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STATE COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Comrades, we are off to a good start. I think the attendees at the school of instruction received good information. My personal thanks to all of the instructors that helped make this years school of instruction a success. We had a large number of first time attendees and they asked many interesting questions. I believe all involved came away with a better understanding of where the State is headed.

There has been more interest in the redistricting than we expected. Comrades from each region of the State have been asked to serve on the committee to gather information and make sure all concerns are reviewed. I have asked Doc Crouch to be Chairman and report to the Fall Council and Winter Council Meetings to bring as much information to you as possible.

Committee Chairman: Doc Crouch--Northern Region
Members: Charlie Wilkerson---Central
Region: Bobby Walls----Eastern Region
Eugene Chavis---Valley Region
Wesley Dixon----Western Region

Please contact these comrades with your concerns and suggestions. Remember they are info gathers and cannot make any decision on their own. Therefore do not badger them with your personal goals.

A note on the upcoming elections, the Department of Virginia has not and will not endorse any political candidate for any political office. Although, all VFW members are encouraged to be politically active in their community. Any VFW member as an individual can support any candidate as he or she chooses.

Comrades my excitement is growing with each passing day. Never have I felt more cooperation and desire to accomplish our goals than I have since starting my service as your representative. I remain your comrade and friend and look forward to seeing and helping as many of you as possible. Remember we can and will beat Kansas in recruiting this year if we work together. Hope to see yall at the National Convention.

Tom W. Hines
State Commander

GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for General Orders is the 24th of the month. NO EXCEPTIONS. In an effort to control the cost of producing and mailing the general orders each month the mailing list has been reduced to the State Line Officers, District and Post Commanders and Quartermasters, Past State Commanders and Department Presidents. For others who want to receive a copy of the General Orders each month we are once again offering subscriptions. The cost for 2004-2005 will be twenty four dollars \$24.00 for the year, or two dollars \$2.00 per issue. If you receive a hard copy of the General Orders and have the ability to print satisfactory copies from the internet please call us or e-mail us at stateheadquarters@vfwva.org so we can remove your name from the mailing label file.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 269:

Pursuant to the voluntary resignation of his membership upon his ascertainment of his ineligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is hereby ordered that the name of Kenneth S. Hicks, Membership No. 6215685, be removed from the rolls of Nathaniel Gordon Post No. 7638, Gordonsville, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of
Edward S. Banas, Sr.
Commander-in-Chief

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 281:

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia and in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Prince George Post 10571, Prince George, Virginia mustered September 6, 1980, is hereby cancelled and the Post declared defunct.

By order of
Edward S. Banas, Sr.
Commander-in-Chief

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 283:

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia and in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Lt. William D. Marchant Memorial Post No. 9636, Deltaville, Virginia mustered April 28, 1970, is hereby cancelled and the Post declared defunct.

By order of
Edward S. Banas, Sr.
Commander-in-Chief

QUARTERLY AUDIT REPORTS:

Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended June 30th and they are now **PAST DUE** at State Headquarters.

ROSTER CHANGES:

Post 5500- New meeting place effective immediately is: DAV, Chapter 6, 913 Aberdeen Rd, Hampton, VA 23666

Post 2163- New meeting time: 10:00 AM on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Post 2524- Service Officer Diego A. DeCastro, 881 Hilltop Drive, Culpeper, VA 22701, Telephone 540-829-7253

Post 1860- Roy Swanner, Phone number correction 276-579-7472.

Post 4698- David Good, Address Change 14411 S. East Side Hwy, Grottoes, VA 24441.

Post 2216- Harry Huff, Phone number correction 540-885-7970.

Post 873- Clyde Price, Jr. Phone number correction 434-656-2536, Meeting place address correction 3220 Crown Road,

Post 9640- Front Roster Change, Milton Dye is listed as being with Post 9696; he is actually with Post 9640.

Post 824- Commander is, Raymond C Wetherell, SVC is William Townsley.

Post 10657- James "Jim" Tucker, correct post # in front roster, Cell 804-874-9407, email- cfwjames@aol.com

National 6th District Council Member is Randall L. Bare, RR 2 Box 38J, Sandyville, WV 25275.

