

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
SERIES 2018-2019, July 2018

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1. At the 97th Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, West Virginia, held at Camp Dawson in Kingwood, WV June 14-17, 2018; I, Leon Trenton Pauley, 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, 2018, 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: Trenton Pauley, PO Box 727, Grafton, WV 26354.

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	Kami Elliott	7048	Parkersburg
Chief of Staff	Doug Knotts	3522	Charles Town
Service Officer	David Sisler	4442	Elm Grove

4. **MEMBERSHIP:** Congratulations to all who worked diligently to obtain 100% in membership. We need to work just as hard this year to continue on the 100% plateau. Remember, our strength is in our numbers, our youth programs and programs available to recognize those in our communities. Membership is the life blood of this organization and is something we do for each other. For assistance with membership, contact State Membership Chairman Bill Cusson, 121 Elkins Street, Beckley, WV 25801; phone (304) 712-2828.

Membership comparison between end of June 2017 and June 2018:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	Reinstated	Annual	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	N/R to Life
2017	9,473	507	99	3,601	13,680	94.26%	88
2018	<u>9,116</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>128</u>	3,529	<u>13,276</u>	<u>100.05%</u>	<u>76</u>
Difference	-357	-4	+29	-72	-404	+5.79%	-12

Congratulations to the following Posts and Districts for achieving 100% or better in the 2017-2018 membership year (*indicates All-State achievement*):

6450 Chester	108.75%	8127 Vienna	148%	3757 Burnsville	100%
6737 Renick	190.90%	6153 Chapmanville	109.70%	629 Fairmont	112.58%
4019 Berkeley Springs	115.65%	8363 Chesapeake	143.13%	2345 Tunnelton	103.22%
3522 Charles Town	114.86%	2102 Wardensville	115.71%	222 Saint Marys	115.78%
6669 Ravenswood	102.01%	8614 Craigsville	100%	8001 Delbarton	116.12%
8364 Oceana	105.63%	4442 Elm Grove	113.52%	1212 Parkersburg	110.70%
5501 Ripley	103%	8516 Elkview	104.28%	9738 Huntington	103.14%
578 Terra Alta	105.55%	826 Kingwood	101.07%	3008 Rowlesburg	100%
7048 East Fairmont	100.66%	6106 Summersville	103.57%	5583 Coalton	100%
4500 Hinton	105.55%	5578 Madison	108.92%	9097 Hurricane	103.26%
4768 Alum Creek	102.15%	9606 Moorefield	100.59%	9796 Milton	100.94%
7695 Ansted	101.06%	8413 Welch	102.56%	9916 Westover	100%
5469 Glenville	100%	4484 Quinwood	100%	4595 Marlinton	100%
3738 Webster Springs	106.12%	5131 Jane Lew	100%	6723 Alderson	113.33%
6667 Fort Ashby	101.37%	1144 Iaeger	101.51%	4469 Beckley	106.25%
District One	100.12%				
District Two	101.45%				
District Four	100.39%				
District Five	101.41%				

5. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

District One	Sistersville	Sep 15 th	1:00 pm
District Two	Parkersburg	Sep 15 th	12:00 pm
District Three	TBD	TBD	1:00 pm
District Four	Charles Town	Sep 15 th	1:00 pm
District Five	TBD	TBD	12:00 pm

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.

6. **OATES TO REMEMBER:**

5 th of each month	Post Community Service dollars and hours due District Commander
15 th of each month	District Commander submit District Community Service Report to State Chairman
Jul 8-14, 2018	Youth Camp, Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV
Jul 21-25, 2018	National Convention, Kansas City, MO
Aug 11, 2018	8 th Annual VFW Golf Tournament, Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center

7. **STATE COMMANDER CALENDAR:** Any Post requiring the presence of the State Commander through June, 2019 to visit their Post or participate in any community event should send a request in writing to VFW State HOS, PO Box 9431 South Charleston, WV 25309. The Commander's calendar will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

8. **2019 STATE CONVENTION LOCATION:** Commander Pauley has appointed a Conference and Convention Committee consisting of PSC Talerico (Chairman), Junior Vice Commander Moske and Surgeon Elkins, who are requesting suggestions for the 2019 State Convention location. If you would like more information on how to submit a suggestion contact PSC Talerico at (304) 677-0080, or via email at jtally1312@gmail.com. A form to be completed will be sent to those requesting more information. All recommendations must be received at State Headquarters by August 31, 2018 to be considered.

9. **POST COMMANDERS:** 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 materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee.

10. **LIFE MEMBER AMNESTY PROGRAM:** All life members who are reported deceased between July 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018, will be removed from the Post rolls and the Post's prior year membership count will be adjusted accordingly.

11. **2018-2019 SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION:** A Department School of Instruction (SOI) will be held in each District this year. District Commanders have been tasked to provide a date and location for the SOI in their District to State Headquarters by July 15th. Commander Pauley will identify Line Officers and Department Chairman to be a part of the training team. Post Commanders and Quartermasters must attend one of the Schools of Instruction to qualify for All-State.

12. **2018-2019 COMMUNITY SERVICE LOGS:** Posts are requested to provide their District Commander with the hours contributed and money spent by the 5th of each month. Reports from Posts directly to State Headquarters or the Chairman will not be accepted. District Commanders are to provide a consolidated report to Community Service Chairman Bob Caruthers via email at vfw9926@suddenlinkmail.com, or via phone at (304) 812-5905. If a Post does not have the 2018-2019 Community Service Log, contact State Headquarters at (304) 768-7514.

13. **VFW YOUTH CAMP:** This year's youth camp is just around the corner. Please forward any applications with \$200 payment to State Headquarters as soon as possible (address and contact information provided on the Youth Camp application included.) Anyone interested in volunteering their time to serve as counselors or assist the staff may contact Camp Director A.W. Bennett at (304) 496-8369.

14. **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 formatting articles and pictures into a newsletter format. 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 State Headquarters.

15. **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.

16. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIOR OUTREACH FUNDRAISER:** Although we only had one person, Jennifer Jackson of the Madison Auxiliary, who volunteered to get her hair cut, again we were able to raise \$8,014.50 for the Potomac Highlands Wounded Warrior Outreach. Lori Rankin, a member of the Masontown Auxiliary volunteered at the last minute to do the honors of cutting the hair. Thanks to both ladies. Several posts and auxiliaries brought donations they chipped in with much success. Pam King, State Auxiliary President made a very nice donation at our banquet Saturday night of \$5,000 which she raised through her special program this year. That is a total of \$13,014.50. I cannot name everyone who is making a difference in our fundraising efforts. At my age, I will surely forget a name or two and I don't want to do that. But please know that I am very grateful for everyone who was able to bring in much needed donations.

I need your help, please help me find more hair cut volunteers for next year.

THANKS TO ALL, Jim Talerico, Past State Commander

17. **STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The State golf tournament will be held on Saturday, August 11th at Canaan Valley State Park beginning at 1:30 PM. One of the biggest fund raisers for the year, we need Posts, Auxiliaries and members help by sponsoring a hole, contacting local businesses to sponsor a hole, or participate in the event. Information about the event and a hole sponsor form accompanies these General Orders. Canaan Valley is a beautiful course and fun will be had by all.

18. **2018-2019 COMMANDER'S MANUAL AND DIRECTORY:** A copy of Commander Pauley's manual for all Post Commanders and Quartermasters, along with copies of the Directory are being sent to each Post Commander. If a package is not received by July 6th, contact State Headquarters.

OFFICIAL:
S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT
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BY ORDER OF:
LEON TRENTON PAULEY, COMMANDER
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