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NATIONAL ROSTER
2026-2027

As of September 29, 2026

NATIONAL ROSTER

NATIONAL OFFICERS (1-YEAR TERM)

AMVETS National Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)
Columbus, OH

National First Vice Commander

Christopher Studebaker (IL)
Pontiac, IL

National Second Vice Commander

Sheldon Hartsfield (MO)
O'Fallon, MO

National Third Vice Commander

A.J. John (FL)
Ocoee, FL

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

National Deputy Judge Advocate

Ross Smith (CA)
Red Bluff, CA

National Finance Officer

Kelly McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

National Provost Marshal

Mike Davis (IN)
Shepardsville, IN

National Chaplain

Jeremiah Botkin (SC)
Anderson, SC

NATIONAL DISTRICT COMMANDERS

District I

Dana Dillon (CT)
Stafford Springs, CT

District II

Bruce Rice (MD)
Thurmont, MD

District III

Jeff Fisher (AL)
Athens, AL

District IV

Richard Shea (IL)
Chicago, IL

District V

Clay Roundtree (TX)
Mineral Wells, TX

District VI

Jeff Lukens (CA)
Tulare, CA

NATIONAL ROSTER

NATIONAL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Dale Clark (KY)

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Danielson, CT

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Jacksonville, IL

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National Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)

Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)

Valdosta, GA

NATIONAL INSPECTOR GENERAL

National Inspector General

Joe Ashman (NY)

Buffalo, NY

National Deputy Inspectors General

All National District Commanders

NATIONAL VAVS

National VAVS Representative

Bobby Lumpkins (TX)

Fort Worth, TX

National Deputy VAVS Representative

PNC J.P. Brown III (OH)

Youngstown, OH

NATIONAL STAFF

National Executive Director

Joseph Chenelly | National Headquarters

National Headquarters Chief of Staff

Spenser Toth | National Headquarters

National Membership/Programs Director

Warren Cox | National Headquarters

National Service Director

Dana “Bo” Bolton | National Capital HQ

National Controller, Finance

Agha Hussain | National Capital HQ

Human Resources Officer

Pimjai “Pim” Krot | National Capital HQ

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Alexandria, LA

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Pontiac, IL

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Ocoee, FL

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

Immediate Past National Commander

Other Voting Members

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Southport, NC

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Staff

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Joe Chenelly

Chief Financial Officer

Agha Hussain

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Alcoa, TN

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Gulfport, FL

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Alexandria, LA

PNC J.P. Brown III (OH) [2026–2029]
Youngstown, OH

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*Serving second consecutive 3-year term

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Board Secretary

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National Executive Director

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O'Fallon, MO

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

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Friendsville, TN

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)

Valdosta, GA

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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Dayton, VA

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

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Valdosta, GA

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Lexington, NC

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Porterville, CA

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Pontiac, IL

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Carthage, TN

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

NATIONAL ROSTER

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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Maryville, TN

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PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

Katy Barber (FL)
Ellenton, FL

Diana Johnson (MO)
Willard, MO

Veneda Dalton (KY)
Louisville, KY

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Ocoee, FL

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly (NHQ)

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)
Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

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Vice Chairperson

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Jacksonville, IL

Members

Clyde Pike (DC)
Upper Marlboro, MD

Iz Gonzalez (FL)
Valrico, FL

Staff Liaison

Pimjai “Pim” Krot (NSF)
Human Resources Officer

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

NATIONAL ROSTER

HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

PNC Paul Shipley (PA)
Uniontown, PA

All Past National Commanders

PNC Joseph Piening (FL)
PNC Charles Taylor (WI)
PNC Arthur C. Stahl (PA)
PNC W.G. “Bill” Kilgore (TN)
PNC John “J.P.” Brown III (OH)
PNC Duane Miskulin (WI)
PNC Gerald “Gerry” Hotop (MO)
PNC Gary Fry (PA)
PNC Jim Pidgeon (CA)
PNC Harold Chapman (NY)
PNC Rege Riley (PA)
PNC Jan Brown (OH)
PNC Greg Heun (KY)
PNC Donald McLean (MA)
PNC Bill Clark (NC)
PNC Paul Shipley (PA)

Past five “AMVET of the Year” honorees

2021 — Donald Rhinedress (FL)
2022 — Peter Romano (NJ)
2023 — PNC Bill Kilgore (TN)
2024 — Robert Becker Jr. (NY)
2025 — Larry Arnett (FL)

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly (NHQ)

NATIONAL ROSTER

HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Kevin Butwill (FL)

Ft. Myers, FL

Vice Chairperson

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Clinton, MD

Members

Martin Fisher (MD)

Smithsburg, MD

Rigley K. Jackson (DC)

Washington, DC

PNC Rege Riley (PA)

North Braddock, PA

Staff Liaison

Dana Bolton (NSF)

National Service Director

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)

Valdosta, GA

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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National Third Vice Commander

Ocoee, FL

Vice Chairperson

Inetta Bullock (FL)

Dover, FL

Members

Clay Roundtree (TX)

Mineral Wells, TX

Albert Duff (CT)

Danielson, CT

Sons of AMVETS Representative

David Strittmather (OH)

Vermilion, OH

Staff Liaison

Justin Brown (NHQ)

National Legislative Consultant

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)

Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)

Valdosta, GA

NATIONAL ROSTER

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Richard Shea (IL) [3 years left]
Chicago, IL

