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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
SERIES 2022-2023, JULY 2022

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel “Woody” Williams. In memory of Woody, the Council of Administration has approved donating 10% of the proceeds from the Woody Williams commemorative Ka-Bar sales to the Hershel “Woody” Williams Foundation. To order your Ka-Bar, go to <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=120305> and view the three different order options and follow the prompts.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM PAST STATE COMMANDER ELKINS: Comrades, I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your WV VFW Department Commander 2021-2022. I appreciate your hard work over the past year involving our community, our veterans and their families. It was honor to travel our beautiful state, visiting posts and auxiliaries, working veterans/family issues, and sharing your valuable time with me. It was a memorable experience, one that I will not forget. I am sure you join me in wishing our 2022-2023 Commander Corrina Boggess all the best and pledge our hard work towards our WV VFW goals. Thanks again,, I Salute You!!

1. At the 101st Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars State of West Virginia held at the Charleston Town Center Marriott, Charleston, WV June 16-19, 2022, I, Corrina M. Boggess, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National Bylaws, do hereby assume command. All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 30, 2022, except those set forth in the bylaws.

2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Congratulations to the following Posts for their diligent work in achieving 100% in membership. Junior Vice Commander Richard Ogden has been appointed 2022-2023 Membership Chairman. For assistance with membership, contact him at 304-545-8599.

Congratulations to the following 100% Posts:

4442 Elm Grove	109.81%	9926 Mason	104.76%	3522 Charles Town	107.35%
6450 Chester	103.80%	3757 Burnsville	133.33%	9796 Milton	100.84%
6669 Ravenswood	100%	3466 Charleston	107.21%	5469 Glenville	118.18%
5583 Coalton	100%	5501 Ripley	101.80%	4019 Berkeley Springs	105.60%
6723 Alderson	125.71%	9606 Moorefield	109.09%	2716 Weirton	102.75%
9666 Sugar Grove	100%	573 Clarksburg	101.72%	2102 Wardensville	101.68%
629 Fairmont	100.49%	6327 Sistersville	100%	5269 Belle	101.56%
3663 Buckhannon	101.89%	5781 Harman	100%	8363 Chesapeake	100.92%
1589 Masontown	100%	5578 Madison	100.78%	2523 Bruceton Mills	100%

2. **MEMBERSHIP INCREASE CONTEST:** Congratulations to Post 5781 Harman for winning the May membership increase contest. Other Posts in the drawing were Posts 4500 Hinton, 4442 Elm Grove, 9738 East Huntington and 573 Clarksburg.

3. **2022 RECRUITING AWARD:** Congratulations to Joe Capito of Post 6450 Chester and Ronie Wheeler of Post 9926 Mason for winning the Recruiter of the Year award for recruiting or reinstating 25 members each. Commander Corrina Boggess won the random drawing at the State Convention.

4. **2022-2023 District Meetings/Conventions windows:**

August 20/21 or August 27/28

November 5/6 or November 12/13

April 21/22 or April 28/29

District Commanders coordinate with your Posts and Auxiliaries to determine host locations for the meetings and conventions and **provide location, date and time to State Headquarters by July 25th.**

5. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

7TH of each month Post and Auxiliary Community Service reports (dollars and hours) to District Commander

20th of each month District Commanders consolidated Community Service report to State HQS

July 16-21, 2022 National Convention Kansas City, MO

July 31, 2022 Post Trustees Quarterly Audit due State HQS

August 6 State School of Instruction (location TBD)

October 27-30 Southern Conference Asheville, NC

6. **STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS:** On June 18, 2022 at the 101st State Convention, the delegates attending the convention elected the following officers:

Commander	Corrina Boggess, Post 8363 Chesapeake
Senior Vice Commander	Kami Elliott, Post 7048 East Fairmont
Junior Vice Commander	Richard Ogden, Post 3663 Buckhannon
Surgeon	Tracy Simmons, Post 6450 Chester
Quartermaster	Kevin Light, Post 4768 Alum Creek
Judge Advocate	PSC David Moske II, Post 1064 Huntington
Chaplain	Johnny Saunders, Post 5578 Madison
National Council Member	PSC Vernon Anderson, Post 4442 Elm Grove

