

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED  
STATES**

**2024-2025**

**COMMANDER'S MANUAL**



**RICHARD E. OGDEN  
COMMANDER**

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## A Message from the Commander

As a new leadership year begins, so does new ideas. Let's put behind us "That's how we have always done it". I want to challenge everyone to try something new, ask the members if they have any new ideas. If we are trying, we are moving forward.

Your comrades have chosen you to lead this effort. As your Commander, I will be asking you to go the extra mile, I want to make sure every Post and Auxiliary member is included in all information distribution. I never want to hear again, "No one Tells Us Anything". We are one team working towards honoring our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate sacrifice. We have a mission of helping our comrades in need.

Our brothers and sisters in the VFW Auxiliary are a very large part of the organization. This year you will see us working together more. Their voices will be heard, we may not always agree with them, but we will work together to better our organization.

Strengthening the organization will be the main focus for the next year. The stronger our Posts and Auxiliaries are, the stronger the entire organization will be.

Respectfully

RICHARD E. OGDEN  
Department Commander  
VFW State of West Virginia

"LET US TRY"

## ALL-STATE DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

### 2024-2025

1. Districts must achieve 100% in membership by May 1, 2025.
2. Districts must conduct two recruiting events, enter into the Dashboard.
3. Districts submit one Patriot's Pen and one Voice of Democracy entry to State for judging.
4. Districts submit one entry for Teacher of the Year from one of the three categories (Elementary, Middle School, and High School) for State judging.
5. Districts submit one entry for Public Servant of the Year in one of three categories (Law Enforcement/Firefighter/EMT) for State judging.
6. District Commander, or Senior Vice Commander (if District Commander is unavailable), attend all Council of Administration meetings.
7. District Commander, District Quartermaster & Adjutant attend a least one School of Instruction (SOI)
8. District must conduct a School of Instruction (SOI) for Posts.
9. District must be in good standing with National By-Laws.

## DISTRICT/POST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Section 213, Article II, National Bylaw's:

Any post in the areas for any financial obligations to the District, Department, or National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of the Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, **shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department, and National Conventions.** Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

### PROGRAM AND REQUIRED REPORTING DEADLINES

Post Quarter Bond <b>DUE EVERY YEAR</b>	<u>August 31</u>
Voice of Democracy Entries to Post	<u>October 31</u>
Patriot's Pen Entries to Post	<u>October 31</u>
Citizenship Education Teacher Entries to Post	<u>October 31</u>
Post Voice of Democracy Entries to District	<u>November 29</u>
Post Patriot's Pen Entries	<u>November 29</u>
Post Citizenship Education Teacher to Program Chairman	<u>November 29</u>
Post Public Servant Entries (one each Law/FF/EMT to District	<u>November 29</u>
District Voice of Democracy Selection to VOD/PP to State HQ's	<u>December 20</u>
District Patriot's Pen Selection to VOD/PP to State HQ's	<u>December 20</u>
District Teacher of the Year Entry (one entry only) to State HQ's	<u>January 15</u>
District Public Servant of the Year (one each Law/FF/EMT to State HQ's	<u>January 15</u>
Scout of the Year Entries to Post	<u>March 1</u>
Post Scout of the Year to State HQ's	<u>April 1</u>
State Community Service winner to National	<u>April 15</u>
Proof of 2023 tax filings on file at State HQ's	<u>May 1</u>
Post Requirements for All-State	<u>May 1</u>
Rich Homan submissions to State HQ's	<u>May 1</u>

### COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

Post Commanders, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Adjutant and Quartermaster have the ability to report Community Service events on the All-American Dashboard as they occur within the month. The report from the post will automatically upload to the State Headquarters (for approval or disapproval). Posts are requested to include Auxiliary community service separately in the All-American dashboard, if applicable

## **2024-2025 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

### **DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR**

The District Commander who meets all of the All-State District Requirements, achieves the highest percentage in District membership, and completes all District reporting requirements will receive the Commander's Award for Excellence at the State Convention.

### **POST/POST COMMANDER OF THE YEAR**

The top Post/Post Commander in each of the five (5) categories will be designated as Post/Post Commander of the Year. Selection will require meeting all the Post All-State Requirements in addition to remaining in good standing throughout the entire year.

### **ALL STATE TEAM CAPTAIN**

The State Commander will select the overall, All-State Team Commander who will be named All-State Captain and will receive an All-State Team Captain hat at the State Convention. If the Commander has already received an All-State Team Captain hat, other recognition identifying the Commander as All-State Team Captain will be presented.

### **AWARDS FOR ALL-STATE TEAM COMMANDER AND QUARTERMASTER**

- ❖ An official All-State Team hat (for first time awardees only)
- ❖ All-state embroidered apparel if hat already received.
- ❖ An All-State year bar for repeat recipients.
- ❖ Commander's Coin
- ❖ \$200 for the post to be used at the members' discretion.

## **ROBERT (BOB) AND ROSA KUSTERER JROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, State of West Virginia is proud to announce that a \$750 Scholarship is being awarded to the top JROTC Cadet in the State. This award is named the Robert M. (Bob) and Rosa Kusterer JROTC Scholarship in honor of the late State Junior Vice Commander, Robert M. Kusterer and his wife Rosa.

The winning Cadet in the state will be given a check in the amount of \$750 to be used as needed to further their education (i.e. clothing, books, etc.)

The following criteria has been established for each nominee (only one nominee from each school).

### **CRITERIA:**

1. Positive attitude toward the JROTC Program.
2. Outstanding military bearing and conduct in and out of uniform.
3. Personal attributes (self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement.)
4. Patriotism, promotes Americanism
5. Courtesy (dependability, punctuality, human relations, respect, cooperation)
6. Growth potential
7. Must be a High School Senior.
8. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
9. Must be active in at least one other student co-curricular activity or club.

The recipient of the \$750 Scholarship will be selected by a panel appointed by the State Commander.

Nomination packets should include the Nomination Application; Nomination Letter addressing the criteria above; and a current photo, preferably wearing JROTC uniform. All nominations for this scholarship must be submitted in writing to VFW State Headquarters, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

The deadline for nominations to be received is May 1.

Post Trustees Report of Quarterly Audit Completion Check List (retain with Post Copy)

- |  | Initial |
|--|---------|
| ✓ Figures in Column 10 match figures from Column 13 in previous audit  | _____   |
| ✓ Entry in each column on line 3   | _____   |
| ✓ Entry in each column on line 4 (if your Relief Fund is included in your<br>General Fund, deduct the amount earmarked for the Relief Fund from<br>the General Fund, and adjust the entries in line 3 accordingly) | _____   |
| ✓ Bonds and Investments (to include savings and CD amounts) are<br>entered in line 9, and should match figure(s) in block 17   | _____   |
| ✓ All questions in block 16 are properly answered with a yes, no or N/A  | _____   |
| ✓ All lines in block 17 are properly entered with a figure or 0  | _____   |
| ✓ The Total Cash and Investments amount in block 17 matches the<br>total amount in block 15 (Line 14 Column 13 - Net Cash Balances<br>at End of Quarter)   | _____   |
| ✓ All information in block 18 is included  | _____   |
| ✓ Quartermaster's name and address included  | _____   |
| ✓ All 3 Trustees have signed   | _____   |
| ✓ Bonding information is properly filled in  | _____   |
| ✓ The Commander has signed   | _____   |



## DEPARTMENT INSPECTION PROCESS

In accordance with Section 710, Article VII – Miscellaneous Provisions, By Laws and Manual of Procedures, the Department Commander may require, within their respective jurisdiction, the inspection of any District or Post whenever the Department Commander may believe the best interests of the Organization will be served to ensure compliance with the National Charter, By Laws, Manual of Procedure, lawful orders of the National Convention, the National Council of Administration and the Commander-in-Chief and the laws and usages of the Organization. For this purpose, the Department Commander may detail any member within their respective jurisdiction whose duties shall be prescribed by the appointing power. All books, papers, accounts, records, and proceedings pertaining to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be subject to inspection at all times. The Post Inspection process has multiple purposes. The inspection offers a training opportunity for post and district officers who may be unfamiliar with reporting requirements. The inspection is also intended to either confirm compliance, or identify issues with, the posts or district's ability to meet the following requirements:

- Compliance with federal, state, and local laws
- Control and documentation of monetary and physical assets
- Maintenance of not-for-profit status
- Eligible officers performing required duties with focus on the commander, quartermaster/adjutant, and trustees.
- Adequate Insurance and bonding

While each element of the inspection process is important, the list below describes the critical elements and the requirements for each.

- Maintain current IRS form 990
- Ensure all required licenses are available and current
  - Bingo
  - Raffle
  - Liquor
  - Business
  - Document Retention
  - Other as required
- Control and documentation of monetary and physical assets
- Trustees review financial records monthly
- Trustees complete quarterly reports on time
- Maintain documentation of financial assets
- ✓ Maintain documentation of real property and other assets
- Ensure the appropriate approval process is being used for expenditures
- Maintenance of not-for-profit status

action plan that will be used to resolve the issue(s). The date of re-inspection will be included in the corrective active plan.

- Non-compliant districts will use the same process with the exception the Department Commander will manage the resolution process, in coordination with the Department Inspector.
- Posts or districts found to be not in compliance with requirements will be subject to suspension by the Department Commander.

## Document Retention

The following list has been compiled in response to requests from Posts that have asked how long to retain certain files and records. Please keep in mind that this list does not have the effect of law, and a judicious amount of common sense should be used when applying it to your Post.

<u>Record Name</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>
Accounts payable invoices	7 years
Accounts payable ledger	7 years
Accounts receivable ledger	7 years
Annual financial reports	Permanent
Annuity & deferred payment plans	Continuing Record
Audit reports, annual	10 years
Audit reports, periodic	2 years
Audit work papers	5 years
Balance sheets	5 years
Bank deposit slips	5 years
Bank statements	5 years
Bills of lading	2 years
Bonds - Fidelity	3 years after termination
Bonds - Surety	3 years after termination
Budgets	5 years
Bylaws	Until Suspended
Cancelled checks	7 years
Cash receipt records	7 years
Certified annual financial statements	Permanent
Community activity reports	3 years
Contracts	7 years after termination
Correspondence, executive	10 years
Correspondence, general	3 years
Depreciation schedules	Permanent
Election of Officer Reports	5 years
Employee records	4 years after termination
Employee contracts	7 years after termination
Employee withholding records	7 years
Employee accident reports	30 years after settlement
Employee insurance records	11 years after termination
Employee termination	7 years
Entertainment, gift & gratuity records	3 years
Expense vouchers	7 years

**POST COMMANDER DISTRICT MEETING/CONVENTION REPORT**  
(To be turned in to District Adjutant for retention)

POST MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGE \_\_\_\_\_ %  
NUMBER OF MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 100% \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHOSE DUES HAVE EXPIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF NEW & REINSTATED MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_  
POST COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES HELD

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

POST RECRUITING ACTIVITIES HELD

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

VFW PROGRAM PARTICIPATION (NUMBER OF ENTRIES JUDGED):  
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY \_\_\_\_\_ PATRIOTS PEN \_\_\_\_\_  
PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER OF THE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOUT OF THE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ JROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD \_\_\_\_\_  
RICH HOMAN AWARD \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Post donated \$275 to VFW Programs \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of campers Post sponsored to attend Youth Camp \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ POST# \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISTRICT COMMANDER COA REPORT FORMAT

Commander's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District#: \_\_\_\_\_

- District Membership: \_\_\_\_\_%
- Highest Post Membership: \_\_\_\_\_
- Lowest Post Membership: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of Posts contacted by phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (since last COA meetings)
- Number of Posts personally visited \_\_\_\_\_ (since last COA meetings)
- Number of Posts remaining to visit \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of Post inspections completed and forwarded to inspector: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statement on Community Service reporting:

Any significant issues or comments:

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR OPENING JOINT DISTRICT MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Officer of the Day prepare for salute – Present Arms/Order Arms
3. Opening prayer by VFW Chaplain (Uncover and parade rest)

Our Heavenly Father, we come to You in this moment because we believe that You are our God and we are Your people, and You are the Creator and sustainer of life. We acknowledge that every good and perfect gift comes from above and that all that we have comes from Your Divine beneficent hand. We thank You for this food and ask for Your blessing upon us as we partake. Teach us to be always mindful of Your loving kindness and tender mercies. Amen.

4. Pledge of Allegiance. Present Arms/Order Arms
5. Welcome notes: Thanks to Post CDR \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_
6. Introduce Veterans side head table:
  - a. Post Commander \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. VFW State Rep \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Acknowledge past State Commanders
  - d. Acknowledge past District Commanders
  - e. District Officers and Chairman
  - f. Any other guests
7. Turn over to Auxiliary President \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Intro of Auxiliary head table
  - b. Past State Presidents
  - c. Past District Presidents
  - d. District Officers and Chairman
8. Special program (if any)
9. Recess meeting to eat; **Instruct VFW comrades to remove their VFW cap.** Post Commander guide order of eating.
10. Resume meeting
11. Committee Reports
12. Good of the order— presentation by State Representatives (VFW and Auxiliary)
13. 33 1/3 drawing (if any)
14. Closing ceremony
15. Present Arms/Order Arms
16. Prayer by Auxiliary Chaplain
17. Meeting now closed —The next district meeting will be: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Please help clean and clear the area
19. Veterans and Auxiliary to move to separate meeting rooms. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR DISTRICT MEETING

WE BESEECH THEE, O GOD, TO BLESS THE DEPENDENTS OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES, AND TO COMFORT ALL WHO GAVE THEIR LOVED ONES TO OUR NATION'S CAUSE.

