



General Orders No. 3 - September

2026-2027 Series

All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <https://vfwwwv.com> under the Resources pulldown tab. Posts or individuals who want a hard copy of the General Orders and accompanying documents, send \$25 for the 2026-27 year to: VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309.

1. **At the Department of West Virginia State Convention in June 2026, it was voted to increase dues across the state by \$2.00.** The dues of each Post was automatically increased by National, and your current Election Report, as well as the Department's 2026-2027 Directory reflect your new, current dues amount. Please ensure that you have accurately updated your information, and that annual members and new recruits are paying the correct amount so that you do not lose out on membership income.
2. Attention of Post and District Commanders is directed to **Section 215 - Eligibility to Office**, which states that "any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing by reason of **failure to pay current dues by their anniversary date shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office in that administrative year**". Please remind your members, and especially your officers, to renew their dues on time in order to remain in good standing.
3. **As mandated by National:** Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 2026-27 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, "Buddy" Poppy, and Veterans and Military Support Programs. Additionally, it is necessary that all Post and Department Commanders comply with all provisions of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure and Ritual.
4. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to **Section 218(a)(11)(b), Manual of Procedure, Trustees**, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a **Post Trustees' Report of Audit** to the Department Quartermaster. The next report (1st Quarter – September) is due by October 31st.
5. Attention of District and Post Commanders is directed to the **requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990/T**, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of the Internal Revenue Service.
6. Posts in arrears need to contact their District Commanders for help 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.

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7. Any Post requesting a post visit by Commander Link through June 2026 needs to send a request in writing to State Headquarters.

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DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

BY ORDER OF:

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Membership

The battle for the **Top Membership Recruiters** in the state has begun! Check out the attached flyer for a look at the Department of West Virginia's championship belts up for grabs, along with a cash prize and a year's worth of bragging rights. Here are the current recruiting leaders in each category...

Top Recruiting Districts: 1st: District 4 – 14 recruits, 2nd: District 3 – 10 recruits, 3rd: District 2 – 7 recruits

Top Recruiting Posts: 1st: Post 3522 – 10 recruits,
2nd - 6th: Posts 573, 3647, 3663, 6450, & 9097 – 3 recruits

Top State Recruiters: 1st: Randy Delawder (3522) – 5 recruits, 2nd - 4th: Edward Scherz (3522),
Harold Chipps (9097), Barry Sharp (3647) – 3 recruits

Alabama-Connecticut-West Virginia Department Commander Rivalry

Woohoo!! While West Virginia was trailing behind last month, this month West Virginia has taken the lead! The Department of West Virginia is currently in 5th place in the Nation and has also taken the lead over Alabama and Connecticut. West “by God” Virginia is currently at 4.88%, Alabama is at 3.95%, and Connecticut trails behind at a close 3.77%. Let's keep this momentum going!

For any questions or assistance with membership, please contact the 2026-27 Membership Chairman, Dept. Jr. Vice Commander Harold “Butch” Chipps (contact info in the Directory).

Community Service

ALL-AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS. This year to achieve All-American Status, your Post's Community Service involvement must increase by 5% from last year's (2025-2026) ending total, *and* a report must be submitted every quarter. You will NOT turn green in the All-American Dashboard until you have submitted all quarterly reports *and* reached the 5% increase.

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Sponsorship Program

The Department of West Virginia is looking for *your* help in finding supporters for the Department Sponsorship Program. We are asking every Post in the Department to take the Sponsorship Program packets (attached) to your local businesses to offer them an opportunity to become a Sponsor for the Department of West Virginia and support the Veterans in our state.

For more information or questions, please contact the Department Sponsorship Program Chairman, Dept. Sr. Vice Commander Ronie Wheeler (contact info in the Directory).

“Buddy”[®] Poppy

DEPARTMENT “BUDDY”[®] POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST. This year the “Buddy”[®] Poppy Display Contest will be taking place at Midwinter, February 19 – 21 at the Bridgeport Conference Center. Don’t forget to get your “Buddy”[®] Poppy orders in early to avoid the rush!

CAN POSTS ENTER THE “BUDDY”[®] POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST? Absolutely! But, if you have an Auxiliary to your Post, please coordinate with them, because your Post as a whole (Post and Auxiliary) can only submit ONE (1) entry per category. Perhaps you can hold a friendly contest within your Post and Auxiliary to determine who will represent this year, or you decide together from the get-go which side will represent which category. Either way, feel free to design creative ways to honor our Veterans and share the VFW mission with the public!

WV POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST RULES & JUDGING CRITERIA. For your reference, please find these attached.

VFW Programs

School is back in session, and only two months remain before **Voice of Democracy (VOD), Patriot’s Pen, Teacher of the Year, and Public Servant Award** entries are due to the Post. Posts may recognize teachers at all three education levels, and public servants in three categories—up to eight deserving community members in all. Let’s celebrate their dedication and hard work!

Districts should now have program chairs assigned. We will help these leaders become familiar with the Scholars app so they can upload District VOD and Patriot’s Pen winners. Next year, access will expand to Posts as we move gradually into the new process. We are stronger together—let’s recognize more Mountaineers at the national level and showcase the very best of the Mountain State!

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For a more detailed outline of what should be included in the **Teacher of the Year** submissions, please see the attached “Teacher Award Outline”.

~ **Department VFW Programs Chairman, Tim Ward**

Combat Tested Gaming

STATEWIDE TETRIS TOURNAMENT. Combat Tested Gaming is organizing a statewide Tetris tournament! Posts who wish to participate have until December 31 to report a Post-level champion to the Department CTG Chair (vfwwvctg@gmail.com) AND to the Department Adjutant.

