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Next Council of Administration 0900 February 14, 2026 at the Oahu Veterans Center.

Next Training Session 0910 March 14, at the Oahu Veterans Center. Topics include Membership, National Home All State and All-American programs.

All-State /Recruiting Awards

Congratulations to the following comrades for earning a Department Recruiting Shirt: Ernest Vesnefski (6 members), Maria Togia (6 members), Stanley Fernandez (5 members), Frank Bragg (4 members), and Gregory Agonoy (4 members). They will receive their shirts during the State Convention. Get out and recruit to earn this and other awards as listed in the All-State Plan.

Membership

Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving over 101%: Post 12122, 1572,849 and 352.

Commander's Incentive:

For January and February, Any Post with a membership gain of 10% or more will receive \$100.

Membership Resources:

Do you want to help your Post meet your membership goals? Log into vfw.org and go to

<https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/membership-recruiting-and-retention> where you can view training videos, download recruiting materials and posters, and gain access to all the tools you need to help recruit, retain, and mentor your members!

- NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MATERIAL ORDER FORM

We have made it easier for you to get all the recruitment brochures you will need to make this membership year a success:



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1. Go to vfw.org and click the login link in the upper right corner. Sign in when prompted.
2. Under "Membership Quick Links," select Membership Online Order Form.
3. Use the dropdown list to indicate items you need. The form will automatically calculate the cost of items and shipping. When finished, click SUBMIT and it will take you to a billing page if there are any charges.

Follow these simple steps and if you have any questions, you may contact the Membership department at 1.888.564.6839 or email us at membership@vfw.org.

Veterans & Military Support Programs

Needed for All-American status: a minimum donation of \$125.00 by 30 June 2026. Donate via the VMS Donation tab on the Dashboard using your Post debit/credit card. The State Quartermaster can assist you in making the donation.

VMS Lapel Pins The 2025-26 VMS Lapel Pin design is underway. This year, there will be only one design.

The Veterans & Military Support (VMS) Program Tools webpage is updated every month. Link to the webpage is <https://www.vfw.org/VMSPTools>.

Military Appreciation Program (MAP) Grant Funds: The Military Assistance Program (MAP) is now being named as the Military Appreciation Program (MAP), effective immediately.

VFW Programs

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen:

Posts are to use the Scholars App. A separate email was sent out by Randy Grant on how to use the Application software. All Posts for VFW Hawaii have been loaded into the application and will receive scholarship applications thru the online system.

- The deadline for students is October 31, 2025



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- The Deadline for Posts judging to be completed with select winners by November 30, 2025
- The Deadline for submission to the Department is November 30, 2025
- Judging for Department will be completed by January 10, 2026
- Department Entry for National Competition deadline January 15, 2026
- **Voice of Democracy Theme:** "How are you showing Patriotism and support for our Country"
- **Patriot Pen Theme:** "How are you showing Patriotism and support for our Country"
- If you have any questions about these programs than please contact Randy Grant at rwgrant65@outlook.com or (808) 347-2936.
- **Brochures:** Available at the VFW Store:
 - Voice of Democracy
 - Patriot Pen

SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD. Without our nation's veterans, America wouldn't be the great nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions and the role of our veterans in creating and shaping America. Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars select elementary, middle, and high school teachers to participate in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher program.

Please [review the new rules and eligibility requirements](#) and [download the 2025 entry form](#) to nominate a teacher you know. Teacher nomination entries must be received at a local participating VFW Post by the **Oct. 31 deadline**.

Looking to share updated information and materials on VFW's Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher Award programs?

BUDDY POPPY POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

- 1) Departments must order poppies through OMS.
- 2) All claims non-receipt of a Buddy Poppy order must be made within 60 days of the date of the order or will NOT be replaced free of charge.
- 3) All orders for the traditional Buddy Poppy, Anniversary Poppies or tin tab poppies must be placed through your Department Headquarters. Auxiliaries must go through their Post to order all poppies. Orders must specify, Post number, quantity and type of poppy – traditional, anniversary (25, 50 or 75) or tin tab poppies.



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- 4) The tin tabs do count towards the Buddy Poppy requirement for the All-American program.
- 5) If you do not receive your order within four weeks of placing it with your department, please contact your Department Headquarters to report you have not received your order.
- 6) All poppies are shipped within 10 days of ordering except orders placed in June and July, due to preparation for National Convention, please allow an additional five business days.

[Buddy Poppy Traditional Order Form](#)

<https://vfwhi.org/uploads/Documents/BuddyPoppyOrderForm.pdf>

[Buddy Poppy Tin Type Order Form](#)

<https://vfwhi.org/uploads/Documents/BuddyPoppyOrderTinType.pdf>

Administrative Operations

COMMANDER, QM and TRUSTEE GUIDES.

