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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7
 SERIES 2019-2020, JANUARY 2020

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Posts should be recruiting new members or recovering past members now before the bad weather sits in. For assistance with a membership drive, contact Membership Chairman Past State Commander Kelly Goddard at 304-392-5770, or via email at wwatosh@yahoo.com

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

6450 Chester	104.18%	9926 Mason	103.30%	9666 Sugar Grove	101.16%
3757 Burnsville	100%	5583 Coalton	100%	3522 Charles Town	103%

Membership comparison between November 2018 and November 2019:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>N/R to Life</u>
2018	9,179	185	42	2,018	11,424	87.89%	40
2019	<u>8,438</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1,834</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>86.41%</u>	<u>50</u>
Difference	-741	+11	-10	-184	-924	-1.48%	+10

Recruiting Award: For every 5 new or reinstated members one recruits or recovers their name placed in a drawing and the winner will be rewarded with an upgrade in membership or \$400 if already a Gold Legacy Life member. The drawing will be held at Department HQS on May 1, 2020.

Recruit and/or Reinstate Members contest leaders:

Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 31 (6); Bud Casto, Post 3522 Charles Town, 22 (4); Ray Varian, Post 9926 Mason, 11 (2); Bill Wilson, Post 7048 Fairmont, 11 (2); Bill Cusson, Post 4469 Beckley, 10 (2); Vern Anderson, Post 4442, 8 (1); Walter Wright, Post 1212 Parkersburg, 6 (1); Tim Sions, Post 9606 Moorefield, 5 (1); Charlie Butta, Post 8363 Chesapeake, 6 (1); Jim Talerico, Post 573 Clarksburg, 6 (1); Randy DeLawder, Post 3522 Charles Town, 5 (1).

2. **2020 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**

District One	Kingwood	May 3	1:00 pm	Moske	Whytsell
District Two	Chesapeake	May 2	12:00 pm	Newbrough	Chipps
District Three	Quinwood	May 2	1:00 pm	Elkins	Crouser
District Four	Wardensville	May 3	1:00 pm	Elkins	Creager
District Five	Madison	May 2	12:00 pm	Moske	Whytsell

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.

3. **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 HQS
Jan 1, 2020	Post and District Tax Exempt request with copy of 990 to State HQS
Jan 31, 2020	Post Quarterly audits (Oct-Dec) due Dept HQS
Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020	Mid-Winter Conference, Charleston Town Center Marriott
Feb 6, 2020	Veterans Visibility Day, State Capital
Mar 1, 2020	Scout of the Year entries to Posts
Mar 15, 2020	Scout of the Year entries to District
Apr 1, 2020	District Scout of the Year entry to State HQS
Apr 16, 2020	Post Community Service Log to District

4. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE ROOM RESERVATIONS**: Room reservations at the Charleston Town Center Marriott for the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference January 31 – 2 February, 2020 must be made by January 6th, 2020 online at <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1566391143484&key=GRP&app=resvlink>, by contacting the Marriott Central Reservations team at 800-228-9290, or directly with the Charleston Marriott Town Center at 304-345-6500 and provide the code “VFW” to book a room in the group block. As a reminder, please send in your reservation form to Department HQS whether you are attending the Saturday evening banquet or not.

5. **POST COMMANDERS**: In accordance with Section 215 of the National Bylaws, any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing by reason of failure to pay current dues by their anniversary date shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office in the administrative year. The following Post officers' dues expire on December 31, 2019:

Post 3663 Buckhannon	1 Year Trustee Kenneth Shaffer
Post 4595 Marlinton	Junior Vice Commander Kenneth Faulknier
Post 4595 Marlinton	Service Officer Dannie Hedrick
Post 6106 Summersville	3 Year Trustee Harvey Petry
Post 9097 Hurricane	Senior Vice Commander Andrew Eads

6. **POST TRUSTEES**: In accordance with Section 218(a)11.b of Manual of Procedure, within thirty days from the end of each quarter, properly audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant, and any activity, club room, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or on behalf of the Post and submit a Post Trustee's Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The quarterly audit covering 1 October – 31 December 2019 is due to Department Headquarters by January 31, 2020.

7. **POST QUARTERMASTERS**: In accordance with Section 218(a)(5)e of the Manual of Procedure, provide the Post Trustees with all records, files and statements required or necessary for the preparation of the Post Trustees Quarterly Report of Audit.

8. **POST COMMANDERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**: Our membership is the life blood of the organization. There are 78 Post members who did not renew their dues in 2017, an additional 346 in 2018. So far this year, 409 Post members dues have expired, and 196 Post members dues expire the end of December 2019. Please engage your Post officers and members to contact these members to encourage them to renew their dues. For a list of Post members whose dues have expired, contact the Department Membership Chairman Kelly Goddard at 304-392-5770, your District Commander or Department Headquarters.

9. **UPGRADE TO LIFE MEMBER AND RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD TO VFW STORE**: Annual members who upgrade to Life Member will receive a \$50 gift card to use at the VFW Store.

10. **2020 NATIONAL CENSUS**: Soon the 2020 National Census will begin. Historically, veterans have had a very low number of participants in the census. There are several areas that may negatively affect veterans for the lack of participation such as VA Medical Centers, West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance budget, VA Field Offices and the number of congressional delegates in Washington DC are a few areas that may be negatively impacted due to the lack of participation by veterans. You are strongly encouraged to participate when the census begins. More information will be provided when known.

11. **2020 VFW YOUTH CAMP**: The next youth camp will be held at Camp Appalachia (formerly Camp Happy Valley) in Teays Valley July 26 – August 1, 2020. Applications are being updated and will be provided at a later date. Cost for a Post, District or individual to sponsor a camper is \$250.

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