

GENERAL ORDERS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

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STATE COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Comrades, we have just returned from our Fall Council Meeting in Roanoke. I hope all attending enjoyed the conference and fellowship. Now it is time to put the information to good use in your area. The Senior Vice gave a great report on membership and good suggestions as to where to hold roundups. Please put this information to use. Our Junior Vice cleared the air as far as the realignment of Districts is concerned. Doc also presented the criteria for establishing a Men's Auxiliary at your Post.

We had the privilege of visits from the Southern Conference candidates for our next Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Both are well versed and have excellent credentials. Either will represent our organization well when elected. I hope to see many of you as we tour the State with the Junior Vice Commander in Chief later this month. I hope you will have a few memberships to turn over to Gary as we visit each stop.

I hope everyone is enjoying this year as much as I have so far. I am a little concerned with the number of Posts that have not reported yet. Please take the time to fill out those forms and send them to us. We all want you to get the credit for the great work you are doing in communities. Well, I will sign off now. Hope to see everyone soon.

Tom W. Hines
State Commander

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2004-2005:

I have set these goals for all Post Commanders for this year. Please help the Department reach its goals by insuring that your Posts are reaching theirs.

August 1, 2004	Membership	20 Percent	December 1, 2004	Membership	85 Percent
	Committees	40 Percent		Committees	20 Percent
	Inspections	30 Percent		Inspections	95 Percent
September 1, 2004	Membership	40 Percent	January 1, 2005	Membership	95 Percent
	Committees	80 Percent		Committees	40 Percent
	Inspections	50 Percent		Inspections	100 Percent
October 1, 2004	Membership	60 Percent	February 1, 2005	Membership	100 Percent
	Committees	100 Percent		Committees	80 Percent
	Inspections	75 Percent	March 1, 2005	Committees	90 Percent
November 1, 2004	Membership	75 Percent	April 1, 2005	Committees	100 Percent
	Committees	Beginning of 2 nd Half			
	Inspections	85 Percent			

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GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for General Orders is the 24th 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 so we can remove your name from the mailing label file.

ROSTER CHANGES:

Post 7800, Quartermaster, James C. Handy, 4817 Stones Dairy Rd, Bassett, 24055, 276-629-7809

Post 1860, Roy Swanner, Phone number change, 276-744-7562

Post 960, Robert Fanton, Address Correction, 217 White Stone Court, Newport News 23603-1353

Post 1503, C. Lee Willoughby, Audit Committee Member, Address Correction, 12611 Harbor Drive, Woodbridge 22192

Post 2296, Zip Code Correction Dixie J. Grinnalds, PO Box 305, Melfa 23410-0305

ROSTER ADDITIONS:

2044	CHAMP J. LAWSON, JR.	EARLYSVILLE	DISTRICT 13	804-973-1746
CMDR	Everette M Huff	877 Buck Mtn. Rd	Earlysville 22936	
SVC	Leonard F. Coyner	136 Rudolph St	Ruckersville 22968	
JVC	Michael T Diglio	PO Box 352	Earlysville 22936	
ADJ	Gordon W. Anderson	270 Lake View Dr	Charlottesville 22901	
QM	Roy B. Bonduvant	PO Box 147	Earlysville 22936	
MEETS	Thursday at 7:30 PM	Earlysville Fire Company-	Reas Ford Rd	

7638	GORDONSVILLE	GORDONSVILLE	DISTRICT 13	
SVC	James Embree	380 Mountain Rd	Afton 22920	
JVC	Ronald T. Kirkland	174 Horseshoe Court	Gordonsville 22942	417-365-1315

3125	JOHN BEVERLY, JR.	MEMORIAL	RUTHER GLEN	DISTRICT 3	804-448-3957
CMDR	James W. Gethers	PO Box 541	Ruther Glen 22546		804-994-5277
SVC	Walter Boone	5210 Jericho Rd	Ruther Glen 22546		
JVC	Elom M. Pleasant	23296 Telegraph Rd	Ruther Glen 22546		
QM	Reginald Beverly	PO Box 825	Ruther Glen 22546		804-448-3957
MEETS	3 rd Friday at 7:30 PM	Beverly Grill	Ruther Glen 22546		

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER					
Joe Martin	Post 1827	539 Westwood Drive	Ruckersville 22968		434-985-7987

6000	NARROWS				
QM	Carl "Rick" Helms	150 Windmill Dr	Narrows 24124		540-726-7471

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

FIRST – 11-21-04, 7167 WARSAW 11:00 AM, Representative State Junior Vice Commander, Charles "Doc" Crouch

