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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5  
SERIES 2023-2024, NOVEMBER 2023

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1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Continue doing Buddy checks on your members who you have not seen for a while. This is an excellent way to work your expired list. We fell short of our November 1<sup>st</sup> membership goal of 87% by 353 members. Our next goal is 94% by February 1<sup>st</sup>. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Heaney at 304-694-0504.

2.. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Oct 31, 2023	<i>Post Trustees Quarterly Audit for July – September due State HQS</i>
Nov 2-5, 2023	Southern Conference Tulsa, OK
Nov 15, 2023	2022 Tax Filings due for Posts whose accounting year runs 1 July – 30 June
Nov 30, 2023	Post Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Teacher entries to District
Nov 30, 2023	Post Public Servant entries (one each Law/FF/EMT) to District
Dec 20, 2023	District Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen entries due State HQS
Jan 15, 2024	District Teacher of the Year entry due State HQS
Jan 19-21, 2024	Mid-Winter Conference Stonewall Jackson Resort

3. **STATE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER AND SURGEON:** I accepted the resignation of Junior Vice Commander Tracy Simmons. The Council of Administration has elected Toby Heaney as Junior Vice Commander. A call for nominations for State Surgeon has been sent to all Posts to have nominations to State HQS by close of business November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Council of Administration will meet on November 8<sup>th</sup> to elect a new State Surgeon.

4. **ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER PHONE NUMBER:** *The Adjutant/Quartermaster has obtained an office cell phone, phone number 304-395-2430.*

5. **QUINWOOD POST 4484:** The Commander-in-Chief issued Special Order No. 122 dated October 13, 2023 cancelling the charter of Ralph E. Pomeroy Post No. 4484, Quinwood in the Department of West Virginia.

6. **REVISED BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM:** A revised copy of the Buddy Poppy order form to include the ordering of Buddy Poppy tin tabs is included with these General Orders. As a reminder, all Poppy order forms must be sent to State Headquarters. Also, the ordering of Poppies is not an All-State requirement, but a Post must order 3 Poppies per member (based on Adjusted Prior Year total in Membership Statistics) to be eligible for All-American.

7. **PROGRAM ENTRIES**: Posts are reminded to enter information on Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year entries received at the Post in the All-American Dashboard.

8. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**: The Mid-Winter registration form is included with these General Orders. There is no registration fee for the conference. To attend the banquet the cost is \$45. Let's have a great turnout at the awards banquet Saturday evening to recognize the top 3 District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners and the Teacher of the Year.

9. **2024 NATIONAL BYLAWS, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE AND RITUAL**: The 2024 National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are now available from the VFW Store [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org), product code 04108. An electronic copy can be downloaded by logging on to the VFW National website [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and going to [vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates](http://vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates).



call Senior Vice Commander Ogden

10. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**: The last School of Instruction is Sunday, November the 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at Post 4326 Sophia, 1000 Midway Road, Midway, WV 25878.

Things to expect:

How to set up for a meeting

How a meeting should be run

What items fall under old and new business and what falls under good of the order

What the relationship between the Post and Auxiliary should look like

What the Commander and QM responsibilities are

The importance of having a House Committee while running a canteen

The Post relationship with the canteen

VFW etiquette

Please feel free to ask any questions that you have.

This is not a Commander and Quartermaster requirement. Please send your new officers and those interested in becoming officers.

11. **COMMANDER CALENDAR**: Any Post requesting the presence of Commander Elliott through June 2024 need to send a request in writing or via email to State Headquarters at [vfwqm@frontier.com](mailto:vfwqm@frontier.com).