ROSTER ADDITIONS:

Post 10295-

CMDR	JAMES	D	CRABTREE	17352 APHILL BLVD	BOWLING GREEN	22427	804-633-6940
QM	JAMES	D	KOCH	16035 PAIGE ROAD	WOODFORD	22580	804-633-4808
SVC	RALPH	M	FOOR	17352 AP HILL BLVD	BOWLING GREEN	22427	804-633-7234
JVC	JUNIUS	L	MEADOWS, JR	2816 PATRIOT LANE	FREDERICKSBURG	22408	540-373-7709

Post 5715-

CMDR	RAY		WELLS	6228 JOSEPHINE RD	NORTON	24273	276-679-2096
QM	JOE	D	RASNICK	PO BOX 55	EAST STONE GAP	24246	276- 523-4511
SVC	EUGENE	E	BENTLEY	BOX 654	BIG STONE GAP	24219	276-523-4257
JVC	BASCOM	E	GILES	811 WOOD AVE	BIG STONE GAP	24219	276-523-1338
ADJ	HARRY	M	DOTSON	PO BOX 864	WISE	24293	276-523-4257

Post 9480-

CMDR	JIM		FIX	516 ESTALINE VLLY RD	CRAIGSVILLE	24430	
QM	GROVER		SPRADLIN	3007 MORRIS MILL RD	STAUNTON	24401	
SVC	JERRY		ADKINS	PO BOX 353	CRAIGSVILLE	24430	
JVC	GREG		ARSENAULT	PO BOX 508	CRAIGSVILLE	24430	
ADJ	JESSIE		CORRTRELL	PO BOX 220	CLIFTON FORGE	24422	

Post 1177-

CMDR	EUGENE	M	BARBER	233 SOUTH ST SE	LEESBURG	20175	703-777-1590
QM	EDWIN	R	WHITE	PO BOX 1521	LEESBURG	20177	703-777-8112
SVC	ANTOHN	S	STASIO	822 CATOCTIN CR. NE	LEESBURG	20176	703-771-9582
JVC	HARRY	N	POTTERFIELD	420 MOSBY DRIVE, SW	LEESBURG	20175	703-777-7178
ADJ	CHARLES	D	ACKER	369 NANSEMOND ST, SE	LEESBURG	20175	703-777-6544

Post 7819-

SVC	HENRY		CONNER	3146 LONE PINE RD	BURKEVILLE	23922	434-767-4741
JVC	DON		DERFLINGER	111 E. PENN AVE	CREWE	23930	434-645-2067
ADJ	MARK		TUCKER	600 E. CAROLINA	CREWE	23930	434-645-9159

Post 7578-

CMDR	NATHANIEL	C	MASSIE	PO BOX 267	GLASGLOW	24555	
SVC	HUGH	T	LUCAS	34 WHITEHOUSE RD	NATURAL BRDG STN	24579	
JVC	JAMES	C	SPANGLER	PO BOX 56	GLASGLOW	24555	
ADJ	LAWRENCE	E	COLLINS	802 STONE HOLLOW RD	NATURAL BRDG STN	24579	

Post 1124-

CMDR	JOHN	R	DISMOND	PO BOX 87	QUINTON	23141	
QM	EUGENE	R	WILLIAMS	5930 NEW KENT HWY	QUINTON	23141	
SVC	ROBERT	W	SMITH	6900 COURTHOUSE	PROVIDENCE FORGE	23140	
JVC	FRED	L	ERNEST	2400 QUAKER RD	QUINTON	23141	

Post 4204-

CMDR	MICHAEL	T	AILSTOCK	PO BOX 834	HOT SPRINGS	24445	
QM	JOHN	B	KERSHNER, JR	PO BOX 902	HOT SPRINGS	24445	
SVC	LEONARD		SHIFFLETT	RT 2 BOX 495	HOT SPRINGS	24445	
JVC	ROBERT	D	METHENY	RT 1 BOX 140	MILLBORO	24460	
ADJ	JOHN	B	KERSHNER, JR	PO BOX 902	HOT SPRINGS	24445	

