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Illinois

2025-2026 Series
General Orders No. 12
June 2026

STATE HEADQUARTERS CLOSURE

State Headquarters will be closed on June 10th through June 14th for the State Convention and on June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

FINAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The final Council of Administration meeting will be held on June 11, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. in the Ruby room on the 2nd floor. All attendees are invited to attend this meeting. The dress code for the meeting is Polos and Khakis.

2026-2027 OFFICERS-ELECT

District and Post Officers elected or appointed for the 2026-2027 term are reminded that they will not take office until the Installation of the State Commander on Saturday, June 13, 2026. You are also reminded that the nomination of officers will take place on Friday afternoon, June 12, 2026, with the election and installation of officers scheduled for Saturday afternoon, June 13, 2026. **DELEGATE REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 10:00 a.m. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13th. REGISTER EARLY!!**

DEPARTMENT ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DISTRICT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

All newly elected and appointed Department Officers and District Junior Vice Commanders for the 2026-2027 term of office are reminded that according to our National By-Laws all Officers listed above are required to submit proof of eligibility to the Department Adjutant prior to being installed into their respective offices during the State Convention. If you have a question on whether or not you have ever submitted your DD-214 or Proof of Eligibility to the Department, please contact the State Adjutant prior to the convening of the State Convention in June.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED FOR ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the District Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to office. In the event an elected or appointed officer fails to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment, any right of the officer to hold the office shall be forfeited, the office declared vacant and the eligibility qualifications of such officer shall be questioned in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws. **Proof of Eligibility for District Commanders, District Senior Vice Commanders, and District Junior Vice Commanders MUST be furnished to the State Adjutant within thirty (30) days of Election.**

REMINDER - POST/DISTRICT OFFICER CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

Please note that changes in Post or District Officers must be reported to State Headquarters immediately. Changes in addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses should also be reported immediately - even if changes are made on the Online Membership System (OMS). These changes are not always transmitted to State Headquarters; please help us keep our records current.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Sec. 413-Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions.

The Commander of the District in arrears for financial obligations to Department or National, for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, or failing to have the office of the Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the District is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed and approved District Trustees Report of Audit, District Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation at the Department Convention. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies. A properly completed District Election Report shall be submitted to National Headquarters prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Sec. 213 - Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions.

Any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed and approved quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year submitted to National, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council and District meetings; County Council, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

Also, Audits and inspections must be approved to meet this requirement. Deadline is June 2nd to have them in to State Headquarters. No Audits or inspections will be accepted at Convention.

CREDENTIALS - CONVENTION

Sec. 222 - Delegates, District Convention & Meetings, Department and National Conventions.

(a) Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing.

Delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.

(b) Delegates elected under this section shall not be considered instructed and may exercise full authority in the duty to be performed.

(c) Each Post will pay, in accordance with its Department Bylaws, a delegate registration fee for each and every delegate to which the Post shall be entitled

(d) Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of \$25, which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention will be held on June 11-14, 2026. The hotel for the State Convention is Crowne Plaza, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62703. If you would like to call the hotel the phone number (217) 529-7777 and the Group code is: V1W. There is a link also located on the state website vfwil.org; to get to the link go to News and then go to Events the link provided takes you directly to our reservation link and you can book your room through there.

STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Included in these General Orders is the Advance Registration Form for the State Convention. Delegates can also be registered online by going to www.vfwil.org, the form is located under resources then reports and forms.. The registration fee is \$20.00 until **May 31, 2026**, and is \$22.00 after **May 31, 2026**. Letters of registration confirmation will be mailed to registrants after the proper registration fee has been paid. Registrants will be required to present this confirmation when they check in at the convention registration desk at the Crowne Plaza.

REMINDER: Delegates will not be allowed to vote until such issues have been resolved if the Post is in arrears for supplies, poppies or any sort of financial obligation to the Department. The Post must be bonded, have an approved inspection, have an election report on file with Department and National Headquarters for the ensuing year, and all audits including the March 31, 2026 audit must be submitted and approved. Delegate strength for convention is based on one delegate and one alternate delegate per thirty members or fraction thereof. Registration will be open in Plaza H (1st floor) of the Crowne Plaza:

Thursday June 11, 2026	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday June 12, 2026	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday June 13, 2026	8:00 am - 10:00 am

As of June 1st there are 75 eligible posts to vote at State Convention.

2026 DISTRICT COMMANDER-ELECT TRAINING

Once District Elections are held, an invitation will be sent to newly elected District Commanders for 2026-2027. Department Headquarters will provide rooming accommodations for 4 nights (Wednesday-Sunday) for incoming District Commanders at the Crowne Plaza, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield.

