

ARKANSAS CHRONICLES

AUGUST 2026

ALL GENERAL ORDERS MUST BE READ AT POST MEETINGS AND FILED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, PER THE STATE COMMANDER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

**3805 McCain Park Drive, Suite 106
North Little Rock, AR 72116**

COMMANDER'S NOTES

The move is done. The new address for State HQ office is 3805 McCain Park Drive, Suite 106, N. Little Rock. Commander's and President's Homecoming is scheduled for August 28-29 at Searcy VFW Post. Friday will be a meet and greet along with some karaoke. Saturday will be training. A schedule will be posted later. The host hotel is Quality Inn and Suites, 3204 E. Race Avenue, Searcy. Call 501-331-1197 to make reservations. Tell them for VFW

Hope to see you there!

~Commander Johnson

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S NOTES

For more than a century, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has stood as a steadfast pillar for those who answered the nation's call overseas. Across Arkansas, that mission is alive and well—carried forward every single day by local posts, dedicated commanders, and members who refuse to let service end when the uniform comes off. The strength of the VFW has never come from headquarters or paperwork; it comes from the grassroots commitment of local posts. From post to post across our nine districts, our work is defined by a simple principle: **honor the dead by helping the living.**

What We Fight For at Home

- **Unwavering Support for Veterans and Families:** Whether it is navigating claims, standing beside a transitioning service member, or providing a safety net for local families in need, our doors are always open to those who earned the right to walk through them.
- **Community Leadership:** True service extends beyond our post walls. VFW members are deeply rooted in our towns—sponsoring youth programs, supporting local schools, honoring first responders, and stepping up whenever our neighbors need a hand.
- **Accountability and Integrity:** Keeping our organization strong requires operational excellence. By ensuring our posts remain transparent, compliant, and fiscally sound, we protect the legacy of our charter and guarantee that our resources go where they are needed most—supporting veterans.

Looking Ahead

As we navigate new challenges across our state, our commitment remains absolute. The VFW is more than a social club or a historical legacy; it is an active, fighting force for veterans' rights, community strength, and American values.

To every veteran reading this: your service matters, and your post is your home. Let's keep moving forward, keeping our standards high, and showing our communities what selfless service truly looks like.

~Junior Vice Commander Powell

COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be August 28-29, 2026 at VFW Post 2330 in Searcy.

Hotel Information:
Quality Inn and Suites
3204 E Race Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143
501-268-0654

Rooms are \$65 per night + applicable taxes
Must reserve room by August 20.
Reservation rates will be under VFW

*******MID-WINTER*******

Mid-Winter will be February 12-13, 2026

Location: Wyndam Hotel (formerly Airport Holiday Inn), Little Rock

More information coming soon

2026-2027 Program's

We are still looking for a Combat Tested Gaming Chairman!!!

The Directories can all be found online only at vfw.org. Your District Commander has printed copies to assist any Post. If you have a vfw.org account, a full list of contacts for all post is located there. If you would like an account, it is open to all members, please call the Headquarters Monday through Friday.

Department of Arkansas Chairmen:

a full list can be found on our web site

2026-2027

Post Revitalization Coordinator – Glen Powell – Post 7514 – Quitman
Youth Coordinator – Patsy Morris – Post 8525 - Plainview
Scouts – Terry Daniell – Post 2278 – Hot Springs
ROTC – Darrell Darner, Post 1674 - Siloam Springs
JROTC – Department Headquarters until further notice
National Military Services – Carlton Rodney – Post 7769 - Beebe
Buddy Poppy – Brook McReynolds – Post 8532 – Coal Hill
Community Service – Jeffrey Byrd – Post 2330 - Searcy
POW/MIA – Mike Nuckolls - Post 2330 – Searcy
Motorcycle Group – Mark Davis – Post 2242 - Paragould
Commanders Project – Marc Calcaterra – Post 4548 - Jacksonville
Commanders Project – Elvin Tate – Post 5225 – West Memphis
Commanders Project – Jerry Hulsey – Post 2952 - Springdale
M.O.C. Coordinator – Martin Gann – Post 2256 - Benton

V.A.V.S. Reps

Little Rock/North Little Rock – Michael Huggins – Post 7769 - Beebe
Fayetteville – Johnny Gothard – Post 1322 - Van Buren
Memphis – Doreen Brown- Post 5225 - West Memphis
Poplar Bluff – Robert Emmons – Post 1991 - Jonesboro

BONDING Web only

Current Bonds for Post Quartermaster/Officers will expire August 31, 2026, and Canteen Manger/Employee Bonds will expire September 30, 2026. All Posts should remit the correct amount to Department Headquarters now. Amounts: Quartermaster/Officer \$5.00 per thousand minimum of \$3,000. Club manager and all others \$8.00 per thousand minimum of \$3,000. If you are bonding through an outside agency, please forward proof from company to VFW State Headquarters. These forms will be on the web site at VFWAR.org under Resources, Reports and Forms. District Commanders will be emailed a copy of the forms. The bond applications will not be mailed out this year.

