

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America

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Desk of the State Commander



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1. Membership

We have 30 days to reach the Commander in Chief Membership Goal of 100%. Currently we need 30,030 members for National and the Department of Washington needs 597. We can do this. June is Washington State's month to shine!

Last month membership increase by District:

District 1	10 members
District 2	10 members
District 3	70 members
District 4	20 members
District 5	11 members
District 6	4 members
District 7	4 members
District 9	35 members
District 11	19 members
District 14	8 members
District 15	25 members
District 16	1 member
District 17	19 members

At Large 51 members

A total increase of 287 for May. There are thousands of unpaid members in our Posts throughout the state. We need all hands on deck to make the calls, contact our expired members and bring them back to us. They deserve our efforts, support and comradeship to assist us and them in our efforts of ending veteran suicide, not just in the VFW but working to end veteran suicide period!

We have 30 days, the District and Department Membership teams are here for you, and will assist you in your retaining, recruiting, and re-instating efforts.

2. Post and District Commanders, please bring your Post and District VFW Flags with a stand to Convention for Joint Opening and during business session.

3. The Following Chairman are required to give their reports, present their certificates, present their awards, and are authorized travel and reimbursement for the June Department Convention:

Mel West (DSO)
Frank Persa (Membership)
Glenn Albert (Bylaws)
Don Wischmann (Community Service)
Walt Tanimoto (Social Media)
Frank Bannister (Service Division)
Jim Daly (Service Division, Newsletter, VOD)
Jerry Herker (Service Division)
Randy Hahn (Homeless Veterans, Humanitarian)
Ted Streete (Rules and Credentials)
Hardy Nettles (MOC)
Dean McKenny (VFW Riders)
Jim Trainer (Audit)
Brad Peiratt (VMS and Heroes in Ballpark)
Doug Hoople (Scouting)
Rick Holland (National Home)
Rich Angeli (POW/MIA)
Al Zarb (Tahoma National Cemetery)
Tony Whetstine (National Legislative)
Jerry Fugich (State Legislative)
Larry Weldon (Buddy Poppy)
Tim Gatton (Public Servant)
Bill Thiel (Teacher of the Year)
Darin Hughes (Patriot Pen)

Dress is Business attire for giving reports and making presentations (MOC and VFW Riders wear appropriate attire to represent their organization).

4. Important Dates in June:

June 6	D-Day (1944)
June 14	Army Founded (1775) Flag Day
June 16-18	Department of Washington VFW Convention (Spokane)
June 19	Father's Day
June 22	Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942) GI Bill signed into law (1944)
June 25	Korean War Began (1950)
June 30	Post 9/11 GI Bill signed into law (2008)

I am excited for our Convention. I look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate all that we have accomplished this year. We will award and recognize the Great Members, Posts, Districts and Community partners in our State that have done outstanding this year. I am so proud of Team Century! We have raised the bar and set high standards for our Department! We have done and continue to do Epic Things for our Veterans, Communities, Posts, Department and VFW mission!

Thank you! For all you do, for Veterans, Military, Community and Families! Stay in the Fight, all the way to June 30! There are still 30 days left for Posts to strive to be the best of the best and attain All-State and All-American Status!

“The Time Is Now!”



Fred Green

Department Adjutant

“Carry the Torch!”



Chad Hassebroek

Department Commander