

## GENERAL ORDERS

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**



**DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

**WORKING FOR THE FUTURE**

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### STATE COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

The first reporting period for the year will be history when you read these general orders. Are you proud of your Post for being 100% reported, or is your Post one of the ones that did not respond to the challenge? The majority of you will be proud. Now for the underachievers, that are still waiting for someone else to do the work, State officers and District Commanders will be looking at the Posts that are not operating as requested. If your Post is not in compliance with the aims and ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, then it is time to make a change. Leadership will be the first focus, followed by steps to make your Post functional. Our objective is to have all Posts in good working condition. Every year each district Commander has a Post or two that are like a ball and chain hanging around their necks. It is time to revitalize these Posts or get rid of them. Sounds extreme, but someone has to make the hard choices, for the betterment of our Department. The Line Officers and Special Recruiters are still waiting for your call to help with membership. Put us to work for your Post. You will be satisfied with the results. If nothing is attempted then nothing will be gained. We need to take advantage of the little bit of warm weather that is left before winter. Give us a call; we're getting fat setting around the office.

Kim has informed me that John Furgess has accepted our invitation and will be our representative at the Winter Conference in Williamsburg. Let's have our membership ahead of Kansas by then. Kim and I will have to wear those ugly Kansas State shirts if we aren't ahead. Hope to see lots of you on our travels around the State before then. Our trip with Junior Vice Kurpius went well and I want to thank all the Posts and Comrades for your efforts that made it happen. Gary wanted me to thank you for him as well, so thanks everyone.

Look forward to working with everyone.

Tom W. Hines  
State Commander

### MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades, I have only three things to say... Membership, Membership, Membership! We still need more members, we still need younger members, and we still need you to recruit them. If each of us recruited one new/reinstated member, we wouldn't be having this discussion. We would be patting ourselves on the back, and the Department membership would double. How hard can it be to recruit one new member? The answer is that it is not hard. There are people out there just waiting to be asked. The hard part is making the effort. Won't you make the effort for our great organization, our Department, and our Commander! By the way we are still trailing Kansas in membership 83-79 percent.

Dan Boyer  
Membership Chairman

### GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for General Orders is the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** 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](mailto:stateheadquarters@vfwva.org) so we can remove your name from the mailing label file.

## **BONDS:**

After receiving the Bond Policy from Fidelity Deposit of Maryland, I realized they changed our policy from a three-year policy to an annual policy with no notification and with the premium increase they gave us, I thought this was unacceptable and started looking at other companies. We have come in contact with the Tallman Insurance Company who is also covering 32 other Departments and is very familiar with the VFW. After speaking with them and after discussing rates, we found it in the best interest of the Post's to switch Bonding Companies to the Tallman Insurance Company with an annual Bond.

This new policy started October 1, 2004 and will expire August 31, 2005. We have changed the Quartermaster's Bond over to the new policy. For Club Managers, Bartenders, and Bingo Chairman we need to have the Application for Dishonesty Bond Post Statement as well as an Applicant Statement filled out for each employee and sent back to us as soon as possible so your Post will not have any gaps in its Bond coverage. The Quartermaster Bond has been sent to the Post Commander. As soon as we receive the forms for the Club Managers, Bartenders, and Bingo Chairman we will send the new Bond to the Post Commander. The new Bond had been printed on green paper, instead of the standard white; please make the Commander aware that he should be receiving this in the mail. If your Post has Lockton Liability Insurance and you have paid employees you will not need a Bond for your Employees, they will be covered under the Lockton Liability Insurance Policy. The Lockton Liability Insurance Policy does not cover the Quartermaster Bond, Volunteers, or Appointed Positions we will need an applicant statement filled out for each of these people.

Kim A. DeShano  
Adjutant/Quartermaster

## **WINTER COUNCIL DETAILS:**

**The location of the Winter Council Meeting has changed** to the Radisson Ft. Magruder Hotel & Conference Center due to a conflict with the hotels scheduling. The hotel has indicated that they will transfer reservations that were made at the Clarion to the Radisson. If you made a reservation with the Clarion and have not been contacted by the staff you may reach the Radisson reservations at 1-800-333-3333. The hotel is located at 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

## **WINTER COUNCIL LETTER FROM HOTEL:**

This notification is an explanation of our (The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center) having to relocate the Winter Conference for the Veterans of Foreign Wars to the Radisson Ft. Magruder Hotel & Conference Center.

