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#### STATE COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Comrades we have just returned from the Southern Conference Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. There were representatives there from all fourteen States that make up the Southern Conference. Much information was given at the business meeting; the main topic as usual was membership. It seems like a lot of our comrades do not realize just how important it is to the success of our organization. If all of the Post Commanders will take a look at the Membership and Committee Schedule that was handed out to every District Commander and has appeared in these General Orders several times, you can see where your Post should be at this point of the year. Of the 181 Post in the State only 80 are at 85% as of November 22, 2004. There are around 15 that should make 85% by December 1, 2004. That leaves 86 Posts that have fallen behind schedule. In the construction business when you fall behind schedule it means you are holding up the rest of progress. You are expected and required to work around the clock to get back on schedule. Thankfully we are not in the construction business. I was using it only as a comparison. To all of the Posts that are dragging that old alibi ball around, your Post is holding back the rest of your District and Department. It is time to stop making excuses and start working on membership. If every post was at 85% in the State we would not be trailing Kansas by 5 percentage points. My gratitude goes to the three POSTS that are already at 100%. Please don't stop there, it seems like you will have to drag some of your lifeless comrades out of the cellar.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you that worked so hard to reach our goal in Community Service Reports. There were Nine Districts that were 100% reported. Three others only needed one or two more to be 100%. Lets try to get every one 100% in the second half. For the District that didn't get the agenda, I hope you can turn it around in the second half. Comrades the Membership team is working in the Fourth District as this goes to press. It seems that POST are hesitant to ask for help. Don't worry we, are going to come and help you regardless. If you are behind schedule start looking for a place that we can set up our tent. We will get there before the year is over.

I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now that the Holiday is over, lets get out and round up all of the unpaid and a couple of thousand new members before the end of the year.

Tom Hines State Commander

#### **GENERAL ORDERS:**

For the month of December the cut off for the general orders is DECEMBER 20, 2004 due to the holidays. 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 <a href="mailto:stateheadquarters@vfwva.org">stateheadquarters@vfwva.org</a> so we can remove your name from the mailing label file.

#### SPECIAL ORDER NO. 61

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 Gilbert G. Johnson, Membership No. 9225069, be removed from the rolls of Augusta-Staunton Post No. 2216, Staunton, Virginia, and his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States terminated by reason of ineligibility.

By order of John Furgess Commander-in-Chief

#### **ROSTER CHANGES:**

CMDR Daniel A Majowski 6010 Matoaca Road Petersburg 23803-1587 804-590-2 SVC John D. Kraus 212 Homestead Drive Colonial Heights 23834-1122 804-526-2	2043
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JVC Douglas L. Patterson 3116 Pineland Avenue Colonial Heights 23823-5341 804-520-5	
ADJ William A. Burke 11111 Kentshire Lane Chester 23831-1242 804-748-5	5735
QM Robert L. Weir 1325 Concord Drive Petersburg 23803-4617 804-732-0	0874
MEETS 3rd Saturday at 9:00 AM 14705 Jefferson Davis Hwy Colonial Heights 23834 804-748-4	4896
7728 SOUTHERN FAUQUIRE REMINGTON DISTRICT 8 540-752-2	2479
CMDR Bruce D. Richardson 10793 Blake Lane Bealeton 22712 540-439-0	0545
SVC Virgil C. Krebs 11626 Morgansburg Rd Bealeton 22712 540-439-3	3600
9640 CASEY-SHORTT RICHLANDS DISTRICT 9 276-964-9	9791
CMDR James H. Pruitt 1533 Red Root Ridge Rd Raven 24639-0533 276-964-2	2480
JVC John E. Cook Jr P.O. Box 25 Cedar Bluff 24609-0025 276-963-3	3439
ADJ Paul E Grisby PO Box 941 North Tazewell 24630-0941 276-979-0	0132
QM Clyde B Roberts 448 Maid St Pounding Mill 24637 276-964-4	4209

Chaplin Edward L. Powers, New Address, 975 Colonial Meadows Hwy, Va Beach 23454-3144

Post 3150, SVC Thomas R. Kane, 5653 Rayburn Avenue, Alexandria 22311, 703-379-4794, tlkane@starpower.net JVC Eric D. Anderson , 7402 Lucerne Lane #203, Annandale 22003, 703-914-9688

Post 392, Address Correction, JVC Ronald E. Nickey, 1430 D. Kristina Way, Chesapeake 23320

Post 4318, Meeting Change, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month at 7 p.m.

Post 4637, Zip Code Correction 24112

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS:

RICT MEETI	NGS:
FIRST –	TBD
SECOND -	3-12-05, POST 4411 FRANKLIN 12:00 lunch, Meeting 1:00 PM
THIRD –	12-11-04, 3 <sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT HQ MECHANICSVILLE 2:00 PM, Representative PDC Otis Berry
FOURTH -	TBD
FIFTH –	02-27-2004, POST 647 DANVILLE 12:00 NOON lunch with meeting to follow
SIXTH –	02-06-05, VA MED CENTER BLDG 76 2 <sup>ND</sup> FLOOR 2:00 PM, hosted by Post 484
SEVENTH -	12-12-04, POST 621 LURAY 11:30 AM lunch, meeting at 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines 03-13-05, POST 2447 EDINBURG 11:30 AM lunch, meeting at 1:00 PM 05-08-05, POST 1860 FRONT ROYAL 11:30 AM lunch, meeting at 1:00 PM
EIGHTH –	03-13-05, POST 3103 FREDERICKSBURG 1:00 PM
NINTH –	01-23-05, POST 4667 MARION 1:00 PM
TENTH -	12-05-04, POST 7916 WOODBRIDGE 1:00 PM (VFW ONLY), Representative State Senior Vice Commander, Dan Boyer, Jr. 02-20-05, POST 8241 McLEAN 1:00 PM (JOINT SESSION) 05-22-05, POST 1503 DALE CITY 1:00 PM

**ELEVENTH** – 12-5-04, POST 8644 BRIDGEWATER 11:30 lunch meeting to follow, Representative State Junior Vice Commander, Charles "Doc" Crouch

TWELFTH - 01-08-05, POST 5715 BIG STONE GAP 10:00 AM, Representative State Chief-of-Staff Rex Faris 04-09-05 POST 3782 HAYSI 10:00 AM

**THIRTEENTH** –12-05-04, POST 10574 COLONIAL BEACH NORTHERN NECK ELKS LODGE #2666, 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines

#### **IMPORTANT 2003-2005 DATES:**

January 14 -16, 2005	Winter Council Meeting: Radisson Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Room Rates \$57.00 plus Tax, Rooms blocked until 12/12/04, After that it is a first-come first-serve basis. Telephone # 757-220-2250, Reservation number 1-800-333-3333
May 21 -22, 2005	All State Judging, Virginia State Headquarters, Staunton, Virginia
June 16-19, 2005	State Convention, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad St. Richmond, 804-285-1234
July 14-16, 2005	School of Instruction, Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Telephone #434-528-2500
August 20-26, 2005	National VFW Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah
September 16-18, 2005	Fall Council Meeting: Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500
September 15-17, 2006	Fall Council Meeting: Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500

#### **AWARDS JUDGING DATE:**

The deadline for the awards judging has been changed to May 20, 2005. You must have everything turned into State Headquarters no later than 1700 on May 20, 2005. Judging will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE DEADLINES

All nominations for each award (EMT, Law Enforcement, Firefighters) must be submitted to Department Headquarters by January 1, 2005. Judging will be held on January 22, 2005 at 10:00 am at State Headquarters.