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- FIRST** – 09-12-04, POST 4856 EXMORE 11:00 AM meal to follow, Representative Harold Roesch State Surgeon
- SECOND** – 08-22-04, POST 392 VIRGINIA BEACH lunch 1:00 PM, meeting at 2:00 PM, Representative State Adjutant Quartermaster Kim DeShano
- THIRD** – 09-11-04, 3RD DISTRICT HQ MECHANICSVILLE 2:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- FOURTH** – 08-14-04, POST 637 HOPEWELL 1:00 PM, Past Department Commander Otis Berry
- FIFTH** – 08-28-04, POST 8243 HALIFAX 12:00 lunch, 1:00 PM meeting Representative Senior Vice Commander Daniel Boyer, Jr.
- SIXTH** – 08-29-04, POST 8184 LYNCHBURG at Salem VA Medical Center Building 76, 2nd Floor, 2:00 PM Representative Senior Vice Commander Daniel Boyer, Jr.
- SEVENTH** – 09-12-04, POST 9760 BERRYVILLE 11:30 AM lunch, meeting to follow, Representative State Junior Vice Commander Charles “Doc” Crouch
- EIGHTH** – 09-19-04, Post 2524 CULPEPER 1:00 PM, Representative State Judge Advocate Jimmy Lee Wallace
- NINTH** – 9-12-04, POST 6000 NARROWS registration 10:30 AM, meeting 12:00 NOON, lunch at 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- TENTH** – 9-19-04, POST 7327 SPRINGFIELD 1:00 PM, Representative State Junior Vice Commander Charles “Doc” Crouch
- ELEVENTH** – 09-12-04, POST 2216 STAUNTON 11:30 AM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- TWELFTH** – 09-11-04, POST 1994 ABINGDON 11:00 AM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- THIRTEENTH** – 09-12-04, POST 7638 GORDONSVILLE 1:00 PM, Representative Judge Advocate Jimmy Lee Wallace

IMPORTANT 2004-2005 DATES:

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| August 14-20, 2004 | National VFW Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio |
| Sept. 24-26, 2004 | Fall Council Meeting: Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel, Roanoke 540-561-7908 |
| Nov. 19-21, 2004 | Southern Conference: Louisville, Kentucky |
| January 14 -16, 2005 | Winter Council Meeting: Clarion Hotel 500 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Telephone 757-220-1410 |
| June 16-19, 2005 | State Convention, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad St, Richmond, 804-285-1234 |
| August 20-26, 2005 | National VFW Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah |

REPORTS FORMS:

Please mail all Reports to State Headquarters. This includes AMERICANISM, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, DEATH REPORTS, HOMELESS VETERANS, HOSPITAL, INSPECTION, SAFETY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

AMERICANISM:

Have you reported your post's Memorial Day and Independence Day activities? Loyalty Day and Flag Day ceremonies? Do it now! Forty-Four reports have been received from 31 posts: Status as of July 21st, 2004. Here is a list of post that have NOT reported:

J. Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

AMERICANISM ACTIVITIES REPORT

DIST. 1	176	824	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358			
DIST. 2	392	2582	2894	4411	4809	8545							
DIST. 3	1426	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	9808	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
DIST. 4	622	637	2163	2584	5313	5371	7166	7897	8048	8163	8228	8599	8617
	9855	9954	10570										
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	6130	7726	7800	8243	10840				
DIST. 6	484	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
	5895	7854	8184	9805	9877								
DIST. 7	1150	1860	2123	4698	6044	7899	9292	9660	9760				
DIST. 8	472	1177	1811	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835			
DIST. 9	956	1184	2719	4667	6000	7136	7328	7969	9343	9864			
DIST. 10	1503	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274						
DIST. 11	452	632	2216	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7578	7701	7814	8279	8479
	8644	9480	10773										
DIST. 12	3782	4301	5715	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611			
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

COMMUNITY:

Comrades,

Three months has passed for the 1st half of the reporting cycle. Please send your reports for your posts community activities in Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July that can be included in your community activities reports. The following is a list of posts that **HAVE NOT** turned their reports in.

Lynn Harris
Vice Chairman Community Activities

COMMUNITY ACTIVITES REPORTS

DIST. 1	176	824	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358			
DIST. 2	392	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809							
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9501	9808	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
DIST. 4	622	637	2163	2584	5313	5371	7166	7897	8048	8163	8228		
	8599	8617	8902	9618	9855	10570							
DIST. 5	647	873	2820	6130	7800	8243							
DIST. 6	484	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4318	4491	4522	4920		
	5311	5895	7854	8184	9805	9877							
DIST. 7	1150	1860	2123	4698	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872		
DIST. 8	472	1177	1811	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835				
DIST. 9	956	1184	2719	4667	6000	7328	7969	9343	9864				
DIST. 10	609	1503	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274					
DIST. 11	452	632	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7578	7701	7814	8279
	8479	8644	9339	9480	10773								
DIST. 12	3722	4301	5715	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611			
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

