

GENERAL ORDERS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

SERVING VETERANS AND COMMUNITY

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

My, how fast a month passes when we are having fun. So, let me pause to reflect on where we are in the new year.

The School of Instruction in Lynchburg concluded Sunday, 17 July. About 130 Comrades attended. About half were first timers. The presenters did a good job and we stayed on schedule or a little ahead. Those who attended received sufficient information to lead their Posts and implement the VFW programs. Equally important, they now know where to find the information for themselves.

That's the upside of the School of Instruction. Now, let me address the downside. Posts had indicated that 180 Comrades would attend. We contracted for meals for 180 people. The 50 who did not show up cost the Department \$2300 for unused meals Saturday alone. Comrades, it does little good to scrub our budget and reduce our awards program, then blow so much money in a wasteful way. Obviously, we must change the process next year.

I have received the final report on our Community Service programs for 2004-2005. The Department donated 375,079 volunteer hours worth \$6,582,632. This is marginally better than the previous year by about 3000 hours. Can't we do better this year? I know we can. We are half way through the first six-month reporting period, so get those reports in. Make it so that when I call you, we simply exchange complimentary remarks.

Now, let's talk membership. I am encouraged by my discussions with the Comrades at the School of Instruction. Many told me about new members they have recruited and their plans for a recruiting event. The Department has conducted three recruiting events, picking up 82 new members, and has two more scheduled by the first weekend in August. It seems we are off to a good start on membership. We can be proud of last year, but let's strive to make this year even better. Remember, the Department and the line officers are available to help you. Just ask!

Yours in Comradeship,
Daniel D. Boyer

FALL COUNCIL:

The Fall Council Meeting will be held September 23-25, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, VA 434-528-5000 (must reserve room by August 23rd for group rate) A registration form is attached to the General Orders, please submit to State Headquarters. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET/DANCE. THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 16, 2005. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR THE BANQUET AFTER THIS DATE.**

GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. If you received a hard copy of the General Orders and have the ability to print satisfactory copies from the internet please call us or email us at stateheadquarters@vfwva.org. Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

QUARTERLY AUDIT REPORTS:

Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended June 30th and is now past due please submit to State Headquarters immediately.

BONDS:

All bonds will expire August 31, 2005. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters.

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Posts are reminded they must register, in advance, one or more delegates to the VFW National Convention (Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure). The advance registration fee is ten dollars (\$10.00) per delegate and should be mailed to the VFW National Headquarters, ATTN: Convention Registration, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

ROSTER CHANGES:

POST 4639, Jim Grant Phone Number Change 757-592-2640 and Email: jgrant@netscape.com

POST 1115, Mailing Address, PO Box 1952 Hillsville, VA 24343, Email: vfw1115@ls.net

POST 9478, Meeting Date 4th Wednesday

POST 9478, Stanley Dixon, Area Code 703

POST 873, District Number Correction: District 5

9TH DISTRICT, SVC Daniel Rebkovich, Post 9696, Rt 1 Box 320-B, Bluefield, VA 24605 Phone, 276-945-9916
JVC David Leedy, Jr., Post 9696, Rt Box 60C, Rocky Gap, VA 24366 Phone, 276-928-1077

Inspector, William R Shifflett, Telephone 540-743-6709

IMPORTANT 2005-2006 DATES:

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 Reserve room by August 23rd for group rate. Pre-registration for Banquet deadline September 16, 2005.

