



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
5213 PACIFIC HIGHWAY EAST
FIFE, WA 98424



DREW JAMES, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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1. Attention all members, Pursuant to Section 901 of the National Bylaws, "Discipline of Members," any member who commits offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may be subject to disciplinary action. Acts of sexual harassment, racial or sexual discrimination, or any other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or deemed unbecoming of a member will not be tolerated. Harassment and discrimination include any verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, or that otherwise interferes with another's ability to participate in VFW activities. All members are expected to conduct themselves with dignity, respect, professionalism, and common courtesy at all times.
2. [2026 WA Mid-Winter Voice of Democracy Banquet](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-wa-mid-winter-registration-and-banquet) tickets can be purchased online **only**. The Department will not accept cash or checks to the event. District Commanders/Presidents should reach out to the State Adjutant Joe Wright at (253)922-2114 or (360)509-8049 for discount codes.
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-wa-mid-winter-registration-and-banquet>
3. [25-26 Commander's Special Project - VFW Department of Washington](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/commanders-special-project-project-sanctuary) donations are not required but highly encouraged to support Washington State Families to attend family retreats through [Project Sanctuary](#). Donations can be made through the department Zeffy website.
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/commanders-special-project-project-sanctuary>
4. **[25-26 Auxiliary President Special Project](#)** donations are not required but highly encouraged to support Homestead for Heroes. Donations can be sent to the Quartermaster and earmarked for the Auxiliary Special Project.
5. **[VFW CIC/Aux President 25/26 Retail Store Project](#)** Donations may be made directly to the VFW National Home through this link only. **<https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form/?svcid=renxt&formId=a9748ed2-80d5-488c-a495-89aa5f0a104d&envid=p-Bj0t1eLi3Uujiv3yFv9uhQ&zone=usa>**
6. **[Sponsorship - VFW Department of Washington](#)** The Department is actively looking for sponsorships to help lower the cost of Mid-Winter and Conventions for the members. We are asking all members to reach out to individuals and companies who may be willing to sponsor.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=151687>
7. Attention of Post Commanders is 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



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Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September. **Do not mail these reports to Department Headquarters.**

8. The Manual of Procedure amendment passed by the 119th National Convention modified Section 1001(25) to read, "The dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of smoking/vaping products in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings are prohibited."
9. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department Bylaws and directives. District Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.
10. The following Posts are currently under suspension:
 1. Post 3057 Westport
 2. Post 2554 Sultan

As an organization rooted in tradition, it is important to mentor and teach both the workings of our order and its traditions. I am serving as the Department of Washington's 104th State Commander, and I am proud to be a part of our Department of Washington VFW. Together, we aim to achieve significant accomplishments. As we move through this year, serving veterans and families, we must also prepare for the future, as you will see our Sr. and Jr Vice Commanders taking a more front-line approach to continue helping us lead from the front in our service efforts this year and the years to come. This is a pivotal time for the VFW in Washington State. **"Stand for What's Right."**

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Drew James
Department Commander

Joe Wright
Department Adjutant