



Veterans of Foreign Wars
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

SERIES 2025-2026, July 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. At the 104th Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars State of West Virginia held at the Bridgeport Conference Center June 19-22, 2025, I, Corrina M. Boggess, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National Bylaws, do hereby assume command. All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 30, 2025, except those set forth in the bylaws.

2. **All-STATE TEAM:** Congratulations to the following All-State Posts:

Post 3466 South Charleston	Post 5501 Ripley	Post 8363 Chesapeake
Post 3663 Buckhannon	Post 5578 Madison	Post 8364 Oceana
Post 3522 Charles Town	Post 6327 Sistersville	Post 8516 Elkview
Post 4469 Beckley	Post 6450 Chester	Post 9666 Sugar Grove
Post 4768 Alum Creek	Post 6454 Petersburg	Post 9926 Mason

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.

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

	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 28	1 PM	Link
District 5	Huntington	TBD	12 PM	Chipps

Schedule subject to change.

4. DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jul 12	State Line Officers/District Commanders Leadership Training Post 3663 Buckhannon
Jul 31	April-June Post Trustees Quarterly Audit due State HQS
Aug 9-13	National Convention Columbus, OH
Aug 31	2025-26 Accountable Officer Bond applications due State HQS
Nov 7-9	Southern Conference Lake Conroe Resort Conroe, TX
Nov 14-16	Mid-Winter Conference Stonewall Resort Roanoke, WV

5. **HQS OFFICE PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS:** **The new office primary phone number is 304-310-0407 and the new email address is vfwwwqm@gmail.com.**

Mailing Address: PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309 – Email vfwwwqm@gmail.com

6. **NATIONAL CONVENTION PATRIOTIC RALLY**: Those attending the National Convention and participating in the Patriotic Rally are asked to dress in patriotic attire.

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

8. **COMMANDER CALENDAR**: Any Post requesting a post visit by Commander Boggess through June 2026 needs to send a request in writing to State Headquarters.

9. **CHAPLAINS CORNER**: Please keep the family of Auxiliary Soloist Kelley Sockett and husband Adjutant/Quartermaster Andrew in your thoughts and prayers. Kelley recently lost her grandfather.

The Declaration of Independence stands as one of history's most important documents. It signified the birth of a nation founded on principles that continue to shape democratic societies worldwide. The courage of the Second Continental Congress—embodied in the words of Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, and their colleagues—transformed colonial grievances into a vision of freedom and self-government. On July 4, 1776, the world changed forever.

Bible Verse: Galatians 5:13 “For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”

Prayer: Great Lord and Father, you have established us from the very beginning, you have been our shield and our protection. You have made us a great nation on this earth. We thank you, Lord, for the freedom you have provided. Help us not forget the Liberty, you have given us.

Amen

State Chaplain Maria Saunders

OFFICIAL: BY ORDER OF:
D. ANDREW SOCKETT, ADJUTANT
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

PSC CORRINA BOGGESS, COMMANDER
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

2025 Post and Post Commander of the Year Score Sheet

					*100% by May 1st	*Donate \$275 to VFW Programs by March 1st	*Submit Community Service Report in Dashboard	*Submit VoD or PP Entry	District Meeting Attendance
					10 pts	10 pts	25 pts per quarter	VoD and PP 10 pts ea (20 points max)	25 pts per meeting
Cat	District	Post	Location	Total					
1	3	1976	Weston	0					
1	3	5469	Glenville	0					
1	4	5583	Coalton	0					
1	3	3757	Burnsville	0					
1	4	7780	Mathias	0					
1	1	3008	Rowlesburg	0					
1	5	4500	Hinton	0					
1	1	2345	Tunnelton	0					
1	3	6737	Renick	0					
1	3	8614	Craigsville	0					
1	3	3738	Webster Springs	0					
1	3	4595	Marlinton	0					
1	4	5781	Harman	0					
2	3	6723	Alderson	0					
2	5	8364	Oceana	0					
2	4	9666	Sugar Grove	0					
2	2	3554	Harrisville	0					
2	2	5269	Belle	0					
2	2	6418	Saint Albans	0					
2	2	8516	Elkview	0					
2	5	1144	Jaeger	0					
2	3	6106	Summersville	0					
2	5	4768	Alum Creek	0					
2	4	1101	Romney	0					
2	1	1589	Masontown	0					
2	1	3526	New Cumberland	0					
2	1	578	Terra Alta	0					
2	2	4419	Clay	0					
2	3	9151	Salem	0					
2	3	3408	West Union	0					
2	5	9796	Milton	0					
2	5	6153	Chapmanville	0					
2	1	2523	Bruceton Mills	0					
2	1	826	Kingwood	0					
2	4	6452	Ridgeley	0					
2	5	7695	Ansted	0					
							*All State Requirement		