BLESS AND STRENGTHEN THE SICK, THE NEEDY AND THE AFFLICTED.

BLESS, WE ASK THEE, THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND STAFF OF OUR NATIONAL HOME AND HELP US TO FULFILL OUR DUTY TOWARD THEM.

CONTINUE THY FAVOR UPON OUR ORDER, AND HELP US TO PRACTICE THE SPIRIT OF TRUE COMRADESHIP, BOTH IN OUR COUNCILS AND WITH THE WORLD AT LARGE. ENABLE US TO BETTER THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE THROUGH OUR DEVOTION TO DUTY AS CITIZENS. WE NOW HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER FOR OUR DEPARTED COMRADES AND FOR THOSE MISSING IN ACTION AND THOSE HELD AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

(Short Pause).

THESE AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY BLESSINGS WE ASK OF THEE, MIGHTY RULER OF THE UNIVERSE. AMEN.

COMMANDER: ATTENTION, COMRADES, YOU WILL JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PRESENT ARMS.

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL". ORDER ARMS.

COMMANDER: COMRADES, WE ARE ASSEMBLED AGAIN TO TRANSACT BUSINESS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT. DO NOT LET PETTY JEALOUSIES OR TRIVIAL PERSONALITIES INFLUENCE OUR DELIBERATIONS. LET US UPHOLD ALWAYS THE OBLIGATIONS OF UNSELFISH COMRADESHIP AND LOYALTY TO OUR ORGANIZATION AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I NOW DECLARE DISTRICT NO.# \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, DULY OPENED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. GUARD, YOU WILL ADMIT ANY IN WAITING WHO MAY BE WORTHY. (One Gavel Rap to be Seated).

## **2 - ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. COMMANDER: (Leading all members in recitation of Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter).

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE FRATERNAL, PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL, CHARITABLE, AND EDUCATIONAL; TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMRADESHIP AMONG ITS MEMBERS; TO ASSIST WORTHY COMRADES; TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND HISTORY OF OUR DEAD, AND TO ASSIST THEIR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS; TO MAINTAIN TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND FIDELITY TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND LAWS; TO FOSTER TRUE PATRIOTISM; TO MAINTAIN

PRAYER BY DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

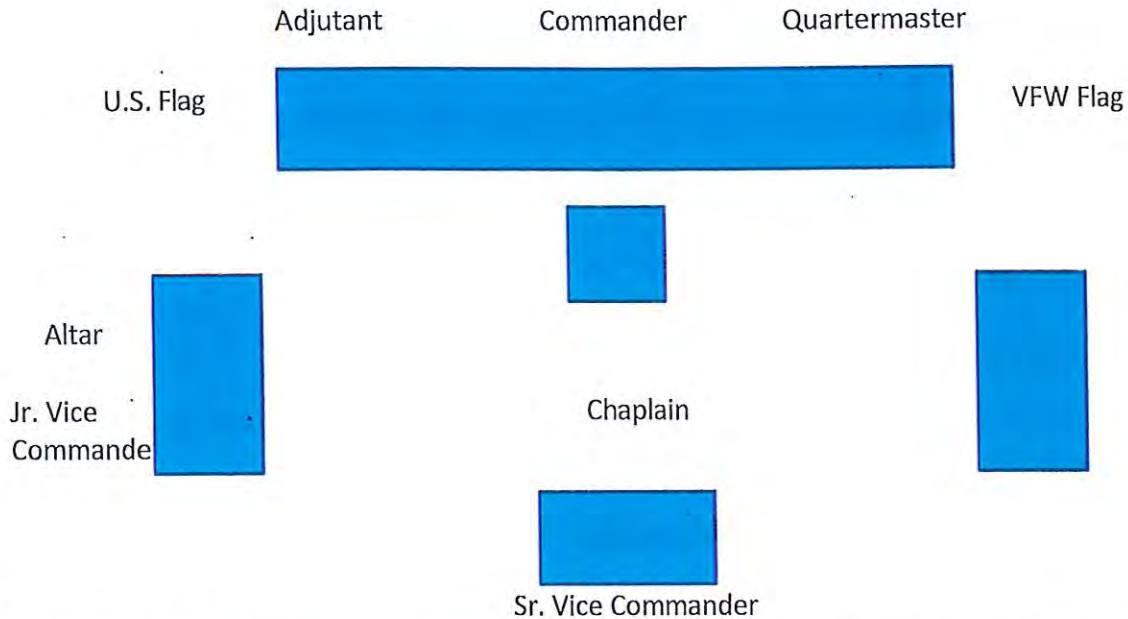
(Chaplain closes Bible).

COMMANDER: ATTENTION! COMRADES, I NOW DECLARE THE BUSINESS OF DISTRICT NO. # \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CLOSED.

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE (date) at (time) POST. NO. (host location)



## OPENING POST CEREMONIES



(The hour of opening has arrived, the Officer of the Day displays the Flag of the United States and Bible on the altar, leaving Bible closed, after which the Commander takes station and gives one rap for attention).

One (1) gavel rap for attention if sitting; one (1) gavel rap if standing to sit down; two (2) gavel raps to stand.

**COMMANDER:** THE OFFICERS WILL TAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE STATIONS. ALL PERSONS NOT MEMBERS OF THE V.F.W. WILL KINDLY RETIRE, AND THE GUARD WILL CLOSE THE DOORS. (The Commander ascertains if non-members have retired). **All unauthorized caps to be removed, only VFW regulation caps allowed.**

**COMMANDER:** BY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, I AM ABOUT TO OPEN THE \_\_\_\_\_ POST NO.# \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE IT. (two gavel raps).

OFFICER OF THE DAY, SATISFY YOURSELF THAT ALL PRESENT ARE ENTITLED TO REMAIN.

**OFFICER OF THE DAY:** COMRADE COMMANDER, I FIND ALL, EXCEPT THOSE STANDING, IN POSSESSION OF OFFICIAL VFW DUES RECEIPTS FOR THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR. ONCE MEMBERSHIP VALIDATED, MEMBER TAKES A SEAT.

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL". ORDER ARMS COMMANDER: COMRADES, WE ARE ASSEMBLED AGAIN TO TRANSACT BUSINESS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT. DO NOT LET PETTY JEALOUSIES OR TRIVIAL PERSONALITIES INFLUENCE OUR DELIBERATIONS. LET US UPHOLD ALWAYS THE OBLIGATIONS OF UNSELFISH COMRADESHIP AND LOYALTY TO OUR ORGANIZATION AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I NOW DECLARE POST \_\_\_\_\_ DULY OPENED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. GUARD, YOU WILL ADMIT ANY IN WAITING WHO MAY BE WORTHY. (One gavel rap to be seated).

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMANDER: (Leading all members in recitation of Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter).

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CALLING THE ROLL OF OFFICERS

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

BALLOTING FOR APPLICANTS.

MUSTERING IN OF RECRUITS.

READING OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT; DISBURSEMENTS.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT; RECEIPTS

READING OF BILLS.

REPORT OF SERVICE OFFICER.

IS THERE A COMRADE OR THE FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS?

REPORT OF ALL COMMITTEES (Membership, Buddy Poppy, etc.)

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN (Contemporary script allows the removal of this portion from the meeting)

(Interrupt business at 9:00 p.m. or as close to 9:00 p.m. as is practical for the National Home Ceremony).

COMMANDER: (Raps gavel twice). ALL PRESENT WILL RISE. PARADE REST. COMRADE CHAPLAIN, YOU WILL ASK DIVINE BLESSINGS UPON OUR NATIONAL HOME.

CHAPLAIN: ALMIGHTY GOD, WE ASK FOR YOUR DIVINE BLESSING ON THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND STAFF OF OUR NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN IN EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

# OPERATION: ALL IN



VFW National Membership Program 2024-2025

Al Lipphardt Commander-in-Chief.

*"Believe in what you do, do what you believe in."*

VERSION DATE: May 6, 2024

## **I: SITUATION:**

### **Commander's Introduction:**

Alfred J. "Al" Lipphardt was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. at the 125th VFW National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Al served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1979, earning his VFW eligibility by serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968, and from 1970 to 1971. In recognition of his heroic service in combat, he received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with "V" device, Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, Purple Heart Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, among many others.

He joined the VFW in 2002 at Post 12002 in North Fulton, Georgia, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. Al is also a Triple Crown Commander, having been named as an All-American Post Commander in 2006, District Commander in 2010, and Department Commander in 2015.

### **Membership Mission:**

To recruit, retain and mentor a stable membership base including all generations of veterans. To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization and in the local community. To establish Posts with an established vision of service, leadership, and community outreach.

### **Specific Membership Numbers:**

Our requirement this year is to continue growth and achieve at least 102% in membership. In the simplest of terms, we look at the prior year's total (which is how many individual members paid membership dues last year) and want to see a 2 percent increase. If a member has been lost due to passing away or not renewing their dues, then that means we must fill that gap in addition to recruiting new members to meet the 102% goal. This should serve as an example to prove that we must maintain our focus on retaining and mentoring our existing members as well as bringing in new members to the organization. Bring in the members we need, keep the members we have.

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S STATEMENT

Comrades of Team Tribe 24-25,

You elected me to lead this organization in accordance with the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedures and Ritual to which I was installed. LEAD I SHALL.

D-Day

*Operation ALL IN* will commence August 1, 2024 @ 1200 Hours

**THIS IS NOT A DRILL, THIS IS NOT AN EXERCISE**

The Alert Order was issued when you were Department and State Junior Vice Commanders, and the Warning Order as Senior Vice Commanders, in order to prepare for *Operation All In*, our All-American Program for Departments, Districts and Posts.

We proudly stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us; the founders from the Spanish American War followed by World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, The Gulf War, along with our continuing Global War on Terrorism and those deployments to many other places under the orders of the President of the United States. We have been preparing for this moment for three years. In 2022-2023 we focused on *Commitment* under the leadership of CIC Tim Borland and "Every Veteran Counts" and we successfully achieved those goals because you came together. You realized how critical the force (membership) is to mission accomplishment. In 2023-2024 we focused on *Credibility* under the leadership of CIC Duane Sarmiento and "Meet the Challenge". Again, you supported the sitting commanders realizing how critical it is for this nation's veterans to know we speak the truth. The principles we were founded upon 125 years ago remain our foundation.

Team Tribe 24-25 Commanders at all levels will focus on *Courage*. Your courage is undeniable. The day you raised your hand and took the oath of enlistment you said four words that sealed your pledge to the people of this nation, "So help me God". When you were ordered to deploy, putting yourself in harm's way, you knew full well the dangers you would face. With changing geo-social-economic conditions and frankly, partisan politics, we have forgotten the most important asset we have. Our nation can never replace the sons and daughters lost in war. Failing to have a clear plan to achieve victory has been our strategy over these last four decades. Our warriors are deployed to be merely pieces on a game board to be used repeatedly without consideration for the toll taken on the warrior and

### III: EXECUTION:

#### Commander's Intent:

*"Efforts are to be appreciated. Achievements are to be celebrated."*

To incentivize the necessary tasks of recruiting and retention, which are essential to the continued growth and strength of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a series of award programs will be established and overseen by the Membership Department under the direction of the Adjutant General. These programs will be directly related to membership growth and program participation, and awards will be assigned to those individuals as well as Posts, Districts, and Departments that show excellence above and beyond the standard.

#### How To Achieve Tasks:

Focus on the three pillars of membership: *Recruiting, Mentorship, and Retention*

1. Recruiting: We need to bring in new members and recover lapsed members. To do this, we must not only reach out to veterans in our community but also build our VFW Posts into places where veterans can feel at home, find the support and camaraderie they deserve, and be provided with the best service for their family and community.
2. Mentorship: We must engage our membership and keep them active. We must be training the leaders of the future, but also communicating and serving every member of our Posts
3. Retention: We must retain the members currently on our rolls. This means putting an end to cliquishness, welcoming eligible veterans of all generations, backgrounds, and walks of life.

## V: COMMAND AND CONTROL:

*In order to incentivize growth and provide motivation and recognition for those individuals, Posts, Districts, and Departments that go the extra mile to strengthen and grow the organization, the Membership Department will issue membership awards designated by the Commander-in-Chief.*

### Awards Program Notes:

- Awards and stipends given to a Post will be transferrable to another member of that Post.
- No more than one stipend will be awarded to an individual for a given event.
- Post/District/Department: Membership must be a minimum of 102% in order to receive any award or stipend. This does not apply to the Early Bird award.
- NOTE: Reimbursement for travel expenses paid by the VFW will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service on Form 1099 if the total of payments made to you during any calendar year equals \$600.00 or more. Travel expenses paid for a guest or spouse for the award will also be reported to the IRS. The reimbursement you receive from the VFW will be deemed by the IRS to be taxable income. Since the circumstances of each individual are different, it is recommended that you consult your tax advisor to determine the effect these payments may have on your personal tax situation. It is your responsibility to keep receipts and other records as you and your accountant and/or tax advisor deem necessary in order to document your expenditures.
- Employees and officers of the VFW National Headquarters are excluded from receiving stipends unless otherwise authorized by the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General.
- Individuals receiving a 5-night hotel stay for either the VFW National Convention or the Legislative Conference must confirm attendance with the VFW Membership Department. Individuals confirmed who do not attend will be invoiced for half the cost of the reserved room.

