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## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2 SERIES 2025-2026, August 2025

All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <https://vfwwwv.com> under the Resources pulldown tab. Posts or individuals who want a hard copy of the General Orders and accompanying documents, send \$25 to VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership statistics for this new membership year are up and running in OMS. Life Members will not be reflected until approximately mid-September. Junior Vice Commander Ronie Wheeler has been appointed 2025-2026 Membership Chairman. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Wheeler at (304) 675-0235.

2. **Congratulations to the following All-American Posts and Districts:** 629 Fairmont, 1212 Parkersburg, 3466 South Charleston, 3522 Charles Town, 3663 Buckhannon, 4442 Elm Grove, 4469 Beckley, 4768 Alum Creek, 5269 Belle, 5501 Ripley, 5578 Madison, 6106 Summersville, 6327 Sistersville, 6418 Saint Albans, 6450 Chester, 6454 Petersburg, 6723, Alderson, 8363 Chesapeake, 8364 Oceana, 8516 Elkview, 9666 Sugar Grove, 9926 Mason, District 2, and District 3.

### 3. **2025-2026 DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

*In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)k. of the National Manual of Procedure, the Commander, or their representative, will attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.*

*Section 220 of the National By-Laws/Manual of Procedures, Section 220: Removal - Department. "The Department Commander may, with respect to any post within their Department, remove any Post officer for cause who fails to fulfill their duties of office as required by Section 218."*

*Districts serve lunch before meetings. The time listed below is lunch time. Schedule subject to change.*

	Host Post	Date	Time	State Rep
District 1	Chester	September 14	12 PM	Light
District 2	Parkersburg	September 6	12 PM	Wheeler
District 3	Clarksburg	August 2	12 PM	Ogden
*District 4	Keyser	September 21	1 PM	Link
*District 5	Huntington	August 23	12 PM	Chippis

*\*Indicates a Date Change.*

4. **POSTS IN ARREARS:** Posts in arrears need to contact their District Commanders for help or assistance. The District should be able to help answer any questions you may have, provide training and feedback, and guide you through the steps you will need to take to resolve outstanding issues.

### 5. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Jul 31	April-June Post Trustees Quarterly Audit due to State HQS
Aug 9-13	National Convention in Columbus, OH
Aug 31	2025-26 Accountable Officer Bond applications due to State HQS
Nov 7-9	Southern Conference at Lake Conroe Resort, Conroe, TX
Nov 14-16	Mid-Winter Conference at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV

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6. **2025-2026 COMMANDER'S MANUAL:** Commander Boggess' manual has been mailed out to all the Posts. The manual has also been placed on the website at <https://vfwwv.com> under the Programs pulldown tab.

7. **2025-2026 ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER BOND & EMPLOYEE BOND APPLICATION & COST SHEETS.** 2024-25 Accountable Officer and Employee Bonds expire on August 31, 2025. The 2025-2026 applications and cost sheets were mailed to every Posts, and are also available on our website at <https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60863>

8. **NATIONAL CONVENTION PATRIOTIC RALLY:** Those attending the National Convention and participating in the Patriotic Rally are asked to dress in patriotic attire. WV will be in Staging Area 4 (Red). Look for the West Virginia Sign.

9. **COMMUNITY SERVICE ENTRIES:** Posts are reminded to enter community service achievements in the All-American Dashboard as soon as practical after completion.

10. **COMMANDER'S CALENDAR:** Any Post requesting a post visit by Commander Boggess through June 2026 needs to send a request in writing to State Headquarters via email or traditional mail.

11. **ROBERT'S RULES CHEAT SHEET:** Attached to the General Orders is a cheat sheet for Robert's Rules. This document comes from The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, Inc., they are the original collegiate debating societies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

12. **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:** As we reflect on the last month of summer, we feel the heaviness of loss throughout the state of West Virginia. We carry these deep burdens within our hearts, but they are not carried alone and are shared amongst its ranks, within the VFW sisterhood and brotherhood.

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

**Prayer:** Dear Father, please help us be more understanding for things we cannot understand. Let us cling to you, Lord, for shelter. May we not get discouraged when life knocks us down, and always continue to look to you. We ask these things in your good and precious name.

Amen

State Chaplain, Maria Saunders

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