

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

## Department of Arizona

General order No. 1

Series 2024 – 2025

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

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2. The following Officers having been duly elected and installed at the 104<sup>th</sup> State Convention held May 31 – June 2, 2024 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Arizona and will be accorded the recognition due them:

<b>Department Officers</b>		
Sr. Vice Commander	Greg Harrell	Post 549
Jr. Vice Commander	Brit "Deuce" Brandt	Post 10005
Quartermaster	Hope Blood	Post 12210
Chaplain	Phil Erickson	Post 7968
Judge Advocate	Hugues Byrne	Post 1677
Surgeon	James Shanley	Post 9400
Jr. PDC	Bill "Jumper" Schaeffler	Post 12222
<b>National Council</b>		
National Council Member	Jeff Eiler	Post 1433
<b>District Commanders</b>		
District No. 1	Thomas Hayes	Post 8242
District No. 2	Alfonso Lucero	Post 541
District No. 3	Stephen Franklin	Post 1433
District No. 4	L. Gene Wood	Post 9400
District No. 5	Jason Khalaf	Post 10254
District No. 6	Mark Mc Cloy	Post 9907
District No. 7	Dennis Bringham	Post 6271
District No. 8	Josh Philipps	Post 7061
District No. 9	Steven Oliphant	Post 10386
District No. 10	Kelly Silva	Post 1677
<b>Convention Committee</b>		
Chairman	Josh Philipps	Post 7061
2 Year	Heather Bullock	Post 549
3 Year	Jason Khalaf	Post 10254
4 Year	Michael Parker	Post 9400

3. The following appointments are hereby announced.

Adjutant	L. Gene Wood	Post 9400
Assistant Adjutant	Ray Thomas	Post 3632
Chief of Staff	Tim Borland	Post 9972
State Inspector	Michael Pearson	Post 2135
Membership Chairman	Lori Byrne	Post 1677
Service Officer	Ken Deist	Post 7401

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

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

6. Dress code for Members of the Council of Administration will be published prior to conferences and convention.

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

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

9. The District Commanders Reports will be sent to Department Adjutant by due date.

10. Every Post will be expected to participate in the following programs during 2024 -2025 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Citizenship Education Teacher's Award, Buddy Poppy, Public Servant Award and Veteran and Military Support.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Command of

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McCormick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jim McCormick, Commander  
Department of Arizona