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

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memstats as of 103123

City	Post	Dst	Difference	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year*	Percent	Div	RS	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
MOUNDSVILLE	437	1	-38	96	0	0	21	117	155	75.48%	6		1	60	50.00%	0.65%
MORGANTOWN	548	1	-23	93	1	0	6	100	123	81.30%	7		1	23	39.13%	1.63%
TERRA ALTA	578	1	-22	68	0	0	7	75	97	77.31%	8		0	22	40.91%	0.00%
FAIRMONT	629	1	-50	344	0	1	5	350	400	87.50%	3		2	33	24.24%	0.75%
KINGWOOD	826	1	-6	50	0	0	4	54	60	90.00%	10		0	10	50.00%	0.00%
MASONTOWN	1589	1	-9	81	0	0	5	86	95	90.52%	8		1	21	80.95%	1.05%
TUNNELTON	2345	1	-4	36	0	0	8	44	48	91.66%	11		0	10	70.00%	0.00%
BRUCETON MILLS	2523	1	-1	41	4	1	5	51	52	98.07%	10		0	19	31.58%	9.62%
WEIRTON	2716	1	-50	155	0	0	18	173	223	77.57%	5		1	90	34.44%	0.45%
ROWLESBURG	3008	1	-2	30	0	0	1	31	33	93.93%	11		0	1	0.00%	0.00%
NEW CUMBERLAND	3526	1	-45	34	2	0	14	50	95	52.63%	8		0	54	37.04%	2.11%
ELM GROVE	4442	1	-87	72	7	1	29	109	196	55.61%	5		1	103	30.10%	4.59%
SISTERSVILLE	6327	1	-15	104	3	0	30	137	152	90.13%	6		1	79	88.61%	2.63%
CHESTER	6450	1	+2	579	13	2	165	759	757	100.26%	2		6	128	97.66%	2.77%
EAST FAIRMONT	7048	1	-26	229	4	1	7	241	267	90.26%	4		1	38	34.21%	2.25%
WESTOVER	9916	1	-12	100	0	0	4	104	116	89.65%	7		0	20	35.00%	0.00%
<b>District 1 Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>-388</b>	<b>2112</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>2481</b>	<b>2869</b>	<b>86.47%</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>15</b>			<b>1.92%</b>

PARKERSBURG	1212	2	-81	316	4	0	44	364	445	81.79%	3		0	111	47.75%	0.90%
WEST UNION	3408	2	-9	39	0	0	7	46	55	83.63%	10		0	14	57.14%	0.00%
CHARLESTON	3466	2	-29	105	0	0	8	113	142	79.57%	7		5	31	61.29%	3.52%
HARRISVILLE	3554	2	-17	66	0	0	9	75	92	81.52%	8		0	22	54.55%	0.00%
CLAY	4419	2	-12	41	0	0	4	45	57	78.94%	10		0	12	50.00%	0.00%
BELLE	5269	2	-21	34	0	0	5	39	60	65.00%	10		0	21	28.57%	0.00%
GLENVILLE	5469	2	0	37	1	0	0	38	38	100.00%	11		1	8	100.00%	5.26%
RIPLEY	5501	2	-110	101	2	1	14	118	228	51.75%	5		2	122	25.41%	2.19%
SAINT ALBANS	6418	2	-11	45	0	1	6	52	63	82.53%	10		0	12	50.00%	1.59%
RAVENSWOOD	6669	2	-34	83	0	0	10	93	127	73.22%	7		0	42	38.10%	0.00%
CHESAPEAKE	8363	2	-22	79	0	0	16	95	117	81.19%	7		0	42	40.48%	0.00%
ELKVIEW	8516	2	-23	41	1	0	5	47	70	67.14%	9		0	16	31.25%	1.43%
MASON	9926	2	+6	465	8	8	74	555	549	101.09%	3		9	66	100.00%	4.55%
<b>District 2 Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>-363</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>2043</b>	<b>82.23%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>17</b>			<b>2.10%</b>

BELINGTON	410	3	-11	171	1	1	4	177	188	94.14%	5		0	18	22.22%	1.06%
CLARKSBURG	573	3	-94	329	7	3	49	388	482	80.49%	3		0	163	30.67%	2.07%
WESTON	1976	3	-9	25	0	0	5	30	39	76.92%	11		0	15	46.67%	0.00%
GRAFTON	3081	3	-29	97	0	0	18	115	144	79.86%	6		1	40	55.00%	0.69%
BUCKHANNON	3663	3	-36	125	0	2	10	137	173	79.19%	6		0	28	46.43%	1.16%
WEBSTER SPRINGS	3738	3	-11	22	0	0	7	29	40	72.50%	11		0	15	46.67%	0.00%
BURNSVILLE	3757	3	0	14	0	0	0	14	14	100.00%	11		0	5	100.00%	0.00%
MARLINTON	4595	3	-12	33	0	0	5	38	50	76.00%	11		0	17	35.29%	0.00%
SUMMERSVILLE	6106	3	-17	41	3	0	9	53	70	75.71%	9		0	19	47.37%	4.29%
ALDERSON	6723	3	-20	35	5	3	3	46	66	69.69%	10		0	17	11.76%	12.12%
RENICK	6737	3	-3	9	1	1	2	13	16	81.25%	11		0	6	33.33%	12.50%
CRAIGSVILLE	8614	3	-5	19	2	0	5	26	31	83.87%	11		0	12	58.33%	6.45%
SALEM	9151	3	-13	54	0	0	1	55	68	80.88%	9		0	7	14.29%	0.00%
<b>District 3 Total</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>-260</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1121</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>81.17%</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>2.17%</b>

