

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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Please keep District One Commander Bob Haight and his family in your thoughts and prayers as Bob recovers from an accident suffered at his home on Wednesday, October 21st. Bob is currently in Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh and should be returning home soon to continue recuperating.

Veterans Day November 11th: I would like to encourage all my Comrades, to, on November 11th @ 11 A.M. briefly suspend all business activities and pay our respects to all those who have served and specifically to remember all those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Respectfully, Department Commander Hibbs

Like us on Facebook! Social media is a very powerful tool that can bring awareness to veterans eligible to join your Post. If you would like a link to your Post website or Post Facebook page placed on the state website, please email the information to Donna Hergenrether (dfhergie@yahoo.com) state website coordinator.

A NOTE FROM THE COMMANDER: Comrades, since last month our membership standing has improved to 27th in the Nation and 4th in the Southern Conference. "Membership makes dollars and SENSE". Posts leading the way: Chester 6450 (109.58%, 16 new members and 16 recovered), Rainelle 4484 (100.34%, 49 new members and 2 recovered), Mason Post 9926 (100.18%, 18 new members), Oceana Post 8364 (2 new members), and Burnsville Post 3757 (100%). 43 other Posts have recruited at least one new member (up from 38 last month) and 15 other Posts have reinstated 1 or more members (up from 11 last month), however there continues to be a real cause for concern as 36 Posts have not recruited a new member and 66 Posts have not recovered a member!! Comrades, membership is not just about today and what we do today. It's about supporting year after year the expectations that future Veterans will have on The Veterans of Foreign Wars. They will need our support! We have to be there for them! I have recruited my one member, and now in the process of mentoring. I urge you comrades to join me, let's make a difference! MEMBERSHIP makes DOLLARS and SENSE. THANK YOU FOR SERVING

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Posts are encouraged to work hard on recruiting new members and to recover those members whose dues have lapsed. For assistance with membership, contact Vernon Anderson, 79 Blayney Avenue, Triadelphia, WV 26059; Phone: (304) 909-0187. For assistance with obtaining a current membership list, or a list of unpaid members, past and present, contact State Headquarters at (304) 768-7514. State Headquarters can also provide a list of current and past Members at Large to contact to encourage them to transfer to your Post.

Congratulations to the following Post for achieving 100% in membership:

6450 Chester	107.34%	8364 Oceana	100%	9926 Mason	100.18%
4484 Rainelle	100.34%				

Top recruiters (minimum 10 new or reinstated members)

Kelly Goddard (4484)	57	Terry Shipley (9926)	15	Terry Scarbro (4469)	11
Joe Capito (6450)	23	Vern Anderson (4442)	13		
Bill Cusson (4469)	19	Paul Brown (6450)	11		

2. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Nov 1, 2015	Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries to Post
Nov 11, 2015	Veterans Day
Nov 17-18, 2015	National Auxiliary President visits West Virginia (Charleston area)
Nov 19-22, 2015	Southern Conference, Savannah, GA
Dec 1, 2015	Post Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winner to District
Dec 5, 2015	Council of Administration meeting, 1 PM, Post 7048 East Fairmont
Jan 1, 2016	Post Public Servant of the Year entries to State Headquarters
Jan 1, 2016	District Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy selection to Program Chairman
Jan 22-24, 2016	Mid-Winter Conference, Holiday Inn Martinsburg, WV
Feb 15, 2015	Citizenship Education Teacher Awards to Post
Feb 28, 2015	Post Citizenship Education Teacher selection to District

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3. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)k of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Post Commanders are to assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.

DISTRICT MEETINGS CONTINUED:

District One	629 Fairmont	Nov 8 th	1:00 pm	Kingsbury	Harless-Hurley
District Two	Mason	Nov 14 th	*12:00 pm	Kish	King
District Three	Salem	*Nov 7th	1:00 pm	Kish	*Stout
District Four	Fort Ashby	Nov 8 th	1:00 pm	Hibbs	Sanford
District Five	Madison	Nov 7 th	*12:00 pm	Hibbs	King

*Denotes change from previously reported dates/times

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

4. **POST MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: All Post Commanders are to appoint a Post Membership Chairman and provide the Chairman's name, address, telephone number and email address (if applicable) to State Headquarters by 31 August, 2015.**

5. **POST COMMANDERS:** Your attention is directed to Section 709 (Control of Units) of the National By-Laws which provides guidance regarding Post insurance requirements, ownership of property, sale of property and encumbrance of the Post.

6. **POST COMMANDERS, QUARTERMASTERS, ADJUTANTS AND TRUSTEES:** A Trustees Guide to a Proper Audit is available online on the National website. To access the guide, log on to www.vfw.org, My VFW, VFW Training & Support under General Members Tools & Resources, Member Officer Training, Forms & Templates, Trustees. If you require a copy of the guide via email or regular mail, contact State Headquarters at (304) 768-7514.

7. **2016 PODIUM EDITION OF THE BY-LAWS, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE AND RITUAL:** All officers should obtain current 2016 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters.

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. **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS:** Posts are strongly encouraged to provide their District Commander the number of hours and dollars spent monthly. District Commanders forward their report 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.

10. **POST DONATIONS:** Each year we request Posts to donate \$275 to VFW Programs. 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. Thanks to the following Posts for contributing so far this year: 548, 2716, 3522, 3526, 3647, 4019, 4469, 4484, 4768, 5269, 5501, 5578, 6418, 6450, 6452, 6454, 6669, 7048, 9151, 9666, 9796, 9926.

11. **VFW TRAINING AND SUPPORT:** Members are encouraged to visit the National website to view the VFW Training and Support section where information can be found on/for Recruiting and Retention, Community Service and Youth Activities, Media and Public Relations, Post Service Officers, Members and Officer Training, Forms and Templates, Veterans and Military Support, and Grant Program Resources. Simply log on to www.vfw.org and you will find the link to this information under General Member Tools & Resources.

OFFICIAL:
S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT
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ELMER R. HIBBS, COMMANDER
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