The CTG Team will host the District-level tournaments at each of the April District meetings to determine the five district champions; each of the five District champions will receive a two-night hotel stay at the Bridgeport Conference Center for the State finals to be held at the 2027 State Convention and a \$50 cash prize each to help cover travel expenses!

The tournament will be conducted on the Nintendo Switch platform, played on the head-to-head version of Tetris featured in the title "Puyo Puyo Tetris". Participants are limited to VFW and VFW Auxiliary members who are members of the Department of West Virginia BEFORE June 15, 2026, to ensure a fair playing field.

The champion's Post will receive a custom streamer for their Post flag (WV CTG CHAMPION 2026-27). Individual cash prizes to be announced (possible sponsors incoming!), and the Department Champion will be awarded the West Virginia CTG Championship Belt (see flyer attached).

VFW 101

DID YOU KNOW? If you have not renewed your membership dues by your anniversary date of joining the VFW, you are considered a member “not in good standing” and are unable to hold any office for the duration of that administrative year. For more information, please be directed to **Section 215 – Eligibility of Office** in the National Bylaws.

VFW Southern Conference

“THE” Southern Conference is coming up soon, and will be held in **Mobile, Alabama, October 22-25, 2026**. If you plan to attend but have not yet registered, be sure to take care of that as soon as possible.

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AND... drumroll please... **in 2029, “THE” Southern Conference will be hosted by WEST VIRGINIA in Charleston, WV, October 25-28**, so be sure to mark your calendars! If you or your Post or Auxiliary are interested in helping as we start planning for this event, please contact the Department of WV Southern Conference Committee Chairman, Joshua Rife (contact info in the Directory).

VFW Founders’ Day

The VFW and its Auxiliary have proven that No One Does More for Veterans. From legislative activism to national veteran's service, the VFW continues its commitment to our nation's veterans.

That commitment began on Sept. 29, 1899, in Columbus, Ohio, when a group of veterans met to address the urgent needs of their brothers-in-arms. It's a tradition that has never wavered.

For more information about VFW Founders' Day and the upcoming celebration hosted by the Department of Ohio on October 3rd, please see the attached flyer and schedule of events.

Chaplain's Corner

National Recovery Month is an important time to recognize and support Veterans who are working toward healing from mental health and substance use challenges. For many Veterans, recovery is strengthened by community, understanding, and connection with others who respect their service and experiences. The Veterans of Foreign Wars play a meaningful role by standing beside Veterans and their families, promoting awareness, encouraging access to support, and helping reduce the stigma that can prevent people from asking for help. During National Recovery Month, we honor the courage of Veterans in recovery and reaffirm that no Veteran should walk the path to wellness alone.

Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, “declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for blessing us with a new day. We lift those who are struggling through sickness and trials that we may encounter. Guide our lives in spirit, body, and mind. Give us the strength to persevere and go on living a life honorable to you, most good and Heavenly Father. Amen.

~ Department Of West Virginia State Chaplain, Maria Saunders

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Commander's Note

Why VFW Membership Matters

Maintaining VFW membership is about more than meeting an annual goal. Active members strengthen the VFW's ability to advocate for veterans' earned benefits, connect veterans through shared service, and support local communities.

Because active membership makes this work possible, sustaining the VFW requires both welcoming eligible veterans and helping current members remain engaged. Recruiting brings new ideas, skills, energy, and future leaders into the organization while expanding our ability to reach and serve veterans. Retention is equally important. When we welcome members, explain VFW programs and traditions, invite them to participate, and mentor them for meaningful roles, we help them build lasting connections and prepare them to carry the VFW's mission forward.

The VFW's future depends on turning these priorities into action today. Renew your membership, invite an eligible veteran to stand with us, mentor a fellow member, and step forward when there is an opportunity to serve. Each commitment strengthens our voice, extends our reach, and preserves our mission for the veterans and communities who will depend on us tomorrow.

~ Department Commander, Kevin Link

Did you notice an unexpected "guest" anywhere in the General Orders or Bulletin? If you located the Prime Beef Bull, please call Commander Link on 304.703.2771 from 4-8pm, Monday – Friday to let him know where you found it, and ***be entered into a drawing!***

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PLANNING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER EDITION



Schedule of VFW Meetings and Events

** Changes or Updates to the previous month's calendar are shown in **RED**. **

2026

October 3	VFW Founders Day, Columbus Ohio
October 10	District 3 School of Instruction – Clarksburg Post 573 @10am
October 17	District 2 School of Instruction – St Albans Post 6418 @10am
October 18	District 4 School of Instruction – Berkeley Springs 4019 @10am
October 22 – 25	Southern Conference – Mobile, Alabama
October 31	1st Quarter Audits due (July – September)
October 31	Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Citizenship Education Teacher entries to Post
November 1	2 nd District Meeting District 4 – Moorefield Post 9606 (Reps: Kevin Light, Joyce Dyer)
November 7	2 nd District Meeting - District 2 – Ripley Post 5501 (Reps: Josh Rife, Mary Chipps & Lisa Harbour) - District 3 – Grafton Post 3081 (Reps: Harold Chipps, Donna Bodkins & Andrea Wilfong) - District 5 – Beckley Post 4469 (location TBD) (Reps: PSC Corrina Boggess, Pres. Linda Smith)
November 15	2 nd District Meeting District 1 – Chester Post 6450 (Reps: Ronie Wheeler, Donna Bodkins)
November 20	Post Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen / Citizenship Education Teacher Entries to District
November 20	Post Public Servant entries (one each – Law / FF / EMT) to District
December 20	District Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen to State HQs

2027

January 1	The Chapel of Four Chaplains Nomination to State HQS
January 15	District Teacher of the Year entry (one entry only) to state HQS
January 15	District Public Servants of the Year (one each – Law / FF / EMT) to State HQS