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, 3RD 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 Junior Vice Commander, Charles “Doc” Crouch
- SIXTH** – 11-21-04, VA MED CENTER BLDG 76 2ND 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** – 01-16-05, 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 3782 HAYSI 10:00 AM, Representative State Chief-of-Staff Rex Faris
- THIRTEENTH** – 12-05-04, POST 10574 COLONIAL BEACH, 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines

IMPORTANT 2003-2005 DATES:

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| Nov. 19-21, 2004 | Southern Conference: Louisville, Kentucky |
| January 14 -16, 2005 | Winter Council Meeting: Clarion Hotel 500 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, Room Rates \$57.00, Rooms blocked until 12/12/04, After that it is a first-come first-serve basis.
Telephone # 757-220-1410 |
| 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 \$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 21st and 22nd, 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

MEN'S AUXILIARY:

The SOP instructions were approved at Fall Council Administration Meeting for forming a Men's Auxiliary. A revised copy of the SOP will be distributed to each Post. Any questions in regards to forming a Men's Auxiliary should be directed to State Headquarters.

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 30th and is due at State Headquarters no later than October 30, 2004.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Please note that at State Convention vote was taken and passed to increase the mileage reimbursement from .25 cents per mile to .30 per mile. Please make sure when filling out your vouchers that you are totaling these based on .30 per mile. Please make sure that your signature is on all vouchers when submitted to State Headquarters.

STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Well, another membership year is upon us. I want to remind all that everything you do in your respective Post has a direct impact on the Post, the Department and the VFW. It is sad when we find Posts that are running illegal gambling, alcohol sales, etc. This is harmful to every member of the organization, as it reflects so badly on all of us. Our By-laws are very specific as to how we operate as an organization. Please read them and comply. The VFW is not about canteens/bars/lounges, etc. We are about patriotism, education, Americanism, veteran's service and honoring the dead by helping the living. Let us all strive to do it right!

As many of you know, I was involved in a very bad motorcycle accident on August 4th. As a result, I have a broken right leg, broken right ankle and crushed right foot. While I'm wheelchair bound at the present, I am slowing healing. I want to thank all of you that sent cards and prayers to me. Your kind gestures have helped tremendously with the healing and rehab. Hopefully, I will back to my old self by the Winter Council. I am continuing to carry out my duties as your State Judge Advocate, and am available if anyone needs my services. Semper Fi.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Judge Advocate

M. A. P.:

VA Summarizes Survivor Benefits

While Casualty and Care Assistance Officers will continue to be the primary source of information for Virginia families experiencing combat casualties among their loved ones; all Post Service Officers should have a general knowledge of available resources. The Department of Veterans Affairs has published a summary of programs, under the Iraqi Freedom

icon of the VA web site that assists survivors of service members who have died on active duty. Included are burial benefits for the deceased member that include a grave site in any VA national cemetery with available space; perpetual care of the grave at no cost to the family; a government headstone or marker; a Presidential Memorial Certificate; Dependency & Indemnity Compensation at a monthly rate of \$967 for a surviving spouse, or more if there are dependent children; and life insurance, which most military members carry at the highest level of \$250,000. Other benefits are burial flags, military funeral honors upon request (both coordinated through the funeral director, or (visit www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil), health care, educational assistance for survivors of members killed in action, home loans, and refund of the service member's unused GI Bill contribution. For specific individual information, call the VA at 800 827-1000 or TDD 800 829-4833 or go to www.va.gov.

M. C. "Connie Agresti
Vice Chairman
Military Assistance Program

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY REPORTING DATES:

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

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2004
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2004
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2004
Complete Department Judging	Deadline: January 7, 2005
Department Winner to National	Deadline: January 15, 2005
Department Report to National	Deadline: January 31, 2005
Awards to be Given for Department Winner	Community Service Conference

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

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

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

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

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

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

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

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

VAVS:

Dear Comrades and Ladies Auxiliary:

The VFW Carnival that the VFW has sponsored at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Salem, Virginia, for the past 27 years, has been highly successful. Having met with overwhelming favor by the patients at the 400-bed medical complex in the past, we are again planning to sponsor the activity this fall. The Carnival is to be held in the Auditorium, Building 5, Sunday, October 17, 2004, from 1 pm – 4 pm.

In order to make this Carnival a success for our hospitalized veterans, we are asking that you and your fellow Post members support us in food booths and prizes for the game booths.

A generous donation from your Post to help make this Carnival a reality would certainly be appreciated. Any excess for this project that might be collected would go toward expenses to fund a Thanksgiving Day Coffee hour, purchasing Canteen Books for indigent patients, and-other worthwhile activities that may arise for our hospitalized veterans.

