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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4  
 SERIES 2023-2024, OCTOBER 2023

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 expired list. We are only 621 members short of reaching our goal of 87% by November 1<sup>st</sup>. For assistance with membership, contact Junior Vice Commander Simmons at 205-434-0490.

2. **UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

*Districts serve lunch before meeting. Time listed is lunch time.*

District 1	Chester	October 29	12:00 PM	Heaney	Chippis
District 2	Parkersburg	October 21	12:00 PM	Ogden	Chippis
District 3	Grafton	October 21	12:00 PM	Simmons	Kennedy
District 4	Martinsburg	October 22	1:00 PM	Elliott	Kennedy
District 5	Milton	October 28	12:00 PM	Heaney	Crum

Schedule subject to change.

**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. Information for members to participate in the meeting electronically will be provided at a later date.**

3. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Oct 31, 2023	Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Teacher of the Year entrees due to Posts
Oct 31, 2023	<b>Post Trustees Quarterly Audit for July – September due State HQS</b>
Nov 2-5, 2023	Southern Conference Tulsa, OK
Nov 15, 2023	2022 Tax Filings due for Posts whose accounting year runs 1 July – 30 June
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 19-21, 2024	Mid-Winter Conference Stonewall Jackson Resort

4. **2023-2024 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:**

Please note the School of Instruction to be held at Sophia has changed dates to November 5 at 2:00 PM.

Things to expect:

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Posts may attend the nearest and most convenient location to count as an attendance requirement.

5. **2022 TAX FILING AND POST PROPERTY INSURANCE**: Posts are reminded to send a copy of their 2022 tax filings and the declaration page of their Post Property insurance showing the dates of coverage and amount of coverage to State HQS.

6. **COMMUNITY SERVICE ENTRIES**: Posts are reminded to enter community service achievements as soon as possible after completion in the All-American dashboard. Posts with Auxiliaries are encouraged to enter Auxiliary members' community service in the Dashboard also.,

7. **BUDDY POPPY TIN TABS**: Buddy Poppy tin tabs will be available to order very soon. Be on the lookout for a revised Poppy order form that will show the cost of the Buddy Poppy tabs.

8. **VFW FOUNDATION GRANTS**: Posts can apply for a grant offered by the VFW Foundation for Post improvements and community service initiatives. At this time, the VFW Foundation existing grant application periods are closed. New grants and application periods are expected to be available after Oct.1, 2023. For more information visit the Foundation website at <https://www.vfw.org/foundation>.

9. **COMMANDER CALENDAR**: Any Post requesting the presence of Commander Elliott through June 2024 need to send a request in writing to State Headquarters.

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 092723

City	Post	Dst		Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year*	Percent	Div	RS	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
MARTINSBURG	896	4	-63	188	1	1	12	202	265	76.22%	4		0	62	29.03%	0.75%
ROMNEY	1101	4	-18	61	4	1	4	70	88	79.54%	8		1	27	29.63%	6.82%
WARDENSVILLE	2102	4	-49	88	1	0	9	98	147	66.66%	6		0	86	16.28%	0.68%
KEYSER	3518	4	-33	107	0	0	7	114	147	77.55%	6		0	33	39.39%	0.00%
CHARLES TOWN	3522	4	-8	576	13	0	1	590	598	98.66%	3		0	29	100.00%	2.17%
ELKINS	3647	4	-31	88	1	0	8	97	128	75.78%	7		1	40	32.50%	1.56%
BERKELEY SPRINGS	4019	4	-30	82	1	0	7	90	120	75.00%	7		0	41	51.22%	0.83%
COALTON	5583	4	-1	13	1	0	2	16	17	94.11%	11		0	4	75.00%	5.88%
HARMAN	5781	4	-6	10	0	0	4	14	20	70.00%	11		0	13	53.85%	0.00%
RIDGELEY	6452	4	-19	49	1	0	13	63	82	76.82%	9		0	31	45.16%	1.22%
PETERSBURG	6454	4	-7	103	0	0	0	103	110	93.63%	8		0	0	100.00%	0.00%
FORT ASHBY	6667	4	-32	108	1	1	10	120	152	78.94%	6		1	41	36.59%	1.97%
MATHIAS	7780	4	-1	15	0	0	1	16	17	94.11%	11		0	2	50.00%	0.00%
MOOREFIELD	9606	4	-24	66	0	0	20	86	110	78.18%	8		0	59	38.98%	0.00%
SUGAR GROVE	9666	4	-2	87	1	0	0	88	90	97.77%	8		0	2	50.00%	1.11%
<b>District 4 Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>-324</b>	<b>1641</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1767</b>	<b>2091</b>	<b>84.50%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>3</b>			<b>1.48%</b>

