

VFW State of West Virginia 5532 MacCorkle Ave SW PO Box 9431 South Charleston, WV 25309 Phone (304) 395-2430 Email vfwqm@frontier.com www.vfwwv.com

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3 SERIES 2024-2025, SEPTEMBER 2024

All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <a href="https://vfwwv.com">https://vfwwv.com</a> 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.

- 1. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Membership statistics for this new membership year are up and running in OMS. Life Members will not be reflected until approximately mid-September. The expired list has grown to 503 members. 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.
- **2.** <u>2024 ALL-AMERICAN TEAM</u>: Post 8364 Oceana was inadvertently omitted from the All-American list last month. Oceana placed 17<sup>th</sup> in Division 10.

#### **3. 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.

	Host Post	Date	Time	State Reps	
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 subj	ect to change.			_	

## 4. <u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>:

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

5. <u>2025 Podium Edition (Bylaws, MOP & Ritual)</u>: 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 <a href="https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60878">www.vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60878</a>.

## 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 <a href="www.scholarsapp.com">www.scholarsapp.com</a> 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.

- 7. <u>UPDATE TO THE 2024-2025 VFW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM</u>: The program has been updated to allow credit for reinstating members as well as recruiting new members. The manual is available in Commander Ogden's manual, the VFW National website and the state website at <a href="https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60882">https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60882</a>.
- 8. <u>RECRUITING EVENT ENTRIES ON THE DASHBOARD</u>: Since Posts and Districts recruiting events are not an All-American requirement this year, enter recruiting events as community service in the Dashboard to receive All-State credit.
- 9. <u>2025 ALL-AMERICAN VMS DONATION</u>: 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.
- 10. <u>NEW WEST VIRGINIA TAX LAW FOR 90-100% DISABLED VETERAN</u>: See the flyer included in these General Orders regarding the new tax law.
- 11. <u>CHAPLAINS CORNER</u>: Monthly Online Chaplain training will resume this month, Thursday Sept 19, 830-930 pm. The Zoom link will be emailed out by the National Chaplain Peter Hook about a week before the online training. If you are not on the Chaplain email distribution list please contact me at ajsockett1031@gmail.com to be added to the list. This training is open to any Post or District Chaplain, anyone who is interested in becoming a Chaplain and to our Aux Chaplains.

Post and District Chaplains make sure you have the current copy of the Chaplains Handbook; it can be downloaded at <a href="https://lotcs.org/vfw">https://lotcs.org/vfw</a> chaplain.html

To find out more about the Chaplain program, please visit our State Website and under the "Resource" tab click on the Chaplains Corner <a href="https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=130151">https://vfwwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=130151</a>.

Monthly Bible Verse – Psalm 62:5-6 Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Monthly Prayer: Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, during this next month we ask for Your blessings and that we may continue to honor our Veterans who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect our country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, and for all of those who are still serving today in our organization. In Your great and holy name we ask of these things. -Amen

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

RICHARD E. OGDEN, COMMANDER VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

