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**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7
 SERIES 2024-2025, JANUARY 2025**



All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <https://vfwwv.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:** Continue doing buddy checks with your members. There are 24 Posts who need 10 members or less to achieve 100%. Most of these Posts have enough expired members to reach 100%. We are amidst the challenging recruiting months due to the weather. We need 198 members to achieve 95%. We can reach this by the Mid-Winter Conference. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Link at 304-703-2771.

Congratulations to the following Posts for already achieving 100%:

*3757 Burnsville	114.28%	*3466 Charlston	104.09%	9666 Sugar Grove	101.13%
*4469 Beckley	112.62%	*6418 St Albans	103.77%	629 Fairmont	100%
*6106 Summersville	109.21	*3522 Charles Town	103.56%	3008 Rowlesburg	100%
*6723 Alderson	107.69	*8364 Oceana	103.07%	5583 Coalton	100%
*6327 Sistersville	105.88%	*9926 Mason	102.28%	7780 Mathias	100%
*6454 Petersburg	105.71%	6450 Chester	101.50%		

*Meet All-American membership requirement of 102%. Additional All-American requirements may need to be met. Posts are encouraged to view the All-American Dashboard to identify All-American requirements that have not yet been met.

2. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 15, 2025 District Teacher of the Year and Public Servant of the Year entries to State HQS
 January 17-19, 2025 Mid-Winter Conference Stonewall Resort Roanoke, WV

3. **VFW DAY OF SERVICE:** May 3, 2025 is the VFW Day of Service. Don't forget to sign up for this event at <https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service/>. On this website are some excellent resources to help you prepare and host a Day of Service. The Day of Service must be completed in the month of May.

4. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**: The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 17-19, 2025, at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV. **Room reservations at the group rate must be made by January 3rd**. Enclosed is an agenda, registration and hotel reservation information. Contact the Resort directly to reserve your room by calling 304-269-7400 and press 1 twice. Group Reservation name is **VFW Mid-Winter Conference** or group number **817563**. Reservations can also be made using the group link [Stonewall Resort - Reservations - Room Availability \(synxis.com\)](#)

5. **DASHBOARD ENTRIES**: Posts are reminded to enter their Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen participation in the Dashboard. Also when entering community service, utilize the calendar icon to the far right of the Entry Date box to enter the specific date the community service was completed. The system will not recognize a date placed in the Notes Field. Districts are to enter the totals of Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy information also. There is no reason entries are entered by mid-December.

6. **ACTION CORPS**: To all who support the veterans' community, we need you to help us advocate for veterans benefits our Congressional members will not support. We need to add your voice to ours to get these Bills through the House and the Senate. By signing up to Action Corps, you will receive Action Alerts to respond directly to your Congressional members with just a couple of clicks. Go to www.vfw.org/JoinActionCorps, text "VFW" to 50457, or click on the QR code in the attached information to sign up for Action Corps. Remember, veterans need to take care of veterans.

7. **PROOF OF INSURANCE AND TAX FILINGS**: Posts are required to forward a copy of the declaration page of Post property insurance (page with dates of coverage and amounts of coverage) and proof of 2023 tax filings to State Headquarters. ***Districts are required to forward a copy of proof of 2023 tax filings.***

8. **2025 CONVENTION SHIRTS**: See the enclosed order form to order your 2025 Convention shirt.

9. **CHAPLAINS CORNER**: As we come upon a New Year, we also face new heartaches, struggles, pain, suffering and many new challenges. Sometimes it's hard for us to move forward as we also get caught up in the past. Isaiah 43:18-19 reminds us to look for the new things that God is doing, and not get caught up in the past. God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, even in difficult circumstances.

Bible Verse: Isaiah 43:18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert"

Prayer: Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, Lord, we thank You for today, yesterday and the days to come. As we leave behind a year of joy or a year of trials and difficulties, we want to pause to give You thanks. Thank You for being with us every day of every year. Thank You for making all things new and for giving us the grace of new beginnings as Your mercy is made new everyday. May we focus on You and Your mercy, love and forgiveness and rely on Your presence filling us every single day. Lord, we ask for You to lead and guide each of us every day and fill us with Your wisdom and knowledge so we may not only better ourselves, but those around us for the betterment of this great organization. We ask of all of these things in Your great and holy name!

