



SUMMER 2026

*BIG RIVER VFW  
POST 5331*

## From the Service Officer

There has been an ongoing effort to better distinguish between accredited Service Officers and Post Service Officers. As a result, Post Service Officers have now been renamed Post Benefits Advisors.

I believe our post has always done a good job of making that distinction, but many organizations have not, which led to this change.

This change has no impact on the role itself. The responsibilities remain the same. As Post Benefits Advisor, I serve as a source of information for veterans regarding the benefits available to them. I also help connect veterans who need claims assistance with an accredited Service Officer who can guide them through the claims process.

If you need assistance with a claim or have questions about veterans' benefits, please contact me:

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Post Benefits Advisor  
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Another important update: If you are considering filing a VA claim, one of the first steps should be to contact the VA and complete an Intent to File. Doing so establishes an earlier effective date for your claim, which may be advantageous during the claims process.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance or information regarding veterans' benefits.

## Auxiliary information:

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all off to a great start to summer and that everyone stays safe during their summer vacations.

First, I would like to thank all of our officers and members who have helped throughout the year. We had a wonderful year, and it's because of your hard work, dedication, and support of our veterans. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we have achieved All-State status this year. Great job, everyone!

I also want to remind everyone that our Independence Day Celebration will be held on July 3rd. We will be selling margaritas outside and funnel cakes inside. Any help would be greatly appreciated, whether it's making funnel cakes, working the barbecue, or helping wherever needed. Thank you in advance for your support.

We also host Texas Hold'em on the first and third Sundays of each month, starting at 2:00 p.m. If you're interested in playing, I hear it's always a great time!

I hope to see many of you at an upcoming meeting. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and wonderful summer!

Debbie Ing

Auxiliary President