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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4 SERIES 2025-2026, OCTOBER 2025

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. **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.
2. **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 proof of filing or the approved extension is sent to State HQS. Posts/Districts who have not yet completed 2023 Federal Income Tax filing need to complete **immediately**.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership statistics for this new membership year are now available in OMS. Life/Legacy Members were uploaded mid-September. Posts should be setting up recruiting booths at local Fall Festivals or participating in recruiting events. 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. **RAFFLE TICKETS:** Raffle tickets are currently being sold by the Department for a Ruger American Generation II 270 rifle with Sig Sauer Buckmaster scope. Posts can request raffle tickets directly from the Department. The drawing for the rifle will be at the Fall Conference evening barbecue event. The winning ticketholder does not have to be present to win.
5. **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.
6. **COMMUNITY SERVICE ENTRIES:** Posts are reminded to enter community service achievements in the All-American Dashboard as soon as practical after completion.
7. **FALL CONFERENCE:** The Fall Conference is scheduled for **November 14-16, 2025**, at **Stonewall Resort** in Roanoke, WV. A barbecue is scheduled for the evening of November 15. Please send your reservations and payment **to be received by State HQ no later than Wednesday, October 15th**. Please see **attached flyer** for additional hotel reservation information and details.

8. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 15	Deadline for making Room Reservations for Fall Conference, and for BBQ dinner reservations and payment <i>to be received by</i> State HQS
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 to State HQS
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 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

9. **2025-2026 COMMANDER'S MANUAL:** Commander Boggess' manual has been mailed out to all the Posts, and has also been placed on the website at <https://vfwv.com> under the Programs pulldown tab.

10. **2026 PODIUM EDITION (Bylaws, MOP & Ritual):** The digital version is now available on the VFW website behind the login at **My VFW / Member/Post Resources / Bylaws: Training, Forms & Templates** and on our website. <https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/VFWDigitalPodiumEdition.pdf>

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Greetings West Virginia VFW and Auxiliary brothers and sisters.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of our National Chaplain, Darren Atkins. His loss is felt deeply by all of us, and we join in offering our heartfelt sympathies during this difficult time. Please keep Chaplain Atkins and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate through their grief. Your continued support and remembrance are greatly appreciated.

Bible Verse: *Psalm 34:18*: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, please bring comfort and peace to those dealing with hardships and loss. We ask that you bring strength to our membership so that we continue leading a life of service to better serve you, Lord, and the community around us. Amen.

~ State Chaplain, Maria Saunders

OFFICIAL: BY ORDER OF:
D. ANDREW SOCKETT, ADJUTANT
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

PSC CORRINA BOGGESS, COMMANDER
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia as of Thursday, September 25, 2025

Dept	Post	Dst	New Annual	Cont Annual	Reinst Annual	New Life	Cont Life	Reinst Life	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	Percentage	Division	City	State
West Virginia	437	1	1	11	0	0	87	0	1	99	132	75.00%	7	MOUNDSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	548	1	0	1	0	0	84	0	0	85	101	84.15%	8	MORGANTOWN	WV
West Virginia	578	1	0	7	0	0	75	0	0	82	101	81.18%	8	TERRA ALTA	WV
West Virginia	629	1	0	0	0	1	343	0	1	344	351	98.00%	4	FAIRMONT	WV
West Virginia	826	1	0	1	0	0	43	0	0	44	50	88.00%	11	KINGWOOD	WV
West Virginia	1589	1	0	2	0	0	90	0	1	92	97	94.84%	8	MASONTOWN	WV
West Virginia	2345	1	0	6	0	0	34	0	0	40	44	90.90%	11	TUNNELTON	WV
West Virginia	2523	1	0	2	0	0	45	0	0	47	66	71.21%	10	BRUCETON MILLS	WV
West Virginia	2716	1	1	7	1	0	142	0	0	151	191	79.05%	5	WEIRTON	WV
West Virginia	3008	1	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	29	29	100.00%	11	ROWLESBURG	WV
West Virginia	3526	1	1	34	0	0	35	0	0	70	84	83.33%	9	NEW CUMBERLAND	WV
West Virginia	4442	1	0	20	0	0	77	0	2	97	161	60.24%	6	ELM GROVE	WV
West Virginia	6327	1	1	23	0	1	127	0	1	152	164	92.68%	6	SISTERSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	6450	1	22	195	1	0	612	0	0	830	814	101.96%	2	CHESTER	WV
West Virginia	7048	1	0	5	0	1	219	1	1	226	242	93.38%	5	EAST FAIRMONT	WV
West Virginia	9916	1	1	2	0	0	109	0	0	112	125	89.60%	7	WESTOVER	WV
District Totals		1	27	316	2	3	2151	1	7	2500	2752	90.84%	3		
West Virginia	1212	2	2	22	0	0	317	0	1	341	420	81.19%	3	PARKERSBURG	WV
West Virginia	3466	2	0	8	0	0	158	0	1	166	190	87.36%	5	CHARLESTON	WV
West Virginia	3554	2	0	5	0	0	68	0	1	73	86	84.88%	9	HARRISVILLE	WV
West Virginia	4419	2	0	2	0	0	40	0	0	42	48	87.50%	11	CLAY	WV
West Virginia	5269	2	0	3	0	0	35	0	0	38	63	60.31%	10	BELLE	WV
West Virginia	5501	2	1	7	0	0	106	0	1	114	136	83.82%	7	RIPLEY	WV
West Virginia	6418	2	0	6	3	0	46	0	1	55	59	93.22%	10	SAINT ALBANS	WV
West Virginia	6669	2	0	3	0	0	77	0	0	80	99	80.80%	8	RAVENSWOOD	WV
West Virginia	8363	2	2	10	0	0	84	0	0	96	119	80.67%	7	CHESAPEAKE	WV
West Virginia	8516	2	0	4	0	0	45	0	0	49	62	79.03%	10	ELKVIEW	WV
West Virginia	9926	2	1	10	0	0	461	0	1	472	597	79.06%	3	MASON	WV
District Totals		2	6	80	3	0	1437	0	6	1526	1879	81.21%	4		
West Virginia	410	3	0	3	0	0	153	0	0	156	166	93.97%	6	BELINGTON	WV
West Virginia	573	3	4	24	4	0	328	0	2	360	451	79.82%	3	CLARKSBURG	WV
West Virginia	1976	3	0	3	0	0	24	0	0	27	37	72.97%	11	WESTON	WV
West Virginia	3081	3	1	13	1	0	90	0	0	105	127	82.67%	7	GRAFTON	WV
West Virginia	3408	3	0	3	0	0	38	0	0	41	50	82.00%	11	WEST UNION	WV
West Virginia	3663	3	0	8	0	0	124	0	0	132	202	65.34%	5	BUCKHANNON	WV
West Virginia	3738	3	0	4	0	0	22	0	0	26	35	74.28%	11	WEBSTER SPRINGS	WV
West Virginia	4595	3	0	2	0	0	33	0	0	35	45	77.77%	11	MARLINTON	WV

