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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11 SERIES 2023-2024, MAY 2024

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1. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Our membership stands at 95.70%, well off pace to achieve our goal of 98% by May 31st. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Heaney at 304-694-0504.

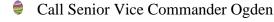
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2. <u>ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER PHONE NUMBER</u>: The Adjutant/Quartermaster has obtained an office cell phone, phone number 304-395-2430.

4. **DATES TO REMEMBER**:

II DITTED TO REEL	
Apr 30, 2024	January 1 to March 31 Post Trustees report of audit to State HQS
May 1, 2024	Proof of Post property insurance (if applicable) and 2022 tax filings to State HQS
May 1, 2024	Post and District All-State requirements end
May 1, 2024	"Bob and Rosa Kusterer" JROTC Cadet of the Year entries to State HQS
May 15, 2024	All-State Team selected
May 15, 2024	Rich Homan Award nominations to State HQS
Jun 1, 2024	COMPLETE Post and District Election Reports to National and State HQS
June 20-23, 2024	State Convention Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV

5. STATE CONVENTION ROOM RESERVATIONS: The 2024 State Convention will be held June 20-23 at the Bridgeport Conference Center, 300 Conference Century Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Agenda and registration information forthcoming. Room reservations may be made by contacting the Wingate or Microtel:



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350 Conference Center Way

Bridgeport, WV 26330

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 $\underline{https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/29594?checkInDate=06/20/2024\&checkOutDate=06/23/2024\&groupCode=VFW06202024}$

Room rates: \$80 per night plus tax (no microwave or refrigerator), \$85 double queen with microwave and refrigerator plus tax, or \$99 plus tax for a suite.

- 6. **STATE CONVENTION BANQUET**: This year's banquet will be free of charge. 150 tickets will be distributed to those who pre-register for the banquet. Tickets at the convention may not be available. Commander Elliott requests everyone wear a costume to the banquet.
- 7. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**: Post Commanders are encouraged to review Section 217 of the National Manual of Procedure "Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office." Nominations and elections shall be held at the Post meeting in April. The current Post Commander is responsible to ensure a completed 2024-2025 Post Election Report is submitted to National and State HQS by June 1st. The current Post Quartermasters is capable of submitting the election report via OMS.
- 8. <u>POST DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION</u>: Post Delegates shall be elected in April. Posts are entitled to one delegate per 30 members and fraction thereof based on the total number of members as of March 31st (e.g. if a Post has 31 members as of March 31st, they are entitled to 2 delegates.) The State Adjutant has notified each Post of their delegate strength and State Convention Delegate Fee. Post Quartermasters can view their Post's delegate strength in OMS. Posts are to provide a list of delegates to the State Quartermaster. A delegate or alternate listed must be present at the State Convention to cast the Post delegate strength when voting.
- 9. **RICH HOMAN MEMORIAL AWARD**: The due date for the Rich Homan Memorial Award nominations to State Hqs was incorrectly published as May 1st. The due date is May 15th. This award will be presented to an outstanding VFW member who is a member in good standing with a Post in West Virginia. The recognition will be awarded for a comrade's community service, promoting the objectives and values of the VFW throughout the community, and VFW achievements such as Membership Programs, Community Activities, Youth Activities, Project Chairman, and the leadership they have demonstrated at their Post that has brought prestige to the VFW.

OFFICIAL: S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA BY ORDER OF: KAMI M. ELLIOTT, COMMANDER VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