Mandatory training for all District Commander Elect and returning District Commanders will be held on Thursday, June 11th, at 8 am in Ruby Ballroom located on the second floor. District Sr. Vice Commanders, Jr. Vice Commanders, and Quartermasters are invited to attend this training as well. The dress code is business casual (Polos and Khakis).

PLEASE NOTE: District Commanders-Elect should be present during the Council of Administration Meeting on June 11th, 2026. The dress code is business casual (Polos and Khakis). They must also be present on Saturday, June 13th, 2026, during the installation of officers!

On Sunday, June 14th, there will be a brief Council of Administration meeting at 9 am to pass an interim budget until the next meeting in August.

DISTRICT CAUCUS DURING STATE CONVENTION

Each District will be responsible for establishing their own District Caucus and it will be their responsibility to contact and invite candidates to address their caucus.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service will be on Thursday night June 11th at 6:00 pm in the Sapphire/Diamond Ballroom. All District Commanders are required to attend and participate in Memorial Service. If you are unable to attend, you must notify State Headquarters prior to State Convention and you need to have either your Senoir Vice Commander or the incoming District Commander Elect to attend in your place. Dress code is suit and tie and appropriate equivalent.

PATRIOTIC RALLY

This year the Patriotic Rally will be a parade around the parking lot at the Crowne Plaza. The Parade is Friday night June 12th from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. All Post, Districts and Auxiliaries will need to bring your colors.

COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, join the newly installed Illinois VFW State Commander and Auxiliary State President for the Commander and President's Reception. The reception is being held at Northenders Post 10302 located at 2349 Stockyard Rd, Springfield. The reception starts at 6:00 pm and the cost of tickets are \$25.00, you can send in a check or pay through the "Donate Now" located on the state website homepage vfwil.org. Deadline for ticket sales is June 5, 2026.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

This year at State Convention, we are offering attendees breakout sessions which will be in Capital 1, 2, & 3 on the 3rd floor. Attached is the list of the breakout sessions with times and rooms.

Thursday June 11, 2026 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

POST BENEFITS ADVISOR TRAINING

At the State Convention this year there will be 2 breakout sessions for post benefits advisor training.

CONVENTION EXHIBIT BOOTHS

Please let the businesses in your area know exhibit space is available during our 107th Annual State Convention at the Crowne Plaza. Contact State Headquarters at 217-529-6688 for more information.

SILENT AUCTION

The Annual Silent Auction will be held during the State Convention. Check out your home for items in good condition to donate. Please bring your donated item to Plaza H and make sure to fill out the form given to you. If you have any questions, please contact State Headquarters. District Commanders are asked to donate an item from their District valued at no less than \$75.

RULES OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vince Long, Post 1756-10
Jeff Britt, Post 6865-14
Rick Frank, Post 1461-6
Bill Regan, Post 7452-19
Bobby Edwards, Post 10302-10

POPPY DISPLAY COMMITTEE

Chairman: Stephanie Kirksey, Post 6504-14
Roger D. Guebert, Post 7980-14

POPPY DISPLAYS

Poppy Displays will be accepted in Capital 6 (3rd floor) starting on Thursday, June 11, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm, and continuing on Friday, June 12, 2026 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. All poppy displays must be picked up from Capital 6 before 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

SUPPLY SALES BOOTH

The Supply Sales Booth will be set up in Plaza H starting on Thursday, June 11, 2026 from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm the Supply Sales Booth will continue on Friday, June 12, 2026 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE

The Distinguished Guest Committee Members will use the Topaz Room in the Crowne Plaza as their base of operations for our distinguished guests.

Distinguished Guest Committee:

Brad Gould, Post 630-7
John Davin, Post 5917-18
J.D. Spindler, Post 4549-17

OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO STATE CONVENTION

The officers below are assigned to be present at the Council of Administration Meeting in Ruby room (2nd floor on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

They should also be in attendance for the Joint Opening Session on Friday, June 12, 2026 at 8:00 am in the Sapphire/Diamond room (2nd floor) and all business sessions on Friday and Saturday.

Credentials Committee:

Chairman: Scott Holley, Post 3873-19
Joe Wein, Post 2202-4

Officer of the Day, Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms:

Jeff Britt:	Post 6865-14	Officer of the day
Raymond Bachewicz:	Post 2298-5	Sergeant-At-Arms
Roy Johnson:	Post 5220-3	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
Steve Noodwang	Post 2791-16	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms

STATE PROGRAM AWARDS

There is a link on the State website homepage vfwil.org that has a listing of all the award winners.

