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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3 SERIES 2025-2026, SEPTEMBER 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. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:

In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)k. of the National Manual of Procedure, the Commander, or their representative, will attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.

Section 220 of the National By-Laws/Manual of Procedures, Section 220: Removal - Department. "The Department Commander may, with respect to any post within their Department, remove any Post officer for cause who fails to fulfill their duties of office as required by Section 218."

Districts serve lunch before meetings. The time listed below is lunch time. Schedule subject to change.

	Host Post	Date	Time	State Reps	
District 1	Chester	September 14	12 PM	Light	Bise
District 2	Parkersburg	September 6	12 PM	Wheeler	Kennedy
District 4	Keyser	September 21	1 PM	Link	Withrow

- 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.
- 2025-2026 ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER BOND & EMPLOYEE BOND APPLICATION & COST SHEETS.** 2025-2026 Accountable Officer and Employee Bonds expire on August 31, 2025. The 2025-2026 applications and cost sheets were mailed to every Post, and are also available on our website at <https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60863>
- 2025/2026 ALL-AMERICAN VMS DONATION:** This year to qualify for All-American a \$125 donation must be made to the VMS donation. The donation must be made via the All-American Dashboard by clicking on "Donation" in the upper right corner of the Dashboard page.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE ENTRIES:** Posts are reminded to enter community service achievements in the All-American Dashboard as soon as practical after completion.
- 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 or request tickets at their next regularly scheduled District meeting. 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.

7. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership statistics for this new membership year are now available in OMS. Life/Legacy Members will not be uploaded until approximately mid-September. Junior Vice Commander Ronie Wheeler has been appointed 2025-2026 Membership Chairman. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Wheeler at (304) 675-0235.
8. **FALL CONFERENCE:** Midwinter has been moved up to **November 14-16, 2025**, and will be taking place at **Stonewall Resort** in Roanoke, WV. Please **see attached flyer** for important reservation information and deadline details.
9. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Aug 31	2025-26 Accountable Officer Bond applications due to 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
Nov 7-9	Southern Conference at Lake Conroe Resort, Conroe, TX
Nov 14-16	Fall Conference at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV
10. **2025-2026 COMMANDER'S MANUAL:** Commander Boggess' manual has been mailed out to all the Posts. The manual has also been placed on the website at <https://vfwwv.com> under the Programs pulldown tab.
11. **COMMANDER'S CALENDAR:** Any Post requesting a post visit by Commander Boggess through June 2026 should send a request in writing to State Headquarters via email or letter.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: As summer fades into fall we remember the events of September 11, 2001. Twenty-four years later – despite our everyday obligations and the seemingly mundane – September 11th still impacts and shapes our lives today. The pain and sorrow of that day are still felt, but we can take the time to honor the sacrifice of the many who lost their lives, and those who continue to protect our freedom today, through our remembrance.

Bible Verse: Amos 9:11 “In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David this is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old.”

Prayer: Dear Lord, we ask for your comfort and healing for our families. Give us the courage to overcome loss, and we ask for your watchful care and protection over those currently serving this great nation. Amen