VFW State of West Virginia Memstats as of 043024

			Need for						Adjusted				N/R	Prior		
City	Post	Dst	100%	Life	New		Cont				Div	RS		Annual		N/R %
MOUNDSVILLE	437	1	-10	96	0	1	48	145	155		6		1	60	93.33%	1.29%
MORGANTOWN	548	1	+2	94	1	0		125	123		7		1	23	100.00%	
TERRA ALTA	578	1	0	68	1	5	-	97	97		8		0	22	81.82%	
FAIRMONT	629	1	-42	347	1	1		358	400		3		4	33	33.33%	1.50%
KINGWOOD	826	1	-2	51	1	0	_	58	60		_		1	10	100.00%	
MASONTOWN	1589	1	-5	83	2	0	-	90	95		8		3	21	80.95%	5.26%
TUNNELTON	2345	1	-2	36	0	0	_	46	48		11		0	10	90.00%	0.00%
BRUCETON MILLS	2523	1	+9	41	8	2	10	61	52				0	19	52.63%	
WEIRTON	2716	1	-20	156	5	0		203	223	91.03%	5		1	90	58.89%	3.59%
ROWLESBURG	3008	1	-2	30	0			31	33		11		0	1	0.00%	0.00%
NEW CUMBERLAND ELM GROVE	3526 4442	1	-8 -37	38 74	2 9	0 2		87 159	95 196		8 5		0 1	54 103	103.70% 61.17%	
SISTERSVILLE	6327	1	-37 +4	114	6	0		159	152		6		1	79	103.80%	4.61%
CHESTER	6450	1	+37	591	52	3		794	757		2		7	128	98.44%	
EAST FAIRMONT	7048	1	+4	230	6	7	-	271	267	104.88%	4		2	38	63.16%	
WESTOVER	9916	1	+9	105	7	1	12	125	116		7		4	20	85.00%	
District 1 Total	9910	1	-63	2154	101	24		2806	2869	97.80%	3		26	20	65.00%	5.26%
District 1 Total			-03	2104	101	24	327	2000	2003	37.0070	3		20			3.2070
PARKERSBURG	1212	2	-26	324	8	4	83	419	445	94.15%	3		3	111	81.08%	3.37%
WEST UNION	3408	2	-4	40	1	0	10	51	55	92.72%	10		0	14	78.57%	1.82%
CHARLESTON	3466	2	+27	125	2	18	24	169	142	119.01%	7		10	31	100.00%	21.13%
HARRISVILLE	3554	2	-1	69	0	3	19	91	92	98.91%	8		3	22	95.45%	6.52%
CLAY	4419	2	-3	43	0	0	11	54	57	94.73%	10		0	12	83.33%	0.00%
BELLE	5269	2	-10	34	0	1	15	50	60	83.33%	10		0	21	66.67%	1.67%
GLENVILLE	5469	2	+4	41	1	0	0	42	38	110.52%	11		5	8	100.00%	15.79%
RIPLEY	5501	2	-96	103	3	1	25	132	228	57.89%	5		4	122	34.43%	3.51%
SAINT ALBANS	6418	2	-7	45	0	1	10	56	63	88.88%	10		0	12	83.33%	1.59%
RAVENSWOOD	6669	2	-22	84	0	0	21	105	127	82.67%	7		0	42	66.67%	0.00%
CHESAPEAKE	8363	2	0	82	1	3	31	117	117	100.00%	7		0	42	73.81%	3.42%
ELKVIEW	8516	2	-15	42	1	0	12	55	70	, 0.0.,	9		0	16	68.75%	1.43%
MASON	9926	2		467	19	15	74	575	549		3		11	66	100.00%	8.20%
District 2 Total		2	-127	1499	36	46	335	1916	2043	93.78%	4		36			5.78%
BELINGTON	410	3	-4	171	1	1	11	184	188	97.87%	5		0	18	61.11%	1.06%
CLARKSBURG	573	3		334	15			455	482		_		1	163	61.96%	
WESTON	1976	3	-4	25	0	0	10	35	39		11		0	15	80.00%	
GRAFTON	3081	3		97	1	1		137	144				1	40	100.00%	
BUCKHANNON	3663	3		127	7	10		177	173				1	28		10.40%
WEBSTER SPRINGS	3738	3		22	2				40				0	15	86.67%	
BURNSVILLE	3757	3	0	14	0				14	100.00%	11		0	5	100.00%	
MARLINTON	4595	3	-5	33	0	0	12	45	50				0	17	76.47%	0.00%
SUMMERSVILLE	6106	3	+3	43	5	0	25	73	70	104.28%	9		0	19	94.74%	7.14%
ALDERSON	6723	3	-6	38	7	5	10	60	66	90.90%	10		2	17	35.29%	21.21%
RENICK	6737	3	0	9	1	1	5	16	16	100.00%	11		0	6	83.33%	12.50%
CRAIGSVILLE	8614	3	-2	19	2	0	8	29	31	93.54%	11		0	12	83.33%	6.45%
SALEM	9151	3	-9	54	0	2	3	59	68	86.76%	9		0	7	14.29%	2.94%
District 3 Total		3	-60	986	41	26	268	1321	1381	95.65%	5		5			5.21%

