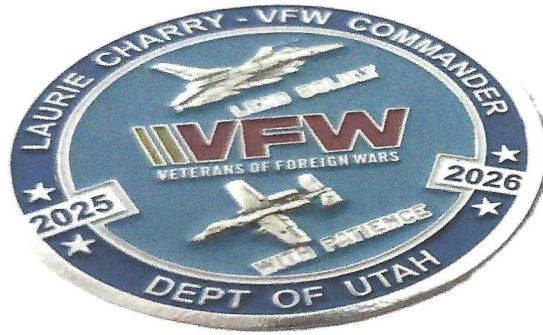




GENERAL ORDER 2025-2026 No. 1
October 7, 2025

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED

1. Having been elected to Department Commander and having been installed in the office in accordance with the Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department of Utah, I hereby assume command.5

2. The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 2025 Department of Utah Summer Convention and will be accorded with the recognition due to them:

Senior Vice Commander

Tim Von Bon, Post 8307, Layton, Utah

Junior Vice Commander

Glenn Spencer, Post 12087, West Jordan, Utah

Quartermaster

Dennis Parizek, Post 1481, Ogden, Utah

Judge Advocate

Tammy Flake, Post 6395, Spanish Fork, Utah

Surgeon

Richard Ludwick, Post 8307, Layton, Utah

Chaplain

Tom McKinnell, Post 12087, Riverton, Utah

District 1 Commander

Heath Silcox, Post 12087, Riverton Utah

District 3 Commander

Harley Boyles, Post 1481, Ogden, Utah

District 4 Commander

Randy Morgan, Post 6395, Spanish Fork, Utah

District 5 Commander

Thearon Crosby, Post 2628, St. George, Utah

District 6 Commander

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Stephen Tallerico, Post 2379, Price, Utah

3. All previous appointments have expired and are declared null and void.

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant

Dennis Parizek, Post 1481, Ogden, Utah

Chief of Staff

Richard Ludwick, Post 8307, Layton, Utah

Inspector:

Steven Thurgood, Post 8307, Layton, Utah

Service Officer

Vacant

Sergeant-at-Arms

Mike Dufresne, Post 8307, Layton, Utah

5. For purposes of clarification, we do not operate as a men's organization or a ladies' organization, but as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States – Department of Utah and its VFW Auxiliary.

6. Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2025-2026 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, "Buddy"® Poppy, and Veterans and Military Support Programs. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and District Commanders comply with all provisions of the National and Department Bylaws and the National Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

7. Attention of incoming Commanders at all levels; you are directed to Section 703 of the National By-Laws which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable. Information on officer bonding was sent via email by the Department Quartermaster on July 18, 2025.

8. Attention of incoming Post Commanders, you are directed to Section 218(a)(11)(b), 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 for referral to the Department Inspector. A PDF fillable form is available under Training and Support on www.vfw.org. The first report for the quarter ending 6/30/2025 was due July 31, 2025.

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9. Attention of incoming District and Post Commanders you are directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990-T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from www.irs.gov or the local branch office of the Internal Revenue Service.

10. Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day (see Section 223 of the Manual of Procedure).

11. The 2025-26 Utah VFW Membership and All-State Program requirements are attached/ enclosed. All Commanders should make themselves familiar with the content of this document.

12. A thorough program of District and Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department Bylaws and directives. The Department Inspector will inspect the Districts. **The District Commander will inspect their Posts.** If a District Commander needs assistance with inspecting Posts, the Department Inspector should be contacted for assistance. **Department and District Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every District and Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.**

13. The distribution of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Sections 711 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure. District and Post Commanders should arrange now for the distribution of "Buddy"® Poppies in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the distribution of "Buddy"® Poppies shall be used in accordance with Section 704 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure.

14. The 2025 Western Conference will be held in Boise, ID. November 7-9, 2025. Registration information is located on the Department of Idaho website: www.vfwid.org.

15. District and Post Commanders are required to attend all District and Department meetings to include but not limited to CoA's, Mid-Winter Conference and State Summer Convention. If a scheduling conflict occurs, then the District or Post Commander are required to send either the Senior Vice Commander or Junior Vice Commander. Please update the Chief of Staff of any scheduling conflicts

16. Attached is a listing of the appointments I have made to date for the Committee/Program Chairpersons for 2025-26.



Laurie Charry
Commander
VFW – Department of Utah

Attachments:

2025-2026 Utah Officers and Committee Chairman

2025-2026 District and Post Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants

Upcoming Dates:

11 Oct 25 - Department of Utah COA, Post 3586, 2920 South Highland Drive, SLC, UT

20 – 22 Feb, Department of Utah Mid-Winter Conference, Moab, UT

See the State Membership Program 2025-2026 for the program due dates for the ensuing year.

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