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January 31	2nd Quarter Audits due (October – December)
February 1	Chaplain of the Year nominations to State HQS
February 19 – 21	Midwinter Conference – Bridgeport, WV
February 27 – March 4	Washington Conference – Washington, D.C.
March 1	Scout of the Year Entries to Post
April 1	Post Scout of the Year entry to State HQS
April 10	3 rd District Meeting District 3 – Buckhannon Post 3663 (Reps: Harold Chipps, Donna Bodkins & Andrea Wilfong)
April 11	3 rd District Meeting District 4 – Wardensville Post 2102 (Reps: Kevin Light, Joyce Dyer)
April 17	3 rd District Meeting District 2 – Mason Post 9926 (Reps: Josh Rife, Mary Chipps & Lisa Harbour)
April 18	3 rd District Meeting District 1 – East Fairmont 7048 (Reps: Ronie Wheeler, Donna Bodkins)
April TBD	3 rd District Meeting District 5 – Madison Post 5578 (Reps: PSC Corrina Boggess, Pres. Linda Smith)
April 30	3rd Quarter Audits due (January – March)
April 31	Deadline for Posts and Districts to meet requirements for All-State
May 1	JROTC Cadet of the Year entries to State HQS
May 15	Rich Homan Award nominations to State HQS
May 15	All-State Team selected
June 1	Completed Post and District Election Reports to National and State HQS
June 10 – 13	State Convention – Bridgeport, WV
July 31	4th Quarter Audits due (April – June)
July 31 – August 4	National Convention – Milwaukee, WI

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*Indicates All-State Requirements

#Indicates Bonus Points

			*100% by May 1st	*Purchase 5 Buddy Poppies per member by May 1st	*Donate \$275 to VFW Programs	*Submit Monthly Community Service Report in Dashboard	*Nursing Home or Hospital Visit	*Submit VoD or PP Entry (To District by 11/30/26)	*National Home \$50	*DPAA \$75	*District Meeting Attendance	#CTG \$50	Rich Holman Award Nomination	Chaplain of the Year Nomination	JROTC
Post	Name	Total	*100 points by 4/01/27 #250 bonus points by 12/31/26	10 pts	*100 Points by 3/1/27 #250 bonus Points by 10/01/26	25 Points Per Month	20 Points	VoD and PP 10 pts ea. (20 points max)	10 Points	25	25 pts per meeting	#250 Points	#50 Points	#50 Points	#10 Points
6454	Petersburg	740		10	350	50	20		10	25	25	250			
410	Belington	695		10	350	25			10	25	25	250			
8363	Chesapeake	685			350	25			10	25	25	250			
4768	Alum Creek	670		10	350				10	25	25	250			
9926	Mason	660			350				10	25	25	250			
3522	Charles Town	470			350	50	20			25	25				
3466	Charleston	450			350	50				25	25				
9606	Moorefield	435		10	350	50					25				
4442	Elm Grove	425			350	50					25				
6327	Sistersville	425			350	50					25				
548	Morgantown	375			350						25				
3554	Harrisville	375			350	25									
6669	Ravenswood	375			350						25				
6723	Alderson	95				25	20			25	25				
3081	Grafton	95				50	20				25				
3663	Buckhannon	95				50	20				25				
5578	Madison	95				50	20				25				
8364	Oceana	95				50	20				25				
9666	Sugar Grove	95				50	20				25				
578	Terra Alta	75				50					25				
1144	Iaeger	75				50					25				
1212	Parkersburg	75				50					25				
3647	Elkins	75				50					25				
4469	Beckley	75				50					25				
7048	East Fairmont	75				50					25				
573	Clarksburg	60		10		25					25				
8516	Elkview	60		10		25					25				
1976	Weston	50				25					25				
3518	Keyser	50				25					25				
4019	Berkeley Springs	50				25					25				
4326	Sophia	50				25					25				
5501	Ripley	50				25					25				

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	*100% by	Buddy	\$275 to	Monthly Community	Home or	*Submit VoD or PP Entry	*National Home	*DPAA	*District Meeting	#CTG	Rich Holman Award	Chaplain of the Year	JROTC
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West Virginia as of Monday, August 31, 2026

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	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	128	3.12%	6	MOUNDSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	548	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	101	0.99%	8	MORGANTOWN	WV
West Virginia	578	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	105	4.76%	7	TERRA ALTA	WV
West Virginia	629	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	355	0.00%	2	FAIRMONT	WV
West Virginia	826	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0.00%	11	KINGWOOD	WV
West Virginia	1589	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	101	0.99%	8	MASONTOWN	WV
West Virginia	2345	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	43	2.32%	11	TUNNELTON	WV
West Virginia	2523	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	0.00%	10	BRUCETON MILLS	WV
West Virginia	2716	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	182	2.19%	5	WEIRTON	WV
West Virginia	3008	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	3.33%	11	ROWLESBURG	WV
West Virginia	3526	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	84	5.95%	9	NEW CUMBERLAND	WV
West Virginia	4442	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	124	4.83%	7	ELM GROVE	WV
West Virginia	6327	1	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	168	16.66%	5	SISTERSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	6450	1	3	166	0	0	0	0	0	169	845	20.00%	1	CHESTER	WV
West Virginia	7048	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	248	2.01%	3	EAST FAIRMONT	WV
West Virginia	9916	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	121	1.65%	7	WESTOVER	WV
District Totals		1	4	228	0	0	0	0	0	232	2741	8.46%	1		
West Virginia	1064	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	354	2.25%	2	HUNTINGTON	WV
West Virginia	1212	2	0	15	2	0	0	0	0	17	412	4.12%	2	PARKERSBURG	WV
West Virginia	3466	2	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	198	7.07%	4	CHARLESTON	WV
West Virginia	3554	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0.00%	9	HARRISVILLE	WV
West Virginia	4419	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0.00%	11	CLAY	WV
West Virginia	5269	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	64	3.12%	10	BELLE	WV
West Virginia	5501	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	125	0.80%	6	RIPLEY	WV
West Virginia	6418	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	70	4.28%	9	SAINT ALBANS	WV
West Virginia	6669	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	94	3.19%	8	RAVENSWOOD	WV
West Virginia	8363	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	110	3.63%	7	CHESAPEAKE	WV
West Virginia	8516	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	65	4.61%	10	ELKVIEW	WV
West Virginia	9097	2	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	10	163	6.13%	5	HURRICANE	WV
West Virginia	9796	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	85	3.52%	9	MILTON	WV
West Virginia	9926	2	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	485	3.91%	2	MASON	WV
District Totals		2	5	79	3	0	0	0	0	87	2351	3.70%	2		
West Virginia	410	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	227	0.88%	4	BELINGTON	WV
West Virginia	573	3	1	21	1	0	0	0	0	23	483	4.76%	2	CLARKSBURG	WV
West Virginia	1976	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	5.55%	11	WESTON	WV
West Virginia	3081	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	130	5.38%	6	GRAFTON	WV
West Virginia	3408	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46	2.17%	11	WEST UNION	WV

