

## GENERAL ORDERS

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

**DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

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### STATE COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Comrades it's almost time for the Fall Council Meeting. I hope all have sent in reports for the activities that your Post has completed. If not now is the time to get them filled out and mailed to State Headquarters. We need to report all of our projects; this helps all aspects of our programs. District Commanders please contact all Post that are not reported. I will be interested in any Post that is not willing to respond. Two months have passed since the State Convention, are you satisfied with your progress. Everyone remember that help is only a phone call away.

I know some Post and or Comrades do not like to ask for help. That's the way I learned when I was a new member many, many years ago.

I know that many of you have questions on redistricting, SOP changes and the Men's Auxiliary. We will cover all of this at the council meeting and as the Line Officers attend District Meetings.

I look forward to seeing all in Roanoke.

Tom Hines  
State Commander

### 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.

### SPECIAL ORDER NO. 309

The records of Disciplinary Action, ordered by the Commander of the Department of Virginia against **Robert J. Klausung**, Life Membership No. 975407, Augusta-Staunton Post No. 2216, Staunton, Virginia have been received by the Commander-in-Chief. The accused failed to request a hearing whereupon the Department Commander entered a sentence of **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP** in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. It appearing that no timely appeal has been made it is hereby ordered that the name of Robert J. Klausung, Life Membership No. 975407, be removed from the rolls of Augusta-Staunton Post NO. 2216, Staunton, Virginia, his membership terminated in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States with fees forfeited and his Life Membership card returned to the Adjutant General via **CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURNED RECEIPT REQUESTED.**

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

### ROSTER CHANGES:

Post 10826, Eugene Chavis, Phone number correction- 540-248-5651.

Advisory Committee Vice Chairman, James E. Tucker, Email: [vfwjames@aol.com](mailto:vfwjames@aol.com).

Special Recruiter, Wesley H. Dixon, Phone number correction- 276-945-2352

Post 7589, Quartermaster, Richard A. Raskin, Address Correction, 8767 Bradley Forge Dr., Manassas 20112

Post 1115, Adjutant, Donald A. Trausneck, 1667 Breezy Ridge Rd, Woodlawn, 24381, Phone: 276-728-0049

## ROSTER ADDITIONS:

<b>POST 8652</b>	MEETING		4 <sup>TH</sup> TUES 6 PM	VFW BLDG BUCKINGHAM	COEBURN	24236	276-676-3954
CMDR	ROBERT	A	HICKS	21741 LAKESHORE DR	ABINGDON	24211	276-676-3954
QM	PAUL	W	KENNEDY	12415 STAFFORD RD	COEBURN	24230	276-395-2114
SVC	THOMAS	E	EDWARDS	11612 HANOVER RD	COEBURN	24230	276-395-3508
JVC	ROCKY	H	SMITH	PO BOX 154	COEBURN	24230	276-395-6558
ADJ	ELMER	M	KISER	PO BOX 2358	COEBURN	24230	

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

JOHN		KING	28 RED ROBIN TURN	HAMPTON	23669	757-224-4900
KEN		WARD	7616 PALOMA CT	SPRINGFIELD	22153	
WAYNARD		CALDWELL	3309 KINGSWOOD DR	ROANOKE	24018	703-774-3878
CLARENCE	E	CLEMENTS	1591 LAKESIDE DR	PRINCE GEORGE	23875	804-732-2421

## DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- FIRST** – 09-12-04, POST 4856 EXMORE 11:00 AM meal to follow, Representative Harold Roesch State Surgeon
- SECOND** – 11-20-04, POST 3160 NORFOLK LUNCH 12:00 PM MEETING 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- THIRD** – 09-11-04, 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT HQ MECHANICSVILLE 2:00 PM, Representative State Surgeon Hal Roesch
- FOURTH** – 11-06-04, POST 637 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- FIFTH** – TBD
- SIXTH** – 11-21-04, VA MED CENTER BLDG 76 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR 2:00 PM, hosted by Post 9877
- SEVENTH** – 09-12-04, POST 9760 BERRYVILLE 11:30 AM lunch, meeting to follow, Representative State Junior Vice Commander Charles “Doc” Crouch
- EIGHTH** – 09-19-04, Post 2524 CULPEPER 1:00 PM, Representative State Judge Advocate Jimmy Lee Wallace
- NINTH** – 9-12-04, POST 6000 NARROWS registration 10:30 AM, meeting 12:00 NOON, lunch at 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- TENTH** – 9-19-04, POST 7327 SPRINGFIELD 1:00 PM, Representative State Junior Vice Commander Charles “Doc” Crouch
- ELEVENTH** – 09-12-04, POST 2216 STAUNTON 11:30 AM, Representative State Quartermaster/Adjutant Kim A. DeShano
- TWELFTH** – 09-11-04, POST 1994 ABINGDON meeting 10:00 AM, lunch at 12 NOON. Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- THIRTEENTH** – 09-12-04, POST 7638 GORDONSVILLE 1:00 PM, Representative Judge Advocate Jimmy Lee Wallace