Vice Chairperson

Dr. Charles “Chuck” Kissel (CA) [2 years left]
Anaheim, CA

Members

Clyde Pike (DC) [1 year left]
Upper Marlboro, MD

Eddie L. Bullock Jr. (FL) [1 year left]
Dover, FL

Bobby Lumpkins (TX) [2 years left]
Ft. Worth, TX

Shelly Huff (CA) [3 years left]
Visalia, CA

Mark Frederick (TN) [3 years left]
Alcoa, TN

PNC Jan Brown (OH)
Youngstown, OH

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Pontiac, IL

National Second Vice Commander

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O’Fallon, MO

National Third Vice Commander

A.J. John (FL)
Ocoee, FL

Other Members

National Finance Officer

Kelly McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

National Service Foundation President

PNC Don McLean (MA)
Buzzards Bay, MA

Staff Liaison

Joe Chenelly

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson

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National First Vice Commander

Pontiac, IL

Vice Chairperson

Ross Smith (CA)

Red Bluff, CA

Members

Loretta B. DiBrino (NY)

Bay Shore, NY

Bill Zelner (PA)

Carlisle, PA

Rick McKern (FL)

Niceville, FL

Other Members

All National District Commanders

All Department 1st Vice Commanders

All Department Executive Directors

Other Members

National Auxiliary 1st Vice President

Debra Gass (IN)

National Sons 1st Vice Commander

Tim Goldman (KY)

Staff Liaison

Warren Cox (NHQ)

National Membership Director

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)

Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)

Valdosta, GA

NATIONAL ROSTER

POW/MIA COMMITTEE

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Marlow, OK

Vice Chairperson

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Riverside, CA

Members

Robert E. Lee (MO)
De Soto, MO

Frank Kusiowski Jr. (TN)
Friendsville, TN

Dean Frazier (KY)
Bowling Green, KY

John Cole (IL)
DeKalb, IL

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

TBA

Sons of AMVETS Representative

TBA

Staff Liaison

National Programs

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)
Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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NATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

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National Second Vice Commander

O'Fallon, MO

Community Services & Activities Chair

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Bay Shore, NY

VAVS Chairperson

Bobby Lumpkins (TX)

Ft. Worth, TX

Veterans Suicide Awareness Chair

Kevin Matteson (NY)

Fredonia, NY

Other Members

All National District Commanders

All Department Commanders

All Department 2nd Vice Commanders

Auxiliary National 2nd Vice President

Donna Tolland (MD)

Sons National 2nd Vice Commander

Steve Bryant (OH)

Staff Liaison

Warren Cox

National Membership Director

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)

Valdosta, GA

UNIFORM & INSIGNIA COMMITTEE

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De Soto, MO

Vice Chairperson

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Manchester, CT

Members

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Mineral Wells, TX

Deborah Wehrli (NE)
Blair, NE

Mike Davis (IN)
Shepherdsville, IN

Staff Liaison

Warren Cox (NHQ)

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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VAVS & VA HOSPITAL, MEDICAL SERVICES, REHABILITATION BENEFITS COMMITTEE

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Youngstown, OH

Members

Ted Ganda (OH)
Cleveland, OH

Leona Wheeler (CA)
Riverside, CA

Dana Dillon (CT)
Stafford Springs, CT

Ladies Auxiliary Representative

Fran Ganda (OH)
Cleveland, OH

Sons of AMVETS Representative

Daniel K. Briggs (KY)
Findley, KY

Staff Liaison

Dana “Bo” Bolton

National Service Director

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

National Commander

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS COMMITTEE

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Vice Chairperson

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Stafford Springs, CT

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Ralph W. Belk (WI)
Oshkosh, WI

Deborah Wehrli (NE)
Blair, NE

Johnny W. Byrum (CA)
Porterville, CA

Staff Liaison

Spenser Toth (NHQ)

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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WOMEN VETERANS COMMITTEE

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Maryville, TN

Members

Dana Dillon (CT)
Stafford Springs, CT

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Xenia, OH

Laura McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

Staff Liaison

TBD

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National Commander

Sandy Vorhies (OH)
Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate

Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

NATIONAL ROSTER

COUNCIL OF PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

1986–1987

Joseph T. Piening
Gulfport, FL

1988–1989

Jimmy T. Smith
Lenoir City, TN

1992–1993

James J. Kenney
Clermont, FL

1999–2000

Charles L. “Chuck” Taylor
Zapata, TX

2000–2001

Arthur C. Stahl
San Antonio, TX

2002–2003

W.G. “Bill” Kilgore
Kingsport, TN

2004–2005

William A. Boettcher
Cincinnati, OH

2007–2008

John “J.P.” Brown III
Youngstown, OH

2009–2010

Duane J. Miskulin
Stevens Point, WI

2010–2011

Gerald “Jerry” Hotop
Perryville, MO

2011–2012

Gary Fry
Sugar Grove, PA

2014–2015

Larry E. Via
Naples, FL

2015–2016

James D. Pidgeon
Tulare, CA

2016–2017

Harold Chapman
East Islip, NY

2018–2019

Regis “Rege” Riley
Pittsburgh, PA

2019–2021

Jan Brown
Youngstown, OH

2021–2022

Gregory S. “Greg” Heun
Louisville, KY

2022–2023

Donald “Don” McLean
Buzzards Bay, MA

2023–2024

William “Bill” Clark
Southport, NC

2025–2026

Paul Shipley
Uniontown, PA

2026–2027