# VFW State of West Virginia memstats as of 082924

City         Post         Dst         Life         New         Reinst         Cont         Total         Adjusted Prior Year*         Percent         Div         RS         LM         An           MOUNDSVILLE         437         1         0         0         0         6         6         137         4.37%         7         0           MORGANTOWN         548         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           FAIRMONT         629         1         0         0         0         1         1         349         0.28%         4         0           KINGWOOD         826         1         0         0         0         1         1         349         0.28%         4         0           MASONTOWN         1589         1         0         0         0         1         1         96         1.04%         8         0           TUNNELTON         2345         1         0         0         0         3         3         45         6.66%         11         0           BRUCETON MILLS         2523         1         0         0	rior nnual 47 32 30 12 10 12	Retention 17.02% 6.25% 16.67% 8.33% 0.00%	0.00%
MOUNDSVILLE         437         1         0         0         6         6         137         4.37%         7         0           MORGANTOWN         548         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           TERRA ALTA         578         1         0         1         0         4         5         96         5.20%         8         0           FAIRMONT         629         1         0         0         0         1         1         349         0.28%         4         0           KINGWOD         826         1         0         0         0         0         58         0.00%         10         0           MASONTOWN         1589         1         0         0         0         1         1         96         1.04%         8         0           TUNNELTON         2345         1         0         0         0         3         3         45         6.66%         11         0           BRUCETON MILLS         2523         1         0         0         1         1         2         63         3.17%         10	47 32 30 12 10	17.02% 6.25% 16.67% 8.33%	0.00%
MORGANTOWN         548         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           TERRA ALTA         578         1         0         1         0         4         5         96         5.20%         8         0           FAIRMONT         629         1         0         0         0         1         1         349         0.28%         4         0           KINGWOOD         826         1         0         0         0         0         58         0.00%         10         0           MASONTOWN         1589         1         0         0         0         1         1         96         1.04%         8         0           TUNNELTON         2345         1         0         0         1         1         96         1.04%         8         0           TUNNELTON         2716         1         0         1         1         2         63         3.17%         10         0           WEIRTON         2716         1         0         1         0         0         0         30         3.51%         5         0	32 30 12 10 12	6.25% 16.67% 8.33%	
TERRA ALTA         578         1         0         1         0         4         5         96         5.20%         8         0           FAIRMONT         629         1         0         0         0         1         1         349         0.28%         4         0           KINGWOOD         826         1         0         0         0         0         58         0.00%         10         0           MASONTOWN         1589         1         0         0         0         1         1         96         1.04%         8         0           TUNNELTON         2345         1         0         0         0         3         3         45         6.66%         11         0           BRUCETON MILLS         2523         1         0         0         1         1         2         63         3.17%         10         0           WEIRTON         2716         1         0         1         0         6         7         199         3.51%         5         0           ROWLESBURG         3008         1         0         0         0         3         3         84         3.57%	30 12 10 12	16.67% 8.33%	0.00%
FAIRMONT 629 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 349 0.28% 4 0 KINGWOOD 826 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 58 0.00% 10 0 0 MASONTOWN 1589 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 96 1.04% 8 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 96 1.04% 8 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 96 1.04% 8 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12 10 12	8.33%	
KINGWOOD	10 12		
MASONTOWN         1589         1         0         0         0         1         1         96         1.04%         8         0           TUNNELTON         2345         1         0         0         0         3         3         45         6.66%         11         0           BRUCETON MILLS         2523         1         0         0         1         1         2         63         3.17%         10         0           WEIRTON         2716         1         0         1         0         6         7         199         3.51%         5         0           ROWLESBURG         3008         1         0         0         0         0         30         0.00%         11         0           NEW CUMBERLAND         3526         1         0         0         0         3         3         84         3.57%         9         0           ELM GROVE         4442         1         0         0         1         11         12         160         7.50%         6         0           SISTERSVILLE         6327         1         0         0         2         0         11.18%         2	12	0.00%	
TUNNELTON 2345 1 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 45 6.66% 11 0 0 BRUCETON MILLS 2523 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 2 63 3.17% 10 0 0 WEIRTON 2716 1 0 1 0 6 7 199 3.51% 5 0 ROWLESBURG 3008 1 0 0 0 0 0 30 0.00% 11 0 0 NEW CUMBERLAND 3526 1 0 0 0 3 3 3 84 3.57% 9 0 0 ELM GROVE 4442 1 0 0 1 11 12 160 7.50% 6 0 0 SISTERSVILLE 6327 1 0 0 0 0 20 20 153 13.07% 6 0 0 CHESTER 6450 1 0 2 1 86 89 796 11.18% 2 0 EAST FAIRMONT 7048 1 0 4 0 4 8 268 2.98% 4 0 WESTOVER 9916 1 0 0 0 2 2 122 1.63% 7 0 District 1 Total 1 0 8 3 150 161 2778 5.79% 3 0 PARKERSBURG 1212 2 0 2 0 11 13 410 3.17% 3 0 WEST UNION 3408 2 0 0 0 1 1 1 49 2.04% 11 0 CHARLESTON 3466 2 0 0 0 2 2 171 1.16% 6 0 HARRISVILLE 3554 2 0 0 0 0 2 2 87 2.29% 9 0 CLAY 4419 2 0 0 0 0 2 2 87 2.29% 9 0 CLAY 4419 2 0 0 0 0 1 1 57 1.75% 10 0 BELLE 5269 2 0 0 0 1 1 57 1.75% 10 0 GLENVILLE 5469 2 0 0 0 0 2 42 0.00% 11 0 RIPLEY 5501 2 0 1 0 6 7 128 5.46% 7 0 SAINT ALBANS 6418 2 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 53 5.66% 10 0			