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3	5	4469	Beckley	0					
3	4	6454	Petersburg	0					
3	2	3466	Charleston	0					
3	3	3663	Buckhannon	0					
3	1	6327	Sistersville	0					
3	2	8363	Chesapeake	0					
3	2	5501	Ripley	0					
3	1	4442	Elm Grove	0					
3	2	6669	Ravenswood	0					
3	5	4326	Sophia	0					
3	5	9097	Hurricane	0					
3	1	9916	Westover	0					
3	4	9606	Moorefield	0					
3	3	3081	Grafton	10		10			
3	4	4019	Berkeley Springs	0					
3	4	6667	Fort Ashby	0					
3	1	548	Morgantown	0					
3	4	2102	Wardensville	0					
3	1	437	Moundsville	0					
3	4	3518	Keyser	0					
3	4	3647	Elkins	0					
3	3	410	Belington	0					
4	1	7048	East Fairmont	0					
4	5	5578	Madison	0					
4	2	1212	Parkersburg	0					
4	1	629	Fairmont	0					
4	4	896	Martinsburg	0					
4	1	2716	Weirton	0					
4	5	1064	Huntington	0					
5	4	3522	Charles Town	0					
5	2	9926	Mason	0					
5	1	6450	Chester	0					
5	3	573	Clarksburg	0					
							*All State Requirement		

VFW State of West Virginia

Memstats as of 063025

City	Post	Dst	Annual New	Annual Cont	Annual Reinst	Life New	Life Cont	Life Reinst	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	%	Div
MOUNDSVILLE	437	1	0	44	0	0	93	0	1	137	137	100.00%	7
MORGANTOWN	548	1	2	14	0	0	87	0	0	103	122	84.42%	7
TERRA ALTA	578	1	4	25	0	0	74	0	1	103	96	107.29%	8
FAIRMONT	629	1	4	3	4	6	339	1	13	357	349	102.29%	4
KINGWOOD	826	1	1	6	0	0	45	0	1	52	58	89.65%	10
MASONTOWN	1589	1	2	7	0	0	90	1	3	100	96	104.16%	8
TUNNELTON	2345	1	0	10	0	0	35	0	0	45	45	100.00%	11
BRUCETON MILLS	2523	1	4	15	3	1	42	1	2	66	63	104.76%	10
WEIRTON	2716	1	9	40	3	0	146	0	1	198	199	99.49%	5
ROWLESBURG	3008	1	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	30	30	100.00%	11
NEW CUMBERLAND	3526	1	1	47	0	0	37	0	0	85	84	101.19%	9
ELM GROVE	4442	1	5	81	2	0	77	0	3	165	160	103.12%	6
SISTERSVILLE	6327	1	4	31	2	5	122	2	16	166	153	108.49%	6
CHESTER	6450	1	23	176	3	2	617	0	4	821	796	103.14%	2
EAST FAIRMONT	7048	1	6	15	2	5	221	0	5	249	268	92.91%	4
WESTOVER	9916	1	2	15	1	1	108	1	2	128	122	104.91%	7
District 1 Total		1	67	530	20	20	2162	6	52	2805	2778	100.97%	3

PARKERSBURG	1212	2	12	88	2	2	320	2	9	426	410	103.90%	3
WEST UNION	3408	2	0	11	0	0	39	0	0	50	49	102.04%	11
CHARLESTON	3466	2	3	30	0	10	147	4	27	194	171	113.45%	6
HARRISVILLE	3554	2	0	17	1	2	66	1	3	87	87	100.00%	9
CLAY	4419	2	0	7	1	0	44	0	4	52	52	100.00%	10
BELLE	5269	2	3	26	0	0	34	0	1	63	57	110.52%	10
GLENVILLE	5469	2	1	0	0	1	55	2	1	59	56	105.35%	10
RIPLEY	5501	2	3	26	3	3	103	0	8	138	128	107.81%	7
SAINT ALBANS	6418	2	5	9	3	0	44	0	0	61	53	115.09%	10
RAVENSWOOD	6669	2	0	20	1	0	78	0	1	99	99	100.00%	8
CHESAPEAKE	8363	2	10	26	2	0	85	0	3	123	117	105.12%	7
ELKVIEW	8516	2	2	16	1	1	43	0	2	63	60	105.00%	10
MASON	9926	2	11	109	16	7	461	0	10	604	570	105.96%	3
District 2 Total		2	50	385	30	26	1519	9	69	2019	1909	105.76%	4

BELINGTON	410	3	0	8	1	0	163	0	0	172	179	96.08%	6
CLARKSBURG	573	3	14	103	10	4	323	1	8	455	451	100.88%	3
WESTON	1976	3	0	11	3	0	24	0	0	38	35	108.57%	11
GRAFTON	3081	3	3	33	2	0	94	1	3	133	135	98.51%	7
BUCKHANNON	3663	3	18	48	15	1	125	0	4	207	173	119.65%	6
WEBSTER SPRINGS	3738	3	0	13	0	0	22	0	0	35	37	94.59%	11
MARLINTON	4595	3	0	12	0	0	33	0	0	45	47	95.74%	11
SUMMERSVILLE	6106	3	8	31	1	1	48	1	5	90	76	118.42%	9
ALDERSON	6723	3	15	12	2	2	49	1	4	81	65	124.61%	10
RENICK	6737	3	1	8	0	0	10	0	0	19	18	105.55%	11
CRAIGSVILLE	8614	3	0	6	4	0	20	0	1	30	29	103.44%	11
SALEM	9151	3	0	3	1	0	54	0	0	58	60	96.66%	10
District 3 Total	0	3	59	288	39	8	965	4	25	1363	1305	104.44%	5

