

**2024-2025 VFW PROGRAM DEADLINES  
POSTS – DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL**

**OCTOBER 2024**

Patriot's Pen and VOD Student Entries to Post ..... \* October 31  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Entries to Post..... \* October 31

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Patriot's Pen and VOD Post Judging Completed..... November 15  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Post Judging Completed..... November 15

**DECEMBER 2024**

Patriot's Pen and VOD District Judging Completed..... December 15  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award District Judging Completed..... December 15

**JANUARY 2025**

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award District Winners to Department Chairman ..... January 1  
Public Servant National Award (EMT, Law, Firefighter) Nominations from Post to Department..... January 1  
Patriot's Pen and VOD Department Judging Completed..... January 10  
Patriot's Pen and VOD District Participation Reports to Department Chairman..... January 15  
Patriot's Pen and VOD Department Winners to National..... \* January 15  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Winners to Department HQ's ..... \* January 20  
Patriot's Pen and VOD Department Reports to National ..... \* January 31  
All Patriots Pen, VOD, and Teacher entries must be entered into All American Dashboard NLT..... \* January 31

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Department Winners to National..... \* February 1  
Public Servant National Award (EMT, Law, Firefighters) Nominations from Dept to National ..... February 1

**MARCH 2025**

Scout of the Year Entries to Post..... \* March 1

**APRIL 2025**

Scout of the Year Post Entries to Department Scouting Chairman .....April 1  
Veterans and Military Support Programs Donations (to guarantee citations by Dept Convention)..... \*April 30

**MAY 2025**

Scout of the Year Department Winner to National..... \* May 1

**JUNE 2025**

Community Service Record Books due to Department ..... June 15, 2024

**JULY 2025**

Outstanding Community Service Post of The Year Award (Not Community Service Record Books).....July 1

**\* REQUIRED DEADLINE BY VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

## PLANNING CALENDAR

### 2024

July 27 – August 1 National Convention, Louisville, KY  
August 10 Flying Squadron – Post 5156 Sweetwater, TN  
August 17 Flying Squadron - Post 8422 Smyrna, TN  
August 22 – 25 Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming, Savannah, GA  
August 31 Flying Squadron - Post 6496 Jackson, TN  
September 9 – 12 Fall Legislative Committee Meeting, Washington, DC  
September 12 – 15 Department Adjutant/Quartermasters Training, Kansas City, MO  
September 13 – 15 Nashville Grand Prix, Downtown Nashville, TN  
September 22 - 26 Accredited Service Officer Skill Level Training, Annapolis, MD  
September 22 - 27 Accredited Service Officer BASIC Training, Annapolis, MD  
September 27 - 28 Council of Administration Meeting - Post 4641 Dickson, TN  
October 10 - 13 Junior Vice Commanders Training, Kansas City, MO  
November 7 - 9 Southern Conference, Sheraton Music City, Nashville, TN

### 2025

February 14 - 15 Mid-Winter Conference, Sheraton Music City, Nashville, TN  
February 28 - March 4 Voice of Democracy, Washington, DC (Tentative)  
March 1 - 5 Legislative Conference, Washington, DC (Tentative)  
April 10 – 13 Senior Vice Commanders Training, Kansas City, MO  
June 19 - 21 State Convention, Sheraton Music City, Nashville, TN  
June 28 VFW National Home 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Eaton Rapids, MI  
August 9 – 13 National Convention, Columbus, OH  
September 25 – 28 Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming, Des Moines, IA  
October 2 – 5 Department Adjutant/Quartermaster Training, Kansas City, MO (Tentative)  
October 16 – 19 Junior Vice Commanders Training, Kansas City, MO

### 2026

August 15 - 19 National Convention, Salt Lake City, UT  
October 22 – 25 Southern Conference, Mobile, AL

### 2027

July 31 - August 4 National Convention, Milwaukee, WI

### 2028

August 5 - 10 National Convention, San Antonio, TX

**DISTRICT MEETINGS 2024-2025**

**District 1** (Fourth Saturday – 2:00 p.m.)  
 August 24 ..... 2166 Elizabethton  
 November 23 ..... 1990 Greenville  
 February 22, 2025 ..... 5266 Morristown  
 May 24 ..... 2108 Johnson City

**District 2** (Second Sunday - 1:00 p.m.)  
 July 14 ..... 6598 Harriman  
 September 8 ..... 5154 Maryville  
 November 10 ..... 5150 Loudon  
 January 12, 2025 ..... 5154 Maryville  
 March 9 ..... 12051 Oak Ridge  
 May 11 ..... 6598 Harriman

**District 3** (Second Saturday – 6:00 p.m. EST)  
 July 13 ..... 5772 Dunlap  
 October 12 ..... 1697 Ooltewah  
 November 2 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) ..... 7189 Decatur  
 January 11, 2025 ..... 5146 Athens  
 March 8 ..... 2598 Cleveland  
 April 12 ..... 5156 Sweetwater  
 May 10 ..... 1289 Chattanooga

