



**PLEASE READ
VERY IMPORTANT!**

State Convention will be held June 16 – 19, 2005 at the Sheraton
Richmond West Hotel
6624 West Broad Street
Richmond
804-285-1234

The banquet and dance will be held on June 18th. You will **NOT** be able to purchase tickets the weekend of the convention.

You **MUST PRE-REGISTER.**

Featuring The Mixx Band
Dinner/Dance tickets are \$40.00

Your choice of:

London Broil with Wild Mushroom Sauce

~or~

Almond Crusted Halibut with Mandarin Orange Relish and Ginger Sauce

Both Served with:

House Salad with Mixed Greens, Red Cabbage, Cucumbers, Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes, Served with Ranch Dressing
Baked Potato
Green Bean Almondine
Warm Rolls and Butter

Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

Your choice of Iced Tea, Iced Water, Coffee, or Hot Tea

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JUNE 10th**, 2005 NO EXCEPTIONS
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Name: _____ Phone: _____ POST #: _____

Number of Fish 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 table

GENERAL ORDERS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

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APRIL 1, 2005

Staunton, Virginia 24401
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STATE COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Comrades another month has passed. The weather is getting warmer and I know the State Recruiting team is glad. We have worked outside in the cold, wind, and light snow flurries, but we never stopped recruiting. To the Senior Vice Commander Dan and Chief-of-Staff Rex, what could I ever say that would be rewarding enough for your efforts. All I can do is offer my humble services during your watch. Junior Vice Commander, Doc Crouch and the Department Recruiter Hector Estrada are building steam in Northern Virginia. Quartermaster DeShano has been busy on the coast. Our efforts are helping a lot of Posts with membership. If you need members in your Post, call us. We have applications, will travel.

My schedule has fallen by the wayside, but I'm still hopeful that we can be 100% reported by the end of the year. I know most of you have accomplished the requirements but haven't sent in the paperwork.

My thanks to all that made National Senior Vice Mueller's visit a success. He was really impressed with the work you are doing here in Virginia. He even made mention of it during his report at the Washington Conference. We need resolutions to be forwarded through channels to our State Chairman for the State Convention in June. That is the way to solve all the problems that you have with National and State policy and procedures.

You will elect your leaders this month for the coming year. I ask you to consider leadership instead of friendship when you cast your ballot. Virginia has made great strides this year toward becoming a leader in the Southern Conference; we don't want to stop until we are at the top of the Conference. Your choice on election night will determine if that happens or not.

Please vote for hard workers and leaders. I would also ask you to consider the younger Veterans. Their energy and new ideas could only help your Post.

Again, I would like to thank all of my Line Officers, PDC's, District Commanders, Committee Chairman, and Post Commanders for working so hard and making this an enjoyable year for me. You are still number one in the nation in our division. Second only to Kentucky in the Southern Conference.

Tom Hines
State Commander

STATE HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS:

Please note that the mailing address for State Headquarters is 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401. State Headquarters no longer uses the PO Box. There is still a lot of mail being sent to the PO Box and then it has to be forwarded to us delaying correspondence getting to our office on time. Please pass this along to anyone in the Post that would send correspondence to State Headquarters.

DUES INCREASES:

At the State Convention which was held June 17-20, 2004 motion was made and passed to increase State Per-Capita Tax by \$5.00 effective January 1, 2005. The State Per-Capita Tax as of January 1, 2005 is \$8.00. **You should be sending \$16.50 per annual member to National.**

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.

REPORT FORMS:

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

DUTY OF TRUSTEES:

Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each Quarter, one of which ended March 31, 2004 and is now **DUE**. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.

ROSTER CHANGES:

9th District Commander, Milton Dye, New Fax Number 1-276-963-3950

POST 8184 Meeting Place American Legion Post 16, 1301 Greenview Drive, Lynchburg, 3rd Tuesday at 7pm

POST 8356 Commander Roger L. Webb, 4011 Henpeck Rd, Quinton 23141, 804-932-8723

POST 8947 Quartermaster Wayne Wittenburg, PO Box 537, Mineral 23117

Color Guard, Richard Schmidt, 2528 Woodshire Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23323, 757-673-4840

IMPORTANT 2005-2006 DATES:

April 23, 2005	State Commander & Auxiliary President Homecoming, Gypsy Hill Park, Staunton, Comfort Inn 540-886-5000, Sleep Inn 800-488-8750, mention VFW at either hotel \$55.00 per night.
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 Room Rates are \$82.00 per night. Rooms will be released after May 16, 2005.
July 15-18, 2005	School of Instruction Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500
August 20-26, 2005	National VFW Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah
September 23-25, 2005	Fall Council Meeting: Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500
November 4-6, 2005	Southern Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi, Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino Resort, Room Rates are \$65.00 for double occupancy, cut off date for reservations is October 4, 2005, Telephone # 1-888-946-2847
September 15-17, 2006	Fall Council Meeting: Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia- Room Rates are \$63.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- FIRST** – 05-14-05 POST 3219 PHOEBUS meeting 11:00 Representative State Chaplain Edward Powers
- SECOND** – 05-15-05 POST 4809 NORFOLK Lunch 1:00 PM Representative Past Department Commander Larry Mattera
- THIRD** – 05-07-05 3RD DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS Lunch 12:30 PM meeting 2:00 PM Representative State Junior Vice Commander Charles (Doc) Crouch
- FOURTH** – 05-15-05 POST 622 PETERSBURG meeting at 2:00 PM Representative State Junior Vice Commander Charles (Doc) Crouch
- FIFTH** – 05-22-05 POST 7726 INDEPENDENCE meeting 12 NOON Representative State Chief-of-Staff Rex Faris
- SIXTH** – 05-15-05 POST 776 VA MED CENTER BLDG 76-2 Representative State Chief-of-Staff Rex Faris
- SEVENTH** – 05-15-05 POST 1860 FRONT ROYAL 11:30 AM lunch, meeting at 1:00 PM Representative Past Department Commander George McCracken
- EIGHTH** – 05-15-05 POST 7589 MANASSAS meeting 1:00 PM Representative State Surgeon Hal Roesch
- NINTH** – 05-15-05 POST 9696 BLUEFIELD 1:00 PM Representative State Senior Vice Commander Daniel D. Boyer, Jr.
- TENTH** – 05-22-05 POST 1503 DALE CITY 1:00 PM Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- ELEVENTH** – 05-15-05 POST 632 HARRISONBURG 11:30 AM Representative State Commander Tom Hines
- TWELFTH** – 05-07-05 POST 3872 HAYSI Registration at 9:00 AM Joint Session 10:00 AM Representative State Judge Advocate Jimmy Lee Wallace
- THIRTEENTH** – 05-01-05 POST 10546 SPOTSYLVANIA 1:00 PM Representative State Judge Advocate Jimmy Lee Wallace

HOME COMING:

State Commander Tom Hines and Auxiliary President Peggy Grimes Homecoming will be held April 23, 2005 at the Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton. A schedule of events is attached to the end of the General Orders.