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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**VFW State of West Virginia Memstats
as of 123024**

City	Post	Dst	Need for 100%	Annual New	Annual Cont	Annual Reinst	Life New	Life Cont	Life Reinst	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	%	Div
MOUNDSVILLE	437	1	-13	0	32	0	0	92	0	0	124	137	90.51%	7
MORGANTOWN	548	1	-28	0	7	0	0	87	0	0	94	122	77.04%	7
TERRA ALTA	578	1	-10	1	11	0	0	74	0	1	86	96	89.58%	8
FAIRMONT	629	1	0	3	2	0	4	339	1	11	349	349	100.00%	4
KINGWOOD	826	1	-9	1	3	0	0	45	0	1	49	58	84.48%	10
MASONTOWN	1589	1	-3	0	4	0	0	89	0	2	93	96	96.87%	8
TUNNELTON	2345	1	-2	0	8	0	0	35	0	0	43	45	95.55%	11
BRUCETON MILLS	2523	1	-12	3	5	2	0	41	0	0	51	63	80.95%	10
WEIRTON	2716	1	-23	4	26	1	0	145	0	0	176	199	88.44%	5
ROWLESBURG	3008	1	0	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	30	30	100.00%	11
NEW CUMBERLAND	3526	1	-28	0	19	0	0	37	0	0	56	84	66.66%	9
ELM GROVE	4442	1	-38	3	41	1	0	77	0	3	122	160	76.25%	6
SISTERSVILLE	6327	1	+9	3	31	0	5	121	2	15	162	153	105.88%	6
CHESTER	6450	1	+12	12	177	2	1	616	0	2	808	796	101.50%	2
EAST FAIRMONT	7048	1	-30	5	7	0	5	221	0	5	238	268	88.80%	4
WESTOVER	9916	1	-6	1	7	1	1	106	0	1	116	122	95.08%	7
District 1 Total		1	-181	36	381	7	16	2154	3	41	2597	2778	93.48%	3

PARKERSBURG	1212	2	-26	5	60	1	1	317	0	5	384	410	93.65%	3
WEST UNION	3408	2	-6	0	4	0	0	39	0	0	43	49	87.75%	11
CHARLESTON	3466	2	+7	2	21	0	10	141	4	21	178	171	104.09%	6
HARRISVILLE	3554	2	-4	0	13	1	2	66	1	3	83	87	95.40%	9
CLAY	4419	2	-4	0	4	0	0	44	0	4	48	52	92.30%	10
BELLE	5269	2	-17	1	5	0	0	34	0	1	40	57	70.17%	10
GLENVILLE	5469	2	-2	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	40	42	95.23%	11
RIPLEY	5501	2	-4	1	19	1	1	102	0	5	124	128	96.87%	7
SAINT ALBANS	6418	2	+2	3	7	1	0	44	0	0	55	53	103.77%	10
RAVENSWOOD	6669	2	-12	0	8	1	0	78	0	1	87	99	87.87%	8
CHESAPEAKE	8363	2	-11	5	14	2	0	85	0	3	106	117	90.59%	7
ELKVIEW	8516	2	-3	1	13	0	1	42	0	1	57	60	95.00%	10
MASON	9926	2	+13	7	109	1	5	461	0	8	583	570	102.28%	3
District 2 Total		2	-67	25	277	8	20	1493	5	52	1828	1895	96.46%	4

BELINGTON	410	3	-11	0	5	0	0	163	0	0	168	179	93.85%	6
CLARKSBURG	573	3	-59	7	60	3	2	320	0	3	392	451	86.91%	3
WESTON	1976	3	-3	0	8	0	0	24	0	0	32	35	91.42%	11
GRAFTON	3081	3	-21	2	17	0	0	94	1	3	114	135	84.44%	7
BUCKHANNON	3663	3	-14	2	32	2	0	123	0	1	159	173	91.90%	6
WEBSTER SPRINGS	3738	3	-6	0	9	0	0	22	0	0	31	37	83.78%	11
BURNSVILLE	3757	3	+2	0	0	0	0	15	1	0	16	14	114.28%	11
MARLINTON	4595	3	-6	0	8	0	0	33	0	0	41	47	87.23%	11
SUMMERSVILLE	6106	3	+7	7	29	0	0	47	0	3	83	76	109.21%	9
ALDERSON	6723	3	+5	12	8	0	1	49	0	3	70	65	107.69%	10
RENICK	6737	3	-1	1	6	0	0	10	0	0	17	18	94.44%	11
CRAIGSVILLE	8614	3	-2	0	6	2	0	19	0	0	27	29	93.10%	11
SALEM	9151	3	-4	0	2	0	0	54	0	0	56	60	93.33%	10
District 3 Total		3	-113	31	190	7	3	973	2	13	1206	1319	91.43%	5

