

NEWS & VIEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2026

District Mid-Summers – Date, time, location and State Officer Assigned

District #1 – Holton, Post 1367 – August 29th, 11:00am – Rick McKenna, Sr. Vice Commander

District #2 – DeSoto Post 6654 – August 22nd, 10:00am – Doug Simms, Judge Advocate

District #3 – Was August 8th

District #4 – Manhattan, Post 1786 – September 19th, 9:00am – Jay Boyle, Commander

District #5 – Wichita, Post 3115 – August 30th, 10:00am – Jay Boyle, Commander

District #6 – Victoria, Post 1751 – August 30th, 10:00am – Rich Wahlmeier, Jr. Vice Commander

District #7 – Ransom, Post 7972 – August 22nd, 10:00am – Herb Schwartzkopf, Adj/QM

District and Department Officers are available to assist your Post when you need guidance to do the correct things in your Post business or Programs and other things as necessary. Post problems need to be handled at the Post level with assistance as necessary from District and Department officers.

Audits - Please send all Audits directly to Department Headquarters. Check the online system to view your Post status.

Post Inspections - District Inspectors, there is only one copy of the Post/District Inspection report in the packets. Post/District can make copies of this report. District Inspectors, please email/mail the white copy, to Department Headquarters with the signed travel voucher if applicable.

September - is also the end of the third quarter and trustee's audits should be completed early in October.

Quartermaster - bonds were due September 1st and it is noted that several Posts have not submitted the form or money for bonding.

Dues Renewal Notices - The dues notice is doing its job, but this will not make your Post 100%. You still need those new and recovered members and personal contact is the only way.

Endowment Scholarship - Please note the application must be returned no later than February 1st.

Collegiate Veterans - Now that the colleges are back in session---hit the college campuses and show the Collegiate Veterans what the VFW does. If you need additional information contact Department Headquarters.

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen/Teacher program - Since school has now started, each Post should be reaching out to their community schools for participation in these programs. Entries are due to Post 31-October and to District 15-November.

* These programs are **included** for eligibility in the All-State program.

* VOD & Patriot's Pen are **mandatory** for eligibility in the All-American program.

Scout of the Year program - VFW Certificates of Achievement- All Kansas VFW Posts are responsible to issue Eagle Scout and or Girl Scout Gold Award Achievement Certificates; only if requested by the individual scout or at the discretion of the Post Commander. Be especially aware of dates specified for Kansas Scout of the Year entries. Due to no Sunday mail deliveries Kansas Scout of the year entry dates are as follows:

- NLT March 1st entry data must be received from scout by VFW Post
- There is no limit how many entries Kansas VFW Posts can submit
- VFW Scouting Post representative will only REVIEW all entries for the required information and forward to State Scouting Chairperson
- The Post is relieved of grading or selecting any entry received
- NLT April 1st - All Scout of the Year entries must be received by Department chairperson

State Fair District Assignments

September 11 Friday Department Officers

September 12 Saturday District 4

September 13 Sunday District 5

September 14 Monday District 6

September 15 Tuesday District 3

September 16 Wednesday District 1

September 17 Thursday District 2

September 18 Friday District 7

September 19-20 Department Officers

Eisenhower Vigil information and its stand times

LOCATION: Eisenhower Gravesite and Place of Meditation, Eisenhower Center, Abilene, Kansas.

TIME: 1630 hours October 9 to 0700 hours October 10, 2026

STANDING THE VIGIL will be performed by District members in the time frames allocated based on this past years membership performance.

DATE	Start Time	Stop Time	District	
Friday 10/9/2026	1630	1700		
	State Commander/ State President			
	1700 (5:00)	1900 (7:00)	<u> 4 </u>	District
	1900 (7:00)	2100 (9:00)	<u> 5 </u>	District
	2100 (9:00)	2300 (11:00)	<u> 2 </u>	District
	2300 (11:00)	0100 (1:00)	<u> 3 </u>	District
Saturday 10/10/2026	0100 (1:00)	0300 (3:00)	<u> 7 </u>	District
	0300 (3:00)	0500 (5:00)	<u> 1 </u>	District
	0500 (5:00)	0700 (7:00)	<u> 6 </u>	District