

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MONTHLY UPDATE



Dec. 12, 2025

Greetings,

We hope you enjoy this issue of the National Council Monthly Update summarizing the pertinent operations at VFW National Headquarters over the last month.

The Council Monthly will resume on Jan. 9, 2026. May your holidays be joyful!

Development

November truly marks the start of the holiday giving season, and it showed in our results. Our revenue objective for the month was \$6,098,513, and we closed at \$7,005,161 — finishing more than \$900,000 ahead of our goal.

Looking ahead, our objective for December is \$9.2 million, with the Year-End Campaign contributing to that overall goal. The campaign kicked off on Nov. 25 and runs through the end of December. It is our largest online effort and typically generates approximately \$1 million in revenue each year.

We also launched our new investment strategy with CTV (connected TV streaming) in November. We recently paused the campaign as initial performance came in below expectations. We are digging into the data now and will resume once several adjustments are made, including refining time slots, shifting the ask from a monthly gift to a possible one-time donation, and reviewing audience targeting to enhance our selects. Because this is the VFW's first initiative using this type of outreach, we are closely monitoring all activity and making thoughtful adjustments to ensure the investment remains within budget. The beauty of CTV compared to direct mail is our ability to dial efforts back, optimize in real time, and relaunch as the data guides us.

As a reminder, there are several meaningful ways to support your VFW. Consider joining the Stars & Stripes Society, becoming a monthly donor, continuing your legacy by including the VFW in your estate plans or simply supporting the Year-End Campaign. Every gift makes a powerful impact.

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VFW Programs

Dear NCOA members:

I hope this message finds you well. The National Awards and Citations Committee will convene via Zoom on March 27, 2026, to discuss and select recipients for the VFW National Awards, which will be presented at the 2026 VFW National Convention in Reno, Nevada, pending approval from the National Council of Administration. Your thoughtful recommendations play a vital role in recognizing and honoring outstanding service within our organization.

Adjutant General Dan West has asked for your valued input to ensure we recognize those who have made significant contributions. Your recommendations help us honor exceptional individuals and strengthen the spirit of our organization. If you have participated in the nomination process previously, thank you for your dedication and continued support.

The following awards are open for nominations:

- **VFW Distinguished Fraternal Award**

To recognize VFW members or citizens who have furthered the aims or ideas of VFW camaraderie. Nominations must show how the nominee displayed efforts to preserve and strengthen a spirit of good friendship and loyalty among VFW members, assisted surviving spouse orphans of deceased members, or assisted vulnerable and at-risk comrades above and beyond what others would or have done.

- **VFW Distinguished Patriotic Award**

To recognize VFW members or citizens in recognition of their local or national patriotic activities. Nominations must show how the nominee displayed efforts that fostered true patriotism by showing and demonstrating a feeling of passion, devotion, and loyalty to America and extended the institutions, traditions, customs, and establishments of American Freedom above and beyond what others would normally do.

- **VFW Distinguished Historical Award**

To recognize VFW members or citizens for contributions to a better understanding of our American way of life, history, and institutions. Nominations must show how the nominee displayed efforts that perpetuated the memory and history of our dead and/or displayed the importance of American history and why that history is important in our institutions above and beyond what others would do.

- **VFW Distinguished Citizenship Award**

To recognize VFW members or citizens for service rendered through outstanding charitable endeavors to the country or local efforts. Nominations must show how the nominee displayed a high level of benevolent actions and philanthropic allegiance supporting veterans, civil, political and social rights that exemplifies the duties and privileges of being an American citizen above and beyond what others would do.

- **VFW Distinguished Educational Award**

To recognize VFW members or citizens for outstanding contribution to the education of the intrinsic values of American freedom and citizenship. Nominations must show how the nominee exemplified through formal, informal or non-formal educational work that teaches the best attributes of patriotism and intrinsic values of knowledge through everyday life above and beyond what others would do.

If you know of a deserving candidate, please submit your nomination by March 6, 2026, via the Programs Dashboard tool. I do understand that not every NCOA member or Department leader has the entry tab on the dashboard. If you do not, please work with your Department HQs, District officers and/or Post officers to submit your nomination.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at the email address below or by phone.

Thank you for your commitment and for helping us celebrate excellence in service.

