



An All-State & All-American Post

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**September/October 2025
"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

Editor's Note

The links below have now been updated and have the latest Newsletter and Calendars.

COMMANDERS' CORNER

I would like to thank the House Committee members and specifically Curtis, Walker, Mark, Robert, Glen, Ham, Katy, the Rider's Group and all of you that have participated in the progress on all of the significant work that is being accomplished at the Post. I do apologize if I missed anybody.

We have the sign in front of the Post being repaired, building repairs out back and other improvements being completed. I hope that you'll like the improvements.

It's a great post. I hope everybody keeps up the enthusiasm with bringing in new members, existing members melding into our functions and the fun that goes on in the kitchen and at events.

Thank you all for a great start to the next year. Please come out and enjoy your Post.

JD Steichen, Commander

CHAPLAIN

Spiritual Salute – September & October

As we move into the fall months, our thoughts turn to the many moments of remembrance and fellowship that make this season meaningful for our VFW family.

September and October hold several opportunities for us to honor our service and our community:

Patriot Day – September 11th: A day of remembrance for those lost in the 2001 attacks and a reaffirmation of our duty to stand united as Americans.

POW/MIA Recognition Day – Third Friday in September: We pause to remember those who have not returned, keeping the flame of hope alive until they are accounted for.

Gold Star Mother's & Family Day – Last Sunday in September: We honor the families who have given their greatest treasure in service to our nation.

October holds NAVY Day, a chance to celebrate the proud history and ongoing service of our sea warriors, as well as our local events that honor veterans and strengthen our bonds.

Reaching Out to Our Comrades

In every post, there are members we don't see often—those who may be dealing with health issues, transportation challenges, or simply feeling disconnected. I encourage each of us to take the time to reach out. A simple phone call, a friendly visit, or even a note can remind a fellow veteran they are not forgotten. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in arms. Let's use this season to not only honor the past, but also to lift each other up in the present—because no one who has worn the uniform should ever feel alone.

As your Chaplain, I will continue to keep all our members—present and absent—in my prayers. Let us remember that our service to each other did not end when we hung up our uniforms. We remain a family, forged in the trials of service and strengthened by fellowship.

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” – Galatians 6:2

In comradeship and faith, Ty Strong, Chaplain

REMINDERS:

Only authorized personnel are to adjust thermostats at the Post! All others please leave them alone.

Use of foul language at the post will not be tolerated!

Outside beverages are not allowed into the post!

The Post Calendar can be found here: <https://vfw7909.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=73416>

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