#### **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 as of January 1, 2005 is \$8.00. Any post wishing to increase their membership dues **must notify National Headquarters in writing** as soon as possible with amount of dues and effective date.

#### **RAFFLE TICKETS:**

Department raffle tickets and monies need to be turned into State Headquarters by 1/13/2005 or delivered to Adjutant/Quartermaster at Winter Council Meeting the morning of 1/15/2005.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

Congratulations! Grover King VFW Post 1115, Hillsville is the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Grover King VFW Post 1115 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 50 percent of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the November 8, 2004.

#### CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHERS AWARD:

**Deadline:** December 15, 2004 is the date that District winners must be at the Department Chairman for judging. Submissions must include the Post winner's original application, essay (written by the person nominating the teacher), resume, up to 5 pages of documentation, and a good quality head and shoulders photo (no color copies or low grade computer printouts).

Please ensure that the Post Teacher Entry Form, which must accompany each entry, is completely filled out (Post and District level). Entries must be sent to:

Chris Birch 304 E. Main Street Berryville, VA 22611-1306

<u>Post and District Chairmen</u>: I will be sending a form to the District Chairmen in order to capture information for National. The following information is requested:

- 1. Number of Posts participating.
- 2. Number of Auxiliaries participating
- 3. Number of participating schools
- 4. Number of teachers nominated

- 5. Awards amount.
- 6. Amount of District Awards
- 7. Additional District expenses

If you have any questions, please call.

Phone: (540) 955-3311

Cell: (540) 539-5446 Email: grafarm@visuallink.com

Chris Birch

Department Chairman

#### **PATRIOT'S PEN FINALS:**

Forward Patriot's Pen District Winners to Department:

- 1. District winners **completed** official entry form.
- 2. District winners typed essay.
- 3. District winners Photograph. (clear close-up of head and shoulders)
- 4. District completed Patriot's Pen participation report.
- 5. District completed Patriot's Pen report form.

Department judging will be 27 December 2004. All of the above must be in my hands before **midnight 26 December 2004.** We must have the department judging completed by 7 January 2005 and all related reports to National before 15 January 2005. Help us to be sure no student essay is left out

Don Hall Patriot's Pen Chairman

#### NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ELECTIONS:

At the Winter Council meeting in January the Department will be voting to endorse a candidate for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for 2006-2007. We will then carry that vote to the Southern Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi in November of 2005. Please express your thoughts on the candidates to your District Commander so that they will be prepared for the Winter Council meeting.

#### GLEN M. GARDNER JR. CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

My fellow VFW members:

I very much appreciate this opportunity to address the great Department of Virginia through your newspaper. I want to thank State Commander Tommy Hines, Adjutant-Quartermaster Kim Deshano and all Virginia VFW leaders for allowing the

candidates for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to address you through this medium. This is the kind of foresight and leadership our organization needs.

By way of introduction, I am Glen M. Gardner, Jr., a life member of VFW Post 3359, Garland, Texas. I served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 through 1970 and earned VFW eligibility while serving with the United States Marine Corp in Chu Li, South Vietnam during 1968-69.

I joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in Olathe, Kansas in May 1969 and have been an active member since transferring my membership to the Department of Texas in 1975. I have held a Post, District or Department position continuously since 1975 and have held an appointment on the national level every year since 1978.

The credentials of a candidate seeking your vote for national office are extremely important; however, I believe the candidates leadership philosophy - what he stands for, what is he willing to do and the direction he wants to take the organization – is far more important. I would therefore like to use this letter to briefly outline my philosophy and where I stand on important VFW issues.

Strength of the Veterans of Foreign Wars: I believe the strength of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is derived from each and every member. This organization was formed by overseas veterans who banded together to help other veterans in need. It did not start with the National Headquarters, a State Headquarters or even a Post. Therefore, our strength for the future must continue to be the strength we derive from each and every veteran banding together to help other veterans in need. As individual members, we must stand up and speak out on issues important to our organization, our veterans, dependents and the communities we serve. We are stronger when there are many voices being heard and differing opinions being discussed. While serving in the national chairs I will always remember we are an organization governed from the bottom up, not from the top down. I will encourage individual involvement and seek your opinions and guidance on important issues.

Membership: Membership starts at the VFW Post; however, it is critical to the very survival of VFW at all levels. Since this is such a critical issue, I believe it is time to re-examine the national/department/district/post relationship as it pertains to our membership effort. The national organization must be committed to assisting grassroots membership efforts in the most effective way possible. National must be part of the solution, not part of the problem. It is not enough to simply have a membership program in place – we must have an **effective** membership program. Working together and exchanging ideas I believe we can fashion a membership program that meets the needs of the changing times in which we compete. Members provide us with many things, including strength and income—the two things we must have if we are to carry out the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. To increase and maintain our members I believe we must aggressively promote the VFW and do a better job when it comes to public relations. I will work with all VFW leaders and members to bring innovations to all levels of our organization.

Membership Awards: I believe that it is important to reward those who do the membership work. I do not however believe in spending limited VFW funds on awards that can be bought and sold rather than earned through hard work. We can – and in my opinion we must - find ways to recognize those hardworking individual members who earn our thanks while not making a mockery of our membership awards system. I will work with you to develop a national membership program that truly rewards those who are doing the hard membership work for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

<u>Military Assistance</u>: A review of the national budget shows, in my opinion, there are at least two very important areas that are under funded - Public Relations and the Military Assistance Program. I believe the Military Assistance Program is important both in letting active duty veterans know how much we appreciate their service and as a potential membership pipeline. If the active duty military and their families know the VFW is looking out for them while they are on active duty, it is much more likely they will want to join our great organization now or in the future. Public relations bring visibility and recognition to the good works our members do and is critical to our success. We need more of it. If elected I will work to increase national funding for these two important areas.

I humbly ask for your vote and the endorsement of your Department for the office of Junior vice Commander-in-Chief. As an active VFW member for nearly 30 years, a past National Budget Chairman and member of the National By-Laws Committee, I am familiar with the inner workings of the national organization. I am prepared to do what is necessary to make our organization leaner, meaner and better. With your help I will lead this great organization with the same enthusiasm I have brought to every VFW task I have undertaken. What we do as VFW members is important to veterans, dependents and the communities we serve. The VFW can be successful in the future only if our members work hard and continue to believe in our mission.