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MARTINSBURG	896	4	7	37	0	1	193	1	5	239	237	100.84%	5
ROMNEY	1101	4	0	25	0	0	57	0	1	82	87	94.25%	9
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	2	31	1	6	109	0	24	149	147	101.36%	6
KEYSER	3518	4	8	29	1	0	102	0	0	140	133	105.26%	7
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	32	2	4	8	638	2	49	686	645	106.35%	3
ELKINS	3647	4	2	27	0	0	90	0	0	119	121	98.34%	7
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	2	34	2	0	92	0	5	130	123	105.69%	7
COALTON	5583	4	0	3	0	0	14	0	1	17	17	100.00%	11
HARMAN	5781	4	0	7	0	0	8	0	0	15	17	88.23%	11
RIDGELEY	6452	4	2	9	0	0	48	0	0	59	72	81.94%	9
PETERSBURG	6454	4	6	6	2	0	99	0	2	113	105	107.61%	8
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	5	35	2	1	116	1	3	160	159	100.62%	6
MATHIAS	7780	4	0	2	0	0	15	0	0	17	17	100.00%	11
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	1	30	1	0	67	0	3	99	101	98.01%	8
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	2	0	2	2	86	0	3	92	88	104.54%	8
District 4 Total		4	69	277	15	18	1734	4	96	2117	2069	102.31%	4

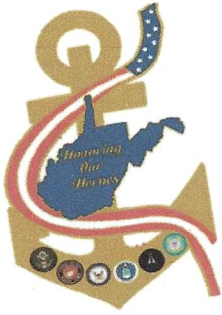
HUNTINGTON	1064	5	5	60	1	0	308	1	6	375	382	98.16%	3
IAEGER	1144	5	0	8	2	0	43	0	0	53	52	101.92%	10
SOPHIA	4326	5	0	32	1	0	77	0	0	110	113	97.34%	7
BECKLEY	4469	5	6	22	2	3	94	0	5	127	103	123.30%	8
HINTON	4500	5	3	4	1	0	19	0	1	27	24	112.50%	11
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	2	14	6	0	49	0	0	71	66	107.57%	10
MADISON	5578	5	1	74	0	1	146	0	3	222	216	102.77%	5
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	1	10	0	1	69	0	1	81	96	84.37%	8
ANSTED	7695	5	2	14	1	0	45	0	1	62	61	101.63%	10
OCEANA	8364	5	1	4	1	0	63	0	7	69	65	106.15%	10
HURRICANE	9097	5	11	36	5	0	121	0	1	173	170	101.76%	6
MILTON	9796	5	0	12	2	0	78	0	1	92	93	98.92%	8
District 5 Total		5	32	290	22	5	1112	1	26	1462	1441	101.45%	5

Members at Large	15050	99	24	196	5	12	678	2	19	917	892	102.80%	2
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State Total	0	255	301	1966	131	89	8170	26	287	10683	10394	102.78%	
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Deceased Members 0529-063025

Post	First	MI	Last	Date
410	Paul	A	Bennett	6/24/2025
437	George	D	Burdette	6/3/2025
629	Frederick	A	Showalter	6/16/2025
896	Donald	C	Earp, Jr	6/6/2025
1064	Richard	A	Cross	6/24/2025
1064	James	H	Mollett	6/24/2025
1064	Bob	E	Raines	6/17/2025
1212	William	S	Spears	6/24/2025
1212	John	G	Mc Donald, Sr	6/17/2025
1589	Prentiss	E	Taylor	6/7/2025
1589	Gailord	E	Taylor	6/6/2025
2102	Alan		Reid, Sr	5/29/2025
3081	Gerald	W	Freeze	6/17/2025
3466	Daniel		Wilkerson	6/14/2025
3522	John	W	Bernd	6/10/2025
4442	Charles	W	Terrill	6/11/2025
5578	Donald	M	Hottle	6/8/2025
8614	Joshua	L	Lott	6/3/2025
9606	William	A	Miller, Sr	6/17/2025
9796	Fredrick	E	Ray, Jr	6/24/2025
15050	Tony	L	Mar	Continuous
15050	Warren	C	Tyree	6/17/2025
15050	Carlos	R	Coleman	6/10/2025



VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

GENERAL ORDERS #1

JULY 2025



General Orders MUST be read at the first meeting of each month before being filed.

Auxiliary secretaries SHALL distribute monthly Department program chairman promotions to each program chairman within your Auxiliary.

1. 2025-2026 President: Having been duly elected and installed as President of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America, Department of West Virginia, during the annual Department Convention on June 21, 2025. I, Scarlet Kennedy, do hereby assume command. All previous appointments and offices are hereby declared null and void.
2. Presidents (all levels): Presidents on all levels shall within thirty (30) calendar days after assuming the duties of his/her office, submit to the commander of the corresponding unit of the VFW, a financial report and membership count of his/her Auxiliary. The June 30, 2025, the audit report may be used to fulfill this obligation. (VFW Auxiliary Bylaws, Sec. 810)
3. Bonds: It is the duty of the Trustees to see that the offices of President and Treasurer are bonded. July is the month to apply for the bond, and you can access application and purchase the bond in Malta. (VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws, Sec. 814)
4. Audits: Audits for the second quarter (April-June 30, 2025) are due to the Department Treasurer, Diana Stout, by August 31, 2025
5. District Presidents: Will host your first School of Instruction at your first District Meetings (dates to be announced by VFW). You are required to attend District meetings (VFW Auxiliary Bylaws Sec 810A Bullet F) all Auxiliaries are to bring a report of all programs to District meetings.
6. Fall Conference/School of Instruction: Will be held at Stonewall Jackson Resort Nov. 14-16.
7. National Convention: The 126th VFW National Convention will be held in Columbus, OH August 9-13, 2025 at The Greater Columbus Convention Center

