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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8
 SERIES 2019-2020, FEBRUARY 2020

Please keep Past State Commander Sam Baldwin in your thoughts and prayers. PSC Baldwin is rehabilitating in Belpre, OH after amputation of a leg between the thigh and knee.

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	104.99%	9926 Mason	103.68%	9666 Sugar Grove	101.16%
3757 Burnsville	100%	5583 Coalton	100%	3522 Charles Town	107.76%
826 Kingwood	102.66%	5469 Glenville	100%	3008 Rowlesburg	102.94%

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>
2020	8,520	222	36	2,067	10,845	89.25%	58
2019	<u>9209</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>2,399</u>	<u>11,871</u>	<u>91.32%</u>	<u>47</u>
Difference	-689	+10	-15	-332	-1,026	-2.07%	+11

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 Reinstated Members contest leaders:

Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 36 (7); Bud Casto, Post 3522 Charles Town, 24 (4); Ray Varian, Post 9926 Mason, 12 (2); Bill Wilson, Post 7048 Fairmont, 11 (2); Bill Cusson, Post 4469 Beckley, 10 (2); Charlie Butta, Post 8363, 9 (1) Vern Anderson, Post 4442, 8 (1); Walter Wright, Post 1212 Parkersburg, 6 (1); Jim Talerico, Post 573, 6 (1); Kevin Link, Post 2102, 5 (1); Tim Sions, Post 9606 Moorefield, 5 (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	Chippis
District Three	Quinwood	May 2	1:00 pm	Elkins	Crouser
District Four	Wardensville	May 3	1:00 pm	Elkins	Creager
District Five	Madison	TBD	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 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

DATES TO REMEMBER (CONTINUED)

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. **POST COMMANDERS**: In accordance with Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure, Post officers shall be elected in April. You are encouraged to review Section 217 that explains the nomination, election and voting process, and installation of officers. Post Quartermasters will be receiving a 2020-2021 Election packet which contains specific instructions in filing the election report. The packet will also contain information regarding the 2020 National Convention.
5. **CHANGE OF LOCATION, MEETING PLACE, DAY OR TIME**: In accordance with Section 205 of the Manual of Procedure, a Post may, after at least 30 days written notice to the Department Commander and members of the Post, change its chartered location upon a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting. A Post may, after at least fourteen days written notice to the Department Commander and members of the Post, change its meeting place, appointed day or time upon a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting.
6. **SPECIAL MEETINGS**: Section 203 of the Manual of Procedure outlines the requirements for regular, special and committee meetings. The Post Adjutant shall give notice, in writing, of the time and place of any special meeting and of the business to be transacted, such notice to be given in such manner as to reasonably reach members at least 48 hours in advance of the time set for the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which the meeting is called for.
7. **POST COMMANDERS**: In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)h, the Post Commander is to assure that all dues and other monies due the National Headquarters and Department are forwarded promptly together with accurate reports and returns pertaining thereto.
8. **POST QUARTERMASTERS**: In accordance with Section 218(a)(5)d, Post Quartermasters are to receive annual membership dues and life membership fees and forward the Department and National dues and life membership fees immediately to Nation Headquarters as prescribed in Section 104.
9. **POST ADJUTANTS**: Section 218(a)(6)d lists the records the Post Adjutant shall maintain.
10. **NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS**: In accordance with Section 102 of the Manual of Procedure with respect to active duty military personnel currently performing service qualifying for membership, applications may be submitted on their behalf by a member who shall certify the requisite qualifications for membership based on personal knowledge concerning the applicant and shall be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Section 103.
11. **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.
12. **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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