

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

February 9, 2026

TO: Department Council
District Sr. & Jr. Vice Commanders
Post Commanders

FROM: Department Headquarters

Dear Comrades:

Please find one (1) nomination form for the Wayne E. Richards Award. Please note that if you nominate an individual the form must be completed and returned to Department Headquarters no later than April 1, 2026.

Department judges will select a winner which will be announced and presented an award at the Department Convention banquet.

For your convenience, a list is provided of previous winners.

Louis Rosenberg	Harley Whisnant	Bernard Holt	Leon Bortz	*Fred Weigel, Jr.
Gen Joe Nickell	Ewald Behnke	Charles E. Cook	*Lewie Cooper	Phil Irby
Merle Jordan	G. L. Belding	*Darrell Bencken	Robert Petterson	Paul Saliger
Bill Fribley	Francis Harshaw	Denny Lawson	Lester Wennndt	Michael B. Holland
Marion T Burton	James Chism	John Fridley	Charley Shoemaker	*Gerald Marvin
Elmer Jenkins	Louis Warsinski	Charles Cloud	Leslie Thompson	Lee Hursey
Floyd McGehe	Harry M. Watkins	Jake Long	Gerald Mangold	
Robert Dole	*Jay W. Ritchie	Harry Nelson	Norman Gentry	
Austin Wells	Harold Rhea	*Roger Sellers	*John Berkley	
John W. Bossler	Kenneth Kirby	Robert Sander	Danny Puckett	
George T. Hansen	George Muller	Norman Bottger	J.T. Plummer	
*Clyde H. Hatcher	*Lawrence Tholen	John Shlichting	Jack Barnes	
Ben Linenberger	*Robert R. Whipple	*Barney Aldridge	*Robin Ray	
Ronald Huebert	Vernon McVey	Orlin Wagner	Bobby Cox	

*Also winners of the Elmer L. Jenkins award

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, VFW

WAYNE E. RICHARDS AWARD

Nomination Form

Name _____ Post # _____ Life Member? _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

SOME QUALIFICATIONS

1. Current Kansas VFW Member or Life Member
2. Active in Post - District - and/or Department
3. Please list a short resume on nominee as to activities in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

RESUME

Submitted by _____

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN APRIL 1.