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Human Resources

- New Hire:
 - o Robert Fabela is a new Network Security Analyst in the Information Technology Department in the KC Office.
- Current Vacant Positions in Recruiting Process:
 - o Grants Manager, Foundation – KC Office
 - o Corporate Relations Manager, Foundation – KC Office
 - o Corporate Accounts Manager, Foundation – KC Office

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Membership and Member Services

- Our most recent Membership Monday webinar, “Five Strategies To Retain Your Members,” is available for view on the [VFW Membership Facebook page](#) or on the Training & Support page on vfw.org along with many other informational videos about all aspects of membership from recruiting and retention to interpreting Memstats reports. If you have requests or ideas for future training, email us at Membership@vfw.org.
- Membership numbers are on track to meet the 101% membership goal set out by the Commander-in-Chief. If recruiting and retention remain steady, we will achieve success. If your Department is looking to take part in state-level events and would like support or possible reimbursement of costs, have your Department Quartermaster contact the Membership Department at 888.564.6839 or email us at Membership@vfw.org and we will discuss providing assistance.
- If your Posts, Districts, or Departments need membership brochures, applications, or supplies to fulfill their recruiting and retention goals, they can be ordered online through our website. Simply log into vfw.org, click on the “Membership Recruiting Brochures Order Form” link, and place an order.
- Please be advised that the Online Membership System (OMS) will be shutting down at 4:00 p.m. CST on Dec. 31, 2025. Any transactions that are submitted through OMS on Dec. 31, up to the closing time, will be posted to Memstats and Post Query later that evening and available for viewing the morning of Jan. 6, 2026. Mail received at National Headquarters prior to Dec. 30, 2025, will be processed and counted in the December total. The mail received after that date, regardless of the postmark date, will not be counted in the December total. We suggest you have your Posts mail in their membership as early as possible or take advantage of the Online Membership System tools.
- The OMS system will be back online for the submittal of transactions by 4:00 p.m. CST, Jan. 1, 2026; however, membership transactions that are processed will not be posted to Memstats until all pertinent data is secured and verified. This should occur on (or before) Jan. 6, 2026.

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Administrative Operations

Administrative Operations Updates and Actions Since Nov. 5, 2025:

- There are currently 31 Posts under Department Suspension

State	Post	Charter city	Suspension expiration date
California	8900	Fresno	1.9.2026
Colorado	1247	Grand Junction	12.11.2025
Colorado	4281	Holly	2.8.2026
Colorado	8449	Bennett	2.8.2026
Delaware	2863	Richardson Park	1.1.2026
Florida	10174	St. Petersburg	Pending req for revocation of charter hearing
Georgia	4828	Royston	1.16.2026
Illinois	630	Urbana	12.23.2025
Illinois	1241	Staunton	12.23.2025
Illinois	2978	Chicago	12.23.2025
Indiana	1550	Greencastle	9.2.2025
Maryland	10078	Baltimore	10.8.2025
Maryland	10159	Salisbury	3.1.2026
Massachusetts	6536	South Boston	Ongoing litigation
Nebraska	10045	Deweese	6.15.2025
New Mexico	7688	Questa	2.16.2026
Ohio	451	Lorain	2.24.2026
Ohio	1042	Elmwood Place	1.9.2026
Ohio	2850	Cleveland	12.15.2025
Ohio	6861	Fairborn	12.16.2025
Ohio	7490	Louisville	2.12.2026
Oklahoma	5307	Salina	1.11.2026
Oklahoma	9265	Oklahoma City	1.1.2026
Oklahoma	11201	Chickasha	1.9.2026
Pennsylvania	6675	Pittsburgh	11.5.2025
Rhode Island	2812	Thornton	8.29.2025
Texas	8315	Schertz	2.20.2026
Texas	9179	Stamford	1.22.2026
Vermont	9653	Morrisville	12.8.2025
Washington	3057	Westport	Pending req for revocation of charter hearing
West Virginia	4595	Marlinton	2.21.2026

- There are currently three Posts under Commander-in-Chief suspension due to not submitting a 2025-26 election report. These suspensions are authorized a 30 or 60 day extension.

Dept	Post	Suspension Expiration Date
Michigan	2777	12.16.2025

Pennsylvania	245	12.16.2025
Pennsylvania	5937	12.16.2025

- There were three Post Consolidations:

State	Post No.	Consolidated w/Post No.	Date Approved
Illinois	9233	1376	11.14.2025
New Jersey	10184	3401	12.3.2025
Wisconsin	8314	3071	12.3.2025

- There were 15 Defunct Posts:

State	Post No.	Termination Date
Alaska	10032	11.17.2025
California	12114	11.17.2025
California	8399	11.17.2025
Illinois	4602	11.17.2025
Kansas	112	11.24.2025
Massachusetts	7608	11.24.2025
Mississippi	7341	11.24.2025
Missouri	5329	12.1.2025
Missouri	9064	11.18.2025
Missouri	4240	11.7.2025
New York	6239	11.7.2025
Oregon	12123	11.20.2025
Pennsylvania	8225	11.24.2025
Virginia	6975	11.20.2025