West Virginia	3663	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	154	1.94%	5	BUCKHANNON	WV
West Virginia	3738	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0.00%	11	WEBSTER SPRINGS	WV
West Virginia	5469	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.00%	10	GLENVILLE	WV
West Virginia	6106	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	92	4.34%	8	SUMMERSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	6737	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	11.11%	11	RENICK	WV
West Virginia	8614	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	7.14%	11	CRAIGSVILLE	WV
District Totals		3	5	38	3	0	0	0	0	46	1308	3.51%	3		
West Virginia	896	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	238	2.52%	4	MARTINSBURG	WV
West Virginia	1101	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	72	1.38%	9	ROMNEY	WV
West Virginia	2102	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	0.00%	5	WARDENSVILLE	WV
West Virginia	3518	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	130	3.07%	6	KEYSER	WV
West Virginia	3522	4	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	14	694	2.01%	1	CHARLES TOWN	WV
West Virginia	3647	4	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	9	163	5.52%	5	ELKINS	WV
West Virginia	4019	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	130	1.53%	6	BERKELEY SPRINGS	WV
West Virginia	5583	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0.00%	11	COALTON	WV
West Virginia	5781	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	8.33%	11	HARMAN	WV
West Virginia	6452	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	1.96%	10	RIDGELEY	WV
West Virginia	6454	4	1	15	4	0	0	0	0	20	112	17.85%	7	PETERSBURG	WV
West Virginia	6667	4	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	11	167	6.58%	5	FORT ASHBY	WV
West Virginia	9606	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	94	5.31%	8	MOOREFIELD	WV
West Virginia	9666	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0.00%	9	SUGAR GROVE	WV
District Totals		4	11	53	10	0	0	0	0	74	2148	3.44%	2		
West Virginia	1144	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	2.00%	10	IAEGER	WV
West Virginia	4326	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	95	5.26%	8	SOPHIA	WV
West Virginia	4469	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	129	5.42%	6	BECKLEY	WV
West Virginia	4500	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	4.16%	11	HINTON	WV
West Virginia	4768	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	62	3.22%	10	ALUM CREEK	WV
West Virginia	5578	5	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	184	4.34%	5	MADISON	WV
West Virginia	6153	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0.00%	9	CHAPMANVILLE	WV
West Virginia	6723	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	94	6.38%	8	ALDERSON	WV
West Virginia	7695	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	56	8.92%	10	ANSTED	WV
West Virginia	8364	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	2.98%	10	OCEANA	WV
District Totals		5	3	32	2	0	0	0	0	37	837	4.42%	5		
West Virginia	15050	99	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	23	825	2.78%	1	SOUTH CHARLESTON	WV
District Totals		99	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	23	825	2.78%	5		
State Totals			33	448	18	0	0	0	0	499	10210	4.88%			

TEACHER OF THE YEAR OUTLINE

Once you have completed the official entry form you will need to attach a minimum of one page (resume) and up to five pages of documentation showcasing their teaching experience. Acceptable materials include resumes, references, news articles, and other relevant documents. If available, include a head-and-shoulders photo.

We recommend submitting a one-to-two-page resume, followed by a document detailing the teacher's specific contributions in the areas listed below. While not required, this format helps judges evaluate each category more efficiently. Notably, a teacher who adopted this recommended format last year was honored at the VFW National Conference in Reno, Nevada, receiving cash awards for both themselves and their school.

Citizenship (1-25 points): Provide one to two paragraphs describing how the teacher encourages and models good citizenship and community involvement. Examples may include organizing food drives, leading neighborhood cleanups, or hosting special events for Veterans Day and other holidays. Please include as much detail as possible.

Innovation (1-25 points): Describe, in one to two paragraphs, how the teacher incorporates innovative ideas, tools, and resources into their classroom practice. Clearly explain the impact these innovations have on student learning and engagement, and highlight any efforts to introduce technologies or methods not yet used in the local area. For example, the teacher might organize virtual field trips to American historical sites, produce podcasts featuring local veterans, or use instructional videos, animations, and interactive quizzes to teach flag etiquette. They may also lead AI-assisted veteran appreciation projects, such as creating posters, digital art, thank you cards, poppy displays, or tributes for Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Whenever possible, provide detailed examples that demonstrate the teacher's creativity and the positive outcomes for students.

