

## 2026 Department Elections

Section 517 of our National By-laws and Manual of Procedure states, in part: (a) The elective officers of each Department shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and if election is required by Department By-Laws the Judge Advocate and Surgeon.

In addition to those offices required by our National By-laws to be elected at our annual Department Convention, we will also be electing a 5 year member of the VFW Endowment Association, one 3 year member of the Board of Directors for the Convention Corporation and one 4 year member for the Veterans Service Committee.

Department elections will be held at the State Convention in Topeka on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Delegate voting strength of a Post is determined by one delegate for each thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of the end of March. Additionally, Past Commanders-in-Chief, National Council Members, the Department Commander, all Past Department Commanders (who are members in good standing of Posts within the Department), all elected officers of the Department, the Chief of Staff, the Inspector, all District Commanders and all Post Commanders, shall be entitled to one vote. Any individual possessing more than one qualification to vote at the Department Convention shall have no more than one vote.

Any Post in arrears for National or Department dues, poppy money, supply money, or other financial obligations, failing to have their Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws, failing to ensure the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709 or failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Report shall be deprived of all representation at Department Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

The following officers are elected positions to be filled.

Commander

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander

Quartermaster

Judge Advocate

Surgeon

Chaplain

Convention Corporation – 3 year

Endowment Association – 5 year

Veterans Service Committee – 4 year