

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America
Department of Washington
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Desk of the State Commander

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

General Orders #1
July 2024

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander – I, Perry Taylor, hereby assume command of the Department of Washington, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States effective June 26, 2024.
2. It shall be noted, in accordance with the Manual of Procedure, Article V, Section 516: The Department Commander retains authority to remove appointed officers, committee chairman and committees at any time.
3. In accordance with the National By-laws and Manual of Procedure, each elected officer is required to familiarize themselves with the duties and obligations assigned in sections 218, 418 and 518.
4. It is with utmost importance that each post utilizes the “Chain of Command” properly. Almost every problem encountered at the Post level can be properly handled at the Post level., utilizing the appropriate measures and establishing a committee to resolve the problem. If the problem can not be resolved, request assistance from your District Commander. The Department intervention shall be the last means of resolving internal problems, however, the officers and staff at Department are more than willing to assist or provide guidance,
5. Your newly elected officers for the 2024-2025 year are as follows:

Commander
Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Judge Advocate
Surgeon
Quartermaster
Chaplain
1 Year Trustee
2 Year Trustee
3 Year Trustee

Perry Taylor
Drew James
Frank Persa
Holly Pierce
Jason Paxton
Fred Green
Gertrude Graeff
Don Wischman
Linda Fairbank
Otis Wolfe

Appointed Positions:

Chief of Staff	Jerry Herker
Adjutant/Quartermaster	Fred Green
Assistant Adjutant	Jason Paxton
Inspector	Ted Streete
Service Officer	Scott Aten

6. I would like to Congratulate all the VFW and Auxiliary members who have taken on new positions within the Department, Districts and Posts. I look forward to a great year of coming together as a Department, becoming social again and working to serve our veterans, military, families and communities!

7. I want to Congratulate the 2024-2025 District Commander Team:

District 1	Terry Stinson
District 2	Joe Fitzgerald
District 3	Paul Herrera
District 4	Joe Wright
District 5	Mike Brown
District 6	Dana Difford
District 7	Fil Rivera
District 9	Cheri Knox
District 11	Jim Beatty
District 15	Bill Thiel
District 16	Charles Zandecki
District 17	Wayne White

8. July 26 to August 2 will be National Convention in Louisville, KY. Information from the convention will be sent out to the membership through general orders and emails.

9. The Department Joint School of Instruction will be held in two locations:

August 11, 2024	9AM to 5PM	Port Orchard Eagles
August 17, 2024	9AM to 5PM	Post 1435 Spokane Valley

District and Post Commanders are reminded that in the case you are unable to attend School of Instruction that Sr/Jr Vice Commander must be present in your place. Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutants, and Trustees are HIGHLY encouraged to attend.

10. All Social Media, Websites or Webpages using Department of Washington VFW must be approved by the Department Commander. Any Social Media, Website or Webpage operating without permission of the Department Commander will be considered in violation of this General Order #1.

11. Reminder, all Post, District, Department and National Official Correspondence will come from the Adjutants.

We are an organization deep in tradition, and we encourage ongoing mentorship and education in both our order's work and customs. By working together, we can make a positive impact on our veterans, military personnel, and their families as we move forward into the year. This is the perfect opportunity to be part of the VFW team of Washington State!

“Honor ~ Courage ~ Commitment”

Fred Green
Department Adjutant

Perry Taylor
Department Commander