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City	Post	Dst	Need for 100%	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year*	Percent	Div	RS		Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
MARTINSBURG	896	4	-31	192	5	2	35	234	265	88.30%	4		1	62	61.29%	3.02%
ROMNEY	1101	4	0	62	4	1	21	88	88	100.00%	8		2	27	88.89%	7.95%
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	-9	89	5	3	41	138	147	93.87%	6		0	86	50.00%	5.44%
KEYSER	3518	4	-13	109	1	0	24	134	147	91.15%	6		1	33	93.94%	1.36%
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	+46	602	37	2	3	644	598	107.69%	3		5	29	100.00%	7.36%
ELKINS	3647	4	-7	88	6	0	27	121	128	94.53%	7		1	40	77.50%	5.47%
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	+5	84	6	0	35	125	120	104.16%	7		0	41	100.00%	5.00%
COALTON	5583	4	+1	13	1	0	4	18	17	105.88%	11		0	4	125.00%	5.88%
HARMAN	5781	4	-1	10	0	0	9	19	20	95.00%	11		0	13	100.00%	0.00%
RIDGELEY	6452	4	-8	50	1	0	23	74	82	90.24%	9		0	31	74.19%	1.22%
PETERSBURG	6454	4	+1	103	0	7	1	111	110	100.90%	8		0	0	100.00%	6.36%
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	+3	111	6	3	35	155	152	101.97%	6		2	41	85.37%	7.24%
MATHIAS	7780	4	0	15	0	0	2	17	17	100.00%	11		0	2	100.00%	0.00%
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	-5	67	0	0	38	105	110	95.45%	8		0	59	74.58%	0.00%
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	+1	88	2	0	1	91	90	101.11%	8		0	2	50.00%	2.22%
District 4 Total		4	-17	1683	74	18	299	2074	2091	99.18%	4		12			4.97%
HUNTINGTON	1064	5	-16	176	0	3	44	223	239	93.30%	5		0	64	68.75%	1.26%
IAEGER	1144	5		44	2	1	6	53	56	94.64%	10		2	9	77.78%	8.93%
SOPHIA	4326	5		80	1	2	27	110	131	83.96%	7		0	49	51.02%	2.29%
BECKLEY	4469	5	-1	73	2	2	24	101	102	99.01%	8		1	37	59.46%	4.90%
HINTON	4500	5		20	0	0		_	28	82.14%	11		0	14	42.86%	0.00%
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	-2	50	0	2	17	69	71	97.18%	9		1	13	100.00%	4.23%
MADISON	5578	5	-14	148	1	0	73	222	236	94.06%	5		3	82	96.34%	1.69%
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	-21	72	1	0	7	80	101	79.20%	8		1	12	75.00%	1.98%
ANSTED	7695	5	-4	42	1	1	15	59	63	93.65%	10		0	20	95.00%	3.17%
OCEANA	8364	5	+9	58	8	1	2	69	60	115.00%	10		4	3	100.00%	21.67%
HURRICANE	9097	5	+5	120	4	9	38	171	166	103.01%	6		0	47	70.21%	7.83%
HUNTINGTON	9738	5	-24	142	0	0	29	171	195	87.69%	5		0	56	67.86%	0.00%
MILTON	9796	5	-7	79	3	0	12	94	101	93.06%	8		0	31	70.97%	2.97%
District 5 Total		5	-104	1104	23	21	297	1445	1549	93.28%	4		12			3.62%
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State Total		255	-470	8167	313	138	1850	10468	10938	95.70%			98			5.02%