The top five Post commanders in each division will also receive five nights paid hotel stay\* at the VFW National Convention and reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.

*Division Captains and Co-Captains:* The commander of the top Post in each membership division will be designated as the Team Captain, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place commanders designated as Co-Captains. The All-American caps for these Captains and Co-Captains will bear a special designation.

#### *All-American District Criteria*

- Membership must be at least 102%
- District-Election Report must be submitted to National Headquarters.
- Meet all the following Program Participation criteria by January 31st, 2025:
  - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to Department judging (Overseas District donate \$125 to National in lieu of entry)
  - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to Department judging (Overseas District donate \$125 to National in lieu of entry)

#### *All-American District Award*

All Districts that meet the qualifying percentage of 102% and the program participation criteria will receive an All-American District Commander Citation, All-American Streamer and be recognized in the VFW magazine.

The Top 10 Districts in each Division will receive:

- All-American District streamer
- All-American District citation - commander
- All-American name badge - commander
- All-American cap (commander only, quartermaster may purchase cap)
- All-American lapel pin (commander only, quartermaster may purchase pin)
- Acknowledgement during the All-American Awards Ceremony at the National Convention

The top two District commanders in each division will also receive five nights paid hotel stay\* at the VFW National Convention and reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.



## All-American Notes:

- Any member in a Post that achieves All-American status can purchase a "Post Member" cap. Those members must be in the Post during the membership year. Adjutants may purchase a cap. Quartermasters may purchase a cap and/or Quartermaster Pin. Commanders who were not in the top 15 in their Division may purchase a cap, Commander's Pin, and/or Post Commander Citation.
- Donations made to replace Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen by eligible overseas Posts, Districts, or Departments must be made through the All-American Dashboard, not through any other means.
- Veterans & Military Support Programs Services Donations for Post/District/Department as listed above will only be accepted only through the All-American Dashboard.

## MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS AND AWARDS:

### Individual Recruiting Awards:

1/5/10/15 members recruited: recruiting pin

25 members recruited: Commander-in-Chief's Coin 50

members recruited: Commander-in-Chief backpack

75 members recruited: Commander-in-Chief's Medallion Set

100 members recruited: Century Cap or \$50 VFW Store credit & citation

Recruiting Awards will be sent out five times during the year to the Post, to be given out at a Post meeting to those members who have recruited new members. Mailings will take place near the end of October, January, March, May, and then after the end of the membership year.

### Early Bird Award:

The top two Posts in each division on Jan. 1, 2025, will each be awarded a 5-night hotel stay for the VFW Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. One room will be booked per award/Post.

### **Post Division Recruiting Challenge:**

For every 10 new members recruited between July 1, 2024, and June 30th, 2025, Posts will earn one entry to be entered into a drawing. One Post per division will receive a \$1,000 membership grant deposited into the Post account.

### **Legacy Life Membership Acquisition:**

Each Post that achieves the cumulative benchmarks of 25, 50 and 75 Legacy Life Members will be awarded a Legacy Society Post Proclamation.

Each Post that achieves the distinctive benchmark of 100, 250, or 500 Legacy Life members by June 30th, 2025, commander or Post representative will receive a 5-night hotel accommodation at the VFW National Convention, reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session and a Legacy Society Post Proclamation.

### **Top Department Recruiter:**

The top Recruiter in every Department by June 30th, 2025, will receive an engraved Cavalry Saber. Note: Minimum of 25 new members required to win this award.

### **Elite Recruiter:**

Any VFW member who signs up 250 or more new members by June 30th, 2025, will receive a 5-night hotel accommodation at the VFW National Convention and a distinctive cap, citation, and name badge. In the event that an Elite Recruiter has already received a 5-night hotel accommodation from another award, a \$1,000 stipend will be issued at the National Convention.

### **Recruiter of the Year:**

The Elite Recruiter who signs up the greatest number of new members greater than 250 by June 30th, 2025, will receive an additional \$1,000 stipend, reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session, a distinctive cap, citation, and name badge, and the Commander-in-Chief's Crystal Eagle trophy.

**Post Division Breakdown:**

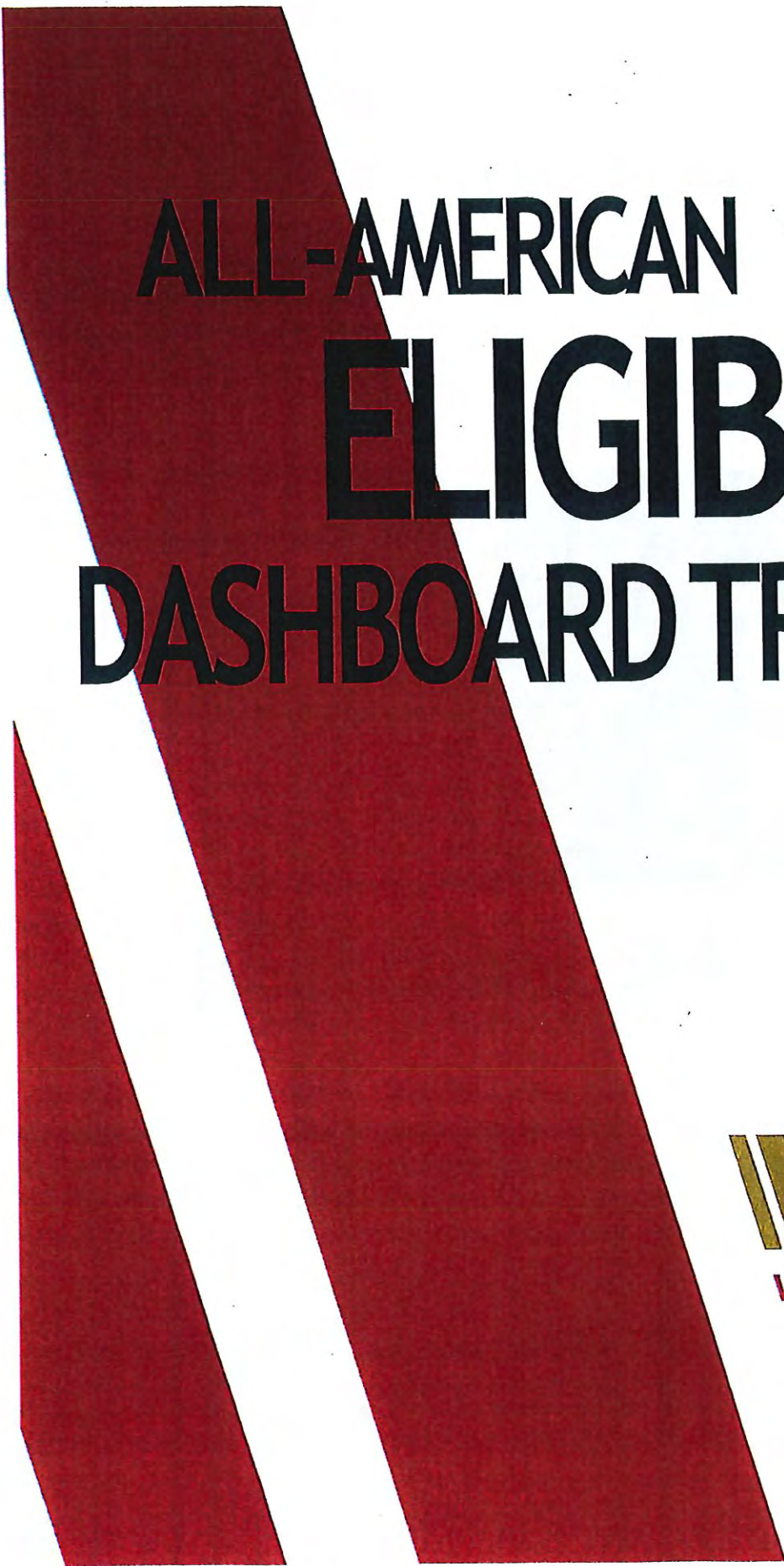
Division	Minimum Membership	Maximum Membership
1	951+	
2	750	950
3	356	749
4	246	355
5	185	245
6	143	184
7	112	142
8	88	111
9	68	87
10	51	67

**District Division Breakdown:**

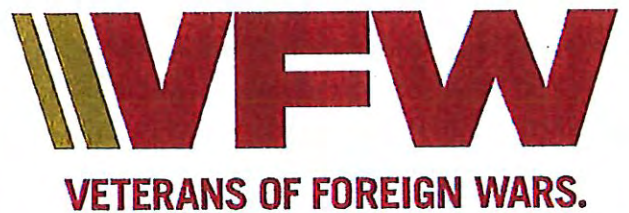
Division	Minimum Membership	Maximum Membership
1	5000+	
2	3,282	4,999
3	2,172	3,281
4	1,447	2,171
5	906	1,446
6	10	905

**Department Division Breakdown:**

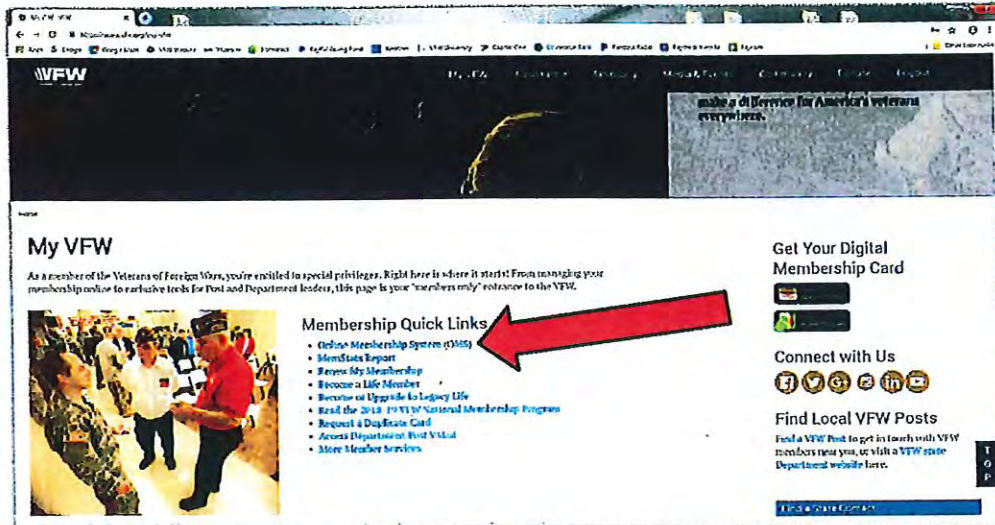
Division	Minimum Membership	Maximum Membership
1	29,000	above
2	15,750	28,999
3	12,000	15,749
4	7,000	11,999
5	2000	6,999



**ALL-AMERICAN  
ELIGIBLE  
DASHBOARD TRAINING  
GUIDE**



After logging in you will be defaulted to the “My VFW” page. Click on the Online Membership System (OMS) option under the “Membership Quick Links” section.



To perform a search, click on the Statistics option dropdown for the level you would like to see from National, Department, and Post. The Details option helps you list what you want to see in the levels. For example, District & Department Summary or all Posts within a Department. Once you have made a selection, click on the Generate Report black button to populate a report.

1. The status bar on the Dashboard will be reflected in the yellow as **Pending** for the level that has not approved your report.
2. The Dashboard will not change to green as **Met** until National Programs have approved the report.
3. The Dashboard will remain red as **Unmet** until a report is entered.

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### All American Eligible Report

Summary

Met	Unmet
0	1

Statistics: Post Statistics | Details: Posts in Department | Program Year: 2018-2019

Post: 56

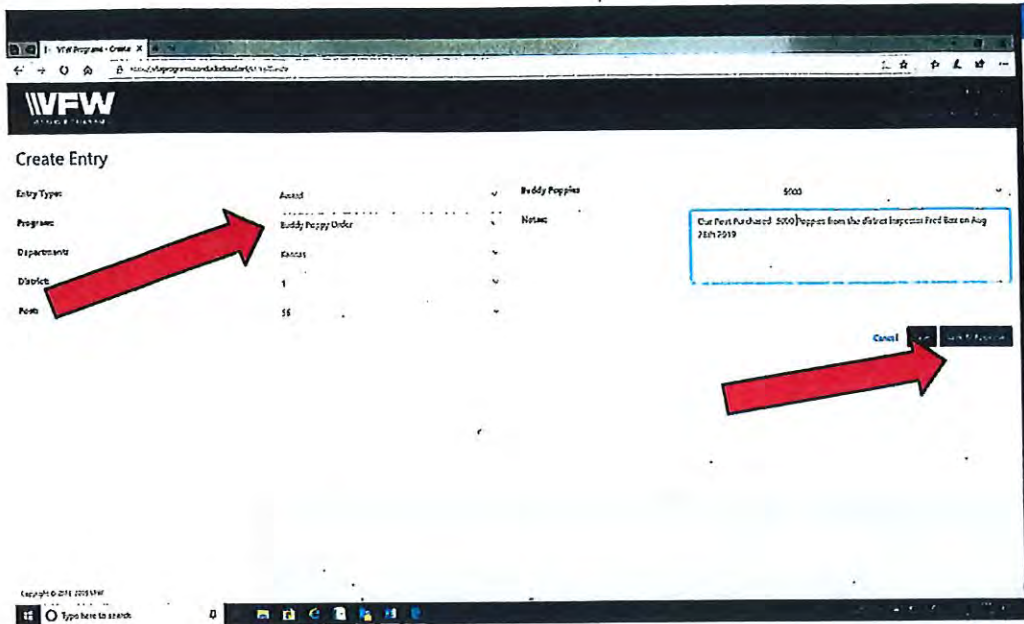
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Generate Report | Report as PDF | Report as CSV

Department	District	Post	Veterans & Military Support Donation	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Teacher Award	Buddy Poppy Order	Membership	Service Officer	National Legislative Service	National Veterans Services
Kansas			Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet
Kansas	1		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas	1	56	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A

15 items per page | 1 - 3 of 3 items

Click on Program Box and select the specific program from the drop down for entry report.