2025-2026 ALL-STATE TEAM OF POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS

There is a link on the State website homepage vfwil.org that has a listing of all the All-State Posts as of April 30, 2026.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

The joint hospitality rooms will be in Governor, Illinois, Sangamon, and Springfield on 3rd floor.

Crock pots and roasters are allowed this year, but electric hot plates, and definitely nothing that is gas or propane is allowed.

Also, this year the hospitality room **will be closed** during all the business sessions, the Memorial Service, the Patriotic Rally, and the installation of Officers.

2026 CONVENTION RAFFLE AND PURPLE HEART TICKETS

2026 Purple Heart and Convention raffle were in the January issue of the Illinois VFW newspaper. The Illinois VFW Newspaper is posted online on the state website vfwil.org. You can print the tickets out and fill them out and send them back to State Headquarters. There is 1 sheet of 5 tickets (\$20 for 5 tickets

or \$5 a ticket) and two Purple Heart tickets (\$5 each). Winners will be randomly selected at our State Convention in June for a \$10,000 grand prize, a \$3,000 second prize, a \$2,000 third prize, and a \$500 award to fourth through tenth place winners. Purple Heart Raffle: \$2,000 grand prize.

127th VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION

Reno, NV, is the host city for the 127th VFW and 112th Auxiliary National Conventions, which will be held July 25-29, 2026. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website, accessed through the main VFW website at vfw.org/convention. The convention website will also include general convention information, such as the registration form, tentative agenda and links to Reno attractions. Hotels are first come first serve and not by state this year.

Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure states each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention Registration Fee of \$25- which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Please note each additional delegate attending the National Convention will have to pay an additional \$10 delegate fee. Information on delegate registration will be available at a later date.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMANDERS' HOMECOMING

The August Council of Administration and Commanders Homecoming in Joliet is scheduled for August 7-9, 2026. The link for the hotel will be posted on the State website vfwil.org after State Convention.

2026 ILLINOIS VFW CALENDAR

The calendar raffle began on Jan. 1, 2026, and will run daily through Dec. 31, 2026. The winning ticket will be returned to the drawing, so you may be able to win multiple times throughout 2026. State Headquarters has developed a prize structure and incentive package for Posts that sell calendars. Approximately \$21,500 in prizes will be awarded. The winners will be posted weekly on the Department website (www.vfwil.org), it can be found under "news" then 2026 Calendar raffle.

DAILY WINNERS

Date of Drawing	Winner	Amount
05/01/2026	Ernie Foreman	\$100.00
05/02/2026	Jim Case	\$25.00
05/03/2026	Jacki Newman	\$50.00
05/04/2026	Henry Foster	\$25.00
05/05/2026	Donald Kribbs	\$25.00
05/06/2026	Emile Bouvet	\$25.00
05/07/2026	Bill Young	\$25.00
05/08/2026	Kyle Blumhorst	\$25.00
05/09/2026	William Barker	\$25.00
05/10/2026	Hershel Nelson	\$100.00
05/11/2026	Joshua Seed	\$25.00
05/12/2026	Gerald Netler	\$25.00
05/13/2026	Art Wynn	\$25.00
05/14/2026	Stefanie Kirksey & Michael Douglas	\$25.00
05/15/2026	Geri Johannes	\$25.00
05/16/2026	Alan Little	\$25.00
05/17/2026	Barbara Wilson	\$50.00
05/18/2026	Robert M Johnson	\$25.00
05/19/2026	Ellen Kaman	\$25.00
05/20/2026	Bill Hemker	\$25.00
05/21/2026	Brad Forsberg	\$25.00

05/22/2026	Roy Rhodes	\$25.00
05/23/2026	Eric Olson	\$25.00
05/24/2026	Brenda Transou	\$50.00
05/25/2026	Karta Hornbeck	\$1000.00
05/26/2026	Carter Corsello	\$25.00
05/27/2026	Jack Case	\$25.00
05/28/2026	VFW Auxiliary 454	\$25.00
05/29/2026	Ryan King	\$25.00
05/30/2026	Barry Rainey	\$25.00
05/31/2026	Ken Daugherty	\$50.00