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

January 13-15, 2006	Winter Council Meeting, Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Room Rates \$65.00 plus Tax based on single/double occupancy. Reservation # 1-800-333-3333
June 15-18, 2006	State Convention, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Room Rates are \$85.00 per night Reservations 804-285-1234
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 –	DATE TBD POST 2296 TASLEY 11:00 AM
SECOND –	08-06-2005 POST 392 VIRGINIA BEACH NOON LUNCH Meeting AT 1:00 PM, Representative State Commander Dan Boyer
THIRD –	09-10-2005 3 RD DISTRICT HDQTRS Meeting AT 2:00 PM, Representative State Judge Advocate Hal Roesch
FOURTH –	08-07-2005 POST 8163 CLARKSVILLE Meeting 2:00 PM, Representative State Commander Dan Boyer
FIFTH –	08-14-2005 POST 4637 MARTINSVILLE Meeting NOON Lunch to follow, Representative State Commander Dan Boyer
SIXTH –	08-14-2005 SPONSORED BY POST 1033 Salem VA Medical Center Building 76-2 Meeting 2:00 PM, Representative State Chief-of-Staff Roy Swanner
SEVENTH –	09-11-2005 POST 621 LURAY, Meeting 11:30 AM, Lunch to follow Representative State Junior Vice Commander, Jimmy Lee Wallace
EIGHTH –	09-18-2005 POST 2524 CULPEPER Meeting 1:00 PM, Representative State Senior Vice Commander Doc Crouch
NINTH –	09-11-2005 POST 1184 PULASKI Registration 10:30 AM, Representative State Commander Dan Boyer
TENTH –	09-18-2005 POST 7327 SPRINGFIELD Meeting 1:00 PM, Representative State Adjutant/Quartermaster Kim DeShano
ELEVENTH –	09-11-2005 POST 2216 STAUNTON Lunch 11:30 AM, Meeting 12:30 PM Representative State Surgeon Rex Faris
TWELFTH –	09-17-2005 POST 9830 DAMASCUS Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch, Representative State Surgeon Rex Faris 01-07-2006 POST 1994 ABINGDON Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch 05-12-2006 POST 9600 POUND Registration at 10:00 AM Meeting at 11:00 AM followed by lunch
THIRTEENTH –	09-11-2005 POST 7638 GORDONSVILLE Meeting 1:30 PM Representative State Chief-of-Staff Roy Swanner

REPORT FORMS:

Please mail all Reports to State Headquarters. This includes Americanism, Community Activities, Deceased Reports, Homeless Veterans, Hospital, Inspection, Safety, and Youth Activities.

SUPERMARKET OF VETERANS BENEFITS:

The "Supermarket of Veterans Benefits" will provide a "one-stop shopping" experience for veterans seeking information about benefits, loans, career and employment opportunities, education, and veterans' service organizations. The state and federal agencies and veterans' service organizations that provide these benefits have been invited to set up exhibits and information tables.

"It is vital that Virginia's veterans are aware of the federal and state benefits to which they are entitled," said Governor Warner. "The Veterans Supermarkets are designed to raise awareness of veterans benefits, and improve access for those who need these benefits the most."

UPCOMING SUPERMARKETS:

August 24, 2005 10:00 AM until 3 pm
Wytheville Community Center
250 South Fourth St
Wytheville

October 20, 2005 10 AM until 3 pm
52 Campus Dr
Warsaw

VFW SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATE:

Legislation was approved by the General Assembly authorizing the issuance of a VFW license plate. An application form is attached to the General Orders, 350 pre-signed applications must be received within 180 days to avoid reauthorization by the General Assembly. Please complete the License Plate Application and submit along with \$10.00. Applications **MUST BE** submitted to **State Headquarters**. Upon receipt of the 350 required applications, State Headquarters will forward them to DMV to begin production. If you have any questions please contact Dan Watts, Post 4639, 4680 Hickory Signpost Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185, exseabird@msn.com.

RIFLES, AMMO & MILITARY EQUIPMENT:

Only the three top Post Officers have the authority to order military equipment, so please pass this information on to them so their orders can be expedited without delay.

As outlined in the 2005-06 *Commander's Leadership Guide*, pages 131-132, and the *Quartermaster's Manual*, pages 62-63, to order military equipment, ceremonial rifles, or ammunition, a written formal request is to be completed and signed by the current Post Commander, Quartermaster or Adjutant, one of who needs to be the contact person. Also to be included is that contact person's mailing address (street number) and phone number, not the Post address. Address the request to the Adjutant General, VFW National HQ, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111.