HUNTINGTON	1064	5	-51	175	0	1	12	188	239	78.66%	5		0	64	28.13%	0.42%
IAEGER	1144	5	-4	33	1	0	1	35	39	89.74%	11		1	9	44.44%	5.13%
SOPHIA	4326	5	-43	80	0	1	7	88	131	67.17%	7		0	49	18.37%	0.76%
BECKLEY	4469	5	-25	71	0	0	6	77	102	75.49%	8		0	37	18.92%	0.00%
HINTON	4500	5	-9	18	0	0	1	19	28	67.85%	11		0	14	14.29%	0.00%
ALUM CREEK	4768	5	-12	49	0	0	10	59	71	83.09%	9		0	13	69.23%	0.00%
MADISON	5578	5	-67	144	2	0	23	169	236	71.61%	5		0	82	40.24%	0.85%
CHAPMANVILLE	6153	5	-26	70	1	0	4	75	101	74.25%	8		0	12	41.67%	0.99%
ANSTED	7695	5	-13	42	0	0	8	50	63	79.36%	10		0	20	55.00%	0.00%
OCEANA	8364	5	-3	54	3	0	0	57	60	95.00%	10		1	3	33.33%	6.67%
WELCH	8413	5	-7	10	0	0	0	10	17	58.82%	11	S	0	5	40.00%	0.00%
HURRICANE	9097	5	-31	120	0	5	10	135	166	81.32%	6		0	47	21.28%	3.01%
HUNTINGTON	9738	5	-40	142	0	0	13	155	195	79.48%	5		0	56	37.50%	0.00%
MILTON	9796	5	-18	77	2	0	4	83	101	82.17%	8		0	31	45.16%	1.98%
<b>District 5 Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>-349</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>77.46%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>1.16%</b>

Members at Large	15050	99	-190	645	12	0	38	695	885	78.53%	2		1			1.47%
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<b>State Total</b>		<b>255</b>	<b>-2,042</b>	<b>7970</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>8896</b>	<b>10938</b>	<b>81.33%</b>			<b>35</b>			<b>1.52%</b>
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# 2023-2024 CONVENTION SHIRTS

Orders are being taken for 2023-2024 West Virginia Convention Shirts. The shirt is a Navy blue button up shirt. You have the option of selecting a short or long sleeve shirt. The VFW shirts will have West Virginia above the Cross of Malta on the left side above the pocket. The Auxiliary shirts will have West Virginia above the Auxiliary logo on the right side. You have the option of up to 3 lines of embroidering your name/office/post or auxiliary number/year, etc. on the right side at no additional cost.



Shirt Cost:	
Small thru XL	\$39
2XL	\$40
3XL	\$43
4XL	\$44

Send completed order forms with payment to: VFW State HQS, PO Box 9431, South Charleston, WV 25309 by April 5, 2024.

Contact State HQS at 304-768-7514 or [vfwqm@frontier.com](mailto:vfwqm@frontier.com) if you have any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Men's or Women's	VFW or Auxiliary	Right Side Embroidery (Up to 3 Lines)	Long or Short Sleeve	Size

## S.O.I.s

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# SOI LOCATIONS

6450 Chester

3526 New Cumberland

2716 Weirton

4442 Elm Grove

437 Moundsville

\*Will meet at:

Elm Grove Thursday, Oct. 12th @ 6 p.m.

548 Morgantown

9916 Westover

629 Fairmont

7048 East Fairmont

3081 Grafton

\*Will meet at:

Westover Thursday, Oct. 5th @ 8 p.m.

1589 Masontown

2523 Bruceton Mills

2345 Tunnelton

826 Kingwood

3008 Rowlesburg

578 Terra Alta

\*Will meet at:

Masontown Wednesday, Oct. 11th @ 7 p.m.

6327 Sistersville

3554 Harrisville

1212 Parkersburg

\*Will meet at:

Parkersburg Wednesday, Oct. 11th @ 7 p.m.

5501 Ripley

6669 Ravenswood

9926 Mason

\*Will meet at:

Mason Tuesday, Oct. 10th @ 7 p.m.

8516 Elkview

4419 Clay

6418 St. Albans

8363 Chesapeake

5269 Belle

3466 Charleston

4768 Alum Creek

5578 Madison

\*Will meet at:

Madison Tuesday, Oct. 9 @ 7 p.m.

3408 West Union

573 Clarksburg

9151 Salem

\*Will meet at:

Clarksburg Monday, Oct. 2nd @ 7 p.m.

410 Belington

3647 Elkins

5583 Coalton

5781 Harman

9666 Sugar Grove

\*Will meet at:

Belington Tuesday, Oct. 3rd @ 7 p.m.

