

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Department of Idaho
Mid-Winter Conference
Agenda for General Business Session January 17th, 2026
Troy Junier, Commander

Opening in Ritual Form by Department
Commander Junier

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander Junier
Senior Vice Commander Black
Junior Vice Commander Hartwig
Past State Commander Riener
Past State Commander Babcock
Past State Commander Tettleton
Adjutant/Quartermaster Ragland
Chief of Staff PSC Thomas
Inspector PSC Johnson
Judge Advocate Petrie
Surgeon Fabbi
Chaplain Ludlow
National Council Representative Tettleton
National Surgeon General Welch
District 1 Commander English
District 2 Commander Paulsen
District 4 Commander Biggs
District 5 Commander Binion
District 6 Commander Davis
District 7 Commander Carroll
District 8 Commander Kortright

Introduction of Guests:

Glenn R Umberger Jr.

National Representative for Idaho's Conference
National Jr Vice Commander in Chief
Past State Commander (2015-2016)
Past National Deputy Chief of Staff
Past National Aide-de-Camp
Past National Council of Administration Member
Gold Legacy Life Member

Bobby Tettleton

National Council of Administration Member
All American Past Dept of Idaho State Commander
Gold Legacy Life Member

Douglas Welch

National Surgeon General
Past State Commander; Gold Legacy Life Member

Conference housekeeping Rules – Commander Junier

Announcements:

- Comrade illness or deaths?
- Any National correspondence or natural disasters?

Reading of Minutes of the General Convention Session of June, 2025

They have been published. Are there any corrections?

_____ moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes (as published/as corrected).

_____ seconded. Motion (carried/defeated).

Committee Reports

Audit Committee – PSC Kenneth Babcock

Membership— Daniel Damigo

Department Service Officer – Bill Heyob (or representative)

Time and Place Committee Report

- Convention June 3-6, 2026 – Commander Junier
- National Convention, Reno NV, July 26-29, 2026 – Commander Junier
- Western Conference, Phoenix AZ Host, November 5-8, 2026 – Tom Black
- Mid-Winter Conference January 2027 – Tom Black
- Washington DC Legislative Conference, Feb 27-Mar 4, 2027- Tom Black
- Convention June 2027 – Tom Black
- National Convention, July 31-Aug 4. Milwaukee WI – Tom Black

Community Activities – Lee Hartwig

Awards -Voice of Democracy (VOD), Patriots Pen (PP), and Teacher of the Year(TOY)—Tom Black

Dashboard Comments – Tom Black

National Legislative Service (NLS) – Payton Schooler-Pollilo

Inspections – Rick Johnson

Bylaws Committee – Rick Johnson

Safety Awards - Tammy Clement

Raffle Fund update – Russ Ludlow

Special Actions Committee – Commander Junier

Other Comments from Commander Junier

Special Presentations:

1. XX

Post Presentations:

1. 75th Anniversary Award Presentation to Post 3884 Bear Lake - District 7

Mid-Year Membership Awards:

1. Commander Junier – Membership Awards List
2. XX

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. X
2. X

3. X

Good of the Order

Jr Vice Commander-in-Chief Glenn R Umberger Jr.

Commander's Comments

Commander Junier will ask if anyone wanted to declare their candidacy in running for Department officer for next year at the June Convention:

- Commander elect – Tom Black
- Sr Vice Commander – Lee Hartwig
- Jr Vice Commander – ??
- Judge Advocate – Gordon Petrie
- Surgeon – ??
- Chaplain – ??
- Quartermaster – Dan Ragland

Announcements

- Briefing for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teachers of the Year will be held at 4:30pm in the Quiet Room. [Tom Black - Briefing, Melanie Palmer - vouchers/meal tickets]
- Banquet attendees please be seated by 6:15pm.
- The parade of students and teachers will start promptly at 6:30pm. District Commander/President (or alternate) escorts, please meet with Chairman Tom Black right after the close of the Business Session (at head table).

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