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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
 SERIES 2021-2022, JULY 2021

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1. At the 100th Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars State of West Virginia held at the Resort at Glade Springs, Daniels, WV June 17-20, 2021, I, Jeffrey T. Elkins, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National Bylaws, do hereby assume command. All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 30, 2021, except those set forth in the bylaws.

2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Congratulations to all the District and Post Commanders for their diligent work helping us achieve 100%+ in membership. For assistance with membership, contact Membership Chairman PSC Vernon Anderson at 304-559-2788.

100% Posts and Districts:

6450 Chester	107.08%	8614 Craigsville	141.37%	6153 Chapmanville	120.65%
2102 Wardensville	104.09%	3408 West Union	113.20%	9926 Mason	101.11%
3522 Charles Town	108.87%	1064 Huntington	102.86%	4326 Sophia	134.48%
4469 Beckley	126.05%	7695 Ansted	101.21%	8364 Oceana	102.98%
4595 Marlinton	105%	6667 Fort Ashby	113097%	7780 Mathias	100%
1144 Iaeger	101.88%	8413 Welch	104%	548 Morgantown	102%
629 Fairmont	103.29%	826 Kingwood	102.53%	4419 Clay	121.66%
5269 Belle	110.34%	5501 Ripley	102.79%	3757 Burnsville	100%
9666 Sugar Grove	103.33%	4500 Hinton	164.51%	9796 Milton	105.35%
3526 New Cumberland	101.04%	8516 Elkview	104.41%	410 Belington	104.48%
1976 Weston	100%	6737 Renick	100%	9097 Hurricane	106.78%
8363 Chesapeake	106.93%	6669 Ravenswood	100.75%	7048 East Fairmont	100.33%
222 Saint Marys	100%	9738 East Huntington	100.38%	2345 Tunnelton	101.85%
2716 Weirton	100.39%	9916 Westover	100.64%	3663 Buckhannon	100%
896 Martinsburg	100.61%	3738 Webster Springs	124.39%	5781 Harman	100%
4484 Quinwood	101.14%	4768 Alum Creek	101.13%	4019 Berkeley Springs	102.88%
6723 Alderson	100%	1589 Masontown	101.14%	6327 Sistersville	100%
5469 Glenville	106.45%	3647 Elkins	100%	8364 Oceana	102.98%
District 1	100.03%	District 2	100.96%	District 4	101.70%
District 5	107.48%				

Recruiting Award: Congratulations to Steven Luthardt of Post 4019 Berkeley Springs for winning the Recruiting/reinstating drawing and winning an upgrade to Bronze Legacy Life Member. This competition will continue. 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 2022 State Convention.

3. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:

District One	Kingwood	Aug 29	1:00 pm
District Two	Mason	Aug 21	12:00 pm
District Three	Clarksburg	Aug 21	1:00 pm
District Four	Wardensville	Aug 29	1:00 pm
District Five	Sophia	Aug 21	12:00 pm

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

4. DATES TO REMEMBER:

7 th of each month	Post Community Service reports (dollars and hours) to District Commander
20 th of each month	District Commanders submit consolidated Community Service report to Dept HQS
July 10, 2021	School of Instruction, 10 AM Post 4326 Sophia
July 24, 2021	School of Instruction, 10 AM, Post 573 Clarksburg
July 31, 2021	Post Trustees Quarterly Audit due State HQS
Aug 14, 2021	VFW State Golf Tournament, Canaan Valley Resort Davis, WV
July 30-Aug 3, 2021	National Convention, Kansas City, KS

5. **2022 POST MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION:** The Post in each State Category with the highest membership percentage increase monthly will be put into a drawing to receive \$100 to use as they will. Membership percentage will be based on membership statistics on the 1st day of each month.

6. **STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS:** On June 19, 2021 at the 100th State Convention, the delegates attending the convention elected the following to the 2021-2022 Council of Administration:

Commander	Jeff Elkins, Post 6669 Ravenswood
Senior Vice Commander	Corrina Boggess, Post 8363 Chesapeake
Junior Vice Commander	Kami Elliott, Post 7048 East Fairmont
Surgeon	David Sisler, Post 4442 Elm Grove
Quartermaster	Kevin Light, Post 4768 Alum Creek
Judge Advocate	PSC Vernon Anderson, Post 4442 Elm Grove
Chaplain	John Prichard, Post 8363 Chesapeake
*Past State Commander	PSC David Moske II, Post 1064 Huntington

*Immediate Past State Commander is automatically a member of the Council of Administration

Commander Elkins made the following appointments to the Council of Administration:

Inspector	Kevin Link, Post 2102 Wardensville
Adjutant	Kevin Light, Post 4768 Alum Creek
Chief of Staff	PSC Randall Bare, Post 6669 Ravenswood
Service Officer	David Sisler, Post 4442 Elm Grove
Sergeant at Arms	Richard Ogden, Post 9666 Sugar Grove

District Commanders elected at District Conventions:

District 1	Chad Blewitt, Post 6450 Chester
District 2	William White, Jr, Post 3466 Charleston
District 3	Donna Hergenrether, Post 573 Clarksburg
District 4	Joe Creager, Post 3522 Charles Town
District 5	Kevin Meadows, Post 4326 Sophia

7. **COMMANDER CALENDAR:** Any Post requesting the presence of Commander Elkins through June 2022 need to send a request in writing to Department Headquarters.

8. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION:** There are two schools of instruction; Saturday July 10 beginning at 10 AM at Post 4326 Sophia and Saturday, July 24 beginning at 10 AM at Post 573 Clarksburg. All Post Officers are encouraged to attend one of these Schools of Instruction. Commander Manuals will be handed out at the Schools. **District and Post Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants are required to attend a School of Instruction to be eligible for All-State.**

9. **POST COMMANDERS:** In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)j of the Manual of Procedure, Post Commanders are to assure that the Post Trustees have examined the books and records of the Post and prepared the Post Trustees Quarterly Report of Audit no later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period.

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

11. **POST TRUSTEES:** In accordance with Section 218(a)(11)b of the Manual of Procedure, within thirty (30) 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 Trustees Report of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector.

12. **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.

13. **VFW YOUTH CAMP:** Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Council of Administration has voted to cancel the Youth Camp this year. Plans are being made for the 2022 Youth Camp at Camp Appalachia in Scott Depot, WV.

14. **STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The State Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 14th 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.

15. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIORS OUTREACH (PHWWO) FUNDRAISER:** The PHWWO would like to thank the VFW and Auxiliary members who volunteered to have their hair cut at the State Convention to raise money for the organization. The women raised over \$9,000. The PHWWO is an all-volunteer organization with no paid employees. They can always use your donations to purchase updated equipment, insurance and for participants, and other administrative expenses. Donations can be sent to PHWWO, PO Box 1225, Buckhannon, WV 26201. Any questions please contact Richard Ogden at 304-545-8599. PSC Jim Talerico has 2 ladies to volunteer for next year, he needs more. Contact Jim at 304-677-0080.

OFFICIAL: _____
S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT
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BY ORDER OF:
Jeffrey T. Elkins, COMMANDER
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