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General Meeting:

March 31, 2026 at 7:00PM

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House Committee Meeting:

April 14, 2026 at 7:00PM

Comrades,

Post Officer Elections and Appointments

At the April General Meeting, we will elect our post officers for 2026 / 2027 one-year term. In March, we will accept nominations for Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Three-year Trustee, and Convention delegates. At the General Meeting on April 26th, after another opportunity for additional nominations, the election will be held.

We also need to appoint or re-appoint an Adjutant, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, and Chaplain. If you are interested in serving or interested in learning more about these roles, please see me or any of the current officers. Before nominating someone, please make sure they are willing to serve.

As previously mentioned, I will be stepping down from my position as Commander. We do have candidates who have expressed interest in a leadership position, but they must be nominated and elected. That being the case, if anyone is interested in running for a leadership position, please let me know. All members are eligible for office requiring only a DD214 on file with the post Quartermaster.

Operations Post Upgrade All Hands on Deck

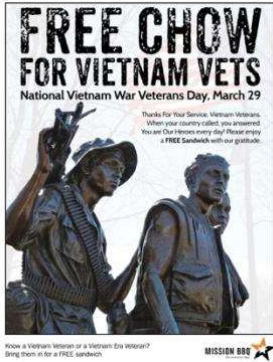


Plans are nearly complete for upgrading the Upper Hall to make it more functional and attractive for community celebrations, community events and meetings, and our own VFW need. The scope of the project includes new flooring, ceiling tiles, windows, and drywall. Materials are expected to cost around \$25,000 which can be covered with post funds; however, contracted labor can double or even triple that amount. I believe there is sufficient talent among our members that much, if not all, of the work can be internally accomplished. We plan to close or limit access to the Upper Hall July 27th – August 3rd for this project.

We will be seeking membership approval for the materials at our next meeting but also will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers. All skill levels are welcome and appreciated. Let's make this happen. Thanks to Dave Barczak for his leadership.



Vietnam Veterans Day



2.7 million Americans served in the Vietnam War and over 58,000 never returned home. Those that did return home returned to an often ungrateful and sometimes hostile nation. Vietnam Veterans Day will be celebrated on **March 29, 2026**. Congress passed and President Trump signed into law this day to thank those who served bravely and loyally during this conflict.

Our friends at Mission BBQ will be offering Vietnam veterans a free sandwich on this day and our post canteen, Scuttlebutt's, will be offering two free drinks to Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans.

Welcome Home

Post Web Site Upgraded

Thanks to Rich and Rebekah Goodman, our post website has been significantly improved. Check it out:

<https://vfwpost5716.com>

Post events can be found there, including Monday night Bingo and Thursday evening line dancing classes.



March Armed Forces Observances



March 20th Iraq War Anniversary, Observing 23rd anniversary of the start of the War in Iraq

March 29th: Vietnam Veterans Day, Honoring Vietnam veterans

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Respectfully,
Dave Chappell
Commander