Please make your check out to me, earmarked for the Fall Carnival. Your post and auxiliary are invited to attend the Carnival activities that the patients are anxiously looking forward to.

Yours in Comradeship,
PERCY N. BOLTON
VFW - VAVS representative

PATRIOT'S PEN:

District Commanders received copies of the VFW Youth Development, Scholarship and Recognition Information packet at the school of instruction. I hope this information has been distributed to all District and Post Patriot's Pen Chairmen.

Student Entry:

1. 1 November 2004
2. Complete Post Judging: 15 November 2004
3. Complete District Judging: 1 December 2004
4. Department Judging: 27 December 2004
5. All entries must be in my hands by midnight, 26 December 2004
6. Complete Department Judging: 1 January 2005
7. Department Winner to National: 15 January 2005
8. Department reports to National: 31 January 2005

The District winner's materials that must be forwarded to the Department Chairman immediately after the District judging: Please send the following by dates given.

1. District winners completed official entry form.
2. District winners typed essay.
3. District winners photograph. Clear, close-up of head and shoulders.
4. No Later than 15 December 2004
5. District Patriot's Pen Report form
6. District Patriot's Pen Report Form
7. Mail to : Don Hall, 702 Moore Street, Staunton, VA 24401

District Chairmen- If you have not sent me your Patriot's Pen Chairman's name, address, phone number and E-Mail address- Please do so immediately.

LEGISLATIVE:

A. 2 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election on 2 November 2004 is rapidly approaching. Now is the time to ascertain, if you have not already done so, where your present U.S. Representative and State Delegate, plus their challengers, stand on matters of importance to the Veteran community. This can be done by conducting town hall meetings or holding informal meetings with one or more candidates for office.

Incumbents should be asked what they have done for the Veterans and their families. Both incumbents and challenges should be questioned as to what their agenda will be, if re-elected or elected, regarding the Veterans community.

One thing is transparently clear. The Governor and the General Assembly must do a lot more than they have in the past three years to meet the needs of the estimated 786,000 Veterans in Virginia. Presently the funds appropriated for Virginia Department of Veterans Services rank, in terms of per capita expenditures, close to the bottom of all 50 states/commonwealths comprising the United States.

Commonwealth officials continue to ignore the fact that for every dollar spent by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, at least \$600 is returned to the Commonwealth in benefits. Also, according to figures provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Virginia's military Veterans receive an estimated \$250 million per month in payments from the Federal government.

We Veterans in Virginia need more State Claims Agents, health care facilities and cemeteries!!

Our number one legislative priority for this coming year is to get the Governor and the General Assembly to support an increase of at least on million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Department of Veterans Services' budget for the coming fiscal year. (FY 2005-2006).

Make sure you ask your state legislator and challenger, as to whether he/she will support this \$1,000,000 increase. If the answer is a negative consider someone else as your representative in the House of Delegates. Fellow Veterans, we have been patient long enough with our state legislators. They must demonstrate their commitment now to meeting the needs of the Veteran Community.

B. VFW Legislative Day on the Hill

The VFW Department of Virginia will have its 2005 Legislative Day on the Hill in Richmond on Thursday, 13 January 2005. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members throughout the Commonwealth are invited to participate. We will assemble in a conference room, either in the General Assembly Office Building of the Old Capitol Building, at 8:20 a.m. After coffee, doughnuts and a briefing we will divide into groups and begin visiting the offices of all 140 legislators at 9:00 a.m. We should be all done by 12:15 p.m. after being recognized in the Senate and House of Delegates gallery. More information will be provided in future issues of the General Orders.

C. Department Officers Visit Virginia Delegation in Washington, DC.

The National Legislative Committee met from 11-14 September 2004 in Northern Virginia to discuss and approve the 2005 VFW Legislative Priority Goals and to meet with their respective state delegation in the U.S. Congress.

On 13-14 September Department Junior Vice Commander Charles "Doc" Crouch joined me as we visited the offices of 12 of the 13 members of the Virginia Congressional delegation.

We were well received by SEN. John Warner and the 11 U.S. Representatives and/or their legislative staff members. The approved 2005 VFW Legislative Priority Goals and other matters of importance to Virginia Veterans were addressed. SEN. George Allen and concerned staff members were not on Capitol Hill during period 13-14 September.

The 2005 VFW Legislative Priority Goals will be published in the General Orders for November 2004.

