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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 9  
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All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60909>. Posts or individuals who want a hard copy of the General Orders and accompanying documents, send \$25 to VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Thanks to all for working hard to meet our goal of 97% by the end of February. Currently our membership percentage is 97.42%. We are ranked No. #9 in the Nation and remain No. #3 in the Southern Conference. Keep working your unpaid/expired/expiring lists and conducting Buddy checks with members you have not seen awhile. We need 168 members to reach the March 31<sup>st</sup> goal of 99%. This is attainable since 224 members' dues are due the end of March and April.

**UPCOMING RECRUITING EVENTS:**

March 10-11	West Virginia Military Retiree Appreciation Day, Camp Dawson
March 29	Veterans Resource Fair, National Guard Armory, Parkersburg
May 4	Veterans Resource Fair, Glen Jean Armory, Glen Jean
June 4	130 <sup>th</sup> Air Wing Family Day, McLaughlin Air National Guard Base (Coonskin)

2. **COMMUNITY SERVICE ENTRIES:** As a reminder, the Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, or Quartermaster all have access to the All-American Dashboard and are encouraged to enter community service contributions by event via the All-American Dashboard.

3. **POSTS IN ARREARS:** State HQS has not received the following required documents from Posts. As a reminder, Posts in arrears will not be entitled to vote at the District and State Convention until the missing documents are turned in.

District 1: Post 437 Moundsville, proof of Post property insurance and 2021 tax filings.  
Post 578 Terra Alta, proof of 2021 tax filings.  
Post 826 Kingwood, proof of 2021 tax filings.  
Post 9916 Westover, proof of Post property insurance and 2021 tax filings, December quarterly audit.

District 2: Post 3466 Charleston signed December quarterly audit.  
Post 5469 Glenville, December quarterly audit.

District 3: Post 1976 Weston, September and December quarterly audits.  
Post 3081 Grafton, proof of Post property insurance.  
Post 3757 Burnsville, proof of 2021 tax filings and December quarterly audit.  
Post 6106 Summersville, proof of 2021 tax filings and December quarterly audit.  
Post 8614 Craigsville, proof of 2021 tax filings.  
Post 9151 Salem, proof of 2021 tax filings and December quarterly audit

**POSTS IN ARREARS CONTINUED**

- District 4: Post 896 Martinsburg, proof of 2021 tax filings.  
 Post 1101 Romney, signed December quarterly audit.  
 Post 3647 Elkins, proof of 2021 tax filings and December quarterly audit.  
 Post 5583 Coalton, proof of Post property insurance.  
 Post 6452 Ridgeley, proof of 2021 tax filings and December quarterly audit.
- District 5: Post 1144 Jaeger, proof of 2021 tax filings.  
 Post 4326 Sophia, proof of Post property insurance.  
 Post 7695 Ansted, proof of 2021 tax filings.  
 Post 8413 Welch, proof of 2021 tax filings, September and December quarterly audits.  
 Post 9738 East Huntington, proof of Post property insurance and signed September and December quarterly audits.

**4. DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- April 1 Post Scout of the Year entries to State HQS
- April 1 Commander and President’s testimonial, Post 7048 East Fairmont
- April 1 Post Community Service Log/scrapbook to District Commander
- April 16 District Community Service winner log/scrapbook to State HQS
- April 30 Post Trustees Report of Audit for Oct 1 – Dec 31 due State HQS**

**5. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS: *Districts serve lunch before meeting. Time listed is lunch time.***

District 1	7048 East Fairmont	April 23	12:00 PM	Boggess	Cutlip/Crum
District 2	Parkersburg	April 29	12:00 PM	Simmons	Hudson
District 3	Buckhannon	April 22	12:00 PM	Ogden	Chippis
District 4	Wardensville	April 23	1:00 PM	Ogden	Hudson
District 5	Madison	April 22	12:00 PM	Boggess	Kennedy

Schedule subject to change.

**POST REPRESENTATION AT A DISTRICT MEETING IS NOT AN OPTION. *In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)k, Post Commanders are to assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District meetings or Convention.***

**6. 2023 ELECTION REPORT PACKET:** Post Quartermasters have received the 2023 Election Report packet, which contains a blank election report, instructions on how to complete the election report via the Online Membership System. Also included are directions for Posts to pay the required 2023 National Convention delegate fee. The instructions and forms can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates>.

**7. VFW DAY OF SERVICE:** The second annual VFW Day of Service is part of the VFW’s #StillServing campaign, which highlights the countless ways veterans continue to serve in communities across America. On May 6, 2023, the VFW will kick-off of the veteran-led community service projects that will take place throughout the month of May. VFW does ask that VFW members, all veterans and others visit [www.VFWDayofService.org](http://www.VFWDayofService.org) to register their event on the interactive Day of Service Map and receive a special participation decal and/or find a local event to join and see what veterans around the country are doing to make a difference.

8. **PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES AND RESOLUTIONS:** State Headquarters must receive proposed changes to the State and National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, and any proposed Resolutions by May 15<sup>th</sup> to be presented to the delegates at the State Convention. Instructions on how to prepare Resolutions can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates>.

9. **DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTION POST DELEGATE FEES:** Posts are reminded in accordance with Article IV Section 3 of the Department Bylaws each Post shall pay \$5 for every delegate plus an additional \$5 for the Post Commander. Post Delegate(s) are elected in April. A Post Delegate must be present and on the Delegate list to cast the Post Delegate strength when voting at the conventions. Delegate fees will be set based on the March 31<sup>st</sup> membership statistics. Each Post will be notified of their delegate fee cost with a delegate registration form. The Delegate form must be sent to the District and State Quartermaster prior to their conventions. Payment of Post Delegate fees is not optional.

10. **VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING:** Housing information and tentative agenda for the 124<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Phoenix, AZ July 22-27 can be found on the National website at <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/124th-vfw-national-convention>.

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