



VFW State of West Virginia
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 12
SERIES 2023-2024, JUNE 2024

All General Orders will be forwarded electronically and posted on the state website at <https://vfwwv.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.

A message from the Commander:

We are not done!

Keep pushing membership.

Keep recruiting.

This organization counts on membership for all the good we can do in D.C when our turn comes to fight for veterans. Yes, we need numbers!

Thank you Department of West Virginia for all the work you have done for veterans, families, and our communities this year. I have enjoyed seeing all the Posts on our discussion group and reading about our Posts activities across the state.

I hope to see lots of you at the State Convention in Bridgeport, June 20-23.

Commander Kami

1. **MEMBERSHIP**: Our membership stands at 96.78%. Our goal now is 100% by June 30th, 352 members away. Remember, membership is the lifeblood of this organization. 100% is achievable since there are 882 members who have not renewed their 2024 dues or paid their 2023 dues. Remember, they wanted to join for one reason or another. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Heaney at 304-694-0504.

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

3. **ALL-STATE TEAM**: Congratulations to the following for achieving All-State:

District 4	Post 6450 Chester
Post 3466 Charleston	Post 7048 East Fairmont
Post 3522 Charles Town	Post 8363 Chesapeake
Post 3663 Buckhannon	Post 8364 Oceana
Post 6327 Sistersville	Post 9926 Mason

4. **DATES TO REMEMBER**:

Jun 1, 2024	COMPLETE Post and District Election Reports to National and State HQS
June 20-23, 2024	State Convention Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV

5. **STATE CONVENTION ROOM RESERVATIONS**: The 2024 State Convention will be held June 20-23 at the Bridgeport Conference Center, 300 Conference Century Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Room reservations may be made by contacting the Wingate or Microtel:

Wingate By Windham (attached to the Conference Center):

350 Conference Center Way
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Reserve a room by **Monday, June 3, 2024** under the VFW block by calling 304-808-1000. Room rate is \$99 plus tax.

Microtel By Windham

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<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/29594?checkInDate=06/20/2024&checkOutDate=06/23/2024&groupCode=VFW06202024>

Room rates: \$80 per night plus tax (no microwave or refrigerator), \$85 double queen with microwave and refrigerator plus tax, or \$99 plus tax for a suite.

6. **STATE CONVENTION BANQUET**: Commander Elliott requests everyone wear a costume to the banquet but will not prohibit someone from attending the banquet free of charge. Let's show up in mass and wish Commander Elliott and President Chipps a successful year as Past Commander and Past President. This year's banquet will be free of charge. Our contract has been modified to make sure everyone who registers to attend the banquet has a meal, free of charge. To date there are 188 registered to attend the banquet, free of charge. Tickets at the convention may not be available.

7. **POST DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION**: Enclosed is the Post Delegate form to be provided to State Headquarters and your District Quartermaster. A Delegate or alternate has to be listed to attend the State Convention in order for the Post Commander or their representative to cast their Delegate strength vote when voting by Delegate strength. Also included is an update to the status of Post Delegate lists and Delegate Fees paid received at State HQS.

8. **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION**: Per Section 222 (d) of the National Bylaws, "Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials, and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee." Post Quartermasters are encouraged to register their delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System.

9. **CERTIFICATE OF CHARTER**: National has issued a certificate of charter evidencing consolidation of Howard P. Hall Post 1064 Huntington and East Huntington Post 9738 to be known as The Greater Huntington Post 1064.

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

BY ORDER OF:
KAMI M. ELLIOTT, COMMANDER
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

