

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
SERIES 2015-2016, July 2015

Please keep State Inspector Donna Hergenrether and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from the loss of her father on Sunday, June 20, 2015.

All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at www.wvfw.org. For those Posts or individuals who want to receive hard copy, send \$25 to VFW State Headquarters, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

All delegates attending the mid-winter conference and state convention who desire to address the Council of Administration are requested to discuss first the nature of their concern or desire with their District Commander, and afford the District Commander the opportunity to bring the matter to the attention of the Council. If necessary, the District Commander may request permission to the Council for a delegate to address the Council, or, if necessary the Commander may call upon a delegate to address the Council.

1. At the 94nd Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, West Virginia, held in Charleston, WV June 18-21, 2015; I, Elmer R. Hibbs, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National By-Laws, do hereby assume command. All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 30, 2015, except those set forth in the By-Laws.

2. All communications for the State Commander should be sent direct to VFW State Headquarters, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309. All personal communications should be sent to: Elmer Hibbs, 136 Breeden Drive, Daniels, WV 25832; Phone: (304) 712-2018.

3. The following appointments are hereby announced to become effective immediately:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>City</u>
Adjutant	Kevin Light	4768	Alum Creek
Inspector	Donna Hergenrether	7048	Fairmont
Chief of Staff	Chuck Haney	7048	Fairmont
Service Officer	Tom Lyons	9796	Milton

4. **NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE REGISTRATION: ALL POSTS ARE REMINDED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 222 OF THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS, EACH POST WILL PAY, IN ADVANCE, A NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25) WHICH SHALL ENTITLE THE POST TO A PACKET OF CONVENTION INFORMATION AND MATERAILS AND ONE IDENTIFIED REGISTERED DELEGATE FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. EACH ADDITIONAL DELEGATE ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL PAY A TEN DOLLAR (\$10) DELEGATE FEE.**

5. **NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR:** The new membership year will begin on July 1, 2015. Posts are encouraged to work hard to reinstate those members whose dues have lapsed. For assistance with membership, contact Vernon Anderson, 79 Blayne Avenue, Triadelphia, WV 26059; Phone: (304) 909-0187. For assistance in obtaining a list of unpaid members, past and present, contact State Headquarters at (304) 768-7514.

6. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Jul 18-22, 2015	116 th National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA
Jul 26 – Aug 1, 2015	VFW Youth Camp, Camp Dawson
Jul 31, 2015	April 1 – June30 Quarterly Audit Report due State Headquarters
Aug 8, 2015	School of Instruction, VFW Post 9926 Mason
Aug 14, 2015	Golf Tournament, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown
Aug 22, 2015	School of Instruction, VW Post 4326 Sophia
Aug 31, 2015	Quartermaster bonds expire
Sep 12, 2015	School of Instruction, VFW Post 9916 Westover
Sep 15, 2015	Deadline to submit articles for the next edition of the West Virginia Veteran Newsletter
Nov 19-22, 2015	Southern Conference, Savannah, GA

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7. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

* District One	Sistersville	Sep 27 th	1:00 pm	Kish	Sanford
* District Two	3466 Charleston	Sep 26 th	1:00 pm	Hibbs	Harless-Hurley
* District Three	Clarksburg	Sep 27 th	1:00 pm	Hibbs	Harless-Hurley
* District Four	Ridgeley	Sep 27 th	1:00 pm	Kingsbury	Crouser
* District Five	Madison	Sept 26 th	1:00 pm	Pauley	Stalnaker

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

8. **POST INSPECTION REPORTS:** District Commanders are to forward completed Post Inspection reports to State Inspector Donna Hergenrether, 440 Broadway Avenue, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Phone: (541) 646-2826.

9. **2015-2016 COMMANDER'S MANUAL:** Copies of the 2015-2016 Commander's Manual for Post Commanders and Post Adjutant/Quartermasters will be available on-line at www.wvfw.org in the near term, and will be available at the upcoming Schools of Instruction.

10. **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS:** 2015-2016 Community Service booklets have been distributed. 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 their reports to the Community Service Chairman by the 15th of the month. Contact Bob Caruthers, Chairman at (740) 992-6272, or via email at vfwpost9926@yahoo.com.

11. **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REGISTRATION:** Good information, good company and everyone are strongly encouraged to attend. Please see enclosed registration form for more information.

12. **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE:** This year's Southern Conference will be held 19-22 November in Savannah, GA. Information on the conference, to include hotel reservations, can be found on-line at <http://vfwga.org/southern-conference-2015/>.

13. **WEST VIRGINIA VETERAN NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** All Council of Administration members are to submit an article for the next West Virginia Veteran Newsletter by September 15, 2015. Any Post, or member, who is interested in providing information on Post or individual achievement or accomplishments are also encouraged to submit an article. Send articles to Trenton Pauley, PO Box 727, Grafton, WV 26354; email a7dpilot@gmail.com.

14. **WEST VIRGINIA VETERAN NEWSLETTER ADS:** To offset the nearly \$24,000 annual cost to print and mail the West Virginia Veteran Newsletter, we are asking each post to purchase an advertisement that will be placed in each copy of the newsletter. The cost for a 1 ½ X 1 ½ inch ad is \$100, and 1 ½ x 3 inch ad \$125. Make checks payable to the VFW State of West Virginia, and include ad information with payment.

15. **POST DONATIONS:** Each year we request Posts to donate \$275 to VFW Programs. The donations have been deposited in the Hospital Fund, Relief/NMS Fund, Youth Essay Programs, Teacher of the Year and Public Servant (Law Enforcement/EMS/Firefighter) of the Year programs. I encourage you to forward your donation as soon as possible. The entire amount does not need to be donated at one time. Forward checks to State Headquarters and identify what program(s) you are donating to.

16. **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP (OMS) HELP LINE:** Post Quartermasters having difficulty logging on to OMS, or processing membership transactions can call the Help Line at 816 968-1176, or you can email your questions to info@vfw.org.

OFFICIAL:
S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT
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BY ORDER OF:
Elmer R. Hibbs, COMMANDER
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