HOSPITAL:

Please send ALL Hospital reports to State Headquarters, who will forward them to me. Remember the reporting period is 1 May to 31 Oct. Several reports were submitted with March and April dates and were not counted. Please print legibly and ensure the dates and totals are completed. Lets be 85% reported by the Fall Council in September. We all know someone who has stopped in and visited sick Veteran, that's the hard part. The easy part is sending that information in, but it is often the part that is forgotten.

District Commanders and Inspector, make it part of the inspection never to leave a post without all reports and send them in with the inspection report.

OUR Goal.....100% 1st half.....100% 2nd half

The following Post's HAVE NOT submitted a Hospital Report.

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY REPORT

DIST. 1	176	2296	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358					
DIST. 2	392	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545							
DIST. 3	1426	2583	3125	6364	8046	8529	9501	9808	10387	10654	10657	11124	
DIST. 4	622	2163	2584	5313	5371	8048	8163	8228	8599	8617	8902	9954	10570
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	7726	7800	8243						
DIST. 6	484	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4299	4318	4522	4920	5311	5895	7854
	8184	9805	9877										
DIST. 7	1150	1860	2123	2447	4698	6044	7899	9660	9760	9872			
DIST. 8	472	1177	1811	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835			
DIST. 9	956	1184	4667	6000	7136	7328	7360	7969	9343	9696	9864		
DIST. 10	609	3150	5412	7327	8241	8469	8815	9274					
DIST. 11	452	632	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7578	7701	7814	8279
	8479	9480	10773										
DIST. 12	1994	3782	4301	5715	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611	
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

This first monthly report is according to the District Report Files on the State Internet and 14 (2 from Post 1211) reports received at the School of Instruction in Lynchburg. Some earlier reports are still in the mail system on their way to me for final verification and accountability. I expect to receive all delayed reports plus new ones for the September General Orders. As of this report, approximately 14.75% of our Posts have submitted their Youth Activity Reports for 1st half.

Stanley Dixon
Vice Chairman for Youth Activities

YOUTH ACTIVITES REPORT

DIST. 1	176	824	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358			
DIST. 2	392	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545						
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9501	9808	10387	10654
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DIST. 8	472	1177	1811	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835			
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DIST. 10	1503	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274						
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	8279	8479	8644	9480	10773								
DIST. 12	3782	4301	5715	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611			
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SAFETY:

Safety Report as of July 23, 2004

Comrades, we are currently at the mid point of the first reporting period and Safety Reports have only been received from 22 of 181 Posts in the Department or in other words, at this point, the rate of reporting is only 12.1%. We really need to pick up the pace in the coming months in order to reach our goal of 100% reporting in all activities.

I strongly encourage all comrades with internet access to visit the Department website and consider the use of online forms to prepare and submit all reports.

Charles B. Harris
Vice Chairman – Safety

SAFETY ACTIVITIES REPORT

DIST. 1	176	824	2296	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8629	9358			
DIST. 2	392	993	2582	2894	3160	4411	4809	8545					
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9501	9808	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
DIST. 4	622	637	2163	2584	5313	5371	7166	7897	8048	8163	8228		
	8446	8599	8617	8902	9855	9954	10570						
DIST. 5	647	873	1115	2820	6130	7726	7800	8243	8467	10840			
DIST. 6	484	776	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
	5895	7854	8184	9805	9877								
DIST. 7	1150	1860	2123	4698	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872		
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	8479	8644	9339	9480	10773								
DIST. 12	1994	3782	4301	5715	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611		
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

STATUS OF DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS FOR 2004 CONVENTION-

Before addressing the above subject, I want to thank Ed Essertier (Post 8469) and J.B. Young (Post 7327) for their invaluable help as members of the Department Resolutions Committee for 2003-2004. A full report of cited committee is available at Department Headquarters.

A total of 18 resolutions were submitted by Posts, Districts and Department offices. Post 3150 (Arlington) submitted the most resolutions. Others that sent in resolutions were Post 824 (Grafton), Post 7327 (Springfield), Post 8241 (McLean), Post 8469 (Fairfax), Post 8545 (Smithfield), and Post 9760 (Clarke County Memorial).