STATE CONVENTION:

VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ. The State Convention will be held June 16- 19, 2005 at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad Street, Richmond. 804-285-1234. You **MUST pre-register** for the Dinner/Dance. Tickets are \$40.00. You will not be able to purchase tickets the weekend of the convention. The order form is attached and must be returned to State Headquarters by June 10th, 2005.

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Registration forms for the VFW 106th National Convention will be mailed to Posts by the first week of March. Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure and By-laws mandates each Post register, in advance, at least one delegate (member in good standing) to the VFW National Convention. Posts that do not comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears. Members in good standing should register for the Convention. The 106th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held August 20-26, 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Support the Veterans of Foreign Wars 106th National Convention by registering early.

FALL COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE:

Due to a conflict with the National Commander's Homecoming, the Fall Council meeting **has been changed to September 23rd-25th, 2005**. The location remains the same, Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Telephone # 434-528-2500.

GEORGE E. McCracken HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD TROPHY:

An entry form of the George E. McCracken Honor Guard/Color Guard Trophy is enclosed in this month's General Orders. Entry form must be submitted to State Headquarters by **May 20, 2005**. There will be a First Place Trophy only.

LAKE COUNTRYFEST FUNDRAISER:

State Headquarters is involved with a mega entertainment event that will be held Saturday August 13, 2005 in South Hill at the Roanoke River Business Park. Lake Countryfest is an outdoor Country Music Concert featuring country music superstars Travis Tritt, Marty Stuart, Emerson Drive, and Cowboy Crush. Tickets for this event are \$40.00 at the gate but can be purchased for \$10.00 through State Headquarters. These tickets may be sold by the Posts as a fundraiser for \$20.00 each. For every 250 tickets that are sold the Post will receive 50 free tickets which can be sold for the \$20.00. Please keep in mind that this is a very easy way for your Post to raise money. A flyer is attached with an order form. Tickets will be ordered through State Headquarters.

BUDDY POPPY:

As the upcoming Memorial 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) any one wishing to make a donation send check to Department headquarters ear marked (MAP).

Buddy Poppy Chairman
Kim A. DeShano

LOYALTY DAY:

In one month, we will celebrate Loyalty Day. May 1st of each year is designated as Loyalty Day by Congressional Act 85-529 of 1958. Loyalty Day serves as that specific occasion when all American citizens should publicly reaffirm their complete loyalty to the United States.

This day is also one of the special ceremonies listed in the VFW Manual of Procedure and Ritual, "...all commanders shall alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of this date in U. S. History."

In these trying times, we urge each VFW Post and all members to participate in this very special day to celebrate and reaffirm our loyalty to the greatest nation on earth. Continue to do the great things you do for your Post, your membership and the communities in which you live.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Judge Advocate

VET CENTER COUNSELING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF DECEASED SERVICE MEMBERS:

Sadly, Virginia has not been immune to the grief of sudden loss of our brave men and women in uniform during the Global War on Terrorism. Often the family's anguish continues long after the Casualty Assistance and Care Officers (CACO) have departed. It is incumbent upon the VFW to assist these Gold Star families in their times of need. One way is by knowing avenues available to them. One of these avenues is through the VET Centers. The storefront offices are familiar to many PTSD sufferers but their mission has been recently expanded to include grief and adjustment counseling to widows and widowers, parents, grandparents, children, and siblings of deceased personnel, regardless of their status as active duty, reservists, or National Guard. Additional information may be obtained from the VA's Readjustment Counseling Service at 202-273-9116 or via e-mail at vet.center@hq.med.va.gov. VET Centers are located in Alexandria, Norfolk, Richmond, and Roanoke.

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

LEGISLATIVE/VETERANS SERVICES:

1. Update on Veterans-related legislation passed by the General Assembly during the 2005 session. There has been only one significant change to the status of legislation provided in the March 2005 General Orders. Governor Mark Warner signed into law H.B. 2428, sponsored by Delegate M. Cole. This bill establishes a Veterans' hiring preference plan for public employees, particularly disabled Veterans. It mandates that Veteran status be considered and requires that additional consideration be given to Veterans with service connected disabilities.

Hopefully by the time you read this article, the Governor will have signed into law two other bills of great importance to the Veteran community: H.B. 2850 (Del. K. Cox) and H.B. 2851 (Del. K. Cos) plus supporting budget bill (Sen. F. Ruff). See the General Orders for March 2005 regarding details on both of these bills.

2. Upcoming "supermarkets" on Veterans benefits sponsored by Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS).

DVS-sponsored "supermarkets" are intended to bring benefits information to Veterans residing in those parts of Virginia that are not served by claims agent offices or itinerate service points. Numerous State, Federal and private agencies will participate in these events. The following "supermarkets" will be held in 2005:

21 April-South Boston Volunteer Fire Department Support Center
23 June-Holiday Inn Hotel, Norton
24 August- Wytheville Community Center
20 October-Rappahannock Community College, Warsaw Campus
All events will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM.

For more information, visit, www.dvs.virginia.gov or contact Steve Combs at steven.combs@dvs.virginia.gov or at (804) 786-0286.

3. Information on Commonwealth Veterans Cemeteries

The Commonwealth of Virginia has two Veterans Cemeteries:

A. The Albert G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk which opened 1 November 2004. The Superintendent of cited cemetery is Daniel Kemano. He is also the Commonwealth Administrator of the Veterans Cemeteries Program. He can be reached at (757) 334-4731 or at d.kemano@worldnet.att.net.

B. The Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia. For more information about this cemetery contact Superintendent Cindy Van Bibber at (804) 561-1475 or at cindy.vanbibber@dvs.virginia.gov.

John P. Mc Anaw
Legislative Chairman

RESOLUTIONS:

The number of resolutions submitted thus far by Posts has been disappointing. Post members are urged to commence preparation of resolutions now for consideration at the 2005 Department Convention in Richmond. The policies of the VFW at both the Department and National level are set by resolutions. Therefore, it is imperative that we, the membership, take time to express our views on issues that we feel are important.

All resolutions of statewide and national concern must be acted upon at the annual Department Convention. This means that all resolutions must be submitted to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING of the 2005 Department Convention in Richmond (16-19 June 2005). Please disseminate this information to the Post membership. The importance of Post member involvement in the actual preparation of resolutions cannot be overemphasized.

In recent years the great majority of resolutions approved or disapproved at the annual Department Convention were actually prepared at National VFW Headquarters. Cited National VFW resolutions were sent to the VFW Department of Virginia prior to our annual Convention for review, approval or disapproval. At the 2004 Department Convention in Richmond, only 18 resolutions prepared by Virginia VFW members were brought to the floor. Simply put, we need more resolutions prepared by Virginia VFW members. The VFW is our organization and we must be more active in establishing its policies. Apathy is an unmistakable sign of an organization in decline.