**IMPORTANT 2003-2005 DATES:**

- Sept. 24-26, 2004      Fall Council Meeting: Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel, Roanoke 1-800-996-3426
- 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

**BONDING YOUR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER:**

All bonds expired as of August 31, 2004. If you have not renewed your bonds, please do so immediately. If you have acquired a bond through a company other than the VFW please make sure that you have forwarded a copy of the bond to the State Headquarters. We must have proof that all Post's have been bonded.

**NATIONAL GUARD EMPLOYER CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:**

National Guard employer Certificates of Appreciation are available at State Headquarters. Please submit your request to State Headquarters with name of National Guard Employer. See attached for copy of certificate.

**AWARDS:**

Blue and Gray VFW Post 8469, shooters of the Optimist Acorns Junior Rifle Club, coached by Floyd Houston received 1<sup>st</sup> place awards for the small-bore and air riffle events at the annual VFW National Small-bore and Air Rifle Postal Matches. We would like to congratulate the members of these teams.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Al Hardin, State Honor Guard, Post 392.

**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.

**AMERICANISM REPORT:**

Many of our members and fellow citizens have moved in the last several years. Remind them to check that they are registered for November's elections. Check your local requirements, but the deadline should be about 4 weeks before the election.

It is time to finalize your plans for Patriot's Day (11 Sep) and POW/MIA Remembrance Day (14 or 18 Sep). (DOD named 14 Sep because of Jewish holidays; VFW reportedly says use either day.) And remember the VFW's 105th Birthday on 29 Sep. See National's webpage if you would like some ideas.

One hundred ten reports have been received from 82 posts.

J.Gary Wagner  
Vice Chairman for Americanism

**POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 AUGUST 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	4856	6002	7167	8629								
<b>DIST. 2</b>	2894	4411	4809										
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	2239	3125	4639	6364	8046	10387	10654	10657	11124			
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	5313	5371	8048	8599	8617	9855	9954	10570				
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	1115	2820	6130	7800	8243	10840						
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	1033	1264	1444	4165	4318	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184		
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698	7899	9292	9660								
<b>DIST. 8</b>	472	1177	1811	2524	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835				
<b>DIST. 9</b>	1184	2719	6000	7136	7328	9864							
<b>DIST. 10</b>	1503	5412	7327	8469	8815	9274	9478						
<b>DIST. 11</b>	4204	4805	4989	7578	7814	8479	9480	10773					
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10310	10611					
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10546	10574		

**HOSPITAL REPORTS:**

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 Posts submit a report for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

It will be inexcusable if we are NOT 100% reported for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half's.

Call the, e-mail the, or visit them; GET THE REPORTS!!!!

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

Hospital Chairman,  
Hal Roesch

**POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 AUGUST 2004**

<b>DIST. 1</b>	176	2296	4856	6002	7167	8629							
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	2894	4411										
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	3125	6364	8046	10387	10654	10657	11124					
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	5313	5371	8048	8228	8599	8617	8902	10570				
<b>DIST. 5</b>	647	873	1115	2820	7800	8243							
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	1264	1444	4318	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184				
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698	7899	9660	9872								
<b>DIST. 8</b>	472	1177	2524	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835					
<b>DIST. 9</b>	1184	4667	6000	7136	7328	7360	7969	9696	9864				
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	5412	7327	8241	8469	8815	9274						
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	3136	4204	4805	4989	7578	7814	8479	9480	10773			
<b>DIST. 12</b>	1994	3782	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611			
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Comrades we have just a little over 2 months left in the 1<sup>st</sup> Half reporting period and so far 83 of 181 Posts have submitted their reports. That is only 45.8%, so you can see we have a ways to go yet to hit our Commander's goal of 100%. My sincere thanks to those Posts that have already submitted their reports. Please do not forget to check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them off to the Department.