I look forward to discussing these and other important VFW issues with you during the course of this campaign.

I remain, as always,

Your friend and comrade,

GLEN M. GARDNER, JR.

State Adjutant-Quartermaster, Department of Texas and, Candidate for VFW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

#### PRESTON F. GARRIS CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Dear Comrades of the Great Department of Virginia:

I certainly enjoyed visiting with each of you during your Fall Meeting in Roanoke last September, where I requested your support of my Candidacy for Junior Vice Commander in Chief for 2006-2007. Your Department will vote for the office at the Southern Conference of the VFW to be held November 2005 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

I am qualified to be your next Jr. Vice Commander in Chief based upon thirty-seven (37) years of Volunteer Service to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, my eligibility having been earned by service as a Marine Corps Officer in Vietnam, where I was gravely wounded while leading a Reinforced Infantry Rifle Platoon.

I have served there (3) terms as Post Commander, two (2) terms as a District Commander, Department Commander of North Carolina (All American), National Council of Administration Member of North and South Carolina, Chairman of National Legislative Committee, Chairman of National Security Committee and have held Vice Chairmanships of six (6) National Committees. I also served two (2) years on the National Budget and Finance Committee.

I am a <u>Strong</u> Veterans Advocate and Accredited Representative to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs having served as a County Veterans Service Officer for many years.

As your Junior, Senior, and ultimately Commander in Chief, I will stress Service to Veterans and their families. WE must be prepared to render all possible assistance to those Veterans who are no returning home and to those who will be coming home over the next few years.

Additionally, we must support all of our active duty Military Personnel and their families. I will carry out all of the mandates of our National Conventions and Resolutions they approve which, after all, is doing what the Comrades in the entire VFW have stated they want done via their delegates.

I will be a <u>Strong Leader For You</u>, unafraid to speak out to anyone or any group including the President of the United States, Congress, or any Foreign Agencies necessary for furthering the aims and ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Thank you for confidence and support.

Preston F. Garris
Past Department Commander
Of North Carolina, Candidate
for Junior Vice Commander in Chief

## TELL YOUR FELLOW MILITARY RETIREES! THOSE WITH 20 OR MORE YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR TAX-FREE DISABILITIES COMPENSATION:

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) is a tax-free benefit available for retirees with disabilities resulting directly of armed conflict, especially hazardous military duty, training exercises that simulate war, or were caused by an instrumentality of war.

All military retirees who meet the following eligibility criteria should apply:

- ▶ Minimum of 10% VA disability rating
- ▶ 20 years active duty service in Army
- ▶ 20 years service in the National Guard or Reserves (can be in combination with Active duty Service to Total 20 years) and age 60.

- Retired and drawing retirement pay
- ▶ Receiving VA disability pay

CRSC could equal the amount of offset from your retirement check received for Purple Heart-related disabilities or combatrelated disabilities minus any additional compensation received for dependents.

Though some retirees will be eligible for both CRSC and Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP), you cannot receive both. The Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) is currently paying those eligible for both whichever benefit has the higher dollar entitlement. CRSC is tax-free but, unlike other benefits, retirees must *apply* for CRSC.

The Army CRSC Branch has received over 34,000 original and reconsideration applications, with approximately 1400 new applications arriving each month. We are on target to process all applications that are over 30 days from receipt by 6 February. To view the weekly progress made on processing applications, go to <a href="http://www.crsc.army.mil/utilities/stats.htm">http://www.crsc.army.mil/utilities/stats.htm</a>.

The Army renders decisions based on the documents the retiree provides with the application. Most applicants already provide their own copies of relevant documents or have obtained VA rating determinations and other relevant documents from the local VA field office. The burden of proof lies with the applicant to obtain supporting evidence to determine combat relatedness of their disability.

For more information or to obtain an application, visit <a href="www.crsc.army.mil">www.crsc.army.mil</a> or call your RSO or the Army's CRSC Service Center toll free at 1-866-281-3254 (or 703-325-5163 for residents of the DC-metro area).

#### **NASCAR RACING:**

The VFW Department of Virginia and Veterans Racing, Inc. are joining forces and using the Veterans Racing NASCAR race teams to energize a recruiting blitz. The aim is to recruit both past and present eligible military personnel to join the prestigious ranks of the VFW, which they have earned through their service. The blitz will include merchandise to be sold in VFW Posts, on the website and in various retail outlets, and at the tracks in the 2005 NEXTEL Cup season. The team will be taking cars, crew and VFW personnel to various military bases for direct recruiting purposes.

Comrades this is a great opportunity to be able to have a VFW NASCAR RACING TEAM. This does require a lot of cash to put this all together, Veterans Racing has came up with a great way to raise money for both us the VFW and the Race Team. One is with Merchandise there will be official VFW Racing T-shirts and ball caps. The whole sale price of the shirts is \$10.00 to the Post, with a recommended retail price of \$15.00 and the ball caps whole sale price of \$15.00 to the Post and a recommended retail price of \$20.00. This could be a very profitable venture for your Post.

The second is the "Yellow Ribbon Campaign". Card stock yellow Ribbons will be sold to the Posts in lots of 100 for \$75.00. The Post will go to businesses around them and ask that they participate in a Yellow Ribbon Campaign with the VFW by asking customers for \$1.00 to support veterans, soldiers, and their families.

The customer can then sign the ribbon, and it can be displayed in the business (much as one might do for a muscular dystrophy, heart, or something similar). The Post will similarly go collect the money from the business, and will make a profit of \$25.00 per 100 ribbons. This Yellow Ribbon Campaign is only limited by the energy of your Post. I have attached to the General Orders the Order form for the Posts to start ordering their merchandise.

Kim A. DeShano Adjutant/Quartermaster

#### DOD STRESSES TROOP SUPPORT MAIL POLICY:

The Department of Defense announced today the continued suspension of the Any Service member mail program. Accordingly, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to service members during the holiday season.

During this time of the year, the number of donation programs increases and causes mail from families and friends to be mixed with mail from unknown sources resulting in delivery delays. DOD continues to emphasize that names and addresses of military service members must not be distributed by the media, Web sites, companies, non-profit organizations, schools and individuals for the purpose of collecting letters of support or donations for mailing to service members.

Service members should receive mail only from those friends and family members to whom they personally give their address. Military addresses should not be passed around by family members for use by donation programs. Unknown mailers could then obtain those addresses and mail harmful items to service members. For these reasons, DOD continues to indefinitely suspend general donation programs from unknown mailers.

Americans, who don't have loved ones deployed overseas, can still show support during the holidays by other means.

A list of these programs is available at http://www.defendamerica.mil.

To guarantee mail arrives in time for end of year holidays, family members are encouraged to view the mailing guidelines at http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2004/pb22138.pdf.

## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE - FREE PACKAGING MATERIAL FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas. To take advantage of this service call: 1-800-610-8734 (press 1 for English & then 3 for an operator). They will send you a free kit that includes 10 boxes, packing materials, priority mailing tape and mailing labels. These products are to only be used to mail care packages to service members. You must still pay normal postage.

M. C. "Connie" Agresti Co-Chair, Military Assistance Program

#### MAP:

- 1. As the Department of Virginia's Military Assistance Program (MAP) Chairman, I am pleased to address you with a plead for donations toward one of our most notarized nationally acclaimed programs. This program is a worthy and needed program. It's a program that has save several veterans' from losing their homes or has allowed them to return their heads clearly above the financial waters that families sometimes face.
- 2. Comrades, let me be frank with you. I have a committee of dedicated veterans that have worked diligently contacting organizations and agencies to get assistance for returned veterans from Iraq, Afghanistan, Cuba, etc, making sure that they get some of the small things now that will become an essential part of their lives later on for the rest of their lives... i.e. gloves, stockings, hats, T-Shirts, slippers. We, the MAP Chairmen and Coordinators around the Commonwealth of Virginia are doing the very best that we can to manage the little funds that we have from one Department's term to the next. The bottom-line upfront is that we need donations. The Posts that can help are those 501 (c) (3) bingo and canteen doers
- 3. While I am on my MAP soapbox, I would like to take this time to thank ALL contributors to our Department of Virginia's MAP Relief Fund thus far. I would like to give a special thanks to our most recent contributor, Post 8356 of West Point, Williamsburg, VA. I most humbly ask that as many Posts as possibly somehow find it within your budget to contribute funds to this worthy cause.
- 4. All contribution may be made payable to: Department of Virginia Quartermaster VFW. Be sure to earmark your memo for MAP donation.
- 5. Point of contact for this request may be addressed to Chairman, MAP, ATTN: Comrade John King, 28 Red Robin Turn, Hampton, Virginia 23669, or telephone me at (757) 224-4900, or email me above.

John W. King

John W. King Committee Chairman, Military Assistance Program Department of Virginia

#### VFW LEGISLATIVE DAY ON THE HILL IN RICHMOND, 13 JANUARY 2005:

The Department's "Legislative Day on the Hill" will be held at the State Capitol on <u>Thursday</u>, 13 January 2005. All VFW and Auxiliary members are urged to participate in this very important event. Legislators are most interested in meeting constituents from their respective districts. Do your part and show up. Numbers do count. IMPORTANT! We will

assemble at 8:20 a.m. in House Room #2 of the State Capitol Building. Use the street level entrance in the middle of the building on the Broad Street (uphill) side.

Following a briefing on VFW legislation issues, participants will be divided into teams. For the remainder of the morning these teams will visit the offices of all 140 members on the General Assembly.

At 11:30 a.m. we will gather in the rotunda of the State Capitol and separate into two groups. One half will go to the House of Delegates gallery; the other half will go to the Senate gallery. Shortly after noon both groups will be recognized by the assembled politicians in the chambers below. Cited recognition will conclude our "Legislative Day on the Hill."

John Hatfield, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, stated that the VFW and Auxiliary members can use, at no cost, the parking lot at his location on 13 January 2005. The Virginia War Memorial is located at:

621 South Belvedere Street Richmond, VA 23220-6504 Tel. No.: 804-786-2060

As of the date of this article, 23 November 2004, arrangements are incomplete regarding the shuttling of VFW and Auxiliary members the short distance to and from the State Capitol and the Virginia War Memorial.

Since the contents of the Governor's Budget for 2005-2006 will not be released to the public until 30 November at the earliest, it is impossible at this time to complete our VFW issues booklet for our Legislative Day on the Hill. Of great concern is the funding level for cited fiscal year for the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS). At our annual Department Convention in June 2004, the general membership unanimously approved Resolution V012, which called for at least a \$1 million increase in the VDVS budget.

More information on VFW issues for our Legislative Day on the Hill will be included in the General Orders for January 2005.

Note: Please plan so that you will be in House Conference Room #2 no later than 8:20 a.m.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES:

The 2005 Session of the General Assembly will convene on Wednesday, 12 January 2005, and will adjourn sine die on Saturday, 26 February 2005. The following information has been developed to assist you in contacting your Senator and Delegate during the session.

#### Making a Visit:

- 1. Be prepared to state your views clearly.
- 2. Have appropriate materials to leave.
- 3. Be on time.
- 4. Be friendly, positive and constructive.
- 5. Be specific about desired action.
- 6. Be brief! Be brief! Be brief!

#### Writing a Letter:

- 1. Write to your State representative. Your representative wants to know what his or her constituents think. Most are not interested in the concerns of people from other areas of the State.
- 2. Write a personal letter. Avoid form letters.
- 3. Keep your letter brief. Try to limit the subject matter to a single page.
- 4. Be positive. Avoid criticism. If possible, commend the representative on some recent action, position or public speech.
- 5. Come to the point quickly, clearly and concisely.
- 6. Tell why you hold a particular position. If the Veterans of Foreign Wars has taken action on an issue, refer to their decision.
- 7. Raise questions. A well formulated question can many times get a person's response.
- 8. Point out shortcoming of a position on a particular issue. Offer suggestions for correcting it.
- 9. Make your letter timely.
- 10. Spell names correctly. Write legibly. Use correct salutations.

The Honorable	
General Assembly Building	
Richmond, Virginia 23219	
Salutation: Dear Senator/Delegate	:

Using the Telephone:

- 1. Be well informed and prepared.
- 2. Call at a strategic time.
- 3. Always be calm and courteous; venting your anger will not help you in your efforts.
- 4. If you have written or visited the representative, remind him or her of that contact.
- 5. If the representative is not available, speak with the Legislative Assistant. If so, request some feedback from the representative either through telephone or correspondence.

JOHN P. MC ANAW Legislative Chairman

#### VFW SPONSORED PROGRAMS:

In an on-going effort to keep you informed of VFW National Headquarters sponsored programs, below are two programs we've received inquiries on lately.

**VFW Sponsored Long Term Care Plan and Annuity Plan** is managed by Pinnacle Financial Services. Through major companies, Pinnacle Financial is able to offer a variety of plans to fit our members' and their families' needs.

Both of these plans are marketed the same way. Authorized agents contact our members either by mail or phone to set up an appointment to explain the benefits and customize a plan to fit the member's needs. When agents visit, they will have identification to affiliate them with VFW National Headquarters, i.e. badge, ID card. The agents are cautioned against high-pressure sales and if the member indicates they do not want an agent visiting them, the agent is instructed to end the call or visit.

The VFW Sponsored Funeral and Cremation Plan is offered through Dignity Memorial. In addition to direct mail, they have seminars for our members and their families offered with a complimentary meal. They provide important information on veteran's government burial benefits and how the VFW Dignity Memorial Funeral and Cremation Program complement those benefits.