We will be housing soldiers from the NAVELSF. This berthing entails several combat units that will be deployed to Iraq very soon. The anticipated number of soldiers going through this process has increased significantly and thus causing a lack of space and guestroom accommodations at the Clarion Hotel.

I sincerely apologize for the inconveniences. I will do all that I can to ensure that your stay at the Radisson is just as enjoyable as if you were at the Clarion. I trust that Ms. Kelly White, at the Radisson and her staff, will do the same. We will start by calling each member that has reserved rooms at the Clarion to inform them of the change and then forward their reservation to the Radisson's reservation department.

Please be assured that the staff at the Radisson Ft. Magruder will not miss a beat. They have all the details for your conference as they were discussed with us. Should anyone have any questions or need assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 800-666-8888.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Angela Davis  
Conference Sales Manager

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 45:**

His eligibility to membership having been questioned under the provisions of Section 108 of the National By-Laws and the veteran having failed to submit proof of campaign medal service which would qualify for membership, it is hereby ordered that the name of Raymond H. Smith, Sr., Life Membership No. 6186315, be removed from the rolls of Infantry Post No. 1033, Covington, VA 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:**

Past Commander Eugene R. Wiseman has moved to Florida due to his health. His new address is 106 6<sup>th</sup> JFV Street, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Cards or letters are appreciated.

Post 1860, Adjutant Douglas E. Horn, 6157 Strasburg Rd, Strasburg 22657, Phone 540-635-1474

Post 1184, JVC Wayne Davis has assumed duties of SVC

Post 2613 Location and Mailing Address Change, 2151 Stage Junction Rd/PO Box 785, Columbia 23038

Post 6002, Commander James Rickard, Phone number addition 757-877-1756

Post 2217, Meeting time 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM

Post 1499, QM Carlyle D. Camden New Address and Phone Number, 1444 Maple Ave, Buena Vista 24416, 540-261-2510

Post 2820, Meeting Time 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM

Front Roster Honor Guard Members:

Robert H. Crowe	PO Box 93	Zuni 23898	Post 8545	757-242-6253	
Kenneth R. Williams	PO Box 10001	Danville 24543	Post 647	434-822-6721	Cell: 434-250-5927

Post 2524, CMDR Maury W. Finchman, New Address 2028 Golf Road, Culpeper 22701

Post 8469, Chaplain John C. Mayers, 9721 Ceralene Drive, Fairfax, 22032-1705, Phone 703-323-7532, Email: [djmayers@starpower.net](mailto:djmayers@starpower.net)

Post 9830, Commander James O. Hash, 29153 Rhee Valley Rd, Meadowview, 24361-2017

Post 8046, Meeting Change to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:30 PM.

Post 7136

CMDR Michael Sargent	601 Hotel Ave	Tazewell 24651	276-988-3344
SVC John B Jenelle	PO Box 824	Tazewell 24651	276-988-2172
JVC Calvin Patterson	Route 4 Box 310	North Tazewell 24630	
QM/ADJ James R. Sanderson	1372 Adria Road	North Tazewell 24630	276-988-4436

Post 2239, Meeting Changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 9:00 AM.

Post 1503, JVC Gary Wheelehan, 5951 Plumwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Phone 703-590-1171

## **DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

- FIRST** – 11-21-04, 7167 WARSAW 11:00 AM, Representative State Judge Advocate, Jimmy Lee Wallace
- SECOND** – 11-20-04, POST 3160 NORFOLK LUNCH 12:00 PM MEETING 1:00 PM, Representative State Judge Advocate Jimmy Lee Wallace
- THIRD** – 12-11-04, 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT HQ MECHANICSVILLE 2:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- FOURTH** – 11-06-04, POST 637 HOPEWELL 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- FIFTH** – 11-21-04, POST 7800 STUART, 12:00 LUNCH with meeting to follow, location 553 American Legion Rd Post 105, Representative State Chief-of-Staff, Rex Farris
- SIXTH** – 11-21-04, VA MED CENTER BLDG 76 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR 2:00 PM, hosted by Post 9877, Representative State Surgeon Hal Roesch
- 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** – 11-14-04, POST 7728 REMINGTON 1:00 PM Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- 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, 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines

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

- Nov. 19-21, 2004 Southern Conference: Louisville, Kentucky
- 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
- 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 \$64.00 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.

## **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.

Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

## **REPORTS FORMS:**

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

## **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 September 30<sup>th</sup> and is now past due at State Headquarters. Please submit your report immediately.

## **CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHERS AWARD:**

### **Deadlines:**

November 1, 2004: Nominations submitted to Post

November 15, 2004: Post judging completed and submitted to District

December 15, 2004: District judging completed and submitted to Department.