ATTEST:

Vicki Stalnaker
Department Secretary

BY ORDER OF:

Scarlet Kennedy
Department President

Seals for Auxiliaries

The next page in these General Orders are the seals that you can purchase for \$25.00.

This year the Delegates and Alternates forms came in without a seal on them. If you do not have the seal on this form for next year, you will not be able to vote. The list of Delegates and Alternates **Must have the seal on them.**

This is very important that you have a seal to put on important papers for the Department and for National. This is a requirement from National.

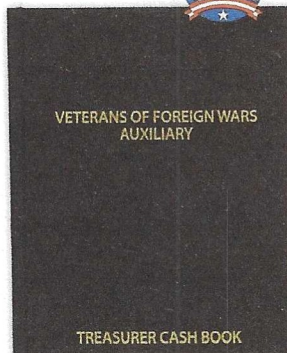


WALNUT-FINISH PRESENTATION GAVEL 10" gavel with gold tone-band and Auxiliary Emblem. Can have 2 lines of engraving. Engraving \$.28 per character.
3601 \$36.95

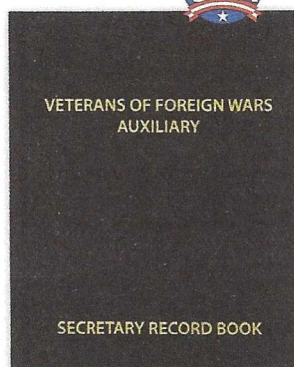
Allow 3 weeks for delivery.



WALNUT-FINISH MINIATURE GAVEL Measures 3½".
3302 \$5.00
Per dozen \$57.00

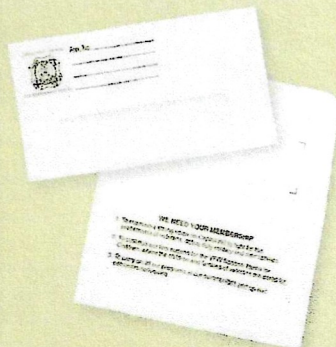


TREASURER'S CASH BOOK Hardcover
12-column cash book.
4017 \$24.00



SECRETARY'S RECORD BOOK 300-page hardcover book for recording minutes of Auxiliary meetings.
4016 \$31.00

DUES REMITTANCE ENVELOPES
Remind members of yearly or delinquent dues. Each set includes two envelopes: one to be sent by Auxiliary, and one return envelope for member's use.
4018 Set of 25 \$5.50



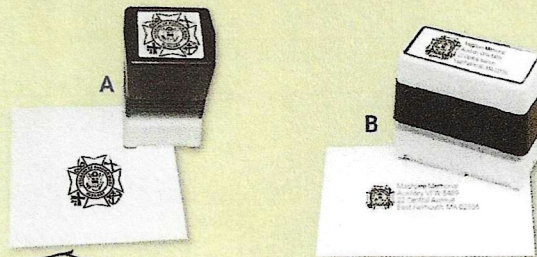
STAMPS AND SEALS



SELF-INKING STAMP

Rubber stamp tested at 50,000 impressions.

- A. 3316 Auxiliary Emblem 1x1" \$25.00
B. 3319 Auxiliary Emblem and up to 5 lines 1 x 2 ¾" \$27.00



SEALS

For executing official papers with VFW Auxiliary Emblem.

TO ORDER SEALS:

AUXILIARY: Provide Auxiliary number, city, state and instituted date

DISTRICT: Provide District number and state

COUNTY COUNCIL: Provide the name of County Council, instituted date and state

DEPARTMENT: Provide the state and instituted date

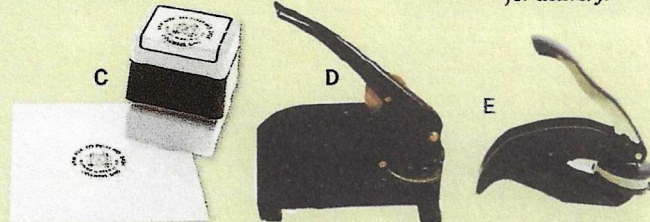
Self-Inking Seal

- C. 3318 1½ x 1½" \$25.00

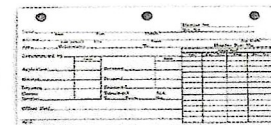
Embossing Seals set for 20-pound paper only:

- D. 3321 Desk Seal \$96.00
E. 3320 Hand Seal \$78.00

Allow 3 weeks for delivery.



