



VFW Department of California Elects 2025-2026 State Officers

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SACRAMENTO, CA – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of California is proud to announce the election of the 2025-2026 State Officers, with Army Veteran Dave Kuta serving as the State Commander. Commander Kuta will lead the department’s annual initiatives and goals alongside a troop of dedicated and capable officers.

Based on Commander Kuta’s leadership, the department goals for the 2025-2026 year prioritize “Service Above Self” and ensuring all veterans have access to the support and resources needed to thrive. Commander Kuta has emphasized the importance of dedication and commitment among VFW members, encouraging them to be present and active with other veterans and in the community.

“I truly care about each and every veteran, including the ones who aren’t members or don’t know about the VFW,” said Commander Kuta. “My hope is to get us out into our communities even more, to reach all veterans and to be leaders for the entire community, veterans and civilians alike.”

Commander Kuta was installed as the State Commander during the annual State Convention in June 2025. Dave is a U. S. Army Senior Non-Commissioned Officer who retired with over 28 years of service as a Sergeant First Class, serving from 1982 to 2010. He earned his eligibility for the VFW while assigned to C Co. 122nd Signal Battalion in the Republic of Korea. He joined the VFW in 2007 and is currently a Life member of Lt. Lansdale Post 67 in Sacramento, California. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District, and Department levels. He has served as National Commander in Chief Aide De Camp on the National level.

Read Commander Kuta’s full biography at:
<https://vfwca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=74101&d=y&subid=56955>

Other officers elected and installed during the annual State Convention include:
Paula Jansen – Senior Vice Commander, Navy
John Hernandez – Junior Vice Commander, Marines

Deb Johnson – Quartermaster, Army
Andrew Miller – Adjutant, Army

View the full list of 2025-2026 department and district officers at:

<https://vfwca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=74101>

For more information about the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California, please visit vfwca.org.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans' service organization composed of combat veterans and those who currently serve on active duty or in the Guard and Reserves. Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is the nation's largest organization of war veterans and is one of its oldest veterans' organizations. With 2.1 million members located in 7,700 VFW Posts worldwide, the VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to "honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans service, legislative initiatives, youth scholarships, Buddy Poppy and national military service programs. Annually, the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 11 million hours of community service to the nation.

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