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					100 pts	50 pts	10 pts each month	100 pts max	5 pts each	25 pts	10 pts each	10 pts each level	10 pts	10 pts	10 pts each level	10 pts each level	5 pts	5 pts
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1	2	5469	Glenville	210	100				5	25	80							
1	4	5583	Coalton	135	100				10	25								
1		6737	Renick	125	100					25								
1	3	3757	Burnsville	100	100													
1	4	7780	Mathias	100	100		20			25								
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1	1	3008	Rowlesburg	0														
1	5	4500	Hinton	0							30							
1	4	5781	Harman	0														
2	5	8364	Oceana	545	100	50	100	100	45	25	60		10	10	10	30		5
2	1	3526	New Cumberland	310	100	50	90	100 100	43	23	40		10	10	10	30		3
2	3	6723	Alderson	300		50	10	100		25	70		10	10	10	10		5
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2	1	578	Terra Alta	265	100	50	90	100		25								<u> </u>
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2	2	3554	Harrisville	200			50	100			30		10	10				
2	4	1101	Romney	195	100	50				25	20							
2	1	2523	Bruceton Mills	190	100		20		45	25								
2		6106	Summersville	175			20	100		25	20		10					
2	5	4768	Alum Creek	160		50		100			10							
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2		8516	Elkview	20			10				10		10	10				
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				total														
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3	1	6327	Sistersville	790	100	50	100	100	20		410			10				<u>'</u>
3	3	3663	Buckhannon	470	100	50	100	100	20	25	40		10	10	10			5
3	1	4442	Elm Grove	390		50	100	100		25	30	30	10	10		30		5
3	2	8363	Chesapeake	390	100	50	60	100	25	25	30	10	10	10	10	10	_	├ ──
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3	4	4019	Berkeley Springs	250	100	50	20		25	25	30	1	10				 	
3	1	9916	Westover	255	100	30	30		40	25	60							
3	4	2102	Wardensville	230	100	50	40	100	40	23	10	20		10				
3	1	548	Morgantown	205	100	50	40	100	5		40	10		10				
3	2	6669	Ravenswood	190	100	50	10	100	, and the second		10	20						
3	5	9796	Milton	170		- 50	40	100			30	20						
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3	5	4469	Beckley	150		50	60				30	10						
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							*All State Requirement											

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 103rd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION, JUNE 20-23, 2024 Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

2:00-4:00 pm Registration – **Ballroom foyer**

1:00 pm Resolutions and By-Laws Committee meeting – **Ballroom AC**

Moske, Elliott, Ogden, Anderson, Kingsbury, Light

2:00 pm Budget/Investments Committee meeting – **Ballroom AC**

Elliott, Moske, Heaney, Boggess, Ogden, Light

3:00 pm Joint Memorial Service practice – **Ballroom** 6:00 pm Council of Administration meeting – **Ballroom**

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024

8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration – **Ballroom foyer**

8:00 am Credentials Committee meeting – **Ballroom AC**

8:30 am Joint Opening Session - **Ballroom**

9:15 am Joint Memorial Service/Gold Star Families Program - - <u>Ballroom</u>
10:00 am Formal Opening of the 103rd Annual State Convention - <u>Ballroom</u>

12:00 pm Recess

1:30 – TBD Training for new Post and District Officers – **Ballroom**

5:00 pm Credentials Committee meeting (meeting time adjusted by Chairman) –

Ballroom AC

6:00 pm Elimination Dinner (ticketed event)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

8:00 am Past State Commander's & Presidents Meeting – Ballroom AC

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration – **Ballroom foyer**

8:30 am Reconvene VFW Business Session – **Ballroom**

12 am – 4:00 pm Poker Run - **Patio**

1:30 pm Potomac Highlands Wounded Warriors/Jackson County Hunting Heroes

Fundraiser – Patio

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Round table discussions/training – **Ballroom**

6:00 pm Reception/Banquet – **Ballroom**

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

8:30 am Worship Service – **Ballroom**

10:00 am Council of Administration Meeting – **Ballroom**

Schedule subject to change

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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 $\frac{https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/29594?checkInDate=06/20/2024\&checkOutDate=06/23/2024\&groupCode=VFW06202024$

Room rates: \$80 per night plus tax (no microwave or refrigerator), \$85 double queen with microwave and refrigerator plus tax, or \$99 plus tax for a suite.