Information about this program was contained in the Quartermaster's package sent out from National. On pages 23-25 of the VFW Programs Chairmen's Guide 2004-05, along with the Teacher's Award brochure, contains all the necessary information. This brochure also serves as the nomination form. They can be reproduced as needed or I have a supply of the brochures which I can mail you. The "essay" talked about on page 23 of the Chairmen's Guide is the 350-word nomination written by the person nominating the teacher (no self-nominations).

The District Commanders received information at the July School of Instructions in Lynchburg. If any Post needs information or assistance – PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY.

District Chairmen: please contact me as there is information which I must furnish National in January. I will send you a form to fill out.

Phone: H: 540-955-3311  
C: 540-539-5446

Email: [grafarm@visuallink.com](mailto:grafarm@visuallink.com)

Chris Birch  
Department Chairman

## MILITARY RECORDS:

Digitized Military Personnel Records: There is a rumor circulating among veteran service organizations that Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), St. Louis, MO will be digitized and then destroyed. This rumor is NOT TRUE.

Neither the Department of Defense (DOD) nor the National Personnel Records Center intends to destroy any OMPFs stored at the Center. The purpose of any electronic scanning would be to reduce the handling of fragile records during the reference process or to reduce the time necessary to locate and answer an OMPF inquiry. (Source: National Archives and records Administration)

M. C. "Connie" Agresti  
District 10 Service Officer

## VETERANS BENEFITS ACT OF 2003:

**Remarried Survivors:** The Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 included a provision that restores Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for surviving spouses of personnel who die of service-connected causes and who remarried after the age of 57. Qualifying surviving spouses who remarried after age 57 but before enactment of the bill, can have their DIC benefits restored, but only if they apply for reinstatement within one year after enactment. Since President Bush signed the bill on December 16, 2003 **the application deadline is December 15, 2004.**

Eligible spouses can apply by submitting a written request for restoration of DIC along with a statement of dependence (VA Form 21-686c). The form is available online at [www.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf](http://www.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf). Applications should be mailed to the nearest VA Regional Office. The addresses for Regional Offices are located in the VFW Service Officer's Handbook or at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and click on "Facility Locator." The one-year application deadline does not apply to eligible surviving spouses age 57 or older who remarried after December 16, 2003.

M. C. "Connie" Agresti  
District 10 Service Officer

## HOLIDAY MAILING:

The Naval Supply Systems Command's (NAVSUP) Postal Policy Division, in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service and military postal officials from all of the services, notes it is not too early to mail your 2004 Christmas cards, letters and packages to and from military addresses overseas. In fact, everyone is encouraged to beat the last minute rush and bring holiday mail and packages to the nearest U.S. Post Office, Army/Air Force Post Office (APO), or Navy/Marine Corps Fleet Post Office (FPO) by the recommended dates listed below. For military mail addressed to APO and FPO addresses, the mailing dates are:

- Parcel Post - November 13
- Space Available - November 27
- Parcel Airlift - December 4
- Priority Mail, First Class cards and letters - Mailing date is December 11, to all locations, except for locations starting with ZIP 093. For all locations starting with ZIP 093 the mailing date is December 6.
- Express Mail - December 20 to locations where Express Mail service is available. Check with your local post office to determine which APO/FPO addresses can receive Express Mail. Note: This service is not available to ships.

M. C. "Connie" Agresti  
District 10 Service Officer

## ALBERT G. HORTON, JR. VETERANS CEMETERY OF HAMPTON ROADS DEDICATION CEREMONY HAMPTON ROADS, VA:

The Albert G. Horton, Jr., Veterans Cemetery of Hampton Roads Dedication Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 1, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. The veteran's cemetery is located on the corner of Lake Prince and Milner Roads in Suffolk, Va., just off of Route 460. Speakers at the dedication ceremony include Virginia Governor, Mark Warner; United States Congressman, Randy Forbes; NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr.; Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, John W. Nicholson; and the Mayor of Suffolk, Bobby Ralph. Former television anchor and war correspondent, Jim

Kincaid, will be the Master of Ceremony for the event. Representatives from each branch of the military and military service organizations will also be participating in the dedication event. The Hampton Roads Veterans Cemetery Project was unofficially started on July 18, 1997, when Albert G. Horton, Jr. wrote U.S. Senator John Warner requesting information on the procedures for establishing a national veterans cemetery in the Virginia Beach, Va. or Chesapeake, Va. area. Now, nearly eight years later, Phase I of the cemetery is complete. Phase I encompasses 26 acres and is comprised of 8,799 in-ground burial plots, 1,260 in-ground plots for interred remains, 1,920 columbarium niches for above-ground interment of ashes as well as an administrative office and utility and equipment buildings. For more information on the dedication event, please contact Larry Mattera at (757) 838-4588. To attend the groundbreaking event, please RSVP by calling Geneva Claybrook at (540) 982-2860 or by email to [geneva.claybrook@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:geneva.claybrook@dvs.virginia.gov). Please make sure you include in your RSVP total guests coming with you.