West Virginia	5469	3	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	58	59	98.30%	10	GLENVILLE	WV
West Virginia	6106	3	0	7	1	1	52	0	2	61	88	69.31%	8	SUMMERSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	6723	3	1	7	3	1	55	0	3	67	79	84.81%	9	ALDERSON	WV
West Virginia	6737	3	0	5	0	0	10	0	0	15	19	78.94%	11	RENICK	WV
West Virginia	8614	3	0	3	0	0	20	0	0	23	30	76.66%	11	CRAIGSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	9151	3	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	50	55	90.90%	10	SALEM	WV
District Totals		3	6	82	9	2	1057	0	7	1156	1443	80.11%	5		
West Virginia	896	4	1	13	0	3	190	0	3	207	234	88.46%	5	MARTINSBURG	WV
West Virginia	1101	4	0	5	0	0	55	0	0	60	78	76.92%	9	ROMNEY	WV
West Virginia	2102	4	0	5	2	0	125	0	0	132	147	89.79%	6	WARDENSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	3518	4	1	6	0	0	102	0	2	109	138	78.98%	7	KEYSER	WV
West Virginia	3522	4	6	0	0	3	651	0	16	660	673	98.06%	3	CHARLES TOWN	WV
West Virginia	3647	4	0	10	1	0	89	0	1	100	117	85.47%	7	ELKINS	WV
West Virginia	4019	4	3	1	0	0	106	0	1	110	128	85.93%	7	BERKELEY SPRINGS	WV
West Virginia	5583	4	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	15	17	88.23%	11	COALTON	WV
West Virginia	5781	4	0	2	0	0	8	0	0	10	15	66.66%	11	HARMAN	WV
West Virginia	6452	4	0	3	0	0	42	0	0	45	55	81.81%	10	RIDGELEY	WV
West Virginia	6454	4	0	13	1	0	97	0	1	111	109	101.83%	8	PETERSBURG	WV
West Virginia	6667	4	0	10	0	0	115	0	0	125	154	81.16%	6	FORT ASHBY	WV
West Virginia	7780	4	0	1	0	0	15	0	0	16	17	94.11%	11	MATHIAS	WV
West Virginia	9606	4	0	7	0	0	62	0	0	69	96	71.87%	8	MOOREFIELD	WV
West Virginia	9666	4	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	83	88	94.31%	8	SUGAR GROVE	WV
District Totals		4	11	77	4	6	1754	0	24	1852	2066	89.64%	4		
West Virginia	1064	5	0	15	0	0	293	0	0	308	362	85.08%	3	HUNTINGTON	WV
West Virginia	1144	5	0	2	0	0	42	0	0	44	53	83.01%	10	IAEGER	WV
West Virginia	4326	5	0	7	0	0	76	0	1	83	109	76.14%	8	SOPHIA	WV
West Virginia	4469	5	0	9	0	0	96	0	0	105	126	83.33%	7	BECKLEY	WV
West Virginia	4500	5	0	3	0	0	18	0	0	21	26	80.76%	11	HINTON	WV
West Virginia	4768	5	4	2	1	0	48	0	0	55	71	77.46%	9	ALUM CREEK	WV
West Virginia	5578	5	1	14	0	0	146	0	2	161	214	75.23%	5	MADISON	WV
West Virginia	6153	5	1	1	0	1	68	0	1	71	80	88.75%	9	CHAPMANVILLE	WV
West Virginia	7695	5	0	4	0	0	44	0	0	48	61	78.68%	10	ANSTED	WV
West Virginia	8364	5	0	1	0	0	62	0	0	63	68	92.64%	9	OCEANA	WV
West Virginia	9097	5	1	12	0	0	120	0	0	133	170	78.23%	6	HURRICANE	WV
West Virginia	9796	5	0	3	0	0	76	0	0	79	91	86.81%	8	MILTON	WV
District Totals		5	7	73	1	1	1089	0	4	1171	1431	81.83%	5		
West Virginia	15050	99	11	31	1	0	665	0	2	708	895	79.10%	2	SOUTH CHARLESTON	WV
District Totals		99	11	31	1	0	665	0	2	708	895	79.10%	6		
State Totals			68	659	20	12	8153	1	50	8913	10466	85.16%			