I would appreciate you getting this information out to the posts and members in your department. The agents are encouraged to contact the Post Quartermasters to let them know they will be contacting members. **Be assured, the VFW membership list is protected by a confidentiality agreement.** 

Please advise your members if they have any concerns, to immediately call you or they may call National Headquarters toll free 1-800-821-2606, select option 4 and ask for Sonja Cutright at extension 161.

#### **OPERATION UPLINK:**

State Headquarters received these thank you's after the soldiers received their Operation Uplink cards to call home with. We thought we would pass them along to you-

~I will be using this Blessing from the VFW to contact my family. I am stationed at Camp Buichrince, Kuwait, OIF II. Thank you so much!

Richard Goode SSG/USAR 327 Dry Bridge Road Farmville, VA 23901

<sup>\*</sup>Richard indicated that he would like to hear from the folks back home.

~Thank you for providing me the opportunity to call my wife and 2 young daughters during 7 months of separation.

Sean O. Wilson USN

~I call my husband. These calls mean a lot to me because I get to speak to my family and kids. I also call my dad to let him know where I am.

Analyn B. Mena USN/E-3

~I will be using my Operation Uplink phone card to call my family back home. It means the world to me to be able to check up on them while I am away. Thank you so much.

Marshea P. Maylor SPC/Army

~Thank you so much for the international calling card your group provided. I'll be using my card to speak with my two precious daughters to let them know that my unit is safe.

DeShelle Downey SGT/USAR

~Phone cards are the best! Thank you Operation Uplink for making my stay in Afghanistan more pleasant! Send more please!

Wesley Runion Specialist/Army

~Thank you very much! I used my card to call my wife & parents. Dad served in Vietnam in 64 & 72.

J. McNealy Major/USA

~Thank you very much for the phone card! What a gift! I will use it to call my wife and sons from here in Kosovo. Thanks from a deployed soldier!

C R Green 1 LT/ AN

~I'm in a VA Hospital. I thank you. I was able to talk to my mother and sister.

Marvin Braithwaite E/3/ Navy

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

Over the years, The VFW has been known for our many charitable activities. We have financed these activities through a variety of fund raising efforts. As you know, funds from our traditional sources are more difficult to obtain. Funding for our Youth Programs has been increasingly more difficult. We are constantly looking for new funding sources.

Recently, The Department was introduced to a program that could raise substantial dollars. We have signed up for the program, which allows the Department to offer local and long distance telephone service, internet access and cellular service to you our members. The program brings such benefits as:

- > The only responsibility of The Department is to publicize the availability of the plan to our members. There is no order taking, answering questions or selling the services. The plan provider does all that for us.
- > In most instances, you will save money, when compared to your current provider of these services.
- The Department will receive much needed cash to fund our programs, because 8% of your bill is paid to us each month as a commission. If 10%, or 3,000 of our members subscribed, The Department would receive \$48,000 a year, based on an average bill of \$20 per month.

PowerNet Global, a leading telecommunications company, provides the Program. PNG, founded in 1992 in Cincinnati, Ohio, has grown to become a major player in the consumer telecommunications industry throughout the U.S. To serve the needs of our members, they have assigned The Department a special toll free number that will identify a caller as a member of The Department of Virginia VFW.

Call 866-703-0013 and discuss the services you want. They are available to answer your questions and take the order for your services. Remember, this is truly a win/win situation. You get equal or better pricing on the services you use and The Department gets an 8% commission.

Thank you for your continuing dedication and support of the programs of The Veterans of Foreign Wars. In this situation, each one of you can make a difference.

#### 2005 VFW EMPLOYMENT AWARDS PROGRAM:

The VFW Employment Awards program is designed to promote and publicize Veterans employment. National awards will be bestowed upon individuals, groups, organizations, and employers who excel in employment assistance for Veterans. There are four categories to be presented.

- 1. National Employment Service Office Award
- 2. National Employer of the Year Award (Greater than 250 employees)
- 3. National Employer of the Year Award (Less than 250 employees)
- 4. James C. Gates Distinguished Service Award (This award gives particular attention to those involved in outreach to homeless, disabled, or long term unemployed Veterans)

The first place National award winners in each category will be flown to the 106<sup>th</sup> National Convention at Salt Lake City, Utah for presentation during one of the business sessions. In addition they will receive a \$1.000 honorarium. Applications must be received by JB Young, 5920 Ridge View Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310 no later than March 25, 2005. For further information and /or application forms, contact JB at telephone (703) 329-1357 or email jrbubba3@juno.com

#### **REPORTS FORMS:**

Please mail all Reports to State Headquarters. This includes AMERICANISM, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, DEATH REPORTS, HOMELESS VETERANS, HOSPITAL, INSPECTION, SAFETY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE DATES FOR THE REPORTING PERIODS BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2004.** Any reports sent in with dates from the first half reporting period will be returned.

#### **HOSPITAL:**

Congratulations to most of the Department. We only had 6 Posts that didn't report for the 1st half and 2 Districts that weren't 100% (See Below). When you stop and think about that accomplishment, there is no reason we can't be 100% for the 2nd half, which started 1 Nov. I know that during the Holidays, most posts will be visiting a member or Veteran at home and/or helping out in the local hospitals and communities. Take a couple of minutes and submit a report.

Beth and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a fantastic Holiday Season. I hope to see everyone in Williamsburg in Jan 2005.

#### DEPT TOTALS FOR THE 1ST HALF

Reports	Volunteers	Hours	<b>Patients</b>	Value
303	4820	24,200	27996	108,601.92
			Hal Roesch Hospital Chairm	ıan

#### HOSPITAL POSTS NOT REPORTED FOR 1ST HALF AS OF 11/21/2004

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#### **COMMUNITY:**

Comrades, we had a very outstanding first half with 11 out of 13 Districts reporting 100%. I hope we will be 100% for the  $2^{nd}$  half, as that is our goal. Hope you have a happy holiday.

Lynn Harris
Vice Chair Community Activities

#### COMMUNITY REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF AS OF 11-19-04

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<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

#### **AMERICANISM:**

Two hundred seventy-two First Half reports were received from 173 posts. This is at least the second year in a row the reporting has increased, being 11 reports and 23 posts over last year's first half. Well done! And congratulations to Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 for being 100% reported.

Every post likely did something for Veterans Day. Get those Second Half reports turned in. NOTE: If you reported Veterans Day in the First Half, it did not count. No event counts before it happens! Kudos to the first out of the box posts who already reported Second Half: District 4 Post 7166, District 7 Post 9760, and District 10 Posts 3150 and 9478.

J. Gary Wagner Vice Chairman for Americanism

#### AMERICANISM REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF AS OF 11-19-04

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#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

Comrades we are now in the 2nd Half reporting period and 005 of 181 Posts have submitted their reports. That is 02.77%, so you can see we still have quite a ways to go to hit our Commander's goal of 100%. My sincere thanks to Post that have already submitted their reports. Please do not forget to double-check your reports for <u>accuracy and legibility</u> before you send them off to the Department.