It is requested that a Post not go through their Department Headquarters. This only slows down the processing and creates unnecessary paperwork for the Department personnel.

Also note that since a District or County Council are not a separate entity, such as a Post, they are not eligible to qualify for ceremonial rifles or ammo as this is a potential violation of the law governing the ceremonial rifles program. This does not impact the Districts or County Councils current inventory of donated rifles from TACOM. If a District or County wants new rifles or ammo, they are required to qualify under their home Post as defined above.

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.

AMERICA BANDS TOGETHER:



Remember - and support - those in harm's way by wearing this patriotic red wristband that proudly proclaims, "I Support Our Troops." Just think what this heartfelt symbol of support will mean to the soldier in a lonely outpost or the hospitalized veteran. Knowing that millions of Americans carry them in their thoughts - and hearts - each day will mean so much. Order yours today!



AMERICABANDSTOGETHER.ORG

Your donation will support emergency assistance for troops, as well as VFW programs that serve veterans and active-duty service members.

Yes, please send me the following quantity of patriotic wristbands* (price includes S/H):

(2)\$4.95 (10)\$22.30
 (50) \$93.75 (100)\$175.00

*For order sizes of 300 and 1,200 please call (816) 756-3390

I want to do even more. Here's an additional gift of \$ _____
 I'd also like to know more about how to buy an American Flag.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____

AMERICA BANDS TOGETHER

Please return this form to:
 AMERICA BANDS TOGETHER VFW State Headquarters
 403 Lee Jackson Hwy
 Staunton, VA 24401 AMERICABANDSTOGETHER.ORG

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Comrades and Sisters,

Three months have passed for the 1st Half. Reports have been received from only 35 Post of 179. Comrades, please get your reports in.

Lynn Harris
 Community Activities Vice Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT AS OF: 07/20/05**

DIST. 1	176	824	960	2296	4856	6002	7167	8629					
DIST. 2	993	2582	2894	4411	8545								
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9224	9501	10387	10654
	10657	11124											
DIST. 4	622	637	2163	5313	7166	7819	8048	8163	8228	8446	8599	8759	8902
	9855	9954	10570										
DIST. 5	647	873	2820	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467	10840				
DIST. 6	484	776	1264	1444	1841	2157	4165	4299	4318	4491	4522	4920	5311
	5895	7854	8184	9877									
DIST. 7	1150	1860	4698	6044	7899	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872			
DIST. 8	472	1177	2524	3103	4468	7589	7728	8208	9835				
DIST. 9	956	1184	2719	4667	6000	7136	7360	7969	9343	9640	9696	9864	
DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274						
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2216	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7578	7701	7814
	8279	8479	8644	9339	9480	10773							
DIST. 12	3782	4301	6975	8652	8979	9830	10298	10310	10611				
DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295				

HOSPITAL:

We are now three months into the reporting period. Please submit our Hospital Reports as soon as the information becomes available to you.

Rex Faris
Hospital Vice Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A HOSPITAL REPORT AS OF: 07/20/05

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	4856	6002	7167	8629						
DIST. 2	392	993	2582	2894	3160	8545							
DIST. 3	1426	2583	3125	4639	8046	8356	8529	9501	10387	10654	10657	11124	
DIST. 4	622	2163	5313	7166	7819	8048	8163	8228	8446	8599	8759	9954	10570
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DIST. 10	609	5412	7327	7916	8469	8815	9274						
DIST. 11	452	632	1499	2424	3060	3136	4204	4805	4989	7578	7701	7814	8279
	8479	8644	9339	9480	10773								
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DIST. 13	1827	2044	2613	7638	8169	8436	8717	8947	10295	10546			

SAFETY:

Charles B. Harris
Safety Vice Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A SAFETY ACTIVITY REPORT AS OF: 07/20/05

DIST. 1	176	960	2296	4856	6002	7167	8629						
DIST. 2	392	993	1211	2582	2894	3160	4411	8545					
DIST. 3	1426	2239	2583	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	8529	9501	10387	10654	11124
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Comrades we are already almost 3 months into the 1st Half reporting period and thus far **51 reports from 40 (22.36%) of 179 Posts** have been submitted. Please do not forget to double-check your reports for accuracy and legibility before you send them off to the Department.

