

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 10
SERIES 2016-2017, April 2017

VFW and Auxiliary members who are not receiving emails from the Adjutant/Quartermaster that would like to be placed on email distribution should send their email address to vfwqm@frontier.com.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Our membership on March 27th is 1,369 away from reaching 100%. We are 798 members behind where we were this time last year. There are 32 Posts who need 10 or less members to reach 100%. Posts Commanders are encouraged to share the list of unpaid members who are on the 30/60/90-day list while providing the membership report at Post meetings. **Remember, membership is something we do for each other.** For assistance with membership, contact Vernon Anderson, 79 Blayney Avenue, Triadelphia, WV 26059; Phone: (304) 559-2788.

Commander Kingsbury would like to personally thank the following Posts who have achieved 100% or greater in membership. Congratulations to Post 9151 Salem and Post 1589 Masontown for joining the list.

Post 6450	Chester	116.46%	Post 7780	Mathias	103.84%	Post 9666	Sugar Grove	102.94%
Post 8127	Vienna	106.19%	Post 8363	Chesapeake	112.50%	Post 5501	Ripley	100.50%
Post 9097	Hurricane	102.10%	Post 896	Martinsburg	103.42%	Post 9926	Mason	100.69%
Post 6452	Ridgeley	104.00%	Post 8364	Oceana	101.38%	Post 7048	East Fairmont	100.33%
Post 9151	Salem	100%	Post 1589	Masontown	100%			

Recruiting leaders (for recruiting 10 or more new or reinstated members):

Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, **88**; Bill Cusson, Post 4469 Beckley, **38**; Michael Keller II, Post 896 Martinsburg, **31**; Bud Newbrough, Post 1212 Parkersburg, **24**; Kami Elliott, Post 7048 East Fairmont, **18**; PSC Kelly Goddard, Post 4484 Rainelle, **13**; PSC Doug Knotts, Post 3522 Charles Town, **13**; Kevin Light, Post 4768 Alum Creek, **11**.

2. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Apr 1, 2017	Scout of the Year nominations to State Headquarters
Apr 8, 2017	Council of Administration Meeting, 10 AM, Post 573 Clarksburg
Apr 16, 2017	Post Community Service Log to District Commanders
May 1, 2017	Robert "Bob" Kusterer JROTC Cadet of the Year nominations to State HQS
May 12, 2017	Resolutions and proposed By-Laws changes due to State Headquarters
May 15, 2017	Rich Homan Memorial Award nominations to State Headquarters
Jun 1, 2017	Complete 2017-2018 Post Election Report due to State and National HQS
Jun 15-18, 2017	State Convention, Charleston Town Center Marriott, Charleston, WV
July 9-15, 2017	Youth Camp, Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV
July 22-26, 2017	National Convention, New Orleans, LA

3. **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**

District One	7048 East Fairmont	April 23 rd	1:00 pm	Pauley	King
District Two	Mason	April 22 nd	12:00 pm	Pauley	Sanford
District Three	Buckhannon	April 22 nd	1:00 pm	Anderson	Stalnaker
District Four	Charles Town	April 23 rd	1:00 pm	Moske	Stalnaker
District Five	Madison	April 22 nd	12:00 pm	Kingsbury	Crouser

Districts serve lunch before meeting. Time listed is lunch time. Schedule subject to change.

In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)(k), Post Commanders are to assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.

4. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING:** The Council of Administration will meet at 10 AM on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at VFW Post 573 Clarksburg. Council members forward any items to discuss via email to Commander Kingsbury at toddkingsbury@hotmail.com.

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5. **STATE CONVENTION ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Room reservations at the Charleston Marriott Town Center for the State Convention June 15-18 must be made by contacting the Marriott Toll Free Reservation Center at (800) 228-9290. You must mention the VFW State Convention to receive the \$92 room rate, and must be made by May 25th to receive the convention room rate. Convention attendance form and banquet meal choices will be forwarded in separate correspondence.
6. **POST COMMANDERS:** In accordance with Section 222 of the National Manual of Procedure, Post delegates and alternates to the District Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention and State Convention with one delegate and one alternate for each thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election. A District and Department Convention Delegate list accompanies these General Orders. Send your list to your District Quartermaster and State Headquarters.
7. **POST COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS:** In accordance with Section 216 and 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Post elections are to be held in April. Post officers elected are the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and trustee(s). The Commander, on the night of election or as soon thereafter as possible shall appoint the Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and such other officers, chairman and committees as may be required by Department or Post By-Laws or by vote of the Post membership. Post officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the Post Adjutant and shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. The elected and appointed officers assume office at the conclusion of the State Convention.
8. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** In accordance with Section 222 of the National By-Laws, each Post is to pay in advance of the National Convention a registration fee of \$25. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee. The National Convention Post and Delegate registration form (invoice) is included in the Post election Report Packet mailed to all Post Quartermasters in February.
9. **2018 LIFE MEMBER PAYOUTS:** The National Council of Administration on February 27, 2017 approved the 2018 Life Member payouts as follows:
 - Plan ABC - A total payout of \$9.66 for each life member (\$3.22 to each Post, Dept and National).
 - Plan D - A total payout of \$10.86 for each life member (\$3.62 to each Post, Dept and National).
 - Plan E - A total payout of \$21.48 for each life member (\$7.16 to each Post, Dept and National).
10. **2016-2017 COMMUNITY SERVICE LOGS:** Post Community Service logs are due to District Commanders April 16th, unless arranged with the District Commander to bring them to the District Convention April 22nd or 23rd. Do not include the information regarding the number of hours and money spent in the logs that you are sending to your District Commander.
11. **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 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.
12. **VFW YOUTH CAMP:** All Posts or individuals wanting to donate to the VFW Youth Camp should forward donations to VFW State Headquarters. In the memo line put VFW Youth Camp. All applications to attend this year's camp should be forwarded, with the \$200 payment, to State Headquarters or Brett Mannon, 517 Pandora Drive, Saint Albans, WV 25177.

OFFICIAL:
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BY ORDER OF:
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