I have received a number of inquiries regarding the status of resolutions that were submitted by Department members. Therefore, I prepared the following rundown on each of the 18 resolutions that were submitted at the Department Convention and acted upon by attendees on Saturday, 19 June 2004.

V01 Amend Section 101 VFW Manual of Procedure by deleting any reference to U.S. citizenship as a requirement for membership in VFW. **REJECTED**

V02 Repeal the U.S. citizenship requirement for VFW and Ladies Auxiliary membership in recognition of their honorable service to our country. **REJECTED**

V03 Support/recognition of the Cold War Museum at Lorton and creation of National Cold War Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery. **APPROVED**

V04 Tobacco and alcohol use in the Veteran population. **REJECTED**

V05 Commending Professional 911 Public Safety Dispatchers. **APPROVED**

V06 Assignment of Service Officers to assist wounded and/or disabled Veterans in obtaining help needed to fill out Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) DD Form 2860 and other needed assistance. **APPROVED**

V07 Commissary and Exchange privileges for Purple Heart recipients disabled Veterans and their dependents. **APPROVED**

V08 Respect obligations to Survivor Benefit Plan beneficiaries. **APPROVED**

V09 Support eligibility of recipients of the Global War on Terrorism Medal (GWOT) for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. **REJECTED**

V10 Shorten the Obligation required of all persons joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars. **APPROVED**

V11 Increase the Federal burial plot allowance from \$300 to \$750. **APPROVED**

V12 Support an increase of \$1,000,000 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the Department of Veterans Services budget for FY 2004-2005 and also for 2005-2006. **APPROVED**

V13 Veterans of Foreign Wars urge Congress to allow State Veterans Homes to admit/retain any eligible Veteran who is 70 percent or greater service-connected disabled and requires skilled nursing care, and to receive the full cost of care for the Veteran from the Veterans Administration. **APPROVED**

V14 Change Article V, Section 2.A of the Department Bylaws to facilitate the work of the organization and to assist the Department Commander and the Council of Administration. **APPROVED**

V15 Amend the National VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure by deleting Section 716 in order to clarify the titles of all VFW Department officials, regardless of the political subdivision in which they serve. **APPROVED**

V16 Amend the Bylaws of the Department of Virginia to read as follows:

Post in the Department of Virginia may form a Men's Auxiliary in accordance with Article XIII of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Further, those Men's Auxiliary organizations that are established meet the administrative controls as set forth in the Department SOP. **APPROVED**

V17 (7th District). Amend the Bylaws of the Department of Virginia to read as follows:

Post in the Department of Virginia may form a Men's Auxiliary in accordance with Article XIII of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Further, those Men's Auxiliary organizations that are established meet the administrative controls as set forth in the Department SOP. **REJECTED**

V18 Change Article V of the Bylaws of the VFW, Department of Virginia, by adding Section 4, which shall read as follows: Posts within the Department are authorized to form Men's Auxiliaries. Formation and operations must be in accordance with Article XIII of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure and the Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). **APPROVED**

Fellow comrades, we need to do a better job in preparing and submitting resolutions during VFW Year 2004-2005. The VFW is our organization and the way we can surely determine its policies and its legislative agenda is through the preparation of resolutions by members of the Department of Virginia. Too many resolutions are currently prepared at the National VFW level and too few are prepared at the Department level. Comrades, this must change.

John P. Mcanaw, Chairman
Department Resolutions Committee

REDISTRICTING:

There is currently an ongoing effort to look into the idea of redistricting the Department to enable it to function in a more timely and effective manner. The primary focus of this effort is to reduce the size of Districts to a more manageable number of Posts and to reduce the amount of time and effort spent traveling within Districts. A proposal has been submitted to your District Commanders that was developed as a starting point with those thoughts in mind. It is just that, a starting point and nothing more. Using that starting point, in comparison with our current layout, the committee would like to have YOUR thoughts and ideas on this. ALL input received from you will be provided to each committee member for their consideration. Input should be submitted to State Headquarters with an information copy to your District Commander (Auxiliaries should submit via your Senior Vice President, Sister Debbie Martin). ANY redistricting plan requires not only the approval of the Council of Administration, but the approval of YOU, the membership, at the Department Convention.