John P. McAnaw
Chairman Legislative Committee

RESOLUTIONS:

Status of VFW Department of Virginia Resolutions Addressed at the National VFW Convention (14-20 August 2004) is as follows:

DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION NO.	NATIONAL VFW RESOLUTION NO.	TITLE OF RESOLUTION	STATUS
VO 5	308	Commending Professional 911 Public Safety Dispatchers	Rejected
VO 6	691	Service Officer Support For Concurrent Recipients	Rejected
VO 7	690	Commissary and Exchange For Purple Heart Recipients, Disabled Veterans and their Dependents, as a way for America to Say Thank You!	Approved/Amended
VO 8	689	Respect Obligations to Survivor Benefit Plan	Approved/Amended
VO 11	688	Increase the Federal Burial Allowance	Rejected
VO 13	687	State Veterans Nursing Home	Rejected

Note: Resolution V10. "Shorten the Obligation Required of All Persons Joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars" was apparently killed in Committee and, thus, was not brought to the floor for a vote.

John P. McAnaw
Chairman Resolutions Committee

NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF VISIT

The National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gary L. Kurpius will be visiting the State October 17th through October 22nd. Attached to the General Orders is a copy of his itinerary, we are trying to have him in as many Districts and Post's as possible during his visit please try to attend the Post that is closest to you that he will be visiting.

In the Commanders Manual it has some suggestions for when National Officers visit your town. Let's see if we can get some newspapers, television stations, or radio stations to do some publicity for us as well as have them do an interview with the Jr. Vice C-in-C. Let's use this visit to get the VFW word out to our communities.

If you are planning to attend one of the Posts that will be hosting the Jr. Vice C-in-C please give that Post a call and let them know so they will know how many attendees they will have so they can plan accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP:

Comrades, membership is important every year, but even more so this year. We must beat Kansas. The Commander-in – Chief has paired us with Kansas in a membership challenge. Right now, Kansas is ahead 77% to 722%, primarily because they have 5000 more life members than Virginia. We are ahead in new members, reinstated members, continuous member renewals, and new life members. We must work a little harder. We cannot let any continuous members go unrenewed! Remind our continuous members to renew as you see them around your communities. Remind them that dues will increase January 1, 2005. Finally, ask everyone you see if they are a veteran and if they belong to the VFW. Help us eliminate the phrase "no one ever asked me to join".

Dan Boyers, Jr.
Membership Chairman

SAFETY REPORTS:

POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2004

DIST. 1	2296	6002	7167										
DIST. 2													
DIST. 3	1426		6364										
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8599	8902	10570							
DIST. 5	873	1115	2820	6130	8243	10840							
DIST. 6	484	1033	1264	1444	1841	4165	5311						
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899										
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	4468	7728	8208	9835						
DIST. 9	6000	7136	7328	7969	9864								
DIST. 10	8241	9274											
DIST. 11	452												
DIST. 12	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10310							
DIST. 13	2044	2217	7638	8169	8717								

Charles B. Harris
Vice Chairman – Safety

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORTS:

Comrades, we have just a little over 1 month left in the 1st half reporting period and so far 119 of 181 Posts have submitted their reports. That is 65.8%, so you can see we still have a ways to go yet to hit our Commander’s goal of 100%. My sincere thanks to Posts that have already submitted their reports. Please do not forget to double-check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them to the Department.

POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2004

DIST. 1	2296	6002	7167										
DIST. 2													
DIST. 3	1426	4639	6364	10387	10657								
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8048	8599	8902							
DIST. 5	873	1115	2820	6130	8243	10840							
DIST. 6	484	1033	1264	1444	5311								
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899	9292									
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	4468	7728	8208	9835						
DIST. 9	7136	7328	7969	9343	9864								
DIST. 10	9274												
DIST. 11	452	7701											
DIST. 12	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611					
DIST. 13	2217	2613	8169	8436	8717								

Stanley Dixon
Vice Chairman Youth Activities

HOSPITAL REPORT:

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 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. Way to go 2nd!!

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

Call them, e-mail them or visit them, every Post that is inspected should have a report into the Department. **GET THE REPORTS!!!!!!**

POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2004

DIST. 1	2296	4856	6002	7176	8629								
DIST. 2													
DIST. 3	1426	6364	10387	10657									
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8048	8228	8599	8902						
DIST. 5	647	873	2820	8243									
DIST. 6	1444	5311	7854										
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899										
DIST. 8	472	1177	4468	7728	8208								
DIST. 9	6000	7136	7328	7360	7969	9864							
DIST. 10	9274												
DIST. 11	452	7814											
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	9830	10298	10310	10611						
DIST. 13	2044	2217	8169	8436	8717	10295							

Let's be 100%, there is no reason we can't!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hal Roesch
Hospital Chairman

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2004

DIST. 1	2296	4856	6002	7167	8252	8629	9358						
DIST. 2													
DIST. 3	1426	10387	10657	11124									
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8902									
DIST. 5	873	2820	6130	8243									
DIST. 6	484	1033	1264	1444	1841	5311							
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899	9292									
DIST. 8	472	1177	4468	7728	8208	9835							
DIST. 9	7328	9864											
DIST. 10	9274												
DIST. 11													
DIST. 12	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10310							
DIST. 13	2044	2217	8169	8717									

Lynn Harris
Vice Chair Community Chairman

INSPECTION REPORTS:

Congratulations to Districts 5, 7, 9, and 11 for being 100% inspected!!

POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2004

DIST. 1	2296	4856	6002	7167	8252	8629	9358						
DIST. 2	993	1211	4411	8545	9382								
DIST. 3	1426	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8529	9224	9808	10387	10654	10657	
DIST. 4	622	2163	2584	5313	5371	8163	8617	8759	8902				
DIST. 5													
DIST. 6	8184												
DIST. 7													
DIST. 8	1177												
DIST. 9													
DIST. 10	609	1503	9274										
DIST. 11													
DIST. 12	9830	10298	10611										
DIST. 13	2044	2217	8169	8717	10295	10546							

William R. Shifflett
State Inspector

AMERICANISM REPORTS:

We are down to the final month in the first half. One hundred sixty-four reports have been received from 122 Posts. Check your dates before you send the reports. Three have been received with ending dates of 30 April 2004. These do not qualify for the current reporting period.

POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2004

DIST. 1	2296	4856	6002	7167									
DIST. 2													
DIST. 3	1426	6364	10387	10657									
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8048	8599								
DIST. 5	873	2820	6130	8243	10840								
DIST. 6	484	1033	1444	5311									
DIST. 7	1150	4698	7899	9292									
DIST. 8	472	1177	1811	2524	4468	7728	8208	9835					
DIST. 9	7136	7328	7969	9864									
DIST. 10	9274												
DIST. 11	10773												
DIST. 12	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10310							
DIST. 13	2044	2217	8169	8717									

J. Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

CELEBRATE THE SEASON:

Anticipation is building for this year’s VFW Holiday Cards, which will be mailed in October. This year’s selection of high quality cards includes an assortment of traditional festive images. Send your VFW Holiday Cards to show your friends and family how much you support America and the VFW. In addition to your holiday cards, we have a special card for you to sign and return to us, so that we may deliver it to a hospitalized veteran to lift their spirits. Please, make plans to visit a veteran at a local VA hospital or facility this holiday season. A short visit, a simple handshake, kind words – all help relieve the daily hardships that come with being hospitalized and away from family and friends.

Official:

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By Order of:

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State Commander

NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S TOUR OF VIRGINIA:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2004

Arrive Richmond at 3:26 pm
Drive to Dale City Post 1503
Dinner at Dale City
Spend the night at Holiday Inn

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2004

	Leave Dale City Holiday Inn	
9:00 am	arrive Woodbridge Post 7916	
12:00 Noon	arrive Manassas Post 7589 Lunch	
3:00 pm	arrive Front Royal Post 1860	
6:00 pm	arrive Culpeper Post 2524	Dinner and spend the night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004

9:00 am	arrive Charlottesville Post 1827	
12:00 Noon	Staunton Post 2216 - Lunch	
3:00 pm	arrive Covington Post 1033	
6:00 pm	arrive Lexington Post 1499	Dinner and spend the night

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004

9:00 am	arrive Vinton Post 4522	
12:00 Noon	arrive Danville Post 647 Lunch	
3:00 pm	arrive Clarksville Post 8163	(depart by 4:00 pm)
7:30 pm	arrive Norfolk Post 3160	Dinner and spend the night

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004

9:00 am	arrive Phoebus Post 3219	
12:00 Noon	arrive Hopewell Post 637	
3:00 pm	arrive West Richmond Post 6364	
6:00 pm	arrive Glen Allen Post 10657	Spend the night

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2004

8:00 am	arrive Mechanicsville Post 9808	Breakfast
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National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief departs from Richmond