BRUCETON MILLS         2523         1         0         0         1         1         2         63         3.17%         10         0           WEIRTON         2716         1         0         1         0         6         7         199         3.51%         5         0           ROWLESBURG         3008         1         0         0         0         0         30         0.00%         11         0           NEW CUMBERLAND         3526         1         0         0         0         3         3         84         3.57%         9         0           ELM GROVE         4442         1         0         0         1         11         12         160         7.50%         6         0           SISTERSVILLE         6327         1         0         0         0         20         20         153         13.07%         6         0           CHESTER         6450         1         0         2         1         86         89         796         11.18%         2         0           EAST FAIRMONT         7048         1         0         4         0         4         8         268	10	8.33%	1
WEIRTON         2716         1         0         1         0         6         7         199         3.51%         5         0           ROWLESBURG         3008         1         0         0         0         0         30         0.00%         11         0           NEW CUMBERLAND         3526         1         0         0         0         3         3         84         3.57%         9         0           ELM GROVE         4442         1         0         0         1         11         12         160         7.50%         6         0           SISTERSVILLE         6327         1         0         0         0         20         20         153         13.07%         6         0           CHESTER         6450         1         0         2         1         86         89         796         11.18%         2         0           EAST FAIRMONT         7048         1         0         4         0         4         8         268         2.98%         4         0           WESTOVER         9916         1         0         0         0         2         2         122		30.00%	
ROWLESBURG         3008         1         0         0         0         0         30         0.00%         11         0           NEW CUMBERLAND         3526         1         0         0         0         3         3         84         3.57%         9         0           ELM GROVE         4442         1         0         0         1         11         12         160         7.50%         6         0           SISTERSVILLE         6327         1         0         0         0         20         20         153         13.07%         6         0           CHESTER         6450         1         0         2         1         86         89         796         11.18%         2         0           EAST FAIRMONT         7048         1         0         4         0         4         8         268         2.98%         4         0           WESTOVER         9916         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           District 1 Total         1         0         8         3         150         161         2778         5.7	23	4.35%	
NEW CUMBERLAND	53	11.32%	
ELM GROVE         4442         1         0         0         1         11         12         160         7.50%         6         0           SISTERSVILLE         6327         1         0         0         20         20         153         13.07%         6         0           CHESTER         6450         1         0         2         1         86         89         796         11.18%         2         0           EAST FAIRMONT         7048         1         0         4         0         4         8         268         2.98%         4         0           WESTOVER         9916         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           District 1 Total         1         0         8         3         150         161         2778         5.79%         3         0           PARKERSBURG         1212         2         0         2         0         11         13         410         3.17%         3         0           WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.1	1	0.00%	1
SISTERSVILLE         6327         1         0         0         0         20         20         153         13.07%         6         0           CHESTER         6450         1         0         2         1         86         89         796         11.18%         2         0           EAST FAIRMONT         7048         1         0         4         0         4         8         268         2.98%         4         0           WESTOVER         9916         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           District 1 Total         1         0         8         3         150         161         2778         5.79%         3         0           PARKERSBURG         1212         2         0         2         0         11         13         410         3.17%         3         0           WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         87 <td>48</td> <td>10.42%</td> <td></td>	48	10.42%	
CHESTER         6450         1         0         2         1         86         89         796         11.18%         2         0           EAST FAIRMONT         7048         1         0         4         0         4         8         268         2.98%         4         0           WESTOVER         9916         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           District 1 Total         1         0         8         3         150         161         2778         5.79%         3         0           PARKERSBURG         1212         2         0         2         0         11         13         410         3.17%         3         0           WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87	88	15.91%	
EAST FAIRMONT         7048         1         0         4         0         4         8         268         2.98%         4         0           WESTOVER         9916         1         0         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           District 1 Total         1         0         8         3         150         161         2778         5.79%         3         0           PARKERSBURG         1212         2         0         2         0         11         13         410         3.17%         3         0           WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87         2.29%         9         0           CLAY         4419         2         0         0         0         0         52         0.00%	42	54.76%	0.00%
WESTOVER         9916         1         0         0         2         2         122         1.63%         7         0           District 1 Total         1         0         8         3         150         161         2778         5.79%         3         0           PARKERSBURG         1212         2         0         2         0         11         13         410         3.17%         3         0           WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87         2.29%         9         0           CLAY         4419         2         0         0         0         0         52         0.00%         10         0           BELLE         5269         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0	212	56.13%	