The VFW 2004-2005 Leadership Manual contains a section titled "Resolutions." It is well written. The preparation of a resolution is a simple matter. There are two parts. First, there is a "Whereas" section which states the problem to be solved. Second, there is a "Resolved" section which recommends a solution to the problem. In summary, Post members are urged to prepare resolutions on topics deemed important. Contact me if you need assistance. I will do my best to help.

JOHN P. MC ANAW
Resolutions Chairman

CRITERIA FOR ALL STATE JUDGING:

The deadline for the ALL State 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.

ALL STATE AWARDS:

2004 - 2005 DISTINGUISHED ALL STATE TEAM

There will be a maximum of 25 Posts on The Distinguished All State Team.

The 25 All State Posts will receive an All State Post Banner.

For a Post to be eligible, it must have reached 100% of their Membership Quota by the day prior to awards judging excluding MIPS.

The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.

The Post must have been inspected by the day prior to awards judging.

All Audit Report must be turned into State Headquarters by the day prior to awards judging.

Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All State Team. To be eligible the Post must increase their membership to 50 members excluding MIPS. The Post will then be classified as 100%.

All State Judging Points will be given for participation in the programs as outlined below:

40 Points - For 100% in Membership

10 Points - For submitting a Community Service Record Book for judging

- 5 Points - For participating in the Buddy Poppy Program.
- 5 Points - For having the Post Commander or an authorized member attend each District Meeting/Convention. (1 & 1/4 point for each meeting)
- 5 Points - For having all four (4) Quarterly Audit Reports on file at Department Headquarters. (1 & 1/4 point for each Audit Report), Reports must be submitted each quarter.
- 5 Points - For being credited in the Voice of Democracy Program.
- 5 Points - For being credited in the Patriot's Pen Program.
- * 5 Points - For being credited with at least two Hospital Reports
- * 5 Points - For being credited with at least two Americanism Reports
- * 5 Points - For being credited with at least two Community Activities Reports
- * 5 Points - For being credited with at least two Safety Reports
- * 5 Points - For being credited with at least two Youth Activities Reports

ADDITIONAL POINTS for MEMBERSHIP - When the Post has completed all the above programs, one fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100% (MIPs will not count).

HOSPITAL REPORTS:

*Total of 5 Points. 2 points for reporting during the first reporting period (May 1 through October 31) and 3 points for reporting during second period reporting period (November 1, through April 30).

Posts submitting Hospital Reports for 1st and 2nd reporting periods will receive a State Citation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS REPORTS (Americanism, Community Activities, Safety and Youth Activities Reports):

*Total of 5 Points: 2 Points for reporting during the first reporting period (May 1 through October 31) and 3 points for reporting during the second reporting period (November 1 through April 30).

Posts reported in 3 categories of Community Activities, 4 categories of Safety, 8 categories of Americanism and 4 categories of Youth Activities during the reporting period of May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005 will receive a State Citation.

DISTINGUISHED ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS:

The Distinguished All State Post Commanders will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; a pen/pencil set; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/date to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night. A check in the amount of \$300.00, to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention, will be presented. Time of payment will be at the desecration of the Department Commander.

The Distinguished All State Post Quartermasters will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; a pen/pencil set; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/date to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night. A check in the amount of \$300.00 to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention will be presented. Time of payment will be at the desecration of the Department Commander.

The All State Commanders and All State Quartermasters will be individually recognized at the Awards Program during the State Convention.

From the Distinguished All State Team, the Post with the highest points in the Distinguished All State Judging will be designated as the Outstanding Post of the Year 2004-2005. The Commander and Quartermaster of this Post will be the Captains of the Distinguished All State Team.

The Awards and Citation Committee will break all ties and their decision will be final.

2004 - 2005 HONOR ALL STATE TEAM (with MIPS)

There will be a maximum of 10 Posts on The All State Team. The 10 All State Posts will receive an All State Post Banner.

For a Post to be eligible, it must have reached 100% of their Membership Quota by the day prior to awards judging including MIPS.

The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.

The Post must have been inspected by the day prior to awards judging.

All Audit Report must be turned into State Headquarters by the day prior to awards judging.

Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All State Team. To be eligible the Post must increase their membership to 50 members including MIPS. The Post will then be classified as 100%.

If a Post qualifies for both the Distinguished and Honor Team, the Post will receive the Distinguished awards only.

All State Judging Points will be given for participation in the programs as outlined below:

40 Points - For 100% in Membership

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5 Points - For participating in the Buddy Poppy Program.

5 Points - For having the Post Commander or an authorized member attend each District Meeting/Convention. (1 & 1/4 point for each meeting)

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* 5 Points - For being credited with at least two Safety Reports

* 5 Points - For being credited with at least two Youth Activities Reports

ADDITIONAL POINTS for MEMBERSHIP - When the Post has completed all the above programs, one fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100% (MIPs will count).

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HONOR ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS:

The All State Post Commanders will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; a pen/pencil set; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/date to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night.

The All State Post Quartermasters will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; a pen/pencil set; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/date to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night.

The All State Commanders and All State Quartermasters will be individually recognized at the Awards Program during the State Convention.

The Awards and Citation Committee will break all ties and their decision will be final.

2004 - 2005 ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

For a District Commander to qualify, the Commander must meet the following All State District Commanders criteria:

1. Have the District at 100% or more in membership by the day prior to awards judging.
2. Have all Posts, in the District, inspected by January 31, 2005.
3. Have Post Quartermasters, for all Posts in the District, properly bonded by the day prior to awards judging.
4. Have all Audit Reports, for all Posts in the District, turned into State Headquarters by the day prior to awards judging.
5. Have all Posts in the District reported in: Americanism, Community Activities, Hospital, Safety and Youth Activities in each reporting period.

ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS AWARDS

Each All State District Commander will receive the following: A Citation and an All State District Commander's cap.

The All State District Commander(s) will also receive two (2) tickets for you and your spouse/date to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night. A check in the amount of \$200.00 for expenses if attending and participating at the State Convention will be presented. (Duplicate awards will not be given if a similar one has been earned). Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander.

Each All State District Commander will receive a VFW Jacket if the district is 100% or more with standup members. Note: MIPs will not count.

DISTRICT CHIEF-OF-STAFF OR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AWARD

To be eligible for this award each respective District Commander must certify in writing, to State Headquarters, by the day prior to awards judging; the name of the Chief-of-Staff or Membership Chairman whichever is to be considered.

The respective District must be at least 103% in Membership.

A check for \$200.00 and a Citation will be given to each of the 13 District Deputy Chiefs-of-Staff or Membership Chairmen which qualify for this award. The award will be presented during the Awards Program at the State Convention.

VFW/MOC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars District 2, Department of Virginia, in conjunction with the Grand of Virginia and the 4th Supreme District Military Order of the Cootie, are hosting their 1st Golf Tournament on May 6th, 2005.

THIS IS A CHARITABLE EVENT AND THE PROCEEDS WILL HELP SUPPORT THE HOSPITALIZED VETERANS.

