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Inspection Procedures 2026-27

The following guidelines apply to the 2026–27 Inspection Program:

PURPOSE

Inspections provide constructive feedback and recommendations to help ensure compliance with the National Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, lawful orders of the National Convention, the National Council of Administration, the Commander-in-Chief, and the Organization's laws and customs.

GUIDANCE

Inspections will be conducted in accordance with MOP Sections 418(a)(11), 518(a)(9) and adjudicated as outlined on the back of the inspection form for the Post or District which is easily found on the Department website. Inspectors must be thoroughly familiar with all VFW National, Department, District, and Post Bylaws, the Manual of Procedure, and Rituals as it applies to their inspection station.

SUPPORT

Post and District inspection forms are available on the Department website in the Resources Forms Portal.

SCHEDULE

The following deadlines apply:

- 1 July 2026: District Commanders shall report appoint of their Inspector and, if needed, one or more Assistant Inspectors to the Department Inspector who will review and approve them.
- 31 August 2026: District Inspectors shall submit the District's inspection schedule to the Department Inspector. Once acknowledged by the DPA Inspector, inspections shall commence for that District as scheduled.
- 31 December 2026: Inspections must be completed and reported to the Department Inspector to meet ALL-STATE requirements.
- 31 January 2027: Department inspection report submitted to DPA Commander.
- 30 March 2027: Inspections must be completed for the Posts and District to maintain good standing in the Department and within the VFW.

CONDUCT

All inspections must be conducted in person or virtually at a Post or District meeting. The Department Inspector will determine whether a follow-up inspection is needed, so early completion is highly encouraged.

ALL STATE REQUIREMENT

To qualify for All-State, inspections must be completed and submitted to the Department Inspector by December 31, 2026.

Donald E. Kelley
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