District 1 Total         1         0         8         3         150         161         2778         5.79%         3         0           PARKERSBURG         1212         2         0         2         0         11         13         410         3.17%         3         0           WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87         2.29%         9         0           CLAY         4419         2         0         0         0         0         52         0.00%         10         0           BELLE         5269         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0           GLENVILLE         5469         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0	43	6.98%	1.49%
PARKERSBURG         1212         2         0         2         0         11         13         410         3.17%         3         0           WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87         2.29%         9         0           CLAY         4419         2         0         0         0         0         52         0.00%         10         0           BELLE         5269         2         0         0         0         1         1         57         1.75%         10         0           GLENVILLE         5469         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0           RIPLEY         5501         2         0         1         0         6         7         128         5.46%         7	22	13.64%	
WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87         2.29%         9         0           CLAY         4419         2         0         0         0         0         52         0.00%         10         0           BELLE         5269         2         0         0         0         1         1         57         1.75%         10         0           GLENVILLE         5469         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0           RIPLEY         5501         2         0         1         0         6         7         128         5.46%         7         0           SAINT ALBANS         6418         2         0         0         0         3         3         53         5.66%         10			0.40%
WEST UNION         3408         2         0         0         0         1         1         49         2.04%         11         0           CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87         2.29%         9         0           CLAY         4419         2         0         0         0         0         52         0.00%         10         0           BELLE         5269         2         0         0         0         1         1         57         1.75%         10         0           GLENVILLE         5469         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0           RIPLEY         5501         2         0         1         0         6         7         128         5.46%         7         0           SAINT ALBANS         6418         2         0         0         0         3         3         53         5.66%         10	97	10.31%	0.49%
CHARLESTON         3466         2         0         0         0         2         2         171         1.16%         6         0           HARRISVILLE         3554         2         0         0         0         2         2         87         2.29%         9         0           CLAY         4419         2         0         0         0         0         52         0.00%         10         0           BELLE         5269         2         0         0         0         1         1         57         1.75%         10         0           GLENVILLE         5469         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0           RIPLEY         5501         2         0         1         0         6         7         128         5.46%         7         0           SAINT ALBANS         6418         2         0         0         0         3         3         53         5.66%         10         0	97	18.18%	
HARRISVILLE       3554       2       0       0       0       2       2       87       2.29%       9       0         CLAY       4419       2       0       0       0       0       52       0.00%       10       0         BELLE       5269       2       0       0       0       1       1       57       1.75%       10       0         GLENVILLE       5469       2       0       0       0       0       42       0.00%       11       0         RIPLEY       5501       2       0       1       0       6       7       128       5.46%       7       0         SAINT ALBANS       6418       2       0       0       0       3       3       53       5.66%       10       0	46		
CLAY       4419       2       0       0       0       0       52       0.00%       10       0         BELLE       5269       2       0       0       0       1       1       57       1.75%       10       0         GLENVILLE       5469       2       0       0       0       0       42       0.00%       11       0         RIPLEY       5501       2       0       1       0       6       7       128       5.46%       7       0         SAINT ALBANS       6418       2       0       0       0       3       3       53       5.66%       10       0	22	9.09%	<b>!</b>
BELLE         5269         2         0         0         0         1         1         57         1.75%         10         0           GLENVILLE         5469         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0           RIPLEY         5501         2         0         1         0         6         7         128         5.46%         7         0           SAINT ALBANS         6418         2         0         0         3         3         53         5.66%         10         0	12	0.00%	
GLENVILLE         5469         2         0         0         0         0         42         0.00%         11         0           RIPLEY         5501         2         0         1         0         6         7         128         5.46%         7         0           SAINT ALBANS         6418         2         0         0         0         3         3         53         5.66%         10         0	24	4.17%	
RIPLEY 5501 2 0 1 0 6 7 128 5.46% 7 0 SAINT ALBANS 6418 2 0 0 0 3 3 53 5.66% 10 0	1		-
SAINT ALBANS 6418 2 0 0 0 3 3 53 5.66% 10 0	29	31.03%	
	10	40.00%	1
TRAVENSWOOD   0009  2  0  0  0  11 11 11 991 1.01%1 61 1 01	21	4.76%	
CHESAPEAKE 8363 2 0 3 2 6 11 117 9.40% 7 0	38	23.68%	<b>.</b>
ELKVIEW   8516 2 0 0 0 8 8 60 13.33% 10 0 0 1	17 113	+	0.00%
	113	8.83%	<b>!</b>
District 2 Total   2 0 9 2 45 56 1895 2.95% 4 0			0.58%
BELINGTON 410 3 0 0 0 1 1 1 179 0.55% 6 0	15	6.67%	0.00%
CLARKSBURG 573 3 0 3 0 21 24 451 5.32% 3 0	131	16.79%	0.67%
WESTON 1976 3 0 0 0 0 0 35 0.00% 11 0	11	0.00%	0.00%
GRAFTON 3081 3 0 0 0 6 6 135 4.44% 7 0	44		1
BUCKHANNON 3663 3 0 0 1 2 3 173 1.73% 6 0	49	6.12%	0.58%
WEBSTER SPRINGS 3738 3 0 0 0 2 2 37 5.40% 11 0	15		1
BURNSVILLE 3757 3 0 0 0 0 0 14 0.00% 11 0	0		
MARLINTON 4595 3 0 0 0 1 1 47 2.12% 11 0	14		1
SUMMERSVILLE 6106 3 0 1 0 7 8 76 10.52% 9 0	34	29.41%	1
ALDERSON 6723 3 0 5 0 5 10 65 15.38% 10 0	27	18.52%	1
RENICK 6737 3 0 0 0 2 2 18 11.11% 11 0	8		1
CRAIGSVILLE 8614 3 0 0 0 1 1 29 3.44% 11 0	10		1
SALEM 9151 3 0 0 0 1 1 60 1.66% 10 0	7	+	
District 3 Total 3 0 9 1 49 59 1319 4.47% 5 0		2 1.23 70	0.76%

