

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 10  
SERIES 2014-2015, April 2015

**MEMBERSHIP:** The next National membership benchmark is 97% by March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. To obtain 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 97%:***

District 10	110.69%	3408 West Union	101.42%	4484 Rainelle	134.84%
District 1	101.97%	9926 Mason	102.99%	4940 Lewisburg	102.56%
District 9	99.92%	3110 Oak Hill	103.77%	6737 Renick	100%
2716 Weirton	109.41%	4768 Alum Creek	102.27%	8614 Craigsville	100%
4442 Elm Grove	110.88%	5269 Bell	104.44%	1144 Iaeger	111.11%
6450 Chester	100.96%	5578 Madison	105.21%	6723 Alderson	100%
578 Terra Alta	100.84%	6153 Chapmanville	101.78%	8364 Oceana	101.51%
6452 Ridgeley	101.12%	8363 Chesapeake	97.14%	11307 Bolt	100%
5501 Ripley	105.52%	8516 Elkview	98.71%	2102 Wardensville	100%
629 Fairmont	100.44%	3738 Webster Springs	100%	9151 Salem	97.77%
6106 Summersville	97.14%				

1. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

April 1, 2015	Post Community Service Logs to District Commander
April 15, 2015	District Community Service selection to Community Service Chairman
April 25-26, 2015	OPERATION TIGER – membership/Buddy Poppy drive
April 30, 2015	Jan 1-Mar 31 Quarterly Audit Report to State Headquarters
May 1, 2015	All-State requirements due
May 1, 2015	“Bob Kusterer” JROTC Cadet of the Year nominations to State Headquarters
May 9, 2015	New Districts meetings, installations and determine date/place/time of 2015-2016 District meetings and Convention
May 15, 2015	PNC Rich Homan Memorial Award nominations to State Headquarters
June 1, 2015	Post Election Reports to VFW National Headquarters
June 18-21 2015	State Convention, Marriott Town Center Charleston, WV

2. **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**

District One	New Cumberland	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Hibbs	King
District Three	Westover	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Kish	Corley
District Four	Wardensville	Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Kish	Corley
District Five	Ripley	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Knotts	Sanford
District Six	Salem	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Knotts	Crouser
District Eight	Mason	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Kingsbury	Harless-Hurley
District Nine	Madison	Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm	Knotts	Harless-Hurley
District Ten	Rainelle	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Hibbs	Corley
District Twelve	Beckley	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm	Kingsbury	Corley

Time listed is lunch time. Schedules are subject to change.

***Special District meetings for new Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 2:00 PM for the purpose of holding District elections, installation of officers, and determine date, time and location of 2015-2016 District meetings and District convention. The host locations and State representative are:***

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District One	Fairmont 7048	Kish
District Two	Ripley	Knotts
District Three	Buckhannon	Kingsbury
District Five	Madison	Hibbs

*In accordance with Sec 213 of the By-laws, any post in arrears for any financial obligations to the District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.*

3. **POST COMMANDERS**: All resolutions and/or proposed changes to the Department or National By-Laws to be introduced to the delegates at the State Convention must be submitted to the State Adjutant no later than Friday, May 1, 2015. Forward any documentation to VFW State Headquarters, PO Box 9413, South Charleston, WV 25309. Any resolution of an emergency nature may be presented from the floor of the Department Convention in accordance with Article IX of the Department By-Laws.

4. **STATE CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION**: We will be holding another silent auction at the State Convention. Posts are requested to donate, or work with local businesses for items for this fundraiser. Any Post or individual having an item to donate is requested to notify the State Adjutant of the item they are donating prior to the convention. Points of Contact are Fundraising Committee Chairman Bill Ross, (304) 564-5543, or State Adjutant Kevin Light, (304) 768-7514. Posts may bring items to the convention or mail to VFW State Headquarters.

5. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIORS OUTREACH (PHWWO)**: Comrades and sisters, as you know the State Convention is fast approaching. As has been in the past, one of the highlights is at noon on Saturday when we cut hair and beards for the PHWWO. We are in need of volunteers, both male and female, to volunteer to have their hair or beards cut. Please contact Past State Commander Jim Talerico at (304) 677-0080, or State Headquarters, if you or someone you know will volunteer. Also, any post having a fundraiser for the PHWWO between now and the State Convention, bring the proceeds collected to the convention so we can make one large donation. Your Post will be recognized.

6. **OPERATION TIGER**: As an effort to strengthen the Department membership rolls, Commander Knotts is calling a state-wide joint membership/Buddy Poppy drive April 25 and April 26. Details were provided in the February General Orders and are available on-line at [www.wvfw.org](http://www.wvfw.org).

7. **PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER RICH HOMAN MEMORIAL AWARD**: The PNC Rich Homan Memorial Award nominations are due State Headquarters May 15<sup>th</sup>. This award is presented to a VFW State of West Virginia member who has brought prestige to the VFW through substantial accomplishments in membership, community and civic involvement, youth activities, project chairman, and demonstrated leadership at their Post. The award write-up is free-flow, and the justification must stand on its own.

8. **HOUSING FOR THE 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION**: The block of hotel rooms allocated to West Virginia for the National Convention in Pittsburgh is full. Those wanting a room that have not made a reservation yet are encouraged to be placed on the waiting list in the event the number of rooms allocated to West Virginia is adjusted prior to the convention.

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S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT  
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BY ORDER OF:  
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