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA VFW AND AUXILIARY TO THE VFW

Fall Conference ~ November 14-16, 2025

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

LOCATION: Stonewall Resort, 940 Resort Drive, Roanoke, WV 26447 ~ (304) 269-7400

ROOM RATE: \$135.00 plus tax, resort and park fee (currently 12%)

BOOKING: Contact the Resort directly to reserve your room by calling (304) 269-7400 and press 1 twice. Group Reservation name is **VFW Fall Conference** or group number **819134**. Reservations can also be made by using the group link [Stonewall Resort](#). Complimentary internet access and parking are included in the room rate. Please let the hotel know of any special needs you may have when reserving your room.

IMPORTANT: Rooms MUST be reserved *no later than* **Wednesday, October 15th** to receive the \$135 room rate. Rooms must be canceled seven days in advance or you will be charged one night. Also, please note that 3 days prior to November 14th your credit card will be charged.

Country BBQ

You're invited!

Saturday, November 15th, 6 - 10pm
\$40 per person

If you plan to attend the Country BBQ you MUST purchase a meal ticket in advance.

Please complete the registration form below and **submit with payment** to be **received** by State HQS no later than **Wednesday, October 15th**.



Menu

Cole Slaw & Red Bliss Potato Salad
Blackberry BBQ Pulled Pork with Brioche Buns*
BBQ Chicken
Bacon Macaroni & Cheese
Walnut Brownies*
Fruit
Iced Tea & Lemonade

*GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE - PLEASE INDICATE ON REGISTRATION FORM

*Casual attire for BBQ dinner -
let's have some fun!*

DETACH

COUNTRY BBQ REGISTRATION

Stonewall Resort, November 15th, 2025 ~ 6-10pm

Detach and send with payment to be received by State HQS no later than October 15th!

Make checks payable to: VFW State HQ

Post and/or Auxiliary No. _____

Name (to collect tickets): _____

Number of Meal Tickets: _____ Payment Amount Included: \$ _____

How many in your group require a Gluten-free meal? _____

R.E.D. Friday T-Shirt Order Form



West Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars Fundraiser for Combat Tested Gaming (CTG)

304-310-0407
vfwwwaq@gmail.com

Name: _____ Post #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

INFORMATION

COST	\$20 per Shirt (*All profits to go to the Department's CTG program.)
PAYMENT	Cash or Check <u>only</u> .
ORDER DEADLINE	Must be <u>received by</u> Friday, 10/31/25 to be received by Fall Conference
CHECKS PAYABLE TO	VFW State HQS
MAIL ORDERS TO	PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 26309
PICKUP	Shipping is not available. Pick up at Fall Conference <u>or</u> from State HQS.



Front

WV outline above
"R.E.D. Friday"



Back

"On Fridays we wear RED
(Remember Everyone Deployed)"

PICKUP LOCATION

- ☐ FALL CONFERENCE NOV. 14-16 ☐ HEADQUARTERS

NOTE: If you fail to collect your order from either Fall Conference or State HQS, you will be responsible for sending payment for shipping costs.

ADULT SIZES	QUANTITY
☐ S	
☐ M	
☐ L	
☐ 1X	
☐ 2X	
☐ 3X	
☐ 4X	
TOTAL SHIRTS:	

Total Shirts		

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK

Headquarters Address: 5532 MacCorkle Ave. SW, South Charleston, WV 25309

Mailing Address: PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309