Stanley Dixon
Youth Activity Vice Chairman

POST LISTED BELOW **HAVE NOT** SUBMITTED A **YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT** AS OF: **07/20/05**

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AMERICANISM:

We are 1/2 the way into a new reporting period, with major Americanism events ---Loyalty Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day --- behind us. Please send in reports for these and other events ASAP. It is too late to report events in April and earlier. Do not report future events until they occur.

J. Gary Wagner
Americanism Vice Chairman

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LEGISLATIVE:

Heads up!

Information on the VFW -Legislative Day on the Hill" in Richmond and dates for the 2006 General Assembly Session

The VFW Department of Virginia will conduct its annual "Legislative Day on the Hill in Richmond on Thursday, 12 January 2006. Details on this important event will be provided in subsequent issues of the Department's General Orders.

This upcoming session of the General Assembly will be of great importance to the Veteran community here in the Old Dominion. On behalf of Department Commander Dan Boyer and other senior officers, I urge VFW and Auxiliary members to participate.

During the 60-day session, the biennial budget for FY 2006-2008 will be cobbled together and voted upon. This past year, thanks in great measure to the efforts of the Veteran community, there was a significant increase in the budget of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services for FY 2005-2006. Most importantly, this budget included funds earmarked to substantially increase the number of Claims Agents throughout the Commonwealth. This marked a positive change after years of decline in the number of agents.

Information on the 2006 General Assembly Session

The following information on the upcoming session of the General Assembly is current as of 19 July 2005:

Official Dates for 2006 Session

Prefiling of bills begins	21 November 2005
Last day to file statements of economic interests	8 January 2006
Session convenes	11 January 2006
Inauguration of new Governor	14 January 2006
Joint session (new Governor)	16 January 2006
Last day to file charter, claims, sales and property tax exemption, expenditures by local government, increase terms of imprisonment, and Virginia Retirement System (VRS) bills	11 January 2006

Unofficial dates for 2006 Session

Last day to request draft legislation for prefiled bills	8 December 2005
Last day to prefile bills	11 January 2006
Last day to introduce bills	20 January 2006
Committees of origin complete action on revenue, debt, and appropriation bills	14 February 2006
Committees of origin complete action on budget bills	18 February 2006
Cross-over of bills from House of Delegates to the Senate, and vice versa	14 February 2006
Houses of origin complete action on budget bills	26 February 2006
Last day for committee action	28 February 2006
Session adjourns	11 March 2006
Last day for Governor to sign bills	10 April 2006
Reconvened session	19 April 2006

John P. McAnaw
Legislative Chairman

PATRIOT'S PEN:

The Patriot's Pen Program is off and running for the 2005-2006 year.

All District Commanders and many that were at the School of Instruction in Lynchburg received the material for this year's successful program.

The theme is: "WHO ARE TODAY'S PATRIOTS".

Note that this is NOT included in the brochure; you will need to put in your letters to the individuals and/or schools.

Following are the Dates you need to remember:

Student Deadline: 1 November 2005

Post judging completed by 15 November 2005

District Judging completed by 6 Dec. 2005

Department Judging WILL be 14 December 2005

District Reports must be in my hands before 10 January 2006 (Both Forms). District Report

Summary Form and District Participation Report.

Also, be sure you have attached the picture, head and shoulders, of your winner. This must be of good quality, do not use computer generated pictures unless absolutely necessary.

You should contact your schools and media now, do not wait for school to start, get the information out before the teachers have their pre-school conferences.

