



Matthew M. “Fritz” Mihelcic
Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Matthew M. “Fritz” Mihelcic was elected the 113th Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 3, 2021, at the 122nd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Fritz served in the United States Air National Guard from 1989 to 1999 with the 131st Tactical Fighter Wing. Activated for federal service, he served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm from 1990 to 1991 as a security policeman. In recognition of his service, he received the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V (Valor) Device, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two devices, and the Kuwait Liberation Medals from both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

He joined the VFW in 1991, and currently maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at Post 2698 in Sparta, Illinois. He served as Judge Advocate for the Department of Illinois from 1999 to 2011, the Department of Illinois Commander from 2013 to 2014, in which he achieved All-American status, multiple terms as the National Parliamentarian, and served four separate terms as National Judge Advocate General.



Fritz received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois in 1982 and graduated from the St. Louis University School of Law in 1985. He is admitted to practice law in multiple state and federal jurisdictions. In addition to private and corporate practice he also served as a Judge before eventually retiring as a senior information law attorney with the United States Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

He is a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Society of American Magicians, and the Professional Association of Diving Instructors.

Fritz and his wife, Megan, reside in Columbia, Illinois, along with his service dog, Mama Cass.

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