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**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4  
 SERIES 2024-2025, October 2024**

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

Please keep the families of Past State Commanders Jim Seaman and John Dillinger in your thoughts and prayers. PSC Seaman passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Past State Commander Dillinger passed away on September 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a memorial Service for PSC Dillinger at the old Rio Schoolhouse on Rt 290 in Rio, WV at 1 PM on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership statistics for this new membership year are up and running in OMS. Keep working membership as membership is the life blood of the organization. Junior Vice Commander Kevin Link has been appointed 2024-2025 Membership Chairman. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Link at 304-703-2771.

Congratulations to the following Posts for already achieving 100% :

3008	Rowlesburg	100%	3757	Burnsville	114.28%	4469	Beckley	103.88%
6454	Petersburg	102.85%						

2. **2024-2025 DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

*Per Section 218(a)(1)k. of the National Manual of Procedure, the Post Commander is to assure the Commander or their representative attends all properly called District Conventions or meetings*

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

	<b>Host Post</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>State Reps</b>	
District 1	Chester	November 3	12 PM	Ogden	Crum
District 2	Parkersburg	October 19	12 PM	Ogden	Smith
District 3	Grafton	November 16	12 PM	Heaney	Bise
District 4	Wardensville	October 20	1 PM	Link	Kennedy
District 5	Madison	October 12	12 PM	Ogen	Crum

Schedule subject to change.

3. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- October 31 Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Teacher of the Year entries due to Posts.
- October 31 **July – September Post Trustees Report of Audit due State HQS**
- November 7-9 Southern Conference Nashville, TN
- November 29 Post Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen winners to District
- November 29 Post Teacher of the Year entries to Program Chairman
- November 29 Post Public Servant entries to District
- December 20 District Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen entries to State HQS

4. **DISASTER RELIEF**: Many communities in Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina were destroyed by Hurricane Helene. District Commanders are working with their Posts to identify collection areas for supplies to be taken to these areas. Target delivery date for the first delivery to North Carolina and Tennessee is the 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of October. Contact your District Commander to find out where someone can drop off supplies. Most needed items in the short term are cleaning supplies. Additional list of items needed will be provided when received. It is anticipated this will be a long-term recovery period for the affected areas. For now, you can mail/ship items to

VFW Post 4542  
1241 Pine Knoll Dr.  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Additionally, one can donate to the VFW Disaster Relief Fund. To support the VFW Disaster Relief Fund, [donate online here](#), or send checks payable to the VFW, earmarked "Disaster Relief" to:  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation  
Disaster Relief  
406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111

In addition to individual gifts, the VFW is encouraging its Departments, Districts and Posts to contribute to the relief efforts. (Post Relief Funds can be used to assist per Section 704 (a) of the Manual of Procedure.) *This is a developing effort. More information will be provided when available.*

12. **2023 FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILING**: Filing deadline for all versions of 2023 Federal Tax Form 990 for most Posts and Districts is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Make sure your taxes are filed on-time or an extension filed and a copy of proof of filing or the approved extension is sent to State HQS.

6. **SCHOLARSAPP WEBSITE FOR VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN ENTRIES**:

This year students can enter their Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries electronically through the Scholarsapp program. Each District and Post has a unique QR code. The District and Post Commander and Quartermaster email addresses have been entered as District or Post contacts. You must sign up for an account on [www.scholarsapp.com](http://www.scholarsapp.com) to print a flier that has your Post QR code. There are excellent short "how to" videos once you create an account and log in. More information and training on how to navigate the Scholarsapp website is forthcoming.

11. **CHAPLAINS CORNER**: Psalm 46:1-2 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, as we try to comprehend the destruction of the flooding, our hearts grieve for all those who have been affected. Lord, we ask for you to be with all who have suffered loss in the flood. We pray that for those who have lost homes, they will find shelter. For those who have lost their livelihoods, we ask for financial security. For those who have lost loved ones, we pray that they know comfort in their mourning. Lord, we pray you give strength to all those who are providing support to those affected by the floods, and we pray that you give the emergency services all the endurance, resilience and compassion they need. We ask of all of these things in Your great and holy name. Amen

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

RICHARD E. OGDEN, COMMANDER  
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memstats as of 093024