3-RING BINDER
Includes index; use with Dues Record Cards (sold separately).
4216 \$28.00



DUES RECORD CARDS

Use with 3-ring binder. #4216

- 4015 100 per package \$12.00



Secretary

July 2025 Promo

Congratulations, on being your Auxiliaries secretary. The secretary plays a very important part of the Auxiliary. You keep records of what exactly happens at the meetings. You have to keep the minutes for a total of 6 years.

Secretaries also put in the minutes the beginning balance, total receipts, total disbursements and the ending balance, which the Treasurer does a copy of the report to be in the minute book also.

The Treasurer's report has to have the receipts broke down and the disbursements broke down. Example: Receipts: \$25.00 donation from a member for the Health and Happiness fund. Disbursements: \$50.00 donated to the Hospital fund. Each and every receipt and each of the disbursements are to be listed in the Treasurer's report for the purpose and the amount of the receipts or disbursements.

I have been District President several times and the Treasurer's report is not broke down. This is necessary to do! The trustees should look back at the minutes to see if the receipts and disbursements match what the Treasurer has done.

Sometimes we have to remind how things should be done, when we go to an Auxiliary and see that they aren't doing it right. This is just a reminder for all.

Vicki Stalnaker, Department Secretary

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TREASURER NEWS

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July 2025

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

**TREASURERS
REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL JUNE 30TH**

**TREASURERS
BEGIN THEIR DUTIES JULY 1ST**

**MALTA CLOSSES JUNE 30, 2025
FOR OUR 2024-2025 YEAR**

**MALTA REOPENS IN JULY 2025
FOR OUR 2025-2026 YEAR**
(expected to reopen July 7 - 10; to allow HQ to reset system data)

**GET YOUR BONDS
BEFORE AUGUST 31ST**

2025-2026 Auxiliary and District Presidents and Treasurers must get their bonds **by August 31, 2025**. Bonds run from September 1 through August 31, expiring August 31 every year. In MALTA, under *Duties*, click on "**Bond Purchase**." The amount will be deducted from your checking account.

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The Department Auxiliary thanks everyone who came in, stayed, ate, donated, and enjoyed the Hospitality Room at Convention.

Remember to join us at Fall Conference at Stonewall Resort in November.

One of the winners got away from us

We are holding \$100.00 for:

Pee Wee Pets

Serial Number 450868

Tip #913

If you have that tip, please contact Mary Chipps at mchipps1020@gmail.com before September 30, 2025.



Americanism Program

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Happy Independence Day!! I hope everyone is getting ready to enjoy this time of patriotism and fun. As we get ready for the amazing events with our friend's family and community, think about how your auxiliary can have an impact on those celebrations. One of the key focuses through our program is Promoting Patriotism, educating other on symbols and traditions, including the American Flag, the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. Take the time to share this information and the correct way to honor our country and our Veterans who fought for those symbols.

Set up booths and help organize these wonderful functions for the community, be creative with social media to spread the word further. Send me your event photos or videos and make it fun. I look forward to hearing from all of you this year.

Amanda

Auxiliary Outreach

Department of West Virginia

July 2025

I will post a monthly awareness topic for us to support. The topic will be posted a month in advance to allow time for finding activities and voting at the meeting

August is World Cancer Support Month: World Cancer Support Month focuses on cancer from the perspective of support, as well as access to high-quality medical care. During August, medical professionals, as well as friends and family of cancer sufferers, come together to create the best possible support for those living with cancer.



This gives us a chance to look for a activity from one of these organizations to Volunteer. Contact someone and ask what you can do to help.

Community Outreach Acceptable Activities

- Working walks or runs that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc. (Walking or running in the race is not part of Auxiliary Outreach; that's participation, not partnering.)
- Working with local police on child ID kits or with EMTs to host CPR Training.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.
- Working with parks and recreation departments to plant trees, develop non-veteran related community art installations and on adopt-a-park initiatives.
- Helping with a spay and neuter animal clinic.
- Serving food at soup kitchens

What's Not Considered Auxiliary Outreach

Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with VFW or VFW Auxiliary Programs. Volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered Outreach. Examples of projects that do not qualify include:

- Repairs to, maintenance or beautification of the Post home.
- Cooking or serving a meal for a Post or Auxiliary fundraiser.
- VFW or Auxiliary meetings, conventions, conferences or schools of instruction.
- Providing an honor guard at a member's funeral.
- Church activities for one specific congregation and not the entire community (e.g., usher, elder, deacon, minister, etc.)

Send Report to
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304-532-276- - jdcrum58@aol.com

Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home

Department of West Virginia

July 2025

I am honored to be Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home chairman for the 2025-2026 year!

Our goal this year is to shine the light on what the Buddy Poppy and National Home are and how they honor and support our veterans. Every month, I will have information on how the VFW Buddy Poppy and National Home supports our veterans. This month let's take a sneak peek at the history of the VFW Buddy Poppy and the mission and eligibility requirements for the VFW National Home.



In 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy"® Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. The "Buddy"® Poppy represents the blood shed by American military service members and reminds us of their sacrifices.

OUR MISSION



V F W
NATIONAL HOME

"The VFW National Home assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment."