Resources (1-25 points): In one to two paragraphs, explain how the teacher leverages available resources. Do they pursue new opportunities or collaborate with agencies to enhance youth education? Examples may include inviting guest speakers, organizing field trips, writing to legislators, or securing additional funding.

Passion (1-25 points): Provide one to two paragraphs illustrating the teacher's passion for education. Do they pursue ongoing professional development, encourage students, and demonstrate a strong commitment to student success? Mention any advanced certifications, student achievements, or mentoring programs established.

West Virginia CTG Championship Belt

(final design pending)



VFW BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

POST NO. _____ Membership # of CDR, SVC, JVC, or A/Q*: _____
(*Need VFW membership # in order to process)

THIS ORDER IS FOR (circle one): POST AUXILIARY

NAME & ADDRESS WHERE POPPIES WILL BE SHIPPED (Do NOT use a PO Box – Orders are shipped via UPS):

NAME: _____ Phone #: _____
(Must be the name of the individual receiving poppies for either the Post OR Auxiliary)

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

	Quantity	# of Poppies	Price	S&H*	SUBTOTAL
TRADITIONAL		500	\$150.00	\$15.95	
		1,000	\$300.00	\$29.95	
		2,000	\$570.00	\$69.95	
POPPY TABS		500	\$75.00	\$10.95	
		1,000	\$150.00	\$15.95	
		2,000	\$300.00	\$29.95	
TOTAL:					

**Shipping & Handling is based on the rates provided by National, per the chart below.*

SHIPPING & HANDLING

\$50.01 - \$100.00 \$10.95
\$100.01 - \$200.00 \$15.95
\$200.01 - \$300.00 \$29.95
\$300.01 - \$400.00 \$34.95
\$400.01 - \$500.00 \$39.95
\$500.01 & over \$69.95



Signed: _____
(Name) (Title)

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

Please 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

(Rev. 07/01/2026)

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
“BUDDY”® POPPY PROGRAM**

“BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST 2026

These guidelines have been designed to place emphasis on the purpose and effectiveness of the displays. Below are the suggested rules recommended by National Headquarters, who have requested State contest rules be established in a like form.

RULES

(1) Displays will be presented and judged in three categories:

CATEGORY 1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

- (a) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with a label attached.

CATEGORY 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

- (a) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the “Buddy”® Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with a label attached.

CATEGORY 3. Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table center-pieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

- (a) Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with a label attached.

(2) Buddy Poppy display entries must be constructed using Buddy Poppies purchased through the VFW Store. Authorized styles include the legacy and tin tab poppies.

(3) A Post and/or Auxiliary will be allowed one display in **each** of the three (3) categories.

(4) Displays shall be set up in the space provided in the conference facility. Prior to setting up the display, the responsible person must complete an entry form at the Conference registration desk which will show the category of competition, the number of Poppies used, the purpose of the display, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the convention. **(Please be advised, all**

displays must be removed by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.) Please note that upon registration the responsible person will also receive a white index card, upon which will be written the display number and the number of Poppies used in the display, to be placed on the table in front of the display for judging purposes.

- (5) Displays **may or may not** be accompanied by a ***white card, not to exceed 4 inches by 6 inches in size***, on which an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewers or the judges, should be written in black ink. As this is a National rule, failure to strictly adhere to these guidelines will result in disqualification.
- (6) Post name, number, city or state (including the shape of your state) **may not be visible** on the displays. ***Failure to comply will result in disqualification.***
- (7) **NOTE:** Any use of non-VFW trademarks or copyrighted material on your display must have prior approval from the trademark or copyright holder. These include, but are not limited to, names, logos, audio/visual graphics, images and/or props. The VFW and Buddy Poppy logo and name are authorized, but use of any outside organization trademark or copyrighted material and/or logos must have prior approval through their respective organization.

JUDGING

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used.

PRIZES

Awards for the first, second, and third place winners in each of the three categories will be presented at the State Convention Banquet Dinner.

NOTE

Please be advised that we cannot guarantee against theft of personal items placed on displays. The Conference Center is secured at night, and should only be occupied by VFW Members and Conference Staff during the day, however we strongly discourage using items of sentimental value, items of value, or items considered to be irreplaceable on Buddy Poppy displays.

Thank you and good luck!

(Revised 06/12/26 – Department of West Virginia)

JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DISPLAY NO. _____

NO. OF POPPIES USED _____

“BUDDY”[®] POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

CATEGORY 1

PUBLIC PROMOTION OF POPPY CAMPAIGN

EFFECTIVENESS (20 points) _____

(Is it likely to encourage the public to buy and wear a “Buddy”[®] Poppy?)

CLARITY OF THEME (20 points) _____

(Does it clearly tell the story intended?)

SUITABILITY (10 points) _____

(Is the display in keeping with the purposes of the “Buddy”[®] Poppy Program?)

ORIGINALITY (15 points) _____

(Is the display “different” enough to interest the public?)

BEAUTY (15 points) _____

(Is it pleasing to the eye, artistically designed and well constructed?)

NUMBER OF POPPIES USED (20 points) _____

TOTAL: _____

JUDGE'S NAME: _____

ALL DISPLAYS MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST ONE POPPY IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM WITH LABEL ATTACHED. (Please judge between NOON and 3:00pm today and turn in to VFW Registration Table).

JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DISPLAY NO. _____

NO. OF POPPIES USED _____

“BUDDY”[®] POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

CATEGORY 2

MEMORIAL OR INSPIRATIONAL DISPLAYS

EFFECTIVENESS (20 points) _____

(Does it inspire the emotion it is designed to encourage?)

CLARITY OF THEME (20 points) _____

(Does it clearly tell the story intended?)

SUITABILITY (10 points) _____

(Is the display in keeping with the purposes of the “Buddy”[®] Poppy Program?)