**District 4** (Last Monday - 7:00 p.m.)  
 July 29 ..... 9851 Hendersonville  
 August 26 ..... 4842 Hartsville  
 September 30 ..... 5015 Lebanon  
 October 28 ..... 7135 Lafayette  
 January 27, 2025 ..... 9851 Hendersonville  
 March 31 ..... 2120 Robertson Co  
 April 28 ..... 7135 Lafayette  
 May 26 ..... 9806 Westmoreland

**District 5** (See Below - 7:00 p.m.)  
 July 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) ..... 1893 Winchester  
 October 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) ..... 10904 Manchester  
 January 9, 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) ..... 4575 Murfreesboro  
 April 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) ..... 4188 Tullahoma

**District 6** (Third Sunday - 12:30 p.m.)  
 July 21 ..... 8422 Smyrna  
 September 15 ..... 1970 W. Nashville  
 November 17 ..... 4895 Clarksville  
 January 19, 2025 ..... 11160 Clarksville  
 March 16 ..... 4730 Dover  
 April 20 ..... 4895 Clarksville  
 May 18 ..... 1291 Nashville

**District 7** (Fourth Sunday 3:00 p.m.)  
 August 25 ..... 4641 Dickson  
 October 27 ..... 9689 Erin  
 January 26, 2025 ..... 4893 Franklin  
 March 23 ..... 4969 Columbia  
 April 27 ..... 1618 Lawrenceburg  
 May 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) ..... \*4967 Centerville  
 \* Homestead Restaurant, Centerville, TN

**District 8** (Fourth Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.)  
 July 23 ..... 6496 South Jackson  
 October 22 ..... 6496 South Jackson  
 January 28, 2025 ..... 6496 South Jackson  
 April 22 ..... 6496 South Jackson

**District 9** (Third Sunday – 2:00 p.m.)  
 July 21 ..... 4862 Union City  
 August 18 ..... 4798 Trenton  
 October 20 ..... 4780 Milan  
 November 17 ..... 4798 Trenton  
 January 19, 2025 ..... 4862 Union City  
 March 16 ..... 4780 Milan  
 April 27 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) ..... 4798 Trenton  
 May 18 ..... 4780 Milan

**District 10** (Second Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.)  
 August 14 ..... 11333 Memphis  
 November 13 ..... 684 Memphis  
 January 8, 2025 Awards ..... 7175 Millington  
 March 12 Elections ..... Post 5066 Collierville  
 May 14 ..... 7175 Millington

**District 11** (Last Monday - 7:00 p.m.)  
 July 29 ..... \* 6296 Cookeville  
 October 28 ..... 5025 Crossville  
 January 27, 2025 ..... 5062 Livingston  
 April 28 ..... 5025 Crossville  
 \* 90 E. Spring St, Cookeville (Veteran’s Memorial Building)

## 2024 - 2025 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

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2021-2022.....Brian K. Walker (5066) VFW National Headquarters 406 <sup>th</sup> W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64111 901-262-3570 bw23246@gmail.com	2007-2008.....Darryl McPheron (9754) 924 Hermitage Dr., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645 (h) 423-357-8639 (c) 423-341-8185 Email: darrylmcpheron@yahoo.com
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2019-2020.....Lloyd A. Hansen (5154) 2035 Angus Blvd., Maryville, TN 37803 (h) 865-982-0809 (c) 708-574-2888 Email: marinehansen22@gmail.com	2005-2006.....Ron Cameron (11160) * Clarksville, TN
2018-2019.....Michael D. Rhew (684) 1700 Lakeview Dr., Collierville, TN 38017 901-338-1580 Email: michaelrhew@bellsouth.net	2004-2005.....Jim Inman (5266) 1916 Eastern Ave., Morristown, TN 37813 (h) 423-327-2439 (c) 423-312-3248 Email: jimtnvfw5266@aol.com
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2016-2017.....Curtis Hudson (9754) * Church Hill, TN	2002-2003.....Jim O'Neill (4641) * Dickson, TN
2015-2016.....Hubert Ray Parish (1294) * Huntingdon, TN	2001-2002.....John H. Scott (4848) 10228 Big Pine Lane, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379 (c) 423-421-4109 E-mail: jscott6520@comcast.net
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2013-2014.....Harry Carroll (1733) * Knoxville, TN	1999-2000.....Earl E. Long (1618) * Lawrenceburg, TN
2012-2013.....Randy Durham (7175) * Millington, TN	1998-1999.....Herschel J. Sharp (8682) * Maynardville, TN
2011-2012.....Charles Cassidy (4973) * Linden, TN	1997-1998.....Kendall S. Ickes, Jr. (7175) * Millington, TN
2010-2011.....Charles Ken Miller (5156) 3105 Saratoga Dr., Knoxville, TN 37920 (c) 352-207-5805 Email: ckmiller1960@gmail.com	1996-1997.....Dan Foster (1618) * Summertown, TN
	1995-1996.....Carl D. Goins (2598) * Cleveland, TN
	1994-1995.....Sydney F. Brown (4780) * Milan, TN
	1993-1994.....Ray Covington (1970) * Nashville, TN
	1992-1993.....Curtis Morley (3382) * Kingsport, TN
	1991-1992.....Russell J. Richmond (1848) * Cordova, TN
	1990-1991.....William H. (Bill) Berkley, Jr. (1291) * Nashville, TN
	1989-1990.....Larry L. Dalton (1289) * Chattanooga, TN
	1988-1989.....R. P. "Mickey" Locke (5066) * Collierville, TN

