

VFW Post 4676

May/June 2026 Newsletter

Congratulations to our 2026-2027 Officers

Paul Yingst - Commander

David “Dave” Yandon - Sr. Vice Commander

Blair Berkland - Jr. Vice Commander

Robert “Bob” Stone - Quarter Master

Keith Walters - 1st Year Trustee

William Hogue - 2nd Year Trustee

Philip “Shad” Defenbach - 3rd Year Trustee

**All other position will be appointed by the commander.*

Website: <https://vfwpost4676.com/>

Calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=cmdr4676@gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Facebook (private): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151>

Public Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1019221236898085>

Commander: As my time as commander draws to a close, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have endured through challenges and cultivated a positive environment at our post. Your support during my time as commander in doing the right thing, for the right purpose and with the right attitude solidifies my commitment to VFW Post 4676. As we all know, heard or observed, being in a leadership position has its challenges and with your overwhelming support, it made it very easy for me to continue. I would like to thank the 2026-2027 elected officers who have committed to filling the roles that will help us continue serving our veterans and accomplishing the VFW mission. *I encourage any member in good standing who is interested in serving in an appointed position to contact incoming commander, Paul Yingst. Appointed positions are; Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Benefits Advisor, Chaplain, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Guard and Committee Chairmans, House and Membership Chairs.

Key Appointed Positions and Duties:

- **Adjutant:** Serves as the secretary, managing correspondence, records, and minutes of the post.
- **Benefits Advisor:** Assists veterans, widows, and dependents in obtaining VA benefits and services.
- **Judge Advocate:** Provides advice on parliamentary procedures, bylaws, and legal matters.
- **Surgeon:** Promotes health programs and community projects.
- **Officer of the Day/Guard:** Responsible for the security of the meeting room and assistance with ceremonies.
- **Committee Chairman:** Specialized roles like Membership, House, or Finance.

To show my gratitude and Aloha, I am inviting you to a "Commander's Mahalo & Appreciation" event on Sunday, June 7 at noon. There will be a sign-up sheet posted to Facebook and at the post. *More info to follow.

Lastly, "Aloha and Mahalo!" 🙌 Melvin "Mel" Yamamoto

➤ *We shape our lives not by what we carry with us, but by what we leave behind. Ft. Richardson, Alaska.*

House Chairman: It's hard to believe it's been almost two years since being appointed your House Committee Chairman. I've really enjoyed serving in this capacity and I think we've continued to build on all of the great things achieved by those previously.

I want to thank all of the members that stepped up to support Canteen operations by doing a variety of different tasks. Things like inventory, miscellaneous bookkeeping, working with vendors, and many other tasks are very important and not easily performed by one volunteer alone. Your efforts will not be forgotten!

As I transition to my next position, it's time to appoint a new House Committee Chairman. Any interested members can contact me.

As I always say, we are blessed to have such a great post and membership. Let's continue to build on that. With everyone working together, it's not hard. I look forward to seeing you all at the post. *Paul Yingst*

➤ *On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no one behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind. Dan Lipinski*



VFW Auxiliary Chaplain's Corner

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out for your own interests but take an interest in others too. Philippians 2:3-4

As VFW Auxiliary members, we pride ourselves on the work we do for our veterans and their families. We do this work best when we work together.

Each of us is challenged to blend our abilities and talents with those of other people. How do we cooperate with others so we can reach our goals? These issues apply to our volunteer work in the auxiliary, our family life, and certainly our walk with God. The Apostle Paul understood the value of working effectively with others; he emphasized teamwork because he knew that we could only reach our goals through mutual effort.

Congratulations on a spectacular year! Collectively we accomplished the following work: cards sent 414; calls/texts/emails 697; hospital/nursing home visits 108; funerals attended 12; flowers/gifts \$5,212.90; meals/food \$1,966.23; miles driven 7,264; hours 824.5.

Like Christ, we should have a servant's attitude, serving our veterans out of love for God and for others, not out of personal gain. Remember, you can choose your attitude. You can approach life expecting to be served, or you can look for opportunities to serve others. Strive to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses hope. Chrystal Coble

➤ *The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment. Judd Greg*

Committees in the works: Interested in volunteering to help our mission, post, veterans, family members and the community? Contact cmdr4676@gmail.com.

1. Scholarship. 2. Membership. 3. Post Activities and Events. 4. Community Service. 5. Public Relations (Website, Facebook, etc.). 6. POW/MIA. 7. Donations. 8. Fundraising. 9. Buddy Poppy. 10. House. 11. Historian. 12. VPR

Reminder: *Blessing Box*, Wednesdays from 11a-1p. Non-perishable food available for anyone in need.

Membership Recruiting Report: Currently we are at 107.27%, surpassing our goal of 103%.

Legacy Life Member: As written in our 2024-2025 VFW Post 4676 Standing Rules: 7. Legacy Life Member Incentives:
a. Elected and appointed officers will receive 50% off the cost for Bronze, Silver and Gold of their choice during each year of service. b. Members in good standing will receive 25% off the cost of Bronze, Silver and Gold of their choice. *Legacy Life Member incentive is based on availability of funds.

***Currently there are 19 Gold and 4 Bronze Post Life Members.**

Upcoming Highlighted Post Events:

- Fri. 8 May. 6p: VPR – Victory in Europe
- Sat. 9 May. 9a: VFW Day of Service. Meet at the post.
- Mon. 11 May: VFW Post 4676 Chartered...Event Pending.
- Sat. 16 May. 4p: Commander's Fundraiser.
- Sat-Mon. 23-25 May. TTBD: Buddy Poppy event.
- Mon. 25 May. 12p: Memorial Day lunch, VPR and Flag Folding Memorial for 2 WWII Veterans'.
- Sat. 6 Jun. 12p: VPR – D-Day.
- Sun. 7 Jun. 12p: Commander's Mahalo & Appreciation event.
- Thu-Sat. 11-13 Jun: Department Conference. Dallas, TX
- Sun. 14 Jun: U.S. Army Birthday.
- Mon. 15 Jun. 6p: VPR – Flag Day.

Any questions: Email cmdr4676@gmail.com for more information.

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