

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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Wishing all and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Past State Commander and Past District 6 National Council Member Scottie King, who passed away on November 10th.

District One Commander Bob Haight has returned home from the hospital. Doctors are very pleased with his recovery progress. We wish him a continued speedy recovery.

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 (dfhergje@yahoo.com) state website coordinator.

A NOTE FROM THE COMMANDER: Comrades, since last month our membership standing has improved to 23rd in the Nation and 2nd in the Southern Conference. "Membership makes dollars and SENSE". Posts leading the way: Rainelle 4484 (114.33%, 81 new members and 4 recovered, Chester 6450 (112.77%, 23 new members and 19 recovered), Beckley 4469 (101.73%, 31 new members and 2 recovered), Berkeley Springs 4019 (101.68%, 7 new members), Mason Post 9926 (101.09%, 19 new members and 3 recovered), Oceana Post 8364 (2 new members), Milton 9796 (100%, 2 new members and 1 recovered) and Burnsville Post 3757 (100%). The number of other Posts recruiting a new member remains at 43, and 18 other Posts have reinstated 1 or more members (up from 15 last month). 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 Blayne Avenue, Triadelphia, WV 26059; Phone: (304) 909-0187. Each Post Commander will be receiving a list of Post members whose 2016 dues are unpaid, or have expired. Post Commanders need to coordinate with their Post Membership Chairman to contact those on the list. Contact State Headquarters for a list of Members at Large, or VFW members who have relocated to your area, that you can contact and encourage to transfer to your Post.

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

6450	Chester	112.77%	8364	Oceana	100%	9926	Mason	101.09%
4484	Rainelle	114.33%	4469	Beckley	101.73%	4019	Berkeley Springs	101.68%
3757	Burnsville	100%	9796	Milton	100%			

2. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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
Dec 7, 2015	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 15, 2015	Veterans in the Classroom participant list to State Headquarters
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, 2016	Citizenship Education Teacher Awards to Post
Feb 28, 2016	Post Citizenship Education Teacher selection to District
Mar 1, 2016	Scout of the Year Entry to Post
Mar 15, 2016	Citizenship Education Teacher Awards to State Headquarters
Apr 1, 2016	Scout of the Year Entry to State Headquarters

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3. **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**

District One	Weirton	April 24 th	1:00 pm	Hibbs	Crouser
District Two	Ripley	April 23 rd	12:00 pm	Kingsbury	Stalnaker
District Three	Buckhannon	April 23 rd	1:00 pm	Talerico	Sanford
District Four	Martinsburg	April 24 th	1:00 pm	Pauley	Harless-Hurley
District Five	Madison	April 23 rd	12:00 pm	Kish	Harless-Hurley

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

4. **ALL MEMBERS:** Members are reminded that under the new subscription dues plan, an annual member's dues expire on their anniversary date. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary date to avoid a lapse in continuous membership. Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues by their anniversary date, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year. In addition, every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and recover former members at all times during the year.

5. **ALL POSTS:** Department Senior Vice Commanders and Auxiliary Senior Vice Presidents have initiated a project to raise enough money to properly light each flag displayed at the 42 Single-Family Homes at the National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI. See the enclosed letter for more information.

6. **POST COMMANDERS:** 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.

7. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** In accordance with Section 218(a)(5)c, Post Quartermasters are to disburse funds as properly authorized by the Post using accepted banking practices. Unless otherwise provided for in Post By-Laws, all disbursements of Post funds shall bear a signature of the Quartermaster or other person(s) authorized by the Quartermaster. Such other authorized person(s) shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which the Quartermaster be accountable in accordance with Section 703.

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:** The Community Service mid-year report has been sent to National Headquarters. So far this year Posts have contributed \$157,533.56 and 43,055 volunteer hours to their communities. 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 District and Posts for contributing so far this year: District 1, 410, 548, 629, 1101, 1212, 2523, 2716, 3081, 3522, 3526, 3647, 3663, 4019, 4442, 4469, 4484, 4768, 5269, 5501, 5578, 6327, 6418, 6450, 6452, 6454, 6667, 6669, 7048, 8516, 9151, 9606, 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.

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