C. D. "Doc" Crouch
Redistricting Committee Chairman

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY REPORTING DATES:

2004-2005 9th through 12th Grade Students
"Celebrating Our Veterans Service"

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2004
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2004
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2004
Complete Department Judging	Deadline: January 7, 2005
Department Winner to National	Deadline: January 15, 2005

The District Winner must be mailed to Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr., State Voice of Democracy Chairman, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821 by **Monday, December 27, 2004. No exceptions! Be sure you send all of the information that is needed. This means the Official Student Entry Form, a Typed Script and Recorded Cassette/CD and a photo of Post Winner. No follow-up phone calls will be made.** If you do not have the information that is requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will not be eligible. **Also, you must complete the District Chairman Report Form (which you will receive from National Headquarters in November) and send to me by January 15, 2005.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the winning student.

State Judging will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Post 8644 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

1 st Place Winner	Will receive \$1,000.00 and be expected to attend the State Convention Joint Session to be held in Richmond to read their entry and receive this award. In addition, will receive a check for \$500.00 from the Department of Virginia Commanders Club at the Awards Presentation in Richmond.
2 nd Place Winner	Will receive \$600.00 which the Department will mail
3 rd Place Winner	Will receive \$400.00 which the Department will mail

The Voice of Democracy Chairman of the Post that sponsors the Department Winner will receive one night's lodging and a Banquet Ticket to attend the Community Service Conference in Washington, D.C. (Duplicate award will not be given if the chairman receives a National Appointment.)

Each Post that participates in the Voice of Democracy Program will receive a Citation.

The Post that sponsors the Department's 1st Place Winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Trophy and will be presented at the State Convention.

Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr.
Department VOD Chairman

MENS AUXILIARY:

At the State Convention held in June of 2004 a motion was passed allowing a Men's Auxiliary in the State of Virginia to be formed. Rules and Regulations are in the process of being established. We hope to have these ready for approval by the Fall Council Meeting. The Men's Auxiliary can not be formed until after the Rules and Regulations have been approved. We will have more information in the future general orders.

Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

DUES INCREASES:

At the State Convention which was held June 17-20, 2004 motion was made and passed to increase State Per-Capita Tax by \$5.00 effective January 1, 2005. The State Per-Capita Tax will be \$8.00. Any Post wishing to increase their membership dues must notify National Headquarters in writing as soon as possible with amount of increase and effective date.

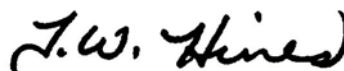
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Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Tom W. Hines
State Commander

BONDS:

Letters were sent out to all the Quartermasters with the bond premium form for 2004 through 2007. Please make sure that the forms have been filled out and returned with the required amount. Please keep in mind that each position has to have a separate bond, i.e.: canteen manager, bartenders, bingo chairman, and anyone else that handles money. All forms must be completed and returned to our office no later than August 31st, 2004.

BONDING YOUR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER

The National By-Laws state your Post must be bonded and if not, you are in violation of the National By-Laws Section 703.

It is recommended the Quartermaster be bonded for one and one-half times the amount of money and liquid assets he/she normally handles.

The minimum Bond is \$5,000.00 for the price of \$20.00 for a three-year period, beginning September 1, 2004 and ending August 31, 2007, made payable to the Department of Virginia through the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.

Use the chart on the back to determine the amount of the Bond, please fill out and return the lower section to State Headquarters along with your check made payable to the Department of Virginia, VFW.

The Bond is by Position not individuals. Separate Bonds are needed for the Canteen Manager, Bartenders, Bingo Chairman and anyone else who handles money.

Please note, your current Bond will expire August 31, 2004.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

POST NO. _____ AMOUNT OF BOND \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