**VFW State of West Virginia
Memstats as of 053024**

City	Post	Dst	Difference	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year*	Percent	Div	RS	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
MARTINSBURG	896	4	-27	192	6	2	38	238	265	89.81%	4		1	62	66.13%	3.40%
ROMNEY	1101	4	+2	62	4	1	23	90	88	102.27%	8		2	27	92.59%	7.95%
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	+3	91	5	3	51	150	147	102.04%	6		0	86	62.79%	5.44%
KEYSER	3518	4	-12	109	1	0	25	135	147	91.83%	6		1	33	96.97%	1.36%
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	+52	602	41	3	4	650	598	108.69%	3		5	29	100.00%	8.19%
ELKINS	3647	4	-3	88	7	0	30	125	128	97.65%	7		1	40	85.00%	6.25%
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	+6	84	6	0	36	126	120	105.00%	7		0	41	100.00%	5.00%
COALTON	5583	4	+1	13	1	0	4	18	17	105.88%	11		0	4	125.00%	5.88%
HARMAN	5781	4	-1	10	0	0	9	19	20	95.00%	11		0	13	100.00%	0.00%
RIDGELEY	6452	4	-8	50	1	0	23	74	82	90.24%	9		0	31	74.19%	1.22%
PETERSBURG	6454	4	+1	103	0	7	1	111	110	100.90%	8		0	0	100.00%	6.36%
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	+5	111	6	3	37	157	152	103.28%	6		2	41	87.80%	7.24%
MATHIAS	7780	4	0	15	0	0	2	17	17	100.00%	11		0	2	100.00%	0.00%
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	-5	67	0	0	38	105	110	95.45%	8		0	59	74.58%	0.00%
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	+1	88	2	0	1	91	90	101.11%	8		0	2	50.00%	2.22%
District 4 Total		4	+15	1685	80	19	322	2106	2091	100.71%	4		12			5.31%

HUNTINGTON	1064	5	-37	318	1	3	75	397	434	91.47%	3		0	64	71.88%	0.92%
IAEGER	1144	5	-3	44	2	1	6	53	56	94.64%	10		2	9	77.78%	8.93%
SOPHIA	4326	5	-16	80	2	2	31	115	131	87.78%	7		0	49	59.18%	3.05%
BECKLEY	4469	5	+3	74	2	2	27	105	102	102.94%	8		1	37	67.57%	4.90%
HINTON	4500	5	-5	20	0	0	3	23	28	82.14%	11		0	14	42.86%	0.00%
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	-2	50	0	2	17	69	71	97.18%	9		1	13	100.00%	4.23%
MADISON	5578	5	-13	148	1	0	74	223	236	94.49%	5		3	82	97.56%	1.69%
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	-21	72	1	0	7	80	101	79.20%	8		1	12	75.00%	1.98%
ANSTED	7695	5	-4	42	1	1	15	59	63	93.65%	10		0	20	95.00%	3.17%
OCEANA	8364	5	+9	58	8	1	2	69	60	115.00%	10		4	3	100.00%	21.67%
HURRICANE	9097	5	+5	120	4	9	38	171	166	103.01%	6		0	47	70.21%	7.83%
MILTON	9796	5	-7	79	3	0	12	94	101	93.06%	8		0	31	70.97%	2.97%
District 5 Total		5	-91	1105	25	21	307	1458	1549	94.12%	4		12			3.74%

Members at Large	15050	99	-86	743	42	3	131	919	1005	91.44%	1		9			5.37%
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State Total		255	-352	8179	341	149	1917	10586	10938	96.78%			106			5.45%
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
103rd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION, JUNE 20-23, 2024
Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

2:00-4:00 pm Registration – **Ballroom foyer**
1:00 pm Resolutions and By-Laws Committee meeting – **Ballroom AC**
 Moske, Elliott, Ogden, Anderson, Kingsbury, Light
2:00 pm Budget/Investments Committee meeting – **Ballroom AC**
 Elliott, Moske, Heaney, Boggess, Ogden, Light
3:00 pm Joint Memorial Service practice – **Ballroom**
6:00 pm Council of Administration meeting – **Ballroom**

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024

8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration – **Ballroom foyer**
8:00 am Credentials Committee meeting – **Ballroom AC**
8:30 am Joint Opening Session - **Ballroom**
9:15 am Joint Memorial Service/Gold Star Families Program - – **Ballroom**
10:00 am Formal Opening of the 103rd Annual State Convention – **Ballroom**
12:00 pm Recess
1:30 – TBD Training for new Post and District Officers – **Ballroom**
5:00 pm Credentials Committee meeting (meeting time adjusted by Chairman) –
Ballroom AC
6:00 pm Elimination Dinner (ticketed event)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

8:00 am Past State Commander's & Presidents Meeting – **Ballroom AC**
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration – **Ballroom foyer**
8:30 am Reconvene VFW Business Session – **Ballroom**
12 am – 4:00 pm Poker Run - **Patio**
1:30 pm Potomac Highlands Wounded Warriors/Jackson County Hunting Heroes
Fundraiser – **Patio**
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Round table discussions/training – **Ballroom**
6:00 pm Reception/Banquet – **Ballroom**

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

8:30 am Worship Service – **Ballroom**
10:00 am Council of Administration Meeting – **Ballroom**

Schedule subject to change



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2024 DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DELEGATES

In accordance with Section 222 of the National Manual of Procedure, Post delegates and alternates to the District Convention and meetings, Department and National Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one delegate for every 30 members in good standing or fraction thereof as of March 31st.