## VFW State of West Virginia memstats as of 082924

								Adjusted				N/R	Prior		
City	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year*	Percent	Div	RS	LM	Annual	Retention	N/R %
MARTINSBURG	896	4	0	1	0	7	8	237	3.37%	5		0	47	6.38%	0.42%
ROMNEY	1101	4	0	0	0	1	1	87	1.14%	9		0	29	3.45%	0.00%
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	0	0	1	3	4	147	2.72%	6		0	59	8.47%	0.68%
KEYSER	3518	4	0	2	0	3	5	133	3.75%	7		0	31	9.68%	1.50%
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	0	3	1	2	6	645	0.93%	3		0	54	53.70%	0.62%
ELKINS	3647	4	0	1	0	6	7	121	5.78%	7		0	38	21.05%	0.83%
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	0	0	1	2	3	123	2.43%	7		0	40	17.50%	0.81%
COALTON	5583	4	0	0	0	0	0	17	0.00%	11		0	4	25.00%	0.00%
HARMAN	5781	4	0	0	0	1	1	17	5.88%	11		0	9	11.11%	0.00%
RIDGELEY	6452	4	0	1	0	0	1	72	1.38%	9		0	23	4.35%	1.39%
PETERSBURG	6454	4	0	1	0	0	1	105	0.95%	8		0	8	37.50%	0.95%
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	0	0	0	10	10	159	6.28%	6		0	49	24.49%	0.00%
MATHIAS	7780	4	0	0	0	1	1	17	5.88%	11		0	2	50.00%	0.00%
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	0	0	0	3	3	101	2.97%	8		0	35	17.14%	0.00%
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	0	0	0	0	0	88	0.00%	8		0	3	0.00%	0.00%
District 4 Total		4	0	9	3	39	51	2069	2.46%	4		0			0.58%
HUNTINGTON	1064	5	0	0	0	5	5	382	1.30%	3		0	77	5.19%	0.00%
IAEGER	1144	5	0	0	0	1	1	52	1.92%	10		0	9	11.11%	0.00%
SOPHIA	4326	5	0	0	0	4	4	113	3.53%	7		0	34	17.65%	0.00%
BECKLEY	4469	5	0	2	0	3	5	103	4.85%	8		0	31	9.68%	1.94%
HINTON	4500	5	0	0	0	0	0	24	0.00%	11		0	4	0.00%	0.00%
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	0	1	0	5	6	66	9.09%	10		0	17	41.18%	1.52%
MADISON	5578	5	0	0	0	34	34	216	15.74%	5		0	73	46.58%	0.00%
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	0	0	0	2	2	96	2.08%	8		0	28	10.71%	0.00%
ANSTED	7695	5	0	2	0	2	4	61	6.55%	10		0	20	20.00%	3.28%
OCEANA	8364	5	0	0	0	0	0	65	0.00%	10		0	11	9.09%	0.00%
HURRICANE	9097	5	0	2	1	6	9	170	5.29%	6		0	53	16.98%	1.76%
MILTON	9796	5	0	0	0	4	4	93	4.30%	8		0	15	26.67%	0.00%
District 5 Total		5	0	7	1	66	74	1441	5.13%	5		0			0.56%
Members at Large	15050	99	0	6	1	23	30	892	3.36%	2		0			0.78%
State Total	T	255	0	48	11	372	431	10394	4.14%			0			0.57%

					*100% by May 1st	*Purchase 500 Poppies by May 1st	*Donate \$275 to VFW Programs	*Submit Monthly Community Service Report in Dashboard	*Submit Community Service Nursing Home Visits (2 max)	*Donate \$100 to National Home (West Virginia House)	*Each New Member Recruited above 100%	New/Reinstated Membership percentage of 5% or greater	Each New Life Member	Each New Legacy Life recruited	Submit Voice of Democracy Entry	Submit Patriot's Pen entry	*Submit Teacher of the Year Entry	Submit Public Servant Entry	Submit JROTC Cadet of the Year package
					100 pts	5 pts	100 pts	10 pts each month	10 pts	100 pts max	5 pts each	25 pts	5 pts	10 pts each level	10 pts	10 pts	10 pts each category	10 pts each category	10 pts
cat	dist	post	location	total															
1	2	5469	Glenville	0															
1	4	5583	Coalton	0															
1	3	6737	Renick	0															
1		3757	Burnsville	0															
1	_	7780	Mathias	0															
1		8614	Craigsville	0															<b></b>
1		3738 2345	Webster Springs Tunnelton	0															
1		4595	Marlinton	0															-
1	3	1976	Weston	0															
1		3008	Rowlesburg	0															
1	_	4500	Hinton	0															
1		5781	Harman	0															
		15.00					100												
2		4768	Alum Creek	220			100	20		100									
2		6723 3554	Alderson Harrisville	210 120			100 100	10 20		100									
2		8516	Elkview	120			100	20											
2		4419	Clay	120			100	20											
2		5269	Belle	110			100	10											
2		9666	Sugar Grove	100			100	10											
2	3	9151	Salem	100			100												
2	5	8364	Oceana	25				20	5										
2	1	578	Terra Alta	20				20											
2	1	3526	New Cumberland	10				10											
2		6106	Summersville	10				10											
2		1144	Iaeger	10				10											
2	_	2523	Bruceton Mills	0															
2		1101	Romney	0															+
2		1589 3408	Masontown West Union	0															<del>                                     </del>
2		826	Kingwood	0															+
2		6418	Saint Albans	0															<del>                                     </del>
2		6452	Ridgeley	0															<del>                                     </del>
2		7695	Ansted	0															1
2		6153	Chapmanville	0															
2	5	9796	Milton	0															
														_		_			
								* All State											
		l						Requirement											
								•											