POSITION BONDING FOR _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

City

State

Zip Code

All Bonds will be mailed to the District or Post Commander

Amount of Bond	Premium Due	Amount of Bond	Premium Due	Amount of Bond	Premium Due
\$5,000.00	\$20.00	\$37,000.00	\$256.00	\$69,000.00	\$428.00
\$6,000.00	\$30.00	\$38,000.00	\$262.00	\$70,000.00	\$433.00
\$7,000.00	\$40.00	\$39,000.00	\$268.00	\$71,000.00	\$438.00
\$8,000.00	\$50.00	\$40,000.00	\$274.00	\$72,000.00	\$443.00
\$9,000.00	\$60.00	\$41,000.00	\$280.00	\$73,000.00	\$448.00
\$10,000.00	\$70.00	\$42,000.00	\$286.00	\$74,000.00	\$453.00
\$11,000.00	\$80.00	\$43,000.00	\$292.00	\$75,000.00	\$458.00
\$12,000.00	\$89.00	\$44,000.00	\$298.00	\$76,000.00	\$463.00
\$13,000.00	\$98.00	\$45,000.00	\$304.00	\$77,000.00	\$468.00
\$14,000.00	\$106.00	\$46,000.00	\$310.00	\$78,000.00	\$473.00
\$15,000.00	\$114.00	\$47,000.00	\$316.00	\$79,000.00	\$478.00
\$16,000.00	\$122.00	\$48,000.00	\$322.00	\$80,000.00	\$483.00
\$17,000.00	\$129.00	\$49,000.00	\$328.00	\$81,000.00	\$488.00
\$18,000.00	\$136.00	\$50,000.00	\$333.00	\$82,000.00	\$493.00
\$19,000.00	\$143.00	\$51,000.00	\$338.00	\$83,000.00	\$498.00
\$20,000.00	\$150.00	\$52,000.00	\$343.00	\$84,000.00	\$503.00
\$21,000.00	\$157.00	\$53,000.00	\$348.00	\$85,000.00	\$508.00
\$22,000.00	\$164.00	\$54,000.00	\$353.00	\$86,000.00	\$513.00
\$23,000.00	\$171.00	\$55,000.00	\$358.00	\$87,000.00	\$518.00
\$24,000.00	\$178.00	\$56,000.00	\$363.00	\$88,000.00	\$523.00
\$25,000.00	\$184.00	\$57,000.00	\$368.00	\$89,000.00	\$528.00
\$26,000.00	\$190.00	\$58,000.00	\$373.00	\$90,000.00	\$533.00
\$27,000.00	\$196.00	\$59,000.00	\$378.00	\$91,000.00	\$538.00
\$28,000.00	\$202.00	\$60,000.00	\$383.00	\$92,000.00	\$543.00
\$29,000.00	\$208.00	\$61,000.00	\$388.00	\$93,000.00	\$548.00
\$30,000.00	\$214.00	\$62,000.00	\$393.00	\$94,000.00	\$553.00
\$31,000.00	\$220.00	\$63,000.00	\$398.00	\$95,000.00	\$558.00
\$32,000.00	\$226.00	\$64,000.00	\$403.00	\$96,000.00	\$563.00
\$33,000.00	\$232.00	\$65,000.00	\$408.00	\$97,000.00	\$568.00
\$34,000.00	\$238.00	\$66,000.00	\$413.00	\$98,000.00	\$573.00
\$35,000.00	\$244.00	\$67,000.00	\$418.00	\$99,000.00	\$578.00
\$36,000.00	\$250.00	\$68,000.00	\$423.00	\$100,000.00	\$581.00

For additional coverage over \$100,000 add \$3.00 per thousand

Win a Free Trip Through VFW's "Return to Vietnam" Drawing

If you received a Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam, you could be one of 12* lucky vets to win VFW's "Return to Vietnam" trip. This in-country tour from April 8-17, 2005, will visit Saigon, the Mekong Delta, Cu Chi, Hue, the DMZ, Hoi An, Marble Mountain and China Beach. Airfare, accommodations and meals are included. Don't miss this chance to revisit battle sites and to share your experiences with fellow Vietnam vets.

Entries must be received prior to the drawing on Nov. 15, 2004. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail in early December. To claim their trip, winners must send a copy of their Purple Heart documentation to VFW National Headquarters by Dec. 15, 2004; and their passport by Jan. 15, 2005.

Note: Previous VFW-sponsored trip-winners to the Army-Navy Game and the 20th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial funded through the Kahle Fund are not eligible.

** Three winners will be selected from each VFW Conference.*

Winners will receive:

- Economy airfare from your hometown to Saigon.
- Single room accommodation with three meals daily.
- Tour of sites listed above.
- Travel visa fee.

SEND ENTRIES TO:

Assistant Adjutant General
—Programs
VFW National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

Fill out this form and send today!

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

VFW Post No. _____ Location _____

Military Service, Unit: _____

Dates in Vietnam: _____

Non-member check to receive VFW membership information.

Yes No