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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5
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THE GENERAL ORDERS, COMMANDERS MANUAL, 2014 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE INFORMATION, POST PERFORMANCE REPORT, WEST VIRGINIA VETERAN NEWSLETTER AND POST CONTACT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT WWW.WVFW.ORG.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making National Commander Stroud's visit to West Virginia a big success. Your hard work and dedication certainly paid off.

MEMBERSHIP: The National membership target goal is 90% by November 30th. Several Posts are very close to reaching this goal. For assistance with membership, contact Senior Vice Commander Elmer Hibbs, 136 Breeden Drive, Daniels, WV 25832; Phone: (304) 712-2018. For assistance in obtaining a list of unpaid members, past and present, contact State Headquarters at (304) 768-7514.

Congratulation to the following District and Posts for reaching the National goal of 90%:

District 10	94.47%	9666 Sugar Grove	92.43%	4940 Lewisburg	92.30%
4484 Rainelle	115.65%	5783 Spencer	96.55%	8364 Oceana	98.48%
1144 Iaeger	103%	629 Fairmont	94.18%		
6452 Ridgeley	100%	3663 Buckhannon	91.56%		
2716 Weirton	98.21%	9926 Mason	94.57%		
6450 Chester	99.67%	5269 Belle	91.11%		

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: There will be a Council of Administration meeting at 9:00 AM on Sunday, 9 November 2014 at the Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV.

1. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Nov 1, 2014	Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries to Post
Nov 6-9, 2014	Southern Conference, Charleston, WV
Nov 9, 2014	Council of Administration Meeting, Marriott Town Center Charleston
Nov 15, 2014	2014-2015 Post Officer dues must be renewed (for all-state purpose)
Nov 15, 2014	Citizen Education Teacher Awards to District
Dec 1, 2014	Post Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winner to District
Dec 15, 2014	District Citizenship Education Teacher Award winner to State Headquarters
Dec 31, 2014	Post must make all-state donations (for all-state purpose)
Jan 1, 2015	District Citizen Education Teacher Awards to State Headquarters
Jan 1, 2015	District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen selection to State Headquarters
Jan 23-25, 2015	Mid-Winter Conference, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg

2. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

* District One	Weirton	Nov 16 th	1:00 PM	Haney	Stalnaker
* District Three	Grafton	Nov 16 th	1:00 pm	Kingsbury	Sanford
* District Four	Martinsburg	Nov 16 th	1:00 pm	Knotts	Harless-Hurley
* District Five	Parkersburg	Nov 16 th	2:00 pm	Kish	Corley
* District Six	Clarksburg	Dec 7 th	1:00 pm	Hibbs	Corley
* District Eight	9738 Huntington	Nov 16 th	2:00 pm	Hibbs	King
* District Nine	Chapmanville	Nov 15 th	12:30 pm	Light	Crouser
* District Ten	Summersville	Dec 7 th	1:00 pm	Kish	Stalnaker
* District Twelve	Beckley	Dec 13 th	12:30 pm	Kish	Stalnaker

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* Districts serve lunch before meeting. Time listed is lunch time. Schedules are subject to change.

3. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION:** The Council of Administration has approved a Silent Auction fundraiser at the Mid-Winter Conference at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, 23-25 January 2015. Posts are requested to donate, or work with local businesses for items for this fundraiser. Points of Contact are Fundraising Committee Chairman Bill Ross, (304) 564-5543, or State Adjutant/Quartermaster Kevin Light, (304) 768-7514. Posts who obtain an item may bring them to the conference or mail to VFW State Headquarters.
4. **ALL OFFICERS:** Should obtain current 2015 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2015 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 115th National Convention, which became effective on August 20, 2014.
5. **POST INSPECTION REPORTS:** Congratulations to Districts 1,3,4,5,9,10 and 12 for having completed all Post inspections. District Commanders forward all Post Inspection reports to State Inspector Chuck Haney, 111 Valley View Lane, Fairmont, WV 26554. Phone (304) 363-6494.
6. **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS:** Posts are strongly encouraged to provide their District Commander the number of hours and dollars spent on a monthly basis. **District Commanders are to forward the number of hours and dollars spent only (each Post reported) to the Community Service Chairman Bob Caruthers by the 15th of the month.** Contact Bob Caruthers at (740) 992-6272, or via email at vfwpost9926@yahoo.com.
7. **BUDDY POPPY COST INCREASE:** The Council of Administration has approved an increase in the cost of Buddy Poppies to \$120 for an order of 1,000 Poppies, and \$60 for an order of 500 Poppies (minimum order). The price increase goes into effect on all orders received at State Headquarters after September 26, 2014. The modified Poppy Order Form is enclosed.
8. **TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS:** Organizations exempt from income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code are generally required to file Form 990 by the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of their accounting fiscal year. For the 2013 Tax Year (tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013), if the organization's annual gross receipts are normally more than \$50,000, the organization must file Form 990 or 990-EZ. Small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard. There is no penalty assessment for late filling the e-Postcard, but an organization that fails to file required information returns for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.
9. **POST COMMANDERS:** All Post Commanders are asked to have themselves, their Senior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant and Service Officer review the 2014-15 directory as sent to each Post for correct information. Any information incorrect, this office needs to be notified for corrections to be made. Please remember that this information was derived from the election reports as received by this office from each Posts and Districts.

OFFICIAL:
S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT
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BY ORDER OF:
H. Doug Knotts, COMMANDER
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