VFW State of West Virginia Memstats

as of 123024

MARTINSBURG	896	4	-11	7	25	0	1	192	1	4	226	237	95.35%	5
ROMNEY	1101	4	-16	0	15	0	0	56	0	0	71	87	81.60%	9
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	-31	1	17	1	5	92	0	6	116	147	78.91%	6
KEYSER	3518	4	-9	5	17	0	0	102	0	0	124	133	93.23%	7
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	+23	18	2	3	6	637	2	46	668	645	103.56%	3
ELKINS	3647	4	-11	1	19	0	0	90	0	0	110	121	90.90%	7
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	-19	1	12	2	0	89	0	2	104	123	84.55%	7
COALTON	5583	4	0	0	3	0	0	14	0	1	17	17	100.00%	11
HARMAN	5781	4	-5	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	12	17	70.58%	11
RIDGELEY	6452	4	-16	1	7	0	0	48	0	0	56	72	77.77%	9
PETERSBURG	6454	4	+6	5	6	1	0	99	0	2	111	105	105.71%	8
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	-9	5	28	2	1	114	0	1	150	159	94.33%	6
MATHIAS	7780	4	0	0	2	0	0	15	0	0	17	17	100.00%	11
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	-16	1	19	1	0	64	0	0	85	101	84.15%	8
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	+1	1	0	2	0	86	0	1	89	88	101.13%	8
District 4 Total		4	-113	46	176	12	13	1706	3	63	1956	2069	94.53%	4

HUNTINGTON	1064	5	-37	1	37	1	0	306	0	4	345	382	90.31%	3
IAEGER	1144	5	-3	0	6	0	0	43	0	0	49	52	94.23%	10
SOPHIA	4326	5	-26	0	10	0	0	77	0	0	87	113	76.99%	7
BECKLEY	4469	5	+13	5	17	0	2	92	0	2	116	103	112.62%	8
HINTON	4500	5	-3	1	2	0	0	18	0	0	21	24	87.50%	11
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	-10	1	6	0	0	49	0	0	56	66	84.84%	10
MADISON	5578	5	-18	0	51	0	1	146	0	3	198	216	91.66%	5
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	-21	0	5	0	1	69	0	1	75	96	78.12%	8
ANSTED	7695	5	-4	2	9	1	0	45	0	1	57	61	93.44%	10
OCEANA	8364	5	+2	1	4	1	0	61	0	5	67	65	103.07%	10
HURRICANE	9097	5	-15	8	23	3	0	121	0	1	155	170	91.17%	6
MILTON	9796	5	-3	0	11	1	0	78	0	1	90	93	96.77%	8
District 5 Total		5	-125	19	181	7	4	1105	0	18	1316	1441	91.32%	5

Members at Large	15050	99		12	74	4	6	677	1	11	774	892	86.77%	2
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State Total		255	-717	169	1279	45	62	8108	14	198	9677	10394	93.10%	
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Mid-Winter Conference
January 17-19, 2025
STONEWALL RESORT, ROANOKE, WV

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

3:00-5:00 pm Registration - **Across from Concierge Desk**
3:00 pm Budget and Investments Committee Meeting – **Bluestone Room**
 (Ogden, Heaney, Boggess, DeLawder, Light, Sockett)
4:00 pm Resolutions and Bylaws Committee Meeting – **Bluestone Room**
 (Moske, Ogden, Heaney, Anderson, Light, Sockett)
6:00 pm Joint Opening Session – **Stonewall Ballroom**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration – **Across from Concierge Desk**
8:00 am – 9:15 am Church Service – **Stonewall Ballroom**
9:30 am – 11:30 am Council of Administration Meeting – **Stonewall Room**
11:30 am – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:15 pm – 3:30 pm Training/Trivia – **Stonewall Ballroom**
6:00 pm -6:30 pm Awards Banquet Reception – **Stonewall Ballroom**
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Awards Banquet – **Stonewall Ballroom**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 – Travel day

The Hospitality Room will be in the Governor's Suite.