~ State Chaplain, Maria Saunders

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

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

Post	Dst	Annual New	Annual Cont	Annual Reinst	Life New	Life Cont	Life Reinst	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	%	Div	City
548	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0.00%	8	MORGANTOWN
629	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	351	0.00%	4	FAIRMONT
826	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0.00%	11	KINGWOOD
2523	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0.00%	10	BRUCETON MILLS
3008	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0.00%	11	ROWLESBURG
1589	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	97	1.03%	8	MASONTOWN
7048	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	242	1.65%	5	EAST FAIRMONT
437	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	132	2.27%	7	MOUNDSVILLE
9916	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	125	2.40%	7	WESTOVER
2716	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	7	191	3.66%	5	WEIRTON
578	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	101	5.94%	8	TERRA ALTA
2345	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	44	6.81%	11	TUNNELTON
3526	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	84	9.52%	9	NEW CUMBERLAND
4442	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	161	9.93%	6	ELM GROVE
6327	1	1	21	0	0	0	0	0	22	164	13.41%	6	SISTERSVILLE
6450	1	20	195	1	0	0	0	0	216	814	26.53%	2	CHESTER
									289	2752	10.50%	District 1	
3554	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	86	1.16%	9	HARRISVILLE
5269	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	1.58%	10	BELLE
9926	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	10	597	1.67%	3	MASON
4419	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	48	2.08%	11	CLAY
6669	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	99	3.03%	8	RAVENSWOOD
6418	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	59	3.38%	10	SAINT ALBANS
1212	2	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	15	420	3.57%	3	PARKERSBURG
5501	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	136	3.67%	7	RIPLEY
3466	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	190	3.68%	5	CHARLESTON
8516	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	62	4.83%	10	ELKVIEW
8363	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	10	119	8.40%	7	CHESAPEAKE
									58	1879	3.08%	District 2	
5469	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.00%	10	GLENVILLE
9151	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0.00%	10	SALEM
410	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	166	1.80%	6	BELINGTON
3408	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	2.00%	11	WEST UNION
4595	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	2.22%	11	MARLINTON
3663	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	202	2.47%	5	BUCKHANNON
1976	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	2.70%	11	WESTON
3738	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	2.85%	11	WEBSTER SPRINGS
8614	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	3.33%	11	CRAIGSVILLE
573	3	3	14	1	0	0	0	0	18	451	3.99%	3	CLARKSBURG
6106	3	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	88	7.95%	8	SUMMERSVILLE
3081	3	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	12	127	9.44%	7	GRAFTON
6723	3	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	10	79	12.65%	9	ALDERSON
6737	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	19	15.78%	11	RENICK
									63	1443	4.36%	District 3	
5583	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0.00%	11	COALTON
5781	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0.00%	11	HARMAN
6454	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	0.00%	8	PETERSBURG
9666	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	0.00%	8	SUGAR GROVE
3522	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	673	0.59%	3	CHARLES TOWN
4019	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	128	2.34%	7	BERKELEY SPRINGS
1101	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	78	2.56%	9	ROMNEY
3518	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	138	2.89%	7	KEYSER
896	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	234	2.99%	5	MARTINSBURG
9606	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	96	3.12%	8	MOOREFIELD
2102	4	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	147	3.40%	6	WARDENSVILLE
6452	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	55	3.63%	10	RIDGELEY
6667	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	154	5.19%	6	FORT ASHBY
7780	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	5.88%	11	MATHIAS
3647	4	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	117	6.83%	7	ELKINS
									47	2066	2.27%	District 4	
6153	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	1.25%	9	CHAPMANVILLE
8364	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	68	1.47%	9	OCEANA
7695	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	61	1.63%	10	ANSTED
1144	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	53	1.88%	10	IAEGER
9796	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	91	2.19%	8	MILTON
1064	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	362	2.20%	3	HUNTINGTON
9097	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	170	4.11%	6	HURRICANE
5578	5	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	214	5.60%	5	MADISON
4469	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	126	6.34%	7	BECKLEY

4326	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	109	6.42%	8 SOPHIA	
4500	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	7.69%	11 HINTON	
4768	5	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	71	9.85%	9 ALUM CREEK	
										57	1431	3.98%	District 5
15050	99	5	19	1	0	0	0	0	25	895	2.79%	2 Members At Large	
0	255	51	475	13	0	0	0	0	539	10466	5.15%	Department	

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
Headquarters *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 to HQ 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? _____

**Bolt Action 270
American Ruger
w/Sig Sauer Buckmaster 3x9x40 Scope**



\$10 per chance.

Drawing will be Saturday

November 15, 2025,

@ VFW State Fall Conference.

Do not need to be present to win.

**You can get tickets from any District
Commander or Department Officer.**

**Posts may request tickets from HQ
to sell at their Post.**



Dear Sponsor,

The West Virginia Gold Star Mothers will again host the 5K/One Mile Walk, “**Run to Salute**”. This will be our ninth year, raising funds to help our veterans and other projects.

This event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 4, 2025** at the Barboursville Park.

For more information, go to tristateracer.com.