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVELY SERVING

- Unaccompanied Tour or deployment
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
- Single or Married with dependent child(ren)
- Drilling National Guard & Reserve

VETERAN

- Honorably discharged Active, Guard, or Reserve Veteran
- Surviving widow or widower with dependent child(ren)
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
- Single or Married with dependent child(ren)

VFW/AUXILIARY

- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
- Applicant has a parent in the VFW or Auxiliary in good standing or if deceased, in good standing at the time of death.
- Single or Married with dependent child(ren)

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**New Chaplain
Barbara Schultz
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barbvfw@hotmail.com
Cell – 304-601-9138
Home – 304-688-9997**

If you have any members ill or have passed, please let me know. Included in these General Orders are forms for you to fill out and email or mail them to me.

I can not send out cards, from the Department to your members or the family, if I do not receive the forms from you.

**Thank you,
Barbara**

REPORT OF ILL OR DECEASED MEMBERS

COMPLETE FOR CARDS TO MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL:

PLEASE PRINT: Name of member _____

Auxiliary Number: _____ District: _____

Members Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: Barbara Schultz, PO Box 116, Clothier, WV 25047

COMPLETE FOR CARD TO BE SENT TO DECEASED MEMBER'S FAMILY

PLEASE PRINT: Name of member _____

Auxiliary Number: _____ District: _____

Name of Next of Kin: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: Barbara Schultz, PO Box 116, Clothier, WV 25047

Year End Report

Chaplain – Barbara Schultz

P. O. Box 116, Clothier, WV 25047 Cell – 304-601-9138

Auxiliary Name and Number: _____

District _____

Auxiliary Chairman's Name: _____

Please list the names of Auxiliary members who have passed away from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 for the Memorial Service at State Convention.

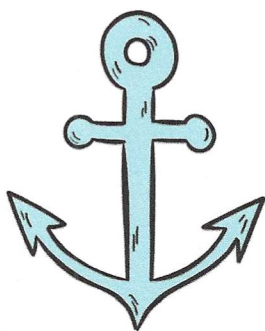
Number of Get-Well cards sent by Auxiliary: Amount spent: _____ Postage: _____

Number of Sympathy Cards sent by Auxiliary: Amount Spent _____ Postage: _____

Number of Thinking of You cards sent by Auxiliary: Amount spent: _____ Postage: _____

Number of Memorial Services you held: _____

Number of Graveside Services you held: _____



EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

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July 2025

We're on our way – ***From Sea to Shining Sea – Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free.***

First port of call is your upcoming District meeting for a School of Instruction. What a fun time that will be -- full of information and surprises. Come away with some fresh ideas for your Auxiliary to work the programs; inspire others by sharing your Auxiliary's activities.

Learn about the **PIP Program**. Are your Auxiliary members lacking the excitement and enthusiasm they once had? Is it tough to get your members to attend meetings/functions? Work the programs? Perhaps the PIP Program can help.

The Extension and Revitalization Program can benefit every member of the Auxiliary through education. Being informed and knowledgeable of our traditions will help us mentor our members and prepare them for leadership roles. This is the heart of this Program.

Remember:

Section 810A.F of our By-laws requires that the ***Auxiliary President or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.***

The Department is requiring **ALL** Auxiliary Presidents to bring to their District meeting a written report (two copies) of the Auxiliary's activities since your last District meeting this past April.

Department of WV. Historian/Media Relations Report July 2025-2026

🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸 July is back and so am I. This coming year we will all be working together again as I will continue to have the privilege of being the Historian for 2025-2026 Department of WV.

1. Remembering the 5W's—**WHO-WHAT-WHY-WHERE- and WHEN.**
2. Please always make sure your report form is filled out and includes all your correct information. Example "Aux number",
"Names, places, dates, and please make sure you place your name on the report.
3. All photos, clips, or pages for the months of May, June and July. This will all be included for your August report and counted for reporting for these months.
4. If you are not reporting I will be reaching out to you, please remember you can send me pictures by text on messenger, my phone number which is included on this page and email or snail mail.
5. We are all here to help each other and if you need me, please call me.

Thank you, Barbara Schultz Historian 2025-2026,


barbvfw@hotmail.com PO Box 116 Clothier WV 25047




304-601-9138 Cell Home 304-688-9997

2025 LEGISLATIVE JULY PROMO

One of the main goals of the legislative program is to improve the lives of veterans, service members, and their families by influencing lawmakers. Your efforts, combined with VFWA members across the nation, can influence lawmakers by enlightening them on veterans' issues.

 For those of you who are new to this program, the best advice I can give is to get everyone signed up to VFW Action Corps Weekly. This E-newsmagazine arrives weekly and will have an Action Alert box if there is legislation that needs a fast response. Each member can fill out the info required the first time, and then it will remember you. It's the fastest way to reach a legislator/ lawmaker and the Action Alert will send it to our West Virginia representatives and senators. It's SO much easier than trying to do it yourself.


 The second most important step is to make copies of the 2025 VFW Priority Goals and post them in your auxiliary and post. Discuss the goals that are most important to your auxiliary/you and make it a point to discuss those goals whenever you meet a legislator. Send an e-mail to our legislators to introduce yourself, your auxiliary, and why the VFW is important to veterans and you. Include copies of the 2025 VFW Priority Goals to WV legislators and tell them what goals are important to you and why. Our federal legislators are:


Senator James Justice justice.senate.gov

Shelley Moore Capito moore.senate.gov

Carol Miller carolmiller.house.gov

Riley Moore rileymoore.house.gov

 Last program year, we sent e-mails after receiving three Action Alerts, and all three requests were successful in gaining legislators' support! That's doing the work for our veterans!

