

Department of Illinois 2026 – 2027 Series General Order No. 2 August 2026



State Headquarters Announcements

1. This year the Service Officer Support has been raised to \$75.00. All other program donations remain at \$50.00 Each.
2. This year to receive credit towards All-State for Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy, a post must advance an entry for District judging. Donations will not be accepted in lieu of an entry.

Membership

1. State total 1.21%
2. 14 New Members
3. Sponsor a Vet program flyers were provided to all District Commanders to be distributed to every post. If you have not received your posts, contact your District Commander.

Post Announcements

1. Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore, Special Order 335 dated July 21st cancelled the charter of Pana Post 4431.
2. Eleven posts are currently suspended.
3. Two eligibility challenges are active.

Bylaws

1. Section 216: (a) The Post **shall** elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, and three Trustees. (b) The Commander **shall** appoint an Adjutant and Chaplain.

The following posts have vacancies in violation of this bylaw and must correct it immediately.

450	1104	1567	1578	2024	2199	2580	2665	2857	3455	3601	3637
4724	4753	4835	5149	5212	5790	6628	6791	6870	8077	8222	8283

2. Section 220: in part reads; Any elected Post officer or committee member removed, by reason of failure to pay current dues or under the provisions of this section shall not be eligible to serve in any Post office or committee in the same administrative year in which the officer or committee member is removed.

There are currently 171 Post or District Officers set to expire this year. Get your dues paid early to avoid a disruption in your service to your post or district

3. All Trustee Quarterly Reports for the 4th quarter ending June 30th were due to State HQ by July 31st.
4. As of July 1st, Posts and Districts may file IRS form 990 for the 2025 fiscal year. All are encouraged to complete this early.

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5. Critical Notice: Upcoming Bond Expirations

Be advised that all current Post Officer bonds purchased through State Headquarters will officially expire on **August 31, 2026**. To ensure continuous, mandatory compliance and prevent any gap in required coverage, all Posts must submit their renewal applications immediately. Online bond applications for Post Commanders and Quartermasters are readily available for submission. Bonds purchased directly through State Headquarters strictly cover the positions of Commander and Quartermaster only, up to a maximum limit of \$1 million.

Posts requiring coverage exceeding \$1 million, or requiring administrative bonding for additional positions, must secure an independent policy through an outside insurance source. If an outside bond is utilized, a complete and legible copy of the policy must be forwarded to State Headquarters immediately to be maintained on official file.

Events

1. August Council of Administration Meeting

Dates & Times: Friday, August 7, 2026, 3:00 pm and Saturday, August 8th, 9:00 am. (Tentative Agenda is on the state website vfwil.org under the “News” tab.)

Location: Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 411 S. Larkin Ave. Joliet, IL 60436

Dress Code: Friday, State Commander Polo and Slacks. Saturday, business casual. **No blue jeans.**

2. In addition to the previously notified members, the following are called to the Council Meeting:

David Terrinoni – State Chaplain	Jeff Britt – Officer of the Day
Roy Johnson – Sergeant at Arms	Mathius Carter – Veteran Suicide Prevention

3. State Commander and Auxiliary Presidents Homecoming Celebration

Location: VFW Post 9545, 323 Old Hickory Rd, New Lenox, IL 60451

Times: Cocktails 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm

4. September 19, 2026: Illinois Day at the National Home (Eaton Rapids, Michigan)
Early Agenda

Friday, September 18, 2026, VFW Post 2406, 695 Lansing Rd., Charlotte, MI 48813

5:00 pm cocktails and camaraderie

6:00 pm Dinner, suggested donation of \$15 per plate.

Saturday, September 19, 2026, Tribute/Memorial at Rosehill Cemetery.

Immediately after travel to the VFW National Home.

Our National Home Chairs have reserved hotel blocks at a discount price.

- Comfort Inn Charlotte: Rooms must be reserved by Saturday, September 12, 2026, to receive the special group rate.

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- Holiday Inn: To obtain a reduced rate, guests must call the hotel directly and use the code DOI/Dept of IL.
- If you would like to stay on campus at the National Home, please contact Michelle Neuman as soon as possible. Only a few rooms remain available so call to book yours as soon as possible. Her number is 517-663-7941.

Calendar and Deadline Dates

August 2026

August 7-9, 2026: Council of Administration Meeting, Joliet, IL

Aug. 8, 2026: State Commander and Auxiliary President's Homecoming, Joliet, IL

August 31, 2026: Quartermaster bonds issued through State HQ expiration

September 2026

September 11, 2026: Patriot Day

September 18, 2026: Prisoner of War/Missing In Action Recognition Day

September 19, 2026: Illinois Day at the National Home (Eaton Rapids, Michigan)

October 2026

October 15-18, 2026: Big 10 Conference (Kalamazoo, MI)

Commander Town Halls

1. October 10, 2026, 10:00 am
2. October 11, 2026, 10:00 am
3. October 24, 2026, 10:00 am
4. October 25, 2026, 10:00 am

Locations to be Announced