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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 10
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1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Once again thanks to all for working hard to meet our goal of 99% by the end of March. Currently our membership percentage is 99.68%. We have slipped to No. #10 in the Nation and No. #6 in the Southern Conference. Keep working your unpaid/expired/expiring lists and conducting Buddy checks for members you have not seen in awhile. The National Commander-in-Chief has asked all Departments to achieve 102% in membership by the end of June to build back up to 1,000,000-member level to fight for veterans benefits. We only need 140 members to reach the April 30th goal of 101%. This is attainable since 175 members' dues are due the end of April and May.

District Membership Percentage:

District 1	101.52%	District 4	100.24%
District 2	103.66%	District 5	95.20%
District 3	97.69%		

UPCOMING RECRUITING EVENTS:

- April 1 Veterans Resource Fair, Nitro War Museum
- May 4 Veterans Resource Fair, Glen Jean Armory. Glen Jean
- June 4 130th Air Wing Family Day, McLaughlin Air National Guard Base (Coonskin)

2. **COMMUNITY SERVICE ENTRIES:** As a reminder, the Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, or Quartermaster all have access to the All-American Dashboard and are encouraged to enter community service contributions by event via the All-American Dashboard.

3. **POSTS IN ARREARS:** As a reminder, Posts in arrears will not be entitled to vote at the District or State Convention until the arrearages are resolved.

4. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- April 1 Post Scout of the Year entries to State HQS
- April 1 Commander and President's testimonial, Post 7048 East Fairmont
- April 1 Post Community Service Log/scrapbook to District Commander
- April 16 District Community Service winner log/scrapbook to State HQS
- April 30 Post Trustees Report of Audit for Jan 1 – Mar 31 due State HQS**
- June 22-25 State Convention, Waterfront Marriott Morgantown
- June 25-30 National Guard Camp Conley Kids Camp, Camp Dawson

5. **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:** *Districts serve lunch before meeting. Time listed is lunch time.*

District 1	7048 East Fairmont	April 23	12:00 PM	Boggess	Cutlip/Crum
District 2	Parkersburg	April 29	12:00 PM	Simmons	Hudson
District 3	Buckhannon	April 22	12:00 PM	Ogden	Chipp
District 4	Wardensville	April 23	1:00 PM	Ogden	Hudson
District 5	Madison	April 22	12:00 PM	Boggess	Kennedy

Schedule subject to change.

POST REPRESENTATION AT A DISTRICT MEETING/CONVENTION IS NOT AN OPTION. *In accordance with Section 218(a)(1)k, Post Commanders are to assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District meetings or Convention.*

6. **CAMP CONLEY NATIONAL GUARD KIDS CAMP:** We are partnering with the National Guard to assist them with this year's Kids Camp at Camp Dawson 25 – 30 June. We need 5 VFW or Auxiliary members to volunteer as Counselors, and Posts and Auxiliaries to promote the camp for campers. Although the flier states the camp is for WVNG and Military dependents, the National Guard is allowing the VFW to send non-National Guard and Military dependent campers ages 9-14. Volunteer and camper applications are included with these General Orders. For any questions or more information, please contact State Headquarters.

7. **2023 ELECTION REPORT PACKET:** Post Quartermasters have received the 2023 Election Report packet, which contains a blank election report, instructions on how to complete the election report via the Online Membership System. Also included are directions for Posts to pay the required 2023 National Convention delegate fee. The instructions and forms can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates>.

8. **PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES AND RESOLUTIONS:** State Headquarters must receive proposed changes to the State and National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, and any proposed Resolutions by May 15th to be presented to the delegates at the State Convention. Instructions on how to prepare Resolutions can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates>.

9. **DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTION POST DELEGATE FEES:** Posts are reminded in accordance with Article IV Section 3 of the Department Bylaws each Post shall pay \$5 for every delegate plus an additional \$5 for the Post Commander. Post Delegate(s) are elected in April. A Post Delegate must be present and on the Delegate list to cast the Post Delegate strength when voting at the conventions. Delegate fees will be set based on the March 31st membership statistics. Each Post will be notified of their delegate fee cost with a delegate registration form. The Delegate form must be sent to the District and State Quartermaster prior to their conventions. Payment of Post Delegate fees is not optional.

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