LARRY MATTERA  
VA VFW PAST DEPT CDR 2002-2003

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:**

Congratulations! Louisa County VFW Post 8947 is the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Louisa County VFW Post 8947 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 25 percent of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the September 29, 2004.

## **OUTREACH:**

The Virginia War Memorial has begun collecting items relating to World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf. The Memorial has recently installed display cases and is looking for more items to place in the cases. The Memorial collects books, uniforms, letters, telegraphs, rifles, medals and ribbons, photographs, and other items relating to the above wars. If you have items you may be interested in donating to the War Memorial, please call Kim Watson at 804-786-2060 or email her at [kim@vawarmemorial.org](mailto:kim@vawarmemorial.org).

I understand that you may be able to arrange for a long-term loan if donation does not fit your situation. If your post has a collection of which you are very proud, but do not have room to display it all, here is a way to put it in front of the public, in a fitting environment.

Fred Wolking  
Outreach Chairman.

## **2005 VFW LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY GOALS:**

Sited goals were approved on 12 September 2004 at the Fall Legislative Conference of the National VFW, held in Northern Virginia. Please take the time to carefully read the following goals because they clearly indicate where the thrust of the VFW's legislative efforts for the forthcoming year will be.

1. VA Budget. Ensure that adequate funding is authorized and appropriated for VA Health Care so that the system can properly fulfill its obligation to care for all of our nation's sick and disabled veterans.

Further, authorize and implement the mandatory funding of Veterans' health care to ensure fully sufficient funding on a regular and timely basis.

2. Education: Authorize and fully fund a GI Bill for the 21st Century that provides service members the full cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies and living expenses for attendance at any institution of learning of their choosing. Repeal the \$1,200 pay reduction for participation in the Montgomery GI Bill Educational Benefit.

Guarantee that the Educational Benefit for the National Guard and Reserves be increased so that it is proportional with the Active Duty Benefit and that it be regularly increased in accordance with the Active Duty Benefit.

3. Military Retirees. Assure that Congress authorize and fully funds legislation allowing all eligible disabled military retirees to receive their full military retirement pay and full disability compensation without offset. Additionally, prevail upon Congress and the Administration to enact a law ending the offset between the Survivor's Benefit Program and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

4. Military Quality of Life Issues. Increase the annual pay of Armed Forces members to equal the pay of their Civil Service counterparts. Obtain increased funding for improving Active Duty housing and work facilities.

Secure health care and retirement benefits that recognize today's essential contributions of our National Guard and Reserve component members.

**VFW LEGISLATIVE DAY-ON-THE-HILL:**

The VFW Department of Virginia will conduct its annual Legislative Day-on-the-Hill at the State Capitol in Richmond on Thursday, 13 January 2005. All VFW and Auxiliary members are urged to participate in this important event. A large turnout of Veterans and Auxiliary members will materially assist us in gathering support for the Department's agenda for action from the General Assembly and the Governor.

Participants are requested to assemble no later than 8:20 a.m. on 13 January in a conference room to be determined, either in the General Assembly Office Building or the State Capitol (vicinity 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Street). Coffee and rolls will be available for attendees.

Following the issuance of legislative material, a briefing will be conducted concerning the issues to be discussed with the members of the General Assembly. VFW and Auxiliary attendees will be broken into teams, with each team given a specified number of delegates and or senators to visit. When ready, these teams will commence their visits. Upon completion of the visits, participants are requested to check in at the briefing conference room.

At 11:30 a.m., VFW and Auxiliary members are requested to assemble in the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building. Half the assembled group will go to the House of Delegates gallery and half will go to the Senate gallery. There they will be recognized by these two bodies. This event will conclude our Legislative Day-on-the-Hill.

John P. McAnaw  
State Legislative Chairman

**AMERICANISM:**

Reports covering all or parts of the period 1 May 2004 to 31 October 2004 should be mailed to be received at Department by Thursday, 4 November, to be further mailed to me on Friday.