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District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	City
1	176	91	0	0	22	113	192		58.85	NEWPORT NEWS
1	824	51	2	1	8	62	78	7	88.46	GRAFTON
1	960	37	2	1	9	49	63		77.78	YORKTOWN
1	2296	17	1	0	29	47	66		71.21	TASLEY
1	3219	336	21	1	58	416	691		60.2	PHOEBUS
1	4856	33	0	0	20	53	75		70.67	EXMORE
1	5500	39	1	0	11	51	82	7	70.73	HAMPTON
1	6002	95	1	0	28	124	163		76.07	DENBIGH
1	7167	61	1	2	47	111	169		65.68	WARSAW
1	8252	198	3	0	19	220	315		69.84	GLOUCESTER
1	8629	10	0	0	11	21	32		65.63	CHINCOTEAGUE
1	9358	9	0	0	6	15	25		60	TANGIER
1	9636	0	Defunct	0	0	0	40		0	DELTAVILLE
District	Totals	977	32	5	268	1282	1991	14	65.09	TWELFTH
2	392	1024	31	10	64	1129	1549	16	73.91	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	993	94	1	1	22	118	156		75.64	PORTSMOUTH
2	1211	36	0	1	6	43	59		72.88	VIRGINIA BEACH
2	2582	29	1	0	8	38	52		73.08	SUFFOLK
2	2894	30	1	1	11	43	81		53.09	CHESAPEAKE
2	3160	577	2	1	84	664	801	2	83.14	NORFOLK
2	4411	67	2	3	20	92	110		83.64	FRANKLIN
2	4809	911	11	4	191	1117	1428	4	78.5	NORFOLK
2	8545	65	0	0	9	74	95		77.89	SMITHFIELD
2	9382	74	0	1	17	92	138	4	69.56	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	2907	49	22	432	3410	4469	26	76.88	THIRD

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	City
3	394	0	Defunct	0	0	0	16		0	MONTPELIER
3	1426	30	0	0	5	35	54		64.81	MIDLOTHIAN
3	2239	120	3	0	52	175	240	1	73.33	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
3	2583	9	0	0	7	16	29		55.17	ASHLAND
3	3125	6	0	0	5	11	22		50	DOSWELL
3	4639	81	1	2	23	107	146		73.29	WILLIAMSBURG
3	6364	151	3	0	24	178	211		84.36	RICHMOND
3	8046	29	1	0	9	39	74		52.7	NORGE
3	8356	44	0	0	32	76	113		67.26	WEST POINT
3	8529	75	3	3	18	99	140		70.71	SANDSTON
3	9224	36	0	0	24	60	66		90.91	RICHMOND
3	9501	19	0	1	8	28	43		65.12	AYLETT
3	9808	546	2	1	74	623	718		86.77	MECHANICSVILLE
3	10387	24	1	0	3	28	132		21.21	PETERSBURG
3	10654	88	0	0	3	91	103		88.35	RICHMOND
3	10657	86	3	0	1	90	93		96.77	GLEN ALLEN
3	11124	15	0	0	5	20	31		64.52	QUINTON
District	Totals	1359	17	7	293	1676	2231	1	75.16	FOURTH
4	622	44	7	1	23	75	139		53.96	PETERSBURG
4	637	150	5	1	83	239	367	1	65.39	HOPEWELL
4	2163	45	4	0	20	69	102		67.65	CHESTERFIELD
4	2584	20	0	0	8	28	46		60.87	CULLEN
4	5313	52	0	0	4	56	93		60.22	NOTTOWAY
4	5371	15	0	0	8	23	34		67.65	EMPORIA
4	7059	78	6	0	51	135	227	1	59.91	FARMVILLE
4	7166	147	0	2	38	187	324		57.72	SOUTH HILL
4	7819	74	0	0	29	103	127		81.1	CREWE
4	7897	18	2	0	18	38	53		71.7	BLACKSTONE
4	8048	15	1	0	17	33	63		52.38	LAWRENCEVILLE
4	8163	56	0	0	35	91	135		67.41	CLARKSVILLE
4	8228	4	0	0	9	13	47		27.66	CHASE CITY
4	8446	27	0	0	15	42	49		85.71	BUCKINGHAM
4	8599	1	0	0	9	10	26		38.46	BROOKNEAL
4	8617	29	0	0	8	37	59		62.71	GOOCHLAND
4	8759	33	0	0	14	47	74		63.51	AMELIA COURT
4	8902	12	0	0	4	16	20		80	KEYSVILLE
4	9618	0	Defunct	0	0	0	10		0	CUMBERLAND
4	9855	15	0	0	20	35	99		35.35	APPOMATTOX
4	9954	106	0	0	31	137	173	1	79.76	VICTORIA
4	10570	18	0	1	14	33	43		76.74	POWHATAN
4	10571	0	Defunct	0	1	1	51		1.96	PRINCE GEORGE
District	Totals	959	25	5	459	1448	2361	3	61.45	THIRTEENTH