					*100% by May 1st	*Purchase 500 Poppies by May 1st	*Donate \$275 to VFW Programs	*Submit Monthly Community Service Report in Dashboard	*Submit Community Service Nursing Home Visits (2 max)	*Donate \$100 to National Home (West Virginia House)	*Each New Member Recruited above 100%	New/Reinstated Membership percentage of 5% or greater	Each New Life Member	Each New Legacy Life recruited	Submit Voice of Democracy Entry	Submit Patriot's Pen entry	*Submit Teacher of the Year Entry	Submit Public Servant Entry	Submit JROTC Cadet of the Year package
					100 pts	5 pts	100 pts	10 pts each month	10 pts	100 pts max	5 pts each	25 pts	5 pts	10 pts each level	10 pts	10 pts	10 pts each category	10 pts each category	10 pts
				total															
3	4	6454	Petersburg	255		5	100	20	10	100				20					
3	2	8363	Chesapeake	240			100	10	20	100				10					
3	2	3466	Charleston	235		5	100	20	10	100									
3	3	3663	Buckhannon	225		5	100	20		100									
3	2	6669	Ravenswood	225		5	100	20		100									
3	1	548	Morgantown	120			100	20											
3	1	4442	Elm Grove	120			100	20											
3	3	3081	Grafton	110			100	10					Į						
3		6327	Sistersville	110			100	10											
3		2102	Wardensville	20				20											
3		4469	Beckley	10				10											
3	_	5501	Ripley	10				10											
3	_	6667	Fort Ashby	10				10											
3		9606	Moorefield	10				10											
3		9097	Hurricane	0															
3		9916	Westover	0															
3		4019	Berkeley Springs	0															
3		410 3647	Belington Elkins	0															
3		4326	Sophia	0															
3				0															
3		3518	Keyser	0															
- 3	1	437	Moundsville	0															
4	2	1212	Parkersburg	115			100	10	5										
4		5578	Madison	25			100	20	5										
1	1	7048	East Fairmont	20				20	J										
4	5	1064	Huntington	15				10	5										
4		629	Fairmont	10		1		10	J				1						
4		896	Martinsburg	0				10									1		
4		2716	Weirton	0															
				<u> </u>															
$\vdash$	]			$oxed{oxed}$															
5		9926	Mason	225		5	100	20	10	100			ļ	10			ļ		
5	4	3522	Charles Town	140			100	20	10	400			}	10					
3	5	573	Clarksburg	120		5		10	5	100				10					
5	1	6450	Chester	35				20	5					10					
								*All State Requirement											

### \*\*\*\*\*\*Please make sure that all members are made aware of the General Orders. \*\*\*\*\*

The State Commander completed the following visit for the month of July - August 2024

- 26 July 1 August 2024, 125th National VFW Convention at Louisville, KY
- 4 August Recruiting and Veterans Benefits briefing, WV Army National Guard, Clarksburg, 3 members were reinstated
- 8 August Attended Sugar Grove, Post 9666. Excellent meeting
- 10 August VFW Auxiliary Training at Post 7048 Fairmont. The Auxiliary had excellent training.
- 12 August Attended Buckhannon Post 3663 meeting.
- 14 August Attended Salem Post 9151 meeting. Post is working hard.
- 17 August District 3 meeting, Clarksburg Post 573. Very good meeting
- 20 August Attended Belington Post 410 meeting. Will return on 3 September
- 22 August Attended Grafton Post 3081. The Post and Auxiliary and doing great work.
- 24 August District 2 meeting. Mason Post 9926. District 2 is working very hard, keep it up.
- 25 August District 1, meeting Masontown Post 1589. The district is on the right path.
- 27 August Worked at State Headquarters and attended Chapmanville Post 6153, Post.
- 28 August Meeting with the WV Army & Air National Guard Leadership. I'm working on a recruiting Plan between the VFW and the WV National Guard

Membership and delinquencies are still the main focus. Please work hard on both of these.

Let's remember to pay the \$275.00 for programs and order the 500 Buddy Poppies.

All WV schools are open, let's get the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen forms to the schools, don't forget the Home-Schooled youth. Also, the Citizenship Education Teacher Entries. Your due date to your Post is 31 October 2024.

It's also a good time to be looking at the Public Servant Entries (one each LAW/FF/EMT)

Reminder, \$100 donation to the WV House at the National Home.

The greatest part of being State Commander, is traveling the state and getting to meet the post members.

## "LET US TRY"



## Form for VFW Auxiliary to turn in to VFW Post RE: VFW Community Service

Auxiliary to VFW Post #	Date from: <sub>-</sub>		Date through	:	
Auxiliary programs that count:	[	# of members	# of hours	# of miles	Donations
Americanism	[				
Auxiliary Outreach	[				X
VFW National Home	[				
Hospital	[				
Legislative	[				
Scholarships	[				
Veterans & Family Support	[				
Youth Activities	[				
Total Auxiliary Community Service Informa	tion [	0	0	(	0 0

Auxiliary Programs that do not count for VFW Community Service - Extension & Revitalization, "Buddy" Poppy,
Historian & Media Relations, Mentoring for Leadership and Membership. Work for your VFW Post Home does not count.



# Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit

This publication provides general information and is not meant to be a substitute for tax laws or regulations.

Beginning January 1, 2024, taxpayers are eligible to claim a Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit. The first opportunity to claim this credit will be on a 2024 WV income tax return, filed in 2025, for all timely paid property taxes made on qualifying real property in the 2024 calendar year. The same rules will apply for all following years.