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memstats as of 103123

City	Post	Dst	Difference	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year*	Percent	Div	RS	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
MARTINSBURG	896	4	-59	188	1	2	15	206	265	77.73%	4		0	62	32.26%	1.13%
ROMNEY	1101	4	-12	61	4	1	10	76	88	86.36%	8		1	27	55.56%	6.82%
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	-42	88	1	1	15	105	147	71.42%	6		0	86	22.09%	1.36%
KEYSER	3518	4	-28	109	0	0	10	119	147	80.95%	6		1	33	48.48%	0.68%
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	-1	575	21	0	1	597	598	99.83%	3		0	29	100.00%	3.51%
ELKINS	3647	4	-25	88	2	0	13	103	128	80.46%	7		1	40	45.00%	2.34%
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	-23	82	2	0	13	97	120	80.83%	7		0	41	58.54%	1.67%
COALTON	5583	4	+1	13	1	0	4	18	17	105.88%	11		0	4	125.00%	5.88%
HARMAN	5781	4	-6	10	0	0	4	14	20	70.00%	11		0	13	53.85%	0.00%
RIDGELEY	6452	4	-17	49	1	0	15	65	82	79.26%	9		0	31	51.61%	1.22%
PETERSBURG	6454	4	-7	103	0	0	0	103	110	93.63%	8		0	0	100.00%	0.00%
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	-24	108	1	1	18	128	152	84.21%	6		1	41	53.66%	1.97%
MATHIAS	7780	4	0	15	0	0	2	17	17	100.00%	11		0	2	100.00%	0.00%
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	-16	66	0	0	28	94	110	85.45%	8		0	59	52.54%	0.00%
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	-2	87	1	0	0	88	90	97.77%	8		0	2	50.00%	1.11%
<b>District 4 Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>-261</b>	<b>1642</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>2091</b>	<b>87.51%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>			<b>2.10%</b>

HUNTINGTON	1064	5	-44	175	0	1	19	195	239	81.58%	5		0	64	37.50%	0.42%
IAEGER	1144	5	-3	33	1	0	2	36	39	92.30%	11		1	9	55.56%	5.13%
SOPHIA	4326	5	-42	80	0	1	8	89	131	67.93%	7		0	49	20.41%	0.76%
BECKLEY	4469	5	-17	72	0	0	13	85	102	83.33%	8		0	37	35.14%	0.00%
HINTON	4500	5	-7	19	0	0	2	21	28	75.00%	11		0	14	28.57%	0.00%
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	-12	49	0	0	10	59	71	83.09%	9		0	13	69.23%	0.00%
MADISON	5578	5	-62	145	1	0	28	174	236	73.72%	5		1	82	46.34%	0.85%
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	-26	70	1	0	4	75	101	74.25%	8		0	12	41.67%	0.99%
ANSTED	7695	5	-11	42	1	0	9	52	63	82.53%	10		0	20	60.00%	1.59%
OCEANA	8364	5	-1	54	4	0	1	59	60	98.33%	10		1	3	66.67%	8.33%
WELCH	8413	5	-6	10	0	0	1	11	17	64.70%	11	S	0	5	60.00%	0.00%
HURRICANE	9097	5	-18	120	1	5	22	148	166	89.15%	6		0	47	40.43%	3.61%
HUNTINGTON	9738	5	-37	142	0	0	16	158	195	81.02%	5		0	56	41.07%	0.00%
MILTON	9796	5	-14	78	3	0	6	87	101	86.13%	8		0	31	54.84%	2.97%
<b>District 5 Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>80.63%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>3</b>			<b>1.42%</b>

