



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
5213 PACIFIC HIGHWAY EAST
FIFE, WA 98424



DREW JAMES, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

General Order Number 6

February 2026

1. **Lifetime Achievement Awards:** Lifetime achievement submissions end **March 31st**. Information is located on the department webpage under Programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=155202>
2. **Veteran of the year:** entries are due to District **March 1st**. District submissions are due **March 15th** to Department. Information is located on the Department webpage under programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=101525>
3. **Tom Darling Chaplain of the year:** entries are due to State Chaplain no later than **March 31st**. Information is located on the Department webpage under programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=157020>
4. **Quartermaster of the year:** entries are due to the Department Quartermaster by **April 1st**. Information is located on the Department webpage under programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=158288>
5. **Claude Owens Hospital Volunteer of the Year:** entries are due to the Department Adjutant by **April 1st**. information is located on the Department webpage under programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=101518>
6. **Scout of the year:** Entries due to the posts on **March 1st**, Post entries are due to District **March 15th**. District submissions are due to Department **April 1st**. Information is located on the Department webpage under programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79735>
7. **Publicity awards:** are due to Department chairman Jenny Mccullough **March 30th**. Information can be found on the Department web page under programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=90437>



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8. **Humanitarian awards:** are due to Department chairman Ricky Andrew on **April 15th**. Information can be found on the Department webpage under programs.
<https://vfwwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=16336>
9. **Nominations and Elections:** in accordance with Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure posts are required to hold nominations in **March** and remain open until **April**. Post officers shall be elected in April.
10. **Post Officer duties:** Members looking to run for a position at the Post and/or District for the 2026-2027 year should familiarize themselves with the duties and obligations of Officers and Chairman in accordance with Article II, section 218 and Article IV Section 418.
11. **Delegates:** In accordance with Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure Delegates and alternates shall be elected at a regular meeting in **April**. Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of March 31st. **A copy of meeting minutes with a list of primary delegates and alternates must be submitted to Department.**
12. **Delegate Dues to Department:** Delegate dues are due to Department no later than **June 1st** for All State credit. Delegate Fees are **\$6.00** per Delegate of each post as of March 31st.
13. **Sec 213 - Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions:** Any post in arrears for any financial obligations to District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the QM bonded in accordance with Sec 703, failing to ensure the post is properly insured, in accordance with Section 709, properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election reports or other obligations are subject to suspension.
14. Under Section 220 Vacancies, a pro Tempore Quartermaster is allowed. There are **no** other provisions for Pro Tempore positions in the VFW.
15. In accordance with **Section 218(a)(11)(c) Manual of Procedure:** Audits shall be signed by the Post Commander and Trustees, who shall, by their signatures, certify the accuracy of the information contained therein.
16. VFW Day of Service is officially on May 2, 2026 your event can happen anytime during the month of May. In order to qualify you must register your event at [VFW Day of Service -](#)



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[Still Serving \(WWW.VFWDayofService.org\)](http://WWW.VFWDayofService.org) and log your hours into the Community Service Dashboard to receive credit.

17. Top Recruiters of the Department:

Post	Member	Amount Recruited
Post 2224	Steve Woodward	338
Post 7511	Drew James	50
Post 5580	Frank Persa	28
Post 5564	Holly Pierce	20
Post 7392	Julie Street	16
Post 1435	Darren Hughes	14
Post 1263	Traci Williams	12
Post 51	Wes Anderson	10
Post 7392	Keith Wooldridge	10
Post 379	Donald Sweet	10

18. The following posts have reached 100% +1 in membership

*Post 318 - Olympia	*Post 683 - Kittitas	*Post 1373 - Cle Elum
*Post 1561 - Arlington	*Post 1585 - Bellingham	*Post 1694 - Shelton
*Post 1927 - Woodland	*Post 2200 - Chehalis	Post 2455 - Montesano
*Post 3070 - Sumner	*Post 3213 - Quilcene	Post 3386 - Airway Heights
*Post 4278 - Camas	*Post 4760 - Camas	Post 4760 - Sequim



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*Post 5439 – Mossyrock

Post 5760 – Mercer Island

*Post 5785 – Kennewick

*Post 5924 – Elk

*Post 6785 – Kent

*Post 7498 – Port Hadlock

*Post 9430 – Skyway

*Post 11326 – Cheney

*Post 12170 – Dupont

*Post 12220 – Anacortes

*Post 12228 – Stanwood

*** Indicates membership is higher than 101%**

19. The following Posts are currently under suspension:

- a. Post 2286 Vashon Island
- b. Post 3057 Westport

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 into 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."**

BY COMMAND OF:

Drew James
Department Commander

OFFICIAL:

Joe Wright
Department Adjutant