Stanley Dixon  
Vice Chairman Youth Activities

### POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 AUGUST 2004

<b>DIST. 1</b>	2296	6002	7167	8629								
<b>DIST. 2</b>	2894	4411	4809									
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	3125	4639	6364	8046	10387	10654	10657	11124			
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	5313	5371	8048	8599	8617	8902					
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	1115	2820	6130	7800	8243	10840					
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	1033	1264	1444	4165	4318	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698	7899	9292	9660	9872						
<b>DIST. 8</b>	472	1177	2524	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835				
<b>DIST. 9</b>	1184	2719	6000	7136	7328	7969	9343	9864				
<b>DIST. 10</b>	1503	7916	8469	8815	9274							
<b>DIST. 11</b>	452	4204	4805	4989	7578	7701	7814	8479	9480	10773		
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611			
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10546	10574	

## INSPECTION REPORTS:

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

### POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 AUGUST 2004

<b>DIST. 1</b>	960	2296	4856	6002	7167	8252	8629	9358	9636				
<b>DIST. 2</b>	392	993	1211	2582	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382	2894			
<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	9808	10387	
	10657	11124	10654										
<b>DIST. 4</b>	622	21163	2584	5313	5371	7819	7897	8163	8617	8759	8902	9954	
	10571												
<b>DIST. 5</b>	8243												
<b>DIST. 6</b>	7854	8184											
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	2447	6044	7899	9660	9872							
<b>DIST. 8</b>	1177	1811	2524	3103	4468	7589	8208						
<b>DIST. 9</b>	1184	4667	6000	7136	7328	7969	9864						
<b>DIST. 10</b>	609	1503	3150	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274	9478			
<b>DIST. 11</b>	2424	3060	4204	4805	4989	7578	7814	8479	9480	10773			
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	4301	6975	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	10611				
<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546	10574	

Yours in Comradeship  
William R. Shifflett  
State Inspector

## SAFETY:

### POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 AUG 2004

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<b>DIST. 3</b>	1426	3125	4639	6364	8046	10654	11124						
<b>DIST. 4</b>	2163	5313	5371	8599	8617	8902	10570						
<b>DIST. 5</b>	873	1115	2820	6130	7800	8243	8467	10840					
<b>DIST. 6</b>	484	1033	1264	1444	1841	4165	4318	4920	5311	5895	7854	8184	
<b>DIST. 7</b>	1150	4698	7899	9292	9660	9872							
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<b>DIST. 13</b>	1827	2044	2217	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10546	10574		

Charles B. Harris  
Vice Chairman – Safety

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

### POSTS THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED AS OF 23 AUGUST 2004

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<b>DIST. 8</b>	1811	2524	3103										
<b>DIST. 9</b>	1184	2719	6000	7328	9864								
<b>DIST. 10</b>	3150	8241	9478										
<b>DIST. 11</b>	4204	4805	4989	7578	7814	9480	10773						
<b>DIST. 12</b>	3782	4301	5715	8652	9600	9830	10310	10611					
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Lynn Harris  
Vice Chairman Community Activities

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

### Veterans Vote and the 105th VFW National Convention

The importance of the Veterans vote in the upcoming 2004 General Election on 2 November 2004 was exemplified by the top tier National Politicians and Administration Officials that showed up at the 105th VFW Convention in the beautiful city of Cincinnati.

The VFW Convention ran from 14-20 August 2004. Cited individuals included President George Bush and Senator John Kerry, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary for Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi. Throughout the period 15-19 August, the national media spotlight was on Cincinnati and the VFW Convention because of the presence of President Bush and Senator Kerry.

Why, you may ask, was there so much interest in the VFW Convention? Both Republican and Democratic strategists know that the percent of Veterans that vote is much higher than for the rest of the eligible electorate. According to a recent survey conducted for the VFW Magazine, approximately 91% of VFW members voted in the 2000 Presidential Election. There are an estimated 25 million veterans in the United States and abroad. We represent a potentially powerful voting block (25M x 91% = 22.75 million voters)

Let us make ourselves count in the political process by voting and also helping to get out the vote. In the General Orders for July 2004 I included an article titled "Organizing a Town Hall Meeting". I urge VFW leaders at the Post and District level to prepare for and conduct town hall meetings so that VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members have an opportunity to find out what the political candidates stand for. An informed electorate is essential to the preservation of our beloved Republic.