Members at Large	15050	99	-202	732	14	0	57	803	1005	79.90%	1		1			1.49%
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<b>State Total</b>		<b>255</b>	<b>-1,774</b>	<b>8001</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>9164</b>	<b>10938</b>	<b>83.78%</b>			<b>41</b>			<b>1.91%</b>
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2024 Post and Post Commander of the Year Score Sheet

					*100% by May 1st	*Post donate \$275 to VFW Programs	*Submit Monthly Community Service report In Dashboard	*Post Donate \$100 to National Home (West Virginia House)	Each New or Reinstated Member above 100%	New/Reinstated Membership percentage of 5% or greater	Each New Life Member	Each New Legacy Life recruited	Post submits Voice of Democracy Entry	Post submits Patriot's Pen entry	Post Submits Teacher of the Year Entry	Post submit Public Servant Entry	Post Submit JROTC Cadet of the Year package	Extra Credit
					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	5 pts	5 pts
cat	dist	post	location	total														
1	5	1144	Jaeger	180		50	30	100										
1	3	3757	Burnsville	110	100						10							
1	2	5469	Glenville	110	100						10							
1	4	5583	Coaltown	110	100				10									
1	4	7780	Mathias	100	100													
1	3	8614	Craigsville	20			20											
1	3	4595	Marlinton	10							10							
1	1	3008	Rowlesburg	0														
1	1	2345	Tunnelton	0														
1	5	8413	Welch	0														
1	4	5781	Harman	0														
1	3	1976	Weston	0														
1	3	6737	Renick	0														
1	3	3738	Webster Springs	0														
1	5	4500	Hinton	0							10							
2	3	6723	Alderson	240		50	30	100			60							
2	1	3526	New Cumberland	190		50	40	100										
2	2	5269	Belle	180		50	30	100										
2	5	4768	Alum Creek	150		50		100										
2	1	578	Terra Alta	90		50	40											
2	5	8364	Oceana	80			40				10		10	10	10			
2	1	1589	Masontown	50		50												
2	4	9666	Sugar Grove	50		50												
2	1	2523	Bruceton Mills	30							30							
2	2	3408	West Union	10							10							
2	3	6106	Summersville	10									10					
2	2	8516	Elkview	10			10											
2	2	4419	Clay	10							10							
2	2	3554	Harrisville	0														
2	4	6452	Ridgeley	0														
2	2	6418	Saint Albans	0														
2	4	1101	Romney	0														
2	3	9151	Salem	0														
2	1	826	Kingwood	0														
2	5	7695	Ansted	0														

\* All State Requirement





## COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

**This month, our nation honors all who have served; but in the VFW, every day is Veterans Day! This month, Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento is issuing a challenge to all VFW Departments to show your leadership and motivational skills to bring in new members!**



Throughout the month of November, we will be comparing each Department's New and Reinstated totals for the month to where they were in November of last year. The Commander-in-Chief wants to see every Department increase their New/Reinstated members by 10% over last year's November numbers!

Every Department that meets this challenge will receive a \$500 cash award, plus a custom plaque to display at the Department Headquarters to commemorate your achievement!

This challenge will compare the totals of each Department's November 2022 New/Reinstated members (Annual and Life) to your New/Reinstated numbers for November 2023. In order to meet this challenge, the Department will need to show a ten percent increase from last year's November totals.

Each Department's prior year totals and current totals will be shown on the tracker visible through the Online Membership System (OMS) - simply click on the "Commander's Challenge" link under "Reporting".

**The true mark of leadership is when you can motivate others to success, so we want all our Departments to contact your Districts and Posts, encourage and assist them to recruit and reinstate members into the organization, and to**

**MEET THE CHALLENGE!**

This contest will count all New and Reinstated Life and Annual members processed between November 1 and November 30, 2023. 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](mailto:membership@vfw.org).



As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



## THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Educate** separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Accredited Service Officer.

**Advocate** for America's veterans and their families on Capitol Hill, ensuring *promises made* to veterans are *promises kept*.

**Help** cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

**Deliver** morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.

### 2,300+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

### 152,883

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events.

### \$11.2 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits in fiscal year 2022.

### \$1.6 million+

Amount of academic scholarships awarded to 357 veterans and service members.

### 21

Number of times the VFW has testified to Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

### \$3 million+

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

### \$589,007

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 61% of the funds covered basic housing needs in fiscal year 2023.