- There was one New Post:

State	City	Date Instituted	Post No.
Alabama	Hamilton	11/20/2025	12245

- Administrative Operations is engaged in 16 Article IX Disciplinary Actions:
 - o Alabama:
Post 5658 (District Trustee & Post Sr. Vice Commander) – summary disposition
 - o Arizona:
Post 285 (District Quartermaster & Post Commander) – disciplinary action
 - o California:
Post 6476 (Life member) – disciplinary action
 - o Colorado:
Post 1781 (annual member) – disciplinary action
Post 2788 (District Jr. Vice Commander, District Surgeon, Post Jr. Vice Commander) - disciplinary action
 - o Connecticut:
Post 399 (annual member) – disciplinary hearing

- o Georgia:
Post 4346 (Life member) – disciplinary hearing
- o New Jersey:
Post 7677 (Life member) – disciplinary action
- o New York:
Post 8728 (Life member) – disciplinary action
- o North Carolina:
Post 6018 (Past Dept. Commander) – 30 days to appeal hearing panel’s decision
- o Oklahoma:
Post 9265 (Post Quartermaster) – awaiting Commander-in-Chief’s decision
- o Oregon:
Post 4015 (Past Dept. Adjutant/Quartermaster) – disciplinary action
- o Pennsylvania:
Post 6493 (Life member) – disciplinary action
- o Wisconsin:
Dept. of Wisconsin MAL (Life member) – summary disposition
Post 10407 (Life member) – disciplinary action
- o Wyoming:
Post 3558 (Past Dept. Commander) – disciplinary action
- There were 12 Administrative Removals/Actions:
 - o Florida:
Post 8203 Commander – awaiting possible appeal
Post 9272 Commander – awaiting possible appeal
District Sr. Vice Commander – awaiting possible appeal
 - o Indiana:
Post 5864 Commander – Dept. rebuttal
 - o New York:
Post 8728 Commander – pending
District Commander – awaiting possible appeal
 - o Oklahoma:
Post 9265 Commander – submitted appeal
 - o South Carolina:
Post 10420 Commander – awaiting possible appeal
 - o South Dakota:
Past Dept. Commander – awaiting CIC’s decision
 - o Texas:
Post 3992 Commander – awaiting CIC’s decision
Post 8397 Commander – awaiting possible appeal

- o Washington:
Post 3057 Quartermaster – submitted appeal
- There are two Pending 518's:
 - o Oregon:
Post No. 661 – Oct. 17, 2025
 - o California:
Department – Due Jan. 3, 2026
- There were nine Membership Eligibility Challenges:

Member Name	Post No.	Dept	Due Date
Michael Vigil	1247	CO	12.9.2025
Tommy Earl Tousha	5621	TX	12.9.2025
Kenneth Martin	5171	KY	12.14.2025
Brian Wedemeyer	7061	AZ	12.29.2025
Marcus Choate	1674	AR	1.3.2026
Michael Leopold	7576	OH	1.13.2026
Carol Drum	4709	TX	1.24.2026
Richard Eccleston	3439	MA	2.5.2026
Mearl Adams	3439	MA	2.5.2026

- There have also been six Voluntary Resignations, three Voluntary Surrenders, three Terminations, and two Reinstatements.
- Administrative Operations has 99 Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation submissions for review. Since Nov. 5, 2025, 87 Bylaws/Articles of Incorporations have been received, 34 have been approved and distributed, and four have been returned for corrections and resubmission through proper channels.
- There have been 13 total Charters produced:
 - o Two Post Consolidation Charters
 - o Two Post Replacement Charters
 - o One Post Perpetual Charter
 - o Two Post Name Change Charters
 - o One District Replacement Charter
 - o Five Auxiliary Replacement Charters

Dept	Post/District No.	Unit Designation	Document Type
LA	4858	Post	Name Change Charter
WA	11402	Post	Name Change Charter
NC	12	District	Replacement Charter
MO	3987	Post	Replacement Charter
AL	12242	Post	Perpetual Charter

IL	2791	Auxiliary	Replacement Charter
OH	7941	Auxiliary	Replacement Charter
CA	5948	Auxiliary	Replacement Charter
MO	3168	Auxiliary	Replacement Charter
ND	760	Auxiliary	Replacement Charter
PA (Thailand)	10249	Post	Replacement Charter
NJ	3401/10184	Post	Consolidation Charter
WI	3071/8314	Post	Consolidation Charter

