

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2
SERIES 2017-2018, AUGUST 2017

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. 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.

1. **MEMBERSHIP**: At the present time our membership goal for 2018 is 13,689. Unfortunately we lost 824 members last year. Great job by Post 6450 Chester for recruiting 20 new members. 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. Contact State Headquarters for a list of Members at Large, Post members whose dues have expired or VFW members who have relocated to your area that you can contact and encourage to transfer to your Post.

2. **MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**: For every 5 new or reinstated members one recruits/recovers this year, your name will be placed in a drawing and the winner will be rewarded with:
Upgrade to Life member if a continuous member
Upgrade to Bronze Legacy Life member if already a Life member
One-level Legacy Life upgrade if already Bronze or Silver Legacy Life member
\$400 if already a Gold Legacy Life member
The drawing will be held at State Headquarters on May 1, 2017.

3. **DATES TO REMEMBER**:

Aug 5, 2017	Department School of Instruction, Post 3647 Elkins
Aug 12, 2017	7 th Annual VFW Golf Tournament, Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center
Aug 31, 2017	Quartermaster bonds expire
Oct 14-15, 2017	Department School of Instruction, Camp Dawson Kingwood,
Oct 31, 2017	Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries due to Posts
Oct 31, 2017	Citizenship Education Teacher (Teacher of the Year) entries due to Posts
Nov 16, 2017	Post Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries to District
Nov 16, 2017	Post Citizenship Education Teacher (Teacher of the Year) entries to District
Nov 16-19, 2017	Southern Conference, Biloxi, MS

4. **DISTRICT MEETINGS**:

District One	Sistersville	Sep 24 th	1:00 pm	Kingsbury	Whytsell
District Two	Ripley	Sep 30 th	12:00 pm	Pauley	Whytsell
District Three	Clarksburg	Sep 23 rd	1:00 pm	Pauley	Sanford
District Four	Keyser	Oct 1 st	1:00 pm	Kingsbury	King
District Five	Beckley	Sep 30 th	12:00 pm	Anderson	Crouser

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

In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)(k) of the National By-Laws, Post Commanders are to assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings. All Post Commanders and Quartermasters must be present at all District meeting or Conventions to qualify for All-State consideration.

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5. **POST COMMANDERS**: In accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws, each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, they may be accountable. The Commander shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers.
6. **POST INSPECTION REPORTS**: District Commanders are to forward completed Post Inspection reports to State Inspector Bud Newbrough, 1630 Garfield Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101. Contact Inspector Newbrough at (304) 483-1431.
7. **2016-2017 COMMANDER'S MANUAL**: Copies of the 2017-2018 Commander's Manual for Post Commanders and Post Adjutant/Quartermasters have been provided to all Post Quartermasters. The manual is also available on-line at www.wvfw.org, and will be available at the upcoming Schools of Instruction.
8. **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS**: Posts are strongly encouraged to provide their District Commander the number of hours and dollars spent on a monthly basis by the 5th of each month. 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 vfw9926@suddenlinkmail.com.
9. **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REGISTRATION**: Good information, good company and everyone are strongly encouraged to attend. Please see enclosed registration forms for more information. If a Post Commander cannot attend, the Senior Vice and/or Junior Vice are highly encouraged to represent the Post.
10. **LIFE MEMBER AMNESTY PROGRAM**: All life members who are reported deceased between July 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017, will be removed from the Post rolls and the Post's prior year membership count will be adjusted accordingly. All Post Quartermasters should have received correspondence from the Quartermaster General regarding possible deceased life members. Posts are to provide feedback to the Membership Department by August 4, 2017 of those on the list who have not passed away. Non-responses will result in those members indicated as deceased. These members will be counted in the Amnesty Program, thereby reducing a Post's prior year total in Memstats
11. **WEST VIRGINIA VETERAN NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED**: We are looking for a volunteer to be the editor for the West Virginia Veteran Newsletter periodical. The editor will be responsible for providing articles and pictures to Mountain State Newspapers for formatting the newsletter. The newsletter will only be available electronically on the State website www.wvfw.org or via email. Anyone interested in becoming the editor should contact Senior Vice Commander Trenton Pauley at (304) 265-3170.
12. **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. The entire amount does not need to be donated at one time. Forward checks to State Headquarters earmarked for VFW Programs.
13. **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.

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BY ORDER OF:
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