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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6
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1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Significant progress was made last month towards our goal of 90% in membership by December 31st. We are currently at 87.16%, 340 members short of the goal. We gained eight 100% or better Posts last month. There are 27 Posts who need 10 or less members to become 100%. There are 444 members who wanted to be members at one time that have let their dues expire. Continue to work your unpaid/expired list. 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.

Congratulations to the following 100% Posts:

6450 Chester	101.80%	8614 Craigsville	113.94%	6153 Chapmanville	113.04%
2102 Wardensville	101.16%	3408 West Union	103.77%	9926 Mason	100.55%
3522 Charles Town	100.86%	1064 Huntington	100.85%	4326 Sophia	100%
4469 Beckley	102.52%	7695 Ansted	100%	8364 Oceana	101.49%

2. **MEMBERSHIP INCREASE CONTEST:** Congratulations to Post 1064 Huntington for winning the October membership increase contest. Other Posts in the drawing were Post 222 Saint Marys, Post 1144 Iaeger, Post 2102 Wardensville and Post 573 Clarksburg. The top Post in each State 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.

3. **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 State Convention.

Recruit and/or Reinstate Members contest leaders:

Joe Capito, Post 6450, 22 (4); Ray Varian, Post 9926, 13 (2); Bud Casto, Post 3522, 8 (1); David Moske II, Post 1064, 8 (1); Chuck Laugh, Post 6327, 6 (1); Walter Wright, Post 1212, 5 (1); John Oliverio, Post 629, 5 (1); Charlie Butta, Post 8363, 5 (1), Kelly Goddard, Post 4469, 5 (1).

4. **2021 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**

District One	Chester	April 25	1:00 pm	Elliott	Crum
District Two	Elkview	April 24	12:00 pm	Elkins	Hudson
District Three	Grafton	April 24	12:00 pm	Elliot	Whytsell
District Four	Charles Town	April 25	1:00 pm	Bogges	Chipps
District Five	9738 Huntington	April 24	12:00 pm	Moske	Dolly

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 prior to the meeting.

Due to the current restrictions due to COVID 19, holding joint meetings and serving lunch prior to the Meetings may be canceled.

Time listed above is lunch time. Schedule subject to change.

We will continue to offer Post representation electronically via the computer or phone via ZOOM.

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 State HQS.
Nov 30, 2020	Post Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher entries due to Districts.
Dec 1, 2020	Public Servant of the Year entries due to Posts.
Dec 16, 2020	Post Public Servant entries to District.
Dec 20, 2020	District Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year entries due HQS.
Dec 29, 2020	District Public Servant entries to State HQS.
Jan 15, 2021	District Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Chairman report to State HQS.
Jan 15, 2021	State Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy winners to National HQS.
Jan 30, 2021	Post Trustees Quarterly Audit covering Oct 1 – Dec 31 to State HQS.
Jan 31, 2021	State Teacher of the Year selections to National HQS.
Jan 22-24, 2021	Mid-Winter Conference, DoubleTree, Huntington.
Feb 1, 2021	State Public Servants of the Year selections to National HQS.
Mar 1, 2021	Scout of the Year entries to Post.
Mar 15, 2021	Post Scout of the Year entry to District.

6. **ADDITIONAL CHANGE TO THE ALL-STATE PROGRAM:** Commander Moske has changed the All-State requirement for Posts to hold an outreach event in each half of the fiscal year to holding one outreach event for the year, and has removed the requirement for the District to hold a recruiting event in conjunction with the membership round-up as a District requirement to be eligible for All-State.

7. **COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:** Included with these General Orders is a message from Commander-in-Chief Roesch reminding Posts, Districts and Departments to follow local, state and federal COVID-19 restrictions. Also included as a reminder is a copy of Executive Order 1 providing direction to Posts, Districts and Departments on conducting business during the pandemic.

8. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE:** At the present time the Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 22-24 at the DoubleTree (formerly Pullman Plaza) in Huntington. Depending on COVID restrictions, a determination whether to conduct the conference will be made by the middle of January. Individuals who plan to attend the banquet are encouraged to send in their registration. Refunds will be issued if the conference is not held.

9. **POST CONSOLIDATION:** National General Orders No. 5, 2020-21 series, will announce the consolidation of Greater Kanawha-Ralph Stump Memorial Post No. 3466 and El-Kana Post No. 8129. The consolidated Post is to be known as Capital city Post No. 3466, Charleston, West Virginia.

10. **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN AND TEACHER ENTRIES:** Posts with multiple entries are asked to share their packages with Posts that do not have an entry. If you are in need of an entry, please contact State HQS.

11. **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** In observance of Thanksgiving, National HQS will close at noon on November 25th and reopen for business on Monday, November 30th. National HQS will be closed for Christmas and New Years from December 24th to January 4th.

12. **POST COMMANDERS:** Post Commanders are reminded in accordance with Section 218(a)(1)i are to assure that all reports are correctly prepared and promptly forwarded, that all the business of the Post is handled with dispatch and that all necessary licenses and permits are obtained for proper operation. This includes Post Trustees Report of Quarterly Audits turned in to State HQS no later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, annual income taxes are filed by March 15 if reporting period is January 1 to December 31 or November 15 if reporting period is July 1 to June 30, and accountable officers are properly bonded. Posts not in compliance will be receiving letters with deadlines to provide missing documents to State HQS. District Commanders are provided a copy of Posts not in compliance on a regular basis. If you are in question of being in compliance, contact your District Commander or State HQS.

13. **POST QUARTERMASTERS**: Post Quartermasters are reminded in accordance with Section 218(a)(1)(5)b, Post Quartermasters are to collect all monies due the Post, giving receipt therefore, and have charge of the funds, securities and other property of the Post, all of which shall be placed in their care. The Quartermaster shall be the accountable officer of the Post and the Treasurer of all committees handling funds.

14. **PROOF OF TAX FILING AND INSURANCE**: Posts are reminded to provide a copy of proof of 2019 income tax filings and proof of insurance showing the period of coverage to State HQS.

15. **VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**: Life Membership with the VFW National Home for Children only costs \$50. A Post will earn 20 Post and Post Commander of the Year points for each new National Home Life Member (maximum 10 members.) Additionally, each Post will earn 300 (maximum) Post and Post Commander of the Year points for a \$50 donation to the West Virginia House at the National Home.

16. **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 State Headquarters earmarked for VFW Programs.

17. **DECEASED MEMBERS**: Please keep the family of the deceased members in your thoughts and prayers. A list of those who have passed since October 26th is enclosed.

18. **STATE CENTENIAL CELEBRATION**: Included with these General Orders is a picture of a centennial coin and pin designed by the 100th Anniversary Committee. Pins and coins will be available to purchase at the Mid-Winter Conference. If the Conference is not held due to the pandemic, coins and pins will be given to the State representative at the District Conventions in April. The committee is asking for Posts to hold a fundraiser with proceeds donated to the committee, or send a monetary donation to State HQS. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Committee Chairman Jeff Elkins at 304-373-9100, or via email at macmjte@yahoo.com.

19. **POST EVENTS**: A Post that has an upcoming event they want publicized to promote participation, send the information to State Headquarters to be posted on Facebook and distributed via email.

20. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIORS OUTREACH (PHWWO)**: Richard Ogden (Post 9666 Sugar Grove) is the President of the PHWWO. Bernie Corley (Post 410 Belington) is the Vice President. For more information, contact the PHWWO at 304-545-8599, PO Box 1225 Buckhannon, WV 26201. More information may be found on www.phwwow.com.

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