### **VFW Legislative Priorities**

As we approach the 2004 General Election on 2 November 2004 I believe that a refresher on the National Legislative Priorities of the VFW is in order. In "bullet" form, they are as follows:

#### VA Funding

- Ensure needed funding is authorized and appropriated for the continuing operation enhancement of the entire Veterans Health Administration.
- Secure a mandatory funding structure to guarantee adequate dollars as well as enhanced planning options for VA.
- Allow VA to collect and retain Medicare dollars for the treatment of non-service connected Medicare-eligible patients
- Acquire adequate funds for the veterans Benefits Administration to continue to improve the benefits claims process.
- Obtain funding for expansion and maintenance of the Veterans Cemetery Administration.

#### Military Retirees

- Ensure Congress authorizes and fully appropriates funding to allow all disabled military retirees to receive both their military retirement and VA compensation.

#### A New GI Bill for the 21st Century

- Secure authority and annual funding increases to fully establish a GI Bill for the 21st Century that provides full tuition and living-expense stipends at any institution to which a veteran is accepted.

#### Military Quality of Life

- Increase active-duty armed forces pay to equal its private sector counterparts.
- Obtain increased funding for improving active-duty housing and work facilities.
- Acquire full funding for the Defense Health Program to ensure that all active duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel and their dependents are provided quality health care.
- Expand TRICARE eligibility for National Guard and Reserve members.

#### Defense Readiness

- Increase the strengths of each military service consistent with their long-term missions to fulfill national military strategy.
- Ensure an approximate match between National Guard and Reserve force strengths and equipment for their mission.
- Support ongoing efforts to complete our national missile defense system.
- Continue to invest in new equipment and weapons systems to retain the technological edge in the war on terrorism

All members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for re-election. Before voting, find out where your Congressman stands regarding above cited VFW legislative priorities.

### **ALBERT G. HORTON, JR., MEMORIAL VETERANS CEMETERY:**

A meeting was held on 24 Aug 04. The meeting served as two fold. Priority one was to meet the newly appointed Director for the Albert G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans Cemetery, and second priority was to put into place names with responsibilities for the finalizing of the plans for the official opening of the cemetery.

The meeting was attended by a member of United States Congressman J. Randy Forbes office, members of the Horton Family, a member from the lead designer's office, and myself.

The following information is available for dissemination:

Date of Ceremony: 1 November 04

Time: 11 O'clock

Dress: Active Duty are asked to wear their summer uniform  
Members of Military Organizations are asked to wear their official uniform including head gear.  
(No baseball caps during ceremony please).

Guest Speaker: Senator John Warner

MC: Jim Kincaid (Viet Nam Reporter/WVEC TV-13)

Further information will be arriving weekly.

Larry Mattera  
VA VFW Past Dept Commander  
2002 – 2003

## **PATRIOT'S PEN:**

Patriot's Pen Theme: "WHAT SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY MEANS TO ME".

### **DEADLINES:**

Student Entry: 1 November 2004

Complete Post Judging: 15 November 2004

Complete District Judging: 1 December 2004

Department Judging: 27 December 2004

All entries must be in my hands by midnight, 26 December 2004

Complete Department Judging: 1 January 2005

Department Winner to National: 15 January 2005

### **Awards:**

Department Winners:

First Place: \$ 500.00

Plaque for winner's school

Certificate

One night's lodging at the Department Convention for Winner and family. (to be paid by sponsoring post)

Second Place: \$300.00

Certificate

Third Place: \$200.00

Certificate

All District Commanders received a packet of information at the Department School of Instruction in Lynchburg. All post Commanders should now have the information and distributed to schools, scout troops, and other youth groups. Any commanders who HAVE NOT received their packet—PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY.

Phone: 540-887-8024---- E-Mail: [dlhallvfw@hotmail.com](mailto:dlhallvfw@hotmail.com)  
[dist1lqm@vfwva.org](mailto:dist1lqm@vfwva.org)

Don Hall



## POW/MIA:

Per DOD Letter, Sep 14 or 17 is approved for the POW/MIA Ceremonies at your post. I have appropriate POW/MIA posters from our National VFW Headquarters. Let me know when your ceremony is scheduled and I will get the posters to you.

I believe we should all schedule a program to make us aware of our comrades who are being held as POW's and those Missing in Action. Good luck on your attendance for your program.

WJ Leonard  
POW/MIA Department of Virginia Chairman

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAY OUT 2005:

Palmer & Cay, a professional actuarial firm, recently completed an evaluation of the Life Membership Fund. Based on this evaluation, National Life Membership Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 111 of the VFW By-Laws, has determined that, for the 2005 membership year, the Life Membership Fund will pay out **\$3.50** for each **Plan A, B and C** life member, and **\$5.50** for each **Plan D** life member to their Post, Department and to National Headquarters. Payment will be made in September 2004 for all life members recorded as of August 31, 2004.