In the notes box, explain exactly what you're reporting with details.

Every Box will be pre-populated based on what permissions are assigned to your role. You can only report on your Post/District/Department. Once complete you can save and come back until ready to submit, or you can click the Save & Approve button to submit.

The report that you submitted will be back in the initial screen and will tell you status as it moves up the Chain for approval.



## Post/District/Department Adjutant Access Only: Reports Button

All Participation reports will be tallied and featured here.

1. Click on the Report button and a drop down will show the reports available.
2. Click the Department & or District.
3. You will see a pop that asks you to Save or Open.

### EXAMPLE: DEPARTMENT ROLL UP REPORT FOR VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

**2018-2019**  
**DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION SUMMARY REPORT**  
**VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY ESSAY CONTEST**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**Kansas**

**FARTICIPATION TOTALS**

POST	53	STUDENTS	1060
AUXILIARY	53	POST WINNERS ADVANCED	53
DISTRICTS	7	COUNTY COUNCILS	0

List below the actual amount of money expended for all awards. List below the actual amount of additional expenses money.

POST AWARDS	\$ 2,650.00	POST/AUX/ACC EXPENSES	\$ 2,650.00
DISTRICT AWARDS	\$ 0.00	DISTRICT EXPENSES	\$ 0.00
COUNTRY COUNCIL AWARDS	\$ 0.00		
DEPARTMENT AWARDS	\$ 8,917.05	DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	\$ 4,768.64
TOTAL ALL AWARDS	\$ 11,567.05	TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 7,418.64

List below all Districts that a district adjutant is to the Department level.

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Add Total Post/District/County Council/District Awards column field and Total Department expenses column field for Grand Total Below.

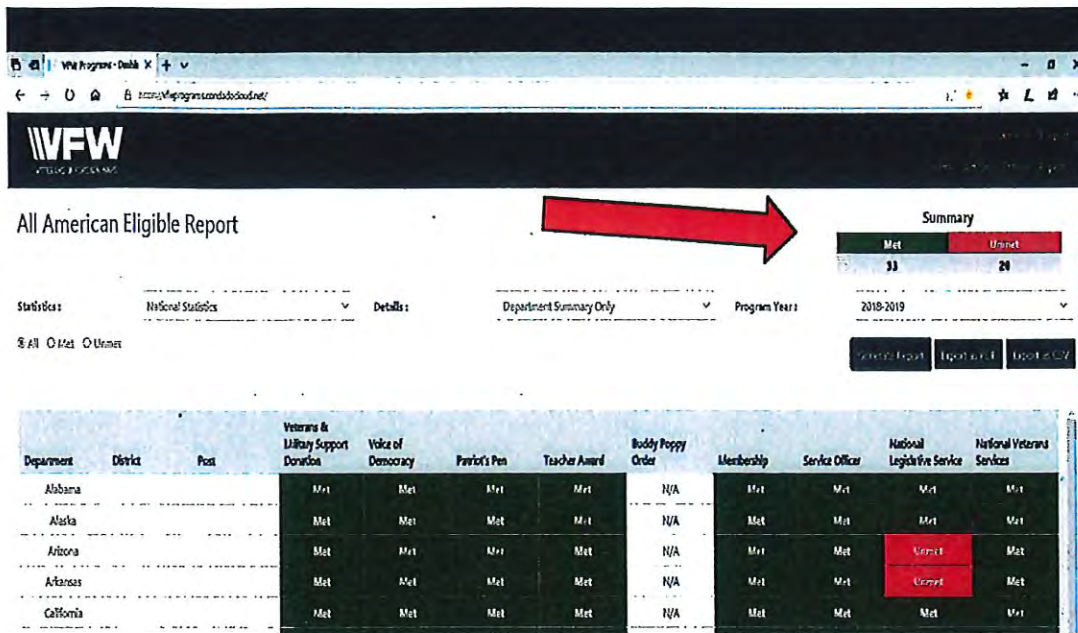
**GRAND TOTAL \$ 18,985.69**

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Commander For



Additional Features:

- Summary Chart shows a quick snap shot of Met vs. Unmet based on the level your viewing



Every Report can be converted to a .PDF file or .CSV file for presentation at any meeting

# 2024-2025 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award



**Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024**

## What is the Teacher Award Program?

Founded in 1899, the VFW highly supports the education of America's youth. VFW and its Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to helping America's educators. VFW Citizenship Education programs stimulate interest in America's history, traditions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve? Now you can.

## Why Should I Enter?

VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. The national awards include \$1,000 Smart/Maher award for each of the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses, \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school, commemorative plaques and all-expense-paid trip to the VFW National Convention.

## Who is Eligible?

All current certified/licensed teachers in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous national VFW winners are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by themselves, fellow teachers, supervisors, family members or other interested individuals.

## How are teachers nominated?

Fill out the official entry form contained on the next page, and provide a one-page resume as a minimum or up to five pages, including the resume, as a maximum of documentation of their teaching experience (for example: resume, references, news articles, etc.) and a head-and-shoulder photo if available.

Please submit your completed entry form signed, along with the required documentation to your local VFW Post. Visit [vfw.org/FindaPost](http://vfw.org/FindaPost) for Post locations or call VFW Programs Department at 816.756.3390 ext. 6287 to find the Post nearest you.

## What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31, 2024. It is the responsibility of the nominator to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

## What Are the Judging Criteria?

**Citizenship (1-25 points):** On a scale of 1-25, to what extent does the teacher encourage and/or model good citizenship and community involvement?

**Innovation (1-25 points):** On a scale of 1-25, how much innovation (new ideas, new tools, new resources, and new approaches) does this teacher utilize in the classroom? Does this teacher's effort reflect an ongoing desire to stimulate the students with new things?

**Resources (1-25 points):** On a scale of 1-25, to what degree has this teacher demonstrated an ability to identify and utilize new and exceptional resources to fund, facilitate and provide materials for his or her classroom? Does this teacher tap into outside agencies, organizations and individuals to acquire materials and expertise in the classroom? As an example – bringing speakers, finding in-kind and monetary donations, or utilizing local opportunities like museums, field trips and local events.

**Passion (1-25 points):** On a scale of 1-25, to what degree does this teacher appear to be passionate about the profession of teaching? Are they regularly seeking to upgrade their skills? Do they try and find ways to encourage their students? Do they take a personal interest in their student's individual success?

*If you have any questions, please call  
Tammy Beauchamp, 816.756.3390, ext 6287  
or [tbeauchamp@vfw.org](mailto:tbeauchamp@vfw.org).*

## Local VFW Post Information:

Contact: Name, Title

Phone Best time to call

Alternative Contact: Name, Title

Phone Best time to call

## VFW Teacher Nomination Form

Please attach the required documentation.

### Nominated Teacher

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subject and grade taught: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Current School: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign below and submit this brochure with the recommended materials to your local VFW Post. Visit [www.vfw.org/Find-a-Post](http://www.vfw.org/Find-a-Post) for locations.

DO NOT SEND to the VFW National Headquarters.

### Person Nominating Teacher

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: Submit to local VFW Post by Oct. 31.**

*Identify and recognize America's best educators.*



*Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve?*

*Now you can!*



For more information, contact your local VFW Post or its Auxiliary or visit our website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

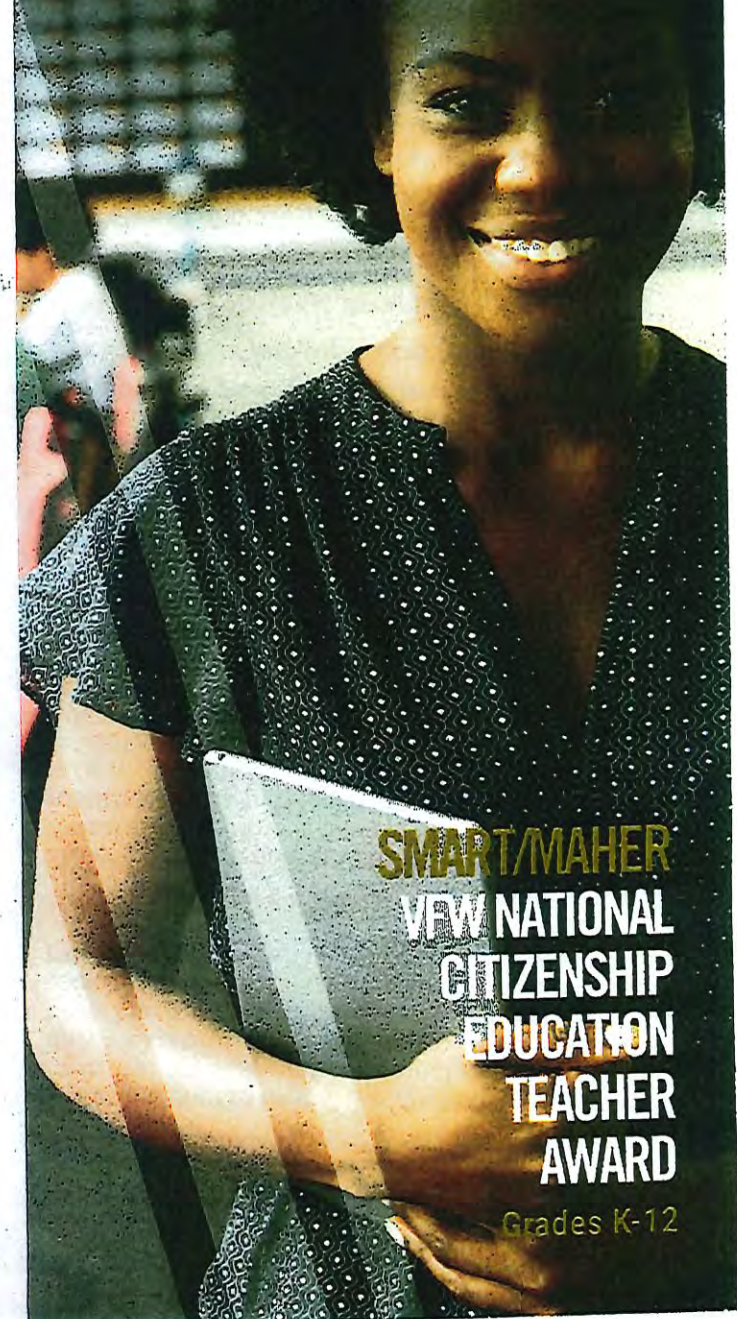
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# VFW

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**SMART/MAHER  
VFW NATIONAL  
CITIZENSHIP  
EDUCATION  
TEACHER  
AWARD**

Grades K-12

## 2024-2025 Theme

# “Is America Today Our Forefathers’ Vision?”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$35,000 Award

### What is the Voice of Democracy Program?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ (VFW’s) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 27,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year’s theme is, “What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?”

### Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$171,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$35,000.

### The Rules

#### Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

#### What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 second max.) audio essay on a flash drive, or other electronic device. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or other AI tools is not allowed. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at [youthscholarships@vfw.org](mailto:youthscholarships@vfw.org) for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race, or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership.

### Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions: First, visit this website [vfw.org/FindaPost](http://vfw.org/FindaPost) to “Find A VFW Post.” If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link <https://www.vfw.org/ContactUs/> and look for “Find a State Contact” to get your VFW state office’s phone number and email. If you still need assistance, please email us at VFW National Headquarters at [youthscholarships@vfw.org](mailto:youthscholarships@vfw.org)

### What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31, 2024. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

### What Are the Judging Criteria?

#### Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

#### Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

#### Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

# PATRIOT'S PEN



2024-2025 Theme

## “My Voice in America’s Democracy?”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024

Patriotic Written Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

### What is the Patriot’s Pen Program?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 73,000 students who participated last year in this contest.

### Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, State and national level. Department (State) winners receive a portion of \$55,000 in national awards. National Winners will receive at least \$500. **The first-place national award is currently \$5,000.**

The Internal Revenue Service requires a recipient awarded more than \$599 be given Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable income. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

### How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition.

### Who Can Enter?

Patriot’s Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. (Foreign exchange students are ineligible.)

### How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot’s Pen writing contest.
- Contact a participating VFW Post and indicate your interest in participating.

- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its VFW Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of October 31, 2024. You can submit your essay and entry form by email upon the Post’s approval. Entries sent to the VFW National Headquarters directly will be returned.

### How Am I Judged?

**Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:**

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

**Theme development is worth 35 points:**

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

**Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:**

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

### What Is the Theme?

VFW’s Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year’s theme. The 2024-2025 theme is:

“My Voice in America’s Democracy?”

### Deadline Information.

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2024.

### Note:

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions:

First, visit [vfw.org/FindaPost](http://vfw.org/FindaPost) to “Find a VFW Post.”

If you don’t have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble contacting them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit [vfw.org/contactus](http://vfw.org/contactus) to look for “Find-a State Contact” to get your VFW state office’s phone number and email.

For assistance contact  
the VFW National Headquarters  
at 816.968.1155  
Email: [youthscholarships@vfw.org](mailto:youthscholarships@vfw.org)



## VFW Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form

NOTE: VFW Point of Contact should fill out their section below prior to distributing this form.  
This will provide individuals from outside of the VFW with the needed information to submit their packets successfully.

### To be filled out by VFW representative

Sponsoring VFW Post #:  Sponsoring District #:

Date of Presentation: MM/DD/YY (if available)

### VFW Post POC

Full Name:

Phone:  Email:

Address: (where to mail entry)

City:  State:  Zip:

### Individual Submitting Nomination

Full Name:

Phone:  Email:

### Nominee Information

Choose appropriate citation: (EMT, Firefighter or Law Enforcement)

Full Name: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)

Occupation Title: (if any) (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)

Employer Name: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)

Address of Employer:

City:  State:  Zip:

Employer Phone:  Employer Email: (if available)

Please complete this form and submit to your local VFW Post using the information provided above. Ensure to include all required documentation that is outlined on the instructions sheet provided with this form. All post entries must be received by their Department Headquarters no later than January 1st. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Beauchamp at 816-756-3390 x 6287, e-mail [beauchamp@vfw.org](mailto:beauchamp@vfw.org)



## VFW Life Saving Award Citation Entry Form

NOTE: Please attach and send with this form all documentation of the event (newspaper clippings, articles, etc.).

### To be filled out by VFW Representative

Sponsoring VFW Post #:  VFW Department:

Date of Presentation: MM/DD/YY (if available)

#### VFW POC

Full Name:

Phone:  Email:

Address (for mailing citation)

City:  State:  Zip:

### Nominee Information

Choose appropriate citation: (Regular, Line of Duty or )

Valor) Full Name: (please list as you wish it stated on the )

citation) Gender:

Occupation Title: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation or N/A)

Employer Name: (If available)

Address of Employer: (If available)

City:  State:  Zip:

Employer Phone:  Employer Email: (if available)

Please complete this form and submit to VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Tammy Beauchamp at Fax# 816-968-1149 or E-mail to tbeauchamp@vfw.org or Lynn Rolf at lrolf@vfw.org. Ensure to include all required documentation that is outlined above in reference to the event.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  
**State of West Virginia**



**2024-2025**

**VFW State Bylaws and Directory**

**Commander: Richard E. Ogden**

**President: Jami Crum**

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**Phone: (304) 395-2430**



**Section 3:** 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. Such delegate registration fee of Posts and the Post Commander fee shall be placed in the Department Convention Fund and used to help defray expenses incurred by the Department at said Convention. Any Post failing to comply shall be considered delinquent and in arrears and shall be deprived of all representation until arrearages are resolved.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Officers**

#### **Section 1: Elected and Appointed Officers:**

- (a) The elected officers of the Department shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Judge Advocate and Chaplain.
- (b) The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Inspector, Service Officer, Chief of Staff and Officer of the Day.

**Section 2:** The duties and term of office of the Department officers shall be those prescribed by the National Bylaws and as the Department Bylaws may hereafter provide, and as the Department Convention may direct.

**Section 3:** In addition to the duties of the Department Officers prescribed in the National Bylaws the following officers are charged with the following specified duties and responsibilities:

- (a) The Department Commander shall be required to obtain a year-end financial report prior to July 31, certified by the Audit Committee, of the Department Quartermaster's annual receipts and disbursements of funds, annual inventory, location, and evaluation of all real and personal property belonging to the Department.
- (b) The Department Quartermaster shall prepare a Financial Report complete in every detail, covering all receipts, disbursements, real and personal property belonging to the Department, and submit said report to the Audit Committee and Council of Administration every quarter.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Department Districts**

**Section 1:** The Council of Administration shall determine the number of Districts and the geographical boundaries established in the Department. Changes to the geographical boundaries of a District shall not take effect until the close of the annual Department Convention. A Charter shall be issued by the Commander-in-Chief and countersigned by the Adjutant General.

(c) **Audit Committee:** The Department Commander shall appoint an Audit Committee consisting of one (1) Past State Commander and two (2) individuals competent in basic accounting practices to perform a quarterly audit of all receipts, disbursements, real and personal property at Department Headquarters and certify the year-end report in writing prior to the last day of July of the current year.

(d) **Department Conference and Convention Committee:**

(1) The Conference and Convention Committee shall consist of the Department Commander, Department Adjutant/Quartermaster and three (3) members in good standing appointed by the State Commander.

(2) This Committee will be authorized to research and recommend contracts as far as 3 years in advance with an out clause in the third year.

(3) When it is untimely to secure the vote of the Convention delegation, the Council of Administration may enter into contract for the Department Conference or Convention, not to exceed two (2) years. Additional years must be ratified at the Department Convention by the delegation.

(e) **General Resolutions and Bylaws Committee:** The Resolutions and Bylaws Committee shall consist of the Department Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander, *Department Judge Advocate*, Department Chief of Staff and Department Adjutant/Quartermaster. The Chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the Department Commander. This committee shall review all proposed general resolutions and Bylaw changes and/or amendments for compliance with the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure, prior to submission to the delegates at the Department Convention.

(f) **Youth Camp Committee:** A Youth Camp Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the Department Commander. The Youth Camp Chairman shall select a Youth Camp Director, subject to approval by the Department Commander. The Chairman's duties include administrative oversight regarding finances, contracts and being the principal interface between the host facility and the VFW. The Director shall develop the camp program subject to approval of the Chairman, and accomplish day to day coordination and oversight of Counselors and Youth activities.

(g) **Membership Committee:** A Membership Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the Department Commander. The Committee Chairman shall develop programs and activities presented to the Department Commander for possible acting upon for the purpose of recruiting members and retaining existing members. The Chairman shall promulgate membership goals and accomplishments throughout the year and at District and Department meetings as appropriate.

**Section 2:** All other Department activities shall be carried out through the medium of necessary Committees appointed by the Department Commander.

**Section 3:** The Department Commander shall be a member of all Committees, ex-officio, and shall be entitled to vote and *their* presence shall be counted for the purpose of constituting a quorum.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Department Tax and Finance**

**Section 1: The Department Per Capita Tax (Department Dues):**

- (a) **Continuous Members:** Shall be twelve dollars and twenty-five cents (\$12.25) per year.
- (b) **Department Members at Large:** Shall be nineteen dollars (\$19.00) per annum on each member in good standing as a member at large.
- (c) **Life Members:** Life Member payout shall be determined by the National Headquarters Life Membership Board of Trustees and approved by the National Council of Administration.

**Section 2:** All Department Officers handling funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be bonded with a good and solvent indemnity company, as surety in a sum at least double the average amount of funds and/or the value of property for which, so far as can be anticipated, they may be accountable during the year. In case of delinquencies due Department Headquarters, action shall be taken at once by the proper officials to bring about a speedy and complete settlement.

**Section 3:** The Department Quartermaster shall set up a Department Convention Fund and all Department delegate registration fees and Post Commander fees received shall be placed therein and used and expended only for expenses incurred and expenditures made in the holding of an annual Department Convention.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Publication and Official Notices**

**Section 1:** General Orders of the Department Commander and official notices of the Department in printed form and/or electronically published shall be full and lawful notice to all officers and members of the Department for all purposes. An announcement in the West Virginia Veteran listing the date and time of Post Nomination and Election of Officers shall be sufficient notice to all members in good standing of the Nomination and Election.

**Section 2:** A chairman shall be appointed to operate and supervise the publishing of the Department Newspaper. It shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Department Commander, with the Department Commander and Department Adjutant as members' ex-officio thereof.

This Committee shall meet immediately prior to the regular meetings of the Council of Administration and the Department Convention and promulgate any and all rules and regulations necessary and proper for the operation and supervision of the Department Newspaper, subject to the approval of the Council of

*In accordance with Section 714 of the National By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the names and addresses of the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be considered confidential and shall not be made available for commercial or political use.*

### STATE OFFICERS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>
Commander	3663 Richard Ogden, PO Box 1226	Buckhannon 26201 304-545-8599
Sr Vice Cdr	629 Toby Heaney, 2452 Jamison Rd	Fairview 26570 304-694-0504
Jr Vice Cdr	2102 Kevin Link, 85 Lower Arkansaw Rd	Baker 26801 304-703-2771
Chief of Staff	4442 PSC Vern Anderson, 79 Blayney Ave	Triadelphia 26059 304-559-2788
Surgeon		
Adjutant	4768 Kevin Light, PO Box 9431	So Charleston 25309 304-395-2430
Quartermaster	4768 Kevin Light, 301 17th St	Dunbar 25064 304-395-2430
Judge		
Advocate		
Chaplain	9926 Andrew Sockett, 124 Mulberry Ave	Pomeroy, OH45769 740-274-6580
Inspector	6327 Chuck Laugh, 114 Virginia St	Sistersville 23175 561-306-2729
Past State Cdr	7048 Kami Stewart, 1310 Morgantown Ave	Fairmont 26554 681-214-8146

### NATIONAL OFFICERS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>
National Council		
Member	4442 PSC Vern Anderson 79 Blayney Ave	Triadelphia 26059 304-559-2788

HEADQUARTERS

Audit

573 PSC Jim Talerico, 1312 Adams Ave  
3663 Rob Allen, 788 Hardman Rd  
629 Toby Heaney, 2452 Jamison Rd  
9926 Andrew Sockett, 124 Mulberry Ave

Clarksburg 26301 304-677-0080  
Ellamore 26267 304-940-1625  
Fairview 26570 304-703-2771  
Pomeroy, OH 45769 740-274-6580

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

### **DISTRICT 1**

Commander	Tracy Simmons (6450), 41 Linden Ave	Chester	26034	205-434-0490
Sr. Vice Cdr	Chad Blewitt (6450), 838 Chester St	East Liverpool, OH	43920	330-932-8445
Jr. Vice Cdr	Don Pickett (6327), 810 Main St	Sistersville	26175	304-652-1270
Adj/QM	Jason Jones (629) 735 Virginia Ave Apt B	Fairmont	26554	304-282-2812
Service Officer	David Sisler (578), 309 Mayer Ave	Terra Alta	26764	304-844-2149
Chaplain	Davis Toothman (629), 2654 Jamison Rd	Fairview	26750	304-413-6241

Counties: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Wetzel, Monongalia, Preston, Marion, Tyler

Posts: 437 Moundsville, 548 Morgantown, 578 Terra Alta, 629 Fairmont, 826 Kingwood, 1589 Masontown, 2345 Tunnelton, 2523 Bruceton Mills, 2716 Weirton, 3008 Rowlesburg, 3526 New Cumberland, 4442 Elm Grove, 6327 Sistersville, 6450 Chester, 7048 East Fairmont, 9916 Westover

### **DISTRICT 2**

Commander	PSC Corrina Boggess (8363), 123 Waterside Cir	Winfield	25213	703-608-7519
Sr. Vice Cdr	Ray Varian (9926), PO Box 361	Mason	25260	304-593-3098
Jr. Vice Cdr	Brenda Horne (5501), 3632 Sugar Creek Rd	Kenna	25248	724-914-3821
Adj/QM	Andrew Sockett (9926), 124 Mulberry Ave	Pomeroy, OH	45769	740-274-6580
Service Officer	Mark Moore (5501), 1072 Evergreen Hills Rd	Cottageville	25239	304-373-7261
Chaplain	Andrew Sockett (9926), 124 Mulberry Ave	Pomeroy, OH	45769	740-274-6580

Counties: Pleasants, Wood, Doddridge, Kanawha, Jackson, Ritchie, Clay, Gilmer, Roane, Calhoun, Mason, Wirt

Posts: 1212 Parkersburg, 3408 West Union, 3466 Charleston, 3554 Harrisville, 4419 Clay, 5269 Belle, 5469 Glenville, 5501 Ripley, 6418 Saint Albans, 6669 Ravenswood, 8363 Chesapeake, 8516 Elkview, 9926 Mason

### **DISTRICT 3**

Commander	Herbert Burdette (6723), 258 Chestnut Ave East	Alderson	24910	304-661-3011
Sr. Vice Cdr	Scott Bitner (3081), 225 West Main St	Grafton	26354	304-612-3790
Jr. Vice Cdr	Jeremiah Schooley (3081), PO Box 280	Simpson	26435	304-290-1708
Adj/QM	Debra Tompkins (6106), PO Box 493	Canvas	26662	304-872-0697
Service Officer	PSC Jim Talerico, 1312 Adams Ave	Clarksburg	26301	304-677-0080
Chaplain	Rob Allen (3663), 788 Hardman Rd	Ellamore	26267	304-940-1625