- **Department Inspections:** The following 10 Departments have been identified and scheduled for Inspections:
 - o California – Inspection completed, waiting on final report from inspection team.
 - o Connecticut – April 6-8, 2026
 - o Florida – Inspection completed, waiting on final report from inspection team.
 - o Kansas – Inspection completed.
 - o Minnesota – March 11-13, 2026
 - o Montana – April 22-24, 2026
 - o New Jersey – Jan. 26-28, 2026
 - o Pennsylvania – Dec. 17-19, 2025
 - o Tennessee – Jan. 7-9, 2026
 - o Texas – Feb. 9-11, 2026

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National Legislative Service

- **VFW Submits Testimony for House Subcommittee Hearing:** VFW National Veterans Service Director Michael Figlioli submitted a statement for the record to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs for an oversight hearing on VA's Medical Disability Examination Office. He explained that although the VFW has repeatedly identified and offered solutions for persistent shortcomings in VA's examination and contracting processes, the system remains overly complex, burdensome and difficult for many veterans to navigate, especially those without accredited representation. Figlioli urged Congress and VA to modernize and stabilize the examination infrastructure and outlined recommendations for improvement in five key areas. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#).
- **VFW Speaks Out on Hemp Ban:** In an open letter to the leaders of the House and Senate, VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore and Adjutant General Dan West urged bipartisan support for responsible, scientifically grounded research into hemp cannabinoid-based alternative treatments for veterans suffering from conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and chronic pain. The VFW has a resolution supporting research into alternative medical treatments for veterans whose symptoms have gone unresolved by traditional medications, which have left some veterans physically, mentally and emotionally worse off. [Read the letter](#).
- **VFW Joins House Committee Roundtable on State of VA Benefits:** VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci participated in a roundtable led by House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mark Takano and attended by House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries. The roundtable focused on the current and future state of veterans' benefits. Gallucci stressed the VFW's message to "Honor the Contract" between service members and the federal government. Veterans were willing to risk their lives in defense of our nation, and in return the government must uphold its promise to care for those injured or made ill by that service. Amid growing scrutiny of VA's disability

compensation system, he emphasized that protecting its integrity starts with honoring the fundamental contract. [Watch the full roundtable.](#)

- **VFW Testifies at Senate Committee Hearing:** VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci testified before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs during an oversight hearing on the VA disability system prompted by recent news reports alleging fraudulent practices within the compensation claims process. Gallucci emphasized the VFW's challenge to "Honor the Contract" between service members and the government. He asserted, "Our veterans didn't ask what was in the air they breathed or the water they drank. And unlike many other public servants, they couldn't just walk away if they didn't want to do it anymore. They served in accordance with the contract they signed. Many now live with illnesses that steal their sleep, their breath and their ability to work. Suggesting that they embellish their suffering for money is insulting." Accordingly, the federal government must fulfill its responsibility to care for those injured or sickened in service. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#) which begins at the 15:43 mark.

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National Veterans Service

NVS is proud to share a milestone that reflects the true power of advocacy and dedication. VFW Accredited Service Officers helped secure more than \$16.2 billion in earned benefits for our nation's veterans and their families. This extraordinary achievement is more than a number — it is life-changing support delivered to those who have sacrificed so much for our country. As we recognize this accomplishment, we remain steadfast in our mission to ensure every veteran receives the benefits they've earned. If you see a veteran in need please direct them to a local accredited representative so that they can receive assistance with their claim. A listing can be found on the VFW website at vfw.org/Claims.

Below is a breakdown of what we have accomplished recently:

- NVS deputy directors and the assistant director placed wreaths at the Vietnam Wall and Korean War Memorial on Veterans Day.
- NVS director accompanied the VFW commander-in-chief, the Auxiliary president, and the executive director of the Washington Office, at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day.
- NVS supported the 2025 Warrior Yomp Expo at the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington.
- NVS quality assurance team conducted a routine site visit of the VFW service office operations in the Department of Missouri.
- NVS is hosting a Virtual Basic Accredited Representative course for the Department of Pacific and Hawaii representatives.
- NVS pre-discharge representatives briefed transitioning service members on VA benefits at military installations across the country.
- NVS BDD leadership briefed spouses at the Camp Pendleton Spouse Transition course.



- NVS BDD leadership briefed Marines at the MARSOC expo.
- NVS BDD leadership meeting with VA weekly in support of the upcoming SVA claims clinic.
- NVS leadership held interviews for the vacant Joint Base Andrews and Myer positions.
- NVS health team participated in the VA VSO communicators briefing.
- NVS health leadership met with the convention health chair for initial collaboration.
- NVS health team collaborated with The Military Coalition health team for updates.

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