1987-1988.....	Ronnie L. Davis (1618) * Lawrenceburg, TN	1956-1957.....	George L. Harding (1990) * Greeneville, TN
1986-1987.....	David W. Tipton (9629) * Piney Flats, TN	1955-1956.....	Thomas W. Todd, Sr. (2109) * Camden, TN
1985-1986.....	Marvin Chandler (4862) * Union City, TN	1954-1955.....	Buford Evans (4619) * Lawrenceburg, TN
1984-1985.....	Roy C. Womble (5019) * Shelbyville, TN	1953-1954.....	Cooper T. Holt (1289) * Chattanooga, TN
1983-1984.....	Kenneth R. Houston (1294) * Decaturville, TN	1952-1953.....	David C. Doten (1965) * Memphis, TN
1982-1983.....	C. F. "Speedy" Bearden, Jr. (1289) * Soddy Daisy, TN	1951-1952.....	Clarence E. Safley (5064) * McMinnville, TN
1981-1982.....	George B. Simons (5064) * McMinnville, TN	1950-1951.....	James Buttram (5146) * Athens, TN
1980-1981.....	Otha M. (Jack) Kerr, Jr. (5266) * Greeneville, TN	1949-1950.....	A. J. Woodall (1848) * Jackson, TN
1979-1980.....	David C. Doten, Jr. (1965) * Memphis, TN	1948-1949.....	Carl Frady* Nashville, TN
1978-1979.....	John Furgess (1970) 7421 Hallows Drive, Nashville, TN 37221	1947-1948.....	James N. Hardin (1990) * Greeneville, TN
1977-1978.....	Gaines Gladson (9543) * Rogersville, TN	1946-1947.....	E. W. Wimple* Chattanooga, TN
1976-1977.....	J. R. Wilson (4780) * Milan, TN	1945-1946.....	W. A. Brewer* Cowan, TN
1975-1976.....	Murl I. Tarrant (5031) * Manchester, TN	1944-1945.....	Charles T. Devitt* Memphis, TN
1974-1975.....	W. S. "Doc" Barker (5154) * Louisville, TN	1943-1944.....	J. R. Stokes* Memphis, TN
1973-1974.....	Kenneth R. Perkins (8778) * Morris Chapel, TN	1942-1943.....	H. T. Kern* Knoxville, TN
1972-1973.....	Earl C. Gentry (6296) * Cookeville, TN	1941-1942.....	William A. Key (1848) * Jackson, TN
1971-1972.....	Henry L. Black (5266) * Morristown, TN	1940-1941.....	H. E. Carrick* Jackson, TN
1970-1971.....	Robert A. Pearson (10022) * Memphis, TN	1939-1940.....	H. E. Carrick* Jackson, TN
1969-1970.....	Robert G. Sullivan (1970) * Nashville, TN	1938-1939.....	Homer P. Weimer* Nashville, TN
1968-1969.....	Joe A. Murphy, Jr. (1289) * Hixon, TN	1937-1938.....	Henry P. Smith* Knoxville, TN
1967-1968.....	Claude H. Davis (4798) * Trenton, TN	1936-1937.....	W. P. Cheunalt* Memphis, TN
1966-1967.....	James A. England (6197) * Gallatin, TN	1935-1936.....	William A. Sachse* Chattanooga, TN
1965-1966.....	Marshall T. Nave (2166) * Elizabethton, TN	1934-1935.....	M. M. Harville* Nashville, TN
1964-1965.....	Gene Walker (1848) *	1933-1934.....	Henry L. LaCoste* Johnson City, TN
1963-1964.....	James M. Cowan, Jr. (4641) * Dickson, TN	1932-1933.....	D. F. Eastman* Memphis, TN
1962-1963.....	John Wooten (3382) * Kingsport, TN	1931-1932.....	G. C. Hodges* Cowan, TN
1961-1962.....	Lou Raghianti (4916) * Bartlett, TN	1930-1931.....	William A. Sachse* Chattanooga, TN
1960-1961.....	L. K. Mahler (6296) * Cookeville, TN		
1959-1960.....	Balsom V. Perry (2166) * Johnson City, TN		
1958-1959.....	Herb Davis (4780) * Milan, TN		
1957-1958.....	R. L. England (6197) * Gallatin, TN		