Counties: Barbour, Harrison, Taylor, Upshur, Webster, Braxton, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Nicholas, Lewis

Posts: 410 Belington, 573 Clarksburg, 1976 Weston, 3081 Grafton, 3663 Buckhannon, 3738 Webster Springs, 3757 Burnsville, 4595 Marlinton, 6106 Summersville, 6723 Alderson, 6737 Renick, 8614 Craigs ville, 9151 Salem

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410 Belington	4768 Alum Creek
437 Moundsville	5269 Belle
548 Morgantown	5469 Glenville
573 Clarksburg	5501 Ripley
578 Terra Alta	5578 Madison
629 Fairmont	5583 Coalton
826 Kingwood	5781 Harman
896 Martinsburg	6106 Summersville
1064 Huntington	6153 Chapmanville
1101 Romney	6327 Sistersville
1144 Iaeger	6418 Saint Albans
1212 Parkersburg	6450 Chester
1589 Masontown	6452 Ridgeley
1976 Weston	6454 Petersburg
2102 Wardensville	6667 Fort Ashby
2345 Tunnelton	6669 Ravenswood
2523 Bruceton Mills	6723 Alderson
2716 Weirton	6737 Renick
3008 Rowlesburg	7048 East Fairmont
3081 Grafton	7695 Ansted
3408 West Union	7780 Mathias
3466 Charleston	8363 Chesapeake
3518 Keyser	8364 Oceana
3522 Charles Town	8516 Elkview
3526 New Cumberland	8614 Craigsville
3554 Harrisville	9097 Hurricane
3647 Elkins	91551 Salem
3663 Buckhannon	9606 Moorefield
3738 Webster Springs	9666 Sugar Grove
3757 Burnsville	9796 Milton
4019 Berkeley Springs	9916 Westover
4326 Sophia	9926 Mason
4419 Clay	
4442 Elm Grove	
4469 Beckley	
4500 Hinton	
4595 Marlinton	

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**ALDERSON, WV—TRI-COUNTY POST NO. 6723 (DISTRICT 3) -- Dues \$35.00**  
**Meeting Nights—2nd Saturday – 10:00 a.m. Phone 661-1180**  
**Street Address - Alderson Presbyterian Church, 281 S. Monroe St, Alderson, WV 24910**  
**Mailing Address – PO Box 289, Alderson, WV 24910**

Commander	James Clay, 2453 Blue Sulphur Springs Rd	Alderson	24910	304-445-5374
Sr Vice Cdr	Brandon Krystynak, 304 Shady Ln	Lewisburg	24901	304-992-2015
Jr Vice Cdr	Dwayne Rider, 185 Hopkins St	Alderson	24910	816-277-2209
Adj/QM	Herbert Burdette, 258 Chestnut Ave E	Alderson	24910	304-661-1180
Service Officer	Werner Liegel, 477 Crossover Rd	Ronceverte	24970	304-445-2212
Chaplain	Thomas Skaggs, 496 Maple Ave	Alderson	24910	304-646-8920

**ALUM CREEK, WV—BENNIE PADILLA POST NO. 4768 (District 5) -- Dues \$34.00**  
**Meeting Nights—2nd Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 304-613-1188**

**Street and Mailing Address: 4443 Brounland Road, South Charleston, WV 25309**

Commander	Kevin Light, 301 17 <sup>th</sup> St	Dunbar	25064	304-613-1188
Sr Vice Cdr	Ron Allen, 526 Laurel Frk	Sumerco	25567	304-524-2108
Jr Vice Cdr	Patrick Wilson, 21537 Pond Fork Rd	Bob White	25028	304-245-2003
Quartermaster	Richard Greathouse, 16 Twin Oaks Dr	Clendenin	25045	304-395-5425
Adjutant	Ron Allen, 526 Laurel Frk	Sumerco	25567	304-524-2108
Service Officer	Patrick Wilson, 21537 Pond Fork Rd	Bob White	25028	304-245-2003
Chaplain	Sonny Thomas, 40 Thomas Mountain Rd	So. Charleston	25309	304-756-2792

**ANSTED, WV—EUGENE SKAGGS POST NO. 7695 (District 5) -- Dues \$45.00**  
**Meeting Nights—2nd Thursday – 6:00 p.m. Phone 658-4500**

**Street Address – 19957 Midland Trail, Ansted, WV 25812**  
**Mailing Address – PO Box 267, Ansted, WV 25812**

Commander	Mitch Carte, 3024 Sunday Rd	Hico	25854	304-573-4243
Sr Vice Cdr	Richard McVey, 197 Hess Lively Rd	Mount Hope	25880	
Jr Vice Cdr	Robert Thompson, 17 Upper Summerlee Lp	Oak Hill	25901	304-573-9777
Quartermaster	Rennis Ward, PO Box 678	Ansted	25812	304-658-5854
Adjutant	Mitch Carte, 3024 Sunday Rd	Hico	25854	304-573-4243
Service Officer	Mitch Carte, 3024 Sunday Rd	Hico	25854	304-573-4243
Chaplain	Eugene Campbell, 1388 Opossum Creek Rd	Victor	25938	304-658-4629

**BECKLEY, WV—LEW SHEFFLER POST NO. 4469 (District 5) -- Dnes \$40.00**  
**Meeting Nights—3rd Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 712-2018**

**Street Address – The Weathered Ground Brewery, 2027 Flat Top Rd, Ghent, WV 25843**  
**Mailing Address – 136 Breeden Dr, Daniels, WV 25832**

Commander	Timothy Ward, PO Box 555	Cool Ridge	25825	501-388-2720
Sr Vice Cdr	Jeffey Vandell, 13768 N State Rt 20	Meadow Bridge	25976	304-992-1337
Jr Vice Cdr	Brent Turrentine, 436 Thousand Oaks Dr	Shady Spring	25918	304-2-22-9518



**BUCKHANNON, WV—BUCKONG-GEHANNON POST NO. 3663 (District 3) -- Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Monday — 6:00 p.m. Phone 472-9152**

**Street Address - 12 South Kanawha Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 87, Buckhannon, WV 26201**

Commander	Robert Kincaid, 229 Lauren Ln	Buckhannon	26201	304-642-8175
Sr Vice Cdr	Mark Best, 938 Stony Run Rd	Buckhannon	26201	575-644-0882
Jr Vice Cdr	Kevin Ogden, 1030 Heavner Grove Rd	Buckhannon	26201	304-881-5104
Adj/QM	Rob Allen, 788 Hardman Rd	Ellamore	26267	304-940-1625
Service Officer	David Klingensmith, 648 Beaver Run Rd	French Creek	26218	304-924-9221
Chaplain	Jason Claypoole, 2256 Mt Union Rd	Buckhannon	26201	304-613-4900

**BURNSVILLE, WV—JACKIE KNIGHT POST NO. 3757 (District 3) -- Dues \$32.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. Phone 672-6912**

**Street Address – Burnsville Community Building, Kanawha Street, Burnsville, WV 26335**

**Mailing Address – 2579 Gem Road, Burnsville, WV 26335**

Commander	Franklin McPherson, 2601 Gem Rd	Burnsville	26335	304-853-2706
Sr Vice Cdr	David Ramsey, 157 Posey Run Rd	Orlando	26412	304-853-2474
Jr Vice Cdr	Terry Crislip, 2408 Gem Rd	Burnsville	26335	304-853-2752
Quartermaster	Daniel Arnold, 2579 Gem Rd	Burnsville	26335	304-853-2767
Adjutant	Jennings Sears, 81 Jennings Dr	Exchange	26619	304-765-2797
Service Officer	Daniel Arnold, 2579 Gem Rd	Burnsville	26335	304-853-2767
Chaplain	Jennings Sears, 81 Jennings Dr	Exchange	26619	304-765-2797

**CHAPMANVILLE, WV—ROBERT STEPHENSON POST NO. 6153 (District 5) -- Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights — 4th Tuesday - 8:00 p.m. Phone 752-8482**

**Street Address – American Legion Building, South on Main, Chapmanville, WV 25508**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 4260, Chapmanville, WV 25508**

Commander	Larry Roark, PO box 365	Peach Creek	25639	304-752-7829
Sr Vice Cdr	Charles Parsons, PO Box 7	Peach Creek	25639	304-752-7968
Jr Vice Cdr	Frederick Marcum, PO Box 313	Lake	25121	304-752-7061
Quartermaster	Robert Donathan, 1898 Thunder Rd	Chapmanville	25508	304-752-8482
Adjutant	Millard Thompson, 150 Frances Creek Rd	Harts	25524	304-855-7653
Service Officer	John Toney, 1717 Low Gap Rd	Danville	25053	304-953-0655
Chaplain	James Phillips, PO Box 331	Lake	25121	304-369-5997

**CHARLES TOWN, WV—JEFFERSON COUNTY MEMORIAL POST NO. 3522 (District 4) -- Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 725-5946**

**Street and Mailing Address – 116 E. Liberty Street, Charles Town, WV 25414**

Commander	Heath Shrader, 688 Old Route 33	Weston	26452	931-217-0689
Sr Vice Cdr	Todd Raymond, 555 Oak Lee Dr	Ranson	25438	717-600-7298
Jr Vice Cdr	Rodney Neely, PO Box 607	Gerrardstown	25420	304-261-9425
Adj/QM	Randy Delawder, 1503 Keyes Ferry Rd	Charles Town	25414	304-707-2252
Service Officer	George Goletz, 163 Five Forks Dr	Harpers Ferry	25425	540-905-0662
Chaplain	George Goletz, 163 Five Forks Dr	Harpers Ferry	25425	540-905-0662

**CLAY, WV--CLAY POST NO. 4419 (District 2)--Dues \$45.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd & 4th Monday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Phone 587-7511**

**Street Address – 1507 Clay Hwy, Clay, WV 25043**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 627, Clay, WV 25043**

Commander	Joe Lanham, 2312 Blue Knob Rd	Maysel	25133	304-587-7511
Sr Vice Cdr	John Carroll, 257 Ovapa Rd	Ovapa	25164	304-206-6494
Jr Vice Cdr	Julia Triplett, 511 Bomont Rd	Bomont	25030	304-548-5181
Adj/QM	Joseph Dozer, 74 Black Cherry Ln	Bickmore	25019	304-830-6380
Service Officer	Richard Triplett, 511 Bomont Rd	Bomont	25030	304-548-5181
Chaplain	Teddy Underwood, PO Box 602	Clay	25043	304-286-3408

**COALTON, WV—ROARING CREEK POST NO. 5583 (District 4)--Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m.**

**Phone 591-4297**

**Street/Mailing Address – 3436 Coalton-Punkintown Road, Coalton, WV 26257**

Commander	Charles Petrice, 72 Petrice Ln	Coalton	26257	304-636-9265
Sr Vice Cdr	Hoy Waldron, 33 Waldron Dr	Coalton	26257	304-636-6619
Jr Vice Cdr	Michael Stewart, 1399 Skidmore Rd	Norton	26285	304-266-7365
Adj/QM	Charles Lowther, PO Box 304	Dailey	26259	304-591-4297
Service Officer	Steven Cook, 1115 Ward Rd	Elkins	26241	304-636-7240
Chaplain	Roger Zirkle, 2182 Cassity Rd	Mabie	26278	304-636-7018

**CRAIGSVILLE, WV--CRAIGSVILLE POST NO. 8614 (District 3)--Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—1st Monday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Phone 226-5718**

**Street Address – Craigsville Senior Citizen Center, 35 Library Rd, Craigsville, WV 26205**

**Mailing Address - PO Box 766, Craigsville, WV 26205**

Commander	Travis Bailey, 1635 Woodbine Rd	Craigsville	26205	304-846-3216
Sr Vice Cdr	Clyde Bever, 164 Straight Rd	Craigsville	26205	304-742-3852
Jr Vice Cdr	James Campbell, PO Box 573	Craigsville	26205	304-742-5415
Adj/QM	Richard Vance, PO Box 1100	Craigsville	26205	304-742-8847
Service Officer	Clyde Bever, 164 Straight Rd	Craigsville	26205	304-742-3852
Chaplain	James Campbell, PO Box 573	Craigsville	26205	304-742-5415

**ELKINS, WV—TYGART VALLEY POST NO. 3647 (District 4)--Dues \$33.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd & 4th Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 636-7360**

**Street and Mailing Address – 536 Randolph Avenue, Elkins, WV 26241**

Commander				
Sr Vice Cdr	Carl Amorese, 318 Schmidlen Farm Rd	Elkins	26241	304-636-2360
Jr Vice Cdr	Mathew Waddell, PO Box 4	Valley Bend	26293	
Adj/QM	Robert Hinzman, 10 Edmonton Ave	Beverly	26253	304-636-4594
Service Officer	Sam Morrison, 117 Summers St	Elkins	26241	
Chaplain				

**FORT ASHBY, WV—FORT ASHBY POST NO. 6667 (District 4)--Dues \$35.00**  
**Meeting Nights—2nd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. Phone 298-3666**

**Street Address –28 Cottage Grove Lane, Fort Ashby, WV 26719**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 378, Fort Ashby, WV 25719**