District Commanders elected by the delegates at their District Convention

District 1 Toby Heaney, Post 629 Fairmont

District 2 PSC Bob Caruthers, Post 9926 Mason

District 3 Jay Burkhart, Post 1976 Weston

District 4 Kevin Light, Post 2102 Wardensville

District 5 Larry Rice, Post 5578 Madison

Commander Boggess made the following appointments to the Council of Administration:

Inspector David George, Post 1212 Parkersburg

Adjutant Kevin Light, Post 4768 Alum Creek

Chief of Staff PSC Todd Kingsbury, Post 3522 Charles Town

Service Officer David Sisler, Post 4442 Elm Grove

Sergeant at Arms William White Jr, Post 3466 Charleston

*Past State Commander PSC Jeff Elkins, Post 6669 Ravenswood

*Immediate Past State Commander is automatically a member of the Council of Administration

7. **2022-2023 COMMANDER'S MANUAL:** Commander Boggess' manual are being mailed out to Posts who did not have representation at the State Convention. The manual has been placed on the website at <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=60882>.

8. **ARREARAGES, DEFICIENCIES AND OMISSIONS:** In accordance with Section 213 of the National Bylaws, any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to the District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District meetings, District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies. Each week, the State Adjutant/Quartermaster notifies the District Commanders of Posts that are in arrears. Additionally, every month in the General Orders is a reminder for Posts to provide proof of tax filings and insurance to State Headquarters. The following is a list of those in arrears and what they are in arrears for:

District 1:

Post 437: Delegate fees, delegate list, proof of Post insurance, proof of 2020 tax filings, properly signed September and December audits
Post 826 Proof of Insurance, proof of 2020 tax filings, delegate fees, delegate list
Post 3008 Delegate list

District 3:

Post 3738 Proof of insurance, proof of 2020 tax filings, delegate fees, delegate list
Post 3757 Delegate fees, delegate list, proof of 2020 tax filing, correctly completed March audit
Post 6106 Proof of 2020 tax filing
Post 6737 Proof of 2020 tax filing
Post 8614 Proof of 2020 tax filings, delegate list and election report
Post 9151 Proof of 2020 tax filings, delegate fees, delegate list

District 4:

Post 3647 Proof of insurance, proof of 2020 tax filings, delegate fees, delegate list
Post 6452 Delegate fees, delegate list
Post 7780 Proof of 2020 tax filings
Post 9606 Proof of 2020 tax filings, March audit, delegate fees, delegate list

District 5:

Post 1144 December and March audits
Post 4469 Proof of 2020 tax filings
Post 7695 Proof of insurance, proof of 2020 tax filings, delegate fees
Post 8413 March audit, delegate fees, delegate list

9. **2023 VFW PROGRAMS:** The 2022-2023 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen application and rules are now available on our website under the dropdown menu "Programs" at <https://vfwv.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>.

10. **2022 YOUTH CAMP:** Due to the lack of camper and volunteer applications, this year's Youth Camp has been canceled. We will try again next year.

11. **2022 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE:** The 2023 Southern Conference will be held October 27-30 in Asheville, NC. Registration and lodging information can be found at <https://vfwnc.com/uploads/documents/SouthernConference2022Docs.pdf>

12. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIORS OUTRACH (PHWWO)**

FUNDRAISER:

A message from Past State Commander Jim Talerico; I want to thank everyone who participated and raised money for the Potomac Highlands Wounded Warrior Outreach.

Wendy Delauder

Donna Hergenreather

Irvin Adkins

Carolyn Mancino

Vern Anderson

Cindy Dolly

You all raised \$14,450.26 I can't thank you all enough.

Now all I need is for several of our VFW and Auxiliary members to step up next year. Let's see if we can outdo this years total. You can reach me at 304-677-0080. Again, thanks a bunch.

13. **COMMANDER CALENDAR:** Any Post requesting the presence of Commander Boggess through June 2023 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:
CORRINA M. BOGGESS, COMMANDER
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