 NO statewide primary or general elections will be held this year; however, check with your county officials to determine if any local elections will be held. If so, print the MALTA I Voted in Honor of a Veteran sticker sheets and distribute to auxiliary and post members.

Action Plan for July:

Your auxiliary needs to purchase Thank You cards for all members. Have them ready to distribute at your August meeting. More details to follow.

Lora Bibbee vfwalegislativepromo@gmail.com

VFW Auxiliary Department of West Virginia

Legislative Chairwoman 2025-2026



Membership Department of West Virginia July 2025



Here we go, starting off on our cruise. Are you all ready for this year?

We are starting with a new slate, and we need to get our membership growing for the year. I will be watching to see how much we grow each month. I will be calling each of the auxiliaries that are slow moving. This will cause us to run into rough waters while we sail. I want our cruise to be smooth sailing, and I hope you do too.

How can you grow your membership? **INVITE**

You can do membership drives, sign up people in your family that are eligible to join that is not a member. Don't forget about being dues angels, if you have elderly members that cannot pay their annual dues pay the dues for them. Let them know you care for them and want them to remain a member. Also remember to invite your members that are not coming to your meeting back to the meetings.

How do you keep members coming to your meetings? **INCLUDE**

Make them feel wanted and welcome. Don't just say hello when they walk into the meeting set down and talk to them. Involve them when you are discussing things that are going to be done. Ask them for advice, let them put some input in on events that you will be having.

How do you keep your membership up once you have grown your membership? **INVEST**

Once you have your members coming to the meeting and helping out don't just keep expecting they will always be there and keep making them feel welcome. Show them how much they are appreciated. Cheer each other on and be there for each other. Don't get in "clicks" and work against each other. We are a team, and we all need to get along and work together for our veterans. Let's keep the drama out of our auxiliaries and have some fun.

Let's make this a fun and rememberable year!

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Reporting completed projects in ALL the VFW Auxiliary Programs and making donations to the various programs is one of the requirements of being a Good Working Auxiliary.

This year, Department President Scarlet is asking you to just report once in every quarter. Thus, your Auxiliary Chairmen only have to report completed projects to the Department Chairmen by October 10, January 10, and completing your year-end report by April 10.

Once your Auxiliary reports to the Department Chairmen, they will report your progress to me. I will share this information with you via General Orders and will also share with Department President Scarlet and her Chief of Staff Tish Von Wald.

Let's Make West Virginia Shine in ALL our organization's Programs.

Veterans & Family Support

Americanism

Auxiliary Outreach

Buddy Poppy/National
Home

Extension/Revitalization

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Hospital

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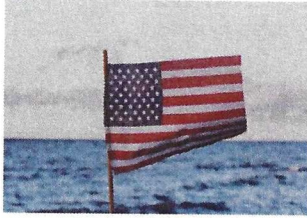
Membership

Scholarships

Youth Activities

Vicki Stalnaker

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SCHOLARSHIP

WEST VIRGINIA

JULY, 2025

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THEME FOR VOICE OF DEMOCRACY **AND** PATRIOTS PEN CONTEST:

“How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition is open to high school students in 9th through 12th grades and comes with a national first place prize scholarship \$35,000. The student must submit a 3-5 minute speech on a thumb drive and a typed essay pertaining to the theme for the contest for the year. They also must fill out the Voice of Democracy form and have it signed by the appropriate authorities.

First place Voice of Democracy State winners will also receive an all-expenses-paid trip to attend a Founding Forward Spirit of America Youth Leadership program at Valley Forge, PA. Through this inspiring four-day program, students experience mock congressional debates, participate in a free enterprise challenge, visit historical sites, and engage in interactive educational activities.

The VFW's Patriot's Pen essay contest is open to eligible sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students, with middle schoolers competing for their share of nearly \$1 million in local, state and national awards and prizes. The national first place winner receives a \$5,000 award.

The students must submit a written essay pertaining to the patriotic theme of 300-400 words and the Patriot's Pen form completely filled out.

Student entries may be submitted (along with a completed entry form) to their local participating VFW Post or Auxiliary. The deadline for both contest is Oct. 31.



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

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“A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!”

JULY 2025

VFW Based Veterans Assistance Programs

Do you know a veteran, service member, or their family that needs assistance filing claims with the VA or other helping organizations? The VFW's **National Veterans Service (NVS)** has Accredited Service Officers and Pre-Discharge Representatives who are trained experts that can help! The **West Virginia Department VFW Service Officer** is **Roger Campbell**. Contact him at **(304) 238-1085** or roger.a.campbell@wv.gov.

Visit vfw.org/assistance, or go to MALTA, Member Resources, Veterans and Family Support for more information.

Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

“Know the Five Signs!”



- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Feeling like U? | 2. R U Agitated? |
| 3. R U Withdrawn? | 4. Caring 4 U? |
| 5. Feeling Hopeless? | |

If you know a veteran, service member, or family member that is exhibiting these signs of suicide, put them in touch with the **Veterans Crisis Line!**

***Dial 988 and Press 1** ***Chat online at veteranscrisisline.net** ***Text a message to 83825**

Consider purchasing **Suicide Prevention Teardrop Pins** or printing a **Veteran and Military Suicide Awareness Teardrop Sticker** (under MALTA, Member Resources, Veterans & Family Support). Wear a pin or sticker to help raise awareness of the dilemma of suicide and when asked about the Teardrop, explain our concerns and efforts to change the stigma and provide resources for help!

Employment Assistance for Veterans

As of April, the unemployment rate among Veterans is 3.1%, about the national average for the general population. However, military service members separating from service will need a job to transition to civilian life. We can assist with this by directing them to the appropriate agencies.

With seventeen regional offices in the state, **WorkForce West Virginia** is an excellent source of job listings and other support. Visit workforcewv.org/job-seeker/specialized-services/veterans for more information. A great resource through WorkForce West Virginia is the **virtual job fair**, which occurs on the first Wednesday of each month between 1:00 and 3:30 PM. Anyone searching for employment can register at wfwvbjf@wv.gov.

Let's celebrate our veterans and families by serving those that served us!

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
2025-2026 Monthly Report
Due to the Department Chairman by the 10th of each month

Auxiliary Name: _____

Auxiliary Number: _____ District: _____ Division: _____

Auxiliary Chairman: _____

Auxiliary Chairman email: _____

Auxiliary Chairman phone number: _____

1. Did your Auxiliary promote Veterans and Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness this month? Yes _____ No _____
2. Did your Auxiliary promote VFS and MAPs projects or programs through social or public media in your community this month? Yes _____ No _____
3. Did your Auxiliary members work with any employers or employment services assisting Veterans or Spouses this month? Yes _____ No _____

How? _____

4. Did your Auxiliary host/co-host a fundraising event this month for
 - a. National Veterans Service (NVS) Yes _____ No _____
 - b. VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs Yes _____ No _____
5. Did your Auxiliary donate to the MAPS Fund? Yes _____ No _____

6. What other activity did your auxiliary do this month to promote the Veterans and Family Support Program? _____

YOUTH PROGRAM
2025 -2026
MONTHLY STAR AWARDS



July 2025

Happy 4th of July and we are so lucky that our Veterans have fought in many wars and conflicts that allows us the freedom to celebrate the 4th of July.

Below are some ideas to help with the YOUTH STAR AWARDS for HONORING OUR HEROS.

☐ SUMMER READING

July is a great month to seek out a local summer camp or summer childcare program in your community, or a summer reading program at the library to see if your Auxiliary could be Reading Buddies with children or the Patriotism Through Literacy Program.

Patriotism Through Literacy promotes reading to help teach children about American History and also the love of books and reading. Look for books that would be easy to dress up like the character such as Betsy Ross by Becky White or The Star Spangled Banner by Patricia A. Pingry. The local library would have other age-appropriate books based on the age of children targeted.

☐ R.A.P Cards & Citations

If your community holds a 4th of July Parade or other special events in the summer look at what youth groups (4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Churches) are participating and present the group with Supporting Our Veterans Citation or R.A.P. (Random Acts of Patriotism) Cards. Both of these can be printed from Malta Member Resources.

☐ Protect Our Youth

As Auxiliaries we should take every safeguard to protect any youth/child that is participating in a VFW Auxiliary event as well as protecting any adult volunteer(s). *Never be alone with a child. At least two adults should be present at all times. * Be sure to get proper permission from schools, summer programs, libraries and most importantly parents or guardians and require that either they be present or that staff from the school or program is present. * Be cautious about posting photos of children that you don't have permission to post or share on social media. The Historian/Media Program had a great photo permission form last year and is a great tool to have.

Send your monthly reporting of Youth Activities to Carey Wagner at cwagner230@gmail.com. Mail: Carey Wagner, 3003 Kesling Mill Rd, Buckhannon, WV 26201, Cell 304-613-0230

Have a Happy and Safe Celebration. Thank a Veteran for your Freedom!

YOUTH PROGRAM
2025 -2026 HONORING OUR HEROS
MONTHLY YOUTH REPORT FROM
DUE BY 10TH of EACH MONTH

Auxiliary Name: _____ Aux. # _____ District: _____ Div: _____

Month Being Reported: _____ Person Reporting: _____

1. Did your Auxiliary work with a group of youth this month? Yes or No
2. What project(s) did you work on or accomplish? _____

3. Did Auxiliary distribute any R.A.P. cards? If so how many? _____
4. Did Auxiliary present any other awards or Citations this month? Yes or No. Describe. _____

5. Did Auxiliary participate in Reading Buddies or Patriotism Through Literacy? If so, describe. _____

6. Did you start planning, providing information to schools (public & private) on the Illustrating America contest. Did you provide information to your local VFW and Auxiliary to get involvement from members children or grandchildren. Yes or No. Describe _____

7. Is there materials or printable awards that your Auxiliary needs or needs assistance in locating in Malta or VFW/Auxiliary websites. If so, tell me what you need. Let's work together to make Youth Program a successful gateway to our future members.
8. How many hours invested in youth program this month? _____ Costs, if any? \$ _____

INVEST IN OUR YOUTH. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE, BOTH IN AMERICA AND OUR ORGANIZATION.

SEND REPORTS TO:

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