The Department awards will be presented to the winners at the Winter Council Meeting in Williamsburg, VA.

1. The first place winner will receive: A check in the amount of \$500.00 and a Patriot's Pen Plaque
2. The second place winner will receive a check in the amount of \$300.00 and a Patriot's Pen Certificate.
3. The third place winner will receive a check in the amount of \$ 200.00 and a Patriot's Pen Certificate.

In addition the sponsoring Post and Auxiliary is asked to provide one night's lodging for the first place winner and family at the Winter Conference.

Watch the General orders for information as it becomes available.

Any questions or comments are to be forwarded to:
Don Hall, Chairman
702 Moore Street
Staunton, Va. 24401
Phone: 540-887-8024

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:

2005-2006 Voice of Democracy Reporting Dates 9th through 12th Grade Students "How I Demonstrate My Freedom"

Student Entry	Deadline: November 1, 2005
Complete Post Judging	Deadline: November 15, 2005
Complete District Judging	Deadline: December 6, 2005
Complete Department Judging	Deadline: January 7, 2006
Department Winner to National	Deadline: January 15, 2006
Department Report to National	Deadline: January 31, 2006
Awards to be given for Department Winner	Winter Council Meeting

The District Winner must be mailed to Earle (Buddy) P. Weekley, Jr., State Voice of Democracy Chairman, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821 by Tuesday, **December 13, 2005. No exceptions! Be sure you send all of the information that is needed. This means the Official Student Entry Form, a Typed Script and Recorded Cassette/CD and a photo of Post Winner. No follow-up phone calls will be made.** If you do not have the information that is requested according to the guidelines, your District winner will not be eligible. **Also, you must complete the District Chairman Report Form (which you will receive from National Headquarters in November) and send to me by January 10, 2006.** National Headquarters will obtain all other information from the winning student.

State Judging will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2005 at 10:00 am at VFW Post 8644 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Voice of Democracy Department Awards:

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

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

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

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

Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, Jr. VFW Chairman
Kathy Burch, Ladies Auxiliary Chairman

BSA SILVER BEAVER AWARD:

CURTIS "STAN" HUNTER RECEIVES SILVER BEAVER AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:

As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly voluntary, the Boy Scouts of America recognize the need to acknowledge the invaluable services that men and women render to youth. Of the hundreds of awards that the BSA presents each year to those on the local council, regional, and national levels, the Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver, and Silver World awards are the most prestigious. Although the criteria are different for each of these awards, there is one common thread: The recognitions are granted by one's own peers in Scouting for distinguished service to youth. Other BSA awards, by comparison, are granted only to those who have completed a prescribed course of study or have participated in special training sessions.

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people within a BSA local council. More than 50,000 recognitions have been conferred to date. A recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA. The awards are bestowed at appropriate local functions.



Stan was born in Topeka, Kansas and began his Scouting career as a Cub Scout in Colorado Springs in 1948. Moving to Alton, Illinois he earned the Explorer Gold Award and Eagle Scout Award in 1957. He also joined the Order of the Arrow and received the Vigil Honor. In 1955, he went to the Philmont Scout Ranch, returning for two summers as a Philmont Ranger.

Stan received his BA degree from the University of Kansas and entered the United States Navy servicing 23 years as a Supply Corps officer, earning his Master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. After retiring from the Navy, Stan earned his Certified Financial Planner and Certified Professional Logistician certificates. Today, he is a logistics program manager for EG&G Corporation.

Stan has served as an adult Scouter all over the world and within the Prince William and Occoquan Districts for the last 12 years. He has served as Chartered Organization Representative and District Popcorn Chairman, Relationships Chairman, Vice Chairman for Membership, and is also serving on the District Eagle Scout Committee. In 1968 he received his Wood Badge beads.

As a Veterans of Foreign Wars member, Stan was instrumental in organizing the VFW National Scouting team and serves as the VFW Virginia Scouting team leader. In 2003 he received the VFW Community Organization Award, the highest honor the VFW awards for Scouting involvement.