Congratulations for the great work done this First Half, especially to the seven districts hitting 100%! Two hundred thirty-three reports have been received from 160 posts.

**POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF OCTOBER 25, 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	4856			
<b>DIST. 2</b>					
<b>DIST. 3</b>	6364	10387	10657		
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8048	8599			
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	2820	6130	8243	
<b>DIST. 6</b>					
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698			
<b>DIST. 8</b>	472	4468	7728	8208	9835
<b>DIST. 9</b>					
<b>DIST. 10</b>					
<b>DIST. 11</b>					
<b>DIST. 12</b>					
<b>DIST. 13</b>					

J. Gary Wagner  
Vice Chairman for Americanism



**COMMUNITY:**

**POSTS NOT REPORTED AS OF OCTOBER 22 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	7167											
<b>DIST. 2</b>													
<b>DIST. 3</b>	10387	10657											
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8048	8599	8902										
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	2820	6130	8243									
<b>DIST. 6</b>													
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698											
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<b>DIST. 11</b>													
<b>DIST. 12</b>	10310												
<b>DIST. 13</b>													

**HOSPITAL:**

District Commanders, please pay attention and help those Post's that **ARE NOT** reported for the first half. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure all your Post's submit a report for the 1st & 2nd half. You have done a good job, as you can see the number of Posts that have not reported are going down. Get those last minute reports in!!!!!!

It will be inexcusable if we are NOT 100% reported for both the 1st & 2nd half's.

Call them, e-mail them or visit them, every post that is inspected should have a report into Dept. GET THE REPORTS!!!!!!

**POSTS NOT REPORTED AS OF OCTOBER 22 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	4856	8629										
<b>DIST. 2</b>													
<b>DIST. 3</b>	6364	10387	10657										
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8048	8599	8902										
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	8243											
<b>DIST. 6</b>													
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698											
<b>DIST. 8</b>	472	4468	7728	8208									
<b>DIST. 9</b>	7969	9864											
<b>DIST. 10</b>													
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452												
<b>DIST. 12</b>	10611												
<b>DIST. 13</b>													

Hal Roesch  
Hospital Chairman

**INSPECTION:**

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

Congratulations to Districts 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 13 for being 100% inspected!!

**POSTS NOT REPORTED AS OF OCTOBER 22 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>										
<b>DIST. 2</b>	993	1211	4411	8545	9382					
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	2583	4639	6364	8046	8529	9224	10387	10657	10654
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8163	8617								
<b>DIST. 5</b>										
<b>DIST. 6</b>										
<b>DIST. 7</b>										
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177									
<b>DIST. 9</b>										
<b>DIST. 10</b>										
<b>DIST. 11</b>										
<b>DIST. 12</b>	9830									
<b>DIST. 13</b>										

Yours in Comradeship  
 William R. Shifflett  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars  
 Dept. of Virginia  
 State Inspector

**SAFETY:**

Congratulations to Districts 2, 6, 10, and 13 on achieving 100% reporting in Safety for the first reporting period. The final results for the first reporting period, which ends on October 31, 2004, will be shown in next months General Orders.

**POSTS NOT REPORTED AS OF OCTOBER 22 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296												
<b>DIST. 2</b>													
<b>DIST. 3</b>	10387												
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8599	8902	10570										
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	2820	6130	8243									
<b>DIST. 6</b>													
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698											
<b>DIST. 8</b>	472	4468	7728	8208	9835								
<b>DIST. 9</b>	6000												
<b>DIST. 10</b>													
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452												
<b>DIST. 12</b>	4301	10611											
<b>DIST. 13</b>													

Charles B. Harris  
 Vice Chairman – Safety

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

Comrades we have just a week to go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Half reporting period and so far 160 of 182 Posts have submitted their reports. That is 87.91%, so you can see we still have just a little more to go yet to hit our Commanders goal of 100%. My sincere thanks to Post that have already submitted their reports. Please do not forget to double-check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them off to the Department.

**Congratulations to Districts 2, 6, 10 & 13 for being at 100%**

**POSTS NOT REPORTED AS OF OCTOBER 22 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296												
<b>DIST. 2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Half</b>									
<b>DIST. 3</b>	6364	10387	10657										
<b>DIST. 4</b>	8048	8599	8902										
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	1115	2820	6130	8243								
<b>DIST. 6</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Half</b>									
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698											
<b>DIST. 8</b>	472	4468	7728	8208	9835								
<b>DIST. 9</b>	9343												
<b>DIST. 10</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Half</b>									
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	7701											
<b>DIST. 12</b>	10611												
<b>DIST. 13</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Half</b>									

Stanley Dixon  
Vice Chairman Youth Activity

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

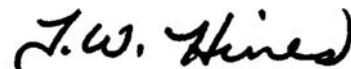
We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of James Lee Terry, Past Fifth District Commander, Post 8467 and to the family of Cliff Williford, Past Department Commander, Post 3160.

