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VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees

Board Structure & Responsibilities (Governance, Operation and Committees)

The National Home is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. VFW National Home for Children Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws establish a Board of Trustees as the governing body of the corporation.

- The Board of Trustees is a 17 member board.
 - Twelve (12) trustees are elected by the Life Members of the National Home from each of twelve National Home Districts.
 - Five (5) ex-officio trustees serve by virtue of their elected or appointed office.
- Elected Trustees serve six (6) year terms which begin and end in October.
 - Two (2) trustees' terms end each October
 - Two (2) newly-elected trustees are installed each October.
- Annual October Board Meeting:
 - Trustees elect board officers
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Executive Committee Member
 - Alternate Member of the Executive Committee
 - Board Secretary/Treasurer
 - Newly-elected trustees and officers are installed at the Annual Meeting of the Life Membership on the fourth Saturday in October.
 - The Board President appoints a chairman for each of the Board Committees each October. The Board President and Vice President are official members of each Standing Committee by virtue of office.
- Board responsibilities include:
 - Overall governance and oversight of policies and business
 - Establishing eligibility requirements for National Home programs
 - Educating and informing constituents in support of the National Home
 - Fundraising for the National Home
- Trustees meet regularly at the National Home to carry out their responsibilities.
- Trustees are the liaison within the Departments they represent and attend various Department functions. Trustees set example for annual giving, encourage contributions to the National Home, actively promote the National Home and its mission to the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Auxiliary and Others, and encourage members of the VFW and its Auxiliary to become Life Members of the National Home.
- Trustees may be contacted by calling or emailing the National Home.
- Trustee qualification criteria and nomination procedures are outlined in Article II of the National Home Bylaws which are available on the National Home website at vfnationalhome.org or by contacting the Home at (517) 663-7023.

VFW & its Auxiliary Department Leadership can help by nominating and supporting qualified trustee candidates with the expertise, dedication and commitment to serve the VFW National Home for Children.

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Dedicated, hardworking individuals are encouraged to seek election to these esteemed positions to promote awareness, understanding and support of the VFW National Home for Children. Candidates with expertise in business, fundraising or social work are especially encouraged. **It is highly essential that candidates have access to, and are comfortable with doing business via email and other assorted technology.**

Love and support for the National Home is essential, along with time to devote to required board business and meetings. Elected trustees serve a six (6) year term.

Qualifications to seek nomination include that a candidate must:

- Be a resident of the National Home District which he/she represents or reside within a 50 mile commuting distance of the District.
 - 2022 vacancies include:
 - District 6 – Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee
 - District 10 – Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
 - 2023 vacancies include:
 - District 9 – Minnesota, Nebraska, North & South Dakota
 - District 12 – California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon & Washington
 - 2024 vacancies include:
 - District 7 – Iowa, Michigan & Wisconsin
 - District 11 – Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Pacific Areas, Utah & Wyoming
 - 2025 vacancies include:
 - District 1 – Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont
 - District 2 – Europe, New Jersey and New York
 - 2026 vacancies include:
 - District 5 – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North & South Carolina, Virginia, Latin/Caribbean
 - District 8 – Illinois, Indiana
 - 2027 vacancies include:
 - District 3 – Delaware, Pennsylvania
 - District 4 – Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia
- Be a Life Member of the National Home for at least one year prior to nomination.
- Be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or its VFW Auxiliary.
- Obtain written endorsement of his or her respective Department or Department Auxiliary and why they are endorsing you, with copies to the chain of command.
- Submit a biography of qualifications limited to 200 words.
- Undergo a criminal background check.

Letters of intent to run for trustee, along with letters of endorsement and biographies must be submitted to the Executive Director at the address of the National Home on or before **June 1st of the year the term expires** for Board of Trustees vacancies. Copies will be forwarded to the National Home Board President, Adjutant General of the VFW and National Secretary/Treasurer of the VFW Auxiliary by the Executive Director.

National Home Bylaws fully detail the nomination and election process and can be obtained on the National Home website at www.vfwnationalhome.org or by contacting the National Home for a written copy.

The National Home welcomes your questions regarding Board elections. They can be directed to the Executive Office by calling (517) 663-7023.

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National Home District, Current Trustees & Terms

12 trustees are elected by the Life Members of the National Home from each of 12 National Home Districts and 5 ex-officio trustees serve by virtue of their position in accordance with National Home Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Board responsibilities include guidance and oversight of policies and business, establishing eligibility requirements for National Home programs, as well as educating, informing and fundraising for the National Home. For trustee contact information or for trustee eligibility criteria and nomination procedures contact the Home at (517) 663-7023.

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District	States Represented	Board Member	Term Limit Expires (Oct.)
#1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	Keith Jackson	2025
#2	Europe, New Jersey, New York	Art Scheuneman	2025
#3	Delaware, Pennsylvania	Ronald Stensland	2021
#4	Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia	Merton "Sam" Compton,	2021
#5	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Latin America/Caribbean	Mark Winn	2026
#6	Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee	Sissy Borel, Past President	2022
#7	Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin	Annabelle Furgason, Vice President	2024
#8	Illinois, Indiana	Jerry O. Blake	2026
#9	Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota	Steve Van Bergen, President	2023
#10	Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas	Sylvia Sanchez	2022
#11	Alaska, Arizona, Colorado Kansas, Montana, Pacific Areas, Utah, Wyoming	Kim Sloan	2024
#12	California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	Renee Fulk	2023

Ex-Officio Trustees

VFW Commander-in-Chief, VFW Auxiliary National President, VFW Adjutant General, VFW Quartermaster General and VFW Auxiliary National Secretary/Treasurer

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Summary of Board Structure and Trustee Responsibilities

The VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees is comprised of 12 elected district trustees and 5 ex-officio trustees and serves as the governing body of the corporation.

Trustees of the National Home are responsible to; establish governing policy, set example for annual giving, fundraise, develop other resources, strategic planning, provide fiduciary oversight, hire the agency's independent auditor, financial investment advisor, and corporate attorney, recommend necessary Article of Incorporation and Bylaw changes, and promote positive community-agency relationships. Trustees are the liaison within the Departments they represent and promote the National Home and its mission to the members of the VFW and its VFW Auxiliary and to other interested organizations.

Each of the 12 elected trustees represents one of 12 National Home Districts. Trustees are elected to serve a 6 year term by the *National Home Life Members* in the VFW Departments that comprise their National Home District. The 5 ex-officio trustees are; VFW Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, VFW Auxiliary National President, and the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Trustees annually elect a Board President, Vice President and a Board Secretary-Treasurer. Note: a Board President may serve one or more annual terms as may the Board Vice President and the Board Secretary-Treasurer. These positions re-open every year annually. Anyone can be nominated and voted into a new position each year.

Members of the Executive Committee are:

- Board President
- Board Vice President
- Immediate Past Board President (if still a board member)
- Board-Elected Executive Committee Member
- Board-Elected Executive Committee Alternate Member

The Executive Committee is the board body that conducts necessary business in between board meetings and reviews and acts upon properly initiated employee grievances or client grievances, if any.

Trustees attend regular board meetings (generally 3 time per year/ virtual or in person) on the National Home campus and will serve on or chair board committees.