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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 12
 SERIES 2019-2020, JUNE 2020

John E. "Bud" Newbrough, Department Surgeon and Gold Legacy Life Member of Post 1212 Parkersburg, passed away on Friday, May 22 in McKinney, Texas surrounded by his wife Judy and their son Stu and his family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Sympathy cards may be sent to Judy and Stu Newbrough, 1309 Salado Pass, McKinney, TX 75072.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** We had a good month in membership and are getting down to the wire to retain or reinstate members who joined this organization but have not renewed their dues. We need 348 renewals/reinstates to achieve 100% in membership. Remember, membership is the life blood of this organization. For assistance, contact PSC Kelly Goddard at 304-392-5770.

Congratulations to the following Posts for obtaining 100% in membership:

6450 Chester	105.95%	9926 Mason	104.85%	9666 Sugar Grove	103.48%
3757 Burnsville	100%	5583 Coalton	100%	3522 Charles Town	114.78%
826 Kingwood	105.33%	5469 Glenville	107.14%	3008 Rowlesburg	105.88%
1976 Weston	100%	2102 Wardensville	100.58%	6669 Ravenswood	100.76
8363 Chesapeake	108.69%	8364 Oceana	100%	9097 Hurricane	101.38%
578 Terra Alta	101.70%	2523 Bruceton Mills	101.81%	3526 New Cumberland	101.05%
7048 East Fairmont	100.33%	8516 Elkview	100%	896 Martinsburg	100.30%
1101 Romney	100.84%	4019 Berkeley Springs	104.00%	6452 Ridgeley	100%
6327 Sistersville	100%	5501 Ripley	100.46%	4484 Quinwood	100.58%
3518 Keyser	100%	4768 Alum Creek	100%	9796 Milton	100%

Membership comparison between March 2019 and March 2020:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>N/R to Life</u>
2020	8585	313	65	2,840	11,803	97.13%	79
2019	9301	381	109	3,049	12,840	98.78%	87
Difference	-716	-68	-44	-209	-1,037	-1.65%	-8

Recruiting Award: For every 5 new or reinstated members one recruits or recovers their name placed in a drawing and the winner will be rewarded with an upgrade in membership or \$400 if already a Gold Legacy Life member. The drawing will be held at Department HQS on **June 30, 2020**.

Recruit and/or Reinstate Members contest leaders:

Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 42 (8); Bud Casto, Post 3522 Charles Town, 26 (5); Joe Creager, Post 3522 Charles Town, 17 (3); Ray Varian, Post 9926 Mason, 16 (3); Randy DeLawder, Post 3522 Charles Town, 14 (2); Charlie Butta, Post 8363 Chesapeake, 14 (2); Bill Wilson, Post 7048 Fairmont, 13 (2); Bill Cusson, Post 4469 Beckley, 10 (2); Vern Anderson, Post 4442, 10 (2); Walter Wright, Post 1212 Parkersburg, 9 (1); Mark Harry, Post 9796 Milton, 9 (1); Kevin Link, Post 2102 Wardensville, 8 (1); Kelly Goddard, Post 4469, 8 (1); Jim Talerico, Post 573, 7 (1); Tim Sions, Post 9606 Moorefield, 6 (1); Dean Moyers, Post 2523 Bruceton Mills, 6 (1); Chuck Laugh, Post 6327 Sistersville, 6 (1); Scott Bitner, Post 3081 Grafton 5(1); Dale Way, Post 4326 Sofia, 5 (1); Ron Cunningham, Post 826 Kingwood, 5 (1).

A MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER ANDERSON: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have deleted some of the All-State Team requirements and extended the due date to all requirements to June 30, 2020. For those Posts who have donated the \$275 to the VFW Programs or Posts who have not purchased 1,000 Poppies, this gives you some extra time to do so. A copy of the modified All-State requirements accompanies the General Orders.

2. 2020 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:

VFW only District Conventions will be held as indicated below. Posts will be provided the capability to participate in person, via video or telephone conference. Information on how to participate electronically will be provided at a later date. There will be no lunch provided. Bring your own Personal Protective Equipment (mask and gloves), which are optional. Intent is to take care of business in a timely fashion.

District One	7048 Fairmont	June 14	1:00 pm	Anderson
District Two	Chesapeake	June 13	1:00 pm	Anderson
District Three	Buckhannon	Jun 13	1:00 pm	Elkins
District Four	Wardensville	June 14	1:00 pm	Elkins
District Five	Madison	June 13	1:00 pm	Moske

Post representation is required either in person or via electronic means.

3. DATES TO REMEMBER:

5 th of each month	Post Community Service reports to District Commander
15 th of each month	District CDR submit consolidated Community Service report to State HQS
Jun 18-21, 2020	Department Convention canceled
June 30, 2020	Bob and Rosa Kusterer JROTC Cadet of the Year nominations to Dept HQS
June 30, 2020	Rich Homan Award nominations to Department HQS
June 30, 2020	All-State Team selection
July 24, 2020	Complete District and Post Election Reports to National and Department HQS

4. **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AND YOUTH CAMP CANCELED:** The Council of Administration voted to cancel the 2020 Department Convention and Youth Camp. Commander Anderson will conduct a proforma Department Convention on June 20th, (opens the convention and closes due to no quorum.) Senior Vice Commander Moske will become Commander, appoint a Quartermaster Pro Tempore and other appointments in accordance with Section 516 of the National Bylaws. Jeff Elkins will move to Senior Vice Commander. The Council of Administration will elect the 2020-2021 officers. A call for nominations will go out to the new Council of Administration. Nominations in writing can be made to any new line officer or District Commander.

5. **DISTRICT AND POST ELECTIONS:** District and Post election reports must be on file at National HQS by July 24th. If not, all 2020 officers are vacated, the Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander move up, the new Commander appoints a Quartermaster Pro Tempore and other appointments in accordance with section 216 of the National Bylaws. All other elected offices are filled at the next District or Post meeting.

6. **POST DELEGATES:** Post Delegates are to be elected when a Post holds their elections. Posts must submit a copy of their delegates to the District and Department Quartermaster.

7. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Posts are encouraged to continue to submit their monthly reports of hours and money spent on community service to their District Commander. Remember to remove the dollars and hours columns from your log when turning in to your District Commander.

8. **2020 NATIONAL CENSUS:** Vital organizations within the state, to include the Department of Veterans Assistance, stands to lose several million dollars if someone does not complete the census. The loss is estimated to be 1 Million Dollars per person. Please complete the census and promote your community to do so. Completion date is set as October 31st. The West Virginia response rate is currently at 47.6%. Please take the time to complete the 2020 National Census. If you did not receive a notice in the mail, go to <https://2020census.gov> or call 844-330-2020 to complete the census.

9. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIORS OUTREACH FUNDRAISER:** Posts or individuals who planned to participate in the PHWWO haircut fundraiser at the Department Convention are encouraged to hold a local event and send proceeds made out to PHWWO to Richard Ogden, PO Box 1225, Buckhannon, WV 26201. Contact Richard at 304-472-545-8599 if you are planning an event.

10. **CONVENTION SHIRTS:** Order your shirt by June 15th (see order form.)

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S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT
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