Commander	Greg Carder, 335 Scenic Ln	Ridgeley	26753	304-582-5533
Sr Vice Cdr	Fredric Marlis, 8097 Fort Ashby Rd	Keyser	26726	304-790-9077
Jr Vice Cdr	Bryce Navom, 404 Champwood Ridge Ct	Keyser	26726	304-703-9881
Quartermaster	Elizabeth Logsdon, PO Box 166	Fort Ashby	26719	304-298-4329
Adjutant	Scott Roe, PO Box 530	Fort Ashby	26719	304-298-4247
Service Officer	Joseph Hughes, 122 N Lakewood Dr	Ridgeley	26753	304-738-3697
Chaplain	Robert Houdersheldt, 2133 Old Furnace Rd	Ridgeley	26753	304-738-1550

**GLENVILLE, WV—WEST VIRGINIA POST NO. 5469 (District 2)--Dues \$33.00**  
**Meeting Nights—1st Monday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 462-7778**

**Street Address – Glenville Golf Club Club House, Sycamore Drive, Glenville, WV 26351**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 465, Glenville, WV 26351**

Commander	Jennifer Wenner, 920 Spruce Run Rd	Glenville	26351	304-462-7779
Sr Vice Cdr	Kenneth Ciszek, 395 Hickory Hollow Rd	Coxs Mills	26342	304-462-9414
Jr Vice Cdr	Kateland Clark, 127 Otterbein Dr	Glenville	26351	540-247-7344
Quartermaster	David Jones, 318 Buttermilk Rd	Glenville	26351	681-495-7614
Adjutant	Clyde Wood, 900 Walnut St	Glenville	26351	304-804-2040
Service Officer	Caleb Turner, 6677 Gassaway Rd	Normantown	25267	803-847-1520
Chaplain	Scott Lee Hacker, 8832 WV Hwy 5 W	Glenville	26351	304-904-3146

**GRAFTON, WV—MEMORIAL CITY POST NO. 3081 (District 3)--Dues \$35.00**  
**Meeting Nights—2nd & 4th Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 265-3081**

**Street Address - 225 West Main Street, Grafton, WV 26354**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 482, Grafton, WV 26354**

Commander	Scott Bitner, 87 Dogwood Ln	Fairmont	26554	304-612-3790
Sr Vice Cdr	Jeremiah Schooley, PO Box 280	Simpson	26435	304-290-1708
Jr Vice Cdr	Craig Weaver, 748 Poplar Dr	Grafton	26354	304-677-2045
Adj/QM	Joseph Reneman, PO Box 345	Grafton	26354	304-288-3078
Service Officer	Warren Harger, 119 Fannie St	Grafton	26354	
Chaplain	Nyoka Mollohan, PO Box 33	Grafton	26354	

**HARMAN, WV—DRY FORK MEMORIAL POST NO. 5781 (District 4)--Dues \$35.00**  
**Meeting Nights—3rd Saturday – 1:00 p.m. Phone 866-4521**

**Street Address—Water Street on the river**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 84, Harman, WV 26270**

Commander	Danie Ours, 385 Stelman Harper Rd	Harman	26270	304-227-4349
Sr Vice Cdr	Dolan Black, PO Box 296	Harman	26270	
Jr Vice Cdr	Steven Armentrout, Rt 29 Box 53	Whitmer	26296	304-227-3688
Quartermaster	Robert Kacin, PO Box 429	Dryfork	26263	304-866-4521
Adjutant	Teddy Vance, PO Box 86	Elkins	26241	
Service Officer	Larry Snyder, PO Box 12	Harman	26270	304-642-8252

**IAEGER, WV—IAEGER POST NO. 1144 (District 5)--Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Monday – 5:00 p.m.**

**Phone 938-2586**

**Street Address – Bank of Iaeger, 109 Center Street, Iaeger, WV 24844**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 335, Panther, WV 24872**

Commander	Marion Deskins, PO Box 504	Iaeger	24844	304-938-2586
Sr Vice Cdr	Leonard England, PO Box 284	Roderfield	24881	304-656-7250
Jr Vice Cdr	Charles Brown, PO Box 405	Iaeger	24844	304-938-2827
Adj/QM	Billy Conyers, PO Box 335	Panther	24872	304-938-4011
Service Officer	Marion Deskins, PO Box 504	Iaeger	24844	304-938-2586
Chaplain	Michael Mullins, PO Box 633	Jolo	24850	304-967-5886

**KEYSER, WV—NANCY HANKS POST NO. 3518 (District 4)--Dues \$36.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.**

**Phone 788-1556**

**Street Address - 179 Armstrong Street, Keyser, WV 26726**

**Mailing Address – PO Box V, Keyser, WV 26726**

Commander	Theodore Swick, 471 Newton St	Keyser	26726	304-788-0160
Sr Vice Cdr	Granville Davis, 8696 Fort Ashby Rd	Keyser	26726	304-788-4067
Jr Vice Cdr	Maurice Ellifritz, PO Box 1271	Keyser	26726	304-788-5914
Adj/QM	Paul McIlwee, 192 C St	Keyser	26726	304-790-2227
Service Officer	PSC Jim Seaman, 37 North Water St	Keyser	26726	304-788-2912
Chaplain	Wayne Gosnell, 30 Belmont Ln	New Creek	26743	717-805-9536

**KINGWOOD, WV—FORT BUTLER POST NO. 826 (District 1)--Dues \$31.75**

**Meeting Nights – 1st Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.**

**Phone 329-1294**

**Street Address – 13067 South Preston Highway, Kingwood, WV 26537**

**Mailing Address - PO Box 172, Kingwood, WV 26537**

Commander	Ernie Trusty, PO Box 288	Tunnelton	26444	304-288-3117
Sr Vice Cdr	Ronald Allen, 3867 Thornton Pike	Thornton	26440	406-399-3198
<b>Jr Vice Cdr</b>				
Quartermaster	Ron Cunningham, 3751 Gladesville Rd	Independence	26374	304-864-3390
Adjutant	Ron Opel, 562 Opel Rd	Tunnelton	26444	304-329-1287
Service Officer	Thomas Bern, 106 Oak St	Kingwood	26537	304-329-2544
Chaplain	Douglas Grose, 2727 Gladesville Rd	Independence	26374	304-864-0519

**MATHIAS, WV—LOST RIVER VALLEY POST NO. 7780 (District 4)--Dues \$32.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Phone 897-7544**

**Street Address – Mathias Community Center, 195 Howards Lick Rd, Mathias, WV 26812**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 222, Baker, WV 26801**

Commander	Ralph Barb, PO Box 3	Lost City	26810	304-897-5219
Sr Vice Cdr	John Basye 18683 State Rd 259	Mathias	26812	304-897-5734
Jr Vice Cdr	Jimmy Mongold, RR 1 Box 461	Mathias	26812	
Quartermaster	Donald Hoover, PO Box 222	Baker	26801	304-897-7544
Adjutant	Dale Dove, 4948 Dove Hollow Rd	Mathias	26812	304-897-5454
Service Officer	John Basye, 220 Mountain Laurel Ln	Baker	26801	304-897-6081
Chaplain	Johnny Wilkins, 868 Dove Hollow Rd	Mathias	26812	304-897-5943

**MASONTOWN, WV—VALLEY DISTRICT POST NO. 1589 (District 1)--Dues \$32.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 864-1589**

**Street Address –9143 Veterans Memorial Highway, Masontown, WV 26542**

**Mailing Address - PO Box 524, Masontown, WV 26542**

Commander	Darrell Shaffer, 1482 Mayfield Rd	Masontown	26542	304-290-1101
Sr Vice Cdr	Daniel Shaffer, 12 Snake Hill Rd	Morgantown	26508	304-216-5692
Jr Vice Cdr	James Kirchmar, 393 Pine Cir	Reedsville	26547	304-864-6518
Quartermaster	Clark St. Clair, PO Box 324	Reedsville	26547	304-685-4482
Adjutant	Thomas Chandler, PO Box B	Masontown	26542	304-864-6933
Service Officer	David Hall, PO Box 211	Arthurdale	26520	
Chaplain	Gaylord Dean Croft, 5265 Kingwood Pike	Reedsville	26547	304-290-9496

**MILTON, WV--MILTON POST NO. 9796 (District 5)--Dues \$37.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Monday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 304-545-9447**

**Street and Mailing Address - 7 Fairground Road, Milton, WV 25541**

Commander	Jay Malmberg, 1104 East Mud River Rd	Milton	25541	636-388-3353
Sr Vice Cdr	Brian Wyer, 6049 Guyan Creek Rd	Glenwood	25520	304-210-8929
Jr Vice Cdr	Mark Harry, 221 Lakeview Dr	St. Albans	25177	423-895-8366
Quartermaster	Karen Joan McWhorter, 14 Wisteria Way	Culloden	25510	304-545-9447
Adjutant	Anthony Wallace, 1907 Martins Ln	Culloden	25510	757-652-0380
Service Officer	Steven Mooney, 7320 Nekirk Rd	Ashland, KY	41102	304-654-8815
Chaplain	Danny Pauley, 50 Mannon Dr	Alum Creek	25003	304-561-7666

**MOOREFIELD, WV—DENNY-MOYER-PRATT POST NO. 9606 (District 4)--Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—4th Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 530-7085**

**Street Address - American Legion Hall, 225 N. Main St, Moorefield, WV 26836**

**Mailing Address – 309 N. Main Street, Moorefield, WV 26836**

Commander	Kristopher Jenkins, PO Box 377	Purgitsville	26852	785-341-9271
Sr Vice Cdr	Kenneth Bransky, 325 Red Maple Dr	Baker	26801	304-897-7345
Jr Vice Cdr	Josua See, 175 Hideaway Dr	Moorefield	26836	304-851-6825
Adj/QM	Craig Riggelman, 306 Jackson St	Moorefield	26836	304-851-3435
Service Officer	Kenneth Bransky, 325 Red Maple Dr	Baker	26801	304-897-7345
Chaplain	Steven Vaughn, 100 Cunningham Woods Dr	Moorefield	26836	304-530-3383

**MORGANTOWN, WV—GENERAL DANIEL MORGAN POST NO. 548 (District 1)--Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—1st and 3rd Thursday – 8:00 p.m. Phone 292-3927**

**Street Address – 494 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV 26505**

**Mailing Address—PO Box 56, Morgantown, WV 26507**

Commander	Jeremy Allio, 1332 Cain St	Morgantown	26505	304-685-9463
Sr Vice Cdr	Shawn Brown, 33 Sundance Dr	Morgantown	26508	304-266-2557
Jr Vice Cdr	Joseph Cavanaugh, 8 Globe Ave	Morgantown	26501	304-291-5427
Adj/QM	Jonathan Friend, 1107 Miller St	Morgantown	26508	304-290-9968
Service Officer	Joseph McCoy, 3403 Fawn Ln	Morgantown	26508	304-276-7811
Chaplain	John Kendrick, 1 Sundance Dr	Morgantown	26508	304-435-4110

**PETERSBURG, WV—POTOMAC HIGHLANDS POST NO. 6454 (District 4)--Dues \$40.00**  
**Meeting Nights—4th Monday – 7:00 p.m.** Phone 257-1544

**Street Address – 496 Veterans Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847**  
**Mailing Address – PO Box 516, Petersburg, WV 26847**

Commander	Gary Minnich, 105 Pine St	Petersburg	26847	912-610-0695
Sr Vice Cdr	Rodney Hedrick, 149 Montana Rd	Petersburg	26847	304-257-2702
Jr Vice Cdr	Mark Nazelrodt, 9 Gum Holw	Petersburg	26847	304-257-8189
Adj/QM	Michael Meek, 12227 Knobley Rd	New Creek	26743	304-749-7594
Service Officer	Gary Minnich, 105 Pine St	Petersburg	26847	912-610-0695
Chaplain	Calvin Thompson, 108 Virginia Ave	Petersburg	26847	304-257-1574

**RAVENSWOOD, WV--JACKSON COUNTY POST NO. 6669 (District 2)--Dues \$35.00**  
**Meeting Nights—1st Monday – 7:00 p.m.** Phone 273-2174

**Street Address – First Baptist Church, 215 Ann St, Ravenswood, WV 26164**  
**Mailing Address – 1210 Woodcrest Dr, Ravenswood, WV 26164**

Commander	Jerry McCommack, 1588 Ravenswood Rd	Ravenswood	26164	304-761-4329
Sr Vice Cdr	Joseph Nicholas, 931 Old River Rd	Williamstown	26187	304-482-8343
Jr Vice Cdr	Alissa Williams, 4486 Point Pleasant Rd	Ravenswood	26164	314-603-1560
Adj/QM	William Williams, 1210 Woodcrest Dr	Ravenswood	26164	304-273-2174
Service Officer	PSC Jeff Elkins, 398 The Ridge Rd	Ripley	25271	304-373-9100
Chaplain	Joseph Burge, 285 Front St	Millwood	25262	304-532-7616

**RENICK, WV—HARRY STEELE POST NO. 6737 (District 3)--Dues \$35.00**  
**Meeting Nights—3rd Thursday – 7:00 p.m.** Phone 304-497-2574

**Street Address – Spring Creek Presbyterian Church, 3 US 219 Frankford, WV 24938**  
**Mailing Address – 1599 Spring Creek Station Road, Renick, WV 24966**