Stanley Dixon Vice Chairman Youth Activity

#### YOUTH REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF AS OF 11-19-04

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#### **INSPECTIONS:**

DISTRICT POST INSPECTION REPORT NUMBERS THAT ARE LISTED HAVE NOT BEEN INSPECTED

District 3 needs three posts inspected. District 8 needs one post inspected. (see below). Districts that need to be inspected are 2, 5, and 9.

Yours in Comradeship William R. Shifflett State Inspector

#### INSPECTION REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED AS OF 11-19-04

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#### **SAFETY:**

Safety reports for the second reporting period have not been received for the Posts below.

For the first reporting period, Safety Reports were received from 174 of 181 Posts in the Department resulting in a reporting rate of 96.1%. Ten of the thirteen districts achieved the goal of 100%. Congratulations to the Commanders and Comrades of District 1, District 2, District 3, District 6, District 7, District 9, District 10, District 11, District 12, and District 13.

Charles B. Harris Safety Vice Chairman

#### SAFETY REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF AS OF 11-19-04

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#### **PUBLICITY:**

As the holidays come and go I know that the Posts and Auxiliaries do a lot of projects within their communities to help those less fortunate. As always we praise you for your good works. But as Public Relations Chairman I can tell you I would like to see more of what you do in our local papers. Please contact your local papers and let them know what you do for the les fortunate and veterans within your communities.

With Christmas coming I'm sure a lot of Posts and Auxiliaries are doing Baskets and Gifts, as well as preparing dinners for the needy or the Veterans homes and the homeless shelters. Let us all inform the local communities that this is what we do.

Newspapers like to hear stories of Christmas past, a story of your holidays away from home. So I urge you to contact them and tell them you would like to share your most valued memories. This will help eliminate the theory of <u>VFW's ARE ONLY THERE FOR BINGO & BEER.</u> Truth of the matter is in some Posts their is BINGO and Beer, we don't try to hide it. <u>BUT</u> what the community is unaware of that the monies from BINGO goes right into the community. There is a lot more going on by these same members in those Posts for their local communities to know. Let's Inform Them.

In Closing Lorna and I wish for each a Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season. I'd like for all reading this to think about the following: Remember when you were in the military you may have been very homesick and lonely over the holidays. So please, if your near a military installation adopting a military person to share your table it just could be the last home cooked meal for a long time and is always a way for this individual to have a pleasant memory that "NO ONE CAN TAKE AWAY"!

LARRY MATTERA
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

#### **THANKS:**

Ida McCracken would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone cards that she received after her surgery.

Ida McCracken

Just a note to thank all the Post Quartermasters for responding to my request for updating the National Home's Life Membership Rolls.

Pat Baldwin VFW National Home Chairman Ladies Auxiliary

Official:

Kim A. DeShano State Adjutant

Kin A Wesham

By Order of:

Tom W. Hines State Commander

#### **DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LADIES AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting

January 14 - January 16, 2005

Radisson Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center

Williamsburg, Virginia

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2005

12:00 NOON	5:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
3:00 PM		Ladies Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	General Hill's/McClellan's
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Department Officers & District Commanders	General Longstreet's
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	General Emory's

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005**

9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	General Longstreet's
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	General Hill's
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Advisory Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	NOON	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	General Hook
11:00 AM	NOON	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Cash Lunch	
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg Hall
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	General Jackson
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	RECEPTION	Richmond Hall
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	BANQUET-Guest Speaker- John Furgess	Richmond Hall
		National Commander-in-Chief	
9:00 PM	12:00 AM	DANCE	Richmond Hall

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2005

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Petersburg Hall
9:30 AM	NOON	Ladies Auxiliary Conference, if needed	Richmond Hall
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Council of Admin. Meeting, if needed	Petersburg Hall

COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS: \$35.00 Includes Reception, Banquet, and Saturday Night Dance. Open Bar.

DEPARTMENT HOSPITALITY ROOM 267 - 3RD DISTRICT HOSPITALITY ROOM 367 - 10TH DISTRICT HOSPITALITY ROOM 467

# DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA VETRANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LADIES AUXILIARY

#### WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 14 – 16, 2005

Radisson fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia Phone - 757-220-2250

#### Friday. January 14, 2005

Noon until 5:00 PM	Registration	7:00 PM until 8:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting
3:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Line Officers Mtg	7:30 PM until 9:00 PM	Dept. Officers & District Cmdrs
6:00 PM until 6:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	9:00 PM until 1:00 AM	MOC Dance

#### Saturday, January 15, 2005

9:00 AM until 5:00 PM	Registration	3:00 PM until 5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting
9:00 AM until 10:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	5:30 PM until 6:30 PM	Reception-State Commander/State Pres.
9:00 AM until 2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	6:30 PM until 9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker - John
10:00 AM until 11:00 AM	Advisory Committee Meeting		Furgess National Commander-in-Chief
10:30 AM until Noon	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	9:00 PM until 12:00 MID	3
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11:30 AM until 1:00 PM	Cash Lunch		
1:00 PM until 4:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting		

#### Sunday, January 16, 2005

9:00 AM until 9:30 AM Joint Devotional Service 9:30 AM until Noon Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, if needed 9:30 AM until Noon VFW Council of Administration Meeting

### PRE REGISTRATION FOR COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS \$35.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION, DINNER BANQUET, AND SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

(Beef Tickets ONLY Available for purchase at registration Pork Tickets MUST be pre-paid)

#### **Dinner Menu**

Your choice of:

#### **London Broil with Wild Mushroom Sauce**

~or~

#### Roast Pork Loin with Shallot Demiglaze

Both Served with:

Fort Magruder Tossed Salad with assorted Salad Dressings, oven fresh rolls, Chef's Choice of Vegetable, Chef's Choice of Starch, Cake or Pie

	PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY ck, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted	
Name:	Phone:	POST #
Number of Pork Loin Dinners:	Number of Beef Dinners:	Amount Enclosed:
Please charge my card: \$	Name on Card:	
Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa	Card Number:	Exp. Date:
SIGNATURE:		

Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.

# Department Commander's & Department President's Homecoming Fund Raiser





\$20.00 \$20.00

Shirts are available thru State Headquarters for purchase with the Cross of Malta on the right side and a pocket on the left side for the VFW, for the Aux they have the Aux emblem on the left side and no pocket. These shirts are grey in color with the emblems in color and the State in red. You can use the attached Shirt order form. They will also be available at the Winter Council Meeting in Williamsburg.

#### Order now these will make great Christmas Presents

Department Commander and Presidents Homecoming is scheduled for April 23, 2005 in Staunton more info to come.