In addition, **\$5.50 will be paid in January 2005** for each life member processed from September through December 2004 (Plan D) to their Post, Department and to National Headquarters.

## BUDDY POPPY:

As the upcoming Veterans Day approaches, and given the daily hazards confronting our military on a daily basis during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, it is appropriate that we direct as many VFW resources as possible to supporting our troops and their families.

In the ongoing effort to provide as much assistance as possible to those serving in the military, I recommend that proceeds or portions from this year's annual poppy distribution be designated for the purpose of providing VFW support to our military. Via the VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP), Posts now have the opportunity to assist qualified military personnel through the MAP *emergency financial grant* process.

In keeping with the intent of Section 704 (A) (C) of the Manual of Procedure "Relief Fund," this year's poppy campaign can play a direct role in demonstrating to those who are charged with protecting and defending our way of life that we appreciate and value their sacrifice.

We have set up a special account at the Department for the Military Assistance Program (MAP) anyone wishing to make a donation can send a check to Department headquarters earmarked (MAP).

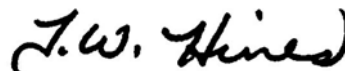
Buddy Poppy Chairman  
Kim A. DeShano

Official:



Kim A. DeShano  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Tom W. Hines  
State Commander



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



## Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

*In recognition of exceptional support for those employees  
who have been activated as members of the National Guard.*

*In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and the official  
emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States,  
this       day of       , year of our Lord*

Department Commander

Department Adjutant

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

TO: ALL STATE, DISTRICT, AND POST OFFICERS

Now is the time to be planning for the Buddy Poppy Sale. Begin making your plans now. Decide when you will sell. Select your working organization – members of your Post, Ladies Auxiliary, Boy or Girl Scouts, or another group.

The price of Buddy Poppies is \$105.00 per 1,000 Poppies, and the minimum order is 500 poppies. PLEASE NOTE THAT POSTERS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE POPPY KITS. THESE MUST BE ORDERED SEPARATELY WHEN YOU ORDER OTHER POPPY SUPPLIES.

PLACE ALL ORDERS FOR BUDDY POPPIES AND SUPPLIES WITH STATE HEADQUARTERS. Order blank is below. Orders should be placed early. Payment may be made for Buddy Poppies and Supplies after the sale is concluded. POPPIES CANNOT BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT.

\*\*\*In order to avoid possibility of not receiving your Poppies from National Headquarters in time for your sale, we are asking that you designate month and date of your sale. National uses this date to fill orders from their warehouses.

The following Buddy Poppy Citations will be awarded at the next State Convention.

1. Post in each District purchasing the most Buddy Poppies.
2. District Commander whose District purchases the most Poppies.
3. District Commander with all Posts in his District registering in Buddy Poppy purchases for the current year.

Kim A. DeShano  
State Buddy Poppy Chairman

PLEASE DETACH ALONG THIS LINE AND RETURN TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

POST NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SHIP TO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SALE \_\_\_\_\_

STATE BUDDY POPPY CHAIRMAN  
403 LEE JACKSON HIGHWAY  
STAUNTON, VA 24401

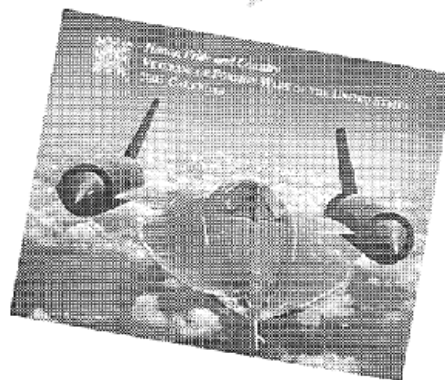
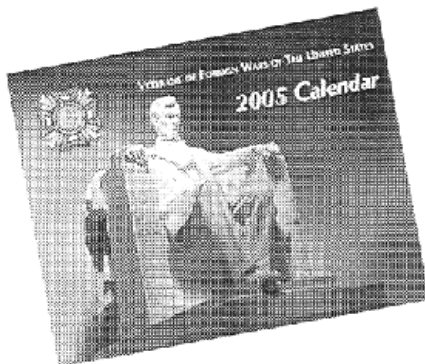
PLEASE DO NOT USE POST OFFICE BOX FOR DELIVERY

