

State Commander



Dear Comrades:

Peter Drucker, an Austrian-born American management consultant, once said, "Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results."

I believe the VFW to be the best results-oriented, veteran service organization in the world because we have the most knowledgeable leaders. The names of our organization's leaders and our future leaders are within this Leadership Directory. And as leaders in our VFW Department, each plays an important role in demonstrating to all that the VFW is the "best of the best."

My theme for the 2023-2024 year is Encourage, Expand and Educate. Encourage and motivate younger veterans to be active and involved leaders. Expand our VFWs into family friendly places and Educate our members by assisting them in becoming great leaders in our Department.

Thanks for all you do!

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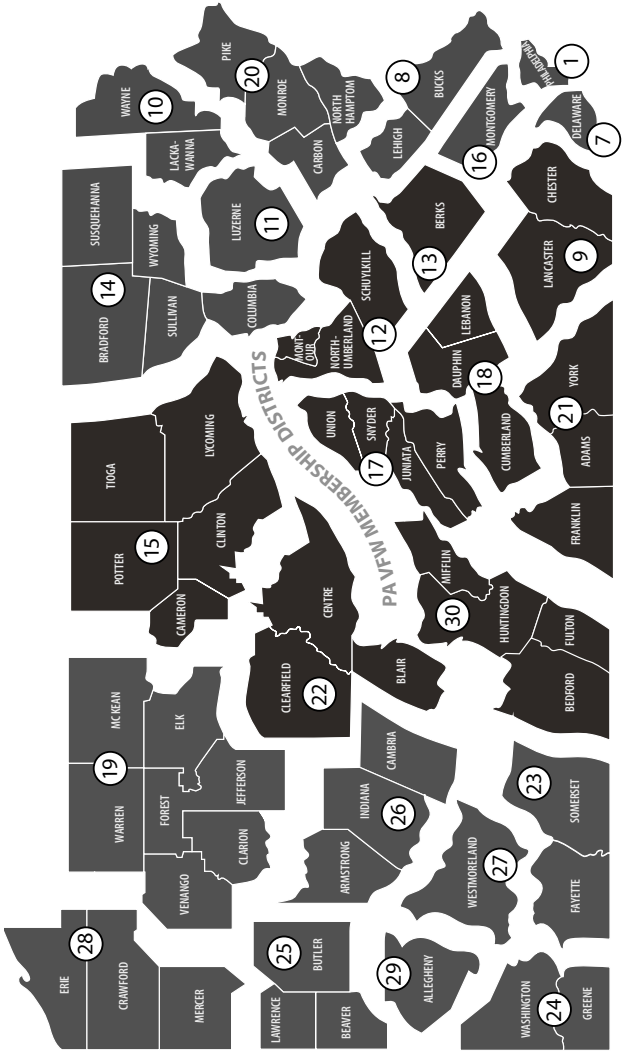
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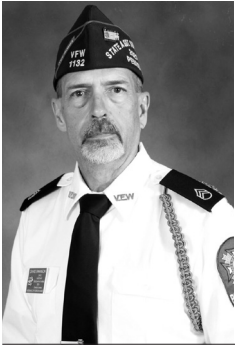
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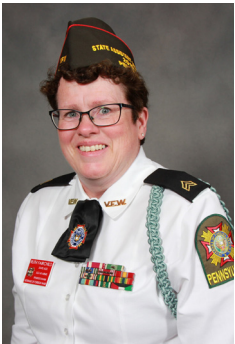


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1924-25 – C. Blaine Smathers
1925-27 – Harpur M. Tobin
1927-28 – John L. Bingham
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1956-57 – Morton Fromm
1957-58 – William J. Tepsic
1958-59 – John C. Cavender

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Important VFW & Auxiliary Dates for 2023-24

2023

July 3 & 4: Independence Day (Department HQ Closed)

July 8: Western PTI Clarion Post 2145 – District 19 (8:00 am)
603 Liberty Street, Clarion, PA 16214 – (814) 745-2973

July 9: Northwestern PTI Reynolds Post 7599 – District 28 – (8:00 am)
115 Edgewood Dr., Greenville, PA 16154 – (724) 646-9941

July 10: Western PTI Mt Pleasant Post 3368 – District 27 (6:00 pm)
416 West Main St., Mt Pleasant, PA 15666 – (724) 542-4644

July 22-27: National Convention Phoenix, AZ

August 4 & 5: Program and Auxiliary Training, Aspire & Eisenhower
Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA

August 5: Central PTI Mount Union Post 5754 - District 30 (8:00am)
14646 Croghan Pike, Mount Union, PA 17066 (814) 542-9909

August 6: Central PTI Clearfield Post 1785 - District 22 (8:00 am)
1145 Industrial Park Rd., Clearfield, PA 16830 (814) 765-2590

August 7: Central PTI Clearfield Post 3376 - District 9 (6:00 pm)
141 South State St., Ephrata, PA 17522 (717) 733-9904

August 11: PA District 21 Golf Scramble, The Bridges Golf Club
6729 York Rd., Abbottstown, PA 17301

August 11 & 12: Department Flying Squadron, Sheraton Harrisburg-
Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 (Invitation Only)

August 13: Northeastern PTI Dupont Post 4909 - District 11 (8:00 am)
401-403 Main St., Dupont, PA 18641 (570) 654-9104

August 14: Southeastern PTI Media Post 3460 - District 7 (6:00 pm)
11 Hilltop Rd., Media, PA 19063 (610) 566-9980

September 4: Labor Day (Department HQ (Closed))

September 11: Patriot's Day

September 15: POW-MIA Day

September 24: Gold Star Mother's Day

October 6-7: State Commander's Retreat (Testimonial) – Ramada
Conference Center, State College, PA

October 9: Columbus Day (Department HQ (Closed))

October 20 - 22: Eastern States Conference, Atlantic City, NJ

November 7: Election Day

November 11: Veterans Day (Department HQ Closed)

Important VFW & Auxiliary Dates for 2023-24

November 23-24: Thanksgiving Holiday (Department HQ Closed)

December 25-26: Christmas Holiday (Department HQ Closed)

2024

January 1-2: New Year's Holiday (Department HQ Closed)

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr (Department HQ Closed)

January 19-21: Mid-Winter Conference – Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh Cranberry Twp., PA

February 19: President's Day (Department HQ Closed)

March 2-6: Voice of Democracy, Washington, D.C.

March 3-7: Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.

March 15-16: Women Veterans Retreat – Pittsburgh Marriott North Cranberry Twp., PA

March 29-April 1: Good Friday & Easter Holiday Weekend (Department HQ Closed)

April 5-6: VFW Auxiliary President's Testimonial: Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg, PA

May 1: Loyalty Day Event at 10 AM in the Rotunda of the State Capital, Harrisburg, PA

May 27: Memorial Day (Department HQ Closed)

June 12-16: State Convention – Sheraton Hotel Harrisburg, PA

June 19: Juneteenth (Department HQ Closed)