



## General Orders No. 11

## 2025-26 Series

1. No Post, District, County Council, State or other unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and no officer or member has authority to grant the right to manufacture, reproduce or deal in items bearing the name, including the acronym VFW, and/or emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or any colorable imitation thereof. The only authority to use the name, emblem, or any marks of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States would be by issuance of express written consent by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States National Headquarters. Please see references below.

Pursuant to Title 36 U.S. Code Sections 230101-230107, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has the exclusive right to the use of its name and the sole exclusive right to the use of the emblem and badges adopted by the corporation. Additionally, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,708,070; 1,686,881; 1,982,411; 1,827,269 for the mark "VFW" as well as eight additional registrations including the term VFW. Finally, it is a federal offense to use the name or emblems of a federally chartered veterans' organization. See Title 18 U.S. Code Section 705.

2. Posts that have not sent in a Post Election Report Form listing the Post Officers for 2026-2027 should do so immediately for matter of record and so mailings can be made to the proper officers within the Post. Not doing so will subject the Post to actions within our National Bylaws.

3. Departments need to submit their official roster to National Headquarters immediately following their Department Convention so correspondence may be directed to the proper officers in each Department.

4. Attention is directed to the provision of Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$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 ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegate on-line through the Online Membership System (OMS). Posts failing to comply with this provision will be considered delinquent and in arrears.

5. National Headquarters will be implementing a revision to the fee structure for charters. This adjustment applies to all requests for replacement charters, including those required due to name changes or changes in charter location.

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Effective **July 1, 2026**, all such requests will be subject to the updated pricing structure below:

- \$50.00 – Date of Institution from 2003 to present
- \$75.00 – Date of Institution from 1980 to 2002
- \$100.00 – Date of Institution prior to 1980

If you have any questions, please contact Quentin Carroll, Director, Administrative Operations, [Qcarroll@vfw.org](mailto:Qcarroll@vfw.org).

6. Certificates of charter evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts:

Post Nos. 7389 and 2158 consolidated as Post No. 7389, Westminster, Massachusetts  
Post Nos. 3573 and 5307 consolidated as Post No. 3573, Locust Grove, Oklahoma  
Post Nos. 8280 and 8733 consolidated as Post No. 8280, Mosinee, Wisconsin

7. Announcement is made of the authorization of the charter for the following Post:

Post No. 12250 – Choctaw, Oklahoma  
Post No. 12251 – Atlasburg, Pennsylvania

BY COMMAND OF  
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