Commanders are reminded that all persons handling post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman, shall keep accurate and complete records. Post Trustees shall audit these records in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Just because it is summer doesn't mean that we shouldn't be working on our Youth Programs. There are several activities that the youth of Arkansas are participating in during the summer. Look around, there are VBS, 4H activities, Ball leagues, and summer camps of all types, just for a few examples. With the cost of college going up every year most parents and students are going to need as much help as possible in paying for it. So, let's get out there and promote our programs. Making your programs successful will assist the Post with being successful.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY: Time starts **NOW!** Posts are requested to contact the high school principals and teachers during the first week of school to discuss plans to sponsor the 2026-2027 Voice of Democracy audio-essay program. This year's theme: **"What a Veteran Taught Me About America"** All flash drives or other electronic device and entry forms for District judging must be in the possession of VFW District Chairmen, before the date of the District judging. District Chairmen must notify all Posts and Auxiliaries in their jurisdiction of the date of the District judging and where to send the recorded audio and entry form of the winner of each participating school. Program materials are available from the Department Youth Development, Recognition & Scholarship Chairman.

PATRIOT'S PEN: Time starts **NOW!** Posts are requested to contact school principals and teachers during the first week of school to discuss plans to sponsor the 2025-2026 Patriot's Pen annual youth essay contest. This year's theme: **"What a Veteran Taught Me About America"** All essays and entry forms for District judging must be in the possession of VFW District Chairmen, before the date of the District judging. District Chairmen must notify all Posts and Auxiliaries in their jurisdiction of the date of the District judging and where to send the essays and entry form of the winner of each participating school. Program materials are available from the Department Youth Development, Recognition & Scholarship Chairman.

BUDDY POPPIES: You are requested to place your order for the Buddy Poppy Program as soon as possible. Remember they get shipped directly from National so it takes up to 1 week to receive (Orders MUST still come through Department Headquarters.) Prices are \$145.00 per 500 for Legacy Poppies and \$90 per 500 for Tin Poppies. There is an increase in this charge when credit cards are used. Please plan your Buddy Poppy Drive now. Poppies MUST now be paid for when the order is placed.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDERS #2
2026-2027

AUGUST 2026

POW/MIA Flag

POW/MIA Flag – Official Display Days: Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and National POW/MIA Day.

POST COMMANDERS Notify IRS of Quartermaster Change

In January 2014, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began requiring entities with EIN to file IRD Form 8822-B to report the latest change of address or responsible party. Form 8822-B must be filed within 60 days of the change. The purpose of Form 8822-B is to notify the IRS of changes to your business mailing address, location, or the identity of your responsible party. The IRS Form 8822-B and its instructions can be found at the following link: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf>

2026 Annual Report for Nonprofit Corporation PAST DUE

Deadline: August 1, 2026: Just received information from the Secretary of the State office that Posts were waiting for the postcard mail out regarding Annual Nonprofit renewals. It is all online now. Please go to www.sos.arkansas.gov/BCS to file your 2026 report of officers. There is no penalty for being late, but it could hurt the post in the future. Please go online and complete today. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Julie Wolfe at 501-682-3482, at the Secretary of the State's office.

REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER

Section 220 of the National By-Laws, "Vacancies and Removal of Elective Officers" states that "Any elective Post Officer removed by the Department Commander, by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the Post under the provisions of this section, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office in the same administrative year in which the Officer is removed."

GENERAL ORDERS: All General Orders are to be read at a regular meeting, acted upon, posted, and filed for future reference. These orders will be published every month except January. They will be with your District Commanders and on the web site **vfwar.org**.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

Suspensions:

Post 2881

Post 3543

Post 4679

BY COMMAND OF

Linda Johnson

State Commander

OFFICIAL:

Jeffrey Byrd

State Adjutant

*VFW Dept of AR
Homecoming
Commander Linda Johnson
August 28-29, 2026*

Friday

**Beginning at 6pm
Meet & Greet
Karaoke**

Saturday

**Suicide
Prevention,
Retention,
Bonding**

**10am: Training
11am: Lunch
5pm: Dinner**

**Inspections,
Scholars App,
Programs**

Following Dinner: Karaoke

Hotel:
Quality Inn & Suites
3204 E Race Ave
Searcy, AR 72143
501-268-0654
\$65 per night + tax
Must reserve by August 20
Reservation under VFW

Location:
Post 2330
8899 AR 13
Searcy, AR 72143