Your contribution to the success of this tournament can be made in any number of ways: Hole Sponsorship, donations of merchandise for prizes or a monetary consideration no matter how small. The cost of Hole Sponsorship is \$100 with your company listed at the hole.

Monetary contributions should be made out to the MOC Grand Pup Tent of Virginia. The mailing address is: The Tidewater Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4809, 5728 Barteet Street, Norfolk, VA 23502.

The points of contact for donations of prizes or information on this event are:

Brian Booker phone (757) 630-4863 / email: bbooker_tee@att.net

Charlie Walden phone (757)631-0771 / fax (757)631-0489 / email:
cwalden1@aarea.hrcoxmail.com

Brian Bishop phone (757)377-5613 / email: hokiebish@cox.net

1st Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 6, 2005 at the Ocean View Golf Course located at 9160 Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23503.

8am: Shotgun start Florida best ball tournament
The cost is \$60.00 per person (drinks & cart provided)
A registration form is attached to the General Orders.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITES:

Districts 2, 9, 10, and 12 are 100% - Congratulations.

Community reports have been received from **only 137 (76.11%) of the 180 posts** in the Department for the Second Reporting Period. I know you are doing the work; all you have to do is report it. The 137 Posts that have reported have completed **2,503 Projects**, using **11,154 Volunteers**, **68,859.5 Hours**, traveled **238,454 miles** and spent **\$230,649.88**. **Remember you have to complete your projects before April 30, 2005 to get credit for the second half of the year.**

Yours in Comradeship,
Sam Nealey,
Community Vice Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A COMMUNITY REPORT AS OF: 03/18/05

DIST. 1	8629												
DIST. 2													
DIST. 3	3125	9224	10387										
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8048	8902	10570							
DIST. 5	6130	7568											
DIST. 6	484	1033	1841	4165	4920	5895	7854	8184	9805				
DIST. 7	4698												
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208						
DIST. 9													
DIST. 10													
DIST. 11	452	632	4204	4805	4989	7578	8479	10773					
DIST. 12													
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947						

SAFETY:

Comrades and Sisters, we only have about one month to go and Safety Reports have been received from only 133 (73.88%) of the 180 Posts in the Department. District Commanders, please contact the Posts shown above and do all you can to help the Department achieve 100% reporting for the Second Half.

Charles B. Harris
Safety Vice Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A SAFETY REPORT AS OF: 03/18/05

DIST. 1	8629												
DIST. 2													
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DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208	9835					
DIST. 9	6000												
DIST. 10													
DIST. 11	452	632	4204	4805	4989	7578	8479	10773					
DIST. 12													
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947						

HOSPITAL:

We only have until 30 Apr 2005 to complete reporting for the 2nd half. We have a lot of ground to cover and Tom needs all the District Commanders to ensure ALL of your Posts are reported. It really surprises me that we only have 3 Districts that are 100%. Call, E-mail or visit your posts to ensure the reports are in. Post Commanders, I know each of you have something to report. Help your District and Department Commander by sending in a report NOW. **This is our last chance!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We were extremely close to being 100% reported for the Department for the 1st half, lets help Tom reach 100% for the 2nd half.

A BIG CONGRATS TO DISTRICT 2, 5, 10 & 12 FOR BEING 100%

Thanks For Your Support,
Hal Roesch
State Surgeon

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **HOSPITAL REPORT** AS OF: **03/18/05**

DIST. 1	8629												
DIST. 2													
DIST. 3	3125	4639	6364	9501	10387								
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8048	8228	8902	10570						
DIST. 5													
DIST. 6	484	4920	5895	8184	9805								
DIST. 7	4698	9660											
DIST. 8	472	1177	3103	7728	8208								
DIST. 9	9864												
DIST. 10													
DIST. 11	452	4204	4989	7578	8479	10773							
DIST. 12													
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	9436	8717	8947					

AMERICANISM:

I was honored to represent the Department of Virginia on the Citizenship Education and Community Services Committee at the recent Community Services and Legislative Conference in Washington. Some of the things of interest to Posts:

America Bands Together: The VFW is introducing a new program to "Support Our Troops". It features a red rubber band to be worn on the wrist like the old POW bracelets. Information is available at <http://www.americabandstogether.org/> or at the VFW website. From there one can order the red bands in numbers from several to thousands. Shipping is expected to begin in mid-April.

Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Week (1 - 7 May): To obtain a reproducible color certificate of appreciation for your Vietnam Veterans --- and additional information --- from the national website, go to Programs, then Committee Chair Tools.

One hundred seventy-nine Americanism reports have been received from 138 posts.

J.Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **AMERICANISM REPORT** AS OF: **03/18/05**

DIST. 1	8629												
DIST. 2	100%												
DIST. 3	3125	9224	10387										
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8048	8902	10570							
DIST. 5	100%												
DIST. 6	484	776	1033	4165	4920	5895	7854	8184	9805				
DIST. 7	4698												
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208						
DIST. 9	100%												
DIST. 10	100%												
DIST. 11	452	632	4204	4805	4989	7578	8479	10773					
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947						

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Comrades we have just a little over 1 month left in the 2nd Half reporting period and 136 of 180 Posts have submitted their reports to put us at 75.55% completion. I know the remaining Post can do it so we can make our 100% goal. Please let's get those reports turned in. My sincere thanks to the Posts that already have submitted their reports.

Congratulations to District 2, 5, 10 & 12 for being at 100%.

Please do not forget to double-check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them off to the Department.

Stanley Dixon
Vice Chairman Youth Activity

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT** AS OF: **03/18/05**

DIST. 1	8629												
DIST. 2	100%												
DIST. 3	3125	9224	10387										
DIST. 4	2163	5313	5371	8048	8902	10570							
DIST. 5	100%												
DIST. 6	484	1033	1841	4165	4920	5895	7854	8184	9805				
DIST. 7	4698												
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7728	8208						
DIST. 9	6000	7969											
DIST. 10	100%												
DIST. 11	452	632	4204	4805	4989	7578	8479	10773					
DIST. 12	100%												
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8436	8717	8947						

4th DISTRICT LOYALTY DAY PARADE:

The Fourth District invites all to attend its Loyalty Day Parade on Saturday 16 April. The parade begins at 11:00 AM, and can best be viewed from any location along Fifteenth Avenue between City Point Road and Elm Street. Contact District Commander Jimmie McIlwain at vfw637@aol.com or District Adjutant Fred Wolking at vfw_district_4@yahoo.com for directions and details.