Stan's wife, Sheila, has supported his Scouting efforts for 27 of 50 years in Scouting. They have two sons, Thomas and Dean. Stan Hunter was just elected to serve as District Chairman for the Occoquan District, Boy Scouts of America. In this capacity he will serve as Chairman of the District Committee and oversee all functions carried out by the District Committee and oversee all functions carried out by the District to include: Camporees, Adult Training Events, and Fundraisers to benefit the National Capitol Area Council.

Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim A. DeShano".

Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel D. Boyer, Jr." in a cursive style.

Daniel D. Boyer, Jr.
State Commander



FALL COUNCIL MEETING

September 23-25, 2005

Holiday Inn Select ~ Lynchburg, Virginia ~ 434-528-5000 ~ 63.00 Per night

(Must reserve room by August 23rd for group rate)

Friday, September 23, 2005

1:00 PM until 5:00 PM Registration 7:30 PM Council Members & all Past Dept.

Saturday, September 24, 2005

7:45 AM until	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	12:30 PM until 3:45 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting
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	4:00 PM until 5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting
9:00 AM until 11:15 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	5:45 PM until 6:45 PM	Reception-State Commander/State Pres.
10:00 AM until 11:00 AM	Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM until 9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker - TBA
10:30 AM until Noon	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	9:00 PM until 1:00 AM	Dance- DJ Patrick Byrd
11:00 AM until 11:30 AM	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting		

Sunday, September 25, 2005

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

**PRE REGISTRATION FOR COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS
\$30.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION, DINNER BANQUET, AND SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE**

(ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE FALL COUNCIL MEETING.)

Dinner Menu

Your choice of:

Roasted Pork Loin

Stuffed with shiitake mushroom and roasted red pepper. Cuxelle with a wild mushroom and prosciutto salpicon. Served with rosemary roasted red bliss potatoes.

~or~

Grilled Salmon Filet

Grilled to perfection with a dill sauce served with herb couscous.

Both Served with:

House Salad Coffee/Tea/Decaf
Chef's Choice of Vegetable
Rolls and Butter Cheesecake

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY September 16, 2005

Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number.

Name: _____	Post: _____	Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Salmon
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Please charge my card: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

BONDING YOUR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER

The National By-Laws state your Post must be bonded and if not, you are in violation of the National By-Laws Section 703.

It is recommended the Quartermaster be bonded for one and one-half times the amount of money and liquid assets he/she normally handles.

The minimum Bond is \$3,000.00 for the price of \$12.00 for a one-year period, beginning September 1, 2005 and ending August 31, 2006, made payable to the Department of Virginia through the Tallman Insurance Agency.

Use the attached chart to determine the amount of the Bond, please fill out and return the lower section to State Headquarters along with your check made payable to the Department of Virginia, VFW.

The Quartermaster Bond is by Position not individuals.

Separate Bonds are needed for the Canteen Manager, Bartenders, Bingo Chairman and anyone else who handles money. These Bonds are not by the Position. We must have the person's name to complete the Bond.

Please note your current Bond will expire August 31, 2005.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

POST NO. _____ AMOUNT OF BOND \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

POSITION BONDING FOR _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

All Bonds will be mailed to the District or Post Commander

VFW QUARTERMASTER BOND

\$4.00 Per Thousand

\$ 3,000.----\$12.00
 \$ 4,000.----\$16.00
 \$ 5,000.----\$20.00
 \$ 6,000.----\$24.00
 \$ 7,000.----\$28.00
 \$ 8,000.----\$32.00
 \$ 9,000.----\$36.00
 \$ 10,000.----\$40.00
 \$ 11,000.----\$44.00
 \$ 12,000.----\$48.00
 \$ 13,000.----\$52.00
 \$ 14,000.----\$56.00
 \$ 15,000.----\$60.00
 \$ 16,000.----\$64.00
 \$ 17,000.----\$68.00
 \$ 18,000.----\$72.00
 \$ 19,000.----\$76.00
 \$ 20,000.----\$80.00
 \$ 21,000.----\$84.00
 \$ 22,000.----\$88.00
 \$ 23,000.----\$92.00
 \$ 24,000.----\$96.00
 \$ 25,000.----\$100.00