## Who Qualifies? Disabled Veteran Homeowners

## What Qualifies? Residential Homesteads

To ensure that you qualify for the Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit, you will have to pay your real property taxes timely. That means the first half of the assessment must be paid before October 1 and the second half before April 1. Location and contact information on your County Assessor can be found at <a href="mailto:tax.wv.gov">tax.wv.gov</a>.

Only eligible veterans who are <u>owners</u> of a homestead which is used or occupied exclusively for residential purposes may claim the Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit. <u>The credit is only available for the actual tax paid</u>. Taxpayers will be required to file a West Virginia Personal Income Tax Return in order to claim this credit. Along with the return, taxpayers will need to submit a copy of their receipt(s) for the property tax amount paid along with a copy of their Disability Rating letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Taxpayers claiming the Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit (DVRPTC) are not eligible to take the Senior Citizen Tax Credit (SCTC) or Homestead Excess Property Tax Credit (HEPTC). While taxpayers are permitted to take the SCTC and HEPTC together after the SCTC has been factored out of your HEPTC amount, the DVRPTC takes precedence over both those credits and must be taken alone.

Disabled Veteran Homeowners	Honorably discharged veterans from any branch of the U.S Armed Services who are considered 90-100% disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information on your benefits status or discharge records, visit www.va.gov.
Residential Homesteads	A single family residential house, including a mobile or manufactured or modular home, and the land surrounding such structure; or a mobile or manufactured or modular home regardless of whether the land upon which such mobile or manufactured or modular home is situated is owned or leased.
	To be a residential homestead, the property must also have been used or occupied by the owner for at least 6 months

With the passage of HB 125 in the 1st Special Session, taxpayers will not be penalized if they pay the second half of their ticket in 2023 because it is still considered due in 2024 and therefore timely paid.

#### For more information, you can:

- Call a Taxpayer Services Representative at (304) 558-3333 or toll-free at (800) 982-8297
- Email taxhelp@wv.gov
- Go Online to tax.wv.gov

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

NAME:					
(	Must be the name o	of an individual, n	ot a Post or Au	xiliary name)	
Ordered by: POST <u>OI</u>	R AUXILIARY				
ADDRESS WHERE PO	PPIES WILL BE SHIP	PED:			
	(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	
Minimum number of t	raditional or Poppy ta	abs that can be ord	dered is 500		
Traditional Buddy Po	oppies:				
Number of Poppies	\$275 per 1,	000, (plus shippi	ng per chart be	low) \$	
	\$167 for 50	00 (plus \$15.95 s	hipping)	\$	
Buddy Poppy Tabs: Number of Tabs	\$70 per 50	00 (plus shipping p	er chart below)	\$	



Signed:	
Name	Title

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

Make checks payable to: VFW STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Send all Orders and checks direct to: VFW State of West Virginia PO Box 9431 South Charleston, WV 25309

#### 2024-2025 VFW State of West Virginia District meeting schedule

	DISTRICT 1 12 PM	District 2 12 PM	DISTRICT 3 12 PM	DISTRICT 4 1 PM	DISTRICT 5 12 PM	
8/4/2024				Heaney Moorefield Host meet at American Legion 225 North Main St Moorefield Bise		8/4/2024
8/17/2024			Ogden Clarksburg Crum		Link Huntington Chipps	8/17/2024
8/24/2024		Ogden Mason Host at Serenity Hills, 516 Adams St Mason Kennedy				8/24/2024
8/25/2024	Wheeler Masontown Smith					8/25/2024
10/12/2024					Ogden Madison Crum	10/12/2024
10/20/2024				Link Wardensville Kennedy		10/20/2024
10/19/2024		Ogden Pakersburg Smith				10/19/2024
11/3/2024	Ogden Chester Crum					11/3/2024
11/16/2024			Heaney Grafton Bise			11/16/2024
4/12/2025		Ogden Ripley Crum			Heaney Huntington Kennedy	4/12/2025
4/13/2025	Link 629 Fairmont Bise					4/13/2025
4/19/2025			Ogden Buckhannon Kennedy			4/19/2025
4/27/2025				Ogen Fort Ashby Crum		4/27/2025



# Memorandum

To: VFW Department Commanders, Senior Vice Commanders, Junior Vice Commanders,

Adjutants, Quartermasters, and Service Officers

From: Mike Figlioli, Director, NVS

Date: 8/12/2024

Subject: Post Service Officer Duty Changes

With the advent of modern technologies such as virtual appointments and videoconferencing, our accredited representatives can provide professional representation regardless of location, eliminating the necessity for Post Service Officers (PSOs) to provide advice on Federal benefits at the Post level. Consequently, as a result of the changes adopted by the Council of Administration during the 2024 VFW National Convention, the following changes to Section 218 (12), VFW Manual of Procedure are effective immediately:

The Post Service Officer shall advise members of the Post, their family members and survivors of benefits and services that are available in the local community such as homeless services, employment opportunities, and companies that offer discounted goods or services to veterans.

\*(The PSO will advise/assist with benefits that are available in their community. They are not accredited and therefore not authorized to provide advice, prepare, or submit claims for VA or other Federal benefits.)

## The Post Service Officer shall direct individuals seeking Federal benefits assistance to the Department Service Officer.