1976 Weston

3663 Buckhannon

3757 Burnsville

5469 Glenville

\*Will meet at:

Buckhannon Monday, Oct. 9th @ 6 p.m.

8614 Craigsville

6106 Summersville

6737 Renick

4595 Marlinton

3738 Webster Springs

\*Will meet at: TBD

Summersville Monday, oct. 2nd @ 7 p.m.

6723 Alderson

4484 Quinwood

7695 Ansted

4500 Hinton

\*Will meet at:

Alderson Saturday Oct. 14th @ 10 a.m.

@ The Presbyterian Church

4469 Beckley

4326 Sophia

8364 Oceana

8413 Welch

1144 laeger

6153 Chapmanville

\*Will meet at:

Sophia Sunday, Nov. 5th @2 p.m.

1064 Huntington  
9738 Huntington  
9796 Milton  
9097 Hurricane  
\*Will meet at:  
9738 Huntington Tuesday Oct. 10th @ 7 p.m.

6454 Petersburg  
7780 Mathias  
9606 Moorefield  
2102 Wardensville  
\*Will meet at:  
Wardensville Tuesday Oct. 10th @ 7 p.m.

6452 Ridgeley  
6667 Fort Ashby  
3518 Keyser  
1101 Romney  
\*Will meet at:  
Ft. Ashby Tuesday Oct. 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

4019 Berkeley Springs  
896 Martinsburg  
3522 Charles Town  
\*Will meet at:  
Charlestown Tuesday, Oct. 10th @ 7 p.m.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE YOUR OWN  
GROUP OR ONE IS CLOSER, BY ALL MEANS,  
CHOOSE ANOTHER THAT WILL WORK FOR  
YOU.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**National VFWA President's Visit to WV**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Carla flies into Charleston, but we don't have her arrival time. Tentatively, we will be visiting the WV State Capitol and Museum. Lunch will either be in Charleston or Huntington.**

**Aisle of Honor will be at the hotel, and we are still working on the location.**

**Banquet Dinner at VFW Post 9738 in Huntington at 7:00 pm, with a Social Hour from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.\***

**November 19<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at a local restaurant, followed by a visit to the new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument near the Memorial Arch in Huntington.**

**Lunch at VFW Post 9926 in Mason, followed by a stop and tour in Point Pleasant.**

**Visit the WV Veterans Home**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> Carla flies out of Charleston, but we don't have her departure time. Breakfast TBD.**

**Please fill out the attached form so that we have an estimate on the number of hotel rooms needed for November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*In lieu of gifts, please consider bringing a monetary donation to Carla's and Duane's Joint Special Project – the VFW National Home Welcome Center Renovation.**



## **Changes to the 2023-2024 State Directory to accompany the October General Orders**

### **VFW:**

#### **Change:**

- Martinsburg Post 896:
  - o change Commander to Keith Windsor, 28 McWharton Way, Bunker Hill, WV 25413, 910-382-3403.
  - o change Senior Vice Commander to Mark Meisinger, 205 Dinali Dr, Martinsburg, WV 25403.
- Elm Grove Post 4442:
  - o Change meeting date and time to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 PM.

**Deceased Members 083023-092723**

<b>Post</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Date</b>
410	Robert	G	Kisner	8/31/2023
410	John	W	Reed	8/31/2023
410	Arthur	P	Sublett	9/10/2023
437	Earl	T	Beabout, Sr	8/31/2023
437	John	D	Glover	8/31/2023
437	Glen	O	Ward	9/18/2023
548	Fredrick	D	Dusenberry	8/31/2023
548	Michael	G	Morrison	8/31/2023
573	Robert	E	Harold	8/31/2023
573	Michael	B	Mcgougan	8/31/2023
573	Marjorie	A	Paugh	8/31/2023
573	Stephen	A	Rollins	8/31/2023
578	Charles	W	Weimer, Sr	8/31/2023
629	Eric	C	Turner	8/30/2023
629	Ralph	C	Marsh	8/31/2023
629	William		Meighan, Sr	8/31/2023
629	Stanley	J	Ritchie	8/31/2023
629	Ronald	L	Sheranko	8/31/2023
826	Delbert	S	Huffman	8/31/2023
826	William		Mankins	8/31/2023
896	John	R	Domino, Jr	8/31/2023
896	James	J	Mann	8/31/2023
1064	William	B	Adkins	8/31/2023
1064	Bill	D	Maynard	8/31/2023
1064	Damon	F	Young	8/31/2023
1212	Raymond	L	Ray	8/31/2023
1212	Edward	M	Sams	8/31/2023
1212	William	G	Sands	8/31/2023
1212	Carlton	S	Stephens	8/31/2023
1212	James	M	Stidham	8/31/2023
1212	Charles	M	Swackhamer	8/31/2023
1589	Perry	C	Metz	8/31/2023
1976	Dolpha	D	Rohrbough	8/31/2023
2102	Robert	P	Arnold	8/31/2023
2345	William	J	Coleman	8/31/2023
2716	Jack	L	Brown	9/14/2023
3081	Delmas	G	Cogar	8/31/2023
3466	Antonio	S	Jackson	8/31/2023
3518	Gary	D	Hamilton	8/31/2023
3518	George	R	Kitzmilller, II	8/31/2023
3518	Robert	A	Wright	8/31/2023
3526	Clayton	J	Settle	8/31/2023
3526	Ronald	G	Little	9/3/2023
3647	Grant	H	Isenhardt	8/30/2023
3647	Willard	L	Herron	8/31/2023
3647	Jennings	R	Lipscomb	8/31/2023

