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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5
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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:** We only need 1,465 members to be 100%. The top District is One at 88.447%. The top Posts in each District are:

District 1	Post 6450 Chester, 103.60%	District 4	Post 3522 Charles Town 103.81%
District 2	Post 9926 Mason, 101.52%	District 5	Post 8364 Oceana, 94.73%
District 3	Post 6723 Alderson, 114.28%		

New/Reinstate %:

Congratulations to the following posts who achieved over 5% in N/R%. This represents new membership growth in the Post.

Post 6723 Alderson 33.33%	Post 6667 Fort Ashby 6.47%
Post 8363 Chesapeake 8.33%	Post 3663 Buckhannon 5.92%
Post 3466 Charleston 7.92%	Post 4442 Elm Grove 5.29%

For recruiting and membership assistance contact Richard Ogden 304-545-8599, or via email at reogden@yahoo.com. Remember, membership is the life blood of this organization.

2. **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING:** So far there have been 141 new members recruited and 39 members reinstated.

The top three recruiters so far this year are:

- Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 24
- Ronie Wheeler, Post 9926 Mason, 12
- NCM/PSC Vern Anderson, Post 4442 Elm Grove, 10
- PSC David Moske II, Post 1064 Huntington, 10

The Commander-in-Chief is allowing the Post Commanders and Quartermasters to compete for the Henry Rifle Award for the top recruiter in each Department.

3. **UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

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

District 1	Chester	November 6	12:00 PM	Anderson	Smith
District 2	Ripley	November 5	12:00 PM	Boggess	Kennedy
District 3	Grafton	November 5	12:00 PM	Elliott	Hudson
District 4	Martinsburg	November 6	1:00 PM	Simmons	Crum
District 5	9738 East Huntington	November 19	12:00 PM	Ogden	Chipps

Schedule subject to change.

POST REPRESENTATION AT A DISTRICT MEETING IS NOT AN OPTION. 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.

4. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

7 th of each month	Post and Auxiliary Community Service reports (dollars and hours) to District Commander
20 th of each month	District Commanders consolidated Community Service report to State HQS
October 31	Post trustees July-September Quarterly Audit due State HQS
October 31	Voice of Democracy entries due to Posts
October 31	Patriot's Pen entries due to Posts
October 31	Teacher of the Year entries due to Posts
November 30	Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year and Public Servant (one each Law/FF/EMT) entries due to Districts
December 20	District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen selection due to State HQS
January 15	District Teacher of the Year entry (one entry only) and Public Servant of the Year (one each Law/FF/EMT) to State HQS
January 20-21	Mid-Winter Conference, DoubleTree Huntington

5. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION:** The State and District combined schools of instruction will be from 10 AM to 3 PM at the following locations:

Sunday November 20, Elkins Armory, 201 Caisson Dr, Belington, WV 26250

Sunday November 27, Post 3526, 208 North Chester St New Cumberland, WV 26047

Saturday, December 3, Glen Jean Armory, 409 Wood Mountain Rd, Glen Jean WV 25846

Sunday, December 4, Millwood Armory, 8832 Point Pleasant Rd, Millwood, WV 25262

6. **STATE WEBSITE:** The official State website address is www.vfwwv.com. Some of the functions and features are still under construction, but you will find useful forms and templates, General Orders and the All-State points spreadsheet under the Resources dropdown menu.

7. **VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM:** November is Veterans in the Classroom Month and National Veterans Awareness Week during November 6–12, 2022. Send your request for citations to recognize members for their work in classrooms on the enclosed form. Once received, the citations will be printed and returned to State Headquarters for presentation at an appropriate time to the deserving member. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Beauchamp at tbeauchamp@vfw.org or call 816.756.3390 x6287.

8. **VFW FOUNDATION GRANTS:** The VFW Foundation offers various grants to Posts to support their community service efforts. Visit <https://www.vfw.org/community/community-initiatives/post-grants> to find out more information.

9. **ADOPT A UNIT:** Posts are encouraged to pursue adopting a guard or reserve unit near your location. Posts, Auxiliaries, or a combination of both are eligible to do so. Frequently Asked Questions and the application can be found by selecting the Military Assistance Program (MAP) at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/veterans-and-military-support>.

10. **PUBLIC SERVICE POST ENTRY FORM:** Posts submitting a Public Servant Entry to the District must include a Public Servant Post Entry Form with the entry. The form can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/community-service-youth-scholarships-and-activities>.

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