The West Virginia Gold Star Mothers is an organization of mothers who have lost a son or daughter due to military service. We honor the memory of our children through service to our veterans and communities throughout our state. We are recognized by Congress as a VSO (voluntary service organization) and we are a 501©3 charity. **All our projects are funded by donations and we have no paid staff.**

During the past year, we have supported Wreaths Across America, Disabled Veterans events, Peak Services (formally Roark-Sullivan), helped Veterans with utilities, taxes, day care, car repair and home repair. We have supported the Medical Foster Program through the Woody Williams Medical Center as well as providing for homeless and needy veterans through the Beckley and Clarksburg VA Centers. We have provided clothing and Christmas items to Veteran families. We also work with the WV National Guard at Veterans Resource Fairs.

Please consider supporting this event. If you are a continuing sponsor, we couldn't do our work without you. Thank you!

Shirley White, Committee Chairman

wvgsm2012@gmail.com

Contact & checks mailed to:

Amy Rhodes

WV Gold Star Mothers

305 Ada Dell Court

Hurricane, WV 25526



Mission: Finding strength in the fellowship of other Gold Star Mothers who strive to keep the memory of our sons and daughters alive by working to help veterans, those currently serving in the military, their families and our communities.



Run To Salute 5K And 1 Mile Memory Walk



**Run/Walk 5K
And 1 Mile Memory
Walk**

**October 4, 2025
9AM**

**Barboursville Park
Barboursville, WV**

Sponsorship Opportunity

- Sponsors listed on the back of shirt
- All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible! (W-9 Available)

Please mail Sponsorship and check payable to
WV Gold Star Mothers
Run To Salute 5K
C/O Amy Rhodes

Memo: Run To Salute 5K
305 Ada Dell Court
Hurricane, WV 25526

Run To Salute 5K

Plutonium	(Large logo center back of shirt)	\$ 1,500.00
Platinum	(Large logo center back of shirt)	\$ 1,000.00
Gold	(Large logo center back of shirt)	\$ 750.00
Silver	(Medium logo on back of shirt)	\$ 500.00
Bronze	(Small logo on back of shirt)	\$ 250.00
Copper	(Small logo on back of shirt)	\$ 150.00
Other donation (Listed on back of shirt)		\$ _____

Business: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sponsorship Level _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____



Run to Salute

5K Run/One Mile Walk

Supporting West Virginia Gold Star Mothers

501©3

Mothers who have lost sons/daughters in military service

Saturday

October 4, 2025

Barboursville Park, Barboursville, WV

9:00 a.m.

Registration: TriStateRacer.com

Remembering our Fallen Military



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Run/Walk 5K And 1 Mile Memory Walk

**October 4, 2025
9am**

**Barboursville Park
Barboursville, WV**

- **8:00am On-Site Registration**
\$25 before Sept. 22nd
\$30 Sept. 22nd thru Oct. 2nd
\$35 Day of Race

- **Race shirts guaranteed to all registered**

**Trophies to first three overall male and female finishers.
Awards to first three finishers in each male and female age group.**

No duplication of awards

Age Groups: 9 and under

10-14 15-19 20-24 25-29 30-34

35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59

60-64 65-69 70-74 75-79 80+

- **Race shirts guaranteed to all registered**

- **Door Prizes**

- **Refreshments**

Course: Start at the lake > out to the soccer field road > over the bridge > .5 mile to the right > turn around > return to the lake to finish.

Race Director: Alan Osuch
OsuchRacePlanner@aol.com



Please mail registration and check payable to:

O Such Race Planners

Memo: Run To Salute to:

Run To Salute 5K

c/o Alan Osuch

5024 Williams Avenue

Ashland, KY 41101

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Run To Salute 5K

Name: _____ **Gender:** M F **Age on race day:** ____
Address: _____ **Email:** _____
_____ **Phone:** _____

Shirt Size _____ **(2X, 3X and 4X add \$2.00)** **Amount paid \$** _____

Choose one: 5K _____ **1 Mile** _____

Extra donation \$ _____ **Amount paid \$** _____

WAIVER: I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity and I should not enter a run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decisions of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this event, including but not limited to. falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather (including high heat or humidity), traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver, I release Gold Star Mothers of WV, Village of Barboursville, O Such Tri- State Race Planners, race officials. volunteers and all sponsors from all claims to liabilities arising out of my participation in this event.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian (For minor): _____