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Tom W. Hines  
State Commander

District	Post	Life	new	reinstate	continous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	Post_City
1	176	92	2	0	33	127	192		66.15	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	51	2	1	12	66	78	12	100	GRAFTON
1	960	37	2	1	13	53	63		84.13	YORKTOWN
1	2296	17	1	0	37	55	66		83.33	TASLEY
1	3219	343	34	3	84	464	691	2	67.44	PHOEBUS
1	4856	33	0	0	22	55	75		73.33	EXMORE
1	5500	39	1	2	15	57	82	12	84.15	HAMPTON
1	6002	95	1	0	40	136	163		83.44	DENBIGH
1	7167	62	1	2	61	126	169		74.56	WARSAW
1	8252	199	8	0	26	233	315		73.97	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	10	0	0	12	22	32		68.75	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	9	0	0	10	19	25		76	TANGIER
1	9636	0	Defunct	0	0	0	40		0	DELTAVILLE
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>1413</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>72.27</b>	<b>TWELFTH</b>
2	392	1041	57	15	191	1304	1549	19	85.41	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	94	3	1	33	131	156		83.97	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	38	0	1	10	49	59		83.05	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	30	1	0	12	43	52		82.69	SUFFOLK
2	2894	32	1	1	24	58	81		71.6	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	580	2	2	115	699	801	2	87.52	NORFOLK
2	4411	67	2	3	25	97	110		88.18	FRANKLIN
2	4809	912	13	8	253	1186	1428	9	83.68	NORFOLK
2	8545	65	4	0	13	82	95		86.32	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	74	0	1	25	100	138	4	75.36	SUFFOLK
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2933</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>3749</b>	<b>4469</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>84.64</b>	<b>THIRD</b>

District	Post	Life	new	reinstate	continous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	Post_City
3	394	0	Defunct	0	0	0	16		0	MONTPELIER
3	1426	30	0	0	11	41	54		75.93	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	121	14	1	68	204	240	1	85.42	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	2583	9	0	0	8	17	29		58.62	ASHLAND
3	3125	6	0	0	6	12	22		54.55	DOSWELL
3	4639	81	1	2	35	119	146		81.51	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	152	3	0	34	189	211		89.57	RICHMOND
3	8046	29	1	0	15	45	74		60.81	NORGE
3	8356	44	0	1	43	88	113		77.88	WEST POINT
3	8529	77	3	3	27	110	140		78.57	SANDSTON
3	9224	36	0	0	24	60	66		90.91	RICHMOND
3	9501	20	0	1	10	31	43		72.09	AYLETT
3	9808	554	2	1	96	653	718		90.95	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	8	24	31		77.42	QUINTON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>1806</b>	<b>2231</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>80.99</b>	<b>FIFTH</b>
4	622	44	7	1	34	86	139		61.87	PETERSBURG
4	637	150	7	1	130	288	367	1	78.75	HOPEWELL
4	2163	45	4	0	28	77	102		75.49	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	20	0	0	15	35	46		76.09	CULLEN
4	5313	52	0	0	7	59	93		63.44	NOTTOWAY
4	5371	15	0	0	13	28	34		82.35	EMPORIA
4	7059	78	9	1	73	161	227	1	71.37	FARMVILLE
4	7166	149	0	3	66	218	324	1	67.59	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	74	0	0	37	111	127		87.4	CREWE
4	7897	19	3	0	22	44	53		83.02	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	15	1	0	28	44	63		69.84	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	58	0	0	45	103	135		76.3	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	4	0	0	12	16	47		34.04	CHASE CITY
4	8446	27	0	0	17	44	49		89.8	BUCKINGHAM
4	8599	2	1	0	11	14	26		53.85	BROOKNEAL
4	8617	29	0	0	12	41	59		69.49	GOOCHLAND
4	8759	33	0	0	20	53	74		71.62	AMELIA COURT
4	8902	12	0	0	5	17	20		85	KEYSVILLE
4	9618	0	Defunct	0	0	0	10		0	CUMBERLAND
4	9855	18	2	1	27	48	99		48.48	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	108	0	0	39	147	173	1	85.55	VICTORIA
4	10570	19	0	1	20	40	43		93.02	POWHATAN
4	10571	0	Defunct	0	1	1	51		1.96	PRINCE GEORGE
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>1675</b>	<b>2361</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>71.11</b>	<b>THIRTEENTH</b>