**JOIN THE VFW**

**Connect With Us**





## About the VFW

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

**Our Mission:** To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

**Our Vision:** Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.



### The VFW by the numbers

**1.4 million+**

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

**5,672**

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



**1899**

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



### Inspiring patriotism in young people

**26,250+**

Number of high school students who competed in the 2022-23 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

**66,800+**

Number of students who competed in the 2022-23 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.



### Helping struggling military families

**488**

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through **VFW Unmet Needs**.

**\$356,512**

Amount of grants provided through **VFW Unmet Needs** covering housing for struggling military families.

**253**

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs.



### Cutting red tape

**115,000**

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2022.

**Nearly 13,500**

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2022 resulting in more than \$64 million in disability compensation.

**20+**

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



### Improving life in America

**5 million**

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

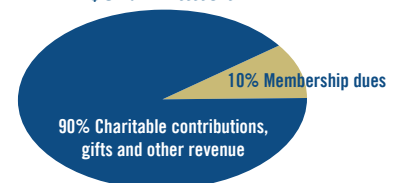
**\$45 million**

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

### The VFW Relies on Donations

The VFW is a 501(c), and programs are made possible through membership dues and tax-deductible donations from good-hearted Americans.

**Cost of VFW Program Services:  
\$61.4 Million**



Source: VFW 2022 Annual Report



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
AND AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 19-21**

**Stonewall Resort, 940 Resort Drive, Roanoke, WV 26447, 304-269-7400.**

Room rate is \$135.00 plus tax (currently 12%). Contact the Resort directly to reserve your room by calling 304-269-7400 and press 1 twice. They may ask for the VFW Mid-Winter Conference or group number 812849. Reservations can also be made using the group link [Stonewall Resort - Reservations - Room Availability \(synxis.com\)](https://www.synxis.com/Reservations/RoomAvailability.aspx?GroupCode=VFW2024)

**\*\*\*ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 20, 2023 TO RECEIVE THE \$135 ROOM RATE\*\*\***

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 the food and 2 drink tickets 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 registrations in to State Headquarters by **Monday, January 15, 2024**. I am required to give the hotel the number attending the banquet that day.

***Banquet Menu***

Fresh Field Greens with Choice of Dressings

Antipasti Salad

Buttermilk Fried Chicken

Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf with Barbeque Glaze

Mashed Red Potatoes

Broccoli Casserole

Apple Pie

Peanut Butter Cake

Blackberry Cobbler

Fresh Bread, Butter, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Freshly Brewed Iced Tea

Please complete the registration on the back



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
VFW BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be the name of an individual, not a Post or Auxiliary name)

Ordered by: POST **OR** AUXILIARY \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS WHERE POPPIES WILL BE SHIPPED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

**Minimum number of traditional or Poppy tabs that can be ordered is 500**

**Traditional Buddy Poppies:**

Number of Poppies \_\_\_\_\_ \$275 per 1,000, (plus shipping per chart below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$167 for 500 (plus \$15.95 shipping) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Buddy Poppy Tabs:**

Number of Tabs \_\_\_\_\_ \$70 per 500 (plus shipping per chart below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPING & HANDLING	
\$50.01 to \$100.00 .....	\$10.95
\$100.01 to \$200.00 .....	\$15.95
\$200.01 to \$300.00 .....	\$29.95
\$300.01 to \$400.00 .....	\$34.95
\$400.01 to \$500.00 .....	\$39.95
\$500.01 & Over .....	\$69.95

Prices effective through 8-31-24



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Title

**NOTE: ALL ORDERS MUST BE SENT TO THE STATE HEADQUARTERS.**

Make checks payable to: **VFW STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**Send all Orders and checks direct to:**

**VFW State of West Virginia**

**PO Box 9431**

**South Charleston, WV 25309**

# **Agenda**

## **National VFWA President's Visit to WV**

### **November 18<sup>th</sup>**

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>1:03 PM</b> | <b>Carla arrives at the airport</b>                             |
| <b>1:30 PM</b> | <b>Visit the WV State Capitol and Museum</b>                    |
| <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Aisle of Honor at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Huntington</b> |
| <b>6:00 PM</b> | <b>Social Hour at VFW 9738</b>                                  |
| <b>7:00 PM</b> | <b>Dinner at VFW 9738</b>                                       |

