

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1  
SERIES 2016-2017, July 2016

**All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at [www.wvfw.org](http://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. Members who have not received an email copy of the General Orders, but desire to do so, forward their email address to [vfwqm@frontier.com](mailto:vfwqm@frontier.com).**

Our thoughts and prayers are with those individuals and communities affected by the recent flooding throughout the state.

1. At the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, West Virginia, held in Charleston, WV June 16-19, 2016; I, Robert S. Kish, 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, 2016, 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: Bob Kish, 1943 Short Creek Road, Wheeling, WV 26003; Phone: (304) 639-9082 (cell), (304) 277-3243 (home).

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	Robert Haight	437	Moundsville
Chief of Staff	James Talerico	573	Clarksburg
Service Officer	Tom Lyons	9796	Milton

4. **FLOOD RELIEF FUND:** A special account has been set up at State Headquarters to assist VFW and Auxiliary members, veterans and family members of veterans impacted by the recent flooding. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund may send a check or money order, made payable to VFW State of West Virginia and mail to PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309. Write flood relief in the memo line of the check or money order.

5. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Jul 16, 2016	School of Instruction VW Post 826 Kingwood
Jul 23-27, 2016	117 <sup>th</sup> National Convention, Charlotte, NC
Jul 31, 2016	April 1 – June 30 Quarterly Audit Report due State Headquarters
Aug 1, 2016	Deadline to submit articles for the West Virginia Veteran Newsletter
Aug 16, 2016	School of Instruction, VFW Post 1212 Parkersburg
Aug 19, 2016	Golf Tournament, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown
Aug 31, 2016	Quartermaster bonds expire
Oct 15, 2016	School of Instruction (location TBD)

6. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

*District One	Kingwood	Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm
*District Two	Parkersburg	Sep 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm
*District Three	TBD	TBD	1:00 pm
*District Four	Wardensville	Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm
*District Five	Madison	Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm

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

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7. **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.
8. **POST CONSOLIDATION:** The Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief have approved the consolidation of Jackson County Post No. 3488 Sandyville, and Ravenswood Post No. 6669 Ravenswood. The consolidated Post is to be known as Jackson County Post No. 6669, Ravenswood, West Virginia. The senior muster date is June 7, 1936.
9. **NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR:** The new membership year will begin on July 1, 2016. Posts are encouraged to work hard to reinstate those members whose dues have lapsed. For assistance with membership, contact Vernon Anderson, 79 Blayney Avenue, Triadelphia, WV 26059; Phone: (304) 559-2788. For assistance in obtaining a list of unpaid members, past and present, contact State Headquarters at (304) 768-7514.
10. **POST INSPECTION REPORTS:** District Commanders are to forward completed Post Inspection reports to State Inspector Bob Haight, PO Box 6912, Wheeling, WV 26003. Phone: (304) 232-4135.
11. **2016-2017 COMMANDER'S MANUAL:** Copies of the 2016-2017 Commander's Manual for Post Commanders and Post Adjutant/Quartermasters are available on-line at [www.wvfw.org](http://www.wvfw.org), and will be available at the upcoming Schools of Instruction.
12. **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS:** 2016-2017 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 by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. District Commanders are to forward their reports to the Community Service Chairman by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Contact Bob Caruthers, Chairman at (740) 992-6272, or via email at [vfwpost9926@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost9926@yahoo.com).
13. **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REGISTRATION:** Good information, good company and everyone are strongly encouraged to attend. Please see enclosed registration form for more information.
14. **WEST VIRGINIA VETERAN NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** All Council of Administration members are to submit an article for the next West Virginia Veteran Newsletter by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Any Post, or member, who is interested in providing information on their 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](mailto:a7dpilot@gmail.com).
15. **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.
16. **POST DONATIONS:** Each year we request Posts to donate \$275 to VFW Programs. These donations offset the cost of donations to the VA Medical Centers, Veterans Nursing Home and West Virginia Veterans Home, and help offset the cost of recognition provided to VFW Programs participants. 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 earmarked for VFW Programs.
17. **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](mailto:info@vfw.org).

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S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT  
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BY ORDER OF:  
Robert S. Kish, COMMANDER  
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