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	City
5	647	227	2	0	97	326	426		76.53	DANVILLE
5	873	12	0	0	7	19	22		86.36	GRETNA
5	1115	597	4	4	242	847	1264	1	67.08	HILLSVILLE
5	2820	12	1	0	10	23	49		46.94	BASSETT
5	4637	75	3	0	46	124	168		73.81	MARTINSVILLE
5	6130	4	0	0	11	15	20		75	RIDGEWAY
5	7568	18	0	0	12	30	59		50.85	GALAX
5	7726	132	3	1	106	242	380	10	66.31	INDEPENDENCE
5	7800	77	0	0	23	100	136		73.53	STUART
5	8243	43	0	1	8	52	125		41.6	HALIFAX
5	8467	50	2	0	32	84	121		69.42	MEADOWS OF DAN
5	10840	28	0	0	14	42	55		76.36	PENHOOK
District	Totals	1275	15	6	608	1904	2825	11	67.78	TENTH
6	484	32	0	0	16	48	69		69.57	ROANOKE
6	776	109	0	0	15	124	167		74.25	RADFORD
6	1033	113	0	3	82	198	307		64.5	COVINGTON
6	1264	250	3	2	68	323	455		70.99	ROANOKE
6	1444	52	0	0	6	58	100		58	ROANOKE
6	1841	55	0	3	53	111	154		72.08	TROUTVILLE
6	2157	114	0	1	60	175	268		65.3	BEDFORD
6	4165	28	1	1	24	54	77		70.13	ALTAVISTA
6	4299	25	0	0	11	36	67		53.73	CLIFTON FORGE
6	4318	33	0	0	19	52	78		66.67	SALEM
6	4491	69	1	0	18	88	120		73.33	NEW CASTLE
6	4522	144	3	2	21	170	222		76.58	VINTON
6	4920	9	0	0	7	16	33		48.48	ELLISTON
6	5311	67	0	0	36	103	141		73.05	CHRISTIANSBURG
6	5895	15	0	0	5	20	26		76.92	BUCHANAN
6	7854	67	10	1	17	95	136		69.85	FLOYD
6	8184	57	0	0	18	75	92		81.52	LYNCHBURG
6	9805	3	0	0	6	9	16		56.25	RUSTBURG
6	9877	13	0	1	10	24	48		50	AMHERST
District	Totals	1255	18	14	492	1779	2576	0	69.06	EIGHT

District	Post	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	City
7	621	118	2	0	47	167	249		67.07	LURAY
7	1150	17	0	0	5	22	28		78.57	SPERRYVILLE
7	1860	195	1	0	66	262	336		77.98	FRONT ROYAL
7	2123	265	0	1	62	328	395		83.04	WINCHESTER
7	2447	172	1	0	83	256	348		73.56	EDINBURG
7	4698	12	1	0	16	29	47		61.7	GROTTOES
7	6044	15	0	0	7	22	31		70.97	WINCHESTER
7	7899	17	0	0	21	38	63		60.32	STANLEY
7	8613	109	3	1	36	149	207		71.98	SHENANDOAH
7	9292	106	0	0	40	146	201		72.64	ELKTON
7	9660	55	2	0	42	99	147		67.35	BROADWAY
7	9760	92	2	0	44	138	226		61.06	BERRYVILLE
7	9872	74	0	0	0	74	77		96.1	HINTON
District	Totals	1247	12	2	469	1730	2355	0	73.46	SIXTH
8	472	18	0	0	0	18	18		100	MADISON
8	1177	34	0	0	10	44	51		86.27	LEESBURG
8	1811	184	0	0	1	185	193		95.85	MANASSAS PARK
8	2524	197	1	0	43	241	301		80.07	CULPEPER
8	3103	185	1	2	100	288	415		69.4	FREDERICKSBURG
8	4468	39	0	0	0	39	39		100	PURCELLVILLE
8	7589	139	1	1	36	177	223		79.37	MANASSAS
8	7728	32	0	1	19	52	57		91.23	REMINGTON
8	8208	7	0	0	10	17	24	44	254.16	STANARDSVILLE
8	9835	32	0	0	9	41	53		77.36	WARRENTON
8	9865	0	Defunct	0	0	0	2		0	MADISON
District	Totals	867	3	4	228	1102	1376	44	83.28	FIRST
9	956	42	0	1	28	71	96		73.96	DANTE
9	1184	119	2	4	37	162	216		75	PULASKI
9	2719	26	0	0	19	45	61		73.77	WYTHEVILLE
9	4667	506	15	7	49	577	936		61.65	MARION
9	6000	135	1	2	51	189	272		69.49	NARROWS
9	7136	103	0	3	49	155	229		67.69	TAZEWELL
9	7328	28	0	1	32	61	104		58.65	SALTVILLE
9	7360	35	0	0	24	59	84		70.24	GRUNDY
9	7969	17	0	0	16	33	56		58.93	BLAND
9	9343	9	0	0	9	18	30		60	HONAKER
9	9640	102	1	2	31	136	180	2	76.66	RICHLANDS
9	9696	105	2	1	37	145	210		69.05	BLUEFIELD
9	9864	55	0	1	14	70	81		86.42	LEBANON
District	Totals	1282	21	22	396	1721	2555	2	67.43	ELEVENTH