(\$3,000. To \$25,000.)
 \$4.00 Per Thousand

\$3.50 Per Thousand

\$ 26,000.----\$ 91.00
 \$ 27,000.----\$ 94.50
 \$ 28,000.----\$ 98.00
 \$ 29,000.----\$ 101.50
 \$ 30,000.----\$ 105.00
 \$ 40,000.----\$ 140.00
 \$ 50,000.----\$ 175.00
 \$ 60,000.----\$ 210.00
 \$ 70,000.----\$ 245.00
 \$ 80,000.----\$ 280.00
 \$ 90,000.----\$ 315.00
 \$100,000.----\$ 350.00
 \$110,000.----\$ 385.00
 \$120,000.----\$ 420.00
 \$130,000.----\$ 455.00
 \$140,000.----\$ 490.00
 \$150,000.----\$ 525.00
 \$160,000.----\$ 560.00
 \$170,000.----\$ 595.00
 \$180,000.----\$ 630.00
 \$190,000.----\$ 665.00
 \$200,000.----\$ 700.00
 \$210,000.----\$ 735.00
 \$220,000.----\$ 770.00
 \$230,000.----\$ 805.00
 \$240,000.----\$ 840.00
 \$250,000.----\$ 875.00

(\$26,000. To \$250,000.)
 \$2.50 Per Thousand

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\$251,000.----\$ 627.50
 \$252,000.----\$ 630.00
 \$253,000.----\$ 632.50
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 \$500,000.----\$ 1,250.00

(\$251,000. To \$500,000.)
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\$501,000.---\$1,002.00
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 \$600,000.---\$1,200.00

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**Tallman Insurance Agency
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VFW CLUB MANAGERS AND BINGO RATE SCHEDULE

\$ 3,000.----- \$ 21.00 Minimum Premium

Rates \$4,000. And Over - \$7.00 Per Thousand

\$ 4,000.-----	\$ 28.00
\$ 5,000.-----	\$ 35.00
\$ 6,000.-----	\$ 42.00
\$ 7,000.-----	\$ 49.00
\$ 8,000.-----	\$ 56.00
\$ 9,000.-----	\$ 63.00
\$ 10,000.-----	\$ 70.00
\$ 15,000.-----	\$105.00
\$ 20,000.-----	\$140.00

Rates \$25,000. And Over - \$5.00 Per Thousand

\$ 25,000.-----	\$125.00
\$ 30,000.-----	\$150.00
\$ 35,000.-----	\$175.00
\$ 40,000.-----	\$200.00

Rates \$50,000. And Over - \$4.00 Per Thousand

\$ 50,000.-----	\$200.00
\$ 55,000.-----	\$220.00
\$ 60,000.-----	\$240.00
\$ 65,000.-----	\$260.00
\$ 70,000.-----	\$280.00
\$ 75,000.-----	\$320.00
\$ 80,000.-----	\$320.00
\$ 85,000.-----	\$340.00
\$ 90,000.-----	\$360.00
\$100,000.-----	\$400.00

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 VFW DEPARTMENT OF
VIRGINIA**

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY AUGUST 5TH, 2005
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Name: _____ Phone: _____ POST #: _____

LAKE COUNTRYFEST TICKETS: # OF TICKETS _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please charge my card: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

MONTH

VIRGINIA

YEAR



SAMPLE

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Personalized or Special Interest License Plate Application

Purpose: This form is to be used when requesting personalized or special interest license plates.
Instructions: See reverse side for additional information and prorated fee schedule.

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