NEW CENTURY RAFFLE

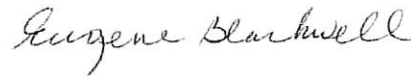
The New Century Raffle has officially started and will run through June 30, 2026. The tickets are just \$10.00 each. Each ticket entitles you to participate in a weekly drawing of \$100 from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Drawings will be held every Friday. The winning ticket will be returned to the barrel for future drawings. This means each ticket has multiple chances to win. The seller of each ticket also has a chance to win \$10.00. If the seller prints their name on the ticket, they will receive \$10.00. If the seller does not sign the ticket, the \$10.00 will be automatically donated and split between the Department's Unmet Needs Program and Children's National Home. Winners will be announced each month in the General Orders and posted on the <http://vfwil.org> website

WEEKLY WINNER

Date of Drawing	Winner	Seller
5/1/2026	George Sternisha	No Seller Listed
5/8/2026	Michelle Lagger	Carl Lagger
5/15/2026	Paul Topel	No Seller Listed
5/22/2026	Don Pankey	No Seller Listed
5/29/2026	Alisa Rodriguez	Curtis Mead

By Order of:

Official

Joseph "Scott" Swinford
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Eugene Blackwell
State Commander

C of A Program Report Convention Voice of Democracy 2026

For the 2026-2027 cycle, posts have three options for conducting the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests:

Option 1 — Scholars App Method

Students submit applications and essays — and for Voice of Democracy, their audio essay — directly through Scholars App using your post's unique QR code or link. Judges are assigned and score entries through the platform. Your post winner can then be promoted to District entirely through Scholars App.

Option 2 — Traditional Paper Method

Post chairs collect paper applications and essays — and MP3 audio essays for Voice of Democracy — as in previous years. Judging is conducted by your post however you choose. You can use the traditional paper trifold application or preferably the Fillable entry forms that are available on the National and Department websites. Using the fillable forms solves legibility problems, but must be downloaded, signed by the student and a parent or guardian, and submitted to the post.

Important note: Even if your post uses paper entries exclusively, all post winners must be promoted to District through Scholars App. This means your post chair will need to upload the paper application, essay, and MP3 audio file into the platform. Training for this step will be provided, and it is a straightforward process.

Option 3 — A Combination of Both Traditional and Scholars App

Many posts will likely find themselves using both methods this year — and that is perfectly fine. Students may submit entries through Scholars App while others submit paper applications. Paper entries can be uploaded into Scholars App and combined with digital entries for judging. Or, you can download and print Scholars App digital entries and add them to the paper applications if you prefer traditional judging.

Regardless of which method your post uses — all post winners must be promoted to district through Scholars App. This ensures accurate and efficient record keeping across the Department.

Please know that the youth scholarship team does not intend to leave behind any post or district chairpersons or any students. In fact, we are hoping the 26-27 cycle will have the largest student participation ever. Training will be provided for every step in the process and Scholars App Coordinators will be available for help.

District Chairs are asked to encourage each and every post in their district to participate in these great youth contests. Take note of post training so you can lend a hand to a post and because the steps are basically the same for district.

There are four main duties assigned to district commanders/district chairs:

1. Submit your contact information to the Department PP or VOD chairperson if there is any change of personnel or contact information from last cycle.
2. Collect contact information for each post commander/chairperson in your district.
3. Create an account in Scholars App Suborganization section for each post commander/ chairperson in your district regardless if the post is participating in the PP/ VOD contests or not.
4. Create and maintain email and phone lists for each post commander/chairman in your district. Relay any email messages from department contest chairpersons to posts asap throughout the cycle. Also, pass along questions and comments from posts that you feel the department team needs to hear.

Breakout Sessions

All breakout sessions are on Thursday

Time	Training	Location
1:00pm-2:00pm	Dashboard	Capital 1
1:00pm-2:00pm	Inspections	Capital 3
1:00pm-2:00pm	Scholars App	Salon I
1:00pm-2:00pm	Benefits Advisor	Salon J
2:00pm-3:00pm	Commander	Capital 1
2:00pm-3:00pm	Quartermaster and Trustee	Capital 2
2:00pm-3:00pm	Adjutant	Capital 3
2:00pm-3:00pm	Attorney General presentation on VACs	Salon I
2:00pm-3:00pm	Benefits Advisor	Salon J

Department of Illinois
107th Annual State Convention

Tentative Agenda (May be subject to change.)