#### Department of Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars 403 Lee Jackson Highway Staunton, Virginia 24401

#### Men's/Ladies Shirt Order Form

Date			Post/Au	uxiliary Number
Full Name		_	Phone I	Number
Street				
City		State	Zip Cod	le
Number	Size	Men/Lady	Price	Total
\$11.00  Method of Payment: Cash  Check Number	Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large  irst Shirt and \$3.00 for each according to the control of the co		\$20.00 \$20.00 \$20.00 \$20.00 \$21.00 \$21.00 SHIPPING TOTAL	
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RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, STATE HEADQUARTERS

Item #1

Item #2



T-Shirt \$120 / Dozen

Shirts can be ordered in any combination of sizes to create one dozen.



T-Shirt \$120 / Dozen

Item #3



Cap \$180 / Dozen

Item #4



Item #5

Cap \$180 / Dozen



Yellow Ribbon \$75 / Hundred

Post # Contact											
Address											
City		Sta	te		2						
ITEMS ORDERED											
Item #1 CDC Shirt	S 	M	L 		XXL	XXXL	Total Qty.	Price \$120			
Item #2 VFW Shirt								\$120			
Item #3 blue cap								\$180			
Item #4 Red cap								\$180			
Item #5 yellow ribbon								\$75			
You will be billed se	parate			•	Enclosed	d					

Mail Order Form and Payment to: 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continous	Current	Prior	MIP	%	City
1	176	93	2	0	35	130	192		67.71	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	51	2	1	15	69	78	12	103.85	GRAFTON
1	960	38	2	1	14	55	63		87.3	YORKTOWN
1	2296	17	1	0	43	61	66		92.42	TASLEY
1	3219	345	49	4	107	505	691	2	73.37	PHOEBUS
1	4856	33	0	0	22	55	75		73.33	EXMORE
1	5500	39	1	2	17	59	82	12	86.59	HAMPTON
1	6002	95	1	0	45	141	163		86.5	DENBIGH
1	7167	62	1	2	70	135	169		79.88	WARSAW
1	8252	205	12	0	32	249	315		79.05	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	10	0	0	15	25	32		78.13	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	9	0	0	11	20	25		80	TANGIER
1	9636	0	Defunct	0	0	0	40		0	DELTAVILLE
District	Totals	997	71	10	426	1504	1991	26	75.54	THIRTEENTH
2	392	1056	70	18	239	1383	1549	19	90.51	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	95	3	1	36	135	156		86.54	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	38		1	12	51	59			VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	31	2	0	14	47	52		90.38	SUFFOLK
2	2894	32	1	2	29	64	81		79.01	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	582	9	4	135	730	801	2	91.39	NORFOLK
2	4411	67	2	3	30	102	110		92.73	FRANKLIN
2	4809	913	19	10	277	1219	1428	9	85.99	NORFOLK
2	8545	65	5	0	18	88	95		92.63	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	74	0	1	31	106	138	4	79.71	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	2953	111	40	821	3925	4469	34	87.83	FIRST

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3	394	0	Defunct	0	0	0	16		0	MONTPELIER
3	1426	30	0	0	14	44	54		81.48	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	121	12	4	77	214	240	1	89.58	COLONIAL HEIGHT
3	2583	9	0	0	10	19	29		65.52	ASHLAND
3	3125	6	0	0	6	12	22		54.55	DOSWELL
3	4639	81	3	2	41	127	146		86.99	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	152	4	0	37	193	211		91.47	RICHMOND
3	8046	29	1	0	16	46	74			NORGE
3	8356	45	0	1	48	94	113		83.19	WEST POINT
3	8529	77	4	3	31	115	140		82.14	SANDSTON
3	9224	36	0	0	24	60	66		90.91	RICHMOND
3	9501	20	0	2	13	35	43		81.4	AYLETT
3	9808	554	3	2	99	658	718		91.64	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	24	1	0	3	28	132		21.21	PETERSBURG
3	10654	88	0	0	5	93	103		90.29	RICHMOND
3	10657	86	3	0	3	92	93		98.92	GLEN ALLEN
3	11124	15	1	0	9	25	31		80.65	QUINTON
District	Totals	1373	32	14	436	1855	2231	1		SEVENTH
4	622	45	7	1	36	89	139		64.03	PETERSBURG
4	637	151	8	2	151	312	367	1		HOPEWELL
4	2163	45	6	1	33	85	102		83.33	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	20	0	0	15	35	46		76.09	CULLEN
4	5313	52	0	0	10	62	93		66.67	NOTTOWAY
4	5371	15	0	0	16	31	34			EMPORIA
4	7059	81	10	1	102	194	227	1		FARMVILLE
4	7166	149	3	6	78	236	324	1	73.15	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	75	0	0	40	115	127			CREWE
4	7897	19	3	0	22	44	53			BLACKSTONE
4	8048	16	1	0	31	48	63			LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	58	0	1	57	116	135			CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	4	0	0	14	18	47			CHASE CITY
4	8446	27	0	0	17	44	49			BUCKINGHAM
4	8599	2	1	0	11	14	26			BROOKNEAL
4	8617	30	0	0	15	45	59			GOOCHLAND
4	8759	33		0	_~					AMELIA COURT
4	8902	12	0	0	5	17	20			KEYSVILLE
4	9618		Defunct	0	0	0	10			CUMBERLAND
4	9855	18	3	1	33	55	99			APPOMATTOX
4	9954	109		0	46	155	173			VICTORIA
4	10570	19		1	21	42	43			POWHATAN
4	10571		Defunct	0	1		51			PRINCE GEORGE
District	Totals	980	43	14	774	1811	2361	4	76.7	TWELFTH

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5	647	229	9	1	134	373	426		87.56	DANVILLE
5	873	13	0	0	7	20	22		90.91	GRETNA
5	1115	599	4	8	423	1034	1264	1	81.88	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	13	1	0	15	29	49		59.18	BASSETT
5	4637	75	5	0	61	141	168	1	84.52	MARTINSVILLE
5	6130	4	0	0	12	16	20			RIDGEWAY
5	7568	18	0	0	22	40	59		67.8	GALAX
5	7726	133	4	1	151	289	380	19	81.05	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	77	22	0	31	130	136		95.59	STUART
5	8243	44	0	1	42	87	125		69.6	HALIFAX
5	8467	51	5	0	42	98	121		80.99	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	29	0	0	19	48	55		87.27	PENHOOK
District	Totals	1285	50	11	959	2305	2825	21	81.59	TENTH
6	484	32	0	0	23	55	69		79.71	ROANOKE
6	776	110	0	0	22	132	167		79.04	RADFORD
6	1033	115	0	4	120	239	307		77.85	COVINGTON
6	1264	252	7	3	94	356	455		78.24	ROANOKE
6	1444	53	0	3	13	69	100		69	ROANOKE
6	1841	55	2	3	75	135	154		87.66	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	115	0	2	103	220	268		82.09	BEDFORD
6	4165	29	1	1	36	67	77		87.01	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	27	0	0	17	44	67		65.67	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	34	0	0	32	66	78		84.62	SALEM
6	4491	70	1	0	28	99	120		82.5	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	147	6	3	44	200	222		90.09	VINTON
6	4920	9	0	0	13	22	33		66.67	ELLISTON
6	5311	69	10	0	50	129	141		91.49	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	15	0	0	6	21	26		80.77	BUCHANAN
6	7854	67	15	1	37	120	136		88.24	FLOYD
6	8184	57	0	0	24	81	92		88.04	LYNCHBURG
6	9805	3	0	0	9	12	16		75	RUSTBURG
6	9877	14	0	2	20	36	48		75	AMHERST
District	Totals	1273	42	22	766	2103	2576	0	81.64	NINTH

