



**William Roland Jr.
National Surgeon General
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

William Roland Jr. was elected National Surgeon General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 29, 2026, at the 127th VFW National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

William served in the United States Navy from 1969 to 1977 and in the United States Army from 1994 to 2011, earning his VFW eligibility by serving in Kosovo.

In recognition of his service, he received the Superior Unit Citation, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Overseas Service Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal with second award, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, NATO Medal for Kosovo, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, and the Army Service Ribbon.

William joined the VFW in 2006 at Post 5008 in East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, later transferring to Post 914, in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as the VFW Department of Pennsylvania Commander in 2025. On the national level, he has served as National Assistant Inspector, Special Aide-de-Camp and served on the Veterans Service Resolutions Committee.

William earned his Bachelor of Science in nursing in 1996, an associate degree in nursing in 1988, and associate degrees in surgical technology and general studies in 1986. He also attended the United States Army Command and General Staff College in 2004.

Following a distinguished military career, William retired from the United States Army in 2011 as executive officer of the 339th Combat Support Hospital.

William and his wife of 50 years, Marguerite, reside in North Versailles, Pennsylvania, and have three grown children and one grandson.

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