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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2 Corrected Copy
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CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST STATE COMMANDER VERNON ANDERSON FOR EARNING 2020 ALL-AMERICAN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website, www.wvfw.org. Information is also posted on www.vfwv.com. Posts or Individuals who want a hard copy, send \$25 to VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

1. Membership is the life blood of this organization. For assistance with membership, contact Membership Chairman PSC Vernon Anderson at 304-559-2788. Life Members will not be reflected in the membership statistics until the September/October timeframe.

Recruiting Award: Congratulations to Joe Capito of Post 6450 Chester for winning the 2020 new or reinstated members contest.

2021 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 the 2021 Department Convention.

Recruit and/or Reinstate Members contest leaders:
 Ray Varian, Post 9926, 5 (1).

2021 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE: The top Post in each Department category that shows the largest membership percentage increase monthly will be put in to a drawing for \$100 to be used as the Post chooses.

2. **2020 ALL-STATE TEAM:** Congratulations to the following Districts and Posts for achieving All-State:

District 1	Post 2102 Wardensville	Post 4484 Quinwood	Post 7048 East Fairmont
District 4	Post 3081 Grafton	Post 4768 Alum Creek	Post 8363 Chesapeake
Post 573 Clarksburg	Post 3522 Charles Town	Post 5501 Ripley	Post 9666 Sugar Grove
Post 896 Martinsburg	Post 3526 New Cumberland	Post 6450 Chester	Post 9796 Milton
Post 1064 Huntington	Post 4442 Elm Grove	Post 6669 Ravenswood	Post 9926 Mason

3. **2020 ALL-AMERICAN TEAM:** Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving All-American:

Post 826 Kingwood	Post 3522 Charles Town	Post 6327 Sistersville
Post 2523 Bruceton Mills	Post 5469 Glenville	Post 8363 Chesapeake

4. **2021 DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

District One	Kingwood	Aug 23	1:00 pm	Elkins	Creager
District Two	Parkersburg	Aug 22	12:00 pm	Elliott	Chipps
District Three	Clarksburg	Aug 22	1:00 pm	Moske	Dolly
District Four	Wardensville	Aug 23	1:00 pm	Moske	Whytsell
District Five	Beckley	Aug 22	12:00 pm	Boggess	Hudson

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. Information for members to participate in the meeting electronically will be provided at a later date.

5. DATES TO REMEMBER:

5 th of each month	Post Community Service reports (dollars and hours) to District Commander
15 th of each month	District Commanders submit consolidated Community Service report to Dept HQS
Aug 15, 2020	VFW Department Golf Tournament, Canaan Valley Resort Davis, WV
Sep 12, 2020	School of Instruction for Council of Administration and District Inspectors
	Post 573 Clarksburg

6. DEPARTMENT OFFICER ELECTIONS: At the Council of Administration meeting on July 11th, the Council elected the following vacated Department offices:

Junior Vice Commander	Corrina Boggess, Post 8363 Chesapeake
Surgeon	Kami Elliott, Post 7048 East Fairmont
Quartermaster	S. Kevin Light, Post 4768 Alum Creek
Judge Advocate	NCM/PSC Todd Kingsbury, Post 3522 Charles Town
Chaplain	John Prichard, Post 8363 Chesapeake

7. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION: The Department School of Instruction for the Council of Administration and District Inspectors will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Post 573 Clarksburg beginning at 10:00 AM. Material will be given to the District Commanders to conduct their required District School of Instruction.

8. 2020 CENSUS: If you have not already done so, please take the time to complete the 2020 Census. Encourage those in your community to do so also. To date, 54% of citizens have completed the census. Go to www.census.gov to complete the census. The Census Bureau will begin door-to-door follow-up for non-responses to the mailings/postcards. Those communities around Posts who have achieved 70% or greater response rate are: Post 4442 Elm Grove (70.2%); Post 222 Saint Marys (70%); Post 6418 Saint Albans (73.1%); Post 6106 Summersville (72%); Post 9097 Hurricane (73.2%).

9. BUDDY POPPY ORDERS: The Buddy Poppy assembly centers are back up and running. Posts and Auxiliaries must submit separate Buddy Poppy orders to receive the proper credit for ordering Poppies. For 2021 All-State eligibility a Post must order a minimum of 1,000 Poppies. For 2021 All-American eligibility, a Post must order a minimum of 5 Poppies per member based on the Adjusted Prior Year total reflected in the membership statistics. The minimum number of Poppies one can order is 500.

10. 2020-2021 COMMUNITY SERVICE: Posts are requested to provide their District Commander with the hours contributed and money spent by members and the Auxiliary (if applicable) on community service by the 5th of each month. District Commanders are to forward a consolidated report by the 15th of each month to State Headquarters via email at vfwqm@frontier.com or phone at (304) 768-7514.

11. ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER BONDS: Current Accountable Officer bonds expire on August 31st. New applications and a rate sheet have been sent to all Quartermasters. In accordance with Section 703 of the National Bylaws, the Post Commander is responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers.

10. POST DONATIONS: Each year we request Posts to donate \$275 to support the VFW Programs. These donations offset the cost of donations to the VA Medical Centers, Veterans Nursing Home, Veterans Home, and recognition provided to VFW Programs participants. The entire \$275 does not need to be donated at one time. Forward checks to Department Headquarters earmarked for VFW Programs.

12. NATIONAL BYLAWS, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE AND RITUAL: Since there was no National Convention where the delegates could vote on changes to the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, the 2020 Podium Edition of the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual remains in effect through 2021. Each Post is required to have a copy of the podium edition. They are available to order from the VFW Store www.vfwstore.org, item number 04108.

12. DEPARTMENT GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Department Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 15th at Canaan Valley State Park beginning at 1:30 PM. One of the biggest fundraisers 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 will be provided in separate correspondence. Canaan Valley is a beautiful course and fun will be had by all.

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