ORIGINALITY (15 points) _____

(Does the display design indicate original or ingenious thought or use of material?)

BEAUTY (15 points) _____

(Is it pleasing to the eye, artistically designed and well-constructed?)

NUMBER OF POPPIES USED (20 points) _____

TOTAL: _____

JUDGE'S NAME: _____

ALL DISPLAYS MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST ONE POPPY IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM WITH LABEL ATTACHED. (Please judge between NOON and 3:00pm today and turn in to VFW Registration Table).

JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DISPLAY NO. _____

NO. OF POPPIES USED _____

“BUDDY”[®] POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

CATEGORY 3

ARTISTIC OR DECORATIVE USE OF POPPIES

SUITABILITY (25 points) _____

(Is it in good taste? Does it serve the purpose for which it was designed?)

ORIGINALITY (25 points) _____

(Does it represent a new or novel approach in thought and design?)

BEAUTY (20 points) _____

(Is it pleasing to the eye, well designed and well-constructed?)

NUMBER OF POPPIES USED (30 points) _____

(Where display is a sample of a large number of identical items, such as corsages, table decorations or wreaths, give credit for total number used in all such items.)

TOTAL: _____

JUDGE'S NAME: _____

ALL DISPLAYS MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST ONE POPPY IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM WITH LABEL ATTACHED. (Please judge between NOON and 3:00pm today and turn in to VFW Registration Table).

VFW Southern Conference Agenda

October 22-24

Thursday 22nd 2026

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Registration and Check-in
 5:30 PM – 11:00 PM: Hospitality
 DINNER ON YOUR OWN

ROOM

CONCOURSE
 PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Friday 23rd 2026

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Transportation to the Golf tournament
 7:00 AM - Riders group meet and ride.
 BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Registration
 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Vendors / Sponsors
 12:00 AM – 1:30 PM: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
 1:30 PM- 4:00 PM: Auxiliary Meeting

ROOM

Battleship parking lot

 CONCOURSE
 CONCOURSE

 203 A, B

VFW Committee meetings

2:00 PM – 2:30 Audit Committee
 2:30 PM – 3:15 Budget & Finance Committee
 3:15 PM – 3:30 Time & Place Committee
 3:30 PM – 3:35 Resolution Committee
 3:35 PM – 4:30 Bylaws Committee
 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM: Joint Memorial Service
 DINNER ON YOUR OWN
 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Hospitality

ROOM

202B
 202B
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 202A
 201 A, B, C

 PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Saturday 24th, 2026

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Leadership Breakfast
 National Chair Officers/Southern Conference officers
 Dept. Commanders/ Sr.Vice Commanders/ Jr.Vice Commanders
 Dept. Quarter Master/Adjutants
 Auxiliary Presidents/ Sr./Jr./ Dept. Treasurer & Secretary.

ROOM

EAST&WEST

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Vendors/Sponsors
 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Registration
 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Joint opening session
 10:15 AM—Adjourn: VFW Business Meeting
 10:30 AM- Adjourn: Auxiliary Business Meeting
 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM: Auxiliary Business Meeting
 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Hospitality
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Reception
 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM: MARDI GRAS theme Dinner & Entertainment

CONCOURSE
 CONCOURSE
 201 A, B, C
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 203 A, B
 PRESIDENTIAL SUITE
 HALL OF EAST&WEST
 East & West

Sunday 25th 2026 SAFE TRAVELS HOME

Note: Agenda is subject to change. Please check for updates at the conference registration desk.



THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO 127TH FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT

**Join us in honoring our Founders, Celebrating the Veterans of
Foreign Wars Mission, and Welcoming our Special Guests**

**National Commander in Chief
Cory Geisler**

And

**National Auxiliary President
Donna Mills**

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Parade

**Green Lawn Cemetery
1000 Greenlawn Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43223**

**9:00 a.m. Registration – 10:00 a.m. Parade Step-off
(Please remember your Flags and Banners)**

**Founder's Day Banquet
National Veterans Memorial Museum
300 W. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215.
12:00 p.m. Program begins**

**STAY FOR A SELF GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE MUSEUM
(Parking included with your luncheon registration)**

**Banquet forms can be found on the Department of Ohio Website, vfwoh.org
Tickets will be taken at the Door of the Luncheon**

"Ohio, where it all started"



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES

Founders Day Committee
Department of Ohio

ALL VFW MEMBERS, AUXILIARY AND AFFILIATES
****FOUNDERS DAY- 127th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION****
****SATURDAY, October 3, 2026****

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Luncheon will be held at the **National Veterans Memorial and Museum, 300 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215**. Doors will open at 12:00 p.m., with the Lunch and Founder's Day program starting promptly at 12:15 p.m. Reservations MUST be made before the deadline. Parking is included for the museum in the cost of the lunch reservation, along with the museum being open for self-guided tours before and after the luncheon.

MENU

Italian Buffet
Garden Salad, Bread Sticks
Homemade Cannolis and Cheesecake Bars
Assorted Sodas, Coffee, and lemonade
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY MILO'S CATERING

*******RESERVATION*******

Number of People: _____ at \$30.00 each Total: \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Post/Aux: _____ District: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Type of Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____ Check Number: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE provide either your email or home address to receive your tickets for the banquet. You MUST have tickets with you at the door.

A check, money order, or credit card must accompany the reservation form. Please, make checks payable to "VFW Department of Ohio", memo: Founders Day Fund. Please mail to VFW Dept. of Ohio, 35 E. Chestnut St., Suite 506, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

DEADLINE DATE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of West Virginia
5532 MacCorkle Ave SW
South Charleston, WV 25309
Phone (304) 310-0407
Email vfwwwqm@gmail.com
Website www.vfwwwv.com**

August 21, 2026

Dear Community Partner,

On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of West Virginia, we invite you to become a proud sponsor of our state organization. Your support is vital to honoring and assisting our veterans, and to connecting your business with an engaged audience across our great state.

