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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 9
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Please keep the family of Post 6454 Petersburg Commander Stephen Rexrode in your thoughts and prayers. Commander Rexrode passed away on February 11th due to COVID complications. Also please keep State Junior Vice Commander Corrina Boggess and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Their father is currently in the hospital.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** We have been maintaining 9th place in the National standings, 619 short of 100%. We still have plenty of expired members who wanted to be members at one time. Continue to work your unpaid/expired list. For assistance with membership, contact Membership Chairman PSC Vernon Anderson at 304-559-2788.

Congratulations to the following 100% Posts and District:

6450 Chester	103.46%	8614 Craigs ville	134.48%	6153 Chapmanville	119.56%
2102 Wardensville	102.92%	3408 West Union	113.20%	9926 Mason	100.74%
3522 Charles Town	104.76%	1064 Huntington	102%	4326 Sophia	105.51%
4469 Beckley	116.80%	7695 Ansted	100%	8364 Oceana	102.98%
4595 Marlinton	103.33%	6667 Fort Ashby	107.35%	7780 Mathias	100%
1144 Iaeger	100%	8413 Welch	104%	548 Morgantown	1001.33%
629 Fairmont	100.76%	826 Kingwood	102.53%	4419 Clay	120%
5269 Belle	100%	5501 Ripley	101.86%	3757 Burnsville	100%
9666 Sugar Grove	100%	4500 Hinton	100%	9796 Milton	103.57%
3526 New Cumberland	101.04%	8516 Elkview	102.94%	410 Belington	100.44%
1976 Weston	100%	6737 Renick	100%	9097 Hurricane	102.71%
District 5	100.31%				

2. **MEMBERSHIP INCREASE CONTEST:** Congratulations to Post 4419 Clay for winning the January membership increase contest again. Other Posts in the drawing were Post 1212 Parkersburg, Post 5501 Ripley, Post 6327 Sistersville/Post 3081 Grafton (tie) and Post 3757 Burnsville. 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, 32 (6); Ray Varian, Post 9926, 14 (2); PSC Kelly Goddard, Post 4469, 13 (2); Bud Casto, Post 3522, 12 (2); John Oliverio, Post 629, 11 (2); David Moske II, Post 1064, 10, (2); Chuck Laugh, Post 6327, 7 (1); Walter Wright, Post 1212, 6 (1); Charlie Butta, Post 8363, 6 (1); Rusty Jarvis, Post 8614, 6 (1); PSC Gary Miller, Post 896, 6 (1); Kevin Link, Post 2102, 6 (1); Donna Hergenrether, Post 573, 5 (1); Dell Way, Post 4326, 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	Anderson	Whytsell
District Four	Charles Town	April 25	1:00 pm	Moske	Chipps
District Five	9738 Huntington	April 24	12:00 pm	Boggess	Dolly

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.
Mar 1, 2021	Scout of the Year entries to Post.
Mar 15, 2021	Post Scout of the Year entry to District.
Apr 1, 2021	District Scout of the Year selection to State HQS.
Apr 16, 2021	Post Community Service Log to District Commander.
Apr 24/25, 2021	Post Delegate list to District and State Quartermaster.
Apr 27, 2021	District Community Service Log selection to State HQS
Apr 31, 2021	January 1 – March 31 Trustee reports to State HQS
May 1, 2021	State Community Service selection to National HQS
May 1, 2021	Cutoff for Post and District All-State requirements
May 1, 2021	Bob and Rosa Kusterer JROTC Cadet of the Year nominations to State HQS
May 1, 2021	State Scout of the Year selection to National HQS
May 15, 2021	Rich Homan Award nominations to State HQS
May 15, 2021	All-State Team selected
June 1, 2021	Complete Post and District Election reports to Dept and National HQS

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.

6. **UPDATE TO DISTRICT ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS:** Commander Moske has modified the requirement of Post Inspections to be completed. Post inspections are to be completed by the District Convention and discrepancies completed by the State Convention.

7. **2022 POST ELECTIONS:** Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Nomination of Post Officers shall open in March and remain open until elections in April. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to State or National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1.

8. **UNDELIVERABLE ADDRESSES:** Undeliverable addresses of Post members are indicated in red in OMS. This means members are not receiving correspondence from National or their VFW magazine. Posts should attempt to contact members whose addresses are undeliverable and update their contact information. If an address is indicated as undeliverable but is a valid address, notify the Member Service Center at 833-839-8387 and provide them with the membership number and let them know it is a valid address.

9. **POST DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTION:** In accordance with Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure, delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of March 31st. Delegate forms for Posts to complete and send to their District Adjutant and State HQS will be provided with the April General Orders. In accordance with

10: **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE:** In accordance with Section 222 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure, each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through OMS, or by submitting their registration form included in the election package mailed to all Post Quartermasters.

11. **POST DELEGATE FEE TO THE STATE CONVENTION:** In accordance with Article IV Section 3 of the State Bylaws, each Post shall pay a Department Convention delegate fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for every delegate each Post is entitled and five dollars (\$5.00) for the Post Commander not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of the convention. Post Quartermasters will be notified of their amount to pay after delegate strength is determined based on the March 31st membership statistics.

12. **WORLD WAR II VETERAN IN NEED**: A World War II veteran in Saint Albans needs \$2,830 in financial assistance to replace his roof. To date we have received \$1,250 in pledges from Posts, leaving \$1,580 in need. If a Post can pledge any amount of money, please contact State HQS.
13. **VFW DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**: State HQS has received a financial request from the VFW Department of Texas to help their Posts recuperate from significant damages caused by the recent ice and snow storms. Donations can be sent to VFW Department of Texas, PO Box 14468 Austin, TX 78761.
14. **FRATERNAL BUSINESS OF THE ORGANIZATION**: Executive Order NO. 1 signed by Commander-in-Chief Roesch on July 29, 2020, authorizes the organization to conduct the fraternal business of the organization via electronic means. Included is a guide on how to use Zoom to conduct such businesses. There is no cost for a basic account with ZOOM.
15. **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.
16. **DECEASED MEMBERS**: Please keep the family of the deceased members in your thoughts and prayers. A list of those who have passed since January 2December 21st is enclosed.
17. **STATE CENTENIAL CELEBRATION**: Order forms for the Centennial coin and pin are included with these General Orders. They will be available for purchase from the State representative at the District Conventions in April. Price for a coin is \$10 and pin \$5. 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 macmite@yahoo.com.
18. **CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION MESSAGES**: The 100th Anniversary Committee is requesting Posts to visit their state elected officials to record a short video congratulating the VFW for our 100 years of service to veterans, their families and the community. Videos can be emailed to State HQS or Jennifer Wenner at Jennifer Wenner (wennerjena@gmail.com). Make sure you include the name and office the official holds. The videos will be shown throughout the convention and at the convention banquet.
19. **2021 HOME DEPOT COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT**: Post may now apply for a Home Depot grant. Information and the application can be found by cutting and pasting <https://corporate.homedepot.com/foundation/communityimpactgrants> in your browser address line. Telephone calls, emails or written submissions sent to Home Depot will **NOT** be accepted, nor will you be able to turn this application in at your local Home Depot store.
20. **NEW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN LIFE MEMBERS**: Submit names of those Post members who have obtained Life Membership with the National Home for Children since July 1, 2020 to State HQS to receive credit on the Post and Post Commander of the Year competition.
21. **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.

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