There is no registration or banquet cost for the State Convention. Only 150 banquet tickets are available. Banquet tickets must be ordered by June 10, 2024 Commander Elliott requests all banquet attendees be dressed in a costume.

To allow for proper administrative support to all attending the Convention, I am requesting the <u>information on the back of this sheet be sent to State Headquarters</u>, <u>even if you do not plan to attend the Convention banquet Saturday evening</u>.

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION JUNE 20-23, 2024

Bridgeport Conference Center 300 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Banquet Buffet Menu

Field Greens Salad with English Cucumber, Olives, Grape Tomatoes, Garlic Croutons, House Italian
and Buttermilk Ranch Dressings.
Southern Fried chicken, Skillet Gravy (on side)
Tenderloin Beef Tips and Gravy
Buttered Egg Noodles
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Country Style Green Beans
Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Smoked Bacon
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter
Key Lime Pie & Strawberry Shortcake Cake
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water
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There is no charge for the banquet. Only 150 banquet tickets are available. Banquet tickets must be ordered by June 10, 2024.

POST and/or AUX	-	
Name	State, District or Post Office held	Banquet (Y/N)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact State Headquarters at (304) 395-2430





COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT!



With the possibility of historic growth ahead of us, it is time for every VFW Post to focus on recruiting and retention! We can make that 102% goal happen!

From the beginning of May through the end of the membership year on June 30th, the Commander-in-Chief is issuing one final membership challenge: the Post in each membership division that shows the highest membership increase in these last two months will receive a \$500 cash award and also a \$500 gift certificate to the VFW Store.

This is going to count all dues-paying members: new members, renewing members, reinstates, and paying transfers! Get out there and push for that 102% and beyond!

In addition, the Commander of the Department with the most Posts above 102% as well as the Commander of the Department with the highest percentage of their Posts above 102% will each receive a special Commander-in-Chief windbreaker jacket to commemorate all the hard work shown by the Department through the year!

We've done amazing work so far, let's finish the membership year strong!

This is our chance to make membership history.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of it!

It's time to make one final push this year to

MEET THE CHALLENGE!

This contest will compare membership totals from May 1st through June 30th. Applications and payments processed online before close of business will be credited that day, payments and applications made through the mail will be processed when received. Questions about this or other membership programs can be sent to membership@vfw.org.



DEPARTMENT INCENTIVE

IT'S TIME TO MAKE HISTORY



The end of the membership year is almost upon us, and we need everyone to take part in the last push to drive our membership above the 102% goal!

In addition to existing incentives, the Commander-in-Chief is issuing one more challenge to our 52 Departments. Some have already crossed that 102% threshold, but the membership year is not yet over! We are not going to be content with merely meeting the goal, we want to surpass it and show that we can achieve growth unseen for decades.

Starting on May 1st and running through the end of the month, the Commander-in-Chief has authorized an additional \$3,000 award to any Department who meets the following criteria:

- If the Department is below 100% on May 1st, they will qualify if they increase membership by at least 3% and end the month above 100%
 - If the Department is above 100% on May 1st, they will qualify if they increase membership by at least 2%.

Use this opportunity to work with your Posts and Districts. Offer motivation and incentives for them to get their expiring members to renew, to recover those lapsed members, and to get out there and recruit new members into the Post. We need all hands on deck and every single Post working to increase membership and to

MEET THE CHALLENGE!