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7	621	124	4	1	93	222	249		89.16	LURAY
7	1150	17	0	0	7	24	28		85.71	SPERRYVILLE
7	1860	198	3	0	102	303	336		90.18	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	267	0	2	88	357	395		90.38	WINCHESTER
7	2447	173	1	0	117	291	348		83.62	EDINBURG
7	4698	13	1	0	23	37	47		78.72	GROTTOES
7	6044	15	0	0	9	24	31		77.42	WINCHESTER
7	7899	17	0	0	32	49	63		77.78	STANLEY
7	8613	110	3	1	53	167	207		80.68	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	107	0	1	60	168	201		83.58	ELKTON
7	9660	55	2	0	59	116	147		78.91	BROADWAY
7	9760	96	9	2	92	199	226		88.05	BERRYVILLE
7	9872	74	0	0	0	74	77		96.1	HINTON
District	Totals	1266	23	7	735	2031	2355	0	86.24	FOURTH
8	472	18	0	0	0	18	18		100	MADISON
8	1177	34	0	0	10	44	51		86.27	LEESBURG
8	1811	185	0	0	1	186	193		96.37	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	198	2	0	65	265	301		88.04	CULPEPER
8	3103	185	1	2	140	328	415		79.04	FREDERICKSBURG
8	4468	39	0	0	0	39	39			PURCELLVILLE
8	7589	140	6	3	51	200	223		89.69	MANASSAS
8	7728	32	0	1	22	55	57		96.49	REMINGTON
8	8208	7	0	0	14	21	24	44		STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	33	0	0	12	45	53		84.91	WARRENTON
8	9865	0	Defunct	0	0	0	2		0	MADISON
District	Totals	871	9	6	315	1201	1376	44	87.28	THIRD
9	956	43	0	1	34	78	96			DANTE
9	1184	121	2	4	57	184	216	1	85.65	PULASKI
9	2719	27	0	2	26	55	61		90.16	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	510	21	10	236	777	936		83.01	MARION
9	6000	136	1	5	80	222	272		81.62	NARROWS
9	7136	104	2	3	81	190	229		82.97	TAZEWELL
9	7328	28	0	2	49	79	104		75.96	SALTVILLE
9	7360	35	0	1	35	71	84			GRUNDY
9	7969	17	3	1	23	44	56			BLAND
9	9343	9	0	0	11		30			HONAKER
9	9640	103	1	2	43		180	2		RICHLANDS
9	9696	108	4	1	58		210			BLUEFIELD
9	9864	55	2	2	20					LEBANON
District	Totals	1296	36	34	753	2119	2555	3	82.94	EIGHTH

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10	609	70	0	2	19	91	104		87.5	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1143	46	9	285	1483	1749	1	84.85	DALE CITY
10	3150	320	3	4	59	386	428	27	96.5	ARLINGTON
10	5412	44	2	0	25	71	79		89.87	BURKE
10	7327	382	1	1	103	487	562		86.65	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	282	10	4	97	393	436		90.14	WOODBRIDGE
10	8241	150	4	1	77	232	257		90.27	MC LEAN
10	8469	150	2	0	54	206	226		91.15	FAIRFAX
10	8815	18	1	0	2	21	24		87.5	LORTON
10	9274	211	0	1	31	243	264		92.05	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	52	4	1	19	76	72		105.56	STERLING
District	Totals	2822	73	23	771	3689	4201	28	87.81	SECOND
11	452	25	0	0	14	39	61		63.93	CRIMORA
11	632	334	2	4	147	487	563		86.5	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	73	1	0	43	117	141		82.98	LEXINGTON
11	2216	186	16	27	253	482	545		88.44	STAUNTON
11	2424	33	0	0	23	56	63		88.89	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	22	5	0	15	42	43		97.67	DEERFIELD
11	3136	32	0	0	28	60	71		84.51	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	26	1	1	27	55	70		78.57	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	10	0	0	33	43	59		72.88	BUENA VISTA
11	4989	58	0	0	0	58	61		95.08	MONTEREY
11	7157	0	Defunct	0	0	0	33		0	FISHERSVILLE
11	7578	4	0	0	11	15	22		68.18	GLASGOW
11	7701	40	0	3	29	72	82		87.8	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	24	0	1	2	27	28		96.43	STAUNTON
11	8279	15	2	0	30	47	54		87.04	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	6	0	0	10	16	21		76.19	LYNDHURST
11	8644	109	4	0	54	167	195		85.64	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	59	0	0	38	97	106			STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	34	0	0	12	46	54		85.19	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10773	17	0	0	11	28	35		80	GOSHEN
11	10826	24	12	1	49	86	87			VERONA
District	Totals	1131	43	37	829	2040	2394	0	85.21	FIFTH

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12	1994	37	0	1	36	74	112		66.07	ABINGDON
12	3782	34	0	0	15	49	58		84.48	HAYSI
12	4301	67	0	0	19	86	100		86	NORTON
12	5715	79	4	1	24	108	116		93.1	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	382	5	13	318	718	898		79.96	BRISTOL
12	8652	12	5	0	12	29	32		90.63	COEBURN
12	8979	73	1	1	50	125	182		68.68	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	74	4	1	86	165	198		83.33	POUND
12	9830	54	0	1	30	85	95	1		DAMASCUS
12	10298	40	1	1	27	69	93		74.19	PENNINGTON GA
12	10310	35	1	1	12	49	72			EWING
12	10611	13	0	0	12	25	38	1		GATE CITY
District	Totals	900	21	20	641	1582	1994	2		ELEVENTH
13	1827	128	2	1	60	191	243			CHARLOTTESVILLE
13		36	0	0	4	40	49		81.63	EARLYSVILLE
13		29	1	0	30	60	72			ORANGE
13			2	0	8	14	19			COLUMBIA
13	7638	69	1	0	22	92	102			GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	8	0	0	20	28	33		84.85	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	19	0	2	15	36	39		92.31	YANCEY MILLS
13	8717	43	0	0	12	55	60		91.67	KING GEORGE
13	8947	105	1	0	30	136	151		90.07	LOUISA
13	10295	52	3	0	8	63	82	2	79.27	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	79	0	0	12	91	104		87.5	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	73	1	2	32	108	135			COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	645	11	5	253	914		2	83.93	SIXTH
MAL	15048	463	73	6	338	880	945			STAUNTON
Dept.	Totals	18255	638	249	8817	27959	33362	165	84.3	