*Poppy Displays will be outside of the **Stonewall Ballroom**.*

Schedule subject to change.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AND AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 17-19, 2025**

Stonewall Resort, 940 Resort Drive, Roanoke, WV 26447, 304-269-7400.
Room rate is \$135.00 plus tax, resort and park fee (currently 12%). Contact the Resort directly to reserve your room by calling 304-269-7400 and press 1 twice. Group Reservation name is **VFW Mid-Winter Conference** or group number **817563**. Reservations can also be made using the group link [Stonewall Resort - Reservations - Room Availability \(synxis.com\)](#)

******ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025 TO RECEIVE THE \$135 ROOM RATE. ROOMS MUST BE CANCELED SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE OR YOUR WILL BE CHARGED ONE NIGHT. ALSO, 3 DAYS PRIOR TO JANUARY 17 YOUR CREDIT CARD WILL BE CHARGED.**

Complementary internet access and parking is included in the room rate.
Please let the hotel know of any special needs you may have when reserving your room.

If you plan to attend the **awards banquet** Saturday evening, you **must purchase a banquet ticket**. The cost of a **banquet ticket is \$45**.

I ask that you **complete** and **return** the **registration** form **even if you do not plan to attend the awards banquet**.

Please have the registration in to State Headquarters by **Thursday, January 09, 2025**. I am required to give the hotel the number attending the banquet that day.

Meal Choice (Pick One)

#1 Grilled Chicken Breast with: House Garden Salad Angel Hair Pasta with Basil Pesto Cream and Romano Cheese Julienne Vegetables

<i>(Gluten Free) 2 Seared Sirloin of Beef Roasted with:</i> Compound Butter, Brown Buttered Broccolini Roasted Pee Wee Potatoes

Dessert

Chocolate Layered Cake or Cheesecake

Please complete the registration on the back

**REGISTRATRION
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 17-19, 2025**

Stonewall Resort, 940 Resort Drive, Roanoke, WV 26447.

Meal Choice (Pick One)

(Write # 1 or 2 next to the person's name below if attending the banquet **if not attending then N/A**)

#1 Grilled Chicken Breast

#2 Seared Sirloin of Beef Roasted

Deadline to purchase a \$45 banquet ticket is by **Thursday, January 09, 2025**

Please complete the registration form and return to State HQS even if you do not plan to attend the banquet.

Post and/or Auxiliary _____

Name	State, District or Post Office held	Attend banquet (Y/N)	Meal #1 or #2
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
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16	_____	_____	_____
17	_____	_____	_____
18	_____	_____	_____

2024-2025 CONVENTION SHIRTS

Orders are being taken for 2024-2025 West Virginia Convention Shirts. The shirt is a Maize button up shirt. You have the option of selecting a short or long sleeve shirt. The VFW shirts will have West Virginia below the VFW logo on the left side. The Auxiliary shirts will have West Virginia below the VFW logo with Auxiliary on the right side. You have the option of up to 3 lines of embroidering your name/office/post or auxiliary number/year, etc. on the right side at no additional cost.



Shirt Cost:	
Small thru XL	\$38
2XL	\$40
3XL	\$42
4XL	\$44
Right Side Embroidery (Up to 3 Lines)	
Above prices are half price if ordered directly from the store with the embroidery.	

Send completed order forms with payment made out to: VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309 by April 16, 2025.

Contact State HQS at 304-395-2430 or vfwqm@frontier.com if you have any questions.

Name _____ Post/Auxiliary No. _____ Phone No. _____

Men's or Women's	VFW or Auxiliary	Right Side Embroidery Up to 3 lines	Long or Short Sleeve	Size

Deceased Members 1126-122324

Post	First	MI	Last	Date
1144	Walter	S	Tackett	11/26/2024
9606	Carroll	G	Junkins	11/26/2024
1212	Billy		Hill	11/27/2024
573	Pascal	L	Lucas, Jr	12/3/2024
1589	Daniel	H	Conner	12/3/2024
4419	Norman	L	Johnson	12/3/2024
1589	Donald	L	Mayfield	12/4/2024
3663	Paul	J	Ours	12/7/2024
5578	Virgil	D	Baisden	12/7/2024
573	Richard	S	Davis	12/10/2024
437	John	D	Cox	12/17/2024
573	Paul	R	Mancuso	12/17/2024
1064	Billy	F	Karnes	12/17/2024
7048	Arliss		Hefflin	12/17/2024
578	Oliver	F	Kelly, Jr	12/23/2024