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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6
 SERIES 2018-2019, DECEMBER 2018

1. **2018-2019 ALL-STATE AND ALL-AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS:** Post leadership is encouraged to review pages 17 and 36 of the 2018-2019 Commander's Manual to become familiar with the 2018-2019 All-State and All-American program requirements.

2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership comparison between November 2017 and November 2018:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>N/R to Life</u>
2017	8,997	181	41	2,090	11,309	85.22%	27
2018	9,155	156	33	1,669	11,013	84.72%	34
Difference	+158	-25	-8	-421	-296	-0.5%	+7

Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving 100% in membership:

Post 548 Morgantown	108.80%	Post 6450 Chester	102.45%	Post 3757 Burnsville	100%
Post 7780 Mathias	100%	Post 8364 Oceana	102.77%	Post 9926 Mason	101.97%
Post 9666 Sugar Grove	102.12%	Post 9796 Milton	100.97%		

Recruit and/or Reinstate Members contest leaders:

Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 17 (3); Bud Newbrough, Post 1212 Parkersburg 13 (2); Ray Varian, Post 9926 Mason, 12 (2); Charlie Butta, Post 8363 Chesapeake, 12 (2); Jim Moyers, Post 6106 Summersville, 8 (1); Greg Carder, Post 6667 Fort Ashby, 7 (1); Jim Talerico, Post 573 Clarksburg, 5 (1); Dale Hartley, Post 5501 Ripley, 5 (1); Kevin Harry, Post 9796 Milton, 5 (1).

3. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

District One	7048 Fairmont	Feb 10 th	1:00 pm	Anderson	Sanford
District Two	Mason	Feb 9 th	12:00 pm	Elkins	Howe
District Three	Grafton	Feb 9 th	1:00 pm	Pauley	Whytsell
District Four	Moorefield	Feb 10 th	1:00 pm	Pauley	Whytsell
District Five	Sophia	Feb 9 th	12:00 pm	Moske	Sanford

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

4. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

5 th of each month	Post Community Service reports to District Commander
15 th of each month	District CDR submit consolidated Community Service report to State Chairman
Nov 30, 2018	Public Servant Entries to Posts
Dec 17, 2018	District VOD/PP and Teacher of the Year winning entry to Chairman Jeff Elkins
Dec 28, 2018	District Public Servant of the Year selection to State HQS
Jan 15, 2019	District VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year reports to Chairman Jeff Elkins
Jan 15, 2019	State VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year selections to National HQS
Jan 20, 2019	VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year recognition banquet, Post 1212 Parkersburg, 3:00 PM
Jan 31, 2019	State VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year consolidated report to National HQS
<u>Jan 31, 2019</u>	<u>3rd Qtr Post Trustees Report of Audit for Oct 1 – Dec 31 to State HQS</u>
Feb 1, 2019	State Public Servants of the Year selections to National
March 1, 2019	Scout of the Year entries to Post
March 15, 2019	Post Scout of the Year selection to District



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5. **STATE COMMANDER CALENDAR**: Any Post requiring the presence of the State Commander through June, 2019 to visit their Post or participate in a community event should send a request in writing to VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309. The Commander's calendar will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
6. **VFW PROGRAMS RECOGNITION BANQUET**: Post 1212 and Auxiliary, Parkersburg, will host the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year banquet on Sunday January 20, 2019 at 3:00 PM. The top three Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen District winners and the three Teachers of the Year will be recognized. Accompanying these General Orders is a registration form. We need a strong showing from VFW and Auxiliary members to show our appreciation to the young men and women who took the time to participate in our programs, and the Teachers of the Year.
7. **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE**: At close of business on November 30th, the Post in each membership division that shows the highest increase in New/Reinstated percentage (*the N/R% column in MemStats*) for the month of November (comparing 11/1 to 11/30) will receive an award of \$500 to be deposited directly into their Post Fund to be used as needed for the Post.
8. **POST AND DISTRICT COMMANDERS**: In accordance with Section 218(a)(4) or Section 418(a)(4), in the event that neither the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, or Junior Vice Commander is present, the Post or District shall elect a Commander Pro-Tempore to preside at the meeting of the Post or District.
9. **POST COMMANDERS**: In accordance with Section 218(a)f, Post Commanders are to approve all disbursements of funds properly authorized by the Post. This requires the Post Quartermaster to have or develop a voucher system for the Commander to approve the disbursements.
10. **VFW PROGRAM DONATIONS**: Each year we ask Posts to donate \$275 to help offset the cost associated with the programs we are required to conduct such as the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year, Public Servant of the Year and Scout of the Year. As a reminder, Commander Pauley has set the deadline for Posts to send their donation by January 1st to be eligible for All-State. A great thanks goes to the Posts and Districts that have donated so far this year: Posts 548 Morgantown, 573 Clarksburg, 1064 Huntington, 1212 Parkersburg, 1589 Masontown, 2102 Wardensville, 3081 Grafton, 3408 West Union, 3522 Charles Town, 3554 Harrisville, 3647 Elkins, 4419 Clay, 4442 Elm Grove, 4768 Alum Creek, 5269 Belle, 5501 Ripley, 5959 Grantsville, 6327 Sistersville, 6418 St Albans, 6450 Chester, 6452 Ridgeley, 6669 Ravenswood, 7048 Fairmont, 8363 Chesapeake, 9097 Hurricane, 9606 Moorefield, 9666 Sugar Grove, 9796 Milton, 9926 Mason, Districts 1 and 4.
10. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIORS OUTREACH FUNDRAISER**: VFW and Auxiliary members know how much fun we have at the State Convention with our haircuts and beard cuts. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming State Convention. Please check in your Posts and with your members to get at least five volunteers to cut their hair or beard. Remember, all hair does grow back! Also, Past State Commander Talerico is asking members and Posts to pledge \$1 for every pound he loses up to 25 pounds. He will pledge \$5 for every pound he loses up to 25 pounds. Pledges can be sent to State Headquarters. PSC Talerico will be weighed on December 1st and again on June 1st to determine the amount of weight may have lost.

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