October 2026-Department Guard
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Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

How have we found ourselves in October already!?!

As we prepare for a change in weather, now is a great time to review your emergency preparedness plan and supplies. If you don't have a plan or emergency supplies yet, there's no better time than now to get started!

And if you want to be in denial about the colder weather like me, you can still register for the **Western Conference in Mesa, Arizona, November 6–8, 2026!** I'm pretty sure we can count on some good weather there! The registration deadline is **October 16, 2026**. For registration and conference information, visit VFW Department of Arizona.

We also have some exciting events coming up!

National President Donna Mills will be making a stop in **Redmond, Oregon, January 11–13, 2027.**

Mid-Winter Conference will be held **January 22–24, 2027**, at the **Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend, Oregon.**

Both will be wonderful opportunities to come together, connect with fellow members, learn, and continue working toward our mission of **supporting our Veterans, their families, and our communities.**

We hope to see you at one—or all—of these upcoming events!

Respectfully,
Audra Ramirez
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