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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6  
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All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60909>. 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. **MEMBERSHIP:** Continue doing Buddy checks on your members who you have not seen for a while. This is an excellent way to work your unpaid and expired list. There are 161 members whose dues expire in December alone. This does not include 501 members whose dues have already expired this year and last year. Our next goal is 94% by February 1<sup>st</sup>. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Heaney at 304-694-0504.

2. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Nov 30, 2023	Post Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher entries to District
Nov 30, 2023	Post Public Servant entries (one each Law/FF/EMT) to District
Dec 20, 2023	District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries due State HQS
Jan 15, 2024	District Teacher of the Year entry due State HQS
Jan 15, 2024	District Public Servant entries (one each Law/FF/EMT) to State HQS
Jan 19-21, 2024	Mid-Winter Conference Stonewall Jackson Resort
Mar 1, 2024	Scout of the Year Entries to Posts

3. **ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER PHONE NUMBER:** *The Adjutant/Quartermaster has obtained an office cell phone, phone number 304-395-2430.*

4. **MID-WINTER ROOM RESERVATIONS:** **December 19<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline to reserve a room to receive the group rate for the Mid-Winter Conference. See the registration form included for directions to reserve your room. We need a great turnout at the banquet Saturday evening to recognize the top 3 District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners and the Teacher of the Year and thank them for taking the time to participate in our programs. As a reminder, the Voice of Democracy winner is eligible to receive a tuition free education at a participating state school, trade school or junior college and will go on to compete for the \$35,000 National award. The Patriot's Pen winner will go on to compete for the \$5,000 National award.

5. **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE:** Saturday of the Mid-Winter Conference a School of Instruction will be held from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm with a lunch break. The class will include trivia competition with prizes awarded. Attendees will be credited with the second SOI attendance required to be eligible for All-State.

6. **PROGRAM ENTRIES:** Posts are reminded to enter information on Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year entries received at the Post in the All-American Dashboard **by December 31<sup>st</sup>**. The

Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster at the Post and District level can make these entries.

7. **VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**: Posts are encouraged to make sure they have the current membership application forms NATIONAL COPY ver 2/22. This is found in the upper left of the form. Post Quartermaster can order applications free of charge with free shipping via OMS under the Tools, Products & Merch menu.

8. **COMMUNITY SERVICE QUARTERLY REPORT**: As long as a Post has entered a Community Service achievement in each month in the quarter in the Dashboard satisfies the All-American requirement of submitting a community service report quarterly. There is no separate field to enter a quarterly report. As a reminder, community service achievements are to be entered as soon as possible upon the completion of the event.

11. **COMMANDER CALENDAR**: Any Post requesting the presence of Commander Elliott through June 2024 need to send a request in writing or via email to State Headquarters at [vfwqm@frontier.com](mailto:vfwqm@frontier.com).

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