In accordance with Section 521 of the National Bylaws, a Post member must be registered as a delegate and be present at the District and/or Department Convention to cast the delegate strength of the Post when voting.

Forward your delegate list to your District Quartermaster prior to your District meeting in April and to State Headquarters by June 6, 2024.

Post _____

Delegate

Alternate

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AND AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
JUNE 20-23, 2024

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Room rates: \$80 per night plus tax (no microwave or refrigerator), \$85 double queen with microwave and refrigerator plus tax, or \$99 plus tax for a suite.

There is no registration or banquet cost for the State Convention. Only 150 banquet tickets are available. Banquet tickets must be ordered by June 10, 2024. Commander Elliott requests all banquet attendees be dressed in a costume.

To allow for proper administrative support to all attending the Convention, I am requesting the **information on the back of this sheet be sent to State Headquarters, even if you do not plan to attend the Convention banquet Saturday evening.**

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AND AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
JUNE 20-23, 2024

Bridgeport Conference Center
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Banquet Buffet Menu

Field Greens Salad with English Cucumber, Olives, Grape Tomatoes, Garlic Croutons, House Italian and Buttermilk Ranch Dressings.

Southern Fried chicken, Skillet Gravy (on side)

Tenderloin Beef Tips and Gravy

Buttered Egg Noodles

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Country Style Green Beans

Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Smoked Bacon

Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter

Key Lime Pie & Strawberry Shortcake Cake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water

There is no charge for the banquet. *Banquet tickets must be ordered by June 13, 2024.*

POST and/or AUX _____

<u>Name</u>	<u>State, District or Post Office held</u>	<u>Banquet (Y/N)</u>
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact State Headquarters at (304) 395-2430



Department of West Virginia

25 February 2024

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

This year the Department of West Virginia VFW will host a Poker Run during the week of the convention. The Poker Run will be held on Saturday, 22 June 2024, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This is a motorcycle ride where riders donate to ride with us on a designated route. The funds from this ride will benefit the Department of West Virginia VFW.

If you would like to donate to this cause, the cost of a sponsorship for the Poker Run is \$200, your business or Post will have their name on the back of the Shirt.

These shirts will be sold to anyone at the convention. Brochure for the Poker Run is attached, please help spread the word.

If you would like to purchase a Shirt, the cost of the shirt will be \$20.00. All checks payable to

VFW State HQS
P.O. Box 9431
South Charleston, WV 25309

Veterans and Auxiliary attending the State Convention will be able to register at the registration desk at the Convention. For everyone that only want to ride on the Poker Run you will register at Meuse-Argonne VFW Post 573
430 West Pike Street
Clarksburg, WV 26301
Beginning at 12:00 noon.

We appreciate your consideration, thanks again for your support. Contact Kevin Link at 304-703-2771, or email klink@hardynet.com for questions.

With Dedication

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Link".

Kevin Link

Surgeon

Department of West Virginia
85 Lower Arkansaw Road
Baker, WV 26801
Cell: 304-703-2771
Email: klink@hardynet.com

VFW POST 2102

PO Box 276
Wardensville, WV 26851

WV State VFW Convention Poker Run 2024



- Poker Run 2024
- Bridgeport Conference Center
- 300 Conference Center Way
- Bridgeport, WV 26330
- Meet at 12:00 P.M.
- KSU at 1:00 P.M.
- 22 June 2024
- \$20.00 Singles
- \$30.00 Doubles
- Free Patch with each registration
- Highest Hand: \$200
- Lowest Hand: \$100
- Sponsor's Welcome

If attending the State VFW Convention, you will register and purchase shirts at the registration table.