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Tom W. Hines
State Commander

**STATE COMMANDER
TOM HINES
&
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
PEGGY GRIMES
HOMECOMING**

Scheduled for
April 23, 2005

Location, Staunton Gypsy
Hill Park

**Schedule of
Events**

- Fishing tournament will start at 8am till 11am at the fishing pond in Gypsy Hill Park, with a prize to the one who catches the largest fish and a prize to the biggest fish story.
- Golf at the Country Club of Staunton \$49 per person includes cart. Tee times will start at 8am. Anyone wishing to play must pre register please return form by April 1st with payment.
- Shopping trip to downtown Staunton from 9am to 11:30am. Transportation provided from hotel to downtown and back to hotel. (23rd & 24th is Staunton Victorian Days main street will be closed and all kinds of activities will be going on). The shuttle departs @ approx 9 am with pick-up @ 11:30 am to return to the hotel.
- Lunch at the Park starts at 12:30pm with presentations starting at 1:30pm rain or shine covered shelter available. (no alcohol permitted in park)
- Dance at the National Guard Armory from 7pm to 12am with live band. Adult beverages and non alcohol drinks provided.
- Hotel prices are \$55 for single and double occupancy at the Comfort Inn (540-886-5000) and at the Sleep Inn (800-488-8750) mention VFW.

Anyone or Post wishing to make a donation towards a gift for the Commander may do so by sending a check to State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401 Earmarked Commander's Homecoming.

Commanders Homecoming Golf Outing Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Amount _____ (\$49.00 per person)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ VISA Master Card Check

*MUST BE RETURN TO STATE HQ BY APRIL 1st 2005
403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401*

83rd ANNUAL CONVENTION
 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
 SHERATON RICHMOND WEST – RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
 JUNE 16 -19, 2005

Harry Huff
 Convention Chairman

Charles B. Harris
 Convention Vice Chairman

**Thursday,
 June 16, 2005**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	BALLROOM FOYER
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	ADVISORY MEETING	TIDEWATER ROOM
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	TIDEWATER ROOM
11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATOR MEETING	CAPITOL ROOM
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	BALLROOM B/C/D
7:00 PM	10:30 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	BALLROOM B/C/D

**Friday,
 June 17, 2005**

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JOINT OPENING SESSION	BALLROOM B/C/D
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, MOC	BALLROOM FOYER
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCHEON	MONTICELLO A/B
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION	BALLROOM A
5:30 PM	8:00 PM	COOTIE GRAND SCRATCH	TIDEWATER ROOM
9:00 PM	MIDNIGHT	DANCE- LIVE BAND THE MIXX	REGENCY BALLROOM

**Saturday,
 June 18, 2005**

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	TIDEWATER ROOM
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	BALLROOM FOYER
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	BALLROOM A
2:00 PM	5:00 PM	NEW DISTRICT COMMANDERS SCHOOL	BALLROOM C
1:30 PM	4:30 PM	SERVICE OFFICERS MEETING	MONTICELLO A/B
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	RECEPTION	MONTICELLO A/B
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	ANNUAL BANQUET	REGENCY BALLROOM
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	DANCE- LIVE BAND THE MIXX	REGENCY BALLROOM

**Sunday,
 June 19, 2005**

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	BALLROOM A
9:30 AM	1:30 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS) COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF CONVENTION	BALLROOM A

Registration \$3.00 (All persons are required to register)
 FRIDAY DANCE: \$7.00 per person

**SATURDAY BANQUET AND DANCE TICKETS
 MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED- THEY CAN NOT BE PURCHASED AT THE CONVENTION**

The hotel will not have cash bars set up for either dance. Bottles will be permitted in the ballroom during both dances. The hotel will furnish ice and mix. **THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE AT EITHER DANCE WITHOUT A TICKET. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

State – Room 147 ** First & Second Districts – Room 139 ** Third District – George Washington Room **
 Fourth District - Room 267 ** Tenth District – Room 257 ** Cooties – Madison Room

Revised 3/16/05

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005.
2. **BOOK SIZE:** Should be no larger than 12 by 16 inches nor more than three inches thick. Make two or more volumes if thicker than three inches. Number each volume, e.g., Volume I; Volume II, etc.
3. **FASTENER and COVER:** If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decals, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decals so they will not be damaged during shipping and handling. Please use superior quality page dividers and index tabbing; the extensive handling that the record books experience must be considered.
4. **CLIPPINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
5. **ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES:** In a brief statement show how money was spent for each category (one or two pages at the most for each category).
6. **ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK:** Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
7. **ENTRY FORM:** Complete and fasten inside front cover of volume one.
8. **MAIL OR SHIP RECORD BOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST** to your Department Headquarters or the address they designate.
9. Avoid non-community service related items in your record book entry. Pictures of Post Officers, installation of officers, meeting, etc., will not be credited.

(This material should be assembled in a separate section and kept by the Post until the record book is returned after the competition, then it can be added to the record book for permanent reference).

PREPARING A RECORD BOOK

Posts and Auxiliaries carry on many projects which are of public service. The best way to tell the story of your Post and Auxiliary's work in the community is through a Community Activity record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform.

The contents of your record book should be arranged and in such detail that it tells the story of each project, clearly and completely, to those who may read and judge it.

Posts and Auxiliaries should combine their community activity programs into one book or one set of books the Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit.

When making up a record book it is advisable to group your projects and programs into one of the seven categories. If a project qualifies for more than one category, select and list it under one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category.

For example:

Lite-a-Bike could be listed under categories five or seven.

Do not duplicate your efforts by placing them in each of the categories.

Remember, when compiling your community service record book you are telling a story of your work to judges who generally are not familiar with your efforts or community. The easier it is for the judges to read the facts, the easier it is for them to evaluate your work. Some Community Activity record book entries have an additional index for each category which lists the subgroups within the categories. Some entries have an index only in the front of volume one.

Remember, also if you enter your record book in other competitions, the judges will be less likely to know about the VFW Community Activities Program. Just like composing a good letter, let your record book present the story so there will be no misunderstanding.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE POST

RECORD BOOK
ENTRY FORM

1. This form must be filled in and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the Department Community activities Record Book Contest.
2. Be sure to provide the name, address and zip code of the person to whom the Record Book should be returned following the judging.
3. This form must be signed by the Post Commander

CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Activities Program is divided into seven general categories:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Community Involvement | 4. School and Church Assistance |
| 2. Cooperation with other organizations | 5. Safety |
| 3. Aide to others | 6. Americanism |
| | 7. Youth and Voice of Democracy |

Post No. _____ City _____ State _____

Total Projects Since 5/1/04 _____ Total Hours (Volunteered) _____ Total Funds Used/Donated _____

Total Post Members as of 4/1/05 _____ Total Auxiliary Members as of 4/1/05 _____ City Population _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Post _____ Auxiliary _____
(Name of Chairman) (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS

Page _____, _____
Page _____, _____
Page _____, _____
Page _____, _____

RETURN RECORD BOOK TO:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature - Post Commander _____
Post Commander's Name (Print) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
AMERICANISM
RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES
Post Americanism Record Book Program**

There will be a Post somewhere that will be recognized for their efforts in Americanism.

How will this recognition be earned? By participating in the Americanism Program, and by being the "Outstanding" Americanism Post in the Department. From the entries received the Post selected number one will receive a trophy at Department Convention. The Post placing second through ten will receive a Department Citation.

The rules governing this completion are relatively simple.