District	Post	Life	new	reinstate	continous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	Post_City
5	647	229	3	1	125	358	426		84.04	DANVILLE
5	873	12	0	0	7	19	22		86.36	GRETNA
5	1115	599	4	7	391	1001	1264	1	79.27	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	13	1	0	12	26	49		53.06	BASSETT
5	4637	75	4	0	60	139	168	1	83.33	MARTINSVILLE
5	6130	4	0	0	11	15	20		75	RIDGEWAY
5	7568	18	0	0	21	39	59		66.1	GALAX
5	7726	133	3	1	136	273	380	19	76.84	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	77	22	0	29	128	136		94.12	STUART
5	8243	44	0	1	37	82	125		65.6	HALIFAX
5	8467	51	4	0	36	91	121		75.21	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	29	0	0	18	47	55		85.45	PENHOOK
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>2218</b>	<b>2825</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>79.25</b>	<b>SEVENTH</b>
6	484	32	0	0	21	53	69		76.81	ROANOKE
6	776	109	0	0	21	130	167		77.84	RADFORD
6	1033	115	0	4	112	231	307		75.24	COVINGTON
6	1264	250	6	3	87	346	455		76.04	ROANOKE
6	1444	53	0	3	11	67	100		67	ROANOKE
6	1841	55	1	3	72	131	154		85.06	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	115	0	2	92	209	268		77.99	BEDFORD
6	4165	29	1	1	31	62	77		80.52	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	26	0	0	13	39	67		58.21	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	34	0	0	31	65	78		83.33	SALEM
6	4491	70	1	0	27	98	120		81.67	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	145	4	3	41	193	222		86.94	VINTON
6	4920	9	0	0	12	21	33		63.64	ELLISTON
6	5311	69	9	0	45	123	141		87.23	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	15	0	0	6	21	26		80.77	BUCHANAN
6	7854	67	10	1	24	102	136		75	FLOYD
6	8184	57	0	0	22	79	92		85.87	LYNCHBURG
6	9805	3	0	0	8	11	16		68.75	RUSTBURG
6	9877	14	0	2	18	34	48		70.83	AMHERST
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1267</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2576</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78.22</b>	<b>NINTH</b>

District	Post	Life	new	reinstate	continous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	Post_City
7	621	122	3	1	84	210	249		84.34	LURAY
7	1150	17	0	0	6	23	28		82.14	SPERRYVILLE
7	1860	197	3	0	96	296	336		88.1	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	267	0	2	82	351	395		88.86	WINCHESTER
7	2447	173	1	0	108	282	348		81.03	EDINBURG
7	4698	12	1	0	20	33	47		70.21	GROTTOES
7	6044	15	0	0	9	24	31		77.42	WINCHESTER
7	7899	17	0	0	29	46	63		73.02	STANLEY
7	8613	110	3	1	42	156	207		75.36	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	107	0	1	56	164	201		81.59	ELKTON
7	9660	55	2	0	55	112	147		76.19	BROADWAY
7	9760	94	9	1	80	184	226		81.42	BERRYVILLE
7	9872	74	0	0	0	74	77		96.1	HINTON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1260</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>1955</b>	<b>2355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83.01</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>
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	1	0	56	255	301		84.72	CULPEPER
8	3103	185	1	2	132	320	415		77.11	FREDERICKSBURG
8	4468	39	0	0	0	39	39		100	PURCELLVILLE
8	7589	140	4	2	43	189	223		84.75	MANASSAS
8	7728	32	0	1	21	54	57		94.74	REMINGTON
8	8208	7	0	0	11	18	24	44	258.33	STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	33	0	0	12	45	53		84.91	WARRENTON
8	9865	0	<b>Defunct</b>	0	0	0	2		0	MADISON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>1376</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>88.08</b>	<b>FIRST</b>
9	956	43	0	1	33	77	96		80.21	DANTE
9	1184	120	2	4	51	177	216	1	82.41	PULASKI
9	2719	26	0	1	23	50	61		81.97	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	509	19	10	206	744	936		79.49	MARION
9	6000	135	1	4	69	209	272		76.84	NARROWS
9	7136	104	1	3	69	177	229		77.29	TAZEVELL
9	7328	28	0	2	46	76	104		73.08	SALTVILLE
9	7360	35	0	1	33	69	84		82.14	GRUNDY
9	7969	17	1	1	22	41	56		73.21	BLAND
9	9343	9	0	0	10	19	30		63.33	HONAKER
9	9640	103	1	2	36	142	180	2	80	RICHLANDS
9	9696	107	4	1	49	161	210		76.67	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	55	0	2	17	74	81		91.36	LEBANON
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2555</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>79.02</b>	<b>EIGHTH</b>

