

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Department of Arizona

General Order No. 1

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, Deuce Brandt, hereby assume responsibility for the Department and establish Headquarters at 6423 S. Ash Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85823.
Phone: (480)941-5258 Fax: (480)994-3730.
2. The following Officers have been duly elected and installed at the 106th State Convention held June 11-14 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Arizona and will be accorded the recognition due them:

Department Officers

Sr. Vice Commander	Hugues Byrne	Post 1677
Jr. Vice Commander	James Shanley	Post 9400
Quartermaster	Timothy Borland	Post 9972
Chaplain	Brenda Smith	Post 1763
Judge Advocate	Josh Philipps	Post 7061
Surgeon	Nedra Sealey	Post 9972
Jr. PDC	Greg Harrell	Post 549

National Council

National Council Member	Jeff Eiler	Post 1433
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District Commanders

District No. 1	Edward Reid	Post 769
District No. 2	Harry Hart	Post 12128
District No. 3	Allison Helm	Post 12098
District No. 4	Thomas Kendra	Post 3513
District No. 5	Heather Bullock	Post 549
District No. 6	Anthony Hernandez	Post 1704
District No. 7	Gregory Algorri	Post 9972
District No. 8	Lonne Lewis	Post 10726
District No. 9	Anthony Cangialosi	Post 9833
District No. 10	Frank Alger	Post 1677

Convention Committee

1 Year	Heather Bullock	Post 549
2 Year	Michael Parker	Post 9400
3 Year	Janice Owens	Post 40
4 Year	Hope Blood	Post 12210

3. The following appointments are hereby announced.

Adjutant	Keith MacDonald	Post 12098
Chief of Staff	Heather Bullock	Post 549
State Inspector	Michael Bullock	Post 549
Membership Co-Chairman	Tim Borland	Post 9972
Membership Co-Chairman	Many Peery	Post 10015
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 the conference and convention. Dress code standardization has been published on the Commander's Guide.

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 sent to Department Chairperson by due dates.

9. The District Commanders report will be sent to Department Adjutant by due date. It is expected that all Post/District engage in their responsive communications.

10. Every Post will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2026-2027 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Citizenship Education Teacher's Award, Buddy Poppy, Public Servant Award and Veteran and Military Support, and work towards meeting the commanders All-State requirements.

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

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

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

14. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 1001 (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 beverages or 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.

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16. The Veterans of Foreign Wars reaffirms its commitment to its chartered purpose by recognizing that ending racism within our organization requires more than being non-racist and non-discriminatory; it requires proactive action, accountability, and respect for the dignity of every member.
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.
18. Attention Post Commanders: You are reminded that it is expected that all members show proper respect, decorum, and discipline always at all functions and events.
19. All Commanders are reminded to train subordinate officers of the duties and responsibilities and to seek help from Department where necessary.

By Command of

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deuce Brandt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Deuce Brandt, Commander
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