

## President's Message

I am blessed beyond words to be your Department President elect, and thank you all for your confidence and support. I am honored to follow Department President Patti Burge, who has had an amazing year.

As we go into the 2026-2027 year, let's set our goal to work as a team with my theme to "Carry Our Torches for Veterans". Incoming VFW Auxiliary National President, Donna Mills, is asks us to be "Serving America's Heroes".

Our talented Program Chairmen created educational and informative promotional material for the success of all Missouri Auxiliaries. I invite you to take the time read the promotional materials they put together every other month. Downloading General Orders from our website is a great idea and you'll have them to refer to during the year.

I invite you attend this year's Department meetings. A lot of fun is planned as we conduct Department business. Fall and Winter Conferences will be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks. Fall Conference is scheduled for October 9-11, 2026. The Winter Conference is scheduled for February 19-21, 2017. Watch your General Orders for an exciting announcement about the VFW State Golf Tournament to be held at this year's Fall Conference. The 2027 Convention will be June 10-13 at the Ramada Oasis in Springfield. You **cannot** make reservations until the Missouri VFW opens the block of rooms to get the VFW room rate.

Reminder – April is the month to hold election of officers. May is the month to install them. Send your installation report to Department Secretary, Jackie Davis by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Installation reports were emailed to your Secretary on **March 28<sup>th</sup>**. If you did not get it, please contact Jackie so she can resend it.

School of instructions are set. Please see the calendar of events for the dates and locations. You will need to make reservations for the one you want to attend. Information is included in these General Orders.

I am here for YOU! Together we will be a Team and **"CARRY OUR TORCHES FOR VETERANS"**.



### Calendar of Events

- **May 1, 2026** – VFW Auxiliary Website opens for 2027 reporting.
- **May 30, 2026** - Installation Reports Due
- **June 11, 2025** - District President's Training (Oasis)
- **June 12-14, 2026** – VFW & Auxiliary Conventions
- **June 27, 2026** - School of Instructions - Post 3772 Mexico
- **June 28, 2026** - School of Instructions - Post 2025 - Rolla
- **July 11, 2026** - School of Instructions - Post 3976 - Sugar Creek
- **July 12, 2026** – School of Instructions – Post 4207 Monett
- **July 18, 2026** – School of Instructions – Ste Genevieve Post 2210
- **July 25-29 2026** – National Convention in Reno, NV

**2025-2026 Shirts and Pins will be sold at Department Convention. Pre-order forms available on our Department website and Facebook.**