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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 10
SERIES 2019-2020, APRIL 2020

Please keep Department Surgeon Bud Newbrough in your thoughts and prayers. Bud became ill visiting family in Texas, where he remains for treatment.

1. **MEMBERSHIP**: Due to the Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order, now is the time to check up on your members, especially the elderly. Posts are strongly encouraged to use their Relief Fund for those unpaid members who have been impacted economically by the current situation.

Congratulations to the following Posts for obtaining 100% in membership:

6450 Chester	105.31%	9926 Mason	104.66%	9666 Sugar Grove	102.32%
3757 Burnsville	100%	5583 Coalton	100%	3522 Charles Town	111.52%
826 Kingwood	104%	5469 Glenville	107.14%	3008 Rowlesburg	105.88%
1976 Weston	100%	2102 Wardensville	100%	6669 Ravenswood	100.76
8363 Chesapeake	106.52%	8364 Oceana	100%	9097 Hurricane	100.46%

Membership comparison between March 2019 and March 2020:

	Life	New	Reinstated	Annual	Total	Percentage	N/R to Life
2020	8566	281	43	2,497	11,387	93.71%	75
2019	9256	292	82	2,763	12,393	95.34%	65
Difference	-690	-11	-39	-266	-1,006	-1.63%	+10

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 Reinstate Members contest leaders:

Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 38 (7); Bud Casto, Post 3522 Charles Town, 27 (5); Joe Creager, Post 3522 Charles Town, 17 (3); Ray Varian, Post 9926 Mason, 16 (3), Randy DeLawder, Post 3522 Charles Town, 14 (2); Bill Wilson, Post 7048 Fairmont, 13 (2); Charlie Butta, Post 8363 Chesapeake, 13 (2); Bill Cusson, Post 4469 Beckley, 10 (2); Vern Anderson, Post 4442, 9 (1); Walter Wright, Post 1212 Parkersburg, 9 (1); Kevin Link, Post 2102 Wardensville, 7 (1); Jim Talerico, Post 573, 6 (1); Tim Sions, Post 9606 Moorefield, 6 (1); Chuck Laugh, Post 6327 Sistersville, 5 (1); Scott Bitner, Post 3081 Grafton 5(1); Dale Way, Post 4326 Sofia, 5 (1); Mark Harry, Post 9796 Milton, 5 (1).

2. **2020 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**:

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the District meetings have been moved to the last weekend in May. The locations with a question mark beside them may change. Department representation may change also.

District One	Kingwood (?)	***May 31***	1:00 pm	Moske	Whytsell
District Two	Chesapeake	***May 30***	12:00 pm	***Anderson***	Chipps
District Three	Quinwood (?)	***May 30***	1:00 pm	Elkins	Crouser
District Four	Wardensville	***May 31***	1:00 pm	Elkins	Creager
District Five	Madison (?)	***May 30***	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:**

5th of each month	Post Community Service reports to District Commander
15th of each month	District CDR submit consolidated Community Service report to State HQS
Apr 1, 2020	District Scout of the Year entry to State HQS
Apr 16, 2020	Post Community Service Log to District
Apr 30, 2020	Quarterly audits for 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2020 due to Department HQS
May 1, 2020	Bob and Rosa Kusterer JROTC Cadet of the Year nominations to Dept HQS
May 15, 2020	Rich Homan Award nominations to Department HQS
May 15, 2020	All-State Team selection
Jun 1, 2020	Complete Post Election Reports to National and Department HQS
Jun 18-21, 2020	Department Convention, Glade Springs Resort Daniels, WV

4. **COVID-19 SITUATION**: Under the direction and recommendations of various agencies and elected officials, day-to-day operations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been deeply impacted. Accompanying these General Orders is an Executive Order from the Commander-in-Chief and additional correspondence to Department Commanders.

- We remain flexible regarding the timeliness of Scout of the Year packages from the District the Department Headquarters, submitting Post Quarterly Audits due April 30th and Posts holding 2020-2021 Post Elections.
- Posts are encouraged to continue Post meetings via various methods (conference calls, video teleconference, etc.) If a Post cannot hold elections the current officers remain in place until elections can be held.
- District Conventions have been moved to the last weekend in May. Pre-determined locations and Department representation may change. The dates may move again depending on further developments regarding the current pandemic.
- Post Community Service logs are still due to the District Commanders April 16th.
- The School of Instruction being planned for May 30th will be moved.
- At the present time there is not a move to postpone the Department Convention.
- At the present time there is not a move to postpone the National Convention.
- At the present time there is not a move the dates of the Youth Camp.
- Post delegate strength and Post delegate convention fees will still be established using the March 31st membership statistics.

Additional correspondence/guidance from National or Department Headquarters will be provided Posts are to follow the procedures for conducting elections in April as prescribed in Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure. Installing officers will see that the provisions of Section 216 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure are properly carried out and that all officers are members in good standing and qualified to hold office prior to installing Post officers. Post officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed.

5. **POST SPECIAL PROJECT AWARD**: Posts or Districts who conducted a special project that may be worthy of National recognition can submit an entry in the form of a record book (binder) and the included application with these General Orders. Entries must be postmarked by midnight April 30th.

6. **2020 NATIONAL CENSUS**: Please take the time to complete the 2020 National Census. If you did not receive a notice in the mail, go to https://2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete the census.

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