

CHIEF OF STAFF

Mission First – Veterans Always

Greetings Comrades, 2021-2022 is going to be an outstanding year. This year the VFW is putting its trust into two outstanding Veterans with great knowledge and leadership.

The Commander in Chief, Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic and our State Commander Bobby Welch will continue to lead us and this great organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I would like to thank Bobby Welch for this outstanding appointment. Being a grunt by nature, I look forward to helping the district commanders, post commanders, program directors, headquarters staff and service office maintain our core values always putting the interests of our members first, promote patriotism, honor military service, ensure the care of veterans and their families, service our communities, promote a positive image of the VFW, and respect the diversity of veteran opinions.

Furthermore, as Chief of Staff I would like to pass along a couple of things, all VFW activities should still follow the governor's orders and CDC guidelines for COVID.

The Service Office Support is a new program on the X-sheet this year please support Derek Giffin and his outstanding staff as they help all Veterans with claims and supporting Veterans with any needs they have. Their mission is to assist all Veterans in Illinois, their dependents, and survivors in the pursuit of all benefits administrated by the VA to which they may be entitled. At the Post level we need to continue to be sure to get the X-Sheets and audits done in a timely manner.

Let's have a fun year by assisting Veterans.

Always remember, "No one does more for Veterans than the VFW"
God Bless and Semper Fi.



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