

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5  
SERIES 2017-2018, NOVEMBER 2017

**General Orders are available by:**

- 1) email
- 2) downloaded from the state website [www.wvfw.org](http://www.wvfw.org)
- 3) send \$25 to VFW State Headquarters, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Past State Commander Chuck Haney, who passed away on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the age of 70..

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership comparison between September 2016 and September 2017:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>N/R to Life</u>
2016	9356	200	24	1,775	11,355	78.24%	23
2017	8980	135	35	1,796	10,946	82.49%	23
Difference	-376	-65	+11	+21	-409	+4.25%	0

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POSTS FOR ACHIEVING 100% IN MEMBERSHIP:**

6450	Chester	102.80%	8127	Vienna	105.33%	3757	Burnsville	100%
6737	Renick	172.72%	6153	Chapmanville	100.97%			

For assistance with membership, contact Vernon Anderson, 79 Blayne 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, 2018.

Entries in the hat so far: Joe Capito, Chester, 6 (30); Greg Smith, Vienna, 3 (15), Ray Varian, Mason, 2 (14), Charlie Butta, Chesapeake, 1 (9); Bud Newbrough, Parkersburg, 1 (5); Dale Hartley, Ripley, 1 (5), Joe Gollie, Madison, 1 (5).

3. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

District One	Kingwood	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00 pm	Anderson	Sanford
District Two	Parkersburg	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12:00 pm	Moske	Crouser
District Three	Buckhannon	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 pm	Anderson	King
District Four	Charles Town	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00 pm	Pauley	Whytsell
District Five	Hurricane	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12:00 pm	Kingsbury	Sanford

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

***As a reminder, all Post Commanders and Quartermasters must be present at all District meetings or Conventions to qualify for All-State consideration.***

4. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

5 <sup>th</sup> of each month	Post Community Service dollars and hours due State Chairman
15 <sup>th</sup> of each month	District Commander submit District Community Service Report to State Chairman
15 <sup>th</sup> of each month	Post and District Commander Monthly Activity Report to State HQS
Nov 16, 2017	Post Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year entries to District
Nov 16-19, 2017	Southern Conference, Biloxi, MS
Dec 1, 2017	West Virginia Veteran Newsletter articles to State HQS
Dec 1, 2017	Public Servant of the Year packages to Post
Dec 16, 2017	District Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year packages to VFW Programs Chairman
Dec 16, 2017	Post Public Servant of the Year packages to District,
Dec 29, 2017	District Public Servant of the Year packages to VFW Programs Chairman
Jan 15, 2018	District Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year reports to VFW Programs Chairman
Jan 19-21, 2018	Mid-Winter Conference, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg
Mar 1, 2018	Scout of the Year entries to Post
Mar 15, 2018	Scout of the Year entries to District

5. **POST COMMANDERS:** IAW Section 709 of the National By-Laws, no Post shall purchase, sell or otherwise transfer title or any interest in any real estate unless written notice of such proposal has first been given to each member of said unit ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those members present and voting at such regular or special meeting. In addition, at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting, notice shall be provided to the Department Commander who shall review any sale, purchase, transfer or encumbrance to determine whether such transaction serves the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as prescribed in the Congressional Charter. Failure to comply with these provisions shall nullify said transaction. When properly approved by the members of the Posts, the Commander and Quartermaster shall be authorized to sign such legal documents required to sell or purchase real property

6. **POST COMMANDERS:** Send Monthly Post Reports to State Headquarters by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. The reports can be fax'd to (304) 768-1407, emailed to [vfwqm@frontier.com](mailto:vfwqm@frontier.com) or mailed to VFW State HQS, PO Box 9413, South Charleston, WV 25309. The form accompanies these General Orders.

7. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** IAW Section 704 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, a relief fund shall be established and maintained by the Posts. In this fund shall be credited the net proceeds of the distribution of Buddy Poppies and such other monies as may be solicited or donated for veteran's relief purposes. Expenditures from the relief fund shall be as prescribe in Section 704 of the Manual of Procedure.

8. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE ROOM RESERVATIONS:** The Mid-Winter Conference will be 19-21 January, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. Room rates are \$82.00 plus tax (currently 13%), and must be made directly with the Holiday Inn at (304) 267-5500. You must mention Group Code V18 to receive the group rate, and reservations must be made by December 29, 2017. Additional rooms may be available at adjacent hotels Days Inn, phone (304) 263-1800, and Fairfield Inn and Suites, phone (304) 901-3003. Rooms are also available at the Hampton Inn, phone (304) 267-2900.

9. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** Registration for this year's Mid-Winter Conference is \$40. Please complete the accompanying registration form, even though you may not attend the banquet. This year's banquet will recognize the State Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners.

10. **WEST VIRGINIA VETERAN NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** Posts are encouraged to submit an article to be included in the next West Virginia Veteran Newsletter by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Files in WORD 97-03 format, and pictures in JPEG format can be emailed to [vfwqm@frontier.com](mailto:vfwqm@frontier.com), or mailed to State HQS.

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