1. To qualify a winner at the Department level, the Post must be selected by the Department's Awards Committee.
2. The entry must include the name and address of the person to whom the entry is to be returned.
3. Selection by the Department shall be based on Americanism projects performed during May 1, 2004 - April 30, 2005.
4. For the Post to qualify as an entrant, it must be reported in Americanism for the current year
5. In order for the judges to have something on which to base their decision, some form of substantiating data (newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, etc.,) must accompany each entry. All substantiating data should be organized into a record book format.

You should record the following programs and any other Americanism Projects completed in your entry.

Independence Day	POW/MIA Program
Parades	Veterans Day
Loyalty Day	Memorial Day Services
Legislative Program	Other Patriotic Holidays
Buddy Poppy Education Program	Citizenship Education Programs
Flag Presentation	Flag Day
Voice of Democracy	

Post and District Americanism Chairmen have to begin their program early because the Department entry must be received at Department Headquarters no later than May 20, 2005.

For further information contact your Department Chairman.

RULES FOR CONTEST

GEORGE C. DALBY PERPETUAL TROPHY

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

- 1. Post Commanders and District Commanders are excluded from this award because other awards have been set up for them.**
- 2. Contest will run from Convention to Convention - the award to be made at the Annual Department Convention and based on:**
 - A. Number of dues collected;**
 - B. Hospital Visits - (visits to Comrades in hospitals and in homes);**
 - C. Community Activities : Number of projects participated in and what part the contestant performed;**
 - D. Youth Activities: Number of projects in which the contestant participated in and what he did;**
 - E. What part the contestant took in Buddy Poppy sales;**
 - F. How much time was lost from work in each project;**
 - G. How much money contestant spent in attending meetings out of his area in which he was not reimbursed; and**
 - H. Approximately the time, money, and miles traveled in performing tasks beyond the call of duty.**
- 3. Nominee from each Post to be submitted to the District Commander, who will appoint a committee of at least three members to select the winner in his District. Each District Commander will be responsible for forwarding the application of the winner in his District to Department Headquarters.**

****ENTRIES MUST BE AT STATE HEADQUARTERS BY MAY 20, 2005.**

**GEORGE C. DALBY PERPETUAL TROPHY
NOMINATION BLANK**

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Name of Comrade (Post Commanders and District Commanders excluded):

Post Number: _____ **Address:** _____

A. Number of dues collected: _____

B. Hospital Visits (visits to Comrades in hospitals and in homes):

C. Community Activities (number of projects participated in what part the contestant performed):

D. Youth Activities (number of projects in which the contestant participated and what he did):

E. What part the contestant took in the Buddy Poppy Sales: _____

F. How much time missed from work in each project: _____

G. How much money contestant spent in attending meetings out of his area in which he was not reimbursed: _____

H. Approximately the time, money, and miles traveled in performing tasked beyond the call of duty: _____

REMARKS:

GEORGE E. McCracken HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD PLAQUE

ENTRY FORM

George E. McCracken served for over 30 years as the State Honor Guard Captain and he knows of the many hours, and out-of-pocket funds that are given by these truly special groups, who serve with pride, dignity, and honor throughout the states, representing their Posts and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This contest runs from July 1 to the following May.

To enter, a Post must submit a complete detailed report of the participation and activities of their Post Honor/Color Guard, including the following:

Post Number: _____ Post Name: _____

Number of Parades:

Number of Funerals:

Number of Flag Raising Ceremonies:

Number of Members Participating:

Other Activities:

This report must be submitted to STATE HEADQUARTERS by 5:00 p.m.,
May 20, 2005 for the STATE AWARD JUDGING.

LAKE COUNTRYFEST

**SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2005
ROANOKE RIVER BUSINESS PARK, SOUTH HILL
AN OUTDOOR COUNTRY MUSIC CONCERT/FESTIVAL**

FEATURING COUNTRY MUSIC SUPERSTARS:

**TRAVIS TRITT
MARTY STUART * EMERSON DRIVE
COWBOY CRUSH**

**TICKETS - \$40 AT THE GATE OR GET THEM
NOW FOR \$20
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VFW POST**

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY AUGUST 5TH, 2005

POST #: _____ Phone: _____ Attention: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

LAKE COUNTRYFEST TICKETS: # OF TICKETS: _____ @ \$10.00 (minimum 25)

Total: _____

Tickets will not be sold individually by State Headquarters. You must purchase a minimum of 25 to be sold by the Post for \$20.00 per ticket.

Commanders Club Luncheon

ATTENTION: All Past and Present Commanders

You are invited to attend the Annual Commanders Club Luncheon to be held on Friday, June 17, 2005, at the Sheraton Richmond West from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Commanders, please pass this information on to your Comrades.

COST: \$20.00 (includes tax & gratuity)

MENU: House Salad
Honey Roasted Pork Loin
Baked Potato
Chef's Choice of Vegetable
Apple Pie
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Commanders Club

MAIL CHECK TO: Earle P. Weekley, Jr.
Commanders Club
595 Bowman Road
Dayton, VA 22821

DEADLINE: June 10, 2005 ***PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MEAL IS REQUIRED. PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 10TH, NO EXCEPTIONS. NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNLESS PRE-REGISTERED.***

REMEMBER: You can become a LIFE MEMBER for \$25.00; ANNUAL DUES are \$5.00. All dues can be sent to Earle P. Weekley, Jr. at the above address.

Sam Nealey, President

Bill Shifflett, Luncheon Chairman

PLEASE SEND THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ASSURE ACCURACY.

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Post No. _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Name of each person attending luncheon (please print clearly)

Annual Dues for _____

Life Member Dues for _____

VFW/MOC 1ST GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

VFW 2nd District, VA - MOC Grand of Va – MOC 4th Supreme District

GOLF TOURNAMENT May 6, 2005

1. Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Organization _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Organization _____

3. Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Organization _____

4. Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Organization _____

THIS IS A CHARITABLE EVENT

PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT THE HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

Make check payable to: MOC Grand Pup Tent of Virginia

The Tidewater Post
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4809
5728 Barte St
Norfolk, VA 23502

Post	District	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	City
176	1	93	2	0	66	161	192		83.85	NEWPORT NEWS
824	1	52	2	5	23	82	78	14	123.08	GRAFTON
960	1	39	8	3	21	71	63	3	117.46	YORKTOWN
2296	1	17	2	0	48	67	66		101.52	TASLEY
3219	1	359	210	9	153	731	691	2	106.08	PHOEBUS
4856	1	34	4	1	38	77	75		102.67	EXMORE
5500	1	41	2	7	36	86	82	13	123.08	HAMPTON
6002	1	95	2	1	55	153	163		93.87	DENBIGH
7167	1	62	7	3	90	162	169		95.86	WARSAW
8252	1	212	17	0	98	327	315		103.81	GLOUCESTER
8629	1	10	0	0	20	30	32		93.75	CHINCOTEAGUE
9358	1	9	6	0	12	27	25		108	TANGIER
9636	1	Defunct	0	0	0	0	40		0	DELTAVILLE
District	Totals	1023	262	29	660	1974	1991	32	99.15	Third
392	2	1084	110	29	353	1576	1549	34	103.94	VIRGINIA BEACH
993	2	97	6	2	49	154	156	3	100.64	PORTSMOUTH
1211	2	38	1	1	16	56	59		94.92	VIRGINIA BEACH
2582	2	32	2	0	20	54	52		103.85	SUFFOLK
2894	2	32	1	2	32	67	81		82.72	CHESAPEAKE
3160	2	591	28	9	188	816	801	10	103.12	NORFOLK
4411	2	67	6	3	35	111	110		100.91	FRANKLIN
4809	2	927	42	21	363	1353	1428	24	94.75	NORFOLK
8545	2	66	5	0	30	101	95		106.32	SMITHFIELD
9382	2	76	2	3	46	127	138	5	95.65	SUFFOLK
District	Totals	3010	203	70	1132	4415	4469	76	98.79	Fourth