We offer a wide range of sponsorship opportunities to suit businesses of all sizes, from the smallest local shop to the largest corporation. Whether you are interested in sponsoring an event session, supporting a veteran recognition activity, or advertising your business in our Convention Book, there is a place for you. Each sponsorship level offers unique benefits and visibility, helping you demonstrate your commitment to veterans and the community.

The VFW Convention Book is a cherished keepsake for our members and supporters, distributed to hundreds of attendees and organizations throughout West Virginia. Your advertisement or message of support will be seen by veterans, their families, and community leaders, ensuring your business receives valuable recognition and goodwill.

Please review the enclosed sponsorship packet for details on all opportunities; or contact us directly to discuss a custom sponsorship package tailored to your organization's needs. No business is too small or too large to make a difference in our veterans' lives. Together, we can continue to honor and support those who have served our nation.

We thank you for considering this meaningful partnership, and we look forward to collaborating with you to serve our veteran community throughout the state of West Virginia.

With gratitude,

Ronie Wheeler

Ronie Wheeler
Sponsorship Chairman
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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VFW Department of West Virginia EIN: 55-0320759

Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation EIN: 43-1758998 (Note/Memo earmarked for Department of WV)

Mailing Address: PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309 – Email vfwwwqm@gmail.com

VFW DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

Sponsorship & Marketing Opportunities



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ABOUT THE



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 Purpose: Established in 1899, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is the nation's oldest and largest combat veterans' organization that supports millions of service members and their families – entirely for free.

Who We Are: Today, membership stands at more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary across the country. However, the VFW's reach extends far beyond its membership, auxiliary members and family members. VFW leaders are often leaders in their communities and are frequently utilized as military matter resources by local politicians and news outlets. Every day, men and women who have bravely defended our freedom continue to serve in ways outside of the military. The VFW highlights those veterans who are actively involved in their communities, helping others through the #StillServing campaign which is a way to showcase and honor their ongoing commitment. Read more about the campaign at todaysvfw.org.

The VFW has many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities worldwide such as National Veteran Service, National Legislative Service, VFW Financial Assistance for Service Members grants, VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program, and the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen patriotic youth essay competitions. Read more about the VFW at vfw.org.

The Department of West Virginia is a non-profit 501(c)(19) and our National VFW Foundation is a 501(c)(3). Donations to a 501(c)(19) are tax deductible in the same way that they are for a 501(c)(3), which gives you the option of donating directly to the Department of West Virginia or through our National VFW Foundation.

Your Support Helps Us Do Things Like:

National Statistics



Recoup

\$14.6 BILLION

annually in earned benefits from the VA for veterans. In fiscal year 2024, the VFW submitted claims on behalf of nearly 574,500 veterans resulting in more money going back into the economy, giving veterans more buying power.



Award

\$14.9 MILLION

in scholarships from the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" to assist veterans in achieving their higher educational goals since 2013.



Distribute

\$12.9 MILLION+

in financial assistance to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis, prevent homelessness and fight food insecurity through the VFW's Financial Assistance for Service Members program.



Award

\$2.9 MILLION

in annual educational awards to middle and high school students from our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth scholarship programs.

Your Support Will Help Provide:

State Wide Advocacy

Veteran Outreach



Provide Veterans and their families with assistance in finding resources to connect with Accredited Service Officers. These service officers can assist with Health Care, Education, Employment, and other resources vital to Veterans' growth.

Community Service



One of the key missions of our organization is community service. 2025 culminated in 54,894 hours and \$519,777 contributed to communities around the state.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Help cover rent, utilities, groceries or other basic life necessities for a military family struggling with the hardships of deployment

YOUTH / EDUCATION



Our youth scholarships challenge students to reflect on our nation's history, their ideals and principles and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme.

VFW DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The annual VFW Department Convention is attended annually by the many members of our organization to include veterans and their families. Additionally, community leaders, business owners and government officials within the state and nationally, and other noteworthy personalities have come to speak before our attendees. The VFW members, VFW Auxiliary members and their families represent a population that is patriotic, loyal, and enthusiastically supports the individuals and companies that support them.

There are many opportunities to engage members attending the VFW's Department Convention through sponsorship, marketing, and exhibitions. The convention presents your organization with the opportunity to reach thousands of members through static displays, group conversation, and town hall opportunities. Attendees include VFW leadership from all 55 counties around the state, who represent the VFW's extended network of VFW members, VFW Auxiliary members, and their family members.

By becoming a sponsor of the VFW Department of West Virginia, your business will be recognized by VFW and VFW Auxiliary members as a supporter of the nation's greatest heroes—our veterans. From exhibits and events as well as live streaming on the Department's social media platforms, the convention experience presents unique opportunities for your organization's involvement. Join us and become part of the VFW community.

Convention Sponsorship Opportunities

We can help customize sponsorship packages that enhance and complement your brand. Show your support to your country and appreciation to those veterans who answered the call by selecting one of the following packages.

