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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5

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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 (annually) to VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

1. **FALL CONFERENCE**: We are honored to announce that the **VFW National Commander-in-Chief, Carol Whitmore**, will be attending our Fall Conference, **November 14-16, 2025**, at **Stonewall Resort** in Roanoke, WV. There will also be a Veterans Resource Fair and Town Hall taking place on Saturday, Nov. 15th from 1-4pm. Please come and show your support for our National CIC, and at the same time take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Resource Fair. Please see the attachments for the weekend itinerary.
2. **R.E.D. FRIDAY T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER**: West Virginia R.E.D. Friday T-shirts are being sold, all profits of which will benefit the new Combat Tested Gaming program within the Department of West Virginia. Please see attached flyer for additional information and details.
3. **MEMBERSHIP**: If you are unable to process your own Membership Applications and opt to send them to State HQS for processing, be sure to include a copy of the applicant's **DD214** or other **official qualifying documents**, otherwise they ***will not be processed***. Junior Vice Commander Ronie Wheeler is the 2025-2026 Membership Chairman. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Wheeler at (304) 675-0235.
4. **POSTS IN ARREARS**: Posts in arrears need to contact their District Commanders **immediately** for training 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. Additional assistance can be provided by the Department, as needed. Posts who do not resolve arrearages in a timely manner may face further administrative action by the Department Commander.
5. **2024 FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILING**: Filing deadline for all versions of 2024 Federal Tax Form 990 for most Posts and Districts is November 15th. Make sure your taxes are filed on time or an extension filed, and that ***a copy of the proof of acceptance or approved extensions from the IRS is sent to State HQS***. Posts/Districts who have not yet completed 2023 Federal Income Tax filing need to complete **immediately**.
6. **AUDITS**: Please be sure that you are using the NEW Audit form when conducting your quarterly audits. Also, please be sure to either ***scan and email*** your completed audit forms or mail a hard copy to HQS. **Photos will not be accepted.**

7. **VOD, PP, TEACHERS & PUBLIC SERVANTS:** Posts' winning Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries should be received by the Districts no later than November 30. Posts and Districts are reminded to enter their Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen participation in the Dashboard. Posts' Teacher-of-the-Year and Public Servant entries (one for each category, Law/FF/EMT) are also due to the District no later than November 30.

8. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 7-9	Southern Conference at Lake Conroe Resort, Conroe, TX
November 14-16	Fall Conference at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV
November 15	Filing deadline for all versions of 2024 Federal Tax Form 990
November 26-28	State HQS closed for Thanksgiving holidays
November 30	Post Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners to Districts
November 30	Post Teacher of the Year entries to Districts
November 30	Post Public Servant entries (one each for Law/FF/EMT) to Districts
December 20	District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners due to State HQS
January 1	The Chapel of Four Chaplains Nomination to State HQS
January 10	District 3 Meeting at Grafton Post 3081, 12pm
January 11	District 4 Meeting at Wardensville Post 2102, 1pm
January 15	State Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen winner to National
January 15	District Teacher of the Year entries to State HQS
January 15	District Public Servant of the Year (one each Law/FF/EMT) to State HQS
January 18	District 1 Meeting at Fairmont Post 7048, 12pm
January 24	District 5 Meeting hosted by Beckley Post 4469 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 12pm
January 31	District 2 Meeting at Elkview 8516, 12pm

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

As we look around West Virginia we notice each leaf, once quietly blending into the landscape, now bursts forth with color, catching the slanting autumn light and rustling in the brisk breeze. This transformation, both gentle and astonishing, signals the graceful descent into embracing change.

Bible Verse: *Psalm 100:4* "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings which you have provided. Help us live each day with a spirit of gratitude and give us the strength to continue living with a heart of service.

~ State Chaplain, Maria Saunders

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