\*(Advice and/or assistance with VA or other Federal benefits are the responsibility of the DSO and their accredited staff. PSOs will refer these requests for assistance directly to the DSO to ensure veterans receive the advice and service they deserve from our accredited representatives who are aware of current laws and trends.)

The work of a Post Service Officer shall be performed in accordance with the instructions contained in the **VFW Guide for Post Service Officers** under the general supervision of the Post Commander. The Post Service Officer shall perform other duties as may be incident to the office and as may from time to time be required by the laws and usages of this organization or lawful orders from proper authority.

\*(No significant change to this section, although changes will be made to the VFW Guide for Post Service Officers to reflect the new duties of the PSO. A revised PSO guide is currently being developed and will be distributed promptly upon completion.)

The intention is not to increase the workload for DSOs and their staff, nor do we expect such an increase, but to ensure that veterans receive timely and accurate guidance regarding the VA and Federal benefits they have rightfully earned through their service to our Nation. We anticipate a reduction in improperly prepared forms and decreased confusion among veterans if they have received advice from a PSO who is not fully informed of or in touch with the latest VA regulations. This may also eliminate the need for DSOs to train PSOs, thereby allowing more time to focus on assisting veterans with their claims.

These changes are designed to uphold our motto: "No One Does More for Veterans." By creating a local network of support, we will ensure that veterans receive essential guidance and life advice from local experts, and that VA benefits advice and assistance are provided by our highly trained, professional, and accredited benefits advocates.

Please address any questions related to these changes to Chris Macinkowicz, Deputy Director, NVS (<a href="mailto:cmacinkowicz@vfw.org">cmacinkowicz@vfw.org</a>).

Respectfully,

Markets fylis. Michael S.P. Figlioli

Director, National Veterans Service

## Deceased members 0724-082824

Post	First	MI	Last	Date	Post	First	MI	Last	Date
573	Kenneth		Dye	7/31/2024	15050	Andrew	E	Orebaugh	8/7/2024
629	Otis		Handley, Jr	8/21/2024	15050	Rolland	Н	Schaller	8/7/2024
2102	Robert	0	Bragg	8/6/2024	15050	Lonnie	В	Smith	8/7/2024
2716	Gary	D	Tennant	8/13/2024	15050	Albert		Stevens	8/7/2024
3466	Jon	Α	Mc Bride	8/27/2024	15050	Vance	W	Stump	8/7/2024
3518	PSC James	Α	Seaman	8/20/2024	15050	Melvin	В	Taylor	8/7/2024
3522	Vernon	Α	Atkins	8/27/2024	15050	Donzel	L	Walbrown	8/7/2024
3522	Gene	В	Shelton	8/27/2024	15050	Alva		Williams	8/7/2024
3522	Robert	W	Mc Keithen	8/20/2024	15050	Andrew	E	Orebaugh	8/7/2024
3522	David	Е	Lancaster	8/6/2024	15050	Rolland	Н	Schaller	8/7/2024
3647	James	W	Mc Cloud	8/6/2024	15050	Lonnie	В	Smith	8/7/2024
3663	Kenneth	K	Casto	7/26/2024	15050	Albert		Stevens	8/7/2024
4326	Thomas	E	Cecil	8/27/2024	15050	Vance	W	Stump	8/7/2024
4442	David	М	Trubiano	8/24/2024	15050	Melvin	В	Taylor	8/7/2024
4500	Robert	Т	Rogers	8/1/2024	15050	Donzel	L	Walbrown	8/7/2024
5469	Clyde	Е	Wood	8/24/2024	15050	Alva		Williams	8/7/2024
5469	Clarence	Α	Williamson	7/28/2024					
6450	Elmer	Н	Keller	8/20/2024					
6450	Sherman	Υ	Nearman	7/31/2024					
6454	Donnie	R	Carr	8/14/2024					
7048	Larry	J	Keener	8/6/2024					
	Dennis	С	Hurley	8/6/2024					
8614	Joshua	L	Lott	8/20/2024					
9606	Orval	Н	Riggleman	8/20/2024					
9796	John	Р	Hannah	8/13/2024					
9796	Winfred	G	Dillon	7/31/2024					
9916	Hugh	Α	Bailey	8/6/2024					
9926	Robert	L	Russell	7/31/2024					
15050	Robert	W	Mckeithen	8/20/2024					
15050	William	0	Horne, Jr	8/13/2024					
15050	Frank	Е	Bivens	8/7/2024					
15050	James	В	Bragg	8/7/2024					
15050	Carl	Е	Bryant	8/7/2024					
15050	Charles	Н	Crane	8/7/2024					
15050	George		Duskey	8/7/2024					
15050	Arzie		Freed	8/7/2024					
15050	Donald		Gunn	8/7/2024					
15050	Randolph	С	Holliday	8/7/2024					
15050	Lee	R	Jones	8/7/2024					
15050	Ivan		Keator	8/7/2024					
15050	Carl	J	Loudermilk	8/7/2024					
15050	Claude	N	Mc Graw	8/7/2024					
15050	Robey	S	O`Brien	8/7/2024					