Sponsorship Opportunities	Patriotic \$10,000	Fidelity \$5,000	Freedom \$2,500	Hero \$1,000	Educational \$500
Lead Sponsor of VFW Department Convention, Fall / Winter Conference and Joint Opening	X				
Recognition of sponsor by VFW Department Commander to Joint Opening attendees. Sponsor initiated 5 Minute Speaking time.	X	X			
120-second sponsor-produced video featured during Joint Opening	X	X			
Attendance to the Department Convention Banquet (8 Seats)	X				
Attendance to the Department Convention Banquet (4 Seats)		X			
Attendance to the Department Convention Banquet (2 Seats)			X		
Monthly social media post about Sponsor's current mission and goals (All pictures and video submitted by Sponsor)	X	X	X		
60-second sponsor-produced video featured before and after select convention sessions	X	X	X		
Booth at the annual Mid-Year Conference	X	X	X	X	
Full Page, Full Color ad in Official Convention Program	X	X			
Half Page, Full Color ad in Official Convention Program			X	X	
Quarter Page, Full color ad in Official Convention Program					X
Company logo in the Official Convention Program and on VFW Department webpage with link to company website	X	X	X	X	X
Company logo placement on main sponsorship banners/signage	X	X	X	X	X
Booth Space at Department Convention	X	X	X	X	X

À La Carte Opportunities	Sponsorship Amount
Philanthropic Gift. Ceremonial check presentation during VFW Department Convention with date/time TBD. On-stage photo opportunity with VFW leadership and 30-second recognition of gift by VFW Department Commander.	Amount TBD
Auxiliary Hospitality Room* (Money to be split between VFW and VFW Auxiliary)	\$2,500
Drink Station with logo placement*	\$1,000
Snack Station with logo placement*	\$1,000
Combat Tested Gaming Sponsorship - See Attached Flyer	See Attached Flyer

*Limited Availability



Convention Program Ads



Deadline: April 1, 2027

Ad Mechanical Specs

Full Page
(No Bleed)

7 1/2" x 10"

Full Page
(Bleed)

8.75" x 11.25"

Half Page
(Horizontal Only)

7 1/2" x 4 3/4"

- For full page ads with bleed, add 1/8" on all sides.
- Resolution: Min. of 300 dpi.
- Colors: Full Color process only.
- Accepted Format: PDF, JPEG, PNG optimized for print. **No Word documents will be accepted.**

Company Logo Requirements

Deadline: April 1, 2027

Please furnish a color company logo in Illustrator vector format. If not vector, logo needs to be at least 8" x 8" in tiff format @ 300 dpi.

Video Requirements

Deadline: April 15, 2027

- Videos should be mp4 format in the highest quality available, 30-60 seconds in length.
- Dimensions: 1920x1080.
- Codecs: H.264, ACC.
- File Type: .mp4.
- Length: Time as specified in your sponsorship tier deliverables.

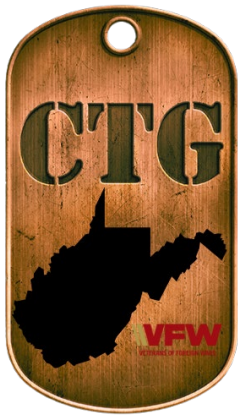
We Look Forward to Your Participation

Reserve Your Spot Soon!

As a Department of West Virginia VFW sponsor, you are providing support to vital VFW programs and services for our nation's military heroes and their families. Please contact us for further information and reserve your spot for this unique, customized promotional opportunity.

We look forward to your participation! For details on VFW programs and services, please visit our website at vfwv.org.





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.
Department of West Virginia
Combat Tested Gaming



Supporting Veterans Through Connection, Competition & Community

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Combat Tested Gaming (CTG) Program of West Virginia brings veterans together through organized game nights, community events, and statewide tournaments.

Gaming is more than entertainment — it's:

- A tool for reducing isolation
- A bridge between generations of veterans
- A platform for teamwork and leadership
- A pathway to mental wellness and community engagement

Serving Veterans Across West Virginia

The West Virginia CTG team hosts:

- Local post gaming nights
- Online competitive leagues
- Community engagement events
- A Statewide Tournament (June 2026 – June 2027)

Our initiative connects veterans across rural and urban communities, providing structured, positive engagement in a modern format that resonates with all generations.

Why Sponsor?

Your sponsorship helps:

- Fund tournament operations
- Purchase and maintain gaming equipment
- Provide streaming and broadcasting support
- Expand outreach to underserved veteran communities
- Promote mental wellness through peer connection

And in return — your brand gains meaningful visibility while directly supporting West Virginia veterans.

Digital Reach & Exposure

Our West Virginia team streams regularly on Twitch, engaging viewers statewide and beyond. Sponsors receive visibility through:

- Twitch live streams
- Social media promotion
- Tournament signage
- Printed & digital marketing materials
- Team jerseys (upper-tier sponsors)

2026–2027 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Veterans of Foreign Wars – Combat Tested Gaming | West Virginia

Bronze Sponsor – \$100

Shout-out during one Twitch stream
Name listed on sponsor page (digital)
Recognition post on social media

Perfect for individuals and small businesses who want to show support.

Silver Sponsor – \$250

All Bronze benefits
Logo placement on Twitch channel panels (1 year)
Logo included in digital marketing materials (1 year)
Recognition during statewide tournament stream

Gold Sponsor– \$500

All Silver benefits
Logo placement on printed event materials (1 year)
Logo featured in tournament promotional graphics
Logo added to team jerseys (1 year)
Quarterly sponsor spotlight on Twitch

Platinum Sponsor – \$1,000

Exclusive Naming Rights Opportunity

All Gold benefits
Top logo placement on Twitch channel (1 year)
Premier logo placement on team jerseys (1 year)
Featured sponsor banner at live events
Dedicated sponsor segment during tournament broadcast
Naming rights to the statewide tournament:

Official Event Naming Opportunity

The “[Your Company Name]”

West Virginia VFW Combat Tested Gaming 2026-27 Championship

Your business name becomes permanently associated with the premier VFW gaming event in West Virginia for the entire competitive season.

Partner With Purpose

By sponsoring the VFW Combat Tested Gaming Program – West Virginia, you are:

Supporting veterans
Promoting innovation
Strengthening local communities
Investing in Veteran mental wellness

Become a Sponsor Today

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