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NATIONAL ROSTER

2026-2027

As of October 21, 2026

NATIONAL ROSTER

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Ocoee, FL

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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Ross Smith (CA)
Red Bluff, CA

National Finance Officer
Kelly McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

National Provost Marshal
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Anderson, SC

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District I
Dana Dillon (CT)
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District II
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Thurmont, MD

District III
Jeff Fisher (AL)
Athens, AL

District IV
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Chicago, IL

District V
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Mineral Wells, TX

District VI
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All National District Commanders

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Bobby Lumpkins (TX)
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National Deputy VAVS Representative
PNC J.P. Brown III (OH)
Youngstown, OH

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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
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Human Resources Officer
Pimjai “Pim” Krot | National Capital HQ

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Valdosta, GA

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
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Valdosta, GA

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Ellenton, FL

Diana Johnson (MO)
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Veneda Dalton (KY)
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Ocoee, FL

Staff Liaison
Joe Chenelly (NHQ)

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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PNC Jimmy T. Smith (TN)
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)

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Clinton, MD

Members

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Smithsburg, MD

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PNC Rege Riley (PA)
North Braddock, PA

Staff Liaison
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National Service Director

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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National Third Vice Commander
Ocoee, FL

Vice Chairperson
Inetta Bullock (FL)
Dover, FL

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Mineral Wells, TX

Albert Duff (CT)
Danielson, CT

Sandra Durbin (CA)
LaMesa, CA

Jo Keller (CA)
Riverside, CA

Sons of AMVETS Representative
David Strittmather (OH)
Vermilion, OH

Staff Liaison
Justin Brown (NHQ)
National Legislative Consultant

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National Commander
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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

National Third Vice Commander
A.J. John (FL)
Ocoee, FL

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Chicago, IL

Vice Chairperson
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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
Sheldon Hartsfield (MO)
O'Fallon, MO

Other Members

National Finance Officer
Kelly McFarlain (LA)
Alexandria, LA

National Service Foundation President
PNC Don McLean (MA)
Buzzards Bay, MA

Staff Liaison
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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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National First Vice Commander
Pontiac, IL

Vice Chairperson
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Red Bluff, CA

Members

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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

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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Valdosta, GA

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Vice Chairperson
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Members

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Frank Kusiowski Jr. (TN)
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Ladies Auxiliary Representative
TBA

Sons of AMVETS Representative
TBA

Staff Liaison
National Programs

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National Commander
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Columbus, OH

NATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chairperson
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National Second Vice Commander
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Ft. Worth, TX

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Fredonia, NY

Other Members

All National District Commanders
All Department Commanders
All Department 2nd Vice Commanders

Auxiliary National 2nd Vice President
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Sons National 2nd Vice Commander
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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
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Valdosta, GA

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Blair, NE

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Shepherdsville, IN

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Valdosta, GA

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
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Valdosta, GA

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Cleveland, OH

Leona Wheeler (CA)
Riverside, CA

Dana Dillon (CT)
Stafford Springs, CT

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Cleveland, OH

Sons of AMVETS Representative
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National Service Director

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Blair, NE

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Alexandria, LA

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Columbus, OH

National Judge Advocate
Fred Bates (GA)
Valdosta, GA

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1986–1987
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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
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Southport, NC

NATIONAL ROSTER

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