



Department of Arizona

General Orders No. 2

2026-27

1. Attention is directed to Section 710 of the National Bylaws concerning Inspections the Commander-in-Chief or any Department Commander may require, within their respective jurisdiction, the inspection of any Department, District, County Council or Post,, or any holding company or corporation subordinate thereto, whenever the Commander-in-Chief or Department Commander may believe the best interests of the Organization will be served to ensure compliance with the National Charter, Bylaws, Manuel of Procedure, lawful orders of the National Convention, the National Council of Administration and the Commander-in-Chief and the laws and usage of the Organization. For this purpose, the Commander-in-Chief or Department Commander may detail any member within their respective jurisdiction whose duties shall be prescribed by the appointing power. All books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings pertaining to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be subject to inspection at all times.
2. All District Commanders, Post Commanders, Post Quartermasters, Post Adjutants, Honor Guard Commanders, and District Inspectors, effective immediately to ensure accountability, compliance, and the continued safe stewardship of ceremonial rifles assigned to Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts throughout the Department of Arizona, shall conduct an eyes-on Inspection of all ceremonial rifles is hereby required.
3. This inspection is intended to verify the physical presence of all ceremonial rifles assigned to each Post, confirm serial numbers and inventory records are accurate and assess the overall condition and serviceability of each ceremonial rifle.
4. Ensure rifles are being properly secured and maintained in accordance with all applicable VFW policies and local, state, and federal regulations.

5. Each Post shall present every ceremonial rifle for a physical, eyes-on inspection to ensure the assigned serial numbers match Department and Post records. Report any missing, damaged, stolen, or unserviceable ceremonial rifles immediately to the Department Inspector and Department Quartermaster.
6. Update inventory records as necessary following the inspection.
7. The Department Inspector or designated inspecting official shall complete the required inspection documentation and submit all reports to the Department Headquarters by the established deadline.
8. This inspection is mandatory for all Posts possessing ceremonial rifles. Failure to complete the inspection or submit the required documentation may result in additional follow-up inspections or administrative action as determined by the Department Commander.
9. Our ceremonial rifles represent honor and dignity with which we render military funeral honors and participate in ceremonies throughout Arizona. Proper accountability and maintenance reflect our commitment to veterans, their families, and our communities.

By Order of the Department Commander

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Department Commander
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Veterans of Foreign Wars