Crowne Plaza
3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

June 11-14, 2026

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Dress Code for Training & Council Meeting will be Business Casual (Polos)

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	District Commander-Elect Training <i>Ruby (2nd Floor)</i>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Membership Luncheon <i>*Invite Only</i> <i>Plaza A (1st Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<i>Scholar's App Training</i> <i>Capital 4 (3rd Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM / 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<i>Benefits Advisor Training</i> <i>Capital 5 (3rd Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	VSO Office <i>Opal Room (2nd Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	VFW Registration <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	VFW Sales <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Vendor Booths <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Silent Auction <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Poppy Displays <i>Capital 6 (3rd Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions <i>Capital 1, 2, & 3 (3rd Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Bylaws & Resolutions Meeting <i>Ruby (2nd Floor)</i>
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Final 2025-2026 Council Meeting <i>Ruby (2nd Floor)</i>
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Memorial Service (Coat & Tie or equivalent.) <i>Sapphire/Diamond (2nd Floor)</i>
Hospitality Rooms	<i>Governor, Illinois, Sangamon,</i> <i>& Springfield (3rd Floor)</i>

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Crowne Plaza

3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

June 11-14, 2026

Friday, June 12, 2026

Dress Code for Business Session will be Coat & Tie

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Joint Opening Ceremony with Guest Speakers & Special Presentations <i>Sapphire/Diamond (2nd Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<i>VSO Office</i> <i>Opal Room (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	VFW Registration <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Vendor Booths <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	VFW Sales <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Silent Auction <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Poppy Displays <i>Capital 6 (3rd Floor)</i>
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Past Dist. Commander's Assoc. Luncheon <i>Plaza A (1st Floor), cost is \$25.</i>
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Rules of the Convention, Credentials, Legislative. with Guest Speakers & Program Reports <i>Sapphire/Diamond (2nd Floor)</i>
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	1st Nominations for 2026-27 State Officers <i>Sapphire/Diamond (2nd Floor)</i>
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Patriotic Rally (Bring Post or District Colors) <i>Crowne Plaza Parking Lot *weather permitting</i>
Hospitality Rooms	<i>Governor, Illinois, Sangamon, & Springfield (3rd Floor)</i>

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Crowne Plaza, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62703

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Dress Code for Business Session will be Coat & Tie

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Prayer Service <i>Plaza C (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Guests from Veteran's Groups <i>Sapphire/Diamond (2nd Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	VFW Registration <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	VSO Office <i>Opal Room (2nd Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Vendor Booths <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	VFW Sales <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Silent Auction <i>Plaza H (1st Floor)</i>
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Poppy Displays <i>Capitol 6 (3rd Floor)</i>
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Buddy Poppy Report, Ntl. Home Report, Silver March & Other Program Reports <i>Sapphire/Diamond (2nd Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	By-Laws & Resolutions, Credentials, Convention Raffle, 2nd Nominations, & Elections <i>Sapphire/Diamond (2nd Floor)</i>
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Joint Installation of 2026-27 State Officers <i>Sapphire, Diamond, Emerald (2nd Floor)</i>
6:00 PM	Commander & President's Reception <i>Northenders Post 10302, Cost is \$25.00</i>
Hospitality Rooms	<i>Governor, Illinois, Sangamon, & Springfield (3rd Floor)</i>



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



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COMMANDER BLACKWELL'S

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE DRAWING

CONTEST ENDS 6/30/2026 AND DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT
THE AUGUST 2026 COUNCIL MEETING


IF DEPARTMENT MAKES 101%



- > ALL POSTS RECEIVE **1 ENTRY**
- > ALL POSTS THAT REACH 101% WILL RECEIVE **3 ENTRIES**

*** ADDITIONAL DRAWING FOR DISTRICTS IF DEPARTMENT MAKES 101% ***



 **DISTRICTS THAT REACH 101% WILL RECEIVE 1 ENTRY**

★ RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT! ★



FIND UNPAID/RELOCATED LIST



FIND UNPAID LIST



UNPAID/EXPIRING REPORT



If you need help you may contact Department Adjutant/Quartermaster, **Scott Swinford**



vwil@vwil.org



217-529-6688



★ HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED ★
CHICAGO SUMMER STANDDOWN
FOR 2026

FOR VETERANS WHO ARE HOMELESS,
HOME-INSECURE, OR NEED RESOURCES

**CHICAGO SUMMER STANDDOWN IS
JUNE 5TH, / 8:30 A.M. to 2 P.M.
AT THE GENERAL JONES ARMORY,
5200 S. COTTAGE GROVE AVE.,
CHICAGO, IL 60615.**



WE ARE PROVIDING FOOD AND GIVEAWAYS FOR VETARNS WHO ARE HOMLESS, HOUSING INSECURE,
OR IN NEED OF RESOURCES AND SERVICES.

BRING VETERAN ID OR DD-214 FOR REGISTRATION.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL

(708) 457-8805



(708) 202-4952