Post	District	Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Current	Prior	MIPS	%	City
394	3	Defunct	0	0	0	0	16		0	MONTPELIER
1426	3	30	3	4	19	56	54		103.7	MIDLOTHIAN
2239	3	127	14	5	98	244	240	3	102.92	COLONIAL HEIGHTS
2583	3	9	7	3	16	35	29		120.69	ASHLAND
3125	3	6	0	6	16	28	22		127.27	DOSWELL
4639	3	82	5	3	51	141	146	1	97.26	WILLIAMSBURG
6364	3	154	6	1	50	211	211		100	RICHMOND
8046	3	30	5	1	43	79	74		106.76	NORGE
8356	3	45	2	4	62	113	113		100	WEST POINT
8529	3	78	5	4	43	130	140		92.86	SANDSTON
9224	3	36	0	0	25	61	66		92.42	RICHMOND
9501	3	23	0	2	18	43	43		100	AYLETT
9808	3	557	3	10	147	717	718		99.86	MECHANICSVILLE
10387	3	24	1	0	109	134	132		101.52	PETERSBURG
10654	3	88	2	0	7	97	103		94.17	RICHMOND
10657	3	86	5	1	5	97	93		104.3	GLEN ALLEN
11124	3	15	1	0	14	30	31		96.77	QUINTON
District	Totals	1390	59	44	723	2216	2231	4	99.33	Second
622	4	51	23	8	61	143	139		102.88	PETERSBURG
637	4	153	8	4	187	352	367	1	96.19	HOPEWELL
2163	4	48	11	3	50	112	102	1	110.78	CHESTERFIELD
2584	4	20	0	0	21	41	46		89.13	CULLEN
5313	4	53	0	1	26	80	93		86.02	NOTTOWAY
5371	4	15	1	0	16	32	34		94.12	EMPORIA
7059	4	81	15	2	137	235	227	58	129.07	FARMVILLE
7166	4	152	13	7	140	312	324	1	96.6	SOUTH HILL
7819	4	75	0	15	49	139	127		109.45	CREWE
7897	4	20	3	0	31	54	53		101.89	BLACKSTONE
8048	4	16	1	0	37	54	63		85.71	LAWRENCEVILLE
8163	4	60	2	1	66	129	135		95.56	CLARKSVILLE
8228	4	4	0	0	29	33	47		70.21	CHASE CITY
8446	4	27	0	1	22	50	49		102.04	BUCKINGHAM
8599	4	2	1	0	21	24	26		92.31	BROOKNEAL
8617	4	30	0	0	24	54	59		91.53	GOOCHLAND
8759	4	33	0	4	37	74	74		100	AMELIA COURT HSE
8902	4	13	0	0	6	19	20		95	KEYSVILLE
9618	4	Defunct	0	0	0	0	10		0	CUMBERLAND
9855	4	23	9	3	67	102	99		103.03	APPOMATTOX
9954	4	109	0	0	55	164	173	1	95.38	VICTORIA
10570	4	19	2	1	23	45	43		104.65	POWHATAN
10571	4	Defunct	0	0	1	1	51		1.96	PRINCE GEORGE
District	Totals	1004	89	50	1106	2249	2361	62	95.26	Eleventh

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647	5	234	15	4	173	426	426		100	DANVILLE
873	5	13	0	0	7	20	22		90.91	GRETNA
1115	5	604	4	11	540	1159	1264	1	91.77	HILLSVILLE
2820	5	14	1	0	24	39	49		79.59	BASSETT
4637	5	76	10	1	78	165	168	97	155.95	MARTINSVILLE
6130	5	4	Defunct	0	12	16	20		80	RIDGEWAY
7568	5	20	2	0	28	50	59		84.75	GALAX
7726	5	138	8	1	223	370	380	21	102.89	INDEPENDENCE
7800	5	77	22	1	46	146	136		107.35	STUART
8243	5	45	15	2	56	118	125		94.4	HALIFAX
8467	5	54	13	0	58	125	121		103.31	MEADOWS OF DAN
10840	5	29	1	1	23	54	55		98.18	PENHOOK
District	Totals	1308	91	21	1268	2688	2825	119	95.15	Twelfth
484	6	34	0	0	23	57	69		82.61	ROANOKE
776	6	109	0	0	38	147	167		88.02	RADFORD
1033	6	120	0	6	148	274	307		89.25	COVINGTON
1264	6	257	8	6	134	405	455	1	89.23	ROANOKE
1444	6	54	5	4	24	87	100		87	ROANOKE
1841	6	57	4	5	83	149	154		96.75	TROUTVILLE
2157	6	115	0	4	125	244	268		91.04	BEDFORD
4165	6	29	3	1	40	73	77		94.81	ALTAVISTA
4299	6	27	0	3	36	66	67		98.51	CLIFTON FORGE
4318	6	34	1	0	38	73	78		93.59	SALEM
4491	6	71	3	1	38	113	120		94.17	NEW CASTLE
4522	6	151	11	4	59	225	222		101.35	VINTON
4920	6	9	0	0	17	26	33		78.79	ELLISTON
5311	6	71	11	2	57	141	141		100	CHRISTIANSBURG
5895	6	15	1	0	8	24	26		92.31	BUCHANAN
7854	6	73	23	1	59	156	136		114.71	FLOYD
8184	6	58	0	0	27	85	92		92.39	LYNCHBURG
9805	6	3	0	3	12	18	16		112.5	RUSTBURG
9877	6	15	0	3	25	43	48		89.58	AMHERST
District	Totals	1302	70	43	991	2406	2576	1	93.4	Thirteenth