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3663	Charles		Martin	8/31/2023
3663	Fred	D	Newman	8/31/2023
4019	Gary	E	Jones, Sr	8/31/2023
4019	William	B	Luke	8/31/2023
4019	James	W	Proffitt	8/31/2023
4326	Michael	L	Acord	8/31/2023
4326	Richard	D	Combs	8/31/2023
4442	Paul	L	Hammond, Jr	8/31/2023
4484	Ben		Johnson	8/31/2023
4484	Paul	E	Moore	8/31/2023
4500	Darrel	L	Treece	8/31/2023
4595	Harold	L	Crist	8/31/2023
4768	Elmo	A	McClure	8/31/2023
5501	William	D	Manns	8/31/2023
5501	Clyde	E	Sullivan, Jr	8/31/2023
5501	Allen	L	Tetrick	8/31/2023
5501	Eugene	H	Williamson	8/31/2023
5501	James	R	Haid	9/11/2023
5501	Gary	W	Parsons	9/11/2023
5501	Leonard	F	Ramsey	9/11/2023
5578	Edward	M	Jeffrey	8/31/2023
5578	Thomas	L	Roberts	8/31/2023
5578	Maurice	G	Gagnon	9/9/2023
6153	James	B	Cockerham	8/31/2023
6153	Scott	A	Day	8/31/2023
6153	Rhonda	G	Farley	8/31/2023
6327	Nile	D	Harris	9/20/2023
6418	William	C	Crouch	8/31/2023
6450	Kurt	M	Culler	8/31/2023
6450	John	L	Yanni	8/31/2023
6454	Ralph	H	Gregory	8/31/2023
6454	Sheldon	M	Miller, II	8/31/2023
6454	William	C	Raines	8/31/2023
6454	John	A	Reidy, Jr	8/31/2023
6669	Robert	K	Toler	8/31/2023
6669	William	S	Triplett, Jr	8/31/2023
7048	Lyle	R	Miller	8/31/2023
7695	Victor	K	Stallard	8/31/2023
7695	Lee	R	Tincher	8/31/2023
7695	Richard	G	Worlledge	8/31/2023
8364	Elzie	E	Lester	9/11/2023
8364	Oakey	C	Mc Kenney	9/11/2023
8364	Hollard	E	Blankenship	9/20/2023
8516	Boyd	M	Litton	8/31/2023
9097	Diana	L	Benefiel	8/31/2023
9097	Steven	D	Miller, II	8/31/2023

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9151	Robert	L	Barnes	8/31/2023
9151	Robert	E	Moore	8/31/2023
9606	Thomas	C	Denney, Sr	8/31/2023
9606	Eugene	A	Vassallo	8/31/2023
9606	James	R	Wagoner, Sr	8/31/2023
9666	Robert	J	Fisher, Jr	8/31/2023
9738	Larry	J	Davis	8/31/2023
9738	Robert	L	Harbour	8/31/2023
9738	David	w	Moehling	8/31/2023
9738	David	M	Scites	8/31/2023
9738	Paul	L	Turman	8/31/2023
9926	Harold	E	Lemley	8/30/2023
9926	Josepl	M	Antal	8/31/2023
9926	David	D	Campbell	8/31/2023
9926	Nicholas	V	King	8/31/2023
9926	Clarence	R	Riffle	8/31/2023
9926	Charles	A	Wilkins	8/31/2023
15050	Gerald	A	Agee	8/31/2023
15050	Richard	B	Donovan	8/31/2023
15050	Elmer		Harshbarger	8/31/2023
15050	Clyde	I	Mc Manus	8/31/2023
15050	Harley	F	Mooney, Jr	8/31/2023
15050	John	L	Pearl	8/31/2023
15050	Clair	E	Powell	8/31/2023
15050	Paul	E	Reynolds	8/31/2023
15050	Donald	G	Thomas	8/31/2023
15050	Bernard	G	Murphy	9/25/2023