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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11
SERIES 2018-2019, MAY 2019

I have relinquished Department Commander authority to Senior Vice Commander Vernon Anderson from May 4th to May 16th, 2019, while I am out of country.

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership comparison between March 2019 and March 2018

	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>N/R to Life</u>
2018	9,075	346	62	3,091	12,574	94.76%	55
2019	9,272	341	100	2,948	12,661	97.40%	70
Difference	+197	-5	+38	-143	+87	+2.64%	+15

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

Post 548 Morgantown 112.57%	Post 6450 Chester 104.59%	Post 3757 Burnsville 133.33%
Post 7780 Mathias 104.54%	Post 8364 Oceana 105.55%	Post 9926 Mason 105.53%
Post 9666 Sugar Grove 104.25%	Post 9796 Milton 108.73%	Post 2102 Wardensville 110.19%
Post 1976 Weston 105.88%	Post 9916 Westover 105.91%	Post 5469 Glenville 107.69%
Post 5501 Ripley 109.79%	Post 896 Martinsburg 106.68%	Post 1064 Huntington 107.20%
Post 3466 South Chas 101.35%	Post 5269 Bell 103.94%	Post 2523 Bruceton Mills 100%
Post 8363 Chesapeake 117.80%	Post 8516 Elkview 104.41%	Post 3663 Buckhannon 101.56%
Post 3647 Elkins 102.87%	Post 5583 Coalton 104.54%	Post 9738 E. Huntington 103.16%
Post 578 Terra Alta 104.38%	Post 1589 Masontown 103.29%	Post 3526 New Cumberland 101.05%
Post 4442 Elm Grove 101.04%	Post 1212 Parkersburg 100.17%	Post 3408 West Union 101.63%
Post 3554 Harrisville 100.82%	Post 4419 Clay 112.32%	Post 410 Belington 100%
Post 573 Clarksburg 100.51%	Post 6667 Fort Ashby 101.36%	Post 3522 Charles Town 102.18%

Recruit and/or Reinstate Members contest leaders:

Bud Newbrough, Post 1212 Parkersburg, 42 (8); Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 29 (5); Bill Cusson, Post 4469 Beckley, 29 (5); Charlie Butta, Post 8363 Chesapeake, 23 (4); Ray Varian, Post 9926 Mason, 19 (3); Kevin Link, Post 2102 Wardensville, 16 (3); Dale Hartley, Post 5501 Ripley, 14 (2); Jim Moyers, Post 6106 Summersville, 10 (2); Gary Miller, Post 896 Martinsburg, 9 (1); Chuck Laugh, Post 6237 Sistersville, 7 (1); Donna Hergenrether, Post 573 Clarksburg, 7 (1); Jim Talerico, Post 573 Clarksburg, 7 (1); Greg Carder, Post 6667 Fort Ashby, 7 (1); Trenton Pauley, Post 3081 Grafton, 6 (1); Kevin Harry, Post 9796 Milton, 6 (1); Mike Rutledge, Post 2716 Weirton, 5 (1); Vern Anderson, Post 4442 Elm Grove, 5 (1); Bill Wilson, Post 7048 East Fairmont, 5 (1); Mark Krofek, Post 9916 Westover, 5 (1); Joe Creager, Post 3522 Charles Town, 5 (1).

2. **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**

District One	Masontown	May 5 th	1:00 pm	Anderson	Whytsell
District Two	Ripley	May 4 th	12:00 pm	Anderson	Crouser
District Three	Quinwood	May 4 th	1:00 pm	Moske	Sanford
District Four	Wardensville	May 5 th	1:00 pm	Elkins	Sanford
District Five	Madison	May 4 th	12:00 pm	Elkins	Whytsell

Districts serve lunch before meeting. Time listed is lunch time. Schedule subject to change.

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 Chairman
May 1, 2019	State Community Service Post of the Year notification to National HOS
May 1, 2019	Cutoff for Post and District All-State points
May 1, 2019	"Bob Kusterer" JROTC Cadet of the year nominations to State HOS
May 15, 2019	Rich Homan Award nominations to State HOS
May 15, 2019	Commander selects All-State Posts and Districts
May 15, 2019	Proposed Resolutions and Bylaws modifications to State HQS
June 1, 2019	Post and District Election Reports to State and National HOS
June 7, 2019	State Convention Advanced Registration to State HQS
Jun 13-16, 2019	State Convention, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV
Jul 20-24, 2019	National Convention, Orlando, FL

4. **SCOUT OF THE YEAR:** Congratulations to Benjamin Woodard of Troop 62, Huntington, WV for winning the Department Scout of the Year. Benjamin was sponsored by Post 1064 Huntington.

5. **POST COMMANDERS:** Your attention is directed to Section 218(a)(1)k, assure that the ***Commander or their representative*** attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings. The District Conventions are scheduled for May 4th and 5th as indicated on page 1.

6. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** Section 211 of the national Bylaws stipulates authority to the Commander-in-Chief, to suspend and eventually revoke a Post Charter for failure to submit a properly completed Post Election Report by June 1. Additionally, Section 222 of the National Bylaws requires each Post to pay in advance a National Convention registration fee of \$25.

7. **VFW YOUTH CAMP:** With these General Orders is a request for a donation of \$100 for your Post and/or Auxiliary (if applicable) on the back of the T-shirts given to the kids attending youth camp. The proceeds will significantly help with paying for camper awards and other camp expenses. Posts and Auxiliaries can also bring items listed to the State Convention.

8. **PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER RICH HOMAN MEMORIAL AWARD** : This award will be presented to an outstanding VFW member who is a member in good standing in a Post in West Virginia, based on his or her community service involvement promoting the objectives and values of the VFW in the community. The nominee should also have proven involvement in the membership program, community activities, and youth activities programs and shown leadership at the Post that has brought prestige to the VFW. Nominations are due to State HOS by May 15, 2019. The winner will be announced and award presented at the Banquet at State Convention.

9. **POTOMAC HIGHLANDS WOUNDED WARRIORS OUTREACH FUNDRAISER:** VFW and Auxiliary members know how much fun we have at the State Convention with our haircuts and beard cuts. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming State Convention. Please check in your Posts and with your members to get at least five volunteers to cut their hair or beard. Remember, all hair does grow back! Also, Past State Commander Talerico is asking members and Posts to pledge \$1 for every pound he loses up to 25 pounds. He will pledge \$5 for every pound he loses up to 25 pounds. Pledges can be sent to State Headquarters. PSC Talerico will be weighed on December 1st and again on June 1st to determine the amount of weight he may have lost.

10. **BUDDY POPPY ORDERS:** Now is the time to order your Buddy Poppies for your Memorial Day festivities. April and May are busy months for Poppy orders at the distribution centers. Please allow at least 4 weeks to process Poppy orders in March and April.

OFFICIAL:
S. KEVIN LIGHT, ADJUTANT
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