City	Post	Dst	Div	Annual Cont	Annual Reinst	Life New	Life Cont	Life Reinst	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	Need for 100%	%
MOUNDSVILLE	437	1	7	17	0	0	92	0	0	109	137	28	79.56
MORGANTOWN	548	1	7	4	0	0	87	0	0	91	122	31	74.59
TERRA ALTA	578	1	8	6	0	0	74	0	1	81	96	15	84.37
FAIRMONT	629	1	4	2	0	0	334	1	2	338	349	11	96.84
KINGWOOD	826	1	10	2	0	0	44	0	0	46	58	12	79.31
MASONTOWN	1589	1	8	2	0	0	88	0	1	90	96	6	93.75
TUNNELTON	2345	1	11	4	0	0	35	0	0	39	45	6	86.66
BRUCETON MILLS	2523	1	10	3	2	0	41	0	0	46	63	17	73.01
WEIRTON	2716	1	5	15	0	0	145	0	0	161	199	38	80.9
ROWLESBURG	3008	1	11	1	0	0	29	0	0	30	30	0	100
NEW CUMBERLAND	3526	1	9	8	0	0	37	0	0	45	84	39	53.57
ELM GROVE	4442	1	6	19	1	0	76	0	2	98	160	62	61.25
SISTERSVILLE	6327	1	6	27	0	3	115	1	7	146	153	7	95.42
CHESTER	6450	1	2	86	1	0	615	0	0	706	796	90	88.69
EAST FAIRMONT	7048	1	4	4	0	3	221	0	3	233	268	35	86.94
WESTOVER	9916	1	7	3	0	0	106	0	0	109	122	13	89.34
<b>District 1 Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2368</b>	<b>2778</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>85.24</b>

PARKERSBURG	1212	2	3	27	0	1	316	0	4	346	410	64	84.39
WEST UNION	3408	2	11	3	0	0	39	0	0	42	49	7	85.71
CHARLESTON	3466	2	6	4	0	7	130	1	7	142	171	29	83.04
HARRISVILLE	3554	2	9	6	0	2	65	1	2	74	87	13	85.05
CLAY	4419	2	10	1	0	0	40	0	0	41	52	11	78.84
BELLE	5269	2	10	4	0	0	34	0	1	39	57	18	68.42
GLENVILLE	5469	2	11	0	0	0	40	0	0	40	42	2	95.23
RIPLEY	5501	2	7	9	1	0	100	0	2	111	128	17	86.71
SAINT ALBANS	6418	2	10	5	1	0	44	0	0	51	53	2	96.22
RAVENSWOOD	6669	2	8	1	0	0	77	0	0	78	99	19	78.78
CHESAPEAKE	8363	2	7	9	2	0	85	0	3	99	117	18	84.61
ELKVIEW	8516	2	10	9	0	1	42	0	1	52	60	8	86.66
MASON	9926	2	3	90	0	3	459	0	4	556	570	14	97.54
<b>District 2 Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1895</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>88.17</b>

BELINGTON	410	3	6	3	0	0	163	0	0	166	179	13	92.73
CLARKSBURG	573	3	3	35	0	2	320	0	3	360	451	91	79.82
WESTON	1976	3	11	2	0	0	24	0	0	26	35	9	74.28
GRAFTON	3081	3	7	9	0	0	91	1	0	101	135	34	74.81
BUCKHANNON	3663	3	6	5	1	0	122	0	0	128	173	45	73.98
WEBSTER SPRINGS	3738	3	11	6	0	0	22	0	0	28	37	9	75.67
BURNSVILLE	3757	3	11	0	0	0	15	1	0	16	14	2	114.3
MARLINTON	4595	3	11	2	0	0	33	0	0	35	47	12	74.46
SUMMERSVILLE	6106	3	9	10	0	0	47	0	3	63	76	13	82.89

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City	Post	Dst	Div	Annual Cont	Annual Reinst	Life New	Life Cont	Life Reinst	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	Need for 100%	%
ALDERSON	6723	3	10	5	0	0	49	0	2	60	65	5	92.3
RENICK	6737	3	11	4	0	0	10	0	0	14	18	4	77.77
CRAIGSVILLE	8614	3	11	3	0	0	19	0	0	22	29	7	75.86
SALEM	9151	3	10	2	0	0	54	0	0	56	60	4	93.33
<b>District 3 Total</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>1319</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>81.5</b>

MARTINSBURG	896	4	5	13	0	1	191	0	3	206	237	31	86.91
ROMNEY	1101	4	9	7	0	0	56	0	0	63	87	24	72.41
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	6	4	1	2	91	0	2	98	147	49	66.66
KEYSER	3518	4	7	6	0	0	102	0	0	110	133	23	82.7
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	3	2	2	4	626	2	33	643	645	2	99.68
ELKINS	3647	4	7	9	0	0	90	0	0	100	121	21	82.64
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	7	4	1	0	89	0	2	94	123	29	76.42
COALTON	5583	4	11	0	0	0	14	0	1	14	17	3	82.35
HARMAN	5781	4	11	3	0	0	8	0	0	11	17	6	64.7
RIDGELEY	6452	4	9	4	0	0	48	0	0	53	72	19	73.61
PETERSBURG	6454	4	8	6	1	0	99	0	2	108	105	3	102.9
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	6	11	1	1	114	0	1	128	159	31	80.5
MATHIAS	7780	4	11	1	0	0	15	0	0	16	17	1	94.11
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	8	9	0	0	64	0	0	73	101	28	72.27
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	8	0	0	0	86	0	1	86	88	2	97.72
<b>District 4 Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1693</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>2069</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>87.14</b>