Please enter our order for Buddy Poppies and Supplies as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppies @ \$105.00 per 1,000 – minimum order is 500
- \_\_\_\_\_ Collection Box Stickers @ \$10.00 per 100 – minimum order is 100
- \_\_\_\_\_ Collection Banks @ 60 cents each – order is 10, 25, or 50 to a box
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Caps @ 40 cents each – minimum order is 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Buttons @ 20 cents each – minimum order is 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Posters @ 30 cents each – minimum order is 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Easels @ 20 cents each – minimum order is 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Booster Plates @ 35 cents each – minimum order is 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Video @ \$15.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Boards @ 75 cents each – minimum order is 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Pins -1 year @ \$3.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Pins -5 year @ \$3.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Pins -10 year @ \$3.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Pins - 500 poppies @ \$3.00 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy Poppy Pins - 1,000 poppies @ \$3.00 each

**CALENDARS:**

# Celebrate America *in All Her Glory!*



Presenting the new 2005 VFW Calendar,  
arriving soon in your mailbox!

**WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR . . . AND  
SUPPORT YOUR DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS!**

Watch the mail for your 2005 VFW  
Calendar. The dramatic, eye-catching  
photography makes it the 2005  
calendar you will want to proudly  
display in your home or office this year!



Early in September, you'll receive your 2005 Veterans of Foreign Wars Calendar...a celebration of our nation at its finest. Your support of the Calendar program helps your VFW Department serve veterans in need throughout the year. Veterans in your area and across the country are counting on you! Watch your mail for more details about this limited edition gift.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND  
LADIES AUXILIARY

Fall Council of Administration Meeting  
Wyndham Roanoke Airport  
Roanoke, Virginia

September 24 - September 26, 2004

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004**

NOON	5:00 PM	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
6:00 PM		Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	Salon ABC
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	Salon ABC
7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Council Members and all Past Department Commanders	Terrace View A
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	MOC Dance	Salon ABCD

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

9:00 AM	4:30 PM	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Terrace View B
9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	Salon ABC
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Advisory Committee Meeting	Terrace View B
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Terrace View A
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	Terrace View B
12:30 PM	3:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	Salon ABC
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	Salon EFG
1:00 PM	4:30 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Terrace View A
1:15 PM	1:30 PM	American Income Life- Guest Speaker	
5:45 PM	6:45 PM	RECEPTION-State Commander/State President	Shenandoah Ballroom
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	BANQUET-Guest Speaker To Be Announced	Salon ABCD
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE- Music by "Astro DJ"	Salon ABCD

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Salon D
9:30 AM		VFW Council of Administration Meeting, if needed	Salon ABC
10:00 AM		Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, if needed	Salon ABC

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

Terrace View A & B are the boardrooms located on the first floor of the sleeping towers

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**FALL COUNCIL MEETING  
September 24-26, 2004**

Wyndham Roanoke Airport- 2801 Hershberger Road - Roanoke, Virginia 24017 -Phone: 540-563-9300

**Friday, September 24, 2004**

Noon until 5:00 PM	Registration	7:30 PM	Council Members & all Past Dept. CMDRS
6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	9:00 PM until 1PM	MOC Dance
7:00 PM until 8:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting		

**Saturday, September 25, 2004**

9:00 AM until 4:30 PM	Registration	1:00 PM until 4:30 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting
9:00 AM until 10:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	1:15 PM until 1:30 PM	American Income Life
9:00 AM until 11:30 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	4:30 PM until 5:30 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting
10:00 AM until 11:00 AM	Advisory Committee Meeting	5:45 PM until 6:45 PM	Reception-State Commander/State Pres.
10:30 AM until Noon	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	7:00 PM until 9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker - TBA
11:00 AM until 11:30 AM	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 PM until 1:00 AM	Dance-TBD

**Sunday, September 26, 2004**

9:00 AM until 9:30AM	Joint Devotional Service	10:00 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, if needed
9:30 AM	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 same day purchase at registration)**

**Dinner Menu**

Your choice of:

**Chicken Wellington**

Boneless Breast of Chicken filled with Mushrooms & Shallots, Baked in French Pastry & accompanied by a Wild Mushroom Demi-Glace

~or~

**Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef**

Served with Herb-Infused New Potatoes a Roasted Shallot Demi-Glace and accompanied with a Red Onion Marmalade.

Both Served with:

Field Greens with Escarole, Red Oak Lettuce and Frisse, Tomato, Orange Segments and Cucumbers served with Parmesan Peppercorn & Vinaigrette Dressings

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY  
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ POST #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Chicken 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.*