Commander	Glen Diehl, 139 Axtell Ave	Renick	24966	304-497-2163
Sr Vice Cdr	Harley Cox, 558 Crane Rd	Renick	24966	304-497-2575
Jr Vice Cdr	Charles Humphrey, 193 Windy Ridge Way	Lewisburg	24901	304-645-4917
Quartermaster	Paul Flippin, Jr, 1599 Spring Creek Station Rd	Renick	24966	304-497-2574
Adjutant	Milton Renick, 1900 Vago Rd	Frankford	24938	304-497-2824
Service Officer	Paul Flippin, Jr, 1599 Spring Creek Station Rd	Renick	24966	304-497-2574
Chaplain	Paul Brown, 5562 Raders Valley Rd	Williamsburg	24991	304-647-4947

**RIDGELEY, WV—RIDGELEY GOLD STAR POST NO. 6452 (District 4)--Dues \$35.00**  
**Meeting Nights—1st Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.** Phone 738-9196

**Street Address – 506 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Ridgeley, WV 26753**  
**Mailing Address – PO Box 616, Ridgeley, WV 26753**

Commander	Zachery Elliott, 95 Perry St	Ridgeley	26753	304-362-6412
Sr Vice Cdr	Tom Kennell, 288 Schellsburg St	Hyndman, PA	15545	814-842-6285
Jr Vice Cdr	Ronnie Lawler, 73 Davis Ave	Ridgeley	26753	304-738-9342
Quartermaster	Jim Nestor, PO Box 139	Ridgeley	26753	304-738-9196
Adjutant	Thomas Riggleman, 98 South West Virginia St	Ridgeley	26753	304-738-8646
Service Officer	Jim Nestor, PO Box 139	Ridgeley	26753	304-738-9196
Chaplain				

Chaplain Charles Ward, 2238 Grant Ave St. Albans 25177 304-727-4358

**SALEM, WV—SPERRY-DAVIS POST NO. 9151 (District 3)--Dues \$35.00**  
Meeting Nights—2nd Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 782-2225

Street Address – 1169 West Main Street, Salem, WV 26426

Mailing Address – PO Box 31, Salem, WV 26426

Commander Amy Lowe, 1831 N 21<sup>st</sup> St Clarksburg 26301 270-331-6167

**Sr Vice Cdr**

Jr Vice Cdr Michael Hope, 149 Woodlawn Dr Petersburg 26847 304-358-1256

Adj/QM Garry McCoy, 99 Miracle Meadows Dr Salem 26426 208-553-2690

Service Officer James Jenkins, 35 Prospect St Salem 26426 304-838-1430

**SISTERSVILLE, WV-SCHAU-ROBINSON-HERBOLD POST NO. 6327 (District 1)--Dues \$40.00**  
Meeting Nights—3rd Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Phone 652-9992

Street and Mailing Address – 504 Diamond Street, Sistersville, WV 26175

Commander Don Pickett, 810 Main St Sistersville 26175 304-652-1270

Sr Vice Cdr Leroy Travis, 305 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Paden City 26159 304-771-1382

Jr Vice Cdr James Cavezza, 340 Jackson Ave Sistersville 26175 304-652-1123

Adj/QM Charles Laugh, 114 Virginia St Sistersville 26175 561-306-2729

Service Officer Charles Laugh, 114 Virginia St Sistersville 26175 561-306-2729

Chaplain N.R. Fagert, 202 E Robinson St Paden City 26159

**SOPHIA, WV--SOPHIA POST NO. 4326 (District 5)--Dues 35.00**  
Meeting Nights—1st Sunday – 2:00 p.m. Phone 683-3063

Street and Mailing Address – 1000 Midway Road, Midway, WV 25878

Commander Malinda Coburn, PO Box 368 Coal City 25823 304-228-1584

Sr Vice Cdr Patrick Murphy, PO Box 1070 Crab Orchard 25827 304-255-0603

Jr Vice Cdr Clyde Treadway, PO Box 824 Fayetteville 25840 304-649-3657

Adj/QM April Marzulla, 126 Roslyn St Mount Hope 25880 276-224-7796

Service Officer Edward Van Deskins, PO Box 364 Midway 25878 304-683-9888

Chaplain Stephen Johnson, 109 Colton Loop Beckley 25801 304-252-9976

**SUGAR GROVE, WV—OUR FIVE BOYS POST NO. 9666 (District 4)--Dues \$35.00**  
Meeting Nights—2nd Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Phone 358-7272

Street Address – 9194 Moyers Gap Road, Sugar Grove, WV 26815

Mailing Address – 372 Mount Hall Rd, Sugar Grove, WV 26815

Commander Larry Flinn, PO Box 571 Franklin 26807 304-358-7272

Sr Vice Cdr Allen Moats, PO Box 343 Franklin 26807 304-358-3532

Jr Vice Cdr George Armstrong, 7128 Sweedlin Valley Rd Brandywine 26802 304-249-5159

Quartermaster Steven O'Toole, 760 Windy Mountain Ln Sugar Grove 26815 304-668-6419

Adjutant Alicia Johnston, 136 Priest Mill Ln Franklin 26807 509-823-3478

Service Officer Ricky Bennett, 13755 Blue Gray Trl Brandywine 26802 304-249-5263

Chaplain Philip Downs, 95 Luther Ln Sugar Grove 26815 304-249-5140

**WEBSTER SPRINGS, WV—ADDISON-MCLAUGHLIN POST NO. 3738 (District 3)--Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.**

**Phone 644-7118**

**Street Address – 811 Bennett Avenue, Webster Springs, WV 26288**

**Mailing Address - PO Box 465, Webster Springs, WV 26288**

Commander	Gerald Rose, 37 Mountain Side Cir	Webster Springs 26288	304-644-7118
Sr Vice Cdr	Dennis Wilson, 206 River Dr	Webster Springs 26288	304-847-7627
Jr Vice Cdr	Elsworth Helmick, PO Box 129	Webster Springs 26288	
Adj/QM	Terry Cunningham, 704 John Goff Rd	Cowen	26206 304-226-5849
Service Officer	Ronnie Clayton, 1537 Fairview Rd	Webster Springs 26288	304-847-5370
Chaplain	Terry Cunningham, 704 John Goff Rd	Webster Springs 26288	304-226-5849

**WEIRTON, WV — PANHANDLE POST NO. 2716 (District 1) — Dues \$40.00**

**Meeting Nights — 1st Monday—7:00 p.m.**

**Phone 748-9674**

**Street and Mailing Address — 3435 Main Street, Weirton, WV 26062**

Commander	Jon Thornfinnson, 334 Homewood Ave	Weirton	26062 412-759-2347
Sr Vice Cdr	Jacquelyn Hower, 942 Virginia Ave	Follansbee	26037 304-670-8532
Jr Vice Cdr	Richard Giusto, 188 Tera Mnr	Wintersville, OH	43953 740-632-1655
Adj/QM	Steven Frank, 200 Crystal Ln	Weirton	26062 304-670-2676
Service Officer	John Radvansky, 144 Sandalwood Dr	Wellsburg	26070
Chaplain	John Radvansky, 144 Sandalwood Dr	Wellsburg	26070

**WEST UNION, WV—MIDDLE ISLAND POST NO. 3408 (District 2)--Dues \$37.00**

**Meeting Nights—2nd Thursday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Phone: 873-2929**

**Street and Mailing Address – 504 West Main Street, West Union, WV 26456**

Commander	William Stewart, 73 Crystal Lake Rd	West Union	26456 304-873-2929
Sr Vice Cdr	Blaine Devericks, 733 Meadowview Rd	Salem	26426 304-782-2416
Jr Vice Cdr	Perry Ferguson, 1340 Sunnyside Rd	West Union	26456 304-873-2045
Adj/QM	Stacy Riffle, 650 Sam Cavins Rd	West Union	26456 304-871-1489
Service Officer	William Stewart, 73 Crystal Lake Rd	West Union	26456 304-873-2929
Chaplain	Roger Friend, 1463 Rock Run Rd	West Union	26456 304-873-2537

**WESTON, WV—LEWCO VETS POST NO. 1976 (District 3)--Dues \$35.00**

**Meeting Nights—3rd Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Phone 931-217-0689**

**Street Address – Giovanni's Restaurant, Route 33 East, Weston, WV 26452**

**Mailing Address – PO Box 542, Weston, WV 26452**

Commander	Ronald Fisher, 28 Green Acres	Jane Lew	26378 304-884-7664
Sr Vice Cdr	David Sellers, 17 Day St	Jane Lew	26378 304-884-6405
Jr Vice Cdr	Harold Hyer, 427 W 2nd St	Weston	26452 681-495-2730
Adj/QM	Heath Shrader, 688 Old Route 33	Weston	26452 931-217-0689
Service Officer	Ronald Fisher, 28 Green Acres	Jane Lew	26378 304-884-7664



## PAST STATE COMMANDERS

1920-21	W.P. HINTON	(573)	(Deceased)
1921-22	P.H. CALLAHAN	( )	(Deceased)
1922-23	F.C. DEVERICKS	(573)	(Deceased)
1923-24	GEORGE JEFFERSON	(548)	(Deceased)
1924-25	H.J. DOLLINGER	(548)	(Deceased)
1925-26	GEORGE B. CRUMBRINE	(548)	(Deceased)
1926-27	FRED BURKA	(573)	(Deceased)
1927-28	GUY SHUTTLEWORTH	(548)	(Deceased)
1928-29	REX H. DAVIS	(548)	(Deceased)
1929-30	W.H. BRADFORD	(548)	(Deceased)
1930-31	HARRY T. CHAPIN	(297)	(Deceased)
1931-32	WARREN W. SMITH	(573)	(Deceased)
1932-33	ROBERT H. POWELL	(1021)	(Deceased)
1933-35	CREDE H. CONLEY	(629)	(Deceased)
1935-36	REX H. DAVIS	(548)	(Deceased)
1936-37	SMYTHE K. BIGGS	(1212)	(Deceased)
1937-38	FLOYD G. SPRACHER	(1021)	(Deceased)
1938-39	C.A. HAMMOND	(9583)	(Deceased)
1939-40	HARRY KLEIMAN	(3856)	(Deceased)
1940-41	WILLAM C. LUTES	(2716)	(Deceased)
1941-42	CARL A. WILGUS	(1064)	(Deceased)
1942-43	EMMETT C. JEFFREY	(1212)	(Deceased)
1943-44	PAUL L. WHARTON	(222)	(Deceased)
1944-45	F.A. McINTIRE	(573)	(Deceased)
1945-46	V. CHESTER WILLIAMS	(3466)	(Deceased)
1946-47	DENNY CAIN	(2716)	(Deceased)
1947-48	JAMES DAVIS	(9583)	(Deceased)
1948-49	A.B. BOWYER, M.D.	(3466)	(Deceased)
1949-50	JAMES A. MACK	(5783)	(Deceased)
1950-51	W.C. MINGER	(573)	(Deceased)
1951-52	FREDERIC G. RIGGS	(1976)	(Deceased)
1952-53	HAROLD L. WELKER	(1101)	(Deceased)
1953-54	JAMES E. DEAL	(1064)	(Deceased)
1954-55	RICHARD RUNDLE	(548)	(Deceased)
1955-56	DON S. MAUPIN	(437)	(Deceased)
1956-57	EUGENE W. WALKER	(4484)	(Deceased)
1957-58	RICHARD W. HOMAN	(9666)	(Deceased)
1958-59	JOHN H. MOORE	(1064)	(Deceased)
1959-60	DAVID J. LOWERY	(2716)	(Deceased)
1960-61	OVID L. GRAHAM	(4500)	(Deceased)
1961-62	RICHARD J. COOPER	(1976)	(Deceased)
1962-63	JAMES R. FAWCETT	(3081)	(Deceased)
1963-64	LEO C. SHUCK	(3518)	(Deceased)

2011-12 KELLY GODDARD (4484) (Deceased)  
 2012-13 JAMES TALERICO (573) 1312 Adams Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26301 304-677-0080  
 2013-14 WILLIAM LAMBERT (9097) 300 S. Washington Ave Lot 70, FT Meade, FL 33841  
 304-550-4703  
 2014-15 DOUG KNOTTS (6452) 25 Clavius Way, Hedgesville, WV 25427 304-676-3399  
 2015-16 ELMER HIBBS (4469) 136 Breeden Dr, Daniels, WV 25832 304-712-2018  
 2016 ROBERT S. KISH (4442) (Deceased)  
 2016-18 TODD KINGSBURY (3522) 341 Caesar Rd, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 571-225-8608  
 2018-19 TRENTON PAULEY (3081) PO Box 727, Grafton, WV 26354 304-365-8760  
 2019-20 VERNON ANDERSON (4442) 79 Blayney Ave, Triadelphia, WV 26059  
 304-559-2788  
 2020-21 DAVID MOSKE II, (1064) 6633 Mud River Rd, Barboursville, WV 25504  
 304-751-2823  
 2021-22 JEFF ELKINS (6669) 398 The Ridge Rd, Ripley, WV 25271 304-373-9100  
 2022-23 DR. CORRINA BOGGESS (8363) 123 Waterside Cir, Winfield, WV 25213  
 703-608-7519  
 2023-24 Kami (Elliott) Stewart, 1310 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554  
 681-214-8146