### **November 19<sup>th</sup>**

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|-----------------|---|
| <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>Breakfast at a local restaurant or hotel</b>   |
| <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Visit the new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument near the Memorial Arch in Huntington.</b> |
| <b>12:00 PM</b> | <b>Lunch at VFW Post 9926 in Mason, followed by a stop and tour in Point Pleasant.</b>          |
| <b>5:00 PM</b>  | <b>Visit the WV Veterans Home and Dinner</b>  |

### **November 20<sup>th</sup>**

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| <b>6:00 AM</b> | <b>Carla flies out of Charleston</b> |
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**Lodging available at the DoubleTree by Hilton for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Call 304-525-1001 and ask for the VFW Auxiliary rate to make your reservation.**

**\*In lieu of gifts, please consider bringing a monetary donation to Carla's and Duane's Joint Special Project – the VFW National Home Welcome Center Renovation.**



**VFW Auxiliary 9738  
National President Dinner  
November 18, 2023  
Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm**

**Come and welcome Carla Martinez to West Virginia!**

**Cost: \$20.00**

**RSVP to Yvonne Crawford  
(bycrawford1937@gmail.com or 304-522-0580 by November 8, 2023)**

**Lodging available for Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at DoubleTree by Hilton in  
Huntington, 1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

**Call 304-525-1001 and ask for the VFW Auxiliary rate of \$109/night to  
make reservations! The rate is good until November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dress in your favorite fall colors and  
have some fun!**







# **MID-WINTER HOSPITALITY ROOM**

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE IS  
JANUARY 19-21, 2024  
AT STONEWALL JACKSON RESORT

**ALL DONATIONS  
APPRECIATED!**

**We need Tips, Pop, Water,  
Beer and Liquor**

We will have a menu soon!

Contact Jamie Crum with what you want to bring.

304-532-2760      [jdcrum58@aol.com](mailto:jdcrum58@aol.com)

Send cash donations to:

Diana Stout

740 Lower Donnally Road

Charleston, WV 25304

## Deceased members 0925-102723

Post	First	MI	Last	Date
573	James	E	Roberts	9/28/2023
3081	General	T	Bartlett	9/27/2023
3466	Leo	K	Stricker	10/9/2023
3522	Willard	C	Alderton	10/19/2023
3522	Richard	D	Carper	10/19/2023
3522	Carl		Fischer	10/19/2023
3522	Marc	A	Deprince	10/13/2023
3522	Michael	S	Linn	10/13/2023
5578	Luther	E	Burns	10/8/2023
6418	Joseph	D	Carr	10/18/2023
6669	Wayne	E	Fridley	10/23/2023
9097	Arthur	L	Honaker, Sr	10/3/2023
9926	David	W	Mc Farland	10/2/2023

## **Changes to the 2023-2024 State Directory to accompany the November General Orders**

### **VFW:**

#### **Add:**

- Post 410 Commander Robert Guthrie's phone number is 304-823-3324.

#### **Change:**

- State Election
  - o Change Junior Vice Commander to Toby Heaney, 2452 Jamison Rd, Fairview, WV 26570, 304-694-0504.
  - o Change Membership Chairman to Toby Heaney, 2452 Jamison Rd, Fairview, WV 26570, 304-694-0504.
- Post 896 Martinsburg:
  - o Change Commander to Keith Windsor, 128 McWharton Way, Bunker Hill, WV 25413, 910-382-3403.
  - o Change Senior Vice Commander to Clarence Driver, 341 Rubens Cir, Martinsburg, WV 25403, 910-964-4940.
- Post 3663 Buckhannon,
  - o Change Commander to Robert Kincaid, 229 Lauren Ln, Buckhannon, WV 26201, 304-642-8175.
  - o Change Senior Vice Commander to Gary Reed, 93 Little Sand Run Rd, Buckhannon, WV 26201, 304-472-4128.
- Post 4484 Quinwood, delete.

### **AUXILIARY:**

#### **Change:**

- Auxiliary 896:
  - o Change meeting time to 10:00 AM.
  - o Change Secretary to Jennifer Manley, 49 Sundance Ln, Kearneysville, WV 25430, 540-975-6505
  - o Change Treasurer to Melissa Creamer, 48 Solara Ct, Inwood, WV 25428, 304-279-9357.
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- Auxiliary 1064:
  - o Change meeting day and time to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:00 PM at the Cabell Co Library, 455 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- Auxiliary 3526:
  - o Change meeting date to first Tuesday at 7:00 PM.