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10	609	70	0	1	13	84	104		80.77	ALEXANDRIA
10	1503	1121	24	3	196	1344	1749	1	76.9	DALE CITY
10	3150	313	3	3	28	347	428	14	84.34	ARLINGTON
10	5412	43	2	0	21	66	79		83.54	BURKE
10	7327	379	1	0	77	457	562		81.32	SPRINGFIELD
10	7916	278	5	1	62	346	436		79.36	WOODBIDGE
10	8241	150	4	1	45	200	257		77.82	MC LEAN
10	8469	149	1	0	36	186	226		82.3	FAIRFAX
10	8815	18	1	0	1	20	24		83.33	LORTON
10	9274	211	0	0	22	233	264		88.26	FALLS CHURCH
10	9478	50	3	0	11	64	72		88.89	STERLING
District	Totals	2782	44	9	512	3347	4201	15	80.02	SECOND
11	452	25	0	0	11	36	61		59.02	CRIMORA
11	632	332	2	2	104	440	563		78.15	HARRISONBURG
11	1499	71	0	0	27	98	141		69.5	LEXINGTON
11	2216	182	12	23	174	391	545		71.74	STAUNTON
11	2424	32	0	0	15	47	63		74.6	WAYNESBORO
11	3060	22	3	0	8	33	43		76.74	DEERFIELD
11	3136	31	0	0	23	54	71		76.06	MOUNT SOLON
11	4204	26	1	0	17	44	70		62.86	HOT SPRINGS
11	4805	10	0	0	28	38	59		64.41	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	7	11	22		50	GLASGOW
11	7701	39	0	1	20	60	82		73.17	LOVINGSTON
11	7814	24	0	0	1	25	28		89.29	STAUNTON
11	8279	15	2	0	23	40	54		74.07	STEELES TAVERN
11	8479	6	0	0	6	12	21		57.14	LYNDHURST
11	8644	108	4	0	42	154	195		78.97	BRIDGEWATER
11	9339	57	0	0	30	87	106		82.08	STUARTS DRAFT
11	9480	34	0	0	6	40	54		74.07	CRAIGSVILLE
11	10773	17	0	0	9	26	35		74.29	GOSHEN
11	10826	23	8	1	37	69	87		79.31	VERONA
District	Totals	1116	32	27	588	1763	2394	0	73.64	FIFTH

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12	1994	37	0	1	26	64	112		57.14	ABINGDON
12	3782	34	0	0	8	42	58		72.41	HAYSI
12	4301	67	0	0	13	80	100		80	NORTON
12	5715	79	4	0	14	97	116		83.62	BIG STONE GAP
12	6975	377	6	4	234	621	898		69.15	BRISTOL
12	8652	11	4	0	6	21	32		65.63	COEBURN
12	8979	72	0	1	35	108	182		59.34	CLINTWOOD
12	9600	74	0	1	61	136	198		68.69	POUND
12	9830	54	0	1	21	76	95	1	81.05	DAMASCUS
12	10298	40	1	0	21	62	93		66.67	PENNINGTON GAP
12	10310	35	1	0	7	43	72		59.72	EWING
12	10611	13	0	0	7	20	38	1	55.26	GATE CITY
District	Totals	893	16	8	453	1370	1994	2	68.8	NINTH
13	1827	126	0	0	12	138	243		56.79	CHARLOTTESVILLE
13	2044	36	0	0	4	40	49		81.63	EARLYSVILLE
13	2217	29	0	0	17	46	72		63.89	ORANGE
13	2613	4	0	0	7	11	19		57.89	COLUMBIA
13	7638	69	0	0	14	83	102		81.37	GORDONSVILLE
13	8169	8	0	0	14	22	33		66.67	SCOTTSVILLE
13	8436	19	0	0	9	28	39		71.79	YANCEY MILLS
13	8717	43	0	0	7	50	60		83.33	KING GEORGE
13	8947	105	1	0	16	122	151		80.79	LOUISA
13	10295	52	3	0	6	61	82	1	75.6	BOWLING GREEN
13	10546	78	0	0	5	83	104		79.81	SPOTSYLVANIA
13	10574	73	0	1	17	91	135		67.41	COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	642	4	1	128	775	1089	1	71.25	SEVENTH
MAL	15048	455	58	4	229	746	945	0	78.94	STAUNTON
Dept.	Totals	18016	346	136	5555	24053	33362	118	72.45	