HUNTINGTON	1064	5	3	14	0	0	304	0	2	318	382	64	83.24
IAEGER	1144	5	10	2	0	0	43	0	0	45	52	7	86.53
SOPHIA	4326	5	7	5	0	0	77	0	0	82	113	31	72.56
BECKLEY	4469	5	8	8	0	2	92	0	2	106	103	3	102.9
HINTON	4500	5	11	1	0	0	18	0	0	20	24	4	83.33
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	10	5	0	0	49	0	0	55	66	11	83.33
MADISON	5578	5	5	39	0	0	144	0	0	183	216	33	84.72
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	8	4	0	0	69	0	0	73	96	23	76.04
ANSTED	7695	5	10	6	0	0	45	0	1	53	61	8	86.88
OCEANA	8364	5	10	2	0	0	57	0	1	59	65	6	90.76
HURRICANE	9097	5	6	10	2	0	121	0	1	138	170	32	81.17
MILTON	9796	5	8	6	0	0	77	0	0	83	93	10	89.24
<b>District 5 Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1096</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>1441</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>84.31</b>

Membes at Large	15050	99	2	40	3	3	675	0	6	730	892	162	81.83
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<b>State Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>255</b>		<b>678</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8043</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>8862</b>	<b>10394</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>85.26</b>
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**\*\*\*\*\*Please make sure that all members are made award of the General Orders. \*\*\*\*\***

The State Commander completed the following visits for the month of September 2024

2 September: Glenville Post 5469

5 September: Clarksburg VA Nursing Home Visit

9 September: Buckhannon Post 3663

10 September: Elkins Post 3647, Good meeting, Post has new officers and requesting training

11 September: Salem Post 9151, Post member made the decision to sale their home, but remain a post.

12 September: West Union 3408, Good meeting and Inspection by District Commander.

14 September: Honor Flight Welcome Home, it was great to see the WV-VFW represented to Welcome our Hero's Home.

28 September: Gold Star Mothers, Camp Dawson

29 September: VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Gold Star Mother Appreciation Day,

### **Commander's Comments**

To support the flood victims of North Carolina and Tennessee, we will be looking for Post to volunteer to become collections points. I have received a list of needed items from NC State Commander: Bottled Water, Non-Perishable Food, Hygiene Products, Cleaning Supplies, Flashlight and Batteries, Dog Food. As we develop a plan to move the item to the disaster zones, we will send out further instructions.

Please keep your Community Service updated on the Dash Board.

The list is growing for Post / Auxiliary, that has already hit the 100% mark. "Congratulations"

Beginning, 1 October 2024: For a Post to make All State, it must stay off of the Delinquency Report.

Remember, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher Entries. The turn in date to your Post is 31 October 2024

Quartermaster / Adjutant: Please build your Post email list, and forward all General Orders to your members.

It is a requirement that Post attend the District Meetings for your district. Everyone is welcome.

**"LET US TRY"**

## Deceased members 0828-092624

Post	First	MI	Last	Date
573	Troy	W	Layfield	9/12/2024
1064	Isaiah		Nelson	9/17/2024
1101	PSC John	A	Dillinger	9/15/2024
1212	Jimmie	L	Justice	9/13/2024
1212	Billy	J	Evans	9/24/2024
2716	David	N	Schoolcraft	9/10/2024
2716	Louis	R	Stock	9/10/2024
2716	George	G	Griffith	9/16/2024
3081	George	H	Board	8/29/2024
3466	Herman	E	Jarrett	9/24/2024
3554	Larry	N	Smith	9/10/2024
4419	Gale	E	Brown	9/24/2024
4469	Paul	R	Morton	9/10/2024
5578	Jessie	B	Perdue	9/21/2024
6450	Ronald	K	Burdett	9/10/2024
6452	Joseph	H	Adams	9/10/2024
7048	Joseph		Amalett	9/10/2024
7695	Harold	G	Bandy	9/10/2024
9151	Andy		Stefan	9/10/2024
9926	Robert	R	Harden	9/11/2024
9926	Charles	M	Fraley	9/24/2024
9926	Edward	E	Kitchew	9/24/2024
15050	William	J	Artrip	9/10/2024
15050	Clarence		Toney	9/12/2024
15050	Jackie		Heffinger	9/17/2024