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621	7	127	5	1	108	241	249		96.79	LURAY
1150	7	17	0	0	10	27	28		96.43	SPERRYVILLE
1860	7	202	7	0	131	340	336		101.19	FRONT ROYAL
2123	7	270	13	2	106	391	395		98.99	WINCHESTER
2447	7	174	3	0	155	332	348		95.4	EDINBURG
4698	7	13	3	1	29	46	47		97.87	GROTTOES
6044	7	15	1	0	14	30	31		96.77	WINCHESTER
7899	7	17	0	0	39	56	63		88.89	STANLEY
8613	7	112	4	3	75	194	207		93.72	SHENANDOAH
9292	7	108	0	1	80	189	201		94.03	ELKTON
9660	7	55	3	0	74	132	147	1	90.18	BROADWAY
9760	7	98	13	3	123	237	226		104.87	BERRYVILLE
9872	7	74	0	0	0	74	77		96.1	HINTON
District	Totals	1282	52	11	944	2289	2355	1	97.2	Sixth
472	8	18	0	1	0	19	18		105.56	MADISON
1177	8	34	0	0	17	51	51		100	LEESBURG
1811	8	190	0	0	1	191	193		98.96	MANASSAS PARK
2524	8	198	4	2	81	285	301		94.68	CULPEPER
3103	8	190	9	3	183	385	415		92.77	FREDERICKSBURG
4468	8	39	0	0	0	39	39		100	PURCELLVILLE
7589	8	141	7	7	67	222	223		99.55	MANASSAS
7728	8	32	3	3	24	62	57		108.77	REMINGTON
8208	8	8	1	1	16	26	24	44	291.67	STANARDSVILLE
9835	8	33	0	0	13	46	53		86.79	WARRENTON
9865	8	Defunct	0	0	0	0	2		0	MADISON
District	Totals	883	24	17	402	1326	1376	44	96.37	Ninth
956	9	43	0	3	43	89	96		92.71	DANTE
1184	9	122	4	4	81	211	216	2	98.61	PULASKI
2719	9	26	1	2	29	58	61		95.08	WYTHEVILLE
4667	9	514	25	15	345	899	936		96.05	MARION
6000	9	139	8	8	108	263	272		96.69	NARROWS
7136	9	104	7	6	109	226	229		98.69	TAZEWELL
7328	9	28	2	6	63	99	104		95.19	SALTVILLE
7360	9	36	0	3	39	78	84		92.86	GRUNDY
7969	9	21	4	2	29	56	56		100	BLAND
9343	9	9	0	0	16	25	30		83.33	HONAKER
9640	9	104	5	4	66	179	180	3	101.11	RICHLANDS
9696	9	108	14	3	92	217	210		103.33	BLUEFIELD
9864	9	55	3	3	22	83	81		102.47	LEBANON
District	Totals	1309	73	59	1042	2483	2555	5	97.18	Seventh

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609	10	70	7	5	24	106	104		101.92	ALEXANDRIA
1503	10	1174	75	43	497	1789	1749	1	102.34	DALE CITY
3150	10	323	8	4	86	421	428	52	110.51	ARLINGTON
5412	10	48	4	0	28	80	79		101.27	BURKE
7327	10	389	3	2	124	518	562		92.17	SPRINGFIELD
7916	10	288	21	9	125	443	436		101.61	WOODBIDGE
8241	10	152	7	1	107	267	257		103.89	MC LEAN
8469	10	152	3	0	64	219	226		96.9	FAIRFAX
8815	10	19	1	1	4	25	24		104.17	LORTON
9274	10	212	0	2	40	254	264	1	96.59	FALLS CHURCH
9478	10	53	6	2	24	85	72		118.06	STERLING
District	Totals	2880	135	69	1123	4207	4201	54	100.14	First
452	11	25	0	0	22	47	61		77.05	CRIMORA
632	11	336	6	9	188	539	563		95.74	HARRISONBURG
1499	11	75	1	0	52	128	141		90.78	LEXINGTON
2216	11	189	44	28	318	579	545		106.24	STAUNTON
2424	11	33	0	0	24	57	63		90.48	WAYNESBORO
3060	11	22	8	0	20	50	43	8	134.88	DEERFIELD
3136	11	32	0	2	33	67	71		94.37	MOUNT SOLON
4204	11	26	1	1	36	64	70		91.43	HOT SPRINGS
4805	11	10	0	2	44	56	59		94.92	BUENA VISTA
4989	11	58	0	0	0	58	61		95.08	MONTEREY
7157	11	Defunct	0	0	0	0	33		0	FISHERSVILLE
7578	11	4	0	0	14	18	22		81.82	GLASGOW
7701	11	40	1	4	34	79	82		96.34	LOVINGSTON
7814	11	25	0	1	1	27	28		96.43	STAUNTON
8279	11	15	2	1	35	53	54		98.15	STEELES TAVERN
8479	11	6	0	0	12	18	21		85.71	LYNDHURST
8644	11	110	7	1	72	190	195		97.44	BRIDGEWATER
9339	11	59	3	1	43	106	106		100	STUARTS DRAFT
9480	11	35	2	0	15	52	54		96.3	CRAIGSVILLE
10773	11	17	0	0	12	29	35		82.86	GOSHEN
10826	11	25	15	2	60	102	87		117.24	VERONA
District	Totals	1142	90	52	1035	2319	2394	8	96.87	Eighth

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1994	12	40	11	5	61	117	112		104.46	ABINGDON
3782	12	34	2	0	29	65	58		112.07	HAYSI
4301	12	68	1	1	25	95	100		95	NORTON
5715	12	86	9	2	30	127	116	10	118.1	BIG STONE GAP
6975	12	384	11	20	426	841	898		93.65	BRISTOL
8652	12	12	6	0	15	33	32		103.13	COEBURN
8979	12	75	6	2	67	150	182		82.42	CLINTWOOD
9600	12	74	8	1	111	194	198		97.98	POUND
9830	12	54	3	3	38	98	95	1	104.21	DAMASCUS
10298	12	41	2	2	33	78	93		83.87	PENNINGTON GAP
10310	12	35	4	1	26	66	72		91.67	EWING
10611	12	13	8	1	19	41	38	1	110.53	GATE CITY
District	Totals	916	71	38	880	1905	1994	12	95.54	Tenth
1827	13	130	4	3	92	229	243		94.24	CHARLOTTESVILLE
2044	13	36	0	1	7	44	49		89.8	EARLYSVILLE
2217	13	29	1	1	42	73	72		101.39	ORANGE
2613	13	4	2	3	13	22	19		115.79	COLUMBIA
7638	13	69	3	1	29	102	102		100	GORDONSVILLE
8169	13	8	2	0	24	34	33		103.03	SCOTTSVILLE
8436	13	19	0	2	15	36	39		92.31	YANCEY MILLS
8717	13	43	0	0	15	58	60		96.67	KING GEORGE
8947	13	106	1	0	37	144	151		95.36	LOUISA
10295	13	52	7	1	14	74	82	2	92.68	BOWLING GREEN
10546	13	80	9	4	20	113	104		108.65	SPOTSYLVANIA
10574	13	73	6	5	57	141	135		104.44	COLONIAL BEACH
District	Totals	649	35	21	365	1070	1089	2	98.26	Fifth
MAL		468	157	39	445	1109	945		117.35	STAUNTON
Dept.	Totals	18566	1411	563	12116	32656	33362	420	99.14	