District	Post	Life	new	reinstate	continous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	Post_City
10	609	70	0	2	18	90	104		86.54	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1134	34	6	253	1427	1749	1	81.65	DALE CITY
10	3150	320	3	4	48	375	428	19	92.06	ARLINGTON
10	5412	44	2	0	25	71	79		89.87	BURKE
10	7327	382	1	1	100	484	562		86.12	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	282	8	3	88	381	436		87.39	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	150	4	1	56	211	257		82.1	MC LEAN
10	8469	150	1	0	46	197	226		87.17	FAIRFAX
10	8815	18	1	0	1	20	24		83.33	LORTON
10	9274	211	0	1	29	241	264		91.29	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	50	2	1	15	68	72		94.44	STERLING
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2811</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>3565</b>	<b>4201</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>85.36</b>	<b>SECOND</b>
11	452	25	0	0	12	37	61		60.66	CRIMORA
11	632	333	2	2	133	470	563		83.48	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	72	0	0	39	111	141		78.72	LEXINGTON
11	2216	185	13	23	208	429	545		78.72	STAUNTON
11	2424	32	0	0	19	51	63		80.95	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	22	3	0	12	37	43		86.05	DEERFIELD
11	3136	32	0	0	28	60	71		84.51	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	26	1	0	27	54	70		77.14	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	10	0	0	30	40	59		67.8	BUENA VISTA
11	4989	58	0	0	0	58	61		95.08	MONTEREY
11	7157	0	<b>Defunct</b>	0	0	0	33		0	FISHERSVILLE
11	7578	4	0	0	10	14	22		63.64	GLASGOW
11	7701	39	0	2	26	67	82		81.71	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	24	0	0	1	25	28		89.29	STAUNTON
11	8279	15	2	0	28	45	54		83.33	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	6	0	0	9	15	21		71.43	LYNDHURST
11	8644	109	4	0	53	166	195		85.13	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	57	0	0	38	95	106		89.62	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	34	0	0	7	41	54		75.93	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10773	17	0	0	10	27	35		77.14	GOSHEN
11	10826	24	8	1	45	78	87		89.66	VERONA
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>1920</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>SIXTH</b>



District	Post	Life	new	reinstate	continous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	Post_City
12	1994	37	0	1	35	73	112		65.18	ABINGDON
12	3782	34	0	0	13	47	58		81.03	HAYSI
12	4301	67	0	0	18	85	100		85	NORTON
12	5715	79	3	1	20	103	116		88.79	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	378	6	8	290	682	898		75.95	BRISTOL
12	8652	12	5	0	11	28	32		87.5	COEBURN
12	8979	73	1	1	49	124	182		68.13	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	74	4	1	77	156	198		78.79	POUND
12	9830	54	0	1	26	81	95	1	86.32	DAMASCUS
12	10298	40	1	0	25	66	93		70.97	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	35	1	0	8	44	72		61.11	EWING
12	10611	13	0	0	11	24	38	1	65.79	GATE CITY
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>75.88</b>	<b>TENTH</b>
13	1827	127	2	1	30	160	243		65.84	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	36	0	0	4	40	49		81.63	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	29	1	0	23	53	72		73.61	ORANGE
13	2613	4	2	0	7	13	19		68.42	COLUMBIA
13	7638	69	0	0	15	84	102		82.35	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	8	0	0	17	25	33		75.76	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	19	0	0	10	29	39		74.36	YANCEY MILLS
13	8717	43	0	0	11	54	60		90	KING GEORGE
13	8947	105	1	0	24	130	151		86.09	LOUISA
13	10295	52	3	0	8	63	82	2	79.27	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	78	0	0	8	86	104		82.69	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	73	1	2	26	102	135		75.56	COLONIAL BEACH
<b>District</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>77.22</b>	<b>ELEVENTH</b>
	MAL	462	63	6	300	831	945		87.94	
<b>STATE</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18172</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>7798</b>	<b>26683</b>	<b>33362</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>80.45</b>	