The 2025-2026 editions are available online. Go to vfw.org, MyVFW, Member/Post Resources, Bylaws, Training Forms and Templates, "Elected and Appointed Officers Specific Material"

Post Inspections:

As we near the completion of our Post Inspection cycle, Posts are reminded to wrap up and report to Department the completion of all items noted in their inspection report.

Post Bond & Trustee Report Deadline:

- **Bonding Requirement:** All individuals authorized to sign Post checks or responsible for Post property must be bonded. Bonds are valid from October 1, 2025, through September 31, 2026. Please submit one bond form per position/person along with a check by September 15, 2025.
- **Bonding Details:** Each Officer accountable for funds or property must be bonded with an approved amount and surety as required by the Department.



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- **Trustee Reports:** Post Commanders must submit Trustee Reports of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for the following periods:
 - 4th Quarter: Ending June 30, 2025
 - 1st Quarter: Ending September 30, 2025
 - 2nd Quarter: Ending December 31, 2025
 - 3rd Quarter: Ending March 31, 2026

All Trustee Reports of Audit are due 30 days after the end of each Quarter.

SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES VFW MEETINGS, AND EVENTS

Rev. December 2025

2026

- January 10 Department Midwinter Planning Meeting
- February 13 Commander's Homecoming (TBD)
- February 14 Department Council of Administration
- February 14 VOD/PP Luncheon (Post 10154 to host)
- February 28- March 5 Washington Conference
- March 14 Department Training
- March 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- April 17 American Samoa Flag Day (CinC involved)
- April 18 Ernie Pyle Remembrance Day
- April 16-19 Senior Vice Training
- May 1 May Day (Loyalty Day)
- May 9 Department Convention Planning
- May 17 Armed Forces Day
- May 25 Memorial Day
- June 18-21 State Convention Ala Moana Hotel
- June 13 Department Council of Administration
- June 14 Army Birthday
- July 4 Kailua Independence Day Parade
- July 11 Department Training (Tentative)
- July 24-30 National Convention Reno NV.

Planning Calendar as December 1, 2025



- August 8 Department Training
- September 11 Patriot's Day (9-11 Remembrance Day)
- September 12-13 National Council of Administration Meeting Kansas City, MO (Tentative)
- POW/MIA Remembrance Day (TBD)
- September TBD Annual Joint Memorial Service Punchbowl for 442nd
- September 12 Department COA (Tentative)
- September 14 – 17 Fall Legislative Committee Washington, DC (Tentative)
- September 18 Air Force Birthday
- Sept TBD Annual Joint Memorial Service for 442nd
- September 29 VFW Day
- October 1 – 4 Department Adjutant/Quartermasters Training Kansas City, MO
- October 10 Department Training (Tentative)
- October 13 U.S. Navy Birthday
- October 15 – 18 Junior Vice Commanders Training Kansas City, MO
- November 5-8 Western Conference Phoenix, Arizona
- November 10 U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
- November 14 Department Training (tentative)
- November 11 Veterans Day
- December 5 Department Council of Administration (Tentative)
- December 7, 2025, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

2027

- February 27 – March 4 Washington Conference Washington, DC
- June State Convention Time and Place TBD

Planning Calendar as December 1, 2025



- July 31- August 4 National Convention Milwaukee, WI

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- June State Convention Time and Place TBD
- August 5-10 National Convention San Antonio, TX

Planning Calendar

as December 1, 2025



Posts should arrange special ceremonies and all Commanders shall alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of the following outstanding action dates in U.S. history:

- January 27 - Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973.
- February 15 - Sinking of U.S.S. Maine, 1898.
- February 28 - Liberation of Kuwait—Operation Desert Storm 1991.
- March 24 - Start of Kosovo Campaign 1999.
- March 29 - *National Vietnam War Veterans Day*.
- March 31 - End of Operation Restore Hope—Somalia 1995.
- May 1 - Loyalty Day, annually.
- May 8 - VE Day: German unconditional surrender signed, 1945.
- May 25 - Memorial Day.
- June 6 - D Day: Allied invasion of Europe, 1944.
- June 14 - Flag Day.
- July 4 - Independence Day.
- July 27 - Signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953.
- August 31 - End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.
- September 2 - VJ Day: Japan surrendered, 1945, ending World War II fighting.
- September 11 - Patriot Day.
- September, 3rd Friday - POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- October 7 - Start of Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan 2001.
- October 18 - Recognition of Women in Military Service.
- October 23 – Beirut Bombing.
- November 11 - Signing World War I Armistice, 1918. Veterans Day.
- December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day, since 1941.