

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Arizona

District 10

Post 1677

General Order #2

Series 2026-2027

Having discussed the direction of the Post under the current administration, as well as on the advice and opinions expressed by numerous members of the Post, the following policies are ordered and shall be in effect until rescinded or amended by the Post Commander, a 2/3 vote of the assembly, or order by the District or Department Commander or Commander in Chief.

Authorization to execute these orders may be found in the Nation By Laws and Manual of procedures in section 218(a)(1)-Commander, para (c) in conjunction with The Officer Responsibility – Administrative Policy and Procedure document, in the section titled Officer Responsibility and Limits of Authority , paragraph 6 which states “They (the commander represent(s) the authority of the Post between meetings, and their voice is that of the Post membership.”

1. Per directive from Department Commander, the Post will be expected to participate in the following programs during 2026-2027 year. Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, Citizen Education Teacher Award, Buddy Poppy, Public Servant Award, and Veteran and Military Support, and work toward meeting the Commander’s All State requirements
2. In accordance with 703 of the National By Laws which require the Commander, Quartermaster and Assistant Quartermaster be bonded with an indemnity company in a sum at least equal to the liquid assets for which they are accountable.
3. The Post will make plans to participate in Veteran’s Day activities.
4. In accordance with section 1001(25) of the Manual of Procedures concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting, “The presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of smoking/vaping products in the Post meeting room during VFW meetings is unacceptable and prohibited”.

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5. In support of the prohibition, stated in #4 above, the current policy of closing the canteen to Post members during the Post business meeting will continue, however service to Auxiliary and their guests as well as family of Post members will be allowed. Service to Post members will cease 30 minutes prior to meeting and resume immediately after meeting is adjourned. Members remaining in the Canteen once the meeting is convened will be asked to leave the facility until the meeting is concluded.
6. Members, including guest and employees are reminded that the use of cannabis based product, medical or recreational, whether, smoked, vaped or ingested/consumed by any other means is prohibited on Post property to include but not limited to the canteen, hall, tv room, sidewalk or doorways, and patio.
7. Operational transparency shall be observed and enforced by the officers and committees, elected or appointed, of this Post. Information not protected or limited by the Congressional Charter, National By Laws, Manual of Procedures, and Ritual, or as defined in Federal or State Laws, shall be open to Post members upon request. Copies of reports or records shall be authorized for distribution at meetings or upon request by individual Post members. The exception shall be when a post member, named in the document, submits a request in writing to the Quartermaster for nondisclosure of information directly identifying themselves. In such case, the personal information shall be redacted and the edited document released to the requesting member. Reference and definition of terms applicable to this order may be found in section 714 of the National By Laws and Manual of Procedures as well as Arizona Statute ARS 18-551 and ARS 44-1373.
8. In accordance with 218(a)(11) Trustees, Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through the Commander, a Post Trustees' Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster.
9. Members are reminded that acts of sexual harassment, racial or sexual discrimination or other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct determined to be unbecoming of a member will not be condoned.

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10. Members are reminded that it is expected that all members, and their guests, show proper respect, decorum, and discipline at all times, at all functions and events.
11. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to provide training for subordinate officers on the duties and responsibilities of their positions and to seek help from District and/or Department where necessary

By command of
Richard Thomas
Commander
VFW Post 1677

Official:

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Adjutant
VFW Post
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