If attending Poker Run only, register

Meuse-Argonne VFW Post 573

430 West Pike Street Clarksburg, WV 26301.

On 22 June 2024 at 12:00 to 1:30. T-Shirts available for sale, \$20.00 a shirt. To preorder email shirt size to klink@hardynet.com.

\$3000 COULD BE YOURS!!!



ELIMINATION DINNER

WHERE: STATE CONVENTION HOSPITALITY ROOMS

WHEN: JUNE 21, 2024 STARTING @ 6pm

Cost \$20

A Chance to win \$3000 and progressive prizes **also!!!**

Dinner will be provided by Big Fatty's Smoking Meat Dinner will be served at 5pm

If you cannot attend it will be a Facebook live event!!

Reserve your tickets today!!

This event is in lieu of the Calendars previously sold. The money raised will go toward Scarlet Kennedy's year as Department President.

To Reserve your tickets please contact: Scarlet Kennedy @304-694-4560 or 1967scarletk@gmail.com or Amanda Yoho @ 304-534-1831 or akyoho@gmail.com

Tickets can be delivered to you, or you can pick them up at registration at VFW State convention/

Make check payable to VFWA WV earmarked Elimination dinner!!

Thank You!!!



HOSPITALITY ROOM DONATIONS

State Convention is right around the corner! It would greatly be appreciated if you could donate either items of need or monetary.

Scarlet Kennedy will be hosting the VFW Auxiliary hospitality room. I am asking for your help to make it a huge success.

Items needed are desserts (pies cookies cupcakes and cakes), beer, yogurt, fresh fruit, bread, buns and of course money. If items need picked up please let me know. I will be traveling through out to deliver Elimination Dinner tickets.

All monetary Donations are to be sent to Diana Stout 740 Lowery Donnally Rd. Charleston, WV 25304 earmarked hospitality room.

For pick up of items call or email Scarlet Kennedy @ 1967scarletk@gmail.com or call 304-694-4560

Thank you so very much.

Scarlet Kennedy

Department of West Virginia JR.Vice President

Deceased Members 0501-052924

Post	First	MI	Last	Date
573	Robert	R	Hardman	5/7/2024
578	Thomas	E	Lewis	5/7/2024
629	Donald	R	Luketic	5/7/2024
896	Carlos		Guzman	5/14/2024
1064	Robert	P	Brammer	5/7/2024
1064	David	A	Sias	5/7/2024
1212	Michael	S	Gillespie	5/7/2024
2102	Rodney	D	Orndorff	5/7/2024
3518	Richard	J	Brown	5/21/2024
3518	Gene	C	Clem	5/7/2024
3647	Warren	E	Hinzman	5/24/2024
4326	Samuel	A	Birchfield	5/21/2024
4326	Robert	L	Vest	5/21/2024
4469	Raymond	B	Osborne	5/21/2024
5578	Denvil	G	Smith, Jr	5/13/2024
6418	Bill		Bishop	5/21/2024
6723	Gail	M	Kerns	5/10/2024
7048	Lloyd	E	Shaw	5/14/2024
7695	Ray	A	Goforth	5/21/2024
9097	Benton	L	Baker	5/7/2024
9606	George	W	Runion	5/7/2024

Changes to the 2023-2024 State Directory to accompany the June General Orders

VFW:

Change:

VFW Post 1064 and Post 9738 have consolidated. Update both Post's information as follows:

HUNTINGTON, WV—GREATER HUNTINGTON POST NO. 1064 (District 5)--Dues \$40.00

Meeting Nights - 2nd Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Phone 751-2823

Street and Mailing Address - 227 Main Street, Huntington, WV 25702

Commander	Joshua Rife, 1572 Main St Apt 1	Barboursville	25504	304-617-0476
Sr Vice Cdr	Curtis White, 184 Township Road 1088	Proctorville, OH	45669	740-861-1446
Jr Vice Cdr	Thomas Murphy, 6 Fairfax Dr	Chesapeake, OH	45619	276-245-6879
Adj/QM	PSC David Moske II, 6633 Mud River Rd	Barboursville	25504	304-751-2823
Service Officer	Jeffrey Wisley, 118 Sarah Grace Ln	Lavalette	25535	707-761-6186

AUXILIARY:

In accordance with Section 714 of the National By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the names and addresses of the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be considered confidential and shall not be made available for commercial or political use.