1709	x	x	x										6739	x	x											10254
1760													6789													10385
1763													6790													10386
1796	x	x	x	x									7061	L	x	X	x									10726
2066	x	x	x	x									7400													11014
2135	x	x											7401		x											12031
2190		x											7507	x	x											12043
2357													7968	L	x	X										12098
2364													8242	x	x	x										12128
2555		x											8807													12210
2767													8987													12222

X means report received on time

Blank Column means No report submitted

L means the report was received late for that month

O means old form used

Arizona VFW Mandatory Obligations

Bonds Current as of 8/21/25 Audits Current as of 7/30/25	City		District	25-26 Election Rept		Audits due 45 days after Quarter Closes				26-27 Election Rept		State Delegate Fees	
	Posts	City				06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31				
40 Avondale			3	X	C	R						TBD	
285 Surprise			3	X	C	R						TBD	
404 Mohave Valley			8	X	C	R						TBD	
541 Prescott			2	X								TBD	
549 Tucson			5	X	A	R						TBD	
720 Phoenix			4	X								TBD	
769 Quartzsite			1	X	C	R						TBD	
836 Bisbee			7	X	C	R						TBD	
1433 Glendale			3	X								TBD	
1677 Casa Grande			10	X	A							TBD	
1704 Globe			6	X								TBD	
1709 Flagstaff			2	X								TBD	
1760 Mesa			4	X	C	R						TBD	
1763 Yuma			1	X	A							TBD	
1796 Black Canyon			4	X		R						TBD	
2066 Nogales			7	X	A							TBD	
2135 Peoria			3	X	A	R						TBD	
2190 Chloride			9	X	A	R						TBD	
2357 Bouse			1	X		R						TBD	
2364 Pinetop-Lakes			6	X	A	R						TBD	
2555 Golden Valley			9	X	C	R						TBD	
2767 Mammoth			5	X	A	R						TBD	
3513 Scottsdale			4	X	A	R						TBD	
3516 Kingman			9	X	A	R						TBD	
3584 Superior			10	X	A	R						TBD	
3632 Tempe			4	X		R						TBD	
3708 Salome			1	X	A							TBD	
3713 Coolidge			10	X	A							TBD	
4903 Tucson			5	X	A	R						TBD	
5990 Marana			5	X		R						TBD	
6271 Benson			7	X	A	R						TBD	
6306 Golden Shore			8	X	A							TBD	
6310 Tolleson			3	X		R						TBD	

Districts	25-26 Election Rept				26-27 Election Rept			
	06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31	06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31
District 1	A							
District 2	R							
District 3	A							
District 4	A							
District 5	A							
District 6	C							
District 7	C							
District 8	C							
District 9								
District 10	A							

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

POST	CITY	District	INSP	TACOM	QA	POST	CITY	District	INSP	TACOM	QA
DISTRICT 1											
769	Quartzsite	1	NO	N/A		DISTRICT 6					
1763	Yuma	1	NO	4/8		1704	Globe	6	NO	10	
2357	Bouse	1	NO	4		2364	Pinetop-Lakeside	6	NO	8	
3708	Salome	1	NO	N/A		6789	Window Rock	6	NO	7	
6790	Welton	1	NO	N/A		8807	Tonto Basin	6	NO	N/A	
8242	Yuma PG	1	NO	N/A		8987	Eagar	6	NO	4	
DISTRICT 2											
541	Prescott	2	NO	N/A		9907	Show Low	6	NO	9	
1709	Flagstaff	2	NO	8		DISTRICT 7					
6739	Camp Verde	2	NO	6		836	Bisbee	7	NO	10	
7400	Cottonwood	2	PASS	10		2066	Nogales	7	NO	9	
9632	Page	2	NO	4		6271	Benson	7	NO	8	
10227	Prescott Valley	2	NO	N/A		9972	Sierra Vista	7	NO	15	
12128	Williams	2	PASS	8		9977	Arizona Sunsites	7	NO	8	
DISTRICT 3											
40	Avondale	3	NO	N/A		10385	Thatcher	7	NO	8	
285	Surprise	3	NO	N/A		DISTRICT 8					
1433	Glendale	3	NO	6		404	Mohave Valley	8	PEND	N/A	
2135	Peoria	3	NO	4		6306	Golden Shores	8	PASS	10	
6310	Tolleson	3	NO	10		7061	Parker	8	PEND	N/A	
12098	Buckeye	3	NO	N/A		9401	Lake Havasu City	8	PASS	7	
12210	Glendale	3	NO	N/A		10005	Bullhead City	8	PEND	7	
DISTRICT 4											
720	Phoenix	4	PEND	2		10726	Parker Dam	8	PEND	N/A	
1760	Mesa	4	PASS	5		DISTRICT 9					
1796	Black Canyon City	4	NO	10		2190	Chloride	9	NO	N/A	
3513	Scottsdale	4	PASS	6/13		2555	Golden Valley	9	NO	N/A	
3632	Tempe	4	PASS	3		3516	Kingman	9	NO	10	
7507	Fountain Hills	4	PASS	N/A		9833	Dolan Springs	9	NO	2*	
9400	Sunnyslope	4	PEND	9		10386	Kingman	9	NO	13	
DISTRICT 5											
549	Tucson	5	NO	N/A		11014	Meadview	9	NO	N/A	
2767	Mammouth	5	NO	6		DISTRICT 10					
4903	Tucson	5	NO	9		1677	Casa Grande	10	NO	11	
5990	Marana	5	NO	8		3584	Superior	10	NO	1	
10015	Tucson	5	NO	N/A		3713	Coolidge	10	NO	7	
10254	Three Points	5	NO	N/A		7401	Chandler	10	NO	N/A	
12222	Oro Valley	5	NO	N/A		7968	Apache Junction	10	NO	N/A	
						9399	Apache Junction	10	NO	5	
						12043	Maricopa	10	NO	N/A	
						Department HQ					
											10

*last reported on-hand 2021, missing as of 2/2025, TACOM reporting in-process

VFW-AZ INSPECTION
ARREARS 2024-2025
UPDATED: 9/1/2025

INSPECTION METRICS	
Posts	65
Districts	10
Total	75
Suspended	1
Inspected	15
Complete	9
Incomplete	6
Un-Inspected	59
Inspected %	20.00%
Complete %	12.33%

TACOM METRICS	
Posts (& HQ)	43
Inspected	39
Un-Inspected	4
Complete %	90.70%

Not Inspected	NO
Inspected-Not Complete	PEND
Inspection Complete	PASS
Suspension	SUSP
QA Inspection	QA
Inspected w/ Discrepancy	