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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2
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All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60909>. Posts or individuals who want a hard copy of the General Orders and accompanying documents, send \$25 to VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

1. **MEMBERSHIP**: The new membership year has begun. We need 10,636 members to achieve 100% in the 2022-2023 membership year. This is very achievable. Each District has a VFW canopy for recruiting events. Contact your District Commander to arrange to use the canopy. For recruiting and membership assistance contact Richard Ogden 304-545-8599, or via email at reogden@yahoo.com. Remember, membership is the life blood of this organization.

2. **UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

Districts serve lunch before meeting. Time listed is lunch time.

District 1	629 Fairmont	August 28	1:00 PM
District 2	Mason	August 20	12:00 PM
District 3	Clarksburg	August 20	12:00 PM
District 4	Keyser	August 28	1:00 PM
District 5	Sophia	August 20	12:00 PM

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.

3. **MODIFICATIONS TO STATE BYLAWS**: National has approved modifications to the State Bylaws as approved by the delegates at the State Convention. An updated version can be found on our website <https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/WV2022AmendedBylaws.pdf>. A copy of the Bylaws are included in the Department Directory which will be distributed to Posts within the next few days.

4. **CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE, RITUAL AND RESOLUTIONS RESULTS**: The results of the proposed changes to the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual approved by the delegates at the National Convention can be found at <https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/123rdVFWNationalConventionProposedBylawsManualofProcedureRitual-ResolutionsResults.pdf>. These changes will be reflected in the 2023 Podium Edition.

5. **2023 NATIONAL BYLAWS PODIUM EDITION**: Pre-order your 2023 National Bylaws Podium Edition through the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org, product code 04108. In accordance with Section 218.a(6)e, the Post Adjutant is to maintain a current copy of the Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and copies of the Bylaws of the Post, Department and District.

6. **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:** There will be no School of Instruction on August 6th. We are conducting a State-level School of Instruction in each District at a location with classroom and computer lab space. More information will be provided when known.
7. **2022-2023 ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE BONDS.** Current Accountable Officer and Employee bonds expire on August 31, 2022. 2022-23 bond applications and rate sheets have been sent to all Posts. The forms and cost of the bonds can be found on our website <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60863>. In accordance with Section 703 of the National Bylaws, all officers accountable for funds must be bonded. Additionally, the Post Commander is required to ensure the Post Quartermaster is bonded in accordance with Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure.
8. **VFW PROGRAMS:** Schools will be in session soon. The current Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year applications are now available on our website <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp> under the drop-down menu "Programs." You can also access the information on the VFW National website <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships> and <https://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year>. Due date to Posts for all entries is October 31, 2022.
9. **2022-2023 COMMANDER'S MANUAL AND NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:** Commander Boggess' manual have been mailed to Posts who did not have representation at the State Convention. The manual contains the 2023 National Membership Program which contains the All-American Post, District and Department requirements. The Commander's manual is available on our website <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60882>. Now is the time to review all the All-State and All-American requirements.
11. **QUARTERLY AUDITS:** Post Commanders are responsible for ensuring Post Trustees properly complete the Post Trustees Report of Quarterly Audit 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter. To make sure the audit is completed properly, follow the Audit Completion Checklist at [https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/Auditcompletionchecklist\(1\).pdf](https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/Auditcompletionchecklist(1).pdf)
12. **BUDDY POPPY ORDERS:** Now is the time to order your Veterans Day Buddy Poppies. Due to the high demand on Buddy Poppies, National requests a 6 to 8-week lead-time on Poppy orders. A Poppy Order form can be found at <https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/BuddyPoppyOrderFormrev070621.pdf>.
13. **OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:** All elected and appointed Post and District Officers are encouraged to review section 218/418 of the Manual of Procedure to be familiar with their roles and responsibilities as officers.
14. **2022 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE:** The VFW State of North Carolina will be hosting the 2022 Southern Conference 27-30 October, 2022 in Asheville, NC. For hotel information and registration forms, see <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60904>.
15. **COMMANDER CALENDAR:** Any Post requesting the presence of Commander Boggess through June 2023 need to send a request in writing to State Headquarters.

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BY ORDER OF:
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