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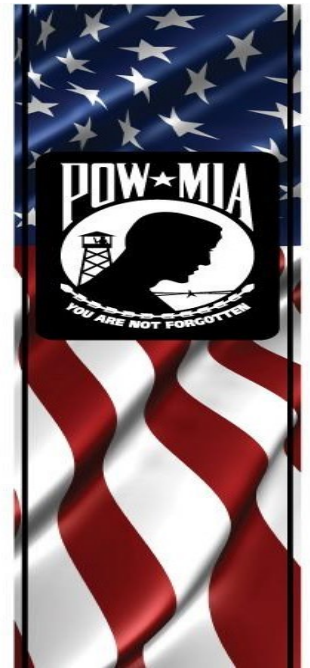
## VFW Post 8555 Newsletter/Calendar

### End of Operation Iraqi Freedom

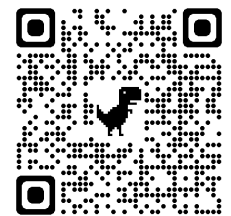
After more than seven years of war, 4,400 U.S. casualties, and tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians killed, the United States officially ends its combat mission in Iraq. In an address to the nation, Obama underscores the war's shared sacrifices while stressing that the United States will not abandon Iraq. "In the end, only Iraqis can resolve their differences and police their streets," Obama said. "What America can do, and will do, is provide support for the Iraqi people as both a friend and a partner." While combat operations are officially over, roughly fifty thousand U.S. troops remain to train and partner with Iraqi security forces. All U.S. forces are scheduled to leave by the end of 2011, though an uptick in violence and an ongoing political deadlock—six months after the March 2010 parliamentary voting, a coalition government has yet to be formed—prompts new calls for a reevaluation of Washington's withdrawal timeline.

August 31, 2010

#### Combat Operations End



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# CELEBRATING THE LEGACY

## VFW Elects Al Lipphardt as New National Commander

The Georgia native urges members to have courage and to 'believe in what you do – do what you believe in'

August 01, 2024

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.,** — Alfred “Al” Lipphardt, a Georgia native and veteran of the Vietnam War, was elected today as the new national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a congressionally chartered veterans service organization comprised of more than 1.4 million eligible veterans and military service members from all six branches of the armed forces. Lipphardt’s assumption of command took place during the VFW’s 125th National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.



“I am deeply humbled to stand before you today having been elected and installed to the highest office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, commander-in-chief,” said Lipphardt. “Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, the founders from the Spanish American War followed by World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and deployments placing you between the weapons of our enemies and these shores.”

Lipphardt delivered remarks as the VFW’s 116th commander-in-chief to those attending in person at the Kentucky International Convention Center and watching via livestreaming video, at the conclusion of the weeklong gathering. Approximately 10,000 members of the VFW and its Auxiliary converged on the city to conduct the business of the organization, recognize individuals and organizations for excellence and to elect new leadership for the 2024–2025 year. The last time the VFW held its national convention in Louisville was 2013.



# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Coast Guard Birthday	5	6	7  Food Distribution	8	9	10
11	12 VFW Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Aviation Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Qtrly Vets Breakfast  VPR End of OIF

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day  VPR VJ Day	3	4  Food Distribution	5	6	7
8 Grandparents Day	9  VFW Meeting	10	11 Patriot Day  VPR Patriots Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 Constitution Day	18  Air Force Birthday	19	20  VPR POW/MIA Day	21
22 Autumnal equinox	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  VPR VFW Birthday	30					