Department of West Virginia

25 February 2024

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

This year the Department of West Virginia VFW will host a Poker Run during the week of the convention. The Poker Run will be held on Saturday, 22 June 2024, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This is a motorcycle ride where riders donate to ride with us on a designated route. The funds from this ride will benefit the Department of West Virginia VFW.

If you would like to donate to this cause, the cost of a sponsorship for the Poker Run is \$200, your business or Post will have their name on the back of the Shirt.

These shirts will be sold to anyone at the convention. Brochure for the Poker Run is attached, please help spread the word.

If you would like to purchase a Shirt, the cost of the shirt will be \$20.00. All checks payable to

VFW State HQS P.O. Box 9431 South Charleston, WV 25309

Veterans and Auxiliary attending the State Convention will be able to register at the registration desk at the Convention. For everyone that only want to ride on the Poker Run you will register at Meuse-Argonne VFW Post 573
430 West Pike Street
Clarksburg, WV 26301
Beginning at 12:00 noon.

We appreciate your consideration, thanks again for your support. Contact Kevin Link at 304-703-2771, or email klink@hardynet.com for questions.

With Dedication

Kevin Link Surgeon

Department of West Virginia 85 Lower Arkansaw Road

Baker, WV 26801 Cell: 304-703-2771

Email: klink@hardynet.com

VFW POST 2102

WV State VFW Convention Poker Run 2024



- Poker Run 2024
- · Bridgeport Conference Center
- 300 Conference Center Way
- Bridgeport, WV 26330
- Meet at 12:00 P.M.
- KSU at 1:00 P.M.
- 22 June 2024
- \$20.00 Singles
- \$30.00 Doubles
- · Free Patch with each registration
- Highest Hand: \$200
- Lowest Hand: \$100
- · Sponsor's Welcome

If attending the State VFW Convention, you will register and purchase shirts at the registration table.

If attending Poker Run only, register

Meuse-Argonne VFW Post 573

430 West Pike Street Clarksburg, WV 26301.

On 22 June 2024 at 12:00 to 1:30. T-Shirts available for sale, \$20.00 a shirt. To preorder email shirt size to klink@hardynet.com.

HOSPITALITY ROOM DONATIONS

State Convention is right around the corner! It would greatly be appreciated if you could donate either items of need or monetary.

Scarlet Kennedy will be hosting the VFW Auxiliary hospitality room. I am asking for your help to make it a huge success.

Items needed are desserts (pies cookies cupcakes and cakes), beer, yogurt, fresh fruit, bread, buns and of course money. If items need picked up please let me know. I will be traveling through out to deliver Elimination Dinner tickets.

All monetary Donations are to be sent to Diana Stout 740 Lowery Donnally Rd. Charleston, WV 25304 earmarked hospitality room.

For pick up of items call or email Scarlet Kennedy @ 1967scarletk@gmail.com or call 304-694-4560

Thank you so very much.

Scarlet Kennedy

Department of West Virginia JR.Vice President

\$3000 COULD BE YOURS!!!



ELIMINATION DINNER

WHERE: STATE CONVENTION HOSPITALITY ROOMS

WHEN: JUNE 21,2024 STARTING @ 6pm

Cost \$20

A Chance to win \$3000 and progressive prizes also!!!

Dinner will be provided by Big Fatty's Smoking Meat Dinner will be served at 5pm

If you cannot attend it will be a Facebook live event!!

Reserve your tickets today!!

This event is in leu of the Calanders previously sold. The money raised will go toward Scarlet Kennedy's year as Department President.

To Reserve your tickets please contact: Scarlet Kennedy @304-694-4560 or 1967scarletk@gmail.com or Amanda Yoho @ 304-534-1831or akyoho@gmail.com

Tickets can be delivered to you, or you can pick them up at registration at VFW State convention/

Make check payable to VFWA WV earmarked Elimination dinner!!

Thank You!!!

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VFW:

Change:

District 2 – change Adjutant/Quartermaster Jason Jones address to 300 Graham Rd, Rachel, WV 26587.

AUXILIARY:

Add:

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