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1. **MEMBERSHIP:** We only need 1,717 members to be 100%. The top District is One at 85.97%. The top Posts in each District are:

District 1	Post 6450 Chester, 102.45%	District 4	Post 3522 Charles Town 103.43%
District 2	Post 9926 Mason, 100.19%	District 5	Post 8364 Oceana, 94.73%
District 3	Post 6723 Alderson, 100%		

New/Reinstate %:

Congratulations to the following posts who achieved over 5% in N/R%. This represents new membership growth in the post and puts them on the path to being All-State this year.

Post 6723 Alderson 23.81%	Post 3663 Buckhannon 5.26%
Post 8363 Chesapeake 8.33%	Post 6667 Fort Ashby 5.04%

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 113 new members recruited and 26 members reinstated.

The top three recruiters so far this year are:

Joe Capito, Post 6450 Chester, 19
 PSC David Moske II, Post 1064 Huntington, 10
 Eric Delrio, Post 3522 Charles Town, 9

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 27-30	Southern Conference Asheville, NC
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. **ALL-STATE AND ALL-AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS:** Post Commanders are encouraged to review the All-State and All-American requirements. Of note is the requirement to order 5 Poppies per member to be eligible for All-American. The requirements are listed in Commander Boggess' manual and can be accessed at www.vfwv.com.

6. **QUARTERLY AUDITS:** The next Quarterly Audit will be due to State HQS no later than October 31, 2022. It is imperative that Posts meet this deadline. To make sure the audit is completed properly, follow the Audit Completion Checklist at [https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/Auditcompletionchecklist\(1\).pdf](https://vfwv.com/uploads/Documents/Auditcompletionchecklist(1).pdf)

7. **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.

8. **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 at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/veterans-and-military-support>.

9. **POST SPECIAL PROJECT AWARD:** If your VFW Post, District or Department conducted a special project that you think should be nationally recognized by VFW National Headquarters, review the Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairperson's Guide at https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY_VFW/Training-and-Support/Community-Service/Community-and-Citizenship-Chairmans-Manual.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220914T211342Z. All entries must be postmarked by midnight April 30 of each year.

10. **NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS GENERAL